

SIERRA VISTA

Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving holiday. In the spirit of thanksgiving, I would like to share that I am thankful to bring the good news of Jesus Christ on Sundays and on every other chance I get. What a blessing to be able to witness firsthand the good works the Lord is doing through this church in this community, this city, country and the world!

Thank you to all who invited me out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner during the season to celebrate and to be thankful for our ministry together here at SVPC. It is always great to break bread together and to fellowship! "Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love continues forever." Psalm 136:3(NCV)

In November, we had a stewardship campaign. Thank you for returning your pledge cards. We appreciate your time, talent, and treasure. Together we are making a difference in Yuma and beyond with and for our Lord Jesus Christ!

Late in the month, one of us went to be with the Lord in His nearer presence. You will always be missed.

During the month, we received two new members, they are talented in many ways and they are willing to share! Get to know them as you continue to make them feel welcome.

If you know anybody who is interested in becoming a member, please let us know. We will make them feel at home!

We are now in the liturgical season of Advent. As we wait for our Lord's second coming, we are filled with gratitude and wonder that Jesus took on human form. We celebrate Immanuel, God with us. The holidays can be a busy time for people. I encourage you to find a way to keep the awe and wonder of knowing that Jesus loves you always alive in your heart.

Looking ahead:

- Sunday, December 14th - Crossroads Mission Guest Speaker.
- Sunday, December 14th - Last day to order Poinsettias.
- December 21st - Christmas Dinner for ABCS families.
- December 21st - The Angel Tree Children gifts.
- December 21st - Hay-ride & Caroling 5:30pm
- December 24th- Christmas Eve service.

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Following are some other ways you can connect with others, stay rooted in the word, and live out your faith at SVPC:

Adult Sunday School, led by Brian Claar, happens immediately after the 3C's (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall). It is always good to join. Please consider attending.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study led by me, Pastor Dan the Man with a Plan, takes place at 6:15pm and is available in person and on ZOOM. We have good discussions, learn from each other, and enjoy laughter and fun with the scriptures. You are welcome to attend.

Pastoral care and ministry are available for home communion, hospital visits, and prayer ministry. If you are in need of these services, please reach out to us by giving us a call during office hours Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 1:30pm or by sending an email anytime.

Other highlights include:

- Men's breakfast continues every Thursday at 8am.- Women are also welcome!
- Dinner every 1st Wednesday of the month.
- The prayer team continues to meet weekly on Mondays at 10am.
- Prayer chain continues 24/7
- In addition to these things, we have some members who enjoy outdoor activities together: bike rides, walks, swimming and hiking. If you have an interest in joining in on these activities, please let me know.

Please continue to encourage your friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mBfmkEXHGo&t=311s>

This will help us qualify to broadcast our services live on YouTube on top of Facebook live.

May the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of the Lord be with you,
Pastor Dan



STEWARDSHIP 2025

The 2025 Stewardship campaign is wrapping up as soon as possible. If you have not yet submitted a pledge toward the 2026 budget and would like to do so, pledge cards are available in the Narthex. We will report on the results of the campaign at the January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting,

FACTOID: To put things in perspective, the cost of just keeping the buildings open is projected to be \$ 96,930 annually. Rental income which offsets the portion of the costs associated with the rental space operations is \$ 52,800. That leaves \$ 42,130 (\$ 3,510 per month) to be provided by Sierra Vista just to keep the doors open.

With average attendance being less than 30 people that calculates that each attendee would need to contribute an average of \$ 100 per month. This does not include any costs for personnel, mission support, or committee work

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

December

4 Joshua Roberts
8 Linda Neal
14 Carol Troxel
19 Donna Goodner
19 Rebecca Carlisle
30 Sarah Sullivan
30 Glen Moss

Scouts

11 Peter Sabo
12 Alexander Garcia
14 Charlie Nance
16 Delilah Acosta
18 Xavier Gomez
22 Cael Williamson
22 Victoria Guzman
22 Baylee Ramirez
26 Eian Vera
31 Hope Shull

Anniversaries

21 Paul & Sandy Schlehr

January

16 Brian Claar
22 Mary Schaal
26 Jadon Jones
27 Sally Washum
29 Tom Rushintt

Scouts

2 Nicholas Goodwill
2 Harrison Pope
4 Levi Plante
7 Benjamin Magana
11 Lillian Piatt
15 Luke Cochrum
17 Alyse Arroyo
19 Reid Kanode
27 Kylene Soliz
28 Rylee Ramirez
31 Sophia Guillen
31 Oscar Kanode

Anniversaries

11 Rusty & Sally Washum



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to those who
provided food for
Thanksgiving dinner

3 families

from AZ Baptist Children's Services
(ABCS). They were most
appreciative!



Christmas Dinner

Please sign up on the bulletin board
in Don Francis Hall
to provide food for Christmas Dinner
for 3 families from
AZ Baptist Children's Services (ABCS).

Please bring food to the church kitchen
by Sunday morning, Dec. 21st.



Angel Tree

steps to participate

1. Go to DFH and pick an "ornament" of your choice
2. Each "ornament" has a child name, clothing size and their requested toy
3. Sign up to bring 2 wrapped gifts per child
4. Attached the tag to the gifts
5. Place gifts under the Christmas tree in DFH by Sunday morning, December 21st.



