



The Jaunt

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter March 27, 2020

The Jaunt is a weekly newsletter that reports on upcoming events and highlights church activities.

For information on many of our programs, visit sierravistamethodist.org

SVUMC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch>

This Month's Prayer Word: **Mercy**

Lord, may we share with others the same mercy you extend to us.

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



— Upcoming Services —

March 29: Sunday Services - **Available Online Only**

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-30, 39-42

Message - Rev. Jeanne Festa

In an effort to slow or stop the spread of CO-VID 19, many events and activities have been postponed or canceled. Here is a list. More details inside this newsletter.

Choir
Wednesday Vespers
Wednesday Lenten Suppers
Lenten Bible Studies
Tuesday Bible Study
Sonrisers Bible Study
Health & Exercise Classes

March 27/28 - UMW Rummage Sale
March 27 - STEM
March 28 - Community Parking Lot Sale
March 28 - Fishermen's Monthly Gathering
March 29 - Fishermen's Pancake Breakfast
March 31 - Earth Day Planning Meeting

The Food Pantry remains in operation and your support is needed now more than ever!

A reminder that Church Office has changed their hours to Monday-Friday 10-12pm

Website address updated!



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

Members of the congregation of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church:

As you are aware, church services for the rest of March and, most likely, April, have been cancelled. This not only affects your opportunities to worship but denies you the convenience of giving your tithes and offerings as we regularly do.

While these cancellations are being undertaken to protect our church members and prevent the spread of the Corona virus, they have also had an impact on the church's income. Even though services and other gatherings are curtailed, the bills are not! We still must pay for utilities, salaries and other expenses. Therefore, we ask that you prayerfully consider additional steps to ensure that your financial contributions—tithes and offerings—to the church continue. You may do so in several ways:

1. Mail your tithe, offering or donation to the church at 3225 St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650. Please send a check or money order. Do not send cash through the mail.
2. Drop your tithe, offering or donation off at the church office. Please note that office hours have been curtailed. Call 378-3352 to ensure the office is open before making the trip.
3. You may donate online at the SVUMC website, sierravistamethodist.org/electronic-giving. Click on “electronic giving”, then scroll down past the photo and click on the link to VANCO. If you need assistance in donating through VANCO, contact the church office.
4. If you are a Face Book subscriber, visit the church's Face Book page for information about electronic giving through VANCO.
5. Set up an electronic payment through your bank or credit union so your tithe, offering or donation is sent directly to the church. Your banker can assist you with setting up this payment. If you use online banking, you can set up such a payment on line. Procedures may vary from bank to bank.

Please consider continuing your generous giving throughout this period of concern. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Tipton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Curt Tipton
Co-Chair, SVUMC Finance Committee



Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

Dear Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Family,

I hope that you are staying well and making smart decisions as our nation responds to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We need to honor the direction of the White House, CDC, and Desert Southwest Annual Conference leadership and cancel our worship services and Sunday School classes on March 22nd, 29th, and April 6th.

In its place, we will be live streaming a joint Sierra Vista United Methodist Church/Huachuca United Methodist Church online worship every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. It will appear on the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Facebook page. (There is another Sierra Vista UMC in Texas, so make sure you're on the Arizona church's page!)

We realize that not everyone has access to Facebook, but it seems to be the best option for online streaming at this time. If you need help setting up your own Facebook account, feel free to contact the Church Office.

Please note that Vespers and Lenten Soup Suppers have also been cancelled during this time.

I encourage you to make smart decisions with your own health and the health of people around you by taking common sense measures such as staying at least six feet away from others, washing your hands frequently, and avoiding public spaces as much as possible. This is a challenging time for the church along with the rest of the world. Please let me know if you have thoughts on what kind of ministry the church should be doing over the next month.

There are always challenges, but we are a joyful people, because God is with us. May the Lord bless you and keep you during this challenging season in the world.

In Christ,
Rev. Matt Ashley



South District
Desert Southwest Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2020

Doris Magargee
Russ McNeill
Co-Chairs, Staff Parish Relations Committee
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Dear Doris and Russ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior!

I am pleased to announce to you that Bishop Robert Hoshibata intends to appoint Rev. Carl Peterson to serve as Senior Pastor of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church of Sierra Vista, AZ, effective July 1, 2020. Through a process of prayerful discernment and consultation with the church, the Bishop and Cabinet believe that Rev. Peterson has the gifts and skills needed to serve your church at this time.

Rev. Peterson is currently serving as Pastor of St. Michael's UMC in Lake Havasu City, AZ, and is looking forward to being in ministry with you.

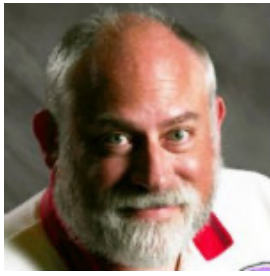
I am praying for you as you take time to honor and celebrate the ministry of Rev. Matt Ashley in the coming months, and then welcome and celebrate Rev. Carl Peterson into your presence.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Mark Conrad
Missional Strategist and Superintendent
Desert Southwest Conference
The United Methodist Church

Cc: Bishop Robert Hoshibata
Rev. Carl Peterson
Rev. Matt Ashley
Rev. Mark Conrad
Rev. Dan Morley
Julie O'Neal





Rev. Carl Peterson

Reverend Carl Peterson has been serving in ministry for the United Methodist Church since July 2005. He served 11 years as a Licensed Local Pastor and was ordained as an Elder in Full Connection in 2018. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, and as Chaplain for the Payson, AZ Police Department for five years. The Boy Scouts of America presented Pastor Carl the God and Service award in 2003, and the Silver Beaver award in 2007.

