

SIERRA VISTA

Greetings, Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

We had many good things happen here during the month of April!

On April 2 we gathered for our Maundy Thursday evening service.

On April 5 we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at our Easter Sunday Worship Service.

On April 12 we made hundreds of sandwiches for our ministry partner, Crossroads Mission.

On April 19 we welcomed our ministry partners, Pastor Esteban and Pastor Claudia Escobar from Cocopah Assembly of God Church, who blessed us with the message and wonderful music.

We are also grateful to share that donations for Jesus Pan De Vida, our mission church in Mexico, have continued to be received. Thanks be to God, we have reached our strongest fundraising total in a very long time. These funds will help complete the remaining construction work, finish the landscaping, and provide our portion of the pastor's compensation for the next 18 months. We give thanks for your generosity and faithful support of this important ministry.

As we look ahead to May, please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

There are many meaningful opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church:

Discipleship Opportunities

Adult Sunday School — Led by Brian Claar, immediately following the 3C's (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation). We warmly encourage your participation.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — Led by me, Pastor Dan, at 6:15 p.m., offered both in person and via Zoom. These gatherings provide thoughtful discussion, shared learning, and Christian fellowship centered on Scripture.

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 visitation, and prayer support are available. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office during office hours (Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.), or email us at any time.

Weekly and Monthly Highlights

- Sunday Brunch following Adult Sunday School
- Men's Breakfast every Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
- Dinner with the Scouts on the first Wednesday of each month
- Prayer Team meeting Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- Ongoing 24/7 Prayer Chain — call or email the office if you need prayer
- Outdoor fellowship activities including biking, walking, swimming, hiking, and desert drives (such as Valley of the Names and other local places)

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please let me know.

Help Us Grow Our Online Ministry

We invite you to encourage friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mBfmkEXHGo&t=311s>

Additional subscribers will help us qualify to livestream our services on YouTube alongside Facebook Live.

It is a joy to serve and celebrate our risen Lord Jesus Christ with you.

He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,
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

May

- 3 Bob Anderton
- 9 Glenda Newcomer
- 14 Shelley Hawkins

Scouts

- 1 Nicholas Gallegos
- 4 Leander Jones
- 7 Silver Dillard
- 14 Leonor Pavlak
- 15 Alexander Gamez
- 15 Xavier Ulloa
- 15 Alexxa Guzman
- 21 Elijah Rivera
- 23 Isabella Castro
- 26 Henry Pavlak

Anniversaries

- 21 Myrle & Karen Marlatt
- 31 Bob & Marty Anderton

June

- 7 Harriet Brown
- 12 Colleen Foland
- 24 Jordan Hill

Scouts

- 12 Matthew Chavez
- 19 Matias Batesole
- 30 Eros Mc Swain

Anniversaries

- 8 Glen & Barb Moss
- 8 Bill & Sandii Leeper



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

The mission committee is starting its warm weather break.

We made sandwiches for Crossroads Mission

**We made About 400
and sent them makings for about
200 more sandwiches**

We had a very successful potato bash and enjoyed the music provided by pastor's wife from Cocopah and his sermon.

CLERK'S REPORT

Since our last newsletter, we held a Special Session Meeting on April 27 and postponed the scheduled April 21 meeting to May 5. The Special Session Meeting on April 27 was called by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to discuss our plans for after the expiration of Pastor Dan's Interim Contract which expires June 30, 2026. This meeting was led by Presbytery Executive Brad Monroe and Commission on Ministry Transition Team George Prohaska. After much discussion, it was determined that the Session would extend Pastor Dan's contract through September 30, 2026.

The meeting also held discussion about the status of the Pastor Nominating Committee's PNC's activities. The announcement that potential candidate Andrew Krymkevich had withdrawn his previous interest in a position on the staff of SVPC was discussed. It was determined that the PNC should be reenergized after placing the committee on pause at the "Town Hall" meeting of the congregation on March 22. A rematch process was implemented and additional possible candidates have been identified. Review of the candidates and discussions by the PNC have been implemented.

The April 21 scheduled regular Session Meeting was moved to May 5 due to the Special Meeting on April 27. The docket for the May 5 meeting contains routine business such as the approval of previous meeting minutes, committee reports, consideration of donating some surplus projectors and screens to Mission Partners to assist them, an update on the consignment agreement on the sale of the organ, some miscellaneous building use requests, and updates to the funds raised for the Jesus Pan de Vida Mission Partnership in San Luis Rio Colorado.

The Mission Committee reported on the results of the Jesus Pan de Vida Baked Potato Bash on March 15 where \$ 7,000 including a \$ 2,000 grant from Presbytery of Grand Canyon was raised. These funds when added to funds from the Jesus Pan de Vida congregation and fund provided by the Presbytery of Sonora Mexico will go toward completing building projects for the facility located in San Luis Rio Colorado.

On Sunday, April 12, the Mission committee held its quarterly "Sandwiches for Crossroads Mission" event. Over 400 sandwiches were made and delivered to the Mission along with supplies for around 200 additional sandwiches. On Sunday, April 19, Pastors Esteban and Yaya Escobar led the worship service to update the congregation about the Cocopah Assembly Mission Partnership. We were blessed by their presence and great music.

New member Neal G. Applebee was received into membership of the congregation during the Worship Service on March 22. This new member makes the total new members received since Pastor Dan's arrival in late 2023 sit at 10. Unfortunately, during this same timeframe, the loss of 7 members due to death makes our net membership gain 5 members. We are grateful for the additional members.



TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Total income received for March 2026 was \$ 26,368.05. This includes all income for the month and consists of donations in the offering plate, and on-line donations through Vanco Services (\$5,260.17). Income for March compared to January is up but is distorted by the receipt of the Baked Potato Bash fundraiser for Jesus Pan de Vida. The Wednesday night dinner program in March brought in \$ 104.00. March donations to Special Funds (such as Care Portal, Easter Lilies, One Great hour of Sharing and the Baked Potato Bash fundraiser are included in income amounts but are transferred to the Restricted Accounts. Total donations to Special Funds totaled \$ 4,880.00.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for March totaled \$28,825.09 including \$ 6,978.71 in donations forwarded to Jesus Pan de Vida. (This amount includes the Baked Potato Bah fundraiser and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon grant.

NET INCOME

Net income is the income less the expenses. The net LOSS for the month of March was (\$ 2,467.04). That is the difference between income for the month and expenses for the month.

SUMMARY

Thus far through 2026, we have spent \$ 9,231.96 more than we have brought in. We did not have to tap our Investment Account but we did have to "borrow" \$ 5,000.00 from our Designated funds to make it through the end of the month. This "borrowed" amount was repaid in early April.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



SCOUTS

OVERALL PROGRAM

We are winding down another successful year. The final day of scouts for this activity year is May 20. We have reserved a large water slide and are planning for a fun afternoon/ evening. Dinner that evening will be a potluck from families and the program will provide lemonade, plates, napkins, utensils, hotdogs and buns along with condiments. Each family is requested to bring a dish to share. Suggestions include cheeses and any other popular fixings, desserts, chips, salads, and sides.

The annual family camp in the Laguna Mountains will be held this summer. We were able to reserve space at the Horse Heaven Campground where we have traditionally held the event. Reserved dates are Friday, September 4 through Labor Day, Monday September 7, 2026. More information will be forthcoming. Our plan is to offer the Group Meal Plan which will cover three meals on Saturday September 5 and Sunday, September 6 plus breakfast on Monday, September 7. The cost for the meal plan will be \$ 20.00 per person.

CUB SCOUTS

The final Pack Meeting with Awards and Recognitions will be held Wednesday, May 13. All earned awards and advancements will be presented and our Scout Leaders will be recognized.

GIRL SCOUTS

The final Awards and Recognition ceremony for the Girl Scouts will be held on Wednesday, May 6. Our Sierra Vista Girl Scout Troop sold over 14,000 boxes of the Girl Scout cookies. Although cookie season has wrapped up, we might be able to locate cookies if there is a deep desire.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Boy Scout Troop received three new members in February when the Arrow of Light scouts from the Cub Scout Pack "graduated" into the Troop. The Troop has also received additional members and now stands at 23 registered members. Registrations for the annual Grand Canyon Council summer camp at Camp Geronimo near Payson Arizona have been made. There are over 15 of the registered members planning on attending this camp the first week of June 2026.

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17 7th Sunday of Easter	18	19	20 Water Fun Day @5:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Day of Pentecost 31 Trinity Sunday	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30

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