



# The Jaunt



## SVUMC Weekly Newsletter JUNE 22, 2018

The Jaunt is a weekly newsletter that addresses upcoming events and highlights church activities. For information on many of our programs, small groups, and the United Methodist Church as an organization, visit our website at [www.sierravistaumc.org](http://www.sierravistaumc.org).



### This month's Prayer Word: **CONNECT**

*Holy Spirit, help us to connect with people outside our Church*

- Sierra Vista United Methodist Church -

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



### Upcoming Services

June 24: Sunday Services, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "What Are You Afraid Of?" - Rev. Jeanne Festa

June 27: Wednesday Vesper Service at 6 p.m. - Jeanette Davis

*Time is running out!*



## 50th Anniversary Booklets

were so well received that we ran out before Anniversary Sunday. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Sheila King 775-691-0023 or [sheilaking88@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheilaking88@sbcglobal.net). We will print enough copies for those requesting one. Deadline for requests is June 30. Suggested donation \$15.



## Vespers



Please join us for Vespers, a casual communion service, which is held in the Sanctuary. It lasts about 50 minutes. Join us this Wednesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Our speaker is Jeanette Davis. All are welcome!



## Holy Risers Rehearsal

The Holy Risers choir rehearses on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more, please contact Candi Smith at: [siouxsingermusic@gmail.com](mailto:siouxsingermusic@gmail.com)

## Fellowship Hall Carpeting



Sierra Flooring and Design will be installing new carpeting in the Fellowship Hall from 26-29 June. The Fellowship Hall will be closed during this time. The Fellowship Hall will reopen on 30 June. Your patience is appreciated.



## PLANT Sale

We will be having another plant sale along with the craft sale on Saturday, July 7th.

If you have plants to donate, they would be appreciated. If they need to be repotted, please get them to Lea Benson as soon as possible.

If you have pots to donate, they would be very welcome also.

Lea Benson  
520-378-2110  
Nurture Team



## 34th Annual Conference...

The conference raised \$12,404.67 in monetary donations for Tonga relief. The shipping container for Tonga was filled to the brim.

The 35th Annual Conference will be held from June 13 to 16, 2019 at the Mesa Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in the East District.

Preventing wildfires is  
everyone's responsibility.

Be Aware  
Be Alert  
Be Careful



## EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Exploring Membership, an orientation class for those who are considering joining the church will be held Sunday, July 15 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](mailto:mattdswc@gmail.com) with your questions.



Ruth Circle will be meeting Thursday, June 28th, 7:00pm in the Serenity Room. We will be watching a faith based movie. Bring your movie snacks, sit back and enjoy!

All women of the church are invited.

Contact Annie Coppola for more information.  
520-678-5747



Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. The SVUMC Stephen Ministry program is planning a summer training course two nights each week. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry or if you have questions, please contact Dee Ormond at 559-3689.

## Knit Wits

We are a knit/crochet group that meets every Thursday from 9 to 11 in classroom 1-2. We use plastic bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless, and we need your help. We also teach knitting and crocheting.

For more information contact Sheila King,  
775-691-0023.





# My Ramp Story



Have you ever wondered what would happen if all of us could pull together to achieve a common goal? What level of accomplishment could be attained if we really made a commitment with our time, our muscles, our minds, our money, and yes, even some sweat? What would be the results of this kind of effort? As you read further, you will discover that it's possible for you to share the joy of a great accomplishment – one that provides gratitude, pride, and a sense of giving.

My story begins late last summer when one of our church members requested an access ramp to enable her husband a better way to exit and enter their home. If you are not disabled, it may be difficult to imagine that a simple thing like a threshold or a small step could be an insurmountable barrier against leaving your home. A site survey was conducted, a ramp design was made and building permit requirements were addressed. A special discount on materials was given by Lowe's and delivery to the site was made. The Spit and Shine volunteers worked hard for 5 full days and completed a wooden ramp meeting all ADA and Cochise County standards – and, the ramp was nice looking too.

