

# SIERRA VISTA

Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

Happy New Year as we joyfully welcome 2026!

We had a wonderful Advent Season and Christmas in December, and we truly shared Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in many meaningful ways:

## 1. Adult Baptism and Receiving a New Member

We rejoice in the grace of baptizing an adult and welcoming this individual as a new member of the universal Church and of SVPC. Others have also expressed interest in membership. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please let us know.

## 2. Providing Christmas Dinner for ABCS Families and Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these families and blessing them with Christmas gifts.

## 3. Supporting Crossroads Mission with Christmas Meals

After one of our members received the George Brooks Award from our presbytery, SVPC members and friends added to that gift—tripling the amount. As a result, a check three times the original award was donated to Crossroads Mission for their Christmas meals. Through this and other contributions, Crossroads Mission served over five thousand meals during their 3-day Christmas event. Thank you for making this possible.

## 4. Community Hay Ride and Caroling

This was a wonderfully attended event, with scouts and their families joining us. Our siblings in Christ from Harvest Presbyterian Church also participated. Several neighbors requested stops, and it was a joy to see their excitement—especially one little girl who danced along with us from building to building!

The dinner afterward was abundant and delicious, with enough to prepare a few to-go plates. A neighborhood family I invited attended both the hay ride and our Christmas Eve service. Thank you for helping make this event such a success.

## 5. Christmas Eve Service

I was told this was our best-attended in-person Christmas Eve service in quite some time.

The many poinsettias made the sanctuary beautiful. Thank you to all who donated in memory of loved ones and to everyone who contributed to making this service so meaningful.

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## 6. Christmas Caroling Service

On the last Sunday of the year, we enjoyed a beautiful caroling service. Our talented music director and team blessed us with a joyful and worshipful experience. Thank you to all who participated.

We have much to be grateful for, and I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the new year.

During December, we welcomed a guest speaker from Crossroads Mission, and we anticipate more guest speakers in January and beyond. I praise God for the strong partnerships we have with local, national, and international organizations as we continue fulfilling the Great Commission. Let us continue being the hands and feet of Jesus in 2026.

I am also grateful to the families who invited me into their homes for dinner and to those who met with me for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. These moments help build meaningful Christian relationships. Thank you!

## Discipleship and Mission Opportunities at SVPC

### Adult Sunday School

Led by Brian Claar, immediately following the 3C's—Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation. Please consider joining.

### Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Led by me, Pastor Dan the Man with a Plan, at 6:15pm in person and on Zoom. We enjoy rich discussions, learning from one another, and sharing laughter as we explore Scripture together.

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78157116453?pwd=EBQVzjgV35Kt34TEWclpHzYbmlTh4d.1>

Meeting ID: 781 5711 6453

Passcode: 1sR5ZT

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## Pastoral Care

Home communion, hospital visits, and prayer ministry are available. If you need pastoral care, please call during office hours (Monday–Thursday, 8:30am–1:30pm) or email us anytime.

## Other Weekly and Monthly Highlights

- Brunch every Sunday after Adult Sunday School
- Men's Breakfast every Thursday at 8am
- Dinner with the scouts every 1st Wednesday of the month.  
Please note in January 2026 it will be on 01/14/2026
- Prayer Team meets Mondays at 10am
- Prayer Chain continues 24/7
- Outdoor fellowship activities: biking, walking, swimming, and hiking  
If you'd like to join any of these activities, please let me know.

## Help Us Grow Our Online Ministry

Please encourage friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel:

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

More subscribers will help us qualify to livestream our services on YouTube in addition to Facebook Live.

It is always a joy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with you.

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

*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 Bejamin 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

*February*

13 Rusty Washum  
28 Karen Nicklaus

*Scouts*

1 Amora Felix  
5 Yvana Gomez  
5 Caleb Niewiej  
5 Everett Gilmore  
10 Vincent Basolet  
10 Sean Deguina  
16 Nathan Powell  
17 Katelyn Kay  
18 Quinn Irlanda  
22 Indie Randolph  
26 Maddyson Holtry

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to those who helped provide food for  
*Christmas Dinner* and *Gifts for the kids*  
for 3 families from AZ Baptist Children's Services  
(ABCS).

They were most appreciative!

On Sunday, January 25th Crystal Echols will be  
at our worship service to talk  
about her missionary work in South Sudan.

