



QUE PASA

The Newsletter of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

September 19, 2025



Services for Sunday
September 21, 2025

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

The Power of Lament - Rev. Amanda Corella

Scripture Readings
Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Wednesday, September 24, 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
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A recording of the Sunday Worship Service can be viewed at:

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

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

Que Pasa Newsletter Calendar

Friday, Sep 19 – Friday, Sep 26, 2025

Friday, Sep 19 8:30 a.m. – Strength Classes (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Move Around Ladies (<i>Activity Center</i>) 9:35 a.m. – Back & Abs Class (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 11:00 a.m. – Dust Bunnies (<i>Worship Center</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Hand & Foot Game (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Worship Design (<i>Worship Center</i>)	Saturday, Sep 20
Sunday, Sep 21 7:30 a.m. – Informal Service (<i>Worship Center</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Crossroads Bible Study (<i>Rm 1, Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Service (<i>Worship Center</i>) 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Service (<i>Worship Center</i>) 4:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal (<i>Worship Center</i>)	Monday, Sep 22 8:30 a.m. – Strength Classes (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Move Around Ladies (<i>Activity Center</i>) 9:35 a.m. – Back & Abs Class (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study (<i>Online</i>) 5:00 p.m. – Praise Band Rehearsal (<i>Worship Center</i>) 5:15 p.m. – Relay for Life Meeting (<i>Serenity Room</i>) 6:00 p.m. – Sierra Sings Rehearsal (<i>Worship Center</i>)
Tuesday, Sep 23 9:30 a.m. – KnitWits (<i>Room 1, Fellowship Hall</i>) 11:30 a.m. – Emmaus Reunion Group (<i>Rm 1/2 Fellowship Hall</i>) 1:00 p.m. – UWF Bible Study (<i>Room 5, Fellowship Hall</i>) 4:00 p.m. – Sierra Sings Rehearsal (<i>Worship Center</i>) 6:00 p.m. – Ruth Circle (<i>Room 3/4, Fellowship Hall</i>)	Wednesday, Sep 24 7:00 a.m. – Spit & Shine (<i>Church Campus</i>) 8:00 a.m. – Sonrisers (<i>Room 5, Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Move Around Ladies (<i>Activity Center</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Party Bridge Lessons (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 1:30 p.m. – GriefShare (<i>Serenity Room</i>) 6:00 p.m. – Vespers (<i>Worship Center</i>) 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal (<i>Worship Center</i>)
Thursday, Sep 25 7:00 a.m. – Emmaus Breakfast (<i>Restaurant</i>) 8:30 a.m. – Emmaus Group (<i>Room 5, Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:30 a.m. – Mary Martha Circle (<i>Room 3/4, Fellowship Hall</i>) 10:00 a.m. – Mah Jongg (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 2:45 p.m. – Helping Hands Tutoring (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 5:30 p.m. – Church Council (<i>Serenity Room</i>)	Friday, Sep 26 8:30 a.m. – Strength Classes (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 9:00 a.m. – Move Around Ladies (<i>Activity Center</i>) 9:35 a.m. – Back & Abs Class (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 11:00 a.m. – Dust Bunnies (<i>Worship Center</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Hand & Foot Game (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 1:00 p.m. – Worship Design (<i>Worship Center</i>)

- 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
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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.

QUE PASA SUBMISSIONS

While our editor, George Graves, is off bravely enduring the hardships of a five-star resort in Cancún, Mexico, the Que Pasa will be in the capable hands of our creative and talented office manager, Kayla Empey. She will publish the issues for September 19 and September 26.

Please send your submissions to svum3225@gmail.com.



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

Please contact Donna Horton for more information:
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

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, September 23
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Serenity Room

Please contact Annie Coppola for more information

All ladies of our church are welcome!



Please Wear Your Name Tags



Building Freedom One Ramp at a Time

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

Hand & Foot Card Game



Friday
October 3rd

1:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

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

OCTOBER 3RD



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

SVUMC Produce Outreach Ministry



3rd Saturday of each month
7:00 - 9:00 AM - September 20
\$10 for up to 60 lbs
Distribution in the SVUMC parking lot

Calling volunteers for the Helping Hands Tutoring Program!



