Sierra Vista
United Methodist Church

BELONG.
GROW.
SERVE.

A GUIDE TO SIERRA VISTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE boldly | **SERVE** joyfully | **LEAD** courageously

WHO WE ARE

We're so glad you're here. This guide is designed to help you ***belong***, ***grow*** in faith and community, and find meaningful ways to ***serve*** others. Inside, you'll find our story, our mission, and the ministries that shape life at Sierra Vista. You'll also find practical information to help you navigate our campus, connect with others, and explore opportunities to serve and lead. Whether you're visiting for the first time, exploring membership, or already part of our church family, we hope this guide helps you feel at home, and inspired to take your next step in faith and leadership.

MISSION STATEMENT

To grow a community that reflects Christ through ***love***, ***faith***, and ***service***.

VISION STATEMENT

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, ***love boldly***, ***serve joyfully***, and ***lead courageously*** in our community and throughout the world.

WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to worship with us at our weekly services:

- Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m. - Non-Traditional in Chapel Hall
- Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Traditional in Sanctuary
- Sundays @ 10:50 a.m. - Contemporary in Chapel Hall



To join us virtually, visit our **Livestream** page, **Facebook**, or **YouTube**.

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WELCOME



SENIOR PASTOR
KYLE TOOMIRE

Welcome home! We are so thankful that you have taken the time to get to know us a little better. We would love to get to know you and how we might better serve you and/or your family. Our church exists to serve God and our neighbors – near and far!

Please know that there is a place for you at Sierra Vista. Our community is made up of people from all ages and stages of life. We strive to be a warm and welcoming congregation that seeks to live out its relationship with Jesus Christ by loving others boldly, joyfully serving both locally and throughout our world, and leading as many as possible to live the life God intends for them.

Through our passionate worship, relevant Bible studies and small group opportunities, deep and meaningful connections, and life-changing outreach; we offer wonderful opportunities for all ages to draw closer to God. We hope that you will join us as we seek to be a dynamic Christian community of fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

If you are looking for a place to call home, we invite you to join us.

In Christ,
Pastor Kyle

CHURCH STAFF

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

- Kyle Toomire, Senior Pastor
- Tamara Strehli, Associate Pastor
- Mark Porterfield, Associate Pastor

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

- Ann Dodgen, Administrative Asst. & Facilities Management
- Jennifer Hedges, Nursery Coordinator
- Nancy Knight, Discipleship
- Troi Middleton, Administrative Asst.
- Adolfo Moreno, Custodian
- Alma Moreno, Custodian
- Lulu Ortega, Custodian
- Donna Tallas, Financial Officer

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

- David Bailey, Director of Crossroads Praise Band
- Donnie Bowers, Director of Youth Ministries
- Riley Duke, Director of Communications
- Sandy Jameson, Director of Child Development Center
- Margot Porterfield, Director of Connection and Care
- Dr. Eric Posada, Director of Music Ministries
- Dennis Turpin, Director of Saturday Night Praise Band
- Madison Woehl, Director of Children & Family Ministries

MUSIC TEAM

- Sheena Gibbons, Accompanist
- Dr. Eun Mi Lee, Accompanist
- Ty Cochrane, ASU Choral Scholarship Student
- Karina Rojas, ASU Choral Scholarship Student
- Yumiko Win Din, ASU Choral Scholarship Student
- Daisha Rivera, ASU Choral Scholarship Student



CONTACT US

To contact a specific staff member, use the email format: first initial + last name @sierravista.org (example: Kyle Toomire > ktoomire@sierravista.org). You may also reach the church office at office@sierravista.org or call us at 325-944-4041.

