

# The Jaunt



## Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

April 19, 2024

Services for Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Reading 1: 1 John 3:1-7

Reading 2: Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon Title: Open Doors - Rev. Carl Peterson



SVUMC  
Website  
QR Code

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)

### **SVUMW's Annual Rummage Sale**

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

**Donations NOT accepted:**

*no old TVs or computers*

*no helmets*

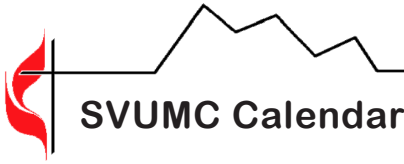
*no car seats*

*no mattresses*

*no cribs*

*no clothing*

**Rummage Sale Meeting**  
**Monday, April 22,**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Serenity Room**



## SVUMC Calendar 19 April 2024 - 26 April 2024

Friday 19 April	Exercise Classes - See schedule on last page of this Jaunt - Fellowship Hall 8:00 AM: UMM board meeting - Serenity Room 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 12:00 PM: Emmaus Reunion Group
Saturday 20 April	8:00 - 10:00 AM: M.O.M. Produce Outreach - Parking Lot
Sunday 21 April	7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM worship services - Sanctuary
Monday 22 April	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center <b>10:00 AM: Rummage Sale Meeting - Serenity Room</b>
Tuesday 23 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 24 April	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 CenterW 1:30 PM: Grief Share - Serenity Room 6:00 PM: Vespers - Sanctuary
Thursday 25 April	<b>Earth Day</b> 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 1:30 - 3:30 PM: Pastor's Bible Study - Serenity Room 2:45 PM: Helping Hands Tutoring - Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM: Finance Committee - Serenity Room
Friday 26 April	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 6:00 PM: Earthkeepers Fourth Friday Film Night - Serenity Room



## Prayer Word: Renew (Week 3) by Pastor Carl



How do you feel right after a shower or bath? How do you feel when you have tidied up your house, or even a room in the house? Do you feel accomplished and a bit energized by the satisfaction of having cleaned up a bit? God renews us and takes care of us through the Holy Spirit. The world gets us down and sometimes distracts us from following God's will. The Holy Spirit washes us and renews our spirit for God's work. Maybe you have seen someone who goes through the motions of washing (perhaps a child who doesn't know how to do it well yet, or a mechanic who is just trying to get the top layer off because it will take a while to get through all the grime)? Some Christians are like that. They go through the motions, but are not made clean by their own choice. It isn't that God couldn't make them clean, but they don't want to put the effort into being part of God's flock. Are you part of the flock that is renewed by God's grace?



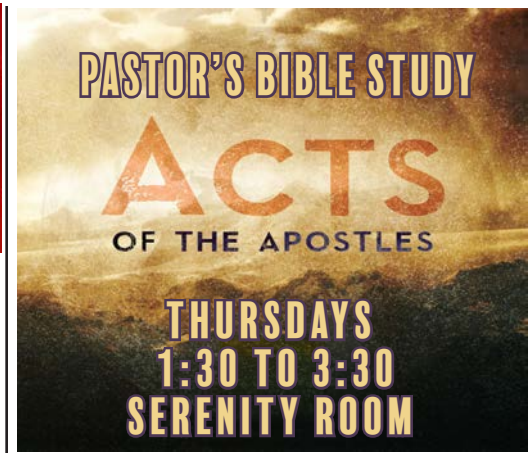
# Prayer Requests

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



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

# ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

THURSDAYS  
 1:30 TO 3:30  
 SERENITY ROOM



## 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



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.



# 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!



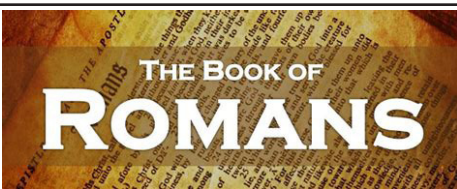
For information on local SAWS activity, see: <https://sierravistamethodist.org/saws-ramps>  
 This is a volunteer-powered mission and we need your help!

# 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!



## Crossroads Adult Sunday School

The Cross road Sunday Class that meets at 0900 hr. on Sunday morning **will not meet on the 21st of April**. The class will resume at 9:00 AM in Room 1, Fellowship Hall on 28 April. The class will continue their study of Romans picking up with Chapter 9.

This break in the class schedule is due to the lack of class leaders for the April 21 class.

Your Brother in Christ  
Harry

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



**M.O.M.**  
**Produce Outreach**  
**Saturday**  
**April 20, 2024**  
**SVUMC Parking Lot**

## 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*



## Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be Tuesday, April 23rd at 6pm in the Serenity Room.

All ladies of the church are welcome!  
For information about this meeting or about Ruth Circle in general, please contact: Annie Coppola 520-678-5647



## 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**



## Green Team

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

### Pray for "General Conference"

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 "Book of Resolutions", 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](https://www.resourceumc.org) and searching for "guide to prayer", or to [www.upperroom.org/news/2667](https://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>.

J. Knoche

# 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.

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