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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

From the Library to a Place of Friendship: A New Chapter in Outreach at Sun Lakes UMC

At Sun Lakes UMC, we believe that sacred spaces are not defined by silence and shelves alone—but by the grace that happens when people feel seen, supported, and connected. This belief has guided the transformation of our underutilized library into something more. Yes, the books remain, but the heart of the room has expanded. The library was always intended for study and reflection. Now we are expanding its use for connection, reflection, and care. Since opening on May 19th, we've already witnessed nine meaningful touchpoints—from quiet conversations to crucial assistance with Veterans' benefits. Some come for a moment of calm; others come in crisis. Each encounter is a reminder that ministry happens in many forms.



As part of Sun Lakes UMC's wellness and outreach ministry, the library now extends hospitality to Intel Ocotillo employees through our ministry to Hoffman Construction Corporation (HCC). It's a unique bridge—between a church community and a corporate one. Here, we support the goals of HCC's mental wellness initiatives, including "Tough Enough to Talk" and "Get Us There Safe," by creating an environment that encourages people to talk, listen, and simply be.

Together, the Church Council of Sun Lakes UMC and HCC envision this room as a hub for support and spiritual care. We offer printed resources for mental health and crisis response and serve as a sacred space where both co-workers and congregants can foster meaningful relationships. It is anticipated that AA and other support groups may form out of these relationships, adding to the support groups we already offer.

This is a *shared space*—open to both church members and HCC employees—and we see it as a tangible expression of our mission to be a beacon of hope. Our library was recently highlighted at HCC's Mass Safety Meeting (with over 700 employees) and again at their 8 a.m. site leadership meeting, affirming the impact of this partnership.

The library is open during regular church office hours (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) and Monday–Saturday, 2:00–7:00 p.m. Please stop by and say hello! Whether you're seeking a moment of peace, a supportive conversation, or a resource for a friend in need, you're welcome here.

Thank you, friends, for supporting this innovative ministry that reaches beyond our walls. May we continue to be the kind of church that makes room—for connection, for healing, and for each other.

See you in church,

Pastor Jen

MAY 2025: GENERAL BUDGET OFFERINGS



Church Financial Report

May 25th:

Attendance: 213
YouTube Watchers: 165
Week's Offering: \$25,174.00

Month To Date Giving: \$84,228.50
Monthly Budget Needs: \$62,000.00

USHER NEWS



Are you here with us through the summer?

We are looking for a few friendly faces to assist with ushering in the upcoming months. Training provided! Kindly contact the office or Vel Amica at amicavel@gmail.com to join the team!

SWATTING BACK!

You may have noticed a few unexpected visitors in our classrooms recently—mosquitos! We want to let you know that we are aware of the issue and are actively addressing it.

As happens with the warmer weather, we have a mosquito infestation in the basement of the church. We are taking this seriously and have already begun a multipronged approach to treat the affected areas, including professional spraying, dehumidification, and the use of electric bug zappers.



Despite our best efforts, mosquitos have made their way upstairs into classroom spaces. Please know this is temporary, and we are working diligently to remove the problem at its source. You may see signs posted in classrooms indicating our awareness and continued action.

If you do get a bite, we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your grace and patience. And if you see one of those pesky bugs? Take it as a tiny opportunity for teamwork—swat away and know we're swatting, too. Thank you for your understanding as we reclaim our space from these uninvited guests.

SLUMC Trustees

TNT IN JUNE



Join us on Tuesday, **June 10th** at 5:30pm in Lindsay Hall for an evening of music and fellowship!

"An Evening of Song" with Marlynn Rey- our talented Music Director, Marlynn Rey, will lead a song-along of beloved hymns and favorite songs, playing the piano and inviting the audience to join in. Share your song requests from the SLUMC Hymnal for an impromptu community singing experience!

Marlynn Rey brings over 40 years of experience as a piano teacher, choral conductor, and published composer. With degrees in Sacred Music and Biblical Studies, she has a passion for fostering community through music. As SLUMC's new Music Director and a member of the Arizona Cantilena Chorale, Marlynn's leadership promises a heartwarming and uplifting evening.

Enjoy a light meal at 5:00pm, connect with neighbors, and sing together in a casual, welcoming atmosphere. All are invited to participate!

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or contact the church office at (480) 895-8766 to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Come celebrate the joy of music and community at TNT!

NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



The Church Council is announcing a new outreach opportunity!!

Click below for some exciting news about outreach within our library!

See the FAQ's [HERE](#)

KAIROS NEWS

Every summer we take a hiatus with sending out the weekly newsletter.

Starting in June, we will only be sending out the Kairos every other Wednesday. For the month of June, we will send it out **June 11th and 25th**.



WEEKEND FISH FEEDER NEEDED



Walking through our beautiful Gardens, you will notice the calming sounds of our pond running. In that pond, we have a number of beautiful fish as well as beautiful water plants.

We need a volunteer who will come and feed the fish Fridays - Sundays, plus any holidays that land during the week when the office is closed.

If this is something that interests you, please contact Lauren in the Church Office!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

Starting **June 5th**, come watch and discuss Season 1 of The Chosen in Room 1 of the Education Building. It will be an 8-episode gathering, every Thursday (except holidays) at 10:00am hosted by Jerry Smith.

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or with the Church Office!



BLOOD DRIVE IN JUNE

Join us on Thursday, **June 5th**, between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm in Lindsay Hall.

Every few months, The Sun Lakes Lion's

AMERICAN RED CROSS



BLOOD
DRIVE

Club does an amazing job at hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drives here on campus!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. It comes fifty days after Easter and is often called the Church's birthday! On that first Pentecost, as told in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples like tongues of fire—energizing them to go out and share the good news in every language.

