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Jaunt

LENT



## Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

February 23, 2024

Services for Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: What would you not give up? - 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](https://tinyurl.com/svumc-youtube)

The mission of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church is to Spread the Love of Jesus.

We feel all Christians are called to share the love of Jesus in their homes, in the community, and around the world - with all people.

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## SVUMC Calendar 23 February - 1 March 2024

Friday 23 February	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 24 February	7:30 AM: UMM Fishermen Gather/Breakfast - Fellowship Hall 10:00 - 11:30 AM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Serenity Room
Sunday 25 February	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 26 February	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 27 February	9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 - 9:00 PM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 28 February	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 29 February	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 1 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: Courage (Week 4) by Pastor Carl

Courage is the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. What is the good news of Jesus Christ? For those who wield earthly power and influence, they may not hear the good news because the structures of power that perpetuate inequality are criticized and threatened. Those persons do not want for others what they want for themselves and it takes a great deal of courage to confront some topics. Faith in the strength and righteousness of God gives courage to those who speak God's word. As a church and as followers of Christ, we must believe in the good news of Jesus Christ that brings hope to the world so we can proclaim that faith to others. When our faith is weak, we are depending on ourselves, but by giving ourselves over completely to God we are encouraged to overcome the iniquities and inequalities of the world.







# Prayer Requests

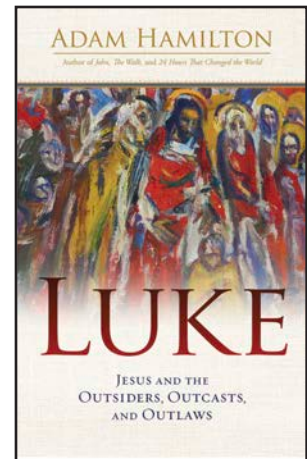


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 Noah, Brooklyn, & Cindy  
 Clayton Black  
 Jenni  
 Jim Reynolds  
 Susan  
 Cheryl Bruno  
 Arthur Feldman  
 Dashia Richardson  
 Tani  
 Donna T.  
 David Higbee & Family  
 Family of Larry Rooney  
 Dallas Meyer  
 Lori Jenkins  
 Bettye Carson  
 Terry  
 Dan Nucci  
 Pat Garrison  
 Sharron Arcand  
 Jason  
 Dr. Nancy & Dr. Ellen  
 Ryder & his mother  
 Aspen & her mother  
 Larry & Doncella Leach  
 Martha & Her Family  
 Cheri Beck  
 Ray Arcand  
 Dr. Nancy  
 Shirley Wade  
 Odessa Stewart  
 Lucy Ellen Brown

Christina  
 Wendy  
 Jake Robinson  
 Andrea  
 Donna Horton  
 Marc Johnson  
 Gary & Robin Weiser  
 Anna Van Horn  
 John  
 Jasmine  
 Dan Wiley  
 Cindy Long  
 Betty Williams  
 Bob  
 Jim Godskesen  
 Eli O'Connor  
 Greg Juedes  
 Janet High  
 Linda Penn  
 Larry Horton  
 Tricia Weller  
 Ralph & Bree Merito  
 Gayle Bryant & His Family  
 Brenda Langenberg  
 Gary Anderson  
 Joanne McLeod  
 Sid & Carol Downey  
 Ric Becker  
 Carol Glowacki Geyer  
 Lynn Stewart  
 Victoria Nelson  
 Family of Gilbert Ramos

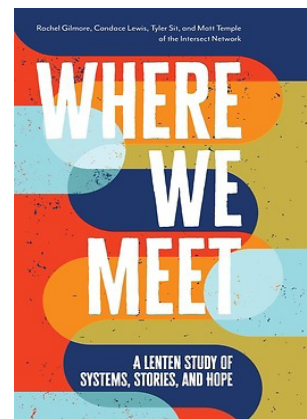
Congregations of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church

## 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.

## LENT BIBLE SELF-STUDY



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](mailto:kayla.flannery18@gmail.com)

Wednesdays, 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall (Feb. 14 - Mar. 28)

# Lenten Soup Suppers

Contact Sheila King for more info or to help clean up





Many in our country endure food insecurity. Having nutritious food available for persons who are struggling helps address this issue. Good nutrition, non-refrigerated storage, and easy preparation are the hallmarks of appropriate donations. Through food we deliver the message of God's love and compassion for those in our community who need a hand.

