



The Jaunt

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Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter
July 3, 2020

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

For information on many of our programs, visit our website: sierravistamethodist.org
SVUMC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch>

The Prayer Word: Resilience

Lord, may we be buoyed by our faith in Jesus Christ.

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



— Upcoming Service ~ Available on Facebook and Zoom —

July 5: Music Prelude at 10:15 AM

Worship Service at 10:30 AM - Live stream



Welcome

Reverend Carl Petersen



The church office remains closed until further notice but Nicole still operates the Food Pantry from 10 to Noon Monday through Friday 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.

COVID-19 in Cochise County

Confirmed Case: 684 Active Cases: 311 Deaths: 12



FACEBOOK

To watch the Sunday Worship Service live or after the broadcast:

1. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaUnitedMethodistChurch>

2. Select "Video" in the list of options on the left of your screen.

3. Click on "Live" or the video you want to watch.

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

ZOOM

To watch the Sunday Worship Service live

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

OR

1. For audio only, phone 669-900-6833.

2. When prompted, enter ID number: 398498097

3. When prompted, enter "#"

On Zoom!



Sonrisers Men's Bible Study

Zoom enables us to continue in fellowship and friendship and to share our thoughts. Sonrisers meetings, led by Jim Evans, are informal and friendly. If you haven't been to a Sonrisers meeting, what are you waiting for? Consider this a personal invitation!

Click on the link below at the meeting time.

Topic: Sonrisers Meeting

Time: Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 08:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517550879?pwd=S2ZaSOJwYXhoWjltVmU2MmFuUW9sQT0>

Meeting ID: 825 1755 0879

Password: 012549

SIERRA VISTA REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

The Sierra Vista City Council voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Rick Mueller to issue an emergency declaration requiring that people over the age of 10 wear face coverings or shields while in public in Sierra Vista when physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible.

Commercial establishments, all schools, childcare centers, nonprofits that provide food or shelter, and houses of worship are requested to establish and publish their own guidelines for the proper wearing of face coverings or shields in spaces that are accessible to the public.

"Cases of COVID-19 are increasing rapidly throughout our state and we have community spread in Sierra Vista," Mueller says. "I want to commend our citizens who have proactively practiced precautionary measures in the last several weeks and months. We must ask our citizens to be even more vigilant.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.sierravistaaz.gov/city-to-require-face-coverings-in-public-effective-saturday/>

Need a Mask?

Kathy Marvin is making masks for the Pandemic. They are available free for the asking and come in 2 sizes: men's and women's. If you are interested, let her know what color you like, light or dark, and which gender. You will be able to pick up the masks in the church mailbox for the UMW #44 Monday through Friday from 10-12 pm.

There is no cost because Kathy is doing it as a mission to save lives during this pandemic. Call her at 803-6697 if you are interested. If you would like to make a small monetary donation, to the UMW or the church, that would be appreciated. ~Kathy



Are you prepared to Vote in the August 4 Primary Election?

Deadline for Registration: Monday, July 6

You should re-register if you:

Have moved

Wish to change your party

Wish to go on the Permanent Early Voter List

If you want to vote early but are not on the Permanent Early Voting List: July 24 is the last day to request a mail-in ballot for this election. However, any qualified voter may go to the Recorder's Office (1415 Melody Lane, Building B, Bisbee) Mon-Fri, 8-5, July 8-31.

You may vote for those in your party if you are registered as a Republican, Democrat or Libertarian. If you are registered Independent/no party, you may request a Republican or Democratic ballot. For a mail ballot, this must be requested by July 24.

If you receive a mailed ballot:

To return it, there are 3 options:

1. Mail it, preferably by July 29. (Be sure to sign the inside envelope.) (It must be received by 7pm Aug. 4.)
2. Drop it off at one of several ballot boxes (in S.V., at the County Service Center, 4001 E Foothills Dr. (Probably only M-F 9-5, until July 31.) (again, signed)
3. Drop it off at any Cochise County voting center on election day. (No waiting in line; open 6 am – 7 pm.)