We wear red on Pentecost to symbolize the fire of the Spirit, the courage it gives, and the passion of God's people. So wear red on **June 8th** and join us in celebrating the Spirit moving among us!



SOLA LUNCH OUT



If you are Single Or Living Alone, join us on Friday, **June 13th** at 11:30 am at Palo Verde Restaurant (10801 E. San Tan Blvd., Sun Lakes) for some yummy food and fellowship!

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or with the Church Office!!

PUZZLES AND POSSIBILITIES

As the temperatures begin to rise and outdoor time becomes a bit more limited, it's the perfect season to cozy up indoors with a good puzzle. Sun Lakes UMC is delighted to offer a treasure trove of puzzles available for you to borrow and enjoy. Our puzzle corner has found a new home—now located on one of the counters in Lindsay Hall's lobby,



making it easy to browse on Sunday mornings.

Be sure to stop by and see what our faithful volunteer, Judy Waters, has on display for you this week. You might just find the perfect puzzle to challenge your mind and lift your spirits

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



Did you know we are on social media? Here's a quick link to access our current Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sunlakesumc>

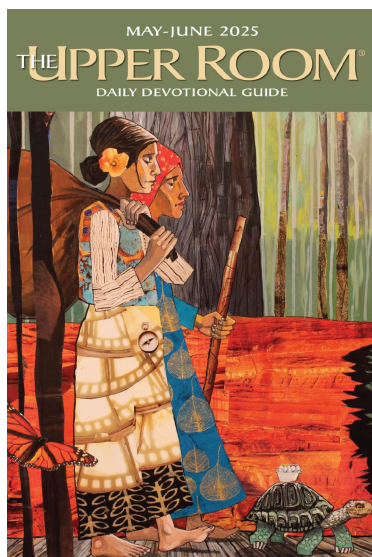
NAME BADGES

We are still taking orders for new name badges! They are \$10 each to cover a part of the expense.

If you'd like to order a name badge, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766 and we will place an order for you!



THE UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE

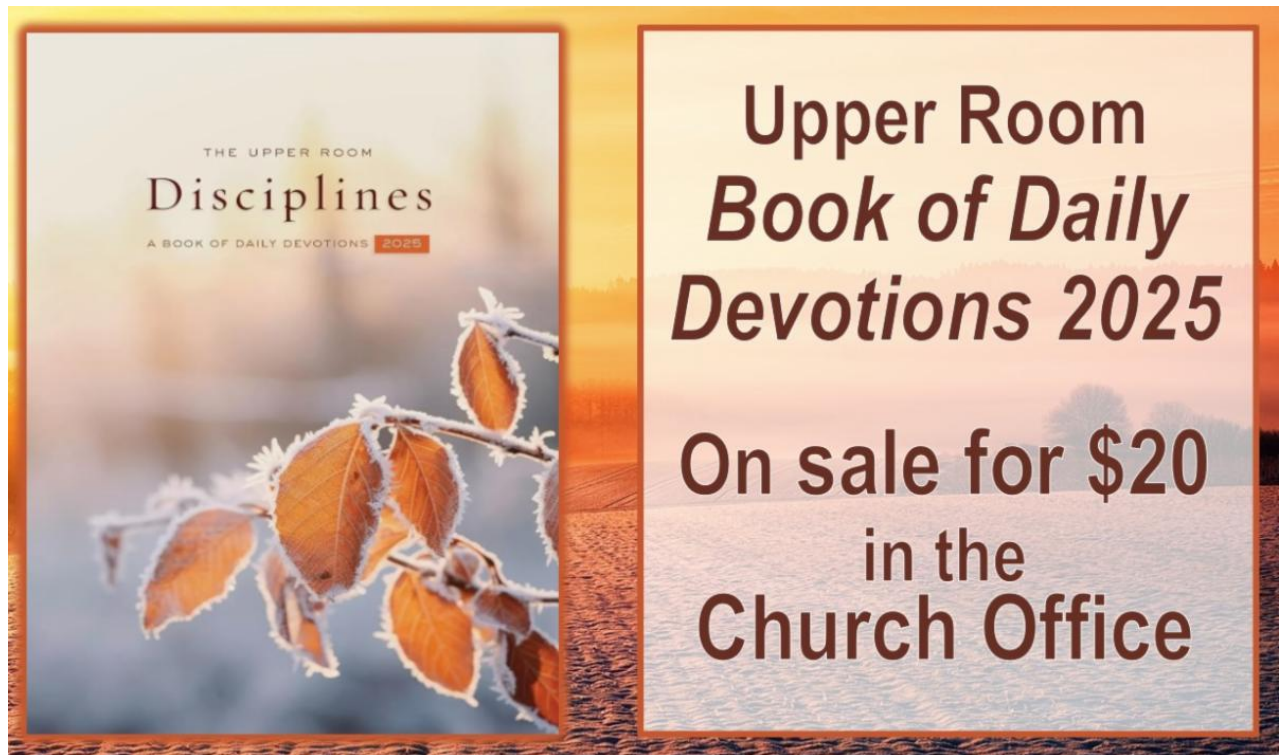


The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May - June 2025 is now available in the Church Office Foyer or Lindsay Hall.

Large Print copies are also available.

There are small envelopes located near the Upper Rooms for offering to offset the cost. Thank you for your contributions!

GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday after service, there is an "Adult Sunday School" that is hosted in Room 1 of the Education Building that starts at 10:30.

Study books are available in class. We have a great time with our teachers!



WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Vera Forsythe, who passed away on Sunday, June 25th. A small family inurnment is pending.

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