



QUE PASA

The Newsletter of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

November 7, 2025



Services for Sunday
November 9, 2025

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

"Remember Me: For your Servicee"

- Rev. Amanda Corella

Scripture Readings

Joshua 1:1-9

Ephesian 6:10-17

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Vespers Service - 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

The church office is open Monday-Friday,

9:30 AM to 12:00 and 12:30 to 2:30 PM

3225 St Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Phone: 520-378-3352

SVUMC
Website
QR Code



A recording of the Sunday Worship Service can be viewed at:

SVUMC Website: <https://sierravistamethodist.org/worship>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch>

Sunday School and Bible Studies

Sunday 9:00 AM
Crossroads Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Hall, Rm 1
Studying: I Samuel
Leader: Harry Magargee

Sunday 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Children's Sunday School
Preschool - 4th grade
Starts in the Sanctuary
Room 3/4 Fellowship Hall
Contact: Rev. Kayla

Sunday 9:30 - 10:15 AM
Youth Sunday School
5th grade-12th grade
1st Sunday in the Narthex
Otherwise Room 3/4 Fellowship
Contact: Rev. Kayla

Monday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Zoom Bible Study
Contact the office for logon
Studying: Gospel of Mark
Leader: Rev. Stewart Lewis

Tuesday 1:00 to 2:30 PM
UWF Bible Study
Fellowship Hall, Rm 5
Studying: People of the Bible
Leader: Sara Evans

Wednesday 8:00 - 9:15 AM
Sonrisers Bible Study
Fellowship Hall, Rm 5
Studying: Sunday's Scriptures
Leader: Jim Evans



**ECUMENICAL
THANKSGIVING**
WORSHIP & PIE FEST
Pie FEST

Tuesday, November 25
6:00 PM—Worship Center:
ECUMENICAL WORSHIP
(led by ELCA)
7:00 PM—Fellowship Hall:
PIE FEST
More information forthcoming!
Contact the church office

- CCLI License #: 632154 /
CVLI License #: 503962647 -
- CCL Streaming License #: 20447149 -



Lay Servant Ministries 2026 Classes

LEADING WORSHIP
(Jan. 31 & Feb. 7)
St. Paul's UMC, Tucson

TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM
(Feb. 28 & Mar. 7)
St. Paul's UMC, Tucson

**FOR THE COMMON GOOD
(SPIRITUAL GIFTS)***
(Dates & Times TBD)
St. John's UMC

*required class on the path to
Certified Lay Speaker

Are you called to lay ministry?
**Don't miss these upcoming
classes!**

Contact the church office for
more info or to register
svumc3225@gmail.com

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Roster

Senior Pastor: Rev. Amanda Corella, pastor.svumc@gmail.com
Associate Pastor: Rev. Kayla Johnson, revkaylaj@gmail.com
Office Manager: Kayla Empey, svumc3225@gmail.com
Lay Leader: Open
Church Council Chair: James Harper
Christian Education Director: Rev. Kayla Johnson
Organist: Sue Trukken
Pianist: Dorothy Scheafer
Director of Music: Samuel Vaughn
Choir Director: Aenea Ferguson
Finance Chair: Donna Horton
Treasurer: KJ Wigton
Financial Secretary: Paul Horka
Bookkeeper: Kayla Empey
Trustee Co-Chairs: Michael Lawrence / Bruce Houston
SPRC Chair: Sheila King
Que Pasa Newsletter Editor: George Graves
Webmaster: George Graves
Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sheila King
Desert Southwest Annual Conference: www.dscumc.org

Individuals on this list can be contacted through the church office

November Worship Series (thru 11/23): Remember Me: Thanks-Giving

Communion is a sacred meal where we feed both body and spirit — remembering the love of Christ not only shown in the shared meal around the table but also in the kneeling of Christ to wash the feet of the disciples so they prepare to be filled. In this series, Remember Me: Thanks-Giving, we will explore what it means to live out that invitation to “do this in remembrance of me.”

Throughout November, we'll reflect on how remembering Christ inspires us to mission, gratitude, and community. We'll recall our roots of faith in the celebration of All Saints, the service that demonstrates a call to care in the celebration of our Veterans, and the way we look toward mission on behalf of our United Methodist Church with the celebration of our Social Principles.

As gratitude comes alive in Thanksgiving, we'll move from reflection to action, culminating in a special “Work-Ship Sunday” where we'll embody our faith through service and shared mission as we support the work of our Food Pantry.



Come, remember, give thanks, and live the love of Christ.



Membership Classes Begin November 16!

When: Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service
— November 16, 23, & 30

Are you new to Sierra Vista UMC?

Curious about what it means to be part of the United Methodist Church?

Or maybe you'd just like a refresher on who we are and what we believe?

