

The
Jaunt



PALM SUNDAY
Entering Holy Week

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

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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 —

April 5: Sunday Services - **Available on Facebook only at 10:30 a.m.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1, 24, 26, 27 (NRSV)

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NRSV)

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

Message: "What a Welcome!" - Rev. Matt Ashley

Based on direction from our Bishop, our church campus is now closed. Only our two maintenance men are still working. The office is closed but Nicole will still operate the Food Pantry from 10 to Noon and will accept donations during that time period. Sunday's worship service will be streamed on Facebook at 10:30, April 5, 2020. A video of the service will be available on Facebook thereafter.

CLOSED

You don't need a Facebook account to view the worship services

SVUMC Sunday worship service is streamed live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. Services are recorded and stored on Facebook and can be accessed and viewed later. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch the videos. Here's how:

1. Go to the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch>
2. To your left you will see a list of options. Select "Video"
3. Clips of available videos with a title and date will be display. For example:



4. Click on the video you want to watch and it will open and play.

A Facebook account is not needed so there is no login or password required.

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

Naomi Circle



The April Naomi Circle will not be meeting due to the Stay-at-Home and the closure of the church for April. Circles will resume when it is safe to meet. The Mothers Day Luncheon is cancelled for this year and we are looking at other ideas to honor mothers at our church.

Kathy Marvin
UMW President

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.



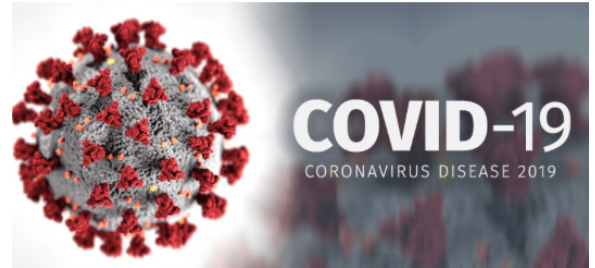
Paying Our Bills

Even though our campus is closed, we still have bills to pay to keep our church afloat. We need your tithes and offerings. You can:

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. 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 are a Facebook subscriber, visit the church’s Facebook page for information about electronic giving through VANCO.
3. 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 in setting up this payment. If you use online banking, you can set up such a payment online. Procedures may vary from bank to bank.



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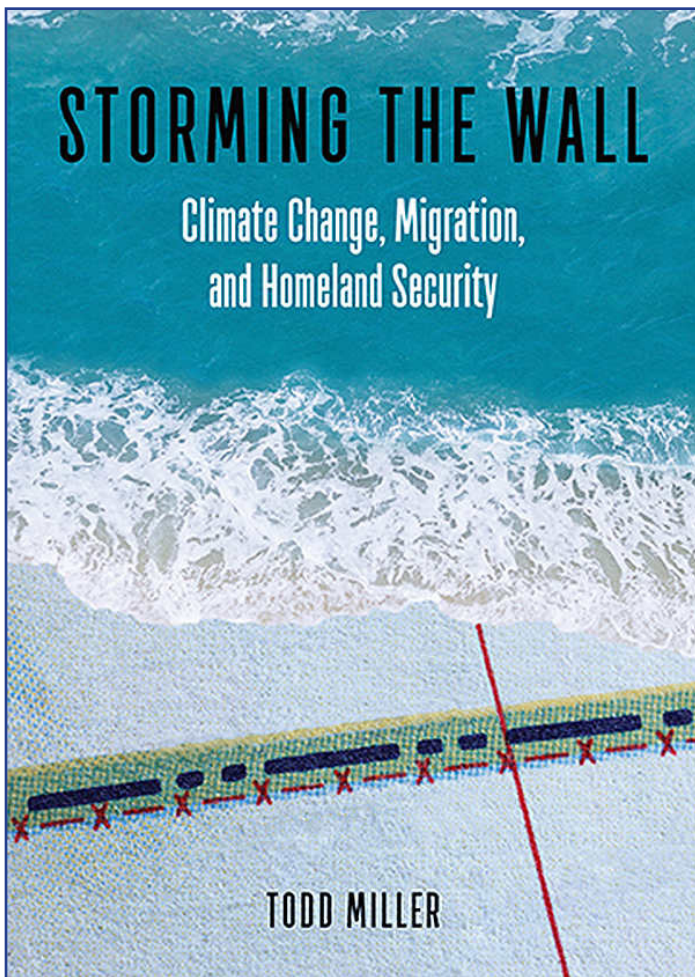
A fourth case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Cochise County. The County’s Health & Social Services Department received confirmation of a positive test on Sunday, March 29.

The individual is an adult female who is currently hospitalized at a medical facility outside of Cochise County. Due to the fact she has no recent travel history it is believed this is the first confirmed case of community spread in the county. Community spread refers to the spread of an illness for which the source of the infection is unknown. An investigation has been completed and all known contacts are self-isolating. Cochise County Health & Social Services is reminding the public to follow social distancing guidelines and to only travel for essential trips. The public should also continue washing or sanitizing their hands, especially after touching any public surfaces, such as grocery carts and fuel pumps.

Health Director Carrie Langley said, “The Arizona Department of Health has determined COVID-19 is now widespread in the state, so it’s really important that the public practice social distancing. That means avoiding group gatherings, visitors in your home, crowded grocery and retail stores, and non-essential travel. Members of the public should also keep at least six feet between them and others, wash their hands, and stay home if they feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19.”

Symptoms include fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Anyone experiencing symptoms is advised to stay home and self-manage their care, and to stay away from others until at least 72 hours after their fever is gone and symptoms of acute infection resolve. Contact your healthcare provider if you are unable to manage your symptoms at home.

The County has established a COVID-19 website where the public can find a wealth of information, including testing criteria, community and business resources, case updates, donation and volunteer opportunities, social media help sites, County services updates, and more at <https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/>



STORMING THE WALL

Climate Change, Migration & Homeland Security

Todd Miller, the author, presents the relationship between climate change and migration, as evidenced by our own U.S. borders with Mexico. Many people will be driven from their countries due to hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, drought conditions, typhoons and pestilence. Sadly, at the same time, vast numbers of people will be trained to keep them out of the countries they are fleeing to.

But it's not all gloom & doom, as there are films such as *Hope in a Changing Climate* that tell how countrymen can improve their own conditions. Rather than leaving the parched Loess Plateau, the Chinese people planted trees & natural vegetation, stabilized the soil and used terraced agriculture to bring back lush growth again. Similar stories took place in Ethiopia & Rwanda.

Another positive move is in 2015, many countries signed the Paris Climate Agreement to limit emissions to clear the air.

The author projects an especially eye-opening picture of how our country has already dealt with the three topics of this book — which can be found in the UMW Library in Room 5 of the Fellowship Hall.

Please read it & let me know what you think about it.

Lea Benson

UMW Reading Program Secretary



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!

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

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