



The Jaunt

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter May 8, 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>

The 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 ~ **Available on Facebook and Zoom** —

May 10: Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Live stream.

The church office is closed until further notice 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 each week on Facebook and Zoom at 10:30 and a video of the service will be available on Facebook thereafter.

Arizona COVID-19 Testing Blitz - Sierra Vista Testing Site -

The Arizona Testing Blitz offers diagnostic testing for COVID-19, which is designed to determine whether a patient is currently infected with the virus. Antibody testing is not a part of the Arizona Testing Blitz.

Information on the Sierra Vista testing site:

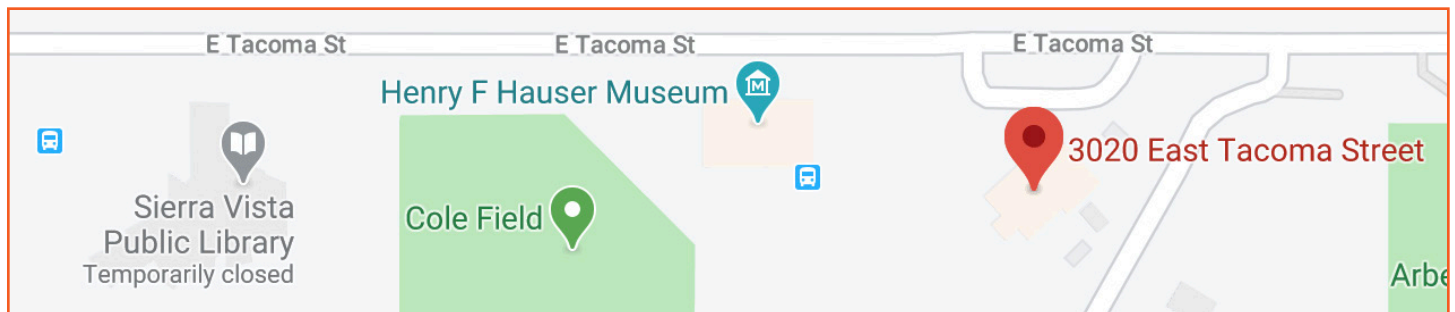
Date: Saturday, 9 May 2020

Time: 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Information / Preregistration: 520-515-8648

Location: 3020 E Tacoma, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

(Note: This is the location of the Sierra Vista Visitors Center and shares a parking lot with the Ethel Berger Center.)



Produce on Wheels - Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 16, 8:00 AM

Produce On Wheels - With Out Waste (P.O.W.W.O.W.) one of four programs of Borderlands Produce Rescue distributes fresh fruits and veggies to the many communities hosted at partnered churches, schools, and other entities throughout Metro Phoenix and Pinal County and Metro Tucson and Southern/Southeast Arizona. Millions of pounds of fresh nutritional rescued produce are distributed annually so everyone can eat healthy and help support Borderlands' mission of reducing food waste and greenhouse gases from the landfill. With no income and residential qualifications required, anyone can contribute \$12 to shop for up to 70 lbs. of fresh produce to share with neighbors, friends, family, or someone who is in need. SVUMC is a distribution point and does not control the type and the amount of produce available.

Get 70 lbs for \$12 (CASH ONLY PLEASE)

Volunteer with us at:

<http://www.borderlandsproducerescue.org/get-involved/>

FACEBOOK



ZOOM

SVUMC Sunday worship service is streamed live 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. Select "Video" in the list of options on the left of your screen.
3. Clips of available videos with a title and date will be display.
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.

Follow this link to watch the video through Zoom.

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/398498097>

OR

To just listen to the audio, dial this phone number on your telephone: 669-900-6833

When prompted enter this number as the meeting ID: 398498097

After entering that number you will be prompted to enter "#"



Good Neighbor Alliance

Shelter from the Storms of Life

In the previous edition of the Jaunt, there was a letter from Good Neighbor Alliance (GNA) explaining that their annual banquet - their largest fundraiser - had to be postponed and is now canceled. This leaves GNA seriously short of operating funds at a time of great need. They are doing a "virtual banquet" and ask for your support by contributing to GNA. Through your gifts, GNA will be able to continue to serve the homeless community in Sierra Vista and Cochise County. Please send your checks to: GNA, 420 N 7th St, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635. Write "Banquet" on the memo line of the check.

Thank you for your continued donations to the Food Pantry. Every item helps!



The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cochise County stands at 40

SVUMC Church Garden

Great news!