Join us for our upcoming Membership Classes — a three-week series exploring faith, connection, and community.

What We'll Cover:

- Week 1 (Nov 16): UMC Basics — Theology and History
- Week 2 (Nov 23): Sierra Vista UMC — What Makes This Church Unique
- Week 3 (Nov 30): UMC Structure & Global Connection — Where We Are Now & Where do you want to be?

Who's Invited? Everyone! Whether you're a long-time member or simply exploring, these sessions are open to all who want to deepen their understanding of the church and their place within it.

Do I Need to Attend All Three?

- If you're already a member revisiting, come as you are able!
- If you're considering joining the church, we ask that you attend all three sessions.

Each class will last about one hour — unless the questions flow!

Come learn, ask, and connect as we grow together in faith and fellowship.



FOOD PANTRY!

We are seeing a significant increase in people coming to the food pantry.

Items that are greatly needed are:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Pasta sauce
- Canned soup
- Cereal

Donations can be dropped off in the church office during the week or the church lobby on Sundays

1st Thursday:
Trustees
2nd Thursday:
Finance
3rd Thursday:
SPRC / Nominations
4th Thursday:
Church Council



Qualified Charitable Distributions

Individuals over 70 ½ years old can make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to the church which reduces your taxable income by the amount of the contribution. QCDs can also be included in your Required Minimum Distributions and used to prevent increases in Medicare premiums.

A QCD is a **direct** transfer of funds **from** your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Some other qualifications and restrictions apply:

- QCDs cannot be made from employer plans like 401(k)s and 403(b)s.
- Donor-advised funds, other supporting charitable entities, and private foundations do not qualify for QCDs.
- Up to \$105,000 per year can be given with QCDs (not per IRA account, but per person). That maximum is now inflation adjusted.
- The QCD must be done as a direct transfer from the IRA to the charity. You can have the check sent to your address as long as the check is payable to the charity.
- If the RMD is taken before the QCD, it will be taxable, and it cannot be offset with a QCD done later in the year

Consult with your tax advisor or preparer for additional details.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

26 November - Wednesday:
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (After preschool chapel)
Getting Christmas items from storage and
fluffing of the greens

29 November - Saturday:
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Worship Center - Hanging of the Greens



Real Wishes Foundation's Annual "Coats for Kids" Drive

Now-December 15th!

2025 Drop Off Locations

Ace Hardware: 3756 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista

Culvers: 632 S. Hwy 92

Doc's Watering Hole: 1959 Frontage Road

ERA Four Feathers Realty: 1993 Frontage Road

Haymore Real Estate 500 E. Fry Blvd. (upper level)

Julie & Sammy's 33 Flavor Ice Cream: 268 W. Fry Blvd.

Landmark Cafe: 400 W Fry Blvd Ste 1

Long Realty: 2363 E Fry Blvd

Tierra Antigua Realty: 77 Calle Portal Ste C140

Warrior Healing Center: 1838 Paseo San Luis

WeSERV: 500 E Fry Blvd Ste L-1

Drop off **NEW** and **GOOD** condition **KIDS** coats, jackets, scarves, & gloves

All Coats are distributed in Cochise County

PLEASE continue this effort in keeping Cochise County Kids warm.

<https://bit.ly/24RWF-CoatsForKids>



Scan this QR Code to Donate directly to Coats for Kids!

Cash & Check donations accepted at Real Wishes Foundation, 500 E. Fry

<https://bit.ly/24RWF-CoatsForKids>

Real Wishes Foundation is a 501C3 Charity



Exercise Classes



Strength Training classes are offered by Nancy Buttke in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Fridays. At 8:30 AM, Strength Class: Lifting weights using dumbbells and ankle weights (about 1 hour). At 9:40 AM, Back/Abs Class for people with back problems who need to strengthen their core (back and abdominal muscles, 30 minutes).

There is no fee. Donations are accepted.

For more information, contact Nancy at 520-678-0172.



Building Freedom One Ramp at a Time

For more information on this vital ministry or to volunteer, go to sawssouthwest.org.



KNIT WITS

Meets Tuesday mornings

Classroom 1-2

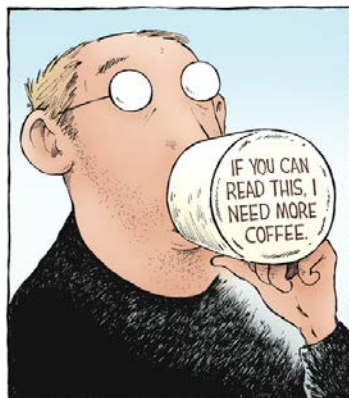
Fellowship Hall

9:30am - 11:00am



We are playing Party Bridge on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

For more information, please call KJ Wigton, 520-234-1018



Coffee Hour Needs You!

