



First United Methodist Church of Sun City

First Word

JANUARY 2017



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017

First Church will participate in this year's ecumenical (that means – Christians acting together) services to stand as one for a positive faith-based message of peace & healing. We're hoping you will join us each day (Monday – Friday) at the following locations:

- January 16** - First Presbyterian, 12225 N. 103rd Ave. (OFFERING: JAMS AND JELLIES)
(co-host Shepherd of the Desert)
- January 17** - St. Elizabeth Seton, 9728 Palmeras Drive (OFFERING: BIG BAGS OF RICE)
(co-host St. Joachim & St. Anne)
- January 18** - Church of the Palms, 14808 Boswell Blvd. (OFFERING: PEANUT BUTTER)
(co-host Faith Presbyterian)
- January 19** - All Saints of the Desert Church, 9502 W. Hutton Dr. (OFFERING: PASTA AND/OR/
IN SAUCE) (co-host St. Christopher's Episcopal)
- January 20** - First United Methodist Church, 9849 N 105th Ave. (OFFERING: LOTSA TUNA)

Each day:

- A collection of food items for the food bank is brought to the host church (see the items listed above).
- At noon, there is a brief service in the sanctuary of each church.
- At 12:30, there will be an informal lunch of soup & sandwiches provided by host congregations and tour of the facilities for those interested.

Invite a friend & participate in as many as you like.

We are hosting on Friday without the aid of a co-host church. Helpers will be needed.

**If you'd like to help set-up, serve, or clean-up lunch on Friday,
call our church office at 623-974-3631.**

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



Happy New Year!! I love saying that LOUD and LONG, makes people wonder what I've been up to and, between you and me, the answer is nothing!! Every New Year I think that maybe I should have a new year's resolution – a goal for my year. I remember one year I set a goal of losing 20 pounds – well, I did it, problem was I gained 30 ~ YIKES!! Makes me a little cautious about making resolutions.

This year I have made a resolution to work on my attitude. I want to be happier and a blessing to people around me. So I am going to try to focus on the positives instead of the negatives in my life. I have decided to try a "Happiness Jar" that I saw on-line. Beginning on January first I am going to write down every day at least one good thing that has happened. The end of the year, or when I need a pick-me-up, I will read and remember all the amazing things that have happened.

I believe that God wants us to be happy while we are on this earth. We find our happiness in our relationship with God and other people of faith. Psalm 144:15b states, "Happy the people whose God is the LORD!"

I have a new devotional that I am going to use in 2017 that is about happiness in our lives. Each day will be another chance to look at and for happiness. I am doing this to have a change of heart. I have found that I can work myself into a funk. I love the work I do and the people I get to do it with – that means you too. But there are the days... I know that we all have those days, but my goal this year is to focus on the positive.

I think our world would be a better place if we could all focus a bit more on the positive and let the negative slide. We know that our hope, faith, and trust is in the Lord. We know that the blood of Jesus and the grace of God save us. We know that one day we will be in God's presence. We know that our time in eternity with God will be so much more than we can even begin to imagine now.

Our joy is in the Lord. I am praying that by working through the happiness planner/journal and focusing more upon the contentment and fulfillment I find in God that I will better be able to communicate with others the peace a relationship with God gives each one of us. I am hoping that my focus on happiness will enable me to be a better organizer of priorities. Too many times, I have let things get me down instead of focusing on the joy, happiness and contentment I find when I study the Word or am in prayer and worship.

I invite you to join me on this journey for 2017. Look for the positive and write it down. Seek the Lord, for only in God's presence do we find total peace and contentment. Make a plan and follow through to make 2017 a better year for you. Know that you will be in my prayers as we travel this coming year together.

Happy New Year and May God Bless YOU –
Lois

IN LOVING MEMORY



Mary Watson

January 23, 2016

Jackie Lehnus

January 28, 2016

Harold Payne

February 4, 2016

Marjorie Downey

April 8, 2016

Marilyn Lauterbach

June 25, 2016

Del Romine

July 4, 2016

Neta McCart

October 12, 2016

Bill Mallory

November 24, 2016

Dee Burke

November 27, 2016

Frank Kornegay

December 17, 2016

Mildred Brownell

December 22, 2016

Mmmmm, Doesn't Soup Sound Good?



