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The Newsletter of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

September 5, 2025



Services for Sunday  
September 7, 2025

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

The Potter's Wheel - Rev. Amanda Corella

Scripture Readings  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Jeremiah 18:1-11

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Vespers Service - 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

The church office is open  
Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM 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>

## ***SVUMC Calendar - 5 Sep 2025 to 12 September 2025***

| Friday<br>Sept 5                                                                                                                                                                                      | Saturday<br>Sept 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sunday<br>Sept 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday<br>Sept 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 8:30 AM – Strength<br>Classes (Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 AM – Move Around<br>Ladies (Activity Center)<br>9:35 AM – Back & Abs<br>Class (Fellowship Hall)                                               | No events listed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7:30 AM – Informal<br>Service<br>9:00 AM – Contemporary<br>Service<br>9:00 AM – Crossroads<br>Bible Study (Room 1,<br>Fellowship Hall)<br>10:30 AM – Traditional<br>Service                                                                                           | 8:30 AM – Strength<br>Classes (Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 AM – Move Around<br>Ladies (Activity Center)<br>9:35 AM – Back & Abs<br>Class (Fellowship Hall)                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tuesday<br>Sept 9                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday<br>Sept 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Thursday<br>Sept 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Friday<br>Sept 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:30 AM – 'KnitWits'<br>Group (Classroom 1,<br>Fellowship Hall)<br>9:30 AM – Emmaus<br>Reunion Group (Room<br>1/2, Fellowship Hall)<br>1:00 PM – UWF Bible<br>Study (Classroom 5,<br>Fellowship Hall) | 7:00 AM – Spit & Shine<br>(Church Campus)<br>8:00 AM – Sonrisers<br>(Room 5, Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 AM – Move Around<br>Ladies (Activity Center)<br>10:00 AM – UWF Meeting<br>(Room 5, Fellowship Hall)<br>1:00 PM – Party Bridge<br>(Fellowship Hall)<br>1:30 PM – GriefShare<br>(Serenity Room)<br>6:00 PM – Vespers<br>(Sanctuary) | 7:00 AM – Emmaus<br>Breakfast<br>8:30 AM – Emmaus Group<br>(Room 5, Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 AM – PEO Meeting<br>1:00 PM – Mary Martha<br>Circle (Room 3/4,<br>Fellowship Hall)<br>1:00 PM – Mah Jongg<br>(Fellowship Hall)<br>5:30 PM – Finance<br>Committee Meeting | 8:00 AM – Set Up for<br>Community Bank<br>Distribution (Activity<br>Center)<br>9:00 AM – Community<br>Food Bank Distribution<br>(Activity Center)<br>8:30 AM – Strength<br>Classes (Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 AM – Move Around<br>Ladies (Activity Center)<br>9:35 AM – Back & Abs<br>Class (Fellowship Hall) |

**Note:** The calendar format is currently being redesigned. An easier to read, spiffy version will be forthcoming.

## - Sunday School and Bible Studies -

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

Monday 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Zoom Bible Study  
Contact the office for logon  
Studying: Acts  
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

Information on Youth Sunday School Coming Soon!

## FOOD PANTRY



With recent cuts to SNAP and WIC and other assistance programs, food insecurity is a growing problem. The Food Pantry hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. If anyone has questions, call Sheila King at 775-691-0023.

*Note: The Food Pantry is separate of the Community Food Bank. SVUMC supports both efforts to help combat food insecurity.*

## 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 info, contact Nancy at 520-678-0172.



Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2:00 - 10:00 PM, in Veterans' Memorial Park.

For More information and to register: visit [www.relyforlife.org/sierravistaaz](http://www.relyforlife.org/sierravistaaz)

Please contact Donna Horton for more information: [djhlch@yahoo.com](mailto:djhlch@yahoo.com)

**Please ask about luminaries (memorial bags!)**



Looking for Party bridge players. We are playing on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 1 to 4 PM. We need 4 for each table.

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



**Please Wear Your Name Tags**



For more information on this vital ministry or to volunteer, go to [sawssouthwest.org](http://sawssouthwest.org).



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# MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**  
**VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT 8 AM**

ACTIVITY CENTER AT  
SIERRA VISTA UMC  
3225 ST. ANDREWS DRIVE  
SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85650



Serenity Room, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, Wednesday  
Contact Sheila King [skinglayleader@gmail.com](mailto:skinglayleader@gmail.com) or  
Frances Ranacelli [rantaztik1@gmail.com](mailto:rantaztik1@gmail.com)

## CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN...

**Wednesdays, 7:00p.m.**  
**in the Worship Center**

Contact Aenea Ferguson [aeneaf@gmail.com](mailto:aeneaf@gmail.com)

## SVUMC Produce Outreach Ministry



3rd Saturday of each month  
8:00 - 10:00 AM - September 20  
\$10 for up to 60 lbs  
Distribution in the SVUMC parking lot

**Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

## VESPERS SERVICE

Vespers is a peaceful, evening worship service that invites you to pause, reflect, and be renewed. The service blends scripture, prayer, and song in a setting that feels warm and welcoming. It's a time to step away from the day's busyness, center your heart on God, and share in a sense of calm community. Whether you come seeking quiet reflection, uplifting fellowship, or simply a moment of rest for the soul, Vespers offers a graceful close to the day, and a chance for communion with God.

### Monthly Committee Meetings

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





**UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN'S RUMMAGE  
SALE**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 10, 2025  
7 AM – 2 PM  
SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 2025  
7 AM – 12 PM**

**SIERRA VISTA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
3225 ST. ANDREWS DR.  
SIERRA VISTA**

**FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD  
GOODS, BOOKS, TOYS,  
ELECTRONICS, SPORTING  
GOODS, JEWELRY, HOLIDAY  
DECOR, LINENS, SEWING AND  
HOBBIES, LUGGAGE, AND  
MUCH MORE! (NO CLOTHING)**

**\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY**

## LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Lay Servant Ministries of the South District will be offering two Basic Classes (Introduction to Lay Ministry) in the near future. The introductory course for Lay Servant Ministries is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. It is an overview of the program and concentrates on the importance of three areas:

Leading, Caring, and Communicating (the pillars or core ministries of lay servant ministries) and are inextricably intertwined. Laity who have taken classes can attest to how beneficial the classes have been for them.

One class will be in Tucson (in person) on Saturdays, September 27 and October 4. It will be held at St John's UMC.

Another class will be at Willcox UMC on Saturdays, October 4 and 11. A great opportunity for churches in outlying areas in Southeast Arizona.

These classes, as well as all classes (Intro and Advanced offered conference wide for this Fall) are available for registration on the Conference website and can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

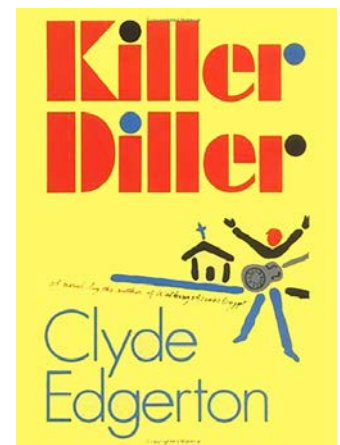
## Helping Hands Tutoring

**Calling volunteers for the Helping Hands Tutoring Program!** One goal of one-on-one tutoring is to build students' confidence and help them successfully understand concepts that may be difficult for them. Helping Hands Tutoring was elated to learn that one of its students was identified as "most improved student" in his class. Now that's success. Orientation is Thurs., 9/4, 2:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; actual tutoring begins Thurs., 9/18, 2:45-4:30 p.m. If you are able to tutor, sub, or serve as a 10-minute "guest" tutor on a subject of your choice, please call Hazel (234-6531) or Dixie Lee (236-8903).

NOTE: SVUMC follows a Safe Sanctuary policy requiring a background check.



*Book  
Buddies*



UWF Monthly Book Club will meet on Monday, September 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Room 5 of Fellowship Hall.

We shall discuss the book *Killer Diller*, by Clyde Edgerton

For more information,  
contact Leslie Sansone  
520-732-1339



Your SVUMC Church Council met August 28th and discussed upcoming events and church finances.

Calendar: We are an active church. Here's a picture to help you plan your calendar.

