



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Newsletter

November 10, 2023

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

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The Jaunt is a weekly newsletter that reports on upcoming events and highlights church activities.

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Services for Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Title: Faithful Attention - Rev. Carl Peterson

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SVUMC Calendar 10 November - 17 November 2023

Friday 10 November	Veterans Day Observed Exercise Classes - See Schedule on the last page of this Jaunt 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies
Saturday 11 November	Veterans Day
Sunday 12 November	7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Worship Services - Sanctuary 9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study - Crossroads, Room 1, Fellowship Hall
Monday 13 November	Exercise Classes - See Schedule on the last page of this Jaunt 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center
Tuesday 14 November	9:30 to 11:30 AM: Knit Wits - Classroom 1-2 in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM: Naomi Circle - Serenity Room 11:30 AM: Emmaus Reunion Group - Classroom 1-2, Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM: Surviving the Holidays - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 15 November	8:00 AM: Spit and Shine - Church Campus 8:00 AM: Sonrisers Bible Study - Room 5, Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 1:30 PM : Grief Share - Serenity Room 6:00 PM: Vespers - Sanctuary 7:00 - 8:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal - Worship Center
Thursday 16 November	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 2:45 PM: Helping Hands Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
Friday 17 November	Exercise Classes - See Schedule on the last page of this Jaunt 9:00 AM: Move Around Ladies - Activity Center 12:00 PM: Women's Emmaus Group - Room 5, Fellowship Hall

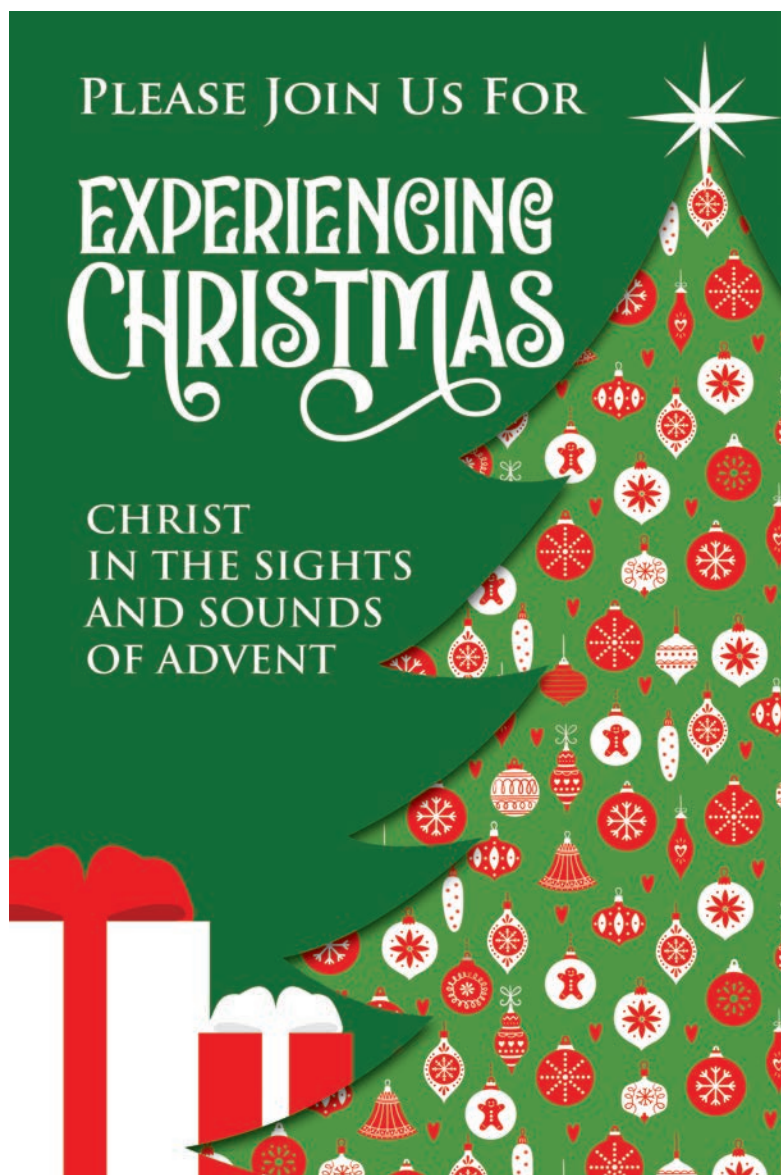
Prayer Word: Faith (Week 2) by Pastor Carl

