

Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

This month we remembered two long time members at two different memorial services which took place on two consecutive Saturdays.

I want to thank all those who helped and those who were there to celebrate the lives of our sisters in Christ as well as to show support and be supported by gathering.

During the month, beyond our regular monthly support to Crossroad Mission, we had a big sandwich making Sunday to supply them with various kinds of sandwiches! Over 400 sandwiches were made and delivered to the Mission.

The following Sunday Cupcakes were also delivered there. They are very appreciative of the support we provide. Thank you to all who participated in this event!

On Sunday October 27th 2024 we had a great presentation from our partners in ministry Arizona Baptist Children's Services. They appreciate our partnership in ministry.

We served the community by having a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on October 30th. This was a partnership between Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church and the Scouts. Over 100 kids attended without counting the guardians/parents and church members. It was great to see some of the church members all dressed up in their costumes.

Thank you to all those who made this day a success!

Our worship services continue to be every Sunday at 9 am in person and on Facebook and YouTube. Please subscribe at

<https://www.youtube.com/@SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch>.

This will help us to be allowed to do YouTube live.

Fellowship continues every Sunday after the worship service. It is always a great time to enjoy 3Cs (Coffee Cookies and Conversation). Sometimes it has been 4Cs (Coffee Cup Cakes and Conversation).

Thank you to all those who have been able to host. If you would like to host, please let me or the clerk of the session know. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Don Francis fellowship hall.

Children Sunday School (K-5th Grade) continues every Sunday. Childcare is provided during the Service. Our dedicated volunteers are happy to provide these services.

Adult Sunday school has continued every Sunday after the fellowship. We are on a 30 weeks Study Of Belief by Randy Frazee facilitated by Brian Claar.

You can join at any time even if you have not attended before. We have been learning a lot. Brunch has continued every Sunday after Adult Sunday School.

Prayer team continues to meet every Monday at 10:00 am and the prayer chain has continued through emails 24/7.

- Men's breakfast continues every Thursday at 8:00 am.
- The youth group continues to meet two Sundays a month at 6pm.

"The Chosen" movie has been a great inspiration. I thank the Youth group members for inviting their friends. Some of the friends end up attending our Sunday services regularly. The youth leadership team is awesome! Thank you for all you do!

Wednesday evening Bible Study continues to take place in person and by zoom at 6:15pm. The zoom link is the same every week. Please join us if you have not done so yet.

We have learned a lot over the weeks especially studying the scripture/s which is/are preached at our pulpit every Sunday. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/78157116453?pwd=EBQVZjgV35Kt34TEWclpHzYbmlTh4d.1>

Thank you to those who expressed appreciation during October which is Pastor Appreciation month. As I always say it is a joy and privilege to bring the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ every chance I get! I always appreciate your prayers and encouragement.

Looking ahead:

1. Continue to pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

2. The stewardship campaign has already started!

- i) On Sunday November 03rd 2024 I will be preaching/teaching about Stewardship Of Time.
- ii) November 10th Stewardship Of Talents.
- iii) November 17th Stewardship Of Money.
- iv) November 24th We will dedicate our 2025 pledges to God.

Please be as generous as you can, remembering that you will never give God anything without Him giving you more than you can imagine. Thank you for trusting SVPC with some of what God has entrusted you with. We are making a difference locally, Nationally and all over the world.

3. Please go and vote on Tuesday November 05th 2024 if you have not done so already.

4. The office will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

May the Lord bless you,
Pastor Dan

PRAYER LIST

Crystal Echols, Mary and Bob Schaal; Betty Hammann;
Makyla Ruttie; 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;

CARING MINISTRIES

November
BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

1 Mona Nelson
3 Rayne Caley
18 Brian Smith

SCOUTS NOVEMBER

3 Capri Rippy
5 Leilani Ashwood
7 Rose Morgan
10 Justin Jeffcoat
22 Evelyn Powell
24 Adrian Twist
28 AJ Goodwill

December
BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

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

SCOUTS DECEMBER

2 James Powell
10 Cody Hill
11 Malachi Williams
12 Henry Sabo
15 Sawyer Rabun
17 Winter Tate

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Paul & Sandy Schlehr

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to all who brought food
and helped make sandwiches for
Crossroads Mission
They were so pleased to receive about

400 sandwiches

They all had smiles on their faces and said

God bless you



We were happy to have *Adriana Mrofla*
from AZ Baptist Children's Services (ABCS) speak
during our worship service on Oct. 27th.

Since they have moved to New Life Church on 16th St.
and Avenue C, they have seen an increase in the
number of people they are helping.

They are happy to provide diapers, wipes, children's
clothing, and toys and to pray with the women seeking
help.

Adriana is working on getting us the names of families
we will be helping to provide food for Thanksgiving
dinner and Christmas dinner and gifts for the children.

Watch the blue sheet for more information in November.

CARING MINISTRIES

We continue to donate 3 boxes of diapers and 1 box of baby wipes each month to:



The open house they held was very enlightening and showed what a wonderful mission they serve in Yuma. Through the Care Portal, we gave a Grandmother a box of diapers and wipes. It was greatly appreciated.

