



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

April 26, 2024

Services for Sunday, April 28 2024

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

Reading 1: 1 John 4:7-21

Reading 2: John 15:1-8

Sermon Title: Dressing the Vine - Rev. Carl Peterson



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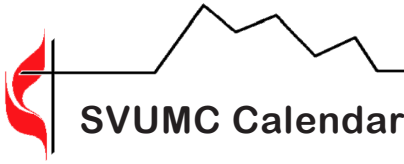
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YouTube: tinyurl.com/svumc-youtube



On the first Wednesday of each month, we hold a bodacious potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM. This coming Wednesday, May 1st, we look forward to getting together for some scrumptious grub made by you with tender loving care. Bring a dish to share... something yummy. Following the potluck, consider staying for Vespers in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM.



SVUMC Calendar 26 April 2024 - 3 May 2024

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| Friday 26 April | Exercise Classes - See schedule on last page of this Jaunt - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 12:00 PM: Emmaus Reunion Group |
| Saturday 27 April | 8:00 AM: UMM Fishermen's Gathering - Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday 28 April | 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM: Worship services - Sanctuary 9:00 AM: Adult Sunday School |
| Monday 29 April | Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center |
| Tuesday 30 April | 9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM: Ruth Circle - Serenity Room |
| Wednesday 1 May | 8:00 - 10:00 AM: Spit & Shine - Campus 8:00 AM: Sonrisers Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, Room 5 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 1:30 PM: Grief Share - Classroom 1 & 2, Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM: First Wednesday Potluck - Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM: Vespers - Sanctuary |
| Thursday 2 May | 7:00 - 8:30 AM: Walk to Emmaus Breakfast - Country House 8:30 - 10:00 AM: Emmaus Group - Room 5, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM: UWF Mary Martha Circle - Room 3/4, Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: PEO Meeting 10:00 AM: Mah Jongg - Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 3 May | 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: Renew (Week 4) by Pastor Carl



Do you have any habits you'd like to give up? Most of us do. Do you have any habits God would like you to give up? Most of us do. Lent gave us an opportunity to change our habits, but I have heard a number of people say things like, "Since Easter (Sunday) has past, does that mean I can do/eat (fill in the blank) again?" they could hardly wait to get to go back to the things they had "given up." The world around us has changed and God is making us new again, but we can resist and keep doing things "the way we always have." Sometimes we will do better if we prune a few vines and give up the things that are no longer good for us. To be renewed is to be made new again and we don't need to go back to make the same mistakes again. What habits can you break that will make you new in Christ?



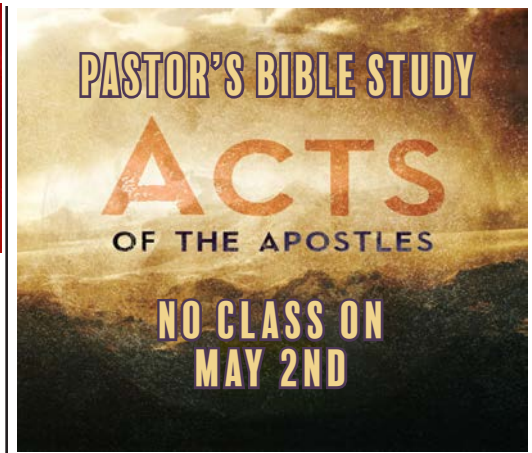
Prayer Requests

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Tom (Friend of Patti Stacy)
 Family of Doug Miller
 Brittany Merito
 Rebecca Merito
 Adam (Jim & Sue Godskesens' Friend)
 Sue Banyai
 Destiny
 Arnie Davis
 Alex & Rick
 Ryan
 Kim
 Rev. Beth Rambikur
 Jackie Zandrews
 Terri
 Gary Larson
 Brandon, Cindy & Paul
 Jesse
 Noah, Brooklyn, & Cindy
 Clayton Black
 Jenni
 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
 Jake Robinson
 Andrea
 Donna Horton
 Marc Johnson
 Gary & Robin Weiser
 Anna Van Horn
 John
 Jasmine
 Dan Wiley
 Cindy Long
 Betty Williams
 Bob
 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



WHAT'S NEXT?