Faith is not blind or futile hope. Hebrews 11:1a reminds us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, but that is not completely helpful. We have faith in the one who will provide that which is hoped for and that what we hope for is the right thing. Many people lose their faith in God when a loved one dies. They sometimes say, "I don't know why my loved one died. She/he was such a strong believer." Sometimes, out of anger, the grieving family member may say something like, "I can't believe in God anymore. I prayed and prayed, but my loved one died anyway." In both of these statements, we can hear that God did not grant a wish for someone, but we have to profess that God is not a wish-granter. We fail to recognize that death is a part of this life and our hope is for the transformation of the world that the sovereignty of God is proclaimed in this world as it is in Heaven. Our hope should be for eternal life with God, in service to God. Whatever our hopes, though, we must exert effort. If we hope to lose weight, eating right and exercise are the standard approaches (though surgery, drugs, and other approaches are possibilities too). If we hope to end world hunger but are not contributing to support humanitarian aid to places afflicted by hunger, including our metropolitan areas, we don't really have hope – it's a wish. If we have hope in Christ but are not engaged in Christ's ministries through our tithes, our offerings, and our actions, it's a wish. If we have faith in Christ, we will show that by being changed to be Christ-like ourselves.



Advent Study

Can you believe we are already starting to talk about Advent! Halloween is over and while some people say we need to wait on Christmas preparations until after Thanksgiving, I say that those of us who work in churches have been thinking about Christmas since just after Valentine's Day if not earlier! This year our Advent study will be Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent. There will be two options this year: Wednesday evenings at 5 pm, starting on November 29th or Sunday mornings at 9 am, starting on December 3rd. Please sign up with either Kayla J or Kayla E. If you sign up and order your book before November 18th, it will only cost \$12.00. After that day the price may go up due to longer shipping delays with various retailers. Contact Kayla J at kayla.flannery18@gmail.com with any questions.

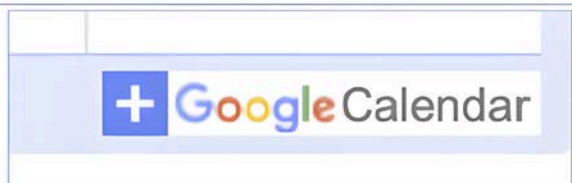


The SVUMC master calendar is now on line!

It is found on our website under CALENDAR on the opening page. Here is a direct link: <https://sierravistamethodist.org/calendar>. The small print of the version on line may be difficult to read. To increase the size to full-screen, click on the box in the lower right hand corner.

29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
7:30am Informal Service 9am Crossroads Bible Study 9am Crossroads Service 10:30am Traditional Ser 2pm Annual Communit	8:30am Strength Class 9:30am Back & Abs Cla 6pm Sierra Vista Sings	9:30am "Knitwits" Class 11:30am Emmaus Reun 8:40am Preschool Chap	8am Spit & Shine 8am Sonrisers 8:40am Preschool Chap	7am Walk to Emmaus 8:30am Emmaus Group 9am Mary Martha Circle 10am UMW Meeting 10am Mah Jongg	8:30am Strength Class 9am Move Around Ladi 9:35am Back & Abs Cla 10am Preschool Gym 11am Cleaning	9:30am Sunrise Rotary 9am Sky Island Concer 3pm Sky Island Chamt
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Events shown in time zone: Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix



The calendar is maintained by the office manager, Kayla Empey. Please address questions, comments, additions, and changes to Kayla.

Note: The times on the calendar are for the period the event space is reserved, not the time of the event.

Holiday Craft Fair

* Calling All Crafters! *

Last Stop Santa Shop

2023 CRAFT SHOW
Activity Center Gym

Saturday, December 9
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 10
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Register by Nov. 9th
for discounted booth fee
Registrations Due by
December 7th
Contact Sheila King
or the Church Office



The combined Methodist and Presbyterian choirs are presenting our Christmas cantata (The Road to Bethlehem) at the following times and locations:

Saturday night Dec 9, 7pm Methodist Church

Sunday December 10, 3 services at Methodist Church

Sunday December 17 at the Presbyterian Church 10:30 service

- Mark your calendar -



SVUMC Ministry Fair

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed to help set up on Saturday, November 18 at 3:00 PM. Contact Sheila King.



Retired Old Men Eating Out

ROMEO will meet at My Place, 1081 E Fry Blvd, on Wednesday, 15 November, at 11:30.



Lucy Ellen Brown

Doris Magargee

Christina

Wendy

Jake Robinson

Jennifer

Andrea

Donna Horton

Marc Johnson

Gary & Robin Weiser

Barbara Magargee

Anna Van Horn

John

Jasmine

Dan Wiley

Cindy Long

Kathy Marvin

Betty Williams

Bob

Jim Godskesen

Tani & Jimmie

Eli O'Connor

Greg Juedes

Janet High

Linda Penn

Larry Horton

Larry Rooney

Tricia Weller

Ralph & Bree Merito

Gayle Bryant & Family

Brenda Langenburg

Gary Anderson

Joanne McLeod

Sid & Carol Downey

Ric Becker

Carol Glowacki Geyer

Lynn Stewart

Victoria Nelson

Crossroads Adult Sunday School

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Room 1, Fellowship Hall

Studying Acts



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.

