



The Jaunt



SVUMC Weekly Newsletter

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The Weekly Jaunt's mission is to keep you in the know about upcoming meetings and church events. Be sure to visit our website, www.sierravistaumc.org. There you will find information about many of our programs and small groups and about the United Methodist Church as an organization.

This Month's Prayer Word: Purpose

Lord, make us aware of your purpose for our lives and your church.

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

Love God. Love People. Spread the Love of Jesus.

Upcoming Services



March 18: Sunday Services, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12
New Testament Readings: Acts 1:6-11, John 21:15-17
Sermon: "Baptized in Water" (Rev. Matthew Ashley)
March 21: Vesper Service at 6 p.m. (Ryan Richardson)

50th Anniversary Events

March 21st Ribbon Cutting (details on page 4)
April 11th Special Vespers
April 13th (7 p.m) Choir Music Night
April 14th 3rd Annual SVUMC Show and Shine (Vehicle and Quilt Show) all day
April 14th Formal Dinner
April 15th Special Sunday Service
July 1st Church Picnic/Potluck (Official 50th anniversary)



Due to spring break and traveling volunteers and children, there will be NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL on March 18.

COMMITTEE MEETING



The Worship Committee will be meeting Monday, March 19th at 5:00pm in the Serenity Room.

Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers



Every Wednesday night through March 28, there will be a Lenten supper at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The suppers are being offered as a means of setting aside Wednesdays during Lent as a day to fast and be in prayerful, loving communication with our Lord and Savior. Whether a full fast, liquid fast or modified fast, each Wednesday represents an act of faith; participants then break their fast with a simple, hearty soup and bread supper with members of our church family. The supper concludes in time for all to attend Vespers worship service at 6 p.m.

The meal is free and offered freely in love. There will be an opportunity for all who wish to do so to freely donate. ALL proceeds will be given to our church's food pantry.

If you have questions, please phone Peggy Lingo at 366-5664 or Teresa Cornell at 378-2141.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will be this Thursday, March 22nd 7:00pm at the home of Mary Working, 1880 Venado Trail.

A carpool will be leaving from the church at 6:45. All ladies of the church are welcome for an evening of fellowship, learning, and fun.

For questions, contact Annie Coppola at 520-678-5647

RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget the Sierra Vista United Methodist Women's annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7. Sale starts at 7:00 AM both days and ends at 2:00 PM on Friday and noon on Saturday. Help is needed with sorting and set-up starting Monday, April 2 at 9:00 AM and continuing through Thursday. Please support us by donating your unneeded items and by helping with our sale. All proceeds go to mission projects. **THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL RUMMAGE SALE WORKERS ON MONDAY, MARCH 26 AT 1:00 IN THE SERENITY ROOM!!!**



Easter Baskets are Coming

The beautiful filled Easter Baskets Sierra Vista United Methodist Women are selling will be available next Sunday, March 25 in Fellowship Hall. Shop between services and after the third service to purchase these baskets. They will be filled with healthy snacks, toys, books or puzzles, candy (including Easter candy) and other fun things. Support our mission projects by purchasing a basket or some fun Easter jewelry!

Exploring Membership, an orientation class for those who are considering joining the church will be held Sunday, Mar . 25 at 11:45 a.m. in Room 1. If you've been worshipping at SVUMC and feel like this is a place you can grow in discipleship and service, you're invited to join Pastor Matt for a conversation about the United Methodist Church, about SVUMC, and about church membership. Contact Pastor Matt @ mattswc@gmail.com with your questions.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday School is looking for egg sized candy and goody donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that will take place April 1st on Easter Sunday, following the 10:30 am service, out on the church lawn. Donations can be placed in the box on the Sunday School table. Thank you for your kindness!

PANCAKE CENTRAL TO CONGREGATION...

Final preparations are underway for Operation Feed-Your-Face. A free pancake breakfast (donations appreciated) will be served by the Fishermen in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 18. Serving starts after the first service (8:30) and continues through the start of the third service (10:30). This is your chance to stick around after first and second services or come early for second and third services and meet the fine folks from other services. As usual, coffee will be available after the 10:30 service. Camouflage clothing not required.



Plain pancakes - blueberry pancakes - link sausages - fresh fruit - coffee - tea - punch

COFFEE FROM CAFE LA COLONIA



Our church has an ongoing project to sell coffee from Mexico. It benefits an impoverished Colonia (community) located in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico and the Fuente de Vida Methodist Church. This ministry provides spiritual guidance, health care, housing, education, and employment to families in the Colonia. All proceeds from the coffee are donated to the Colonia.