First Saturday of Every Month
 10:00 AM, Serenity Room

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.

Contact Sandi Teems for more information 520-732-1040

- Notice -



Grief Share will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Classrooms 1-2 on Wednesday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. This is for one week only.

Prayers for Our Churches

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

April

First UMC, Safford

First UMC, Tucson

Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson



Food Pantry

Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Food Pantry. This vital outreach ministry provides crucial support to many individuals facing food insecurity. Please be rest assured that every penny of cash donations designated for the Food Pantry is allocated solely to this cause. We encourage you to continue your valuable support of this essential mission!

GENERAL CONFERENCE

This month, you can experience both history in the making and time travel. That's right! United Methodists from around the world will gather in Charlotte, North Carolina, to conduct the 2020 General Conference that had to be postponed and then canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our church Discipline makes no provision for skipping one of the quadrennial legislative meetings, so we will hold it, well, a little late.

This General Conference also has historic implications, as we have moved through a period of disaffiliation in The United Methodist Church. This process has been painful as well as stressful for local churches and annual conferences across the church. This General Conference session will be a time for our whole denomination to come together and set our sights on the future, on what God is calling The United Methodist Church to be in the years ahead.

Unfortunately, when much of the secular media reports on our General Conference gatherings, they tend to spotlight our disagreements. Rarely will they report on beautiful worship services, delegates from every corner of the planet participating and celebrating God's love, and a choir of students from Africa University – a university that is reshaping Africa and wouldn't exist without the power of the connectional church working together!

SVUMW's Annual Rummage Sale...

the time draws near!

Drop off donations on in the Fellowship Hall or contact Spit & Shine.

Volunteers needed for setup on April 28—May 2. Donations of breakfast & snack foods greatly appreciated!

Contact:

Norma Eck 845-800-4146 or Myra Rogers 520-236-9388



GNA

A big ministry of our church is our ministry to the Good Neighbor Alliance, an organization that works in a big way to help homeless persons get back on their feet by providing food and shelter as well as programs to help these individuals work their way back into society.

When our volunteers see how these mostly forgotten, homeless, folks react to a home-cooked meal and realize that some people do really care about them, their smiles and thanks make this ministry a very worthwhile endeavor.

Call Vashti McNeill, 520 263 4660, or email her at mcneillrussell27@gmail.com for more information.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVICE AT YOUR CHURCH?

"Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries"
Saturdays, May 4 & 11

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. John's UMC
60 W Veterans Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85713

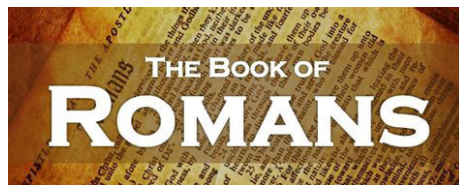
Register Online at:

<https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions>

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Registration Deadline: **Apr. 26**

Crossroads Adult Sunday School



0900 AM Fellowship Hall, Room 1

Last week there was no class, we pick up this week with Romans Chapter 9.

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.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP



Coffee, snacks and conversation In Fellowship Hall after each Sunday morning service. Come and join us!

Laudato Si'

Caring for our common home



I'm calling on Sierra Vista UMC's Earthkeepers Green Team and all others who are interested in learning and teaching others to be better stewards of God's amazing creation, to come together on **April 26th**, the Friday after Earth Day at 6 PM, to see a powerful film, "The Letter: A Message for our Earth." This PBS special film is based on a papal letter Pope Francis wrote to us all, called "Ladato Si': On Care for Our Common Home" confronting the "looming calamity of human impact on Earth and ourselves."

"The Letter" reaches out to those whose voices are not usually heard in today's world: the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife, specifically in Senegal, Brazil, India and Hawaii. Five representatives are invited to dialogue with the pope, and the 80-minute film shows the damage that climate change has done and continues to do in diverse areas of the world.

The 80-minute film will be shown in its entirety and there will be a brief time for discussion afterward. As always, popcorn and water will be provided, and we invite you to bring other non-alcoholic beverages in a reusable container. Please join us!