CLERK'S REPORT

The November Session Meeting was held on November 18, 2025. Most of the items on the docket were routine in nature. The Consent Agenda which recorded approval of prior minutes, recording of communion services, and the award of the George B. Brooks Award to Gloria Godley was approved. Several special building use requests were approved for the sanctuary - Cub Scout Pack (Monthly Pack Meeting on December 10), the Girl Scout Troop (December 3 for cookie training and paperwork), the Yuma Christian Academy (December 10 for their Christmas program, and for Don Francis Hall on December 12 for the Girl Scout Area Leaders meeting.

Special recognitions were noted for Gloria Godley for the recipient of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Dr. George B. Brooks award for her selection and recognition of efforts in support of human rights and social justice community support. A report was made on the Shutdown Relief Fund efforts initiated by Avery West and supported by various donations. This fund was to provide some limited financial support to the families affected by the Government shutdown.

Several dates were set for upcoming events:

- + December 14 – Visit from Crossroads Mission representatives to update us on their activities and programs during morning worship service
- + December 21 – Annual neighborhood caroling party and hayride. Gather at 5 and hayride will leave the parking lot at 5:30 pm. Refreshments after the hayride will be finger foods and snacks in Don Francis Hall.
- + December 21 – Gifts and food donation for the Arizona Baptist Children's Services families are due
- January 25 – Annual Meeting for the congregation and Corporation. Doors will open at 4:30 with a dinner starting at 5:00. Dinner will be a full meal prepared by Barb and Glen Moss. A donation basket will be available and all proceeds will go to the General Fund. The business meeting will start immediately after the dinner.
- February 8 - Souper Bowl Sunday/ Scout Sunday/ Chili Cook-off. Proceeds to go to Crossroads Mission and will be reported to Souper Bowl Sunday organization.
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- + April 2 - Maundy Thursday
- + April 5 - Easter Sunday

Tom Rushin and Brian Smith were appointed to an Ad Hoc committee to meet with representatives of First Presbyterian Church to consider efforts where the two congregations might work together and explore common interests.



TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Total income received for October was \$ 4,681.80. This includes all income for the month and consists of donations in the offering plate, and on-line donations through Vanco Services (\$4,163.55). Income for October compared to September is down. The Wednesday night dinner program in October brought in \$ 203.00. October donations to Special Funds (such as Care Portal, the Peacemaking offering, and the Shutdown Relief Fund)) are included in income amounts but are transferred to the Restricted Accounts. Total donations to Special Funds totaled \$ 880.00.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for October totaled \$25,343.28 including \$ 247.50 identified as "Designated to other sources" expenses. This expense was for the Presbytery's portion of the Peacemaking offering. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays with the local church and is retained in the designated funds.

NET INCOME

Net income is the income less the expenses. The net LOSS for the month of October was (\$ 10,661.68). That is the difference between income for the month and expenses for the month.

If you are in arrears on your 2025 pledge, we would appreciate any efforts to catch up. Also, anyone who would like to make a qualified tax exempt distribution from an IRA account can have your broker issue a payment to Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church.

SUMMARY

Through 2025, we have spent \$ 78,526.88 more than we have brought in. We are fortunate that we have the Investment Account for a back-up resource. In October, we were required to transfer \$ 9,00.00 from the Investment Account to the checking account to meet our operating obligations, however we cannot continue to deplete this resource.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



SCOUTS

OVERALL PROGRAM

Our schedule for the coming weeks is:

- + December 3 - Girl Scouts will be holding their annual required cookie sales training meeting in the sanctuary starting at 6. Regular schedule for all Cub Scouts and the Troop.
- + December 10 - Cub Scouts will be holding their Pack Meeting to distribute awards and recognitions.
- + December 21 - Annual Church Christmas Caroling Hayride and party. The trailer will leave the Sierra Vista parking lot at 5:30 and go throughout the neighborhood. The trailer will return to Sierra Vista around 6:30 and a potluck array of refreshments and hot cocoa will be awaiting the carolers.

All Scouts at Sierra Vista will be on Christmas break starting December 11 and will return on January 7, 2026.

- + February 8 - Scout Sunday observed at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church. All scouts attending the 9 am worship service will receive a commemorative patch.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

CUB SCOUTS

January 23 (FRIDAY evening) - Annual Sierra Vista Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall. FREE Derby Kits will be distributed to all Cub Scouts after the December 10 Pack Meeting. There will be an adult OPEN category this year. Derby kits for adults will be available for \$ 10.00 starting January 7, 2026.

TUESDAY - February 10 - Blue and Gold banquet for all Cub Scouts. Event will be in Don Francis Hall starting at 6 pm.

GIRLS SCOUTS PROGRAM

It will soon be Cookie Sales Time. Watch for Troop 8054 booths in the community and contact one of our 8054 girls to purchase lots of delicious goodies.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Wreaths that were ordered recently should be delivered soon. The Troop appreciates your interest in supporting the ongoing Troop activities.

**Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
and be safe so that we will see you in 2026.**

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Scouts 6pm	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent	8	9	10 Scouts 6pm	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent	15	16	17 Scouts 6pm	18	19	20
21 Caroling Hayride @ 5pm 4th Sunday of Advent	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 1st Sunday of christmas	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026

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New Year's Day

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2nd Sunday
of Christmas

Epiphany
of the Lord

1st Wednesday
Scouts Dinner

Bible Study

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Baptism of
the Lord

Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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2nd Sunday
after Epiphany

Martin Luther
King Jr.

Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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Annual Meeting
@4:30 pm

3rd Sunday
after Epiphany

Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm