



The
Jaunt

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter
March 8, 2024



Services for Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Sermon: Separating the Dark and Light - 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 8 March - 15 March 2024

Friday 8 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 9 March	10:00 AM: What's Next meeting - Serenity Room 10:00 - 11:30 AM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Sanctuary
Sunday 10 March	7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM worship services - Sanctuary 9:00 AM: Crossroads Adult Sunday School - Room 1, Fellowship Hall Lent Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
Monday 11 March	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 12 March	9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 - 9:00 PM: Rehearsal, Last Supper Reenactment - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 13 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 14 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 15 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 2) by Pastor Carl

When we belong to a group we have the possibility of setting up an "us versus them" situation. Groups, as they grow, seem to become exclusionary instead of becoming inclusive. We tend to say we want others to join our group, but we do so with the underlying idea that those joining are already like those in the group or desire to become like those in the group. Very few groups want new members to join their ranks for the purpose of changing the group. Have you ever caught yourself saying something like "Well, this group sure wasn't like this when I joined." Did that statement have a negative connotation? There are people in the church who work to keep the church small, because they like the intimacy of the relationships and friendships. There are people in the church separate others from God with phrases such as, "There's another church in town that might suit you and your kind better." God separated good from evil, light from darkness, land from the waters. God granted to humankind dominion over all the earth, but did not convey the directive to continue to separate things from other things. We belong to God as does all humanity and all creation. Are we open to the diversity that connects us?





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."

Brandon, Cindy & Paul
 Jesse
 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

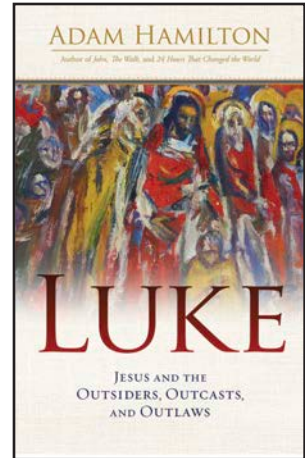
Christina
 Wendy
 Jake Robinson
 Andrea
 Donna Horton
 Marc Johnson
 Gary & Robin Weiser
 Anna Van Horn
 John
 Jasmine
 Dan Wiley
 Cindy Long
 Betty Williams
 Bob
 Jim Godskesen
 Eli O'Connor
 Greg Juedes
 Janet High
 Linda Penn
 Larry Horton
 Tricia Weller
 Ralph & Bree Merito
 Gayle Bryant & His Family
 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



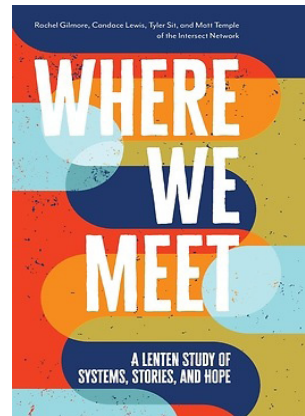
Sierra Vista United Methodist Women of Faith and Naomi Circle are sponsoring a **SILENT CROSS AUCTION** through March 24th. The crosses are hand crafted and donated by Lanny and Mary Ellen Kope. All the wood for the crosses are from left over wood from other projects or weathered wood from fences and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

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



Thank you for keeping the Food Pantry in mind. The shelves will only stay stocked if we continue to be generous.

The cost of living is causing many to struggle to afford the basic. In Matthew 25:35-40 Jesus emphasized the importance of caring for those in need. It is right and a good thing to help those in need when we can.

GRACE FARRINGTON

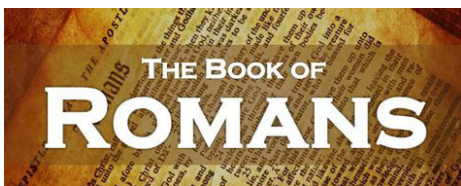
With sadness we inform you that Grace Farrington passed away on February 17, 2024. Her Celebration of Life service will be held at Hatfield Funeral Home, March 23, at 12:00 PM. Please contact Hatfield Funeral Home for further information.

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 started a study in the New Testament... *the Book of Romans*.

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

**9:00 AM - Room 1
 Fellowship Hall**

Better Meals



“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.

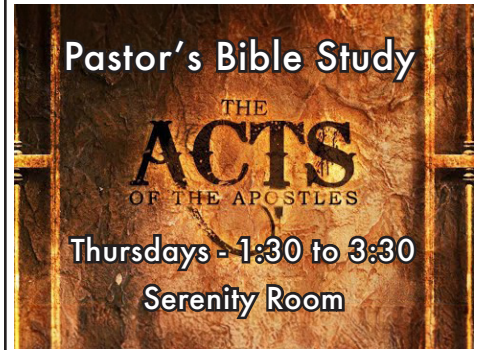
Joe McDermott, who helped establish the Better Bucks and now the Better Meals programs, provides this list of schools and the outstanding debts each one is carrying (as of February 1st, 2024):

- 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.



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.



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.

OFFERING 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>

HOLY WEEK



March 24 - Palm Sunday

**Easter Cantata (all 3 services)
Living Last Supper - 2:00 PM**

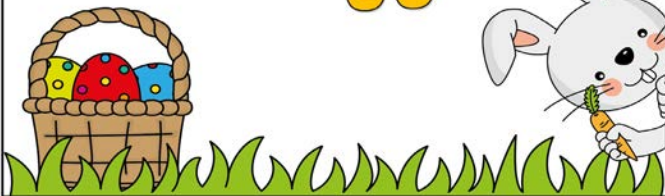
March 28 - Maundy Thursday

**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**

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

(after 10:30 AM service)

Peace Garden & Lawn

*Drop off donations of pre-filled Easter eggs to
the office by March 27*

For more information, contact Kayla Johnson



UMCOR SUNDAY

(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

Through your generous gift today, you share the goodness of life with those who hurt.

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UMCOR SUNDAY (March 10, 2024) calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

For more information, visit: www.resourceUMC.org



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 church office or Sheila King (775-691-0023) for more information.

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.

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 an Understudy for Jesus



Sierra Vista Sings!
"Faith, Hope, & Love"

SVUMC Worship Center

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

7:00 PM (doors open 6:30)

To buy tickets, contact Deb at 520-803-0915

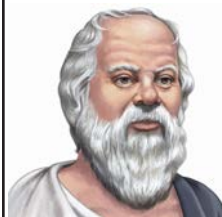
Tickets: \$10.00 each

Free will offering in support of The Salvation Army



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.



"Children; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room, they contradict their parents and tyrannize their teachers. Children are now tyrants."

- Socrates, circa 470BC

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:

Gretchen Lofgren
glofgren22@gmail.com

Kelly Deyoe
kjdeyoe@cox.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)

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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



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