

Dear Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

I want to thank everyone for continuing the work of the ministry when I was away on continuous study and then vacation.

Special thanks go to the persons who did pulpit supply and those who put everything together during that time and always.

I am happy to be back! We all greeted each other with smiling faces! There was and is continued Joy in the house of the Lord!

We are here for a purpose, which is to experience God always in a new way.

Our Sunday services continue:

* There was a great presentation on zoom during worship service from the missionary we support in South Sudan.

* A great memorial service and reception for a member of the church.

* There was a successful annual congregational meeting.

* Wednesday Bible study started back up in person and on zoom.

* The Youth Group has continued to meet on 1st and the 3rd Sunday at 6pm.

*Prayer team continues to meet on Mondays at 10 am.

*Player chain continues 24/7

We believe in The God who answers prayers. We are witnesses of many answers. If you need prayer, please call or send an email to the church.

*I have had the privilege of visiting in person with the leadership of our mission church, Jesus Bread of Life in San Luis Mexico. Through your support they are doing great and touching many lives. From the donations you gave last year, the construction of the restrooms and showers have been completed.

*I had an opportunity to visit with the leadership of the Apostolic Church.

The church that worships on our campus. The church is doing great.

*I had a visit with the administration of Hand in Hand Christian School and they told me that the year has started well.

* I have visited with those who have been hospitalized. God is healing them.

Through some we have been able to minister to other patients, their families and staff in those facilities. "In season and out of season the gospel is being preached."

Some upcoming things to look forward to in February:

* Adult Sunday School starts back up February 2nd.

* Cleaning and fixing day is Saturday, February 8th from 8am - noon.

There will be a variety of tasks and something all can do, from making coffee to cleaning to fixing things. Please plan on participating.

* The scouts will be in the service on February 9th. Different awards and medals will be presented.

* Souper Bowl of Caring is also on February 9th following service. To enter the chili contest just bring a pot of chili or soup to share. All donations will go to Crossroads mission.

* The God and Country program will kick off the same day.

I appreciate all who contribute to Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church with time, talent, treasure and otherwise. We are making a difference here in Yuma and around the world!

It is always a joy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with you all!
May God bless you,

Pastor Dan

PRAYER LIST

Crystal Echols, Mary and Bob Schaal; Makyla Ruttle; Cindy Michels; Natalie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our country; Missionaries around the World, the unsaved; Our military and their families; Border Patrol; And all those affected by COVID-19;

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

February BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY		SCOUTS FEBRUARY	
13	Rusty Washum	1	Amora Felix
28	Karen Nicklaus	5	Yvana Gomez
		5	Caleb Niewiek
		5	Everett Gilmore
		10	Vincent Basolet
		10	Sean Deguina
		16	Nathan Powell
		16	Bohinj McGrew
		17	Katelyn Kay
		18	Quinn Irlanda
		22	Indie Randolph
		26	Maddyson Holtry

March BIRTHDAYS

MARCH		SCOUTS MARCH	
6	Darryl Morteson	4	Sammy Yazzie
10	Jane Bruemmer	6	Natalie Deguina
12	Daniel Kai Troxel	7	Leonardo westmoreland
14	Paula Claar	12	Daniel Kai Troxel
21	Bill Leeper	19	Zarlina Basolet
22	Lynette Hamilton	22	Aizeha Siciaros
		29	Anabelle Hergesheimer

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, January 26 immediately after the worship service. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office. In addition to the printed reports from Session Committees and the financial reports, the meeting was routine business.

Two Elder positions for the Session, one Trustee, and three nominating committee members were elected. Those persons are: Elders – Linda Neal and Sharon Brainard; Trustee – Harold Maxwell; and Nominating Committee – Sam Maxwell, Cindy Michels, and Barb Moss.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

AND THE FINAL GAME IS HERE

SIERRA VISTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SOUPER BOWL

**IN DON FRANCIS HALL
DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME**

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 09**

COOKS:

Everyone is invited to sample each one and vote for your favorite chili and favorite soup.

The winners will have bragging rights and receive a certificate to hang on the wall.

Please bring a pot of homemade chili or soup to the cook-off!

Join us to help **TACKLE HUNGER** by donating cash to be given to Crossroads Mission.

TRUSTEES

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!

It is time for our annual church cleanup event. The date for this event is 2/8/25 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. So far, we have 15 different items on the list to complete. Please bring shovels, gloves, and cleaning supplies. No special skills required. We just need the help to complete these tasks. If you have any questions please contact: Brion Caley, Brian Smith, or Harold Maxwell.



CLERK'S REPORT

The January Session Meeting was primarily routine business. The Consent Agenda which contained the approval of the December 17 Session Meeting, the death of Mona Nelson on January 9, 2025, the appointment of Glen Moss as Clerk of Session, Cindy Michels as the delegate to Presbytery, the appointment of an Audit Committee to review the 2024 financial records, the appointment of Glen Moss and Rita Brown as co-treasurers and the service of communion on December 24, 2024. The Consent Agenda was unanimously passed.