5 Sep, Community Food Bank. 1st time event!  
20 Sep, Produce Outreach  
1 Oct, Monthly Potluck  
2 Oct, Red Cross Blood Drive  
3 Oct, Community Food Bank  
5 Oct, World Communion Day  
10-11 Oct, UWF Rummage Sale  
18 Oct, Church Picnic  
18 Oct, Produce Outreach  
25 Oct, Relay for Life (Vet Park, SVUMC booth)  
31 Oct, Halloween. Trunk or Treat  
1 Nov, Church Conference. All church members are voters!  
4 Nov, Election Day  
7 Nov, Community Food Bank  
11 Nov, Veterans Day, Parade  
15 Nov, Produce Outreach  
15 Nov, GriefShare for the Holidays  
25 Nov, Ecumenical Service & Pie Fest  
27 Nov, Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving Dinner  
29 Nov, Hanging of the Greens  
30 Nov, Advent Study begins and meets weekly during

Advent  
3 Dec, Nativity Set up  
3 Dec, Monthly Potluck  
4 Dec, Red Cross Blood Drive  
5 Dec, Community Food Bank  
7 Dec, Christmas Cantata  
12 Dec, Village Christian Preschool Christmas Program  
TBD Dec, Advent Parents Night Out  
21 Dec, Blue Christmas Service  
24 Dec, Christmas Eve Service, 2 Services  
25 Dec, Christmas Day  
31 Dec, Watch Night, 1 Service

#### **Leader Absences**

10-12 Sep, Rev Kayla Out  
19 Sep, Rev Amanda Out  
22-25 Sep, Rev Kayla Out  
23 Sep, Rev Kayla Out  
20-23 Oct, Rev Amanda Out  
26-28 Nov, Rev Amanda Out  
15 Dec – 17 Feb, Rev Kayla Out

Thanks to all who set up a table at the Ministry Fair. We truly have something for everyone.

We discussed the draft 2026 church budget. Total authority is about \$700,000. You will vote on this budget at the Church Conference on 1 November. If you have specific questions, drop me an email and we will discuss. This is your church budget, and you should be comfortable with the priorities it supports.

Today, September 5th, we start our new relationship with the Southern Arizona Food Bank. This is different from our food pantry and our monthly Market on the Move ministries. Help is always needed.

The Trustees are busy keeping our campus in working order. They are getting bids to replace the ancient water heaters in the Fellowship Hall, upgrading our phones and internet (at a lower cost!), and reworking the fee structure for outside groups that use our campus. They are also working with an outside consultant to maximize our property insurance claims.

The Finance team has gained a credit card for use not only by the office manager but also to streamline purchases for our food pantry.

The Staff/Parrish Relations Committee combined the office manager and bookkeeper positions and made it a full-time position. This will provide stability and gain some efficiency in the office. Also, Rev Kayla is shifting from 75% Village Christian Pre-School director and 25% associate pastor, to a 50/50 work split. Many of her new SVUMC duties will include outreach events.

Under new business, we amended the 2025 church budget to account for compensation differences between our old and new senior pastor and changes with the office manager and bookkeeper positions. This actually dropped our total 2025 budget authority over \$3000 to a new total of about \$692,000. We also agreed to start planning a craft Fair in the Spring.

Our next meeting will be September 25th, 5:30 PM in the Serenity Room. All are welcome.

James Harper, [jamesharper85@gmail.com](mailto:jamesharper85@gmail.com)



Jana  
Betty Williams  
Jaidon Braswell  
Cheryl  
Martha Sosa  
Jolene & Family  
Lois Banyai  
Family of Lawrence Coss  
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  
Family of Kathy Marvin's Sister  
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  
Arnie Davis  
Ron  
Brenda Langenberg  
Walter Partridge  
Lynn  
Bernie  
Susan  
Samantha White  
Tristan, Hannah & Baby  
Doug & Jo Ann  
Larry Kirk  
Cindy  
Richard Cole  
Ervin Wegscheid  
Kip & His Family  
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  
Donna & Larry Horton  
Jennifer  
Nancy DiEgidio  
Bill Glowacki  
Kris  
Destiny  
Alex & Rick  
Ryan  
Kim  
Jackie Zandrews  
Terri  
Brandon, Cindy & Paul

Jesse  
Noah, Brooklyn, & Cindy  
Susan Holcombe  
Cheryl Bruno  
Arthur Feldman  
Donna T.  
David Higbee & Family  
Bettye Carson  
Dan Nucci  
Jason  
Ryder & his mother  
Aspen & her mother  
Cheri Beck  
Dr. Nancy  
Odessa Stewart  
Lucy Ellen Brown  
Christina  
Marc Johnson  
Jasmine  
Tricia Weller  
Sid & Carol Downey  
Ric Becker  
Lynn Stewart  
Victoria Nelson

### Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Roster

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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

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