

**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.

Our church office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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*Today's altar flowers are given by Roger & Jeanette Forsyth
on their 60th wedding anniversary.*



Sacred traditions and texts are filled with the stories of those who opened to new life and purpose. The story of faith is not one of arrival but of journey. The new butterfly's struggle to push out of its confines produces a fissure that cannot be undone. We look to the willingness of Abraham and Sarah to take on new names, a new family, and a new mission for their lives. Let us open into the light of a new day.



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

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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.

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.

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

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.

The SVUMC "Spit & Shine" men's group successfully completed renovation of the church's Peace Garden located immediately south of the Sanctuary and adjacent to the Columbarium. This area received extensive landscape redesign, installation of an angel statuette and the placement of a church time capsule.

Rev. Mark Conrad will officiate over a dedication and blessing ceremony at the Peace Garden immediately following the 10:30 service today. All church members are encouraged to participate in this special event.

Immediately following the Peace Garden blessing, join us in the Activity Center as we bid **farewell to Pastor Mark and Nina.** We want to wish them safe journey to Alaska for the summer and all the best in their new location. All are welcome to join in the festivities.

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tue., May 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 3/4.

Please join us **Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for **Vespers**, a casual communion service lasting about 45 minutes. Our speaker will be Mark Racicot. 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.

The Fellowship Hour between services on Sunday is a great way to meet new people and see old friends. Unfortunately, we have a shortage of volunteers to help make coffee hour happen. Beginning Sunday May 7, we will have coffee and punch available between services, but no snacks will be provided. If you would like to help or have constructive ideas about how we can continue this vital ministry of fellowship, please contact Mary Andersen, 520-335-6991 or the church office.

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.

Vacation Bible School will be held for four days from Tuesday, May 30th to Friday, June 2nd. Our theme this year will be *Gadgets and Gizmos*, where children will learn how they are uniquely wired and wonderfully made by God to make a difference!

Participant registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall or from the office. All children from ages 4 through those who have completed 5th grade are welcome!

We will also need plenty of youth and adult volunteers to make VBS happen! If you are interested in volunteering, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Worship Center Lobby, or contact Roxanna McGinnis at roxanna.mcginnis@gmail.com. **There will be an organization meeting Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the Serenity Room.**

Graduation is just around the corner. **On May 21st, we will honor our graduates.** If you have student, from our church family, who will be graduating from high school or college, please let the church office know. Call us at 378-3352 or email svumc@svumc.phxcoxmail.com.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-27 (NIV)

Narrator: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God appeared to him and said,

God Voice 1: “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Narrator: Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

God Voice 2: “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

God Voice 3: I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Narrator: God also said to Abraham,

God Voice 4: “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Narrator: Abraham fell facedown; he laughed *[congregation laughs]* and said to himself,

Congregation: “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?”

Narrator: And Abraham said to God,

Congregation: “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

Narrator: Then God said,

God Voice 1: “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.

God Voice 2: I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

God Voice 3: And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers.

God Voice 4: He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

Narrator: When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

April 30, 2017 at 7:30 AM

***CLOSING HYMN**

“We Are Called”

TFWS #2172

***BLESSING**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE

“Day Of Triumph”

Broughton

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

CHIMES

(*Please stand if you are able)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Here” by Kari Jobe

Samantha Leyrer

RESPONSIVE READING

See Insert

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING/Offertory

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-27

MESSAGE

“New Life”

Rev. Mark Conrad

INVITATION

Thank you to greeters: Carole & Maurice Salminen
Thank you to ushers: Harry & Doris Magargee
and to Girl Scout Troop 82 for hosting the Refreshment Table today.

APRIL 30, 2017 AT 9:00 AM

Sermon Notes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER

OPENING WORSHIP SONGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Chimes

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children Gather at the Altar

Rev. Mark

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

By Allen Pote

Spirit Singers

GOD MOMENTS/PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here" by Kari Jobe

Samantha Leyrer

RESPONSIVE READING

See Insert

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-27

MESSAGE

"New Life"

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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,

and to Girl Scout Troop 82 for hosting the Refreshment Table today.

April 30, 2017 at 10:30 AM

PRELUDE “Glorious Song Unending/Think on Me” Wetherill/Scott

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Children’s Chimes

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

INTROIT “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Spirit Singers
By Allen Pote

CHIMES

SPECIAL MUSIC Samantha Leyrer
“Here” by Kari Jobe

RESPONSIVE READING See Insert

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER No. 895 Choral Amen

ANTHEM “Deep Water” Chancel Choir
By Pepper Choplin

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “Jesus Only” Wilson

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 17:1-7; 15-27

MESSAGE “New Life” Rev. Mark Conrad

INVITATION

***CLOSING HYMN** “We Are Called” TFWS #2172

***BLESSING**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE “Day Of Triumph” Broughton

(*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: Zhenya Knoche
and to Girl Scout Troop 82 for hosting the Refreshment Table today.