

**We are so happy you have worshipped with us today.
Please join us in our Fellowship Hall for refreshments
and fellowship following the worship service.**

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us.
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At some point, we cannot contain our selves—the selves God has created us to be. Coming out as people and as a church from what we had known into a new identity is filled with anxiety, unknowing, and hope. The caterpillar's instincts about cocooning—entering the nurturing dark of gestation—is paralleled in the story of Mary's pregnancy, the dark of the tomb, and our own willingness for transformation. All along the way, we hear this repeated: "Do not be afraid."



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

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*Today's altar flowers are given by the Loxley family
in celebration of the wedding of Andrea Loxley and Steven Fletcher.*

Welcome Friends and Guests

As we gather, greet those friends and guests around you. Please be sure to sign the attendance register. A register is located in each pew. If you would like to receive our weekly news, be sure to enter your email address.

Hearing receivers and large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

If you are a new visitor, we would enjoy knowing a little about you, so please complete a Contact Card that you will find in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Stop by the Welcoming Table in the lobby for more information about our Church.

We will be offering **Pastor Mark's fine photography** for sale in the Fellowship Hall today and next Sunday. Pastor Mark donates the proceeds to the SVUMC Mission Store.

There is **Children's Choir Rehearsal TODAY**, April 23rd and April 30th starting at 3:45p.m. If your child is interested in trying out choir, please join us for this season's final song! We will be performing with the praise band on May 7th at the 9a.m. and 10:30a.m. services. Contact Samantha Leyrer at mouse629@msn.com for details.

Administrative Council Meeting, Monday April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Serenity Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please join us **Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for **Vespers**, a casual communion service lasting about 45 minutes. Our speaker will be Peggy Lingo. All are welcome!

The praise band for the 9 a.m. service is looking for guitarists! Please come check out a rehearsal, Thursdays at 6 p.m.. Contact Samantha Leyrer at mouse629@msn.com for more details.

There are no volunteers signed up for May or June to help with refreshments between Sunday services. Do you enjoy the Fellowship time before/after and between Sunday's Worship Services? We need families, couples, groups or individuals to volunteer to host, so that we can continue

this vital ministry of fellowship. This could be a short-term service by committing to hosting one service or all 3, for a few weeks, a month or longer. Or you could volunteer to do set up on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Perhaps you would like to bake or bring food items. A signup sheet is on the kitchen door and there is a container on the counter for Sunday Fellowship food items. Or call Mary Andersen, 520-335-6991. Thank you for your consideration.

The **Sierra Vista United Methodist Church will be celebrating "50 years** as a chartered church", in 2018. If you would like to help with our celebration, we are looking for a chair for the Anniversary Committee and for volunteers. Please contact the church office, Anne Coppola at 678-5647 or Audrey Richardson at 458-1249 if you would like to help.

Thank You! To all who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday. Your time and contributions helped make it a success.

Thank You! The family of Robert Stain wishes to thank those who sent cards, prepared meals and extended condolences during his illness and following his passing. His church meant a great deal to him. Everyone's kindness and support during this time is greatly appreciated.
The Stain Family

Another successful rummage sale is over. Thanks to the assistance of all of you approximately \$13,075 was made for UMW missions. The success comes from the help of Doncella & Walter, the Spit & Shine guys, Kathy Marvin, Betty and Lee (for keeping us fed), Minnesota snowbirds Kathy & Ron Hagen, their friend Wendy, Sandy & Kent Berg, my sisters Grace, Norma & Lori, Joyce (not my sister but....), Bob Eck and all the church volunteers. You all make it possible to put on a wonderful and successful sale year after year. Thank you and God bless you! Myra and UMW

Join us Sunday, April 30th at noon in the Activity Center as we bid farewell to Nina and Pastor Mark. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lobby. Please sign up to bring cookies, pie, cake, fruit, vegetables, and other finger foods. If you have any pictures of Nina or Pastor Mark, please bring them to share.

April 23, 2017 at 7:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

CHIMES

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Creator of life, before we were born you knew us. You shaped us in the most comfortable space, forming us inside the warmth of mother. When we emerged, we saw light, but we curled up into a ball and closed our eyes.

People: But you whispered "Do not be afraid."

Leader: Even as we mature in life and faith, we allow fear to curl us up and close our eyes.

People: Still you whisper, "Do not be afraid."

Leader: Forgive us for hiding in comfortable places; for ignoring our identities; for blocking out hope; for avoiding transformation.

People: Renew us as your children born of water and Spirit.

Coax us out of our comfortable places that we may do the hard, uncomfortable work before us.

Leader: The One who created us redeems us.

People: The One who transforms us empowers us.

ALL: Do not be afraid!

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

VIDEO

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/Offertory

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE

"Advent"

Rev. Mark Conrad

INVITATION

***CLOSING HYMN** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" UMH #198

***BLESSING**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

Handel

(*Please stand if you are able)

Thank you to greeters: Carole & Maurice Salminen

Thank you to ushers: Harry & Doris Magargee

APRIL 23, 2017 AT 9:00 AM

Sermon Notes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER

OPENING WORSHIP SONGS

VIDEO

CHILDREN'S TIME *Children Gather at the Altar* Rev. Mark

GOD MOMENTS/PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE "Advent" Rev. Mark Conrad

INVITATION

CLOSING PRAISE SONG

***BLESSING**

(*Please stand if you are able)

The one thing that made me think:

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS.

Thank you to greeters: Teresa Cornell, Amy Richarme and
granddaughter Naomi
Ushers: George & Donna Schuster,

April 23, 2017 at 10:30 AM

PRELUDE "Song of Triumph/Praise Be to God" Denton/Powers

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VIDEO

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CHIMES

INTROIT Chancel Choir

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***HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS#2129

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER No. 895 Choral Amen

ANTHEM "Shine On, Great Savior" Chancel Choir
By Pepper Choplin

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "It Was for You" Wyrzten/DeCou

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE "Advent" Rev. Mark Conrad

INVITATION

***CLOSING HYMN** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" UMH #198

***BLESSING**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE "Thine Is the Glory" Handel
(*Please stand if you are able)

Thank you to greeters: Kelly Hayashi and Jim & Lori Larsen

Ushers: Arnold Davis, Mike & Karen Magatagan, and Gail Query

And liturgist: K.J. Wigton