



First United Methodist Church of Sun City

First Word

NOVEMBER 2018



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

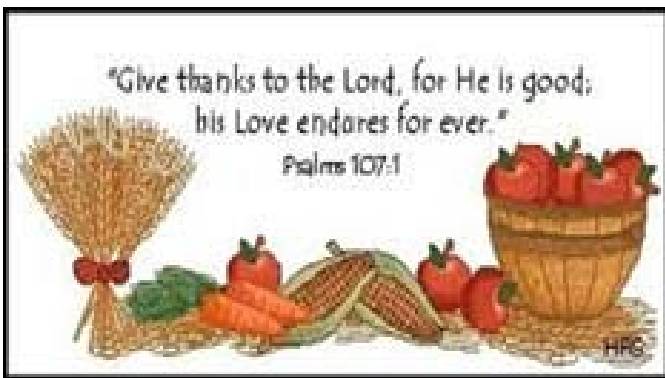
We will be having a potluck at church on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, at noon. Turkey and ham will be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish (or two) to share. We will have a sign-up sheet in the church lobby in order to have a good variety of sides. Come by yourself or bring a friend or two. There will be no program, just food and fellowship at the Happiest Church on 105th Avenue.

Harvest of Plenty

Every year on the second Sunday, we have a large food gathering for the West Valley Community Food Bank. We start thinking of the holidays and how many people are struggling financially, maybe even some that have never had to before. Valley View Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization providing food and basic necessities to people in need throughout Maricopa's West Valley. They service about 300 families a week with 43% being seniors. They have been struggling this year, so let us be extra generous.



Missions Committee



GIVE THANKS

On Thanksgiving Day, please don't forget to thank God for all of your blessings since you are surrounded by wonderful things which God has given you and your families! Every day is a good day to thank the Lord, but thank goodness we set aside one as "Thanksgiving Day." As Psalm 113:3 says, "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name

of the Lord is to be praised." We praise God's name by giving thanks for all we have received.

November's Communion Offering to.... Ronald McDonald House Charities

There are some children in the Phoenix area that travel far from home to receive medical treatments. Some have to stay a day, a month or even longer. It is a long time to be separated from their families and can be very expensive to stay in hotels. Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) strives to make life a little easier for these families by providing low-cost temporary housing (\$15.00 per night). RMHC has three houses--two in Phoenix and one in Mesa. Up to 79 families stay per night and more than 43,000 families have checked-in since they opened their doors in 1985.



CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE AND POTLUCK

NOVEMBER 6TH 11:00 A.M.

This is our annual business meeting for our church. It is important for you to attend. After the meeting, we will have a potluck. Please mark your calendars now and be here for this meeting. Please bring a dish or two to share and a table setting for the potluck.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE



We are going to sponsor another "Family Christmas Tree" this year. Jesse from the Valley View Community Food Bank is looking for some new families that are having some financial problems. We will have 30 names and 60 angels. More information will follow. So start thinking of someone you might want to share a name with or if you want to take an "angel" yourself.



FOR HELPING WITH OUR 2018 FALL FESTIVAL!!!

We couldn't have done it without those who prayed for our success and.....

donated, sold, bought, carried, cooked, baked, fried, volunteered, picked up, collected, arranged, rearranged, coordinated, watched, offered, gave, contributed, set up, cleaned up, took down, delivered, sorted, shook, priced, counted, labeled, washed, dried, dusted, marked, stored, generally helped out.....

Special thanks to Judy Brown, Sandy Martin, Bob & Linda Olson, Ruthie Prior, and Peg Ward for heading up areas. Also thanks to Red Fisher, John King and Don Pleinis for heavy duty lifting and moving stuff.

and Lyn and Doris Kortie who oversaw it all with grace.

THANKS!!!!

Message from the Pastor

November is a month that we take time to remember and give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. We think we can make a simple list of all the things we are grateful for because we know them all! Then, as we look for additional things to give thanks for, we are in a very real sense re-installing the wonder we have for all of God's creation. We begin to see the abundance that surrounds us, and notice the beauty that gift-wraps each day.

We might begin giving thanks with the fact we woke up and were able to get out of bed this morning. For the first sip of coffee or tea – or even before the first taste – the smell. Thank God for our senses of taste, smell, hearing, touch, and sight. We can thank God for the miracle of our bodies and the health care professionals that help us keep them running smoothly.