Do you remember those wonderful soups the United Methodist Women sold last year?

Well, the United Methodist Women will be cooking up some more delicious soups later this month. They will go on sale January 15th, and will continue through February.

These soups make ideal lunches, gifts for shut-ins, or a treat for special friends.

There will be the usual Beef Vegetable, White Bean Chicken Chili, and Kielbasa Split Pea...and there will be added surprises. Price is \$3.00 for 1 1/2 cups and \$6.00 for 3 cups. Be sure to stop by the United Methodist Women's table on Sunday and see what they've been cooking!!

HOLY HUDDLES

The following is an excerpt from a letter to all the United Methodists in this annual conference from the Bishop:

Recent events in our Conference, in the Western Jurisdiction, and in the General Church have prompted conversations and concern in our United Methodist congregations in the Desert Southwest Conference. Many persons have expressed their desire for clarity and explanations and an opportunity to share their feelings and opinions regarding topics such as human sexuality, interpretation of scripture, the Book of Discipline, the Social Principles, challenges to church unity and possible schism, and our future as a United Methodist Church.

Because these are very important issues that many persons want to discuss, I am inviting you and your congregation to join me in a time of Holy Huddle on the Unity of the Church. Holy Huddles will offer us the opportunity to engage in listening to and hearing one another as we share our concerns and thoughts about human sexuality and the church. In these Huddles, my role is to listen to your concerns, to share my perspective as your bishop, and to respond to questions you may have about any topic of concern. I will strive to create a safe space where we will be able to speak and listen with respect for others and pray together for our United Methodist Church in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

The last date and location for Huddles in the Phoenix West District is:

Tuesday, January 10 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Willowbrook UMC, 19390 N 99th Ave

Metho Travelers invites you to....

Go Places: Fun trips with great people.

CELEBRATION OF FINE ART, Scottsdale, AZ, will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. The bus departs at 9:15 a.m. from Lakeview United Methodist Church and returns at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$20.00/person. Bring a sweater, tent is not heated.

ELVIS REMEMBERED will be held at Barleens Arizona Opry Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Bus leaves from Lakeview United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$46.00 which includes transportation, dinner and show.

THE TEXAS TENORS will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at the Del E. Webb Center. Show time is 3:00 p.m. and cost is \$65.00/person. Bus leaves from Royal Oaks at 1:30 p.m.

WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE by Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (ship: Liberty of the Seas) is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2017, to Sunday, May 7, 2017, (7 nights & 8 days). Double occupancy/person is from \$1,525 to \$1,795 depending on which cabin you choose. A deposit of \$250/person is required upon sign up. The ports are Galveston, TX; Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; Cozumel, Mexico; and Galveston, TX.

For more information and sign up, visit the Metho Travelers' table in the Fellowship Hall.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS JANUARY 15TH

Please submit any articles you have by January 15th. This may sound early, but multiple people and steps are involved in compiling this newsletter. Thank you.



Healthy Living ...

Did you know there is a Healthy Living bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall? It features information regarding current health matters, senior issues, and resources provided by local facilities. If anything looks like it might be helpful, you may have copies made in the office. This board is updated monthly and currently features information on ...

- when to use the ER at the local hospital
- services provided by the Attorney General's office
- a senior care hotline
- health mistakes often made by senior citizens
- Sun City Community Action Network
- And more!!!!

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sundays

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Potluck (3rd Sunday) 10:30 a.m.
 Food Drive (3rd Sunday)

Mondays

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Handbell Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY Committee Meetings:

Trustees	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 03
Church Growth	9:00 a.m.	Jan. 04
Care Council	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 09
Worship	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 11
Finance	1:30 p.m.	Jan. 12
SPRC	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 17
Missions	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 17
Foundation	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 18
Social Media	3:30 p.m.	Jan. 23
Church Council	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 25

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Service of Remembrance	8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.	Jan. 01
Hands of Friendship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.	Jan. 07
Potluck	10:30 a.m.	Jan. 15
Food Bank Sunday		Jan. 15
Week of Prayer	12:00 a.m.	Jan. 16-20
Spring Concert	2:00 p.m.	Jan. 29

Fellowship Hour Hosts

*The group that will be hosting our
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
 in January will be
 THE FOUNDATION.*

UMW Executive Board Meeting:

Monday, January 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room

Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, January 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room

Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

Wednesday, January 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, January 12th, meet at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Rebecca Circle:

JANUARY MEETING IS CANCELLED.