Before entering into ministry, Pastor Carl served ten years as a Cryptologic Linguist (Russian, German) in the U. S. Air Force and as a technical manager and solutions architect in the software engineering services industry after his military career. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) and is a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor Carl and his wife, Bonnie, have been married since 1981 and are the proud parents of three adult children, Josh, Victoria, and Heather, all of whom live in Arizona. Bonnie describes herself as having been “mostly a stay-at-home Mom and wife,” but she worked the last three years as a reading paraprofessional for the Payson Unified School District. Josh owns and operates a small Information Technology company in Tucson. Heather is currently the office manager for a small company of electricians and is studying Early Childhood Development for Education at ASU with plans to become a teacher (K-3) after graduation. Victoria lives with her parents and is looking forward to participating in the life of the church and community.



Zoom is video conferencing software that is powerful yet simple to use. Now that face-to-face meetings may not be possible, you might find Zoom useful. Here is some basic information. Also, there are good instructional videos online that are easy to follow for setting up and using Zoom.

To use Zoom, you must download the Zoom software. There is a version for PCs and another for Mac. The PC and Mac versions are compatible and work together. Go to <https://zoom.us> and click on the *download* link. When you first run the software, it will ask you for an email address and to create a password. The next step allows you to provide information for others to establish accounts, but that is not necessary and can be skipped. Now you are ready to send out an invitation. Zoom meetings are usually scheduled in advance, so your invitation should include the time and date of the meeting. Meetings may be video or just audio, whichever you works best for you.

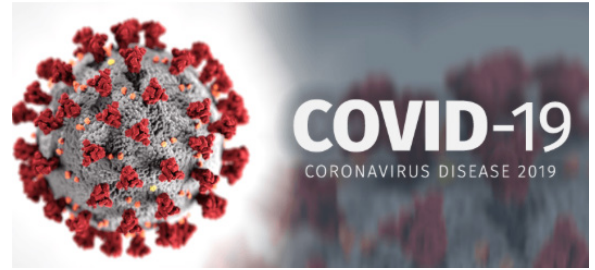
If you are hosting a conversation or meeting, you need an account to send invitations to others. Those who receive an invitation do not need an account to join the conversation; they just click on the link in the invitation. A basic account is free. There is no limit on the number of conversations you may have. The duration of a conversation between two people is unlimited but if there are three people or more in the conversation there is a 40-minute time limit.

Basic accounts do not expire. Whether you plan to host a meeting or just join meetings hosted by others, the following may prove helpful:

A short YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAa3MADuvsg&t=17s>

FAQ page from Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

If you are having issues or need some help, contact Kayla, she can do all things!



Two case of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Cochise County. All direct and appropriate contacts with these individuals are being investigated by the County's epidemiologist team.

Governor Doug Ducey has issued an Executive Order that requires restaurants, bars, movie theaters and gyms to close to the public in counties with confirmed cases. These businesses in Cochise County are now required to comply with the Governor's directive. Restaurants can provide dine-out options only and will be allowed to deliver alcoholic purchases with food deliveries.

We can expect to see more cases in Cochise County and we would like to remind the public to continue to follow the Center for Diseases Control guidelines to wash their hands, don't touch your face, practice self-isolation, and stay home if you or your family members are sick.

For further information about COVID-19 visit the County's dedicated website <https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/>



Due to the threat of the Corona Virus, the decision has been made to postpone the United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale. We are hoping that we can schedule it later in the spring. Thank you all for your donations and be assured that they will be kept until we can reschedule the sale. Please do not bring anymore items to Fellowship Hall. We will let you know when we can, once again, accept donations.

Recycling Service



The new, private curbside recycling service in Sierra Vista and surrounding areas is called Bolstering Buffalo, Inc. It costs \$12 a month for pickup every other week or \$19 for weekly service, plus a start-up fee of \$20. By mid-March, they will pick up all of the items that were formerly collected at the Transfer Station, plus newspapers, untreated paperboard like cereal boxes, clean Ziploc and plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap and other plastic wrap, clean aluminum foil or pans, and other items they designate. See their web site, www.bolsteringbuffalo.com or call 520 271-8295. This family business plans to share the profits with local charities.



The monthly Fishermen Gathering scheduled for March 28 is canceled. The Fishermen Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 29 is also canceled. We hope to be back on track in April or May.

Pray for General Conference

Please pray for General Conference, which meets May 5-15 in Minneapolis. Rev. & Mr. Paul Gomez will serve as our clergy and lay delegates from the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, with Rev. Anthony Tang and Ms. Julie O'Neal going as alternates. More information about General Conference can be found at www.umc.org and www.dscumc.org.



Times are tough, shopping is difficult.
Please do what you can for the food pantry!



Health & Exercise Classes

Strength Training classes are offered by Nancy Buttke in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Fridays as shown on the chart below.

There is no fee. Donations are accepted. For more info contact Nancy at 520-678-0172.

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 (P/P) and their caregivers
3:40 p.m.	Another Back/Abs Class: 30 minutes
4:15 - 5:00	Another strength class

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