The Care Portal has served 979 children so far this year,

our goal is 1000

Thanks to all who helped and donated food for Mary Ellen's Memorial reception. The family was very grateful. Most of the extra cupcakes were taken to Crossroads Mission and some were taken to the Beehive for the residents. Again, both were very grateful. If you would like to help with the Care Portal, gifts cards to Wal-Mart and monetary contributions would be appreciated.

CLERK'S REPORT

The October Session Meeting was primarily routine business. The consent agenda which contained the approval of three separate sets of minutes (the September Session Meeting, a Special Session meeting of September 29 to call for the Special Congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee, and the Special Congregational meeting minutes).

Also, the Consent Agenda recorded the service of home communion and in person communion on October 6 and was unanimously passed.

Remaining business for the Session included a report from the Trustees. That report noted the replacement of the air conditioner in the church office and entering into a monthly agreement with Yuma Pest Company to treat for pigeons. It was reported that the Apostolic Church was moving all of its services to Don Francis Hall for the time being. The preschool reported that their Fall Festival would be held on October 30 and October 31.

Committee reports included:

- Caring ministries – update on the Cutlip memorial service reception and an update on Care Portal actions
- Christian Education – Plans for the God and Country study to begin on February 9, 2025
- Mission - Making sandwiches for the Crossroads Mission on October 20 and plans for visits from the Arizona Baptist Children's Services and the Crossroads Mission
- Worship – Banners in the sanctuary have been changed out

The church sponsored "Trunk Or Treat" activity on Wednesday, October 30 for the scouts, the preschool attendees, and the surrounding neighborhood was noted. Planned dates for the Hanging of the Greens service on December 1, the annual Christmas Caroling event on December 22, and the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025 were placed on the calendar.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our annual Stewardship Campaign will run November 1 through November 24, 2024. During this drive, letters, pledge cards and other informative materials will be mailed to friends and members of the church. Each of you is encouraged to prayerfully consider how you can support the church, not only with your funds, but also with donations of you TIME and TALENTS. If you did not receive a mailing and would like one, please let Glen Moss (928-580-7005) or the church office know and one will be sent.

For the first nine months of 2024, the financial reports show income and expenses.

The income figures include all giving, whether toward a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign, donations to a Mission Partnership, a Special Offering, or any other type of giving. The expenses include all expenses incurred including the distribution of monies donated toward special projects or Mission Partnerships.

2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31 FINANCIALS

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
INCOME	\$20,310.58	\$175,031.00
EXPENSES	\$25,282.29	\$237,053.14

We have overspent our income by \$ 62,616.14. Before you panic, remember that the expense numbers include the \$ 27,300.00 that was required to purchase the replacement air conditioner system in Don Frances Hall. The unit was paid from an investment account. The funds for the unit is not shown as "income" since it was an internal transfer of existing funding.

We were blessed at the end of 2023 to receive extra donations. Some of these donations were in payment for the donor's 2024 pledges in response to the November Stewardship Campaign, while others were distributions from personal IRAs and other Qualified investment accounts. THANK YOU for all those donations.

As you plan for the remainder of 2024 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

October was a busy month for all aspects of the Scout programs at Sierra Vista. All aspects of the Wednesday night program are fully operating.

The planned Trunk or Treat event on October 30 was a great success. It was estimated that over 100 children and family members participated in this event. There were a lot of goblins, ghosts, witches roaming the parking lot and collecting candy and playing a variety of games. The entire unit is planning on marching in the Veteran's Day parade on Monday, November 11. This annual event allows the youth to recognize our veterans and express their appreciation for their service.

We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout Troop was busy during October with planned activities for all levels. It won't be long until training for Girl Scout Cookie sales will be held. Each year, Girl Scouts nationwide conduct their major fundraising efforts selling those delicious cookies. For the past several years, Troop 8054 has been one of the top units in the southern Arizona council.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts are again selling popcorn to help fund the program. Popcorn sales are being held at locations throughout town. Check with your Cub Scouts to purchase popcorn.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Members of the Boy Scout Troop are taking orders for fresh Christmas wreaths and holiday items. The Troop also held a fund raiser this fall to honor Veterans. An American flag can be "rented" for multiple holidays. The flags will be displayed in the parking lot of the Elk's Lodge on 32nd street. Displayed flags can be dedicated to honor or in memory of veterans and others.

During October, a Court of Honor to celebrate the Eagle Scout Award for Timothy Tolman was held. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest honor for a Boy Scout and less than 2% of all scouts earn this prestigious award. Way to go Tim!!

We have three additional scouts whose Eagle Scout Award is in process. Scout Zachary Holtry, Cody Hill and Daniel Kai Troxel have completed the requirements for the award. Zachary and Cody's Board of Review will be held in early November and upon passing that review will be officially recognized as an Eagle Scout. Daniel Kai is working on compiling his paperwork, getting it submitted and approved and getting his Board of Review completed.

NOVEMBER 2024

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

					1 All Saints Day World Community Day	2
3 Communion Sunday	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 Bible Class 6:15 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Bible Class 6:15 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Bible Class 6:15 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Bible Class 6:15 pm	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30

DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>1</div> <div>1st Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>GIVING TUSDAY</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>2nd Sunday of Advent</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>3rd Sunday of Advent</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>4th Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>CHRISTMAS EVE</div>	<div>25</div> <div>NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>1st Sunday of Christmas</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>NEW YEARS EVE</div>				