Friday, February 10th, at 9:30 a.m. at Jean Kornegay's home
 (10312 W. Corte Del Sol Este)

UMW Local Organization Meeting:

Monday, February 27th, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Buddy Bell	01/03
Carolyn Daly	01/03
Lorraine King	01/03
Pam Fisher	01/04
Brenda Hansen	01/05
Barb Kelton	01/07
Skip Sutton	01/07
Catherine Schott	01/08
Alice LaClair	01/09
Evelyn Cummings	01/10
Dolores Morris	01/10
Paul Gibson	01/16
Harlan Kloostra	01/16
Mike Bidol	01/19
Richard Crapo	01/21
Pat Krider	01/21
Ron Yankowski	01/21
Adam Chavez	01/28
Judy Brown	01/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Beth Mead	01/03
Loy & Roseann McGuire	01/17

Celebrate!

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study JANUARY

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

January 2nd

Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17

January 9th

Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42

January 16th

Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23

January 23rd

Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

January 30th

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	
Matthew 5:13-20	

Reading Through the Bible

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for an hour of Bible reading, discussion and questions. We are studying Isaiah.

Come and join us!



HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

January 7th at 11:30 a.m. at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria

Hands of Friendship is a group that gets together for fellowship and food the first Saturday of each month at Mercer's restaurant. We order from the menu and pay individually.

Please call Phyllis Sutton (623-322-8547) so we will have a spot waiting for you. Everyone is welcome. Come join us!



NEW Teleworship Listener Instructions

Effective January 22nd, we will have a new teleworship system. Below are the instructions:

1. Dial **623-777-3306** and wait for prompt.
2. Dial extension **930** and wait for prompt.
3. Dial **536-545-940 #**

You will be connected to the worship service.

Please note that the weekly bulletin will be on our website (www.fumcsuncity.com). Under the heading "WORSHIP" click on "SUNDAY BULLETIN."

BEYOND BASICS TO BEST PRACTICES TRAINING

Are you serving on our Staff Parish Relations, Trustees or Finance Committees? *Beyond the Basics to Best Practices* is for chairs and members of these committees. These workshops are for new and continuing members. Join with others from across the East and West Districts to learn how to become a valuable member of your committee and church.

There is no cost to attend. Registration ensures that materials will be available for all.

When: Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church
3530 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix

Register at: <https://dscumc.org/secure/eastwest-administrative-training-01142017/>

WEST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership Training is a time to connect as the people of God, to learn and grow, and to become better equipped to make disciples in the name of Jesus Christ. Plan to attend and engage with people from around the West District.

When: Saturday, February 4th from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church
7201 W. Beardsley Rd, Glendale

Registration (includes lunch): \$15 on or before January 25;
\$20 after January 25

Register at: <https://dscumc.org/secure/west-leadership-training-02042017/>



There will be seven workshops in two break-out sessions. You may select two workshops. This is open to everyone.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pauline Bortz
Barbara Chavez
Bruce Gonsalves
Lucille and Gordon
Gudmundson
Libby Hearne
Frances Jobe
Jeannie Lewis
Dolores Morris
Mary Payne
Gordon Plancich
Jim Pugh
Mary Jean Roush
Ruth Saathoff
Billie Jo Scott
Esta and Bill VanMeter
Don Watson



ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

JANUARY:

Sun City congregations

All Saints of the Desert
Church of St. Joachim & St. Anne
Shepherd of the Desert
St. Christopher's Church
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

United Methodist congregations in our District

Staff of Desert Southwest Conference
Wesley Community Center
Golden Gates Community Center
Justa Center, Phoenix



Condolences & Christian Sympathy....