I am thankful for family, church, home, clothes, food to eat, clean water to drink, a job I love, cell phones, computers, google, plants, lots of channels on the television to watch, books to read, games to play, and a Lord who understands my quiriness and loves me anyhow. I am thankful for so many things and so many people/individuals that I cannot possibly list them all completely.

I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to God for the grace that extends not only to me but also to every single person who asks for and accepts the free gift given for each of us through Jesus Christ. Jesus came from God, put on humanity in the form of a baby. Growing into adulthood, he then taught about how to live and love. Jesus shed his blood for our sins as a sacrificial lamb, was buried for three days, and then resurrected to new life. I am ever so thankful for the Holy Bible and teachers who taught me how to read.

For many there is not a more peaceful/prayerful moment in the day than watching the sun rise or set. Early morning the birds begin to pick up their chatter just before the sunrise, and in the evening, it is like a roll call as all the birds sign off for the night. The beautiful colors in the clouds as the sun comes and goes always seem to remind me of God's majesty and glory. I like the thought that our day is gift-wrapped like a beautiful package with the sunrise and sunset.

Give thanks to God, not just in November, but always. Look around you and try to see/notice things you have not seen before and Give Thanks. God loves to hear our thanks and praise. "When the Praises Go Up, The Blessings Come Down."

Praising God for YOU –
Rev. Lois

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study NOVEMBER

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

November 5th

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

November 12th

1 Samuel 1:4-20	Psalm 113
Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25	Mark 13:1-8

November 19th

2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

November 26th

Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

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 Acts.

COME AND JOIN US!



All Church Community Christmas Party Saturday, December 8th, at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar NOW because you WILL want to BE HERE!!! More details will be in next month's newsletter.



HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

Struggling to make ends meet? There is a free service from the National Council on Aging at **BenefitsCheckUp.org** that connects folks 55 and older with programs that help pay for food, medications, utilities, and housing. Complete an online questionnaire and the service will scan some 2,500 programs and identify ones you may qualify for.

ON-LINE GIVING

Did you know that First UMC has the capability for you to give on-line via our website? **fumcsuncity.com** This is a great way to give to the church and not worry about carrying cash or checks with you. It also helps when you are away so you can continue to give to the mission and ministry of our church. You can make it a one time donation or a recurring donation. It is easy to set up. If you have any questions or need help in setting it up, please contact Sharon in the office and she will be glad to assist you. Many can also give on-line through their personal bank, one time or on-going. Check It Out.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sundays

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 CANNED Food Drive (2nd 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.

NOVEMBER Committee Meetings:

Trustees	9:30 a.m.	Nov. 06
Church Growth	11:00 a.m.	Nov. 07
Social Media	11:00 a.m.	Nov. 08
Finance	1:30 p.m.	Nov. 08
Care Council	1:00 p.m.	Nov. 13
Missions	1:00 p.m.	Nov. 20
Church Council	9:30 a.m.	Nov. 28



HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

November 3rd 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. November 03
 Food Bank Sunday **November 11**
 Potluck 10:30 a.m. November 18

Fellowship Hour Hosts

*The group that will be hosting our 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour for the month of November will be: **CARE COUNCIL.***



SMILE!!!

**Brighten someone's day.
It's contagious.**

UMW Executive Board Meeting:

Monday, November 5th, at 1:00 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, November 8th, at 9:30 a.m. Suzanne Yankowski's home (10429 W Cheryl Dr)

Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

Wednesday, November 14th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

UMW Unit Meeting:

Monday, December 17th, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



THE SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

This year we will be ringing the "bell" for Salvation Army on Wednesday, December 5th, at Walgreens on 99th Avenue and Greenway. We will ring just the one day. Fry's location and other major stores close to us had all been taken. The time will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. So save this date and get a friend to shake that bell with. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex November 18th. Remember, you can sign up for 1/2 hour time slots.



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.

DREAM CITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Saturday, December 8, 2018. Cost is \$50 which includes program, bus and gratuity. Meet at Lakeview UMC at 12:45 p.m. and return approximately 5:30 p.m.

