



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

March 29, 2024

Services for Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: Rise and Shine - 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



Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

(after 10:30 AM service)

Peace Garden & Lawn

Drop off donations of pre-filled eggs to the office

For more information, contact Kayla Johnson



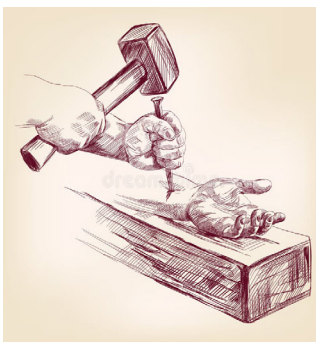
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SVUMC Calendar 29 March - 5 April 2024

Good Friday 29 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 6:00 PM: Good Friday worship service - Sanctuary
Saturday 30 March	
Easter Sunday 31 March	6:00 AM: Sunrise Service - Peace Garden behind the sanctuary 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM worship services - Sanctuary
Monday 1 April	Office Closed Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 2 April	9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 9:00AM - 2:00 PM: Red Cross Blood Drive - Activity Center Gym 10:00 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group
Wednesday 3 April	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 5:00 PM: First Wednesday Potluck - Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM: Vespers - Sanctuary
Thursday 4 April	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 2:45 PM: Helping Hands Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
Friday 5 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

Prayer Word: Belonging (Week 4) by Pastor Carl



Today is Good Friday. Christ will be nailed to a cross and die. This man, Jesus, will no longer belong to the earth, but return to the kingdom of God as our Christ, where he rightfully belongs. The promise of the resurrection comes to us as we belong to the kingdom of God. Like the ancient Israelites, we people still seek a king; a ruler who will make the hard decisions for us. Sadly, we turn to human kings instead of working on belonging completely to God who gave of himself so we can share in that eternal life. What are we unwilling to sacrifice, unwilling to give up, that keeps us from completely belonging to God? Is it power? The sense of independence? Are we willing to give up all that we have for a human king to rule over us but not the eternal king? As we kneel at the cross and look to the sky, we must decide where our heart lies and with whom we belong.

HE IS RISEN!



DONATE
FOOD



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."

Sue Banyai
Destiny
Arnie Davis
Alex & Rick (Curtis Fosters' Friends)
Ryan (Betty Williams' Grandson)
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
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

Opportunity Knocking



This Church has many opportunities for people to serve Christ. And of course, one big way to serve Christ is to serve His people. A big ministry of our church is our ministry to the Good Neighbor Alliance, an organization that works in a big way to help homeless persons get back on their feet by providing food and shelter as well as programs to help these individuals work their way back into society.

Members of our Church prepare home-cooked meals for these folks at their location on the first Monday of every month. Our members, some of your friends that you worship with, have been doing it religiously (forgive the play on words) for years. Vashti McNeill establishes a schedule of volunteers every year and this ministry gets done. However, the last two or three years the number of volunteers has declined somewhat, and some folks are having to take multiple months. Look at this year's schedule and you can see what your friends are doing.

January—Vashti McNeill,
February—Dixie Larson,
March—Doris & Harry Magargee,
April **is open at this time**,
May—Pastor Carl,
June—Sheila King,
July—Kayla Johnson,
August—Vashti again,
September—Doris & Harry again,
October—Sheila again,
November—Kayla again,
December—Sara Evans.

These folks are not doing this for praise, recognition, or anything of that nature. When our volunteers see how these mostly forgotten, homeless, folks react to a home-cooked meal and realize that some people do really care about them, their smiles and thanks make this ministry a very worthwhile endeavor. Call Vashti McNeill, 520 263 4660, or email her at mceillrussell27@gmail.com for more information. If you are a little apprehensive about it, contact Vashti or one of the folks listed above and talk to them about assisting one time to see what it is all about. You want to make God smile, help Him, it is not that hard to do.

