

QUE PASA

The Newsletter of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

October 31, 2025



Services for Sunday November 2, 2025

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

"Remember Me: Spiritual Hall of Fame"
- Rev. Amanda Corella

Scripture Readings Psalm 106:1-5 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Wednesday, November 5, 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

Que Pasa Newsletter Calendar - Friday, Oct 31 - Friday, Nov 7, 2025

Friday, Oct 31, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Strength Classes (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Move Around Ladies (Activity Center)

9:35 a.m. - Back & Abs Class (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. – Dust Bunnies (Worship Center)

1:00 p.m. – Worship Design (Worship Center)

Saturday, Nov 1, 2025

No scheduled events.

Sunday, Nov 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Informal Service (Worship Center)

9:00 a.m. - Crossroads Bible Study (Rm 1, Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service (Worship Center)

9:30-10:15 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (Education Wing)

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Service (Worship Center)

10:30–11:30 a.m. – Children Sunday School (Education Wing)

4:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Monday, Nov 3, 2025

7:00 a.m. - Elections

8:30 a.m. - Strength Classes (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Move Around Ladies (Activity Center)

9:35 a.m. - Back & Abs Class (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study (Online)

6:00 p.m. - Sierra Sings Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. - KnitWits (Room 1, Fellowship Hall)

11:30 a.m. - Emmaus Reunion Group (Rm 1/2 Fellowship Hall)

1:00 p.m. – UWF Bible Study (Room 5, Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive (Activity Center)

4:00 p.m. - Sierra Sings Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Wednesday, Nov 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Spit & Shine (Church Campus)

8:00 a.m. - Sonrisers (Room 5, Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Move Around Ladies (Activity Center)

10:00 a.m. – UWF Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 p.m. – Party Bridge Lessons (Fellowship Hall)

1:30 p.m. - GriefShare (Serenity Room)

5:00 p.m. – Church Potluck Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 p.m. - Vespers (Worship Center)

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Thursday, Nov 6, 2025

7:00 a.m. – Emmaus Breakfast (Restaurant)

8:30 a.m. – Emmaus Group (Room 5, Fellowship Hall)

9:30 a.m. - Mary Martha Circle (Room 3/4, Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. – Mah Jongg (Fellowship Hall)

2:45 p.m. – Helping Hands Tutoring (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 p.m. – Trustees Meeting (Serenity Room)

Friday, Nov 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Strength Classes (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Move Around Ladies (Activity Center)

9:00 a.m. - CFBSA Distribution (Parking Lot)

9:35 a.m. - Back & Abs Class (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. - Dust Bunnies (Worship Center)

1:00 p.m. - Worship Design (Worship Center)



TRUCK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST (HALLOWEEN) IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER PARKING LOT

4:00 PM—TRUNK SETUP

5:00-7:00 PM—TRUNK OR TREATERS!

CANDY DONATIONS WELCOME!

TO HOST A TRUNK,

CONTACT REV. KAYLA AT REVKAYLAJ@GMAIL.COM

Sunday School and Bible Studies

Sunday 9:00 AM Crossroads Adult Bible Study

Fellowship Hall, Rm I 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



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





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 syumc3225@gmail.com



Save a Life, Give Blood

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 SVUMC Activity Center 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

For more information, contact Sheila King, skinglayleader@gmail.com

Critical Need for Blood Donors - Come and give and you'll get a \$20 e-gift card.

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!

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.

ALERT!

The smelll of gas was detected, and at our request, Southwest Gas came out and found that the Fellowship Hall oven has a leak in the flex pipe. The stove/oven will be unusable until the issue is resolved. Please do not turn anything on.



SALVS 3 SOUTHWEST 2 Building Freedom One Ramp at a Time

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



Meets Tuesday mornings Classroom 1-2 Fellowship Hall 9:30am - 11:00am

KNIT WITS

RELAY FOR LIFE 2025



The 2025 Relay for Life event was held on Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park. It was a beautiful, sunny day that gave way to a chilly evening as we packed up our booth around 10:00 p.m. While the total amount raised for cancer research has not yet been announced, our team—the SVUMC Fishermen—raised an impressive \$3,410, far surpassing our original goal of \$1,000!

Your generosity and support made this success possible. On behalf of all cancer warriors, thank you for helping bring hope and healing to those in the fight.



Rev. Amanda Corella on stage at Relay for Life giving the invocation. To her right is Cochise County Sheriff Dannels. There is no truth to the rumor that after the invocation the sheriff escorted Rev. Amanda in handscuffs to a waiting paddy wagon.



November 4th Election

Election ending next Tuesday!

Cochise county registered voters will vote on whether our sales tax should be increased by 0.5% for a limited time, in order to finance a much needed new jail.

If you want to vote early in person: early voting ends today, Friday, October 31. The early voting site is the Recorder's office in Bisbee, open 8-5. You will need to bring required identification.

If you have a mailed ballot, it is now too late to mail it in (and ensure that it arrives in time). You may: (a) drop it off today by 5 pm in Sierra Vista at the county service center, 4001 E Foothills Dr., or (b) drop it off at any county polling place on November 4 (no waiting in lines, no ID needed).

To vote in person on November 4, you may go to any Cochise County voting center (the SVUMC Activity Center is one). Be there between 6 am and 7 pm, with appropriate identification.

Live out your Christian faith by being a responsible citizen!





Hard Times Ahead...

With no end in sight to the nearly monthlong federal government shutdown, funding for the nation's largest food assistance program, known as SNAP, will disappear at the start of November, according to the Department of Agriculture. On Friday, the Trump administration said in a memo that it would not tap into contingency funds to keep payments flowing to states.

Food pantries across the United States were stretched thin even before the federal government shut down. Rising food prices had driven a growing number of people to their doors. Cuts to federal programs have left them with less to give.

Now, food pantries — a last resort for tens of millions—will experience a greater surge in demand. We need to do whatever we can. Every little bit helps! Please donate.

Items that are greatly needed are:

Peanut butter

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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



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.



We are playing on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 1 to 4 PM. For more info, please call KJ Wigton, 520-234-1018



Hand & Foot Card Game Friday, 1:00 PM - Fellowship Hall



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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Kickoff!

If you're interested in bell ringing or plan to attend the kickoff, please let Gary Larson know and he will provide additional information. We still need a couple of bell ringers and kickoff attendees. This year's kickoff will be more elaborate than in the past. Together, we can make this holiday season brighter for those in need.

The kickoff breakfast (you can still ring a bell without attending the breakfast) will be from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, Friday, 7 November at the Salvation Army building, 180 East Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista.









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're 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!

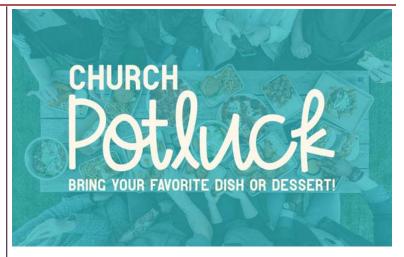
Come learn, ask, and connect as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



I FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH |
| 9 AM - 11 AM |
| VOLUNTEEERS ARRIVE AT 8 AM |

ACTIVITY CENTER AT SIERRA VISTA UMC 3225 ST. ANDREWS DRIVE SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85650 NOVEMBER 7TH



MEMBERSHIP

1st Wednesday Every Month
Fellowship Hall
Dishes arrive at 4:30 PM
Dinner begins at 5:00 PM
Bring a dish to pass—and your appetite!
We welcome volunteers for setup & cleanup!
Contact Nancy DiEgidio

Church Council Meeting

Your SVUMC Church Council met October 23rd and prepared for our Church Conference on Saturday, 1 Nov 25.

Calendar: We are approaching a busy season. Here's a picture to help you plan your calendar.

