



The Jaunt

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

March 22, 2024

Services for Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Reading 1: Mark 11:1-11

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

Sermon: The Betrayal of Christ - Rev. Carl Peterson



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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 Cantata Whispers of the Passion

In this imaginative work, five inanimate objects present during Christ's Passion week are presented as the "silent witnesses" to the message of grace.

Through dramatic monologues that introduce musical anthems of thoughtful beauty, we hear words from the Palms, Chalice, Robe, Crown of Thorns and Cross. The Cantata will be performed at all three Sunday worship services.



SVUMC Calendar 22 March - 29 March 2024

Friday 22 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 23 March	12:00 PM: Grace Farrington Celebration of Life - Hatfield Funeral Home 7:00 PM: Living Last Supper Reenactment - Sanctuary
Palm Sunday 24 March	7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM worship services, Easter Contata - Sanctuary 9:00 AM: Crossroads Adult Sunday School - Room 1, Fellowship Hall Lent Bible Study - Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM: Living Last Supper Reenactment - Sanctuary
Monday 25 March	Exercise Classes (see last page of this Jaunt) - Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 26 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 27 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
Maundy Thursday 28 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 No Pastor's Bible Study this week 2:45 PM: Helping Hands Tutoring - Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM: Last Supper Reenactment - Sanctuary
Good Friday 29 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 12:00 PM: Celebration of Life - Grace Farrington - Hatfield Funeral Home 6:00 PM: Good Friday Worship Service - Sanctuary

Prayer Word: Belonging (Week 3) by Pastor Carl



Some people join groups with the purpose of undermining them. Sometimes this is good when those persons reveal the hidden motives of people in the group or the hidden agendas. Sometimes those persons undermine good groups to point out the shortcomings of a few people or perhaps only one. Judas was a disciple, a close friend, of Jesus. He belonged to Jesus' inner circle, as it were. Judas understood the Messiah to be the one who would overthrow the conquering and oppressive government to restore the people of Israel to independent rule, but Jesus did not take that path. Jesus sought for each of us to overthrow the things, the beliefs, the lies that govern our hearts and interfere with our relationships with God and with other people. When we belong to God, the suffering of people becomes clearer and we are moved by God to do something about it. When we act differently, when we align ourselves with groups that assert power or authority over other groups, we have betrayed Jesus, just the same as Judas did. Judas placed power and position of worldly affairs ahead of the power and authority of God in his heart. To whom does your heart belong? Where have you placed your allegiance?

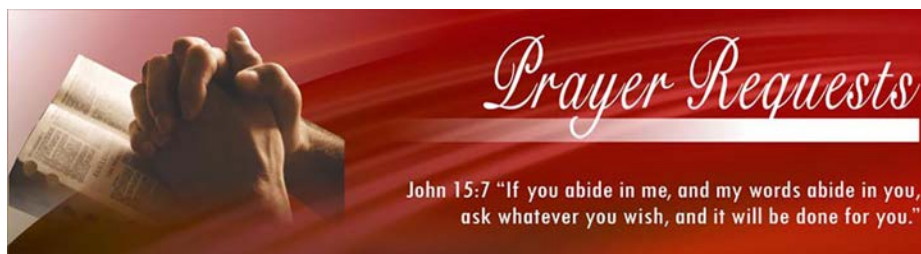


UMM Fishermen's Gathering

Love One exists to glorify Jesus Christ by advocating for orphans around the world, drawing awareness in our community to the orphan crisis that surrounds us, aiding those interested in fostering or adopting, and supporting adoptive and foster care families by meeting spiritual, physical, emotional and

educational needs. Maurissa Berkeley of Love One will be the guest speaker at the UMM Fishermen's Gathering on Saturday, March 23, in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee is on by 7:30 and we kick off at 8:00. **Women of the church are welcome to attend!**

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans." - James 1:27



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."

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will someday be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details — give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains — they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all — but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end."

-A Mother Superior who wishes to be anonymous

Kim (Sue Banyai's Niece)
Rev. Beth Rambikur
(Christ Church UMC, Tucson)
Jackie Zandrews (Friend of Lea Benson)
Terri (Friend of Curtis Foster)
Gary Larson
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

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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



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

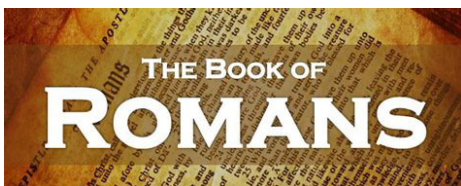
With sadness we inform you that Grace Farrington passed away on February 17, 2024. Her Celebration of Life service will be held at Hatfield Funeral Home, March 23, at 12:00 PM. Please contact Hatfield Funeral Home for further information.

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

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**

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 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.

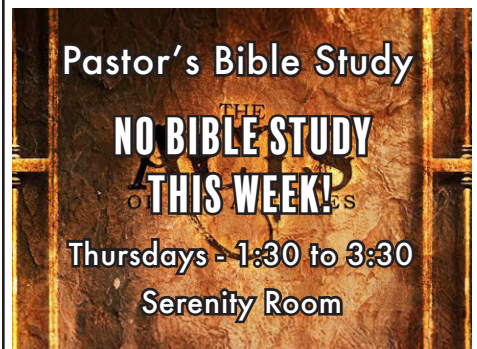


SAWS (Servants at Work) is a ramp-building mission that assists those in the community who are homebound and cannot afford a ramp. For more information on this vital ministry and/or to volunteer, go to sawssouthwest.org.



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



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.

Silent Auction Results

On Sunday March 24, 2024 we will distribute the winning bids for the Silent Auction Crosses before and after all three services. Sierra Vista United Methodist Women, Naomi Circle would like to thank all who participated in this fund raising event. The funds earned will be used for the Church food pantry and a special project on the Church campus.

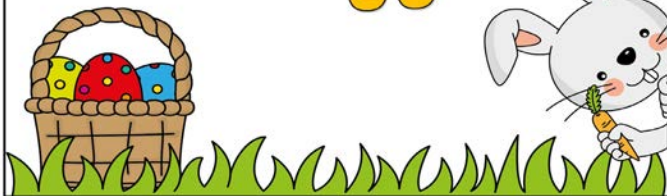
Mary Ellen Kope
SVUMW Member
Naomi Circle Leader

Ruth Circle donates 30 pairs of socks to The Good Neighbor Alliance



On March 19, 2024, The Ladies of Ruth Circle met to have a "Walk with Jesus." The program was presented by Sara Evans. As part of the program, the women brought in socks with each pair bundled together and a note from SVUMC. The women collected 30 Pairs of Socks!!!! The socks will be lovingly donated to The Good Neighbor Alliance.

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



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



Living Last Supper Reenactment

Twelve disciples are sitting at a table with Jesus as shown in da Vinci's painting, The Last Supper. Jesus tells them that one among them will betray him. Join us for a Living Last Supper reenactment as each of the disciples reveals his innermost thoughts and love for Jesus. With musical interludes, this will be a meaningful and memorable lead into Easter. All performances are free and presented in the Worship Center.

For more information, call the church office at 520-378-3352 or visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/LivingLS>

Saturday, March 23, 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM



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 20-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.

STEVE POPHAM

It is our sad duty to inform you that Steve Popham passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024.



Our Lenten soup suppers are on Wednesdays from now until March 28, 2024, 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.



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

Free will offering in support of The Salvation Army

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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