# CLERK'S REPORT



The December Session Meeting was held on December 21, 2025. Most of the items on the docket were routine in nature. The Consent Agenda recorded approval of prior minutes and recording of communion services.

The Trustees reported on the work to renovate the choir loft area to make it more useable. The tiered floor of the area was removed and the carpet was relaid to provide a flat floor. This work was done to allow the Apostolic Church to use the area for the set-up of their musical instrumentation as they transition to using the sanctuary for their worship services. The Trustees are working on the renewal of contracts for both the Hand In Hand preschool and the Apostolic Church.

The Annual Budget for 2026 was reviewed and adopted. The budget along with other annual reports of operations and financial status will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. (See the notice of the Annual Meeting elsewhere in the Newsletter.)

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon invites the session to nominate an individual or couple to be recognized as Sierra Vista's representative at the Annual Senior Service luncheon to honor worthy service to the church and the community. The Session unanimously agreed to submit the name of Judy Apple as our selected honoree.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026. The doors will open at 4:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by a sit-down meal starting at 5:00 pm. The dinner will include, salad, entrée, side dishes and dessert. A free-will offering will be received and all proceeds from the dinner will be applied to the operating budget for 2026.

Reports to be presented and open for discussion include financial reports for 2026, the budget for 2026, statistical report regarding membership, and committee reports.

An open discussion will be held to answer any questions attendees might have.

If you will be attending the dinner, please RSVP to the church office at [svpcsec@gmail.com](mailto:svpcsec@gmail.com) or to Glen Moss , Clerk of Session and Treasurer at [mossgr43@gmail.com](mailto:mossgr43@gmail.com). We hope to see you there.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# SCOUTS

## OVERALL PROGRAM

On Sunday, December 21, we joined members of the congregation for the Sierra Vista caroling party as they rode through the local neighborhood. The culmination of the caroling party was a sumptuous potluck feast for all participants.

Sunday, February 8, Sierra Vista will observe Scout Sunday during our morning Worship service at 9 am. All scouts in attendance will be recognized and will receive a special Scout Sunday patch.

## GIRLS SCOUTS PROGRAM

The cookies are almost here, the cookies are almost here!!!! You guessed it!! Girl Scout Cookie Season is about to kick off for 2026. Please help support Girl Scout troop 8054 by purchasing your favorite Girl Scout cookies from one of our girls. Also, if you would like to volunteer with the Girl Scouts contact Haley Hill, she is sure to find a special place for you in our troop.

## CUB SCOUTS

The next big event for the Cub Scouts will be the Pinewood Derby scheduled for Saturday, January 23 in Don Francis Hall. Free derby kits for registered Cub scouts were distributed at the Pack Meeting on December 11, 2025. This year an Adults and Siblings category will be on the Agenda for the races. Kits for these non-scout entrants will be available for purchase any Wednesday up through January 21 for \$ 7.00.

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be held on TUESDAY, February 3. Earned awards will be distributed at the Blue and Gold Banquet which celebrates the birthday of the Cub Scout program. Also, on that evening the Arrow of Light scouts will "Cross Over" into their selected Troop for future scouting.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Boy Scout Troop sold Christmas wreaths and popcorn. They have campouts planned for the upcoming months as well as various activities to help with their advancement goals.

Boy Scout troop 8054 under the leadership of their Scoutmaster Gary Goodwill, is hard at work earning Merit Badges. If you are interested in volunteering with the Boy Scouts please speak to Gary Goodwill or Glen Moss on any Wednesday night.

# JANUARY 2026

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				New Year's Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd Sunday of Christmas	Epiphany of the Lord		1st Wednesday Scouts Dinner Bible Study			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Baptism of the Lord			Scouts 6pm Bible Study 6:15pm			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Martin Luther King Jr.		Scouts 6pm Bible Study 6:15pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Annual Meeting @4:30 pm			Scouts 6pm Bible Study 6:15pm			
3rd Sunday after Epiphany						

# FEBRUARY 2026

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Communion  
Sunday

4th Sunday  
after Epiphany

Scouts 6pm

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SCOUT SUNDAY

SUPER BOWL  
CHILI COOK-OFF

5th Sunday  
after Epiphany

Scouts 6pm

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Transfigurationn  
of the Lord

Presidents'  
Day

Ash  
Wednesday

Scouts 6pm

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1st sunday  
in Lent

Scouts 6pm