If problems or for more information:

Elections office: (520) 432-8970

Online at: Cochise.az.gov/elections

If you are not sure you are registered: www.azcleaselections.gov/am-i-registered-to-vote

Future election: General November 3.



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July 1, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

In the last few days, in several significant places, there have been conversations about the wisdom of wearing face coverings. The opinions vary, of course, but there is a preponderance of opinion and evidence that facial coverings assist in the mitigation of the spread of the Coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease that it causes, and they protect the most vulnerable among us. Additionally, we are finding that there is still much we do not know about the virus; its short and long term effects. What is becoming more evident however, is that the failure to observe social distancing and safety precautions like avoiding unprotected gatherings, is a contributing factor to the rapid increase of the spread of the disease.

Taking precautions such as wearing a mask speak to our willingness to care for others. Dare we say love others? 1st Corinthians 13:4-8 reminds us, "Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut. Doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies." (The Message)

We abide by restrictions because God asks us to think and act out of love for others. So, for this update, I am asking you to live within that mandate to love others. For this update, there are no significant changes in our Desert Southwest Conference effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Churches in our DSC must continue to suspend in-person worship and group gatherings of any size, with these notable exceptions:

For worship planning, preparations, live streaming or recording in the church building, no more than 5 persons may be present at the same time in the same space. Strict adherence to the safety precautions in accordance with your church's re-opening plan must be observed. These should include but are not limited to observing physical distancing, washing hands frequently, wearing masks, cleaning, and disinfecting touched surfaces such as the pulpit, podium, no sharing of microphones without disinfecting between users.

Food pantries and clothing centers that are ministries of caring and compassion offered by the church in response to the needs of the hungry in the community, may resume following strict no-contact safety guidelines.

Childcare and pre-schools may re-open following your church's re-opening plan and CDC, state, and local guidelines. This includes both third-party, non-UMC as well as church-sponsored child-care and pre-schools. Legal issues must have been addressed with legal counsel. See details in the UPDATE for June 24, 2020.

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Some churches have inquired whether they are able to fulfill a written contract to serve as a polling place for the up-coming election cycle. This is permitted as a third-party commitment with a written agreement. In this situation, it is assumed that the polling place officials will be responsible for the disinfecting of the property, during the time of polling. However, churches may decide to provide additional disinfecting before and after use for quality control.

The DSC COVID-19 Response Team is looking at potential exceptions for geographic considerations, outdoor worship, drive-in (in-car) worship, and support group meetings. I ask your patience as we review, study, and evaluate the latest information and church plans.

Please remember that in the “Resource for Church Opening,” on our DSC website, Phase 1 begins when state and local officials have reported a 14 day downward trend of cases, hospitals are treating patients without crisis care, and there is a robust testing program in place, including antibody testing. Continue working on your plan for reopening to be ready for the time when the suspension of in-person gathering is lifted. A church must request and receive approval from its DS before restarting the activities allowed by the three exceptions, and your team plan for re-opening if not previously submitted.

As this update is being written, Arizona and Nevada are very much in the news for dramatic increase in cases, as well as the looming shortage of hospital beds that are available to handle the increase of hospitalizations. It is becoming more and more apparent that we all need to participate in efforts to curb the spread of the virus.

I close with a reminder that we are enduring this time so we can be part of the solution, not part of the problem. God calls us as Christ-followers to be caring and compassionate of others, just as Jesus cared for us. Let us remember to have love as the foundation of our words and actions in these days.

An update with any changes to our DSC response will be sent to you on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Until then, keep safe and keep praying.

In Christ,
Bishop Bob

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 pain. Focus on their core (back and abs)
10:30 a.m.	Senior Caregivers Class
3:00 p.m.	30 minutes
4:00 p.m.	Senior strength class

- Classes Suspended Until Further Notice - Stay Safe!

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