



First United Methodist Church of Sun City

First Word

JANUARY 2019



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019 SAVE THE DATE...PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

First United Methodist 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 Christian Unity. The theme this year will be "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." We're hoping you will join us each day 12:00 noon (Monday – Friday) at the following locations:

- January 21** - Church of the Palms, 14808 Boswell Blvd. (co-host St. Joachim & St. Anne)
- January 22** - St. Elizabeth Seton, 9728 W. Palmeras Drive (co-host First Presbyterian)
- January 23** - Faith Presbyterian, 1600 N. Del Webb Blvd. (co-host United Church of Sun City)
- January 24** - All Saints of the Desert, 9502 W. Hutton Drive (co-host Shepherd of the Desert)
- January 25** - First United Methodist Church, 9849 N 105th Ave. (co-host St. Christopher's Episcopal)

Each day:

- A collection of food items for the food bank is brought to the host church. Pasta, canned fruit, soup, bags of beans, peanut butter, or canned tuna are suggested items. Bring what you want each day to help fill the shelves at the Valley View Community Food Bank.
- At noon, there is a brief worship service in the sanctuary of each church.
- At 12:30, soup, sandwich and a cookie lunch will be served by the host and co-host churches. This is a great time to sit and visit with our Christian neighbors.

Invite a friend & participate. This is a wonderful week of worship and a great connection with others in our community.

We are hosting on Friday and will be serving Potato Leek soup with warm bread and butter. Help is always needed. **Set up is on Thursday, January 24th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Many hands make light work, so please just show up and there will be a job you can do.

**If you'd like to help serve or clean-up lunch on Friday,
call our church office at 623-974-3631 or Jan Ward at 623-242-8327.**

IN LOVING MEMORY



Bishamber Lal	January 11, 2018
Mikki Smith	January 11, 2018
Ed Edwards	March 2, 2018
Pauline Bortz	March 4, 2018
Lyle DeRose	March 25, 2018
Gertrude Neumann	April 10, 2018
Diane Lang	May 18, 2018
Marian Schroeder	July 9, 2018
Dolores Morris	August 15, 2018
Therese Green	August 20, 2018
Howard Passage	September 1, 2018
Clyde Henry	October 27, 2018
Betty Eaton	November 20, 2018
Warren Whipple	November 20, 2018
Lorraine Matthias	December 19, 2018

Message from the Pastor

The arrival of January and a new year always seem to bring me around to resolutions and what I would like to see different in my life. I try to come up with something I might actually do.

I am a procrastinator. I know this annoys other people much more than it bothers me. I have lived with it all my life and know that I work better under pressure, with a deadline looming, so I lean into that with almost all of my work and projects. I can delay, postpone, dally, dawdle and generally mess around and do nothing with the best of them! I rarely miss a deadline, but also am hardly ever early. Several times, I said that I would quit procrastinating for my annual resolution, but I honestly don't think it made any difference in my behavior.

I want to make a difference. I don't want my resolution to be just merely words, but to make it count for something. The year I resolved to lose ten pounds, I kept thinking I have 12 months, 365 days, to do this; so I do not have to start today. (I told you I am a procrastinator!) By the end of the year, I had lost 40 pounds, but gained 50! As a result, I no longer make resolutions about my weight.

There have been times I have resolved to do something nebulous (vague) like work on happiness and contentment. Over the years, I think I have improved on these things, but they really cannot be measured. What made me think of this was I was pondering what I wanted to do in 2019 and I was thinking about spirituality. Talk about something that can't be measured!

I do want to deepen my faith and strengthen my walk with my Savior. I am not sure how that would be evaluated to know whether or not I was successful on my quest. I could document how much time I spent reading and/or studying the bible or how much time in prayer or meditation, but I am not sure this is about numbers. I think spirituality is not something that is measurable or quantifiable.

I know in our society today there are many people who would say that they are spiritual but not religious. To me the statement just does not make sense. I think spiritual and religious go hand in hand. I do not want to be aggressive with others about my faith, but I personally want to practice my faith aggressively. I want to purposefully pursue a strong faith through all that I do in my daily life.

This will be my resolution: work on personal spirituality. Feel free to ask me how I am doing throughout the year. This topic, spirituality, will probably also find its way into sermons you hear as I challenge you and myself to this deepening of faith.

God Bless You and Your Families in this New Year,
Rev. Lois



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.

POTLUCK TIME Sunday, January 20th

Every third Sunday of the month we have a Potluck Sunday. Our fun potluck will be held on January 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to bring your own plate and utensils. Please bring an extra dish to share so we can easily include our guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend.



David James, President of the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Men, will be here to tell us about the SAWS Ministry. This is a group that builds access ramps for people's homes. Come and hear more January 20th.



VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TOUCAN = Two Cans

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 the food bank. Thank you in advance for all you do for the community.

Our food bank donation Sunday is January 20th. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

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



Bible Studies... Lectionary Study JANUARY

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

January 7th

Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 14th

Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11

January 21st

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

January 28th

Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

Reading Through the Bible

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room for an hour of Bible reading, discussion and questions. We are in the book of Romans.