Huachuca Mountain Elementary School partners with SVUMC in a volunteer tutoring program. The Helping Hands program offers one-on-one help for students in grades 1-3, focusing especially on reading skills. The after-school tutoring may be especially critical for students who could benefit from individual attention. Tutoring began 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). **Currently we have two students on the waiting list and we are anxious to find two more tutors.**

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

Monthly Committee Meetings

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thursdays, Fridays, &
Saturdays
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.

S.A.H.A.R.A. needs volunteers to help run their Food Pantry, and their Thrift Store (front & back).
Contact Curtis Foster for more information or to volunteer.



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**

UMM Fishermen Gathering

Echoing Hope Ranch

— growth, discovery and lifelong learning for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

- Day Program
- Residential
- Habilitation
- Respite
- Supported Employment



The monthly meeting of the UMM Fishermen will be on Saturday, 27 September 2025 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee is on by 7:30 and the we kick off at 8:00 with breakfast followed by our guest speaker from Echoing Hope Ranch.

This Gathering is open to all, both the men and the women of the church.

Attention Rummage Sale Volunteers!

The Rummage Sale is just around the corner!

- Sorting and pricing begins **Monday, October 5**. We will be in the Activity Center from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Lunch will be provided Monday - Friday
- Donations of breakfast items and snacks are appreciated!

Please contact Norma Eck with questions.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 ACTIVITY CENTER PARKING LOT

4 PM: Trunk Setup

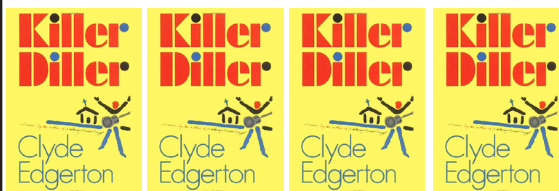
5-7 PM: Trunk-or-Treaters Arrive

TO HOST A TRUNK, CONTACT

REV. KAYLA AT:

revkaylaj@gmail.com

CANDY DONATIONS WELCOME!



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



Dear Beloved Community,

We are writing today to express our deep gratitude for your faithful support of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church (SVUMC). The mission of SVUMC is to "Spread the love of Jesus Christ."

Your prayers, service, time and generosity have empowered this congregation to fulfill this mission by reaching out to our community by providing a welcoming and vibrant place of worship.

As we move forward together, we are very excited about the opportunities God is offering us. We believe God has blessed this church and is calling us to expand our reach. Thus, we are hoping to deepen our impact in Sierra Vista and surrounding communities through our efforts to spread the love of Jesus Christ. To do this effectively, we are inviting you to journey with us through our new worship series entitled "*Be The Light*" starting on September 28th and ending with a Commitment Sunday on October 26th.

During this time, we will prayerfully consider our commitment to the sharing of our time, talents, testimony, and treasures. We do this because we believe that we "are the light to the world" and we are called to let our "light shine before others" (Matthew 5:14-18). This series will highlight how our efforts, as good stewards, illuminates God's goodness and invites us to feed the flame of our own faith as a church family.

Thank you for your commitment to SVUMC. We are looking forward to seeing how God will bless our collective efforts and enhance the Kingdom of Peace we all pray for.

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee

John Marwin
Donna Horton
Leslie Sansone
James Harper
Rev. Amanda Corella



Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



UMC Bishops Issue Statement Condemning Political Violence

September 11, 2025

"Seek peace and pursue it!"

Every day, we are besieged with acts of violence across the globe. From Gaza to Goma to Orem to Evergreen. We grieve with families, communities and nations as they bear the weight of the pain and grief that violence leaves in its wake. The assassination of Charlie Kirk reminds us of the urgent need to address the growing threat of political violence.

We unequivocally condemn this act of violence and all violence. Violence dehumanizes victims and perpetrators. We call upon all people to reject the divisive rhetoric that fractures community. The most recent school shooting in Colorado summons us again to work to make schools safe places, to equip children to manage difference and disagreement nonviolently and to reduce the easy access to guns.

We are guided by the prophetic vision of Isaiah, who wrote, "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4). This vision of a world where weapons are transformed into instruments of peace and prosperity is a powerful reminder of our calling to be active peacemakers.