Rev. Jeanne Festa
Green Team

Pray for "General Conference" this month!

Normally, a "general conference" of the UMC meets each 4 years to make decisions which govern the United Methodist Church in both the United States and the other countries with UMC churches. The 2020 General Conference was postponed due to the pandemic, and will finally occur on April 23 to May 3 (in Charlotte, NC).

This year's conference will consider many important matters, most notably a proposed reorganization which, among other things, will allow a US region to make some decisions which now the conferences outside the US can make for themselves. It will also consider procedures for churches to disaffiliate, revision of all the "Social Principles", and a budget for the next 4 years which adapts to greatly decreased income.

You are urged to pray for the delegates who will be attending, discussing, and voting. They need wisdom and grace to follow the mind of Christ.

The Upper Room has prepared a prayer guide to assist you in praying for the General Conference. This includes daily devotions for April 7-23 and may be downloaded free from several places: The most direct is via <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/guide-to-prayer-for-the-united-methodist-general-conference>. (If clicking on this link doesn't work, you can try going to [dscumc.org](https://www.dscumc.org) or www.resourceumc.org and searching for "guide to prayer", or to www.upperroom.org/news/2667.)

You can also find much more information about this year's general conference (and the UMC) on its webpage: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>.

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UMM Fishermen Monthly Gathering

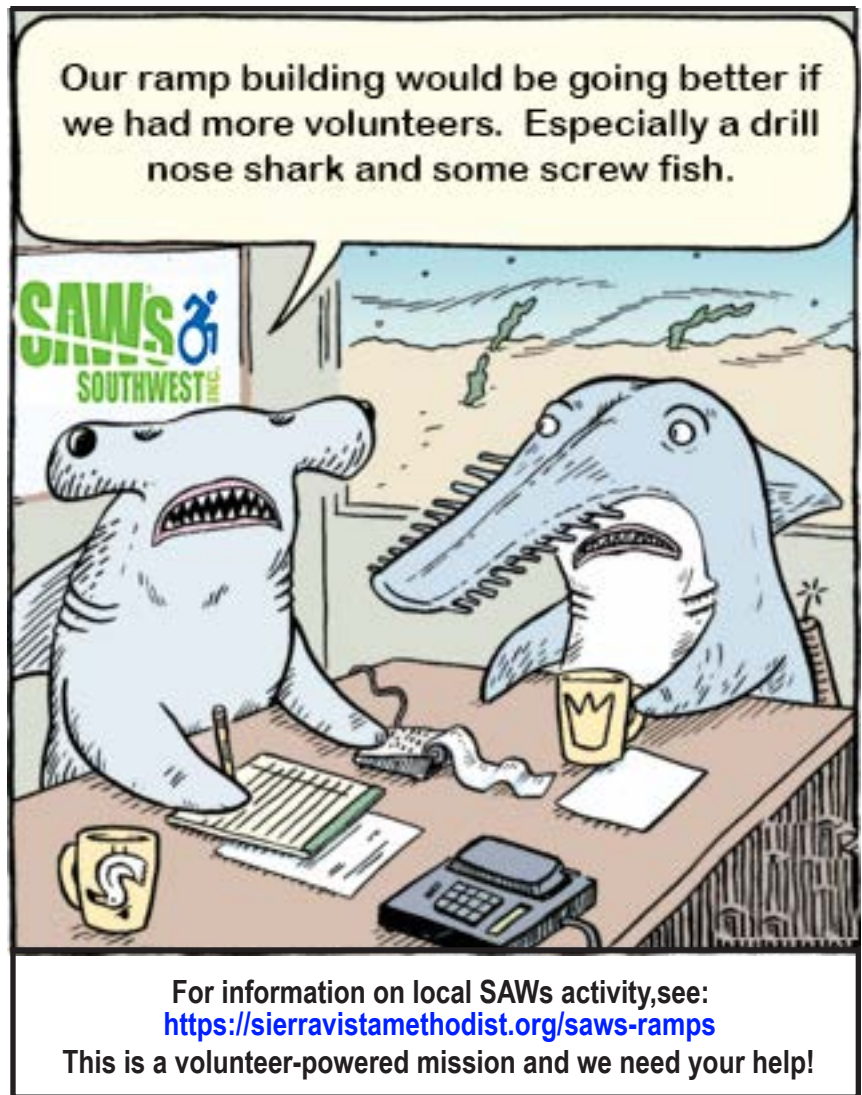


On Saturday, April 27, the UMM Fishermen will hold their monthly Gathering in the Fellowship Hall... coffee is on by 7:30 and we kick off with breakfast at 8:00 AM. Harry Magargee will be trying something new; *chicken* biscuits and gravy.