The coffee comes from Veracruz and Chiapas and is roasted and processed at Cafe La Colonia in Agua Prieta. The coffee is completely organic and is known for its smooth taste and excellent aroma. We sell the coffee after each Sunday morning service at the Fellowship Hall or it may be obtained by calling Anita Oquita at 520-208-4547. Thanks for your support of this important project.

The Way Ahead...

In last Sunday's worship services, Pastor Matt spoke of a way that we could better deal with our large mortgage which consumes 1/5 of our budget. Thrivent Financial, a mortgage company established by the Lutheran Church, refinanced our mortgage in away that allows us to get ahead of the game if we will make a concerted effort. In the following weeks, details of a plan - a capital campaign - will illustrate how this is possible. Pastor Matt will briefly speak on this project during worship services, and a brochure showing the way ahead will be mailed out soon. Pray for our church and a bright future!



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Fishermen's Monthly Gathering

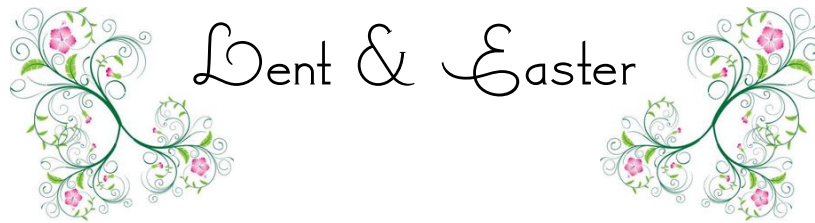
The Fishermen gather for a general meeting on the third Saturday of each month. This Saturday, March 17, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall with coffee ready by 7:30 and breakfast served at 8:00 (apple french toast is on the menu). Our guest speaker is Lanny Kope who will talk on medical topics. John Marvin will present a thought-provoking devotion. All men of the church are warmly welcomed! Come early and enjoy the camaraderie.



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(RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

On Wednesday, March 21, ROME0 will meet at 11:30 for lunch at Culver's, 632 State Highway 92, Sierra Vista.



Lent & Easter

Each Wednesday during Lent, a soup supper will be offered in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 25 the Chancel Choir will present the cantata “Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah” at each of the three Sunday morning services.

Last Supper Remembrance, Thursday, March 29th at 6 p.m. A service remembering the Last Supper will be held in the Sanctuary. The Choir will perform and Communion will be served.

Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 30th, we will walk the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Sierras, 10310 South Twin Oaks Road, Hereford, AZ. A carpool will leave from the church at 9 a.m. We will begin at 10 a.m., Holy Communion will be served at 12 noon. For more information, please contact Teresa Cornell at 378-2141.

Tenebrae Service, Friday, March 30th at 6 p.m. A Service recreating the emotions of the Passion will be held in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 1st, at 6 a.m., an Ecumenical Sunrise Service will be celebrated with other churches at Veterans Memorial Park.

SVUMC Easter Services will be held at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



The festivities continue as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our church. Please join us for any or all of the following activities.

Wednesday, March 21, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the patio in front of the Worship Center.

Wednesday, April 11, there will be a Special Vespers Service in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m., led by our former Associate Pastor, Rev. Jeanne Festa.

Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m., join us for Music Night. The SVUMC choirs will lead us in an evening of music.

Saturday, April 14, visit our 3rd Annual SVUMC Show and Shine (Vehicle and Quilt Show) all day.

On Saturday evening the celebration continues. All are welcome to join us for our Anniversary Celebration Dinner.

On Sunday, April 15 join our Anniversary Worship Services at 7:30; 9:00; and 10:30 a.m. Special guests include our former pastor, Rev. Peter Vaught and Bishop Bob Hoshibata.

July 1st is our Official Anniversary Date. We'll celebrate with a Potluck Picnic on the Church Campus.

Health and Exercise Classes

In the Fellowship Hall, Nancy Buttke is offering strength training classes. Classes are held each Monday and Friday as follows:



8:30 a.m.	Strength Class: Lifting weights using dumbbells and ankle weights (about 1 hour)
9:45 a.m.	Back/Abs Class: For people with back problems who need to strengthen their core (back and abdominal muscles, 30 minutes)
10:30 a.m.	Class for People with Parkinson's (PWP) and their caregivers
3:40 p.m.	Another Back/Abs Class: 30 minutes
4:15 to 5 p.m.	Another strength class

There is no fee. Donations are accepted. For more info contact Nancy at 378-3765.



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