BARLEENS CHRISTMAS SHOW, Saturday, December 15, 2018. Cost is \$65 which includes bus, meal, show and all gratuities. Bus leaves Lakeview UMC at 10:45 a.m. and returns around 4:45 p.m.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Vickers	11/01
Alicia Cambridge	11/05
Phyllis Sutton	11/07
Nancy Lentz	11/08
Pat Nichols-Hill	11/08
Marlyn Gregersen	11/09
Ron Lentz	11/09
Betty Hill	11/10
Betty Eaton	11/11
Ron Fisher	11/12
Colleen Becker	11/13
Jan Davies	11/13
Virginia Dunlap	11/13
Joan Beachler	11/21
Les Lehnus	11/22
Sue Byers	11/23
Garry Becker	11/24
Bill Pack	11/25
John Coulter	11/28
Terry Smith	11/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Dorothy Murray	11/03
Carl & Barb Bock	11/13
Warren & Lenore Whipple	11/13
Barry & Shirley Catto	11/25



*One particular four-year old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash
baskets
as we forgive those who put
trash in our baskets."*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Clarice Bielski
Tillie Brandt
Joyce Clingerman
Lucille and Gordon
Gudmundson
Libby Hearne
Clyde Henry
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:

November:

Sun City congregations
First Presbyterian Church
First UMC, Sun City
Shepherd of the Desert
St. Christopher's Episcopal

United Methodist congregations in our District

Shepherd of the Valley UMC, Phoenix
Spirit of Hope UMC, Peoria
Spirit Song UMF, Peoria

Condolences & Christian Sympathy



....to **BARBARA LEYH**, family and friends on news of the passing of her brother, Norman Shipp, in Coeur d'Alene, ID, on Oct. 8th.

....to **MABEL HEETER** on news of the passing of her sister, Annamae Cleveringa, Lake Havasu, week of Oct. 21st.

....to **EVA HENRY** on the passing of her husband, Clyde, on Oct. 25th.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS NOVEMBER 15TH

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

TIME TO ORDER

If you would like to order a POINSETTIA for \$10 for the holidays, please check your weekly Sunday bulletin November 25th and December 2nd and 9th for an order form. The last day to turn in your order form will be December 10th. An order form has also been included in this month's newsletter for your convenience.



POTLUCK Sunday, November 18th



Every third Sunday of the month we have a Potluck Sunday. Our fun luncheon will be held on November 18th 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to bring your own table setting. Please bring an extra dish to share so we can easily include our guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our guest speaker is scheduled to be from Sun City Fire Department discussing ways to keep safe at home. And that is a topic pertinent to all. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors so they can hear about this important subject.



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 Valley View. Thank you in advance for all you do for the community.

Our food bank donation Sunday is November 18th. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

United Methodist Women Recycle Project

The United Methodist Women have been recycling your water bottles and aluminum cans for almost three years now. We appreciate all of you that have been helping with this mission project. This year alone we have made over \$223.00 for missions. We feel this is a great way for you to keep these bottles and cans out of the landfills. Just continue to bring them on Sundays and drop them off by the kitchen door. Thank you!

HELP WANTED



On Saturday, December 1st, we will gather in the church at 8:00 a.m. to decorate our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the holiday season. There are greens to hang, trees to assemble and decorate, tables to set, lights to string, and lots of fun to share. Then on Saturday, December 29th, at 8:00 a.m., we will be taking down the decorations and will again need your help!

Mark your calendar and plan on coming to help make our space special for this miraculous time of year. Many hands make light work. Watch your weekly bulletin or speak with Connie Scott for more information about these fun mornings.



To all those who have served in the military, we **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.** We appreciate all you did for our country not only on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11th, but every day throughout the year. Thank you very much.

Picture of our church after a recent rainstorm. What a beautiful rainbow over our church!!



THANK YOU! Your pastors wish to thank everyone in the church for the cards and monetary gifts that you gave us. It is an honor and a privilege to serve here with you. We are grateful for your appreciation and support.

Rev. Lois and
Rev. Tom



WANTED!! Greeting cards...new OR used, inside printed message OR blank OR personal writing, front OR back missing. NO GLITTER! Unused envelopes are sometimes matched with unused cards to sell at our Fall Festival. Thank you for your donations in the lobby box.
Judy Brown



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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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