Congregations of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church

Pastor's Bible Study

ROMANS

Thursdays - 1:30 to 3:30 PM - Serenity Room

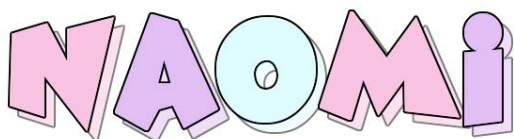
An in-depth Bible Study. All are welcome!
Bring your Bible.

Lay Servant Training

The Fall schedule of Lay Servant classes is out and all classes are now open for registration. The schedule is available on the church website (link below).

The West District of Desert Southwest Conference will offer the Advanced Lay Servant Ministries Course – Lay Servants Lead in Intercultural Competency on Saturdays, February 10, 27, and 24 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information go to:

<https://sierravistamethodist.org/lay-servant-training>



Naomi Circle will meet November 14th at 10 AM in the Serenity Room. We will have fellowship time, coffee, and pastries followed by our special program at 10:30. Sheriff Mark Dannels will give a presentation on the current scams aimed at vulnerable adults.

You do not need to be a member of the Naomi Circle to attend. If you are interested in attending this very important presentation, please RSVP to me 520-378-0174 or mekope@cox.net

Mary Ellen Kope
Naomi Circle Leader

Food Pantry



Because the Food Pantry is a vital ministry at SVUMC, it is important that this ministry be supported by volunteers. Currently a plan is in the works to have volunteers put food bags together as well as volunteers to be in the office and assist in distribution of bags when community members come to the office in need of food. If we have enough volunteers, people will only have to give their time only 1 or 2 times a month. We currently give out 30 to 45 bags of food each week. Kayla E. needs our help. Please consider helping with this ministry. For more information, talk to Kayla E in the office 520-378-3352 or Sheila King 775-691-0023.

Handel's Messiah

Calling singers to be part of the Sierra Vista "Messiah" Choir 15th Annual Performance

Please consider joining the Sierra Vista "Messiah" Choir in performing the Advent and Christmas portions of "Messiah" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Reynaldo Romo will direct the choir and Billie Hayes will accompany on the pipe organ.

The performance will be Sunday, December 17, 2023, at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church at 7pm. (800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista).

Rehearsals will be at 10am on Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's. The dates are Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9 and Dec 16 (no rehearsal on Nov 11 – Veteran's Day or Nov 25 - Thanksgiving weekend).

Musical scores will be available.

For additional information, call Maryann Hockstad, 520-456-5555 or email 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.

Hope to see you soon!

STEPHEN MINISTERS & GRIEF SHARE
INVITE YOU TO:

Blue
Christmas
a service of healing and hope



December 21
4:30 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church
2053 E. Choctaw Drive
Sierra, Vista, AZ



Surviving the Holidays

"The Holiday Season is here, and with it comes a focus on family, traditions, social events and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface." Sam Hodges, President of GriefShare.

Surviving the Holidays is a two-hour seminar offering support and suggestions to people who are grieving to cope with the changes that occur following the death of a loved one. A video presentation, discussion, personal reflection, and suggestion sheet will be available for each participant. Books entitled Surviving the Holidays will be available in limited quantities for a suggested donation of \$10.

The Seminars are scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Registrations are encouraged and are available in the Narthex and in the church office.


Further information available from Sheila King skinglayleader@gmail.com or Pastor Carl or the church office.



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.

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>




American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

ACTIVITY CENTER
November 16, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To register,
 call 1-800-733-2767
 or visit
RedCrossBlood.org/Give

*This blood drive
 is held in honor
 of
 Ruth Anne
 Huston*



Nursery Worker

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 at kayla.flannery18@gmail.com or through the church office. The position pays minimum wage.



Market on the Move (MOM)