After each worship service, we gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and snacks—but we need hosts. This is a volunteer-run ministry, and several Sundays still need helpers to brew coffee, set out goodies, and tidy up. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome. If we don't have hosts, we can't hold Coffee Hour, and this fellowship time is important. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. Contact the church office to volunteer.

Baby Shower!

Sunday, November 9
12 pm until 2ish.
Fellowship Hall.

KnitWits will provide snacks/beverages.
Donations of goodies are needed.

Everyone is welcome.

There will be games and prizes.

Rev. Kayla and her little Avocado!



A Thanksgiving Hymn

Poet: Agnes Maule Machar

For the gladness of the sunshine.
For the dropping of the rain,
For the springtide's bloom of promise,
For the autumn's golden grain,
For the beauty of the forest.
For the fatness of the field,
For the orchard's rosy fruitage,
For the vineyard's luscious yield.
We thank Thee, O Lord!

For the nobler, richer beauty,
For the light that spirits know,
For the sacredness of duty
Guiding us through life below.
For our earthly ties so precious,
For the fireside warm and bright,
For the faith that through the darkness
Leads us to immortal light,
We thank Thee, O Lord!

For the drought that parched and withered.
For the blast that bared the bough,
For the clouds concealing blessings
That we may not measure now,
For our gladness and our sorrow.
For our poverty and wealth.
For our getting and our losing,
For our sickness and our health.
We thank Thee, O Lord!

For the losses and the crosses
Coming sore against our will;
From Thy hand each good gift cometh,
And, not less, the seeming ill.
What Thou givest in Thy wisdom.
That alone to us is blest.
And of all Thy countless givings,
For Thy boundless love, the best,
We thank Thee, Lord!

Calling all singers to be part of the Sierra Vista "Messiah" Choir

The Choir will perform under the direction of Reynaldo Romo and be accompanied by Billie Hayes on the pipe organ.

The choir will perform the Advent and Christmas portion of "Messiah" and the "Hallelujah Chorus"

Rehearsals will be at 10:30 am on Saturday mornings, generally at St. Andrew's, 800 Taylor Dr. However, the location may change based on church availability.

The rehearsal dates are: Sat, Nov 8, Nov 15, and Nov 22, and Sat, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20

The Performance will be Sunday, December 21, 2025
Place: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church at 7 pm

Musical scores will be available on loan from Cochise College, or the music can be downloaded from the internet (public domain music). I've attached a separate list of the pieces that will be performed.

For additional information, call Maryann Hockstad at 456-5555 or email her at maryann.h@cox.net

*We know this is a busy time of year, and not everyone can be at every rehearsal. That's OK, especially if you are familiar with the "Messiah" choruses. However, please let us know if you plan to sing.

Vespers - mid-week recharge

Wednesdays - 6:00 PM - Sanctuary.
Music and singing, homily, meditation,
and Holy Communion



"Sierra Vista Sings" presents Holiday Concerts:
Angels and Shepherds and Miracles

Featuring:

**Vocalise, The High Desert Singers,
and the Note-ables**

providing traditional and new holiday music!

**Under the direction of Debie Godwin
and accompanied by Dorothy Scheafer and Billy Hayes**

**Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
with a matinee performance on
Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM (doors open at 1:30 PM)**

**Sierra Vista United Methodist Church
3225 St Andrews Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650**

**Tickets on sale now for \$10. Contact Deb Koltviet: Text or Call 520-895-9645.
Tickets will be available in limited quantities at the door.**

Free will offering in support of



**Wednesday, December 17
6:00 PM**

**Worship Center
Sierra Vista UMC**

**Brought to you by Stephen
Ministries**



GriefShare is on hiatus until January 14, 2026. We are encouraging our participants to attend Surviving The Holidays and Blue Christmas. For more information,

Contact Sheila King at:

skinglayleader@gmail.com

or Frances Ranacelli at:

rantaztik1@gmail.com

Surviving the Holidays is on Sunday, November 16,
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

**Contact the office for
additions and deletions**

Arnold Davis
Ralph & Sabina
Janet High
Eliza
Curt Tipton
Sidney
Families of Jane Risner
Scottie Dion
Linda Mullard
Lucy Ellen Brown
Lanny & Mary Ellen Kope
Antonia Hernandez Gonzales
Krash
John & Caroline N.
Pastor Amanda & Her Family
DJ
Attila Honti
Marge Petrello
Patti Baltunis
Julie
Family of Benjamin Jones
Jana
Betty Williams
Jaidon Braswell
Cheryl
Jolene & Family
Lois Banyai
Kathy Hobel's Family Friend
Mike Hartman
John & His Family
Marilyn
Nancy Buttke
Curtis Tipton
The Merito Family
Jason (Sheila's Son)
Don & April Tucker
Karen
Christian
Anita