Our food pantry needs:

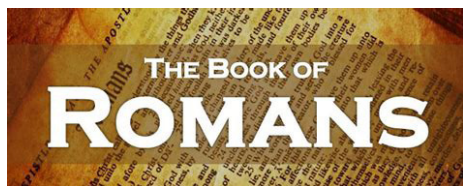
- Canned Soups, Stews, Chili
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits
- Boxed Meals - Mac & Cheese, etc.
- Dried Goods - spaghetti, rice, pasta
- Peanut butter (creamy)
- Cereal - Cheerios, oatmeal

### Prayers for Our Churches

You are encouraged to pray for the churches and pastors of the South District of the Desert Southwest Conference.

#### FEBRUARY

- Christ Church UM, Tucson
- Community UMC, Bowie
- Duncan UMC



### Crossroads Adult Sunday School

On March 1st, 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.



Ruth Circle will be meeting Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00pm at the Olive Garden. All ladies of the church are welcome.

For information about Ruth Circle, contact Annie Coppola 520-678-5647

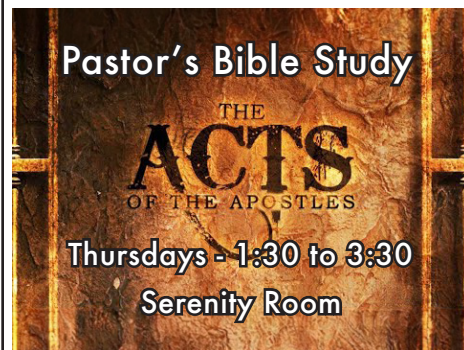
### WHAT'S NEXT?

If you are a widow or widower who is interested in getting together with others to socialize and be active, please join us to discuss a new ministry opportunity.

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Serenity Room.



SAWs (Servants at Work) is a ramp-building 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](https://sawssouthwest.org).



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](mailto:kayla.flannery18@gmail.com) or through the church office. The position pays minimum wage.



You are not alone. At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. GriefShare meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Serenity Room. Contact the the church office or Sheila King (775-691-0023) for more information.

### 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>



## From the desk of the Chair of Trustee's

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church  
3225 St Andrews Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 86560

February 9, 2024

A number of things going on behind the scenes as the year progresses.

1. Repairs to the Activity Center roof and re-coating the flat roof is looking like a cost of \$8,400.00 which will need to be done in the next month to avoid further damage to the building. (This is not attributable to storm damage per se but to the age of the building)
2. The floor of the gymnasium is showing "bubbles" that is due to water coming up from beneath the flooring. At the moment we are keeping an eye on this and have "bled" the water from the bubbles to avoid and further damage.
3. We have ordered and received a new reverse osmosis filtering system for the fellowship hall kitchen. Unfortunately, we had to delay installation until some broken in shipment part can be reshipped to us.
4. We have ordered and received new door handles for the pre-school classroom doors that were worn out and not working properly. These will be installed once they have been re-keyed.
5. We have been installing new motion sensors in the bathrooms of our buildings to avoid having lights left on overnight.

With our aging campus we are faced with a need to support our church with our gifts of money, of our time, of our service to others. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you.

Jon M Grindle Chair

## KnitWits

Knit a little... Talk a little...  
Knit a little... Talk a little...  
Knit - knit - knit - knit  
Talk - talk - talk - talk

9:30 to 11:30 AM

Classroom 1-2 in Fellowship Hall

Don't know how to knit?  
We will teach you.  
Don't know how to talk?  
We will teach you.