- 1. 31 Oct, Trunk or Treat
- 2. 1 Nov, Sunrise Rotary Race
- 3. 1 Nov, Church Conference
- 4. 2 Nov, Daylight Savings Time for everybody else
- 5. 4 Nov, Election Day
- 6. 7 Nov, Community Food Bank
- 7. 11 Nov, Veterans Day, Parade
- 8. 15 Nov, Produce Outreach
- 9. 15 Nov, GriefShare Surviving the Holidays
- 10. 25 Nov, Ecumenical Service & Pie Fest
- 11. 29 Nov, Hanging of the Greens
- 12. 30 Nov, Advent Study begins and meets weekly during Advent
- 13. 3 Dec, Nativity Set up
- 14. 4 Dec, Red Cross Blood Drive
- 15. 5 Dec, Community Food Bank
- 16. 5, 6 Dec, Sierra Vista Sings Concert
- 17. 7 Dec, Christmas Cantata
- 18. 12 Dec, Village Christian Preschool Christmas Program
- 19. 17 Dec, Blue Christmas Service
- 20. TBD Dec, Advent Parents Night Out
- 21. 20 Dec, Produce Outreach
- 22. 24 Dec, Christmas Eve Service, 2 Services
- 23. 25 Dec, Christmas Day
- 24. 31 Dec, Watch Night, 1 Service
- 25. 2 Jan, Community Food Bank
- 26. 7 Jan, Take down Nativity
- 27. 10 Jan, Unhanging of the Greens
- 28. 23-24 Jan, Thunder Mountain Twirlers



Leader Absences

26-28 Nov, Pastor Amanda Thanksgiving with family 15 Dec – 17 Feb, Rev Kayla Out

Dec (TBD), Pastor Amanda Tamale making with Family 26-28 Jan, Pastor Amanda BOOM Provisional Interviews 23-27 Feb, Pastors Amanda and Kayla Clergy Gathering 6-10 Apr, Pastor Amanda BOOM Ordination Interviews

We updated the 2026 SVUMC budget proposed by the Finance Committee with our 2026 apportionment. You will vote on this budget at the Church Conference on 1 November. Total authority is \$695,574.49. The 2026 apportionment is down about \$3,000 from 2025. This is your church budget, and you should be comfortable with the priorities it supports. Also on the Finance front, we agreed to close redundant checking and savings accounts. We also endorsed the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan that some of you helped write in August. This sets priorities for our ministries and aligns our resources to those goals.

Our food ministries continue to help many. Our relationship with the Southern Arizona Food Bank, Market on the Move, and our very own Food Pantry continue to support our neighbors.

Thirtyj-five of us enjoyed our annual Church picnic. Fellowship builds our relationships with each other and our Lord and Savior, and this was the picnic. Oh yeah, there was plenty of very good food!

Rev Amanda reported several new members and that she will soon re-start membership classes and Bible study. Let me take this opportunity to encourage you to join us at Church Conference, 10AM on 1 November. This is your church, and this is your chance to shape our future!

Our next meeting will not be until January -- our normal meetings would fall on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any issues. We can address them without in person meetings! Have a great Holiday season and thanks for all you do!

James Harper, jameshharper85@gmail.com

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.



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

Blvd. Suite L-1

Real Wishes Foundation is a 501C3 Charity















Galling 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.

"Sierra Vista Sings" presents our 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 **Debi Godwin**accompanied by **Dorothy Scheafer** and **Billie Hayes**

Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30pm)
with a matinee performance on
Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 2 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 Koltveit: text or call 520-895-9645.

Tickets will also be available in limited quantities at the door!

Free will offering in support of





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

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 lason

Eugene McCray

Dani Ron

Brenda Langenberg Walter Partridge

Bernie Susan

Doug & Jo AnnAspen &

her mother

Tristan, Hannah & Baby

Doug & Jo Ann Larry Kirk Cindy Richard Cole Ervin Wegscheid

Shawntel Tedford

Larry & Doncella Leach

Trina

Michael Rooney

Elizabeth Louie Sophie Iim 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

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Terri

Kim

Brandon, Cindy & Paul

Noah, Brooklyn, & Cindy

Susan Holcombe Cheryl Bruno Arthur Feldman David Higbee & Family

Bettye Carson Dan Nucci lason

Rvder & 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 Roster

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Christian Education Director: Rev. Kayla Johnson

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Director of Music: Samuel Vaughn Choir Director: Aenea Ferguson Finance Chair: Donna Horton

Treasurer: KJ Wigton

Financial Secretary: Paul Horka Bookkeeper: Kayla Empey

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Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sheila King

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