

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter March 1, 2024



Services for Sunday, March 3, 2024 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Gospel: John 2:13-22 Sermon Title: Turning the Tables - Rev. Carl Peterson

A recording of the Worship Service is on: SVUMC Website: https://sierravistamethodist.org/worship FaceBook: https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch YouTube: tinyurl.com/svumc-youtube

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SVUMC Calendar 1 March - 8 March 2024

Friday 1 March	Exercise Classes - See schedule on last page of this Jaunt 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 12:00 PM: Emmaus Reunion Group
Saturday 2 March	7:30 AM: UMM Fishermen Gather/Breakfast - Fellowship Hall 10:00 - 11:30 AM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Serenity Room
Sunday 3 March	7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM worship services - sanctuary 9:00 AM: Crossroads Adult Sunday School - Room 1, Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM: Lent Bible Study - Room 1 & 2, Fellowship Hall
Monday 4 March	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 5 March	9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 11:30 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 - 9:00 PM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 6 March	 8:00 - 10:00 AM: Spit & Shine - Campus 8:00 AM: Sonrisers - Fellowship Hall, Room 5 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 1:30 PM: Grief Share - Serenity Room 4:30 PM: Lent Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM: Lent Bible Study - Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM: Vespers - Sanctuary
Thursday 7 March	7:00 - 8:30 AM: Walk to Emmaus Breakfast - Country House 8:30 - 10:00 AM: Emmaus Group - Room 5, Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: UWF Mary Martha Circle - Room 3/4, Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM: Mah Jongg - Fellowship Hall 1:30 - 3:30 PM: Pastor's Bible Study - Serenity Room 2:45 PM: Helping Hands Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
Friday 8 March	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 12:00 PM: Women's Emmaus Group - Room 5, Fellowship Hall

Prayer Word: Belonging (Week 1) by Pastor Carl

One of the primal needs of humankind is the need to belong. We seek to belong to groups and seek an identity through those groups. Perhaps the group is based on ethnic origins, or on socio-economic separation, or hometown, or perhaps even on a common school. It doesn't often seem to matter, but we seek belonging. Interestingly, though, we have difficulty loving our neighbor(s) if we can't see how we belong to each other. Living in the same neighborhood does not seem be enough. So, what does it mean to belong? Moreover, what does it mean to belong to God? The moneychangers working in the Temple suddenly were made to feel that they did not belong where they were. Jesus disrupted their sense of order and their place in the Temple. Perhaps they did not, at that moment, feel that they did not belong there, but we see that as the message Jesus was sending. Being in church is different than being a Christian. As Christians, we belong to God and we are the church, in the building or in the community. Jesus teaches that we are to love God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. As we seek to belong, we need to be aware that others are also seeking to belong. Wouldn't it be best if they sought to belong to God with you?





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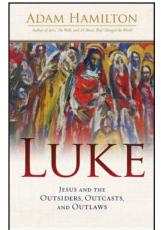
Congregations of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church



Our Lenten soup suppers are on Wednesdays from now until March 28, 2004, from 4:30 to 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

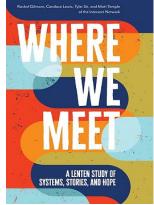
Bring soup or bread to share. Contact Sheila King for more information or to help clean up.

Lent Bible Study



The Lent Study this year will be Luke By Adam Hamilton. Kayla Johnson will be offering the classes at 9 am on Sunday mornings 2/18-3/24 and Wednesday evenings at 5 pm 2/21-3/27. People can sign up with Kayla J or in the church office. The cost of the books will be \$14.00.





Another option for a Lent Study is to read on your own and then talk in a small group about the book "Where We Meet." One of the contributing authors is Rachel Gillmore from our conference, who some in the congregation have met. For a description of the book, visit the Cokesbury website at:

http://tinyurl.com/cokesburyguide

The book may be purchased at Cokesbury for \$17. If you are interested in talking about the book, contact Kayla Johnson kayla.flannery18@gmail.com



Thanks to the many who made donations to the Food Pantry. Fighting food insecurity is a never-ending battle but we can make a difference in the lives of those in our local community. Again, thanks to all who helped restock our food pantry!