Contact Sheila King (775-691-0023) for more information.

## 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](mailto:susanharty441@gmail.com)

Or James Harper at 520-458-5983 or  
[harperjh@earthlink.net](mailto:harperjh@earthlink.net)



SKY ISLAND  
CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

# BRAHMS

## Piano Quartet

The Spring Event



**Sierra Vista  
United Methodist**  
03.01.2024 6:30 PM  
3225 E. St. Andrews Dr.

**FREE**

**Sky Island  
Chamber Musicians:**  
Adrienne Hickey |  
Sancho Manzano |  
Shelby Walsh |  
Callie Hutchison |  
Toby Chadwick

**FIND US ON:**  
[WWW.SKYISLANDMUSIC.ORG](http://WWW.SKYISLANDMUSIC.ORG)

For more information visit:

<https://www.skyislandmusic.org/event-info/brahms-the-spring-event-1>

## BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD



Eric Andersen was named the Bronko Nagurski Spit & Shine Volunteer of the Year for 2023. He works with the team every Wednesday morning as well as additional days, trying to keep the church campus safe, clean, and operating well. He is also a key member of the SAWs group, building wheelchair ramps around the county. Eric is on the board of the Fry Fire District and the Friends of the Huachucas. Known for outstanding grit, toughness, extra effort, and positive attitude, Eric defines the word "volunteer."

## UMM Fishermen Gathering



**Sulphur Springs Valley  
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE**

Please join us for breakfast and a guest speaker on Saturday morning, February 24. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7:30, with breakfast at 8:00. Our speaker will be Mr. Jason Bowling, CEO of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC). Jason will tell us about challenges facing electric companies and how SSVEC is responding to change. How the price of electricity is determined, and what the future holds. All of the men and women of the church are invited.

We will also elect UMM Fishermen officers for the 2024.



## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Your SVUMC Church Council met February 15th and discussed upcoming events and made a budget decision. We are already into Lent and Easter is just around the corner.

### Calendar:

17 Feb, Produce Outreach  
15 Feb – 27 Mar, Lenten Soup Supper  
25 Feb- 24 Mar, Naomi Circle Silent Auction  
10 Mar, UMCOR Sunday  
16 Mar, Produce Outreach  
19 Mar, Election Day  
23 Mar, Living Last Supper, Evening  
24 Mar, Living Last Supper, Matinee  
28 Mar, Stations of the Cross  
28 Mar, Living Last Supper, Evening  
31 Mar, Easter Sunday w/ Sunrise Service

2 Apr, ARC Blood Drive  
3 Apr, Resume Wed Potluck Dinner  
6 Apr, Absolutely nothing on the calendar  
14 Apr, Native American Sunday  
20 April, Produce Outreach  
28 Apr – 3 MAR, UWF Rummage Sale set up  
4 May, UWF Rummage Sale

Thanks to Fran Ranaccelli for giving her time and talents to serve on the Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC). Fran is a fixture on campus and has generously served this church in many capacities over the years.

The Trustees remain busy with campus maintenance and upgrades. Thanks, Jon for your update in last week's Jaunt!

Sheila King and James Harper were nominated and approved as Lay delegates to the Desert Southwest Conference Annual Conference in June. This year it will be held in Tucson for the first time. Anyone may attend, but voting is limited to approved delegates.

We adjusted our 2024 budget to account for the actual apportionment requirement – it went up \$627 for the year to a total of \$45,898. Our apportionment enables us to support the worldwide ministries of the United Methodist Church. As a reminder, the budget is a plan that provides authority to spend. The Finance Committee then must raise the funds to meet the plan.

Our next meeting will be March 21st, 5:30 PM in the Serenity. All are welcome.

James Harper, [harperjh@earthlink.net](mailto:harperjh@earthlink.net)



# 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: [svumc3225@gmail.com](mailto:svumc3225@gmail.com)



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