....to **PRICE DOWNEY** on news of the passing of spouse, Marjorie, earlier this year in Illinois.

....to **BARBARA KELTON**, family and friends on the death of her friend Cathy (CO) on Dec. 12th from cancer which she had battled for 13 years.

....to **JEAN KORNEGAY**, family and friends on the death her husband, Frank, on December 17th.

....to friends & family of **MILDRED BROWNELL**, who passed away on Dec. 22 (IA)

....to **ROSEANN MCGUIRE**, family and friends on the passing of her friend's daughter, Emma Williams, on Dec. 17 (MI)

New Class or Study

Would you be interested in a class about Christian History and the history of the United Methodist Church? We are considering having one, but only if you are interested. This would be for about an hour a week for about four weeks. Please call the church office and get your name on the list if you would like to attend. Tell us what day and time would work best for you – first and second choice please. We will let you know what the results are in the News and Notes. Thank You.



January's Communion Offering to Community and Member Assistance

January's Communion offering goes to Community and Member Assistance. This fund primarily assists church members and their families with emergency assistance for medical and other needs. We also use these funds to make a contribution to the Salvation Army's emergency assistance fund which helps people in the surrounding communities.

Food Allergies Keeping You From Communion?

We have gluten/wheat/yeast/dairy/egg/soy/nut/corn-free communion wafers. They have been carefully placed in a special box and in small bags so that they are not accidentally cross-contaminated with the other wafers or bread. Please stop by the sound booth to pick one up before worship if you have allergies or sensitivities so that you too may partake of this wonderful sacrament with everyone else. We believe the change comes in communion within your spirit and that the bread and juice are representations of what Christ has done for us.



POTLUCK TIME Sunday, January 15th

Join everyone at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for our fun potluck. Remember to bring your own plate and utensils. Please bring a dish or two to share so we can easily include our guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome!! Our guest speaker this month will be from Boswell Volunteer Resources.



VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Tilly 2Can is the mascot for Valley View Community Food Bank. Her message — every time you shop for your family's groceries, grab an extra **TWO CANS** for Valley View. Thank you in advance for all you do for the community.



Our food bank donation Sunday is January 15th. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A
year of favor
FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
PSALM 90:17
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Visit Our
Website



Italian Night!

Bring your sweetie for spaghetti and more!



When: February 10th
DINNER SERVING FROM
 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Fellowship Hall
 Cost: \$8 per person



For tickets, contact Colleen Becker at 341-5107.
 This is a Mission project of the United Methodist Women.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Every year, we have a series of three spring musical concerts. The concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Below is a list of our upcoming concerts:

<i>January 29th</i>	<i>Sun City Ukulele Club</i>
<i>February 26th</i>	<i>Jazzmatazz</i>
<i>March 26th</i>	<i>Sun City Women's Chorus</i>



THANK YOU!



for all the Christmas presents, goodies, cards, letters and prayers! We appreciate each and every act of kindness and display of holiday spirit.

Rev. Lois & Rev. Tom



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TELEWORSHIP thru Jan. 15, 2017:

For new instructions, see page 8 of this newsletter.

Teleworship allows a person to dial a phone number remotely and listen to the worship service as it occurs. Here's how it works:

- Call **1-866-212-0875** (toll free) during the 9:30 a.m. service.
- When prompted, enter the code **9420366** then **#**.
- You will be connected to the worship service.

Note: You can have a convenient wallet size card with the above information. These are available in the church office.

You can follow the service with a copy of the Sunday bulletin which is located on our website: **fumcsuncity.com**. Under the heading "WORSHIP" click on "SUNDAY BULLETIN."

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The ministers of this church are its members.
Those who assist and support them are:

Lois Hedden	Senior Pastor
Thomas Ondra	Pastor
Terry Smith	Music Director
Cathy Murray	Organist, Handbell Director
Tom Scott	Lay Leader
Sharon Weber	Administrative Assistant
Fran Nine	Financial Secretary
Richard Vickers	Audio Engineer
Robert Schmidt	Maintenance

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