JoAnne McLeod
Bryan C
Jim B
Finn
Mary Beth & Don Martin
Gloria
Sue Banyai
Jeanne M.
The Thomas Family
Audrey Richardson
Sandra
Nuala
Jason
Eugene McCray
Dani
Ron
Brenda Langenberg
Walter Partridge
Bernie
Susan
Doug & Jo Ann Aspen & her mother
Tristan, Hannah & Baby
Doug & Jo Ann
Larry Kirk
Cindy
Richard Cole
Ervin Wegscheid
Larry & Doncella Leach
Shawntel Tedford
Trina
Michael Rooney
Elizabeth
Louie
Sophie
Jim Buttke
Susie Arcand
Joe Glowacki
Joe Delapast
Bev Mahlmann
Laurie
Brian Cole
Marty Glowacki
Art & Judy Marvin
Rev. Michelle

Larry & Donna Horton
Jennifer
Bill Glowacki
Kris
Destiny
Alex & Rick
Ryan
Kim
Jackie Zandrews
Terri
Brandon, Cindy & Paul
Jesse
Noah, Brooklyn, & Cindy
Susan Holcombe
Cheryl Bruno
Arthur Feldman
David Higbee & Family
Bettye Carson
Dan Nucci
Jason
Ryder & his mother
Aspen & her mother
Cheri Beck
Dr. Nancy
Odessa Stewart
Christina
Marc Johnson
Jasmine
Tricia Weller
Sid & Carol Downey
Ric Becker
Lynn Stewart
Victoria Nelson
Tristan
Hannah & Baby
Samatha White
Cheri Beck



**Sierra Vista United Methodist Church:
Care & Communication Preferences Survey**

Purpose: As part of our ministry of nurture and care, we want to ensure that our church family feels connected, supported, and informed in ways that are meaningful to them.

This brief survey helps us understand your preferred methods of communication and care so that our pastors, office staff, and Nurture Team can serve you well. All of the information will remain confidential in our office and only dispersed with permission.

Section 1: Contact Information

Name: _____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

Email Address (s) _____

Birthday (optional): _____

Anniversary (if applicable/optional): _____

Emergency Contact (name, email/phone#, relationship) _____

Section 2: Communication Preferences

1. Would you like to opt into our Que Pasa (weekly e-newsletter)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. How do you prefer to receive general church information (news, updates, reminders)?

- ☐ Email newsletter
- ☐ Printed mailings
- ☐ Text message alerts
- ☐ Phone call
- ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
- ☐ Church website
- ☐ Announcements during worship
- ☐ Other: _____

2. *How often would you like to receive church updates?*

- ☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly
☐ Monthly ☐ As needed

3. *When the pastor or office needs to reach you directly, how do you prefer to be contacted?*

- ☐ Phone call ☐ Text message ☐ Email ☐ Mail ☐ No preference

4. *Which communication method do you check most frequently?*

- ☐ Email
☐ Text
☐ Social media
☐ Phone messages

Section 3: Care & Connection Preferences

1. *When you are in need of prayer, encouragement, or support, what type of care feels most meaningful to you?*

- ☐ A phone call from a pastor or care team member
☐ A handwritten card or letter
☐ A home visit
☐ A hospital or care facility visit
☐ A prayer shared by phone or in person
☐ Meal delivery or care package
☐ Being included in the church's prayer list
☐ Other: _____

2. *If hospitalized, homebound, or experience an emergency, would you like to receive visits?*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Please contact my family first

Name/Contact of family liaison (if applicable): _____

3. *Would you like to receive Communion if you cannot attend worship?*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Maybe, depending on situation

4. *Would you like to be part of the church's prayer chain or care ministry (to pray for or support others)?*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ I'd like more information

5. Are there particular circumstances or needs the church should be aware of to offer care well (mobility, transportation, health, family caregiving, etc.)?

Section 4: Staying Connected

1. What helps you feel most connected to your church family?

- ☐ Worship in person
- ☐ Online worship
- ☐ Small groups or Bible studies
- ☐ Service projects / volunteer opportunities
- ☐ Fellowship meals / social gatherings
- ☐ Cards or notes from others
- ☐ Pastoral visits / check-ins
- ☐ Other: _____

2. Are there any ministries or programs you'd like to know more about?

- ☐ Small groups ☐ Choir/Music ☐ Youth/Children ☐ Health Security ministries ☐ Outreach (Food Security, etc)
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 5: Final Thoughts

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about how we can best care for or connect with you?

Thank you for taking the time to share this with us.

Your preferences will help our pastors, nurture team, and office staff care for you with compassion and respect.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2