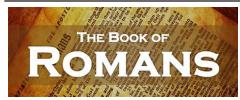
GRACE FARRINGTON

With sadness we inform you that Grace Farrington passed away on February 17, 2024. Her Celebration of Life service will be held at Hatfield Funeral Home, March 23, at 12:00 PM. Please contact Hatfield Funeral Home for further information.

Prayers for Our Churches

Please pray for the churches and pastors of the South District of the Desert Southwest Conference. March

El Mesias UMC, Nogales First UMC, Bisbee First UMC, Eloy



Crossroads Adult Sunday School

On March 3rd, the Crossroads Sunday school class will start a study in the New Testament... the Book of Romans. We will kick off with an introduction and move into Chapter 1 of Roman.

This class is open to all adults, now is a great time to join us.

9:00 AM - Room 1 Fellowship Hall



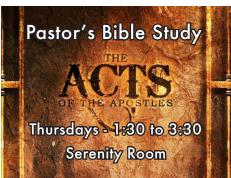
Sierra Vista United Methodist Women of Faith and Naomi Circle will be sponsoring a SILENT CROSS AUCTION starting February 25th and ending March 24th. The crosses are hand crafted and donated by Lanny and Mary Ellen Kope. All the wood for the crosses are from left over wood from other projects or weathered wood from fences and barns. The monies earned from the Silent Auction will go towards special needs on our church campus and the Food Pantry.



Here are just a few of the many handcrafted crosses available in the Silent Auction.



SAWs (Servants at Work) is a rampbuilding mission that assists those in the community who are homebound and cannot afford a ramp. For more information on this vital ministry and/or to volunteer, go to sawssouthwest.org.





Nursery Worker Needed

We are in need of another Nursery Worker for Sundays from 8:30 AM until noon. Our Nursery Workers are very important to us and are tasked with taking care of the littlest ones in our congregation. If you or someone you know is interested, email kayla.flannery18@gmail.com or through the church office. The position pays minimum wage.

CASH COUNTER WANTED!

Mondays, 8:30 - 10:00 AM Beginning April Contact the church office

GREEN TEAM!

The Sierra Vista UMC and the Desert Southwest Conference are committed to good stewardship of the earth, God's beautiful creation! For information on our Earth Care Green Team and the resolution on Net-Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, visit our website or use this link to go to the Green Team webpage directly:

https://sierravistamethodist.org/green-team



For more information visit: https://www.skyislandmusic.org/event-info/brahms-the-spring-event-1

Last Supper Reenactment



We are working on the set, working on the costumes, and learning our lines! James Harper is the Producer and Susan Harty is the Director (a winning combination).

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Serenity Room

Performances in the Worship Center: Saturday, March 23, 7:00 PM Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM

Contact Susan Harty at 702-539-2316; or susanharty441@gmail.com

Or James Harper at 520-458-5983 or harperjh@earthlink.net

Seeking Understudies



Eusebio Kino The "Padre on Horseback"



We would like to invite you to attend a very special event at St. Andrew's on March 17 at 2pm. As part of our St. Andrew's Concert Series, Carlos Zapien and members of the St. Augustine Cathedral Schola (Choir) will be presenting this free concert. Carlos will direct a performance of several of his original works to include O Lux Beata, Magnificat and Litany of Loreto written in honor of Padre Kino, the iconic "Padre on Horseback." These works were commission by the Kino Heritage Society in honor of Padre Kino and were first performed in Tucson in 2021.

Carlos Zapien is a very talented young Mexican-American composer and Director of the Cathedral Schola at St. Augustine Cathedral in Tucson. He studied at the Conservatorio de Las Rosas in Morelia, Michoaćan (Mexico), and earned advanced degrees from the University of Oregon and the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Stuttgart, Germany.