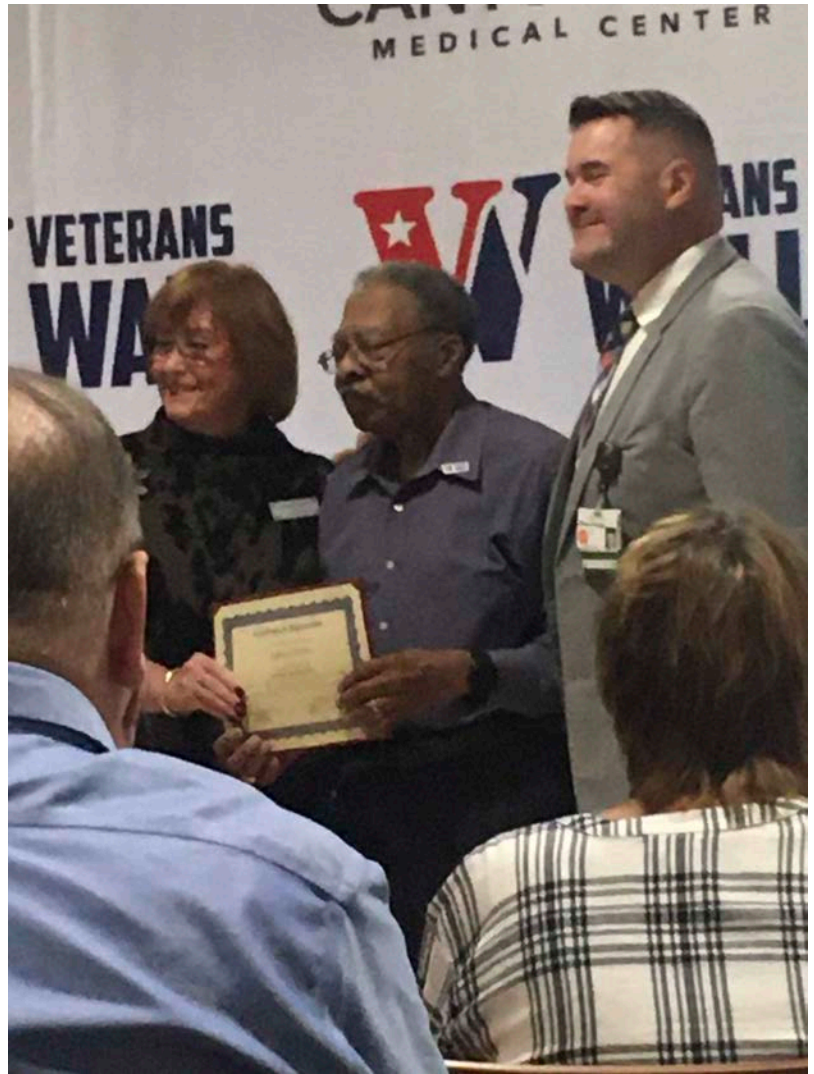
Produce Ministry
 SVUMC parking lot
 November 18, 2023
 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Or until we run out

\$10 for 60 pounds

VETERANS WALL

Beginning in 2015, 12 veterans have been recognized each year for having made a lasting impact on our community and those who call it home. These veterans continued their military value of selfless service long after hanging up the uniform. We honor them for helping make Cochise County what it is today, with contributions ranging from campaigning for arts education in schools to creating ways to make health care more accessible.

Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona recognize those former or current residents of Cochise County who have worn the uniform of the nation's armed forces and have substantially contributed to their community. This year, James Evans, US Air Force retired, received this prestigious recognition. Jim is an active member of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church and has been for many years. He leads a weekly Bible Study and is a member of the United Methodist Men. He has been involved in prison ministry and supports the Good Neighbor Alliance. The list of Jim's accomplishments is long, and he is a well-respected member of the community. Congratulation Jim! You certainly deserve this recognition.

The poster features a collage of Thanksgiving food dishes: a bowl of rice with green herbs, a large bowl of stuffing garnished with a rosemary sprig, a bowl of cranberry sauce, and a roasted turkey leg.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday
November 23, 2023
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sierra Vista
United Methodist Church
3225 St. Andrews Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Bring a dish to share – register how many in your party and let us know what you plan to bring.



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If you wish to become a Stocking Stuffer Sponsor, you agree to provide new, school-appropriate clothing for one or more children and to follow the suggested guideline of \$75 to \$125 per child. To become a sponsor (or if you have further questions), please call one of the school representatives listed below to request a child or children to shop for. Please note that sometimes we have a group of people get together to collectively sponsor a child or children. You may even request a child of a specific age (infant all the way up through high school) and gender, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Be sure to give your name, address, and phone number when you call. We will then provide you with further information along with the name and size of your sponsored child or children on or after November 3rd. After you have shopped, you will need to bring the clothing, either wrapped or unwrapped, back to us no later than December 1st.

Shellie Cerecke	Elaine Norton	Alice Anderson	Lolene Pacholke	Jirina (JR) Ramescu	Jan Wardle
520-678-0764	520-249-3907	520-249-6558	520-803-7267	267-516-5885	520-266-4759

MAKING A DONATION TO STOCKING STUFFERS:

If you would instead like to donate to the Stocking Stuffer Program, you can make a check out to **Just Kids, Inc.**, and mail it to **Stocking Stuffers, P.O. Box 2062, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636**. Just Kids, Inc. is a charitable organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID# 86-0724771)

You may also call any of the above people or Jody Klein (520-459-5897) to answer any questions or decide to pick up your donation. **Any amount of donation will be greatly appreciated.**



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. Phone: 520 378-3352 / Email: svumc3225@gmail.com



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