Remaining business for the Session included the Pastor's Report , correspondence from the clerk, and receipt and approval of the end of the year financial report. The Trustees presented and were granted approval for several building use requests.

Committee reports included:

Caring Ministries – – Over 1000 children have been served through the Care Portal of Arizona since its' inception. Plans for the reception after the memorial service for Esther Howe were noted.

Christian Education – God and County sign-up status- as of deadline, the only group that has the required enrollment is the High School God and Life group. Other levels will not be held. Sunday February 9 – Scout Sunday will be observed. May 18 will be the date for recognition for high school graduates.

Mission Activities – Upcoming dates for Mission

Sunday - February 9 – Souper Bowl – Chili/ Soup cook off

Sunday - March 2 – Sandwiches for Crossroads

Sunday - March 16 or 23 – Pastor Caesar visit and report

Worship – Advent and Christmas decorations are stored. Thanks to all who assisted in the Advent season.

An update on unused items around the church was given. The choir robes which have not been used for several years have been advertised to see if there are other churches within the Presbytery which could use them. So far there has been no response to that advertisement. Library books will be made available to anyone who has an interest. Items can be picked up in library.

The Session asks for prayers for the Pastor Nominating process and the continuing work of the Session

TREASURER'S REPORT

Giving statements for 2024 were issued in mid-January 2025.

The end of the year financial reports as included in the annual report of the congregation showed the income for 2024 was well below the expenses for the year.

We are fortunate that the stock market is doing well and that the earnings from the Investment Account have provided the ability to cover the deficit.

As you plan for 2025 and the future, if you need a tax deduction when you file your taxes, please keep Sierra Vista in mind. We are a non-profit organization and donations to Sierra Vista are deductible for those who file itemized returns. For those retirees who may have IRAs or other investments that require a Federally mandated Minimum Distribution, that distribution can be donated tax-free to a non-profit so remember your church when planning.

God is Good and we are blessed.

In all things God is faithful to us, let us be faithful to Him.

These are the gifts of God from the people of God for the work of God.

Let us be good stewards of His gifts.

SCOUTS

OVERALL PROGRAM

SCOUT SUNDAY will be observed on February 9 at Sierra Vista. All Scouts present in the 9 am Worship service will be recognized and will receive a Scout Sunday commemorative patch.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts are busy selling the delicious Girl Scout cookies. Ask any Girl Scout for information. Our Troop 8054 girls are out and about all over town selling the goodies. Funds raised from cookie sales go toward the support of our Troop 8054 program.

CUB SCOUTS

The Annual Pine Wood Derby was held in Don Francis Hall on Friday, January 24. Races started at 5:30 pm. This year. We included a "Parents" division.

Winners by level were:

LION	1st - Wiinter Tate	2nd - Peter Sabo	3rd - Nola Gilmore
TIGER	1st - Logan Plante	2nd - Henry Sabo	
WOLF	1st - Levi Plante	2nd - Everett Gilmore	3rd - Reid Kanode
BEAR	1st - Hank Braudt	2nd - Owen Piatt	3rd - Sammy Yazzie
WEBELO 1	1st - Matthew Chavez	2nd - Oscar Kanode	3rd - Cael Williamson
AOL:	1st - Rylan Poor	2nd - Teddy Braudt	3rd - Nicholas Goodwill

OVERALL PACK MEDALS: 1st - Levi Plante 2nd - Rylan Poor 3rd - Winter Tate

Parents: 1st - Jeremy Plante - Steve Sabo 3rd - Victoria Sabo

On Wednesday, February 4, the Arrow of Light (AOL) scouts will be recognized with a Crossover Ceremony. This event will recognize those boys who have earned the AOL rank. Also, all boys who will be transitioning to a Boy Scout Troop will be "graduating" into Boy Scouts.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Registrations are being taken for Summer Camp at Camp Geronimo near Payson. The Troop continues with regular activities as they work on advancement on their way to Eagle Scouts.

The Boy Scout Troop has been active with Merit Badges and activities. They will be welcoming the "graduating" AOL scouts.

FEBRUARY 2025

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Adult Sunday
School Resumes

4th Sunday
after Epiphany

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Scout sunday

5th Sunday
after Epiphany

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6th sunday
after Epiphany

President's Day
Office Closed

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7th Sunday
after Epiphany

MARCH 2025

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Fasting Season of
Ramadan Begins

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Sandwiches
for Crossroad
Mission
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Forgiveness Sunday

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Wednesday

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World day
of Prayer

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International
Women's Day

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1st Sunday
in Lent

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2nd Sunday
in Lent

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23 Jesus Pan de
Vida Guest
Speaker
Baked potato
Bash
3rd Sunday
in Lent
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3rd Sunday
in Lent

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