RUMMAGE SALE

Calling all volunteers! The annual UMW (UWF) rummage sale will be May 3 (7-2) and May 4 (7-12). Setup of tables will be April 28, sorting and pricing will begin Monday April 29. Many hands make light work. Donations may be dropped off on Wednesdays between 8-10 am or call one of the Spit and Shine members. Any questions call Norma Eck 845-800-4146.

Donations of breakfast and snack foods will be greatly appreciated for the setup days of Apr 28-May 3. Lunches are taken care of thank you so much. Myra Rogers. Contact Norma Eck at 845 800 4146 if you have any questions. Donations are always welcome except for clothing and shoes. Make sure everything is in working condition.

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
or contact Carl Coss or
KJ Wigton.
Tickets: \$10.00 each
There will be a free will offering
in support of The Salvation Army

Prayers for Our Churches

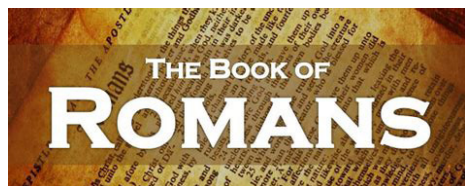
Please pray for the churches and pastors of the South District of the Desert Southwest Conference.

April

First UMC, Safford

First UMC, Tucson

Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson



Crossroads Adult Sunday School

The Crossroads Sunday school class is studying the New Testament... *the Book of Romans*.

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

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

After-Easter Sale



Here is a great idea! Go to stores for after-Easter sales, and buy stuffed animals to donate to the chaplains at the Canyon Vista Medical Center.

Jesus loves the little children...



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.

GIVE BLOOD

EVERY 2 SECONDS, SOMEONE
IN THE U.S. NEEDS BLOOD!

SVUMC Activity Center

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:00 AM~ 3:00 PM

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or long onto redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: Methodist.



**American
Red Cross**

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>

CHURCH COUNCIL



Your SVUMC Church Council met March 21st and discussed upcoming events and made a couple of decisions.

Calendar:

31 Mar, Easter Sunday w/ Sunrise Service
2 Apr, ARC Blood Drive
3 Apr, Resume Wed Potluck Dinner
6 Apr, What's Next Group begins
12, 13 Apr, Sierra Sings Concert
14 Apr, Native American Sunday
20 April, Produce Outreach
28 Apr – 3 May, UWF Rummage Sale set up
1 May, Potluck Dinner
4 May, UWF Rummage Sale
12 May, Mother's Day
17 May, Village Christian Preschool Graduation
26 May, Peace with Justice Sunday
27 May, Memorial Day
4 Jun, ARC Blood Drive
5 Jun, Potluck Dinner
13-16 Jun, Annual Conference in Tucson
15 Jun, Kayla Johnson Commissioning, Catalina UMC, 7 PM
10-13 Jul, Western Jurisdictional Conference, Spokane, WA.
Pastor Carl attending in conjunction with annual vacation.
4 Aug, Back to School Sunday
4 Aug, Ministry Fair

Reminder that Annual Conference is in Tucson for the first time ever and you are welcome to see how the conference does business.

Kayla Johnson announced the theme for Vacation Bible School, "Hero Hotline." Mark your calendars for June 17th to June 21st whether you are a volunteer or you are sending young disciples!

We approved a motion to allow the Pastor to donate \$1,000 from his discretionary fund to the Better Meals Fund to help local school children afford their school lunch.

We handled some corporate business allowing Jon Grindle to take a specific action, and possibly future actions, to support our church. Thanks, Jon for all you do for this church as we spread the Love of Jesus!

Our next meeting will be April 18th, 5:30 PM in the Serenity. All are welcome.

James Harper, harperjh@earthlink.net

HOLY WEEK



**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**

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

THURSDAYS - 1:30 TO 3:30
SERENITY ROOM

GRIEF SHARE®

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.

First Wednesday Potluck!



The first Wednesday of every month, we hold a potluck that is brimming with good food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and join us in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM for a bodacious meal! Consider staying for Vespers at 6:00.

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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