Sometime last November, the newly installed president of DSC UMM, Dave James, introduced himself to all UMM Presidents. At the time, I was president of the Fishermen and that introduction began a relationship. Dave had just gained some exposure to ramp building and our conversations continued along those lines. In December, Dave asked me to consider filling the President slot in the South District. Word was received that the General Council (GCUMM) really liked the idea of providing ramps for the low income handicapped and challenged Desert Southwest Conference to develop a Pilot Program to grow this Ministry within our conference. Many people at all levels within our Conference bought into this ramp project idea and we initiated planning and arrangements to make it a reality.

We are partnering with a not-for-profit Christian organization from Indiana called Servants At Work (SAWs) ([www.sawsramps.org](http://www.sawsramps.org)), who have been

building handicap ramps since 2003. We plan to utilize SAWs experience, ideas, and methods to get our Pilot Program off and running. SAWs has agreed to help us along. We also have been in contact with Texas Ramp Project (TRP), ([www.texasramps.org](http://www.texasramps.org)) an organization in Texas who started building ramps in 1998 and to date have built over 14,000 ramps all over the state of Texas. In fact, it was TRP who actually helped SAWs get their start. So again, like with SAWs, we plan to incorporate the best TRP experiences, ideas, and methods into our own operational plans and build upon what both of these organizations have proven to work.

Fast forward to today and that finds the status of the Ramp Project as follows:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been recently signed by Servants At Works (SAWs) and DSC UMM. This agreement allows SAWs to assist in getting SAWs Desert Southwest up and running. More information and assistance is being received from SAWs on a daily basis.
- Arrangements have been made with Central UMC in Phoenix to use part of one of their buildings for a Carpenter Shop to pre-fab many parts of ramps. The plan is to pre-fab as much as possible in sections at that location, then transport the sections to the site for erection.
- A typical ramp historically has taken about 5 hours to build on site.
- SAWs will conduct training sessions for UMM people in key positions beginning mid-July. Our volunteer training can be done electronically from your home.
- An \$8,000 grant has been received and those funds are being prepared for use.
- Electronic depositing has been established through VANCO to receive donations.
- A telephone system has been selected to provide services to handle incoming requests.
- We should be building our first ramps within two months.

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Besides funding, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help, in many different ways. Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a member of this team, please contact me (520-266-2492 cell). I can explain the positions and how they interact so you can get a better understanding how you would be involved. These are the positions open to volunteers:

- Administrative - Some of the administrative positions can be performed over a computer link from your home.
- Interview Team - volunteers who can help us contact and qualify potential clients who request a ramp, 2-3 openings available.
- Survey Team - 2-person teams to go to the ramp site and take pictures, record measurements, note terrain, employ FaceTime to communicate with SAWs personnel so design of the ramp can be determined, 4 openings available.
- Finishing Team - A team to follow up on any deficiencies/problems with a ramp and make necessary repairs/modifications as needed, 2-4 openings available.

- Volunteer Coordinator - recruit other individuals who will assist in installing the ramps at a client's home. These individuals will come from outside of UMM and could consist of volunteers from sponsors, organizations, clubs, or neighbors of the client.

I am excited about being a part of this Ramp Project Ministry! I encourage you to check out the listed websites and especially the videos. Our goal is two-fold. Obviously we want to provide ramps to the low-income handicapped to allow them to improve their lives by gaining access to the world outside of their imprisoned walls. The other goal is to get various volunteers involved with building a ramp, whereby they can experience the joy on the faces of the recipient client. This feeling of happiness gives the volunteer a sense of accomplishment and gives them a way to pay back perhaps what's been lacking in their own lives.

Thanks and many blessings,

Dale O'Neill  
President, DSC UMM, South District

## PARADE OF AMERICAN MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m.

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church  
101 North Lenzer Avenue, Sierra Vista

FEATURING

Billie Hayes (Piano And Organ)  
Wes Moulton (Organ)  
Hope Struse (Cello)  
Brandon And Edwin Deleon (Trumpets)  
Beth Dechant (Vocals)



A free will offering will be taken for Good Neighbor Alliance to help support our hero veterans. Cookies and lemonade reception to follow out on the patio to meet and greet participants and community members.

## 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 United 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.



# 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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