



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 11: Sunday Services, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

Sermon: "I Choose Love" (Rev. Matthew Ashley)

March 14: Vesper Service at 6 p.m. (Larry Leach)

50th Anniversary Events

March 21st Ribbon Cutting *

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)



* SVUMC Ribbon Cutting – The Chamber of Commerce is coming on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30 pm to help us cut the ribbon on SVUMC's next fifty years of ministry! Please invite a friend or neighbor to join us on the patio outside the Worship Center for a brief ceremony and light snacks.

COMMITTEE MEETING



Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir will now start back up on Thursday, March 15th at 4:20p.m.! It is not too late to join! We rehearse in the choir room. Please contact Samantha Leyrer at mouse629@msn.com if your child is interested!

Easter Baskets are Coming

Sierra Vista United Methodist Women will be selling beautiful, filled Easter Baskets on Sunday, March 25. These baskets will contain candy, including Easter candy, a chocolate bunny, toys, small games or books and healthy snacks. We have various sizes of baskets plus a selection of baskets for adults. There will also be a small selection of Easter jewelry.



Visit our table in Fellowship Hall between services and after the third service to see all our lovely baskets on display for your shopping pleasure. All proceeds go to support United Methodist Women's mission projects.



Rummage Sale



It's time to declutter our homes and donate items no longer needed to the Sierra Vista United Methodist Women's rummage sale. Start with your closets and remove all items of clothing that have shrunk from season to season, sort out your handbags and shoes (really, how many pair of shoes and handbags do we need?). Head for the kitchen — do we need to save all those mis-matched cups and mugs, silverware and cooking utensils? How about small appliances we no longer use? Sort through your bric-a-brac. Remember the less we have displayed the easier dusting becomes. Linen closets are filled with items we no longer use. Go through your books and donate those you've read. We also appreciate donations of working appliances and electronics. **NO OLD TV'S, OLD COMPUTERS OR OLD MONITORS!** You can call the office for special pick-ups of large items.

The sale is Friday, April 6 from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM and Saturday, April 7 from 7:00 AM until noon. We will need many volunteer workers to help with the sale. Set up starts on Monday, April 2 starting at 9:00 AM and continues through Thursday April 5. We need lots of volunteers to help with set up. Lunch will be provided for volunteers Monday through Friday. Volunteers can shop before the actual sale starts, provided they work at least four (4) hours.

This is the main fund raiser for United Methodist Women. Please support us by donating your unneeded items and by helping with our sale. All proceeds support our mission projects.

This annual sale is a wonderful way to reconnect with people who attend a church service different from yours and to make new friends. It is hard work but also a lot of fun. Anyone is welcome to come and lend a helping hand.

If you have questions, call Chairperson Myra Rogers at 520-236-9388.

Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 13 in the Serenity Room of the Activity Center at 9:30 am. Mary Ellen Kope and Connie Rowland are the hostesses. The program will be "Personal Safety" presented by Corporal Wachtel and a female officer from the Sierra Vista Police Department.

Kathy Marvin
Naomi Circle Leader



Sock Collection Continues

You may have seen a clothesline, complete with socks, just hanging around our campus. Missions is collecting socks for the homeless and those in need. Please bring new or gently used socks and pin them on the line or place them in the box nearby. Contact Rick Parks if you have questions about this project.



Cards



Recycled cards will be sold Sunday, March 11th after the 7:30 and 9:00 services. St. Patrick cards and Easter cards will be available along with all other occasion cards. If you cannot get needed cards on Sunday you may purchase cards at anytime from the cart in room #5. Just leave money in bag or cupboard. All proceeds go to UMW mission work.



7:30

The 7:30 Choir needs some additional members. All are welcome to join. The rehearsal time is on Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Please consider joining us in singing praises to GOD. Currently, we sing once a month for the 7:30 service. For more information, please contact Candi Smith at siouxsingermusic@gmail.com.

COFFEE FROM CAFE LA COLONIA

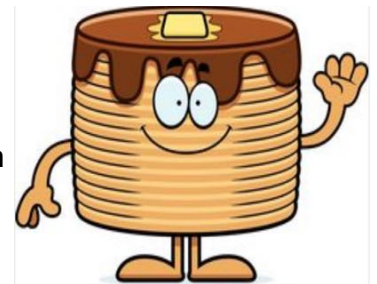


Our church has an ongoing project to sell coffee from Mexico. It benefits an impoverished Colonia (community) located in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico and the Fuente de Vida Methodist Church. This ministry provides spiritual guidance, health care, housing, education, and employment to families in the Colonia.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

If I were a pancake...

I would want to be slathered in butter and syrup, served with link sausages, and consumed by a United Methodist. Fulfill a pancake's dream and join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast on Sunday, March 18th. Serving starts after the first service (8:30) and continues through the start of the third service (10:30). The Fishermen are offering this great breakfast for FREE (donations appreciated). This is your opportunity to stick around after first and second services or come early for second and third services to meet the fine folks from other services. Don't disappoint the pancakes, they will be waiting for you. As usual, coffee will be available after the 10:30 service.



“Recycle, Reuse, Reduce”

The United Methodist Women are concerned about how we take care of God’s Creation

Climate Change is happening right now in our world. God tells us in the Bible that we are the caretakers of the earth, its creatures, plants, air, land and waters. Rising temperatures in the oceans has created bigger and more frequent and severe hurricanes and typhoons. The Western United States has experienced a lack of fresh water and huge fires due to draught conditions. Johannesburg, South Africa has run out of fresh water due to the drought in Africa!

Over population and accumulation of material wealth, especially in America, has created problems with garbage accumulation. Much of the plastic we use eventually ends up in our oceans and lakes and kills fish and wildlife. Plastic in our oceans eventually breaks down and kills plankton which is the source of our food chain! Health hazards from chemicals used in food production, polluted air, ground and water are not only causing problems for humans but also the extinction of many animals.

Several members of our local UMW attended workshops in Tucson sponsored by the District UMW entitled, “Climate Justice.” Jeannie Festa preached a sermon on UMW Sunday based upon the materials from this workshop. We can all help to do something to preserve and protect our planet Earth.

Use the **RECYCLE BINS** in the Fellowship Hall and Activity Center Kitchens.. Put only **CLEAN** items in the bins, 1 and 2 plastics only, aluminum and tin cans, paper and cardboard containers. **NO GARBAGE!** Contact Kathy Marvin if you are able to recycle these items at your residence. It is not economically feasible for our church to pay for recycling.

REUSE items when you shop and donate items to second hand stores or at the upcoming UMW Annual Rummage Sale on March 30th and 31st. Use a reusable drinking water container rather than buying individual plastic bottles.



REDUCE the amount of gas, oil, and material goods you buy. Car pool, Plan ahead to limit your use of the family car. Take a 3-5 minute shower and don’t run water while brushing your teeth. Think first before buying products. “Do I really need this?”

If we work together to take care of our “Mother Earth, and Father Sky” as expressed by Native Americans, we can make changes for the better for our children and grandchildren.



The next **POWWOW** will be held Saturday, March 17 in the SVUMC parking lot. Produce is available from 7-10 a.m. as usual, but the truck comes at 6 a.m., and there will be lots of cleanup help needed from 10 to 11 a.m. So we will have two shifts, 6 to 8:45 a.m., and 8:15 to 11 a.m. If you are wondering which to pick, we always need more help at the end!

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 @ mattdswc@gmail.com with your questions.



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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