As United Methodists gather for worship over the next several days, we call you to prayer and meaningful action against violence as a means to dispute settlement. We urge United Methodists to actively promote a culture of understanding, respect, and nonviolent conflict resolution. We encourage all United Methodists to work for public policies that foster community and reduce violence locally and globally.

Yours in pursuit of peace,

Bishop Tracy S. Malone
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Taken from Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church online newsletter, 11 September, 2025. < <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/umc-bishops-condemn-political-violence-19304970> >

Gun Violence Awareness Statement

Issued by the United Methodist District Southwest Conference

September 15, 2025

As followers of Jesus Christ and members of The Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church, we grieve the continued loss of life due to mass shootings in our communities, schools, places of worship, and public spaces. Each act of violence is a tragic reminder of the brokenness of our world and the urgent need for justice, compassion, and peace. Violence within churches and schools that target our most sacred community spaces are the hardest for us to fathom and reminds us how precious our lives truly are.

We believe that every person is created in the image of God and is of sacred worth. Violence against any of God's children is a violation of this truth and an affront to the gospel of Jesus Christ, who calls us to be peacemakers and agents of healing in a hurting world.

In the spirit of our Wesleyan tradition, which calls us to both personal and social holiness, we cannot remain silent in the face of such tragedy. We mourn with those who mourn, we pray for healing and comfort for victims and their families, and we recommit ourselves to the work of nonviolence, advocacy, and community safety.

The 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions provides us with a list of ways that our churches can be active in preventing these events, and we republish them here as a reminder of our Global Church's commitment:

As followers of Jesus, called to live into the reality of God's dream of shalom as described by Micah, we must address the epidemic of gun violence so "that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in God's paths." Therefore, we call upon United Methodists to prayerfully address gun violence in their local context. Some of the ways in which to prevent gun violence include the following:

1. For congregations to make preventing gun violence a regular part of our conversations and prayer times. Gun violence must be worshipfully and theologically reflected on, and we encourage United Methodist churches to frame conversations theologically by utilizing resources such as "Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities: Reflections on Gun Violence from Micah 4:1-4" produced by the General Board of Church and Society.

2. For congregations to assist those affected by gun violence through prayer, pastoral care, creating space, and encouraging survivors to share their stories, financial assistance, and through identifying other

resources in their communities as victims of gun violence and their families walk through the process of grieving and healing.

3. For individual United Methodists who own guns as hunters or collectors to safely and securely store their guns and to teach the importance of practicing gun safety.

4. For United Methodist congregations that have not experienced gun violence to form ecumenical and interfaith partnerships with faith communities that have experienced gun violence in order to support them and learn from their experiences.

5. For United Methodist congregations to lead or join in ecumenical or interfaith gatherings for public prayer at sites where gun violence has occurred and partner with law enforcement to help prevent gun violence.

6. For United Methodist congregations to partner with local law-enforcement agencies and community groups to identify gun retailers that engage in retail practices designed to circumvent laws on gun sales and ownership, encourage full legal compliance, and to work with groups like Heeding God's Call that organize faith-based campaigns to encourage gun retailers to gain full legal compliance with appropriate standards and laws.

7. For United Methodist congregations to display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto church property.

8. For United Methodist congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence.

2020/2024 Book of Resolutions -3212 Our Call to End Gun Violence

As a Conference, we are also committed to taking tangible steps to support the safety and security of our congregations. To this end, we will be publishing resources and best practices on the Conference Board of Trustees webpage to help local churches assess and strengthen their safety protocols and ways to respond to violence in words and actions.

-- Rae Lathrop – Director of Justice & Community Development, David Harris – Church & Society Committee Chair, Church & Society Committee Members, Gun Violence Awareness Taskforce Members

Source: DSC Communications Newsletter, "Gun Violence Awareness Statement," 15 September 2025. < <https://dscumc.org/blog/2025/09/15/gun-violence-awareness-statement/> >



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Cheryl
Jolene & Family
Lois Banyai
Kathy Hobel's Family Friend
Mike Hartman
John & His Family
Marilyn
Nancy Buttke
Curtis Tipton
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