COME AND JOIN US!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Roeder	01/02
Buddy Bell	01/03
Lorraine King	01/03
Pam Fisher	01/04
Brenda Hansen	01/05
Barbara Kelton	01/07
Skip Sutton	01/07
Catherine Schott	01/08
Alice LaClair	01/09
Irene Moore	01/09
Evelyn Cummings	01/10
Paul Gibson	01/16
Harlan Kloostra	01/16
Tom Carskadon	01/17
Dee Ehrlich	01/19
Pat Krider	01/21
Ron Yankowski	01/21
Rita Gregersen	01/23
Jackie Krutz	01/23
Doris Kortie	01/24
Tony Trevino	01/27
Adam Chavez	01/28
Jane Ehrlich	01/28
Judy Brown	01/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Beth Mead	01/03
Loy & Roseann McGuire	01/17
Don & Karen Hulsey	01/20

2019 Day of Learning – This is a time to connect as the people of God, to learn and grow, and to become better equipped to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Plan to attend and engage with clergy and lay colleagues from the West District. This will be on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church in Glendale. Registration is required. Check the bulletin board or the website shown below.



Online registration is: <https://dscumc.org/event/west-district-day-of-learning>

Come to the office Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you need help registering.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sundays

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

Mondays

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Handbells Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsals 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY Committee Meetings:

Church Growth	10:00 a.m.	Jan. 02
Trustees	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 08
Care Council	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 08
Worship	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 09
Social Media	11:00 a.m.	Jan. 10
Missions	1:00 p.m.	Jan. 15
Foundation	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 16
Finance	1:30 p.m.	Jan. 17
Church Council	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 23



HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

January 5th 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hands of Friendship Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. January 05
 Food Bank Sunday January 20
 Potluck 10:30 a.m. January 20
 Concert 2:00 p.m. January 27

Fellowship Hour Hosts

TABITHA-DORCAS CIRCLE will be hosting
 at 10:30 a.m. in January

Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, January 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. at Irene Smith's home (11209 N. 103rd Ave.)

UMW Executive Board Meeting:

Monday, January 7th, at 1:00 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

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

Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, January 10th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

UMW Unit Meeting:

Monday, February 25th, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Tillie Brandt
Joyce Clingerman
Jan Constantine
Lucille and Gordon
Gudmundson
Libby Hearne
Pat Krider
Alice LaClair
Jeff Lay
Gordon Plancich
John B. Richardson
Mary Jean Roush
Billie Jo Scott
Helen Teichman
Esta and Bill VanMeter
Don and Sandi Vickery
Don Watson



ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

January:

Sun City congregations
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First UMC Sun City
Shepherd of the Desert

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 the friends and family of **LORRAINE MATTHIAS** who went to heaven on 12/19. Services were held at First on 12/29.

...to **MARY MITCHELL**, family and friends on the passing of her daughter, GINA SAJAK, on 12/22.

...to **GARY JOHANSON**, family and friends on the passing of Gary's brother, Don, who passed last week in Wheaton, MN.

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.

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 13th, and will continue every Sunday through February.

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

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

Metho Travelers invites you to....

Go Places: Fun trips with great people.

Remember, **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

Many people are now signing up for these activities and **space is limited.**

Be sure to pay your deposit upon registration to ensure your space.

LIGHTS OF THE WORLD, Tuesday, January 15, **2019**. This is an exciting international event with 6 million lights, 65 displays, incredible live acrobats, music and cuisine. Cost is \$43/person which includes bus, all tips and gratuities. Wear comfortable shoes. Bus leaves Lakeview UMC at 4:30 p.m. and returns around 9:00 p.m.

RHYTHM CATS VEGAS JUBILEE, Saturday, February 23, **2019**. Cost is \$68/person which includes buffet lunch, show, transportation, taxes and gratuities. Bus leaves Lakeview UMC at 10:15 a.m. and returns around 5:00 p.m.

MYSTERY CASTLE TOUR, Thursday, March 14, **2019**. Cost is \$54 which includes tour, lunch, bus and gratuities. Meet at Lakeview UMC at 9:00 a.m. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns approximately 3:00 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Metho Travelers needs representatives from First Church to serve on the board. By people serving on the board, we learn about upcoming trips and events. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday each month at Lakeview United Methodist Church. If you are interested, please contact BETH MEAD, 307-262-6715.

TODAY'S FORECAST: GOD reigns and the SON shines.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS



Community Rewards Program

How would you like to help First UMC every time you buy groceries at Fry's? It is so easy to sign up. Visit **www.frysfood.com**. Once logged into your Fry's account, choose Community Rewards from the list on the left, then you can search for First United Methodist Church of Sun City either by name or **YK230** and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, an email address and a rewards card.

If you do not have an email address, you can contact their parent company, Kroger, at 1-800-576-4377, option 3. Just let them know you do not have access to a computer but would still like to sign up. If you need help, you can always come to the office and we will be glad to assist you.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our church until after you register your rewards card. You must swipe your registered Fry's rewards card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Fry's rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.



Please continue to place any disposable greeting cards in the box in the church lobby or on the shelves by the door to the offices. Thank you for your donations.

Judy Brown

Italian Night!

Bring your sweetie for spaghetti and more!



When: Friday, February 15th
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 623-341-5107.
This is a Mission project of the United Methodist Women.



January 27th Concert, 2:00 p.m.
Sun City Ukulele Club

The Fun Bunch will be coming to see us again on the last Sunday of the month! They bring joy and happiness with them as they perform with their ukuleles! Bring some finger food and a friend to share this fun afternoon. Everyone will have a good time!!



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TELEWORSHIP:

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 **623-777-3306** during the 9:30 a.m. service
- When prompted, enter extension **930**
- Dial **536-545-940 #**
- 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	Associate Pastor
Colleen Becker	Lay Leader
Terry Smith	Music Director
Cathy Murray	Organist, Handbell Director
Sharon Weber	Office Manager
Richard Vickers	Audio Engineer
Lou Farrar	Media Operator
Robert Schmidt	Maintenance

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