In lieu of a guest speaker this month, an interesting ten-minute video will be shown on the new 83-inch TV in the Fellowship Hall: "The Navajo Nation, The Story of America's Largest Tribe."

The Navajo Nation covers approximately 27,413 square miles of land, which extends into Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. In Arizona, it occupies parts of Apache, Navajo, and Coconino counties. About 17.5 million acres of this is in Arizona, making up roughly 18% of the state's land area.

The Navajo Nation is the largest land area retained by an Indigenous tribe in the United States



Reimagine, Reuse, Recycle - Every Choice Counts

The SVUMC Green Team encourages you to recycle what you can to keep reusable items out of the landfill. But please be aware that the small recycle bin in the church kitchen is for church kitchen recycle items only, and all items must be rinsed well to avoid attracting pests and leaving a trail of crumbs and sticky liquids.

Local recycle opportunities are home pick-up by a company called Recyclops, which can be contacted at recyclops.com, or the City of Bisbee, which charges only about \$84 a year for non-residents. In addition, newspapers can be dropped off outside the Herald office on Wilcox Drive; aluminum cans can be dropped in the blue bins at Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center on Highway 90, not far from Moson Road; plastic bags can go in bins at grocery stores and Target; and worn out clothing and shoes can be recycled in bins at the southeast corner of the Sierra Vista mall. Take clothing in good condition to one of several resale stores in Sierra Vista and Huachuca City, Please help preserve God's beautiful earth for all the generations to come.





Your SVUMC Church Council met April 18th and discussed upcoming events and made a couple of decisions.

Calendar:

- 20 April, Produce Outreach
- 23 Apr-3 May, UMC General Conference
- 28 Apr – 3 May, UWF Rummage Sale set up
- 1 May, Potluck Dinner
- 3,4 May, UWF Rummage Sale
- 12 May, Mother's Day
- 17 May, VCP Graduation
- 18 May, Produce Outreach
- 26 May, Peace with Justice Sunday
- 27 May, Memorial Day
- 3 Jun – 30 Jul, VCP Summer Session
- 4 Jun, ARC Blood Drive
- 5 Jun, Potluck Dinner
- 13-16 Jun, Annual Conference in Tucson
- 15 Jun, Kayla Johnson Commissioning, Catalina UMC, 7 PM. Encourage carpooling.
- 17-21 Jun, Vacation Bible School, "Hero Hotline". Volunteers needed.
- 3 Jul, Potluck Dinner
- 4 Jul, Independence Day booth in Veterans Park. Kayla J. is looking for volunteers.
- 10-13 Jul, Western Jurisdictional Conference, Spokane, WA
- 30 Jul, Election Day
- 1 Aug, VCP resumes classes
- 4 Aug, Back to School Sunday
- 4 Aug, Ministry Fair
- 7 Aug, Potluck Dinner

Reminder that Annual Conference is in Tucson for the first time ever and you are welcome to see how the conference does business.

Please consider subscribing to the SVUMC You Tube channel. More subscribers makes us more visible in searches and helps us spread the Love of Jesus!

The Trustees are exploring the costs of converting swamp coolers on campus to air conditioning.

Rev Carl reminded us we should emphasize extravagant hospitality to retain visitors. A welcoming church is a growing church is a healthy church is a church that makes Jesus smile.

Approved a motion to appoint George Graves as a delegate to Annual Conference to replace Sheila King. Sheila had to drop out because of a family celebration conflict and we thank George for stepping in!

Our next meeting will be May 16th, 5:30 PM in the Serenity. All are welcome.

James Harper, 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.

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| 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.

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