He is a concert and recording artist, as well as an active composer of secular and liturgical music. His works have been performed in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia, France, Germany, Italy and Mexico. Mr. Zapién's compositions include Mass settings, such as Mass of the Most Holy Trinity and Misa al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

Padre Eusebio Kino was declared "Venerable" by Pope Francis in 2020. For more information, see Father Greg talk about Padre Kino and his important contributions to the people and places of Southern Arizona, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w26socmgQdU&t=38s

Maryann Hockstad St. Andrew the Apostle 520-456-5555

Is God calling you to service at your church?

An Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries class is being offered Saturdays, May 4th and 11th at St John's UMC in Tucson (from 9 am to 3 pm both days). Upon registration, more detailed information about the class will be provided.

Registration is open at: https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/

Lay Servant Ministries is a program to educate and empower the laity to roles of leadership, caring and communications in the church and community.

The first class in "Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries" is offered 4-5 times a year in the conference. Also offered are Advanced Courses that cover many topics of interest in our three focus areas of leadership, caring and communications. One is allowed to take advanced courses at any time, although we do encourage the Introduction (Basic) class first. Each course is 10 hours in length and can be in 3.5 hour sessions or two 5 hour sessions (or other appropriate timeframe). This will be described in the advertisement and registration document. Attendance at all class times is mandatory for credit to be given.

Once the Introduction class and one Advanced course are taken, one is designated a Certified Lay Servant. An Annual report is required each Fall and is due to your church for your annual church conference which is usually held in the fall. A requirement of completing at least one Advanced Course every 3 years is also required to maintain status.

Questions??? Contact one of the Co-Directors for the South District:

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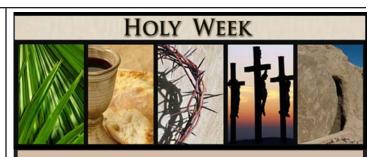


"Better Meals" is a program that pays off the school meal debt that kids and their families have accrued over the past years. The schools still offer kids the meals they need to eat, but the schools are carrying the overdue payments from families that cannot afford to pay for the meals. We all know that inflation has been tough on people to afford groceries and pay bills. Here is a chance for us to lend a hand in our community.

Joe McDermott, who helped establish the Better Bucks and now the Better Meals programs, provides this list of schools and the outstanding debts each one is carrying (as of February 1st, 2024):

> Village Meadows: \$3,554.85 Town & Country: \$2,278.85 Joyce Clark MS: \$991,95 Pueblo Del Sol: \$2,278.85 Huachuca Mountain: \$2,351.19 Carmichael: \$152.19 Bella Vista: \$760.88 Buena HS: \$338.85

This "Better Meals" program started in October 2023 and has paid off \$3000 of debt so far. Let's raise \$4000 by March 24 to cover Huachuca Mountain, Carmichael, Bella Vista, and Buena HS expenses. Please make a special offering to SVUMC Better Meals or the SVUMC Pastor's Discretionary Fund in addition to your regular offering to help meet this need.



March 24 - Palm Sunday Easter Cantata (all 3 services) Living Last Supper - 2:00 PM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM Our Lady of the Sierras Living Last Supper - 7:00 PM Worship Center

> March 29 - Good Friday Worship, 6:00 PM

March 31 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:00 AM Easter Services: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM



Health and Exercise Classes

Strength Training classes are offered by Nancy Buttke in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Fridays as shown on the chart below.

There is no fee. Donations are accepted. For more info contact Nancy at 520-678-0172.

8:30 AM	Strength Class: Lifting weights using dumbbells and ankle weights (about 1 hour)
9:40 AM	Back/Abs Class: For people with back problems who need to strengthen their core (back and abdominal muscles, 30 minutes)

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

3225 St Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us. The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pantry donations may be made at that time. Phone: 520 378-3352 / Email: syumc3225@gmail.com

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