John Marvin has offered to revive our SVUMC community garden project, and is looking for others who are willing to help. The first project will be attaching rain gutters to fill the water tank that is already waiting behind the education building. With the rainy season still two months away, this is a good time to complete that project.

In the meantime we can plan and construct the first of the above-ground garden plots, and get ready to plant a late summer garden. When completed, this project will help supplement our monthly POWWOW food distributions, and help some whose resources have been depleted by the pandemic. If you would like to help with this project, please contact John Marvin, or call Rev. Jeanne Festa at 520 271-1007.



Face Masks



GIVE+ Church
New Giving App

We have a new church giving app!
We are excited to share with you a new way to give to the church! GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for free and start donating today!

Thank you for supporting our mission.



Kathy Marvin is making masks for the Pandemic. They are available free for the asking as she has fabric and sewing materials on hand. They come in 2 sizes: men's and women's. The elastic on the Men's masks are slightly longer. If you are interested, let her know what color and which gender: male or female. You will be able to pick up the masks in the entry of Fellowship Hall in the church mailbox for UMW number 44 Monday through Friday from 10-12 pm.

If you are interested, there is no cost because Kathy is doing it as a mission to save lives during this pandemic. Call her at 803-6697 or email her at kathleencrafts@gmail.com.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 6, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

A week ago, I posted my update regarding the directive to suspend all in-person worship and gatherings in churches and ministry settings in the Desert Southwest Conference. Since then, in consultation with many sources and in conversations with persons with scientific and medical expertise and experience, I have determined that we must continue the suspension.

This is not a simple nor is it an easy decision. I am convinced that the COVID-19 status is not yet in a place where we can begin to hold in-person worship or gatherings of any size, including small groups to produce worship.

1. The CDC guideline of a "Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period" has not yet been met in Nevada or Arizona. For the past 14 days, since April 22, the statistics are alarming. In these 14 days:

a. In Nevada, the number of confirmed cases has risen from 4208 to 5594; and the number of deaths from 189 to 276.

b. In Arizona, the confirmed cases increased from 5769 to 9305; and the number of deaths from 249 to 395.
(Source: AZ and NV Departments of Health)

2. Although the states have begun to relax some restrictions, the medical and scientific communities express deep concern that it is too early to let our guard down. The nature of our church gatherings is of personal connections and care. Our congregations represent the vulnerable age group of people over 60 years of age, and our rituals and practices of singing, hugging, shaking hands and other close contact are ways COVID-19 is spread.

3. New information about the nature of the novel coronavirus is being discovered daily. We do not know enough about the virus to effectively avoid infection or illness or death.

4. The latest information tells us that the virus does not discriminate as we first thought and we are all vulnerable.

5. Research is being conducted but we still do not have a vaccine or cure.

6. Staying at home, avoiding contact, and observing safe practices has proven thus far to be the most effective means of staying safe and slowing the rate of infection and death.

These are some of the considerations that lead me to believe that we must stay the course. This means we must continue the suspension of in-person worship and gatherings and protect our congregations and our communities. This includes no in-person small groups of any kind, including to produce the service. I know that the day will come when we will be able to be together in person. Even as we anticipate that joyful day, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the resources offered by our Connectional Ministries staff, which is available on our website.

I will continue to monitor the situation and will inform you when the time has come to begin to move toward re-opening your churches. Any new or additional information will be shared in an update next Wednesday. Let's hold each other in prayer as we continue to connect even in these times of physical distancing to worship God and care for one another in the spirit of Christ Jesus.

In prayer with and for you,

Bob

Have you filled out your census form yet?



It is important for our state and community to have as many residents fill out the census as possible, which is why our Methodist conference is encouraging it.

If your household does not submit a census form soon, a census worker will need to risk their health by making a personal visit to your home.

To fill it out online: go to my2020census.gov and take a few minutes to answer a few questions. (If you don't have the ID number for your household which was mailed to you, there are alternative ways to identify your address.)

To use mail, fill out the printed form which was mailed to you, or will arrive soon. (Postage is free.)

By phone, you can call 1-844-330-2020 (toll-free).

Everyone living in the US should be counted, no matter their age, immigration status, whether they have a permanent home, the language they speak, etc. The census bureau does not make personally-identifiable information available to any other agency.

For more information, go to azcensus2020.gov or www.census.gov .

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 who want to strengthen their core (best for back pain)
10:30 a.m.	Senior Strength Class: For people 65 and older
3:00 p.m.	Senior Strength Class: For people 65 and older
4:00 p.m.	Senior Strength Class: For people 65 and older

- Classes Suspended Until Further Notice - Stay Safe!

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Our church office is currently closed. The Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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