CAMPUS MAP

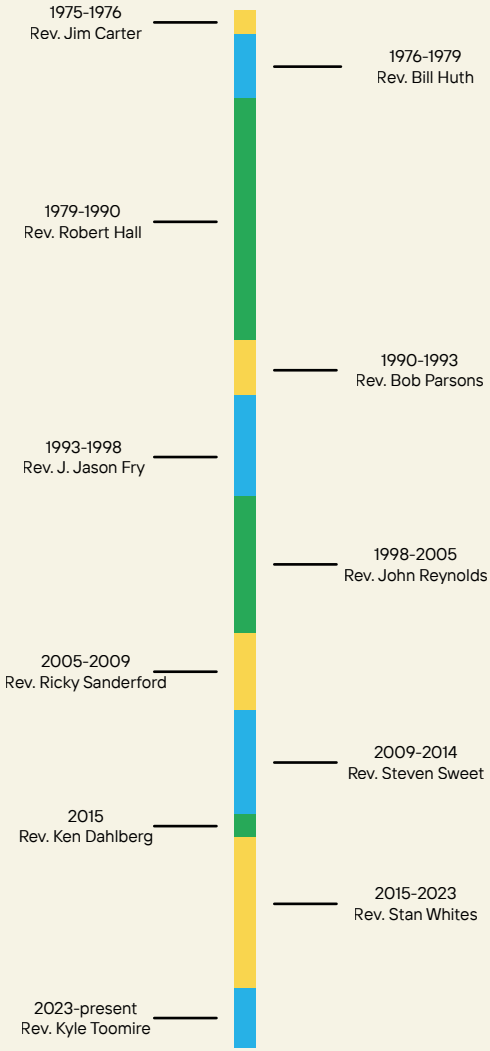


CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

1975	First worship service in newly constructed Sanctuary (present day Chapel Hall)
1978	Fellowship Hall constructed
1983	Children's Building constructed (Classrooms 1-5 of current Children's Wing)
1990	Current Sanctuary and Nursery construction completed
2002	Life Center construction completed.
2018	Bus Barn constructed
2020	Narthex expansion; Office Building and Children's wing addition construction completed.

HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP

Pastoral and music leadership at Sierra Vista.



Throughout our history, dedicated pastors and music leaders have guided the spiritual life of Sierra Vista. This timeline reflects their years of service and leadership.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

- Pam Bradford
- Linda Seamon Elford
- Ken Dahlberg
- Phil Steinbach
- Tamara Strehli*
- Kelly Duke
- Mark Porterfield*

*currently serving

CHOIR DIRECTORS

- Coralie Wetzel
- Linda Wyatt
- Robert Stovall
- Jeananne Young
- Audrey Thompson
- Jan Page Call
- Dr. Kevin Lambert
- Dr. Kay Holt
- Micah McBay
- Dr. Eric Posada*

*currently serving

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

- Kyle Gregg
- Jan Page Call
- Terri Rosson
- Linda Sylva
- Melody Hubbs
- Shirlene Klein
- Hunter Mabery
- Sheena Gibbons*
- Dr. Eun Mi Lee *

*currently serving

GENERAL INFORMATION

Here you'll find helpful information about The United Methodist Church and life at Sierra Vista, including how to join, request baptism, celebrate Communion, and plan weddings or funerals.

The United Methodist Church



A BRIEF HISTORY

The United Methodist Church traces its roots to the 18th-century ministry of John Wesley, an Anglican priest in England who emphasized personal faith, disciplined spiritual growth, and service to others. The Methodist movement spread to America and formally became The United Methodist Church in 1968 through the union of Methodist traditions.

RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE



Sierra Vista is part of the Central District of the Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, led by District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Robert Ortiz. The Conference serves communities across Texas through vital congregations, strong leadership, and mission-focused ministry. The United Methodist Church shares leadership among governing bodies including the General Conference, the Council of Bishops, and the Judicial Council, and as a local congregation within this connectional system, Sierra Vista participates in the shared mission and ministry of the wider church.

WHAT DO UNITED METHODISTS BELIEVE?



United Methodists affirm the historic Christian faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed. We believe in one God, the Creator and sustainer of all; in Jesus Christ, fully divine and fully human; and in the Holy Spirit, who is present and active in the world today. We also believe God's grace and salvation are offered to all and practice open Communion, welcoming all who seek Christ.

The logo of The United Methodist Church features a cross and flame. The cross represents Jesus Christ, and the flame symbolizes the Holy Spirit, recalling the fire of Pentecost. The two flames also reflect the 1968 union that formed The United Methodist Church.

THE WESLEYAN QUADRILATERAL: 4 THEOLOGICAL GUIDELINES

We believe that there are four pillars upon which our faith is built. This has become known as the the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Those pillars are: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. This framework was developed by John Wesley to guide faith, with Scripture as the primary authority, illuminated by the others. These pillars help Methodists understand faith holistically: Scripture reveals God's Word, Tradition offers historical wisdom, Reason encourages thoughtful reflection, and Experience provides personal encounters with the divine, all balancing to form a living faith.



THREE RULES TO LIVE BY

1. Do no harm
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

Our actions speak louder than our words
(or even our beliefs sometimes!)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sierra Vista UMC Membership

A BRIEF HISTORY

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church traces its roots to 1904, when the Methodist Protestant Church was organized in San Angelo by Rev. A. Lowe. Over the years, the congregation experienced growth, denominational unification, and multiple relocations, becoming Bethel Methodist Church in 1939 and later Angelo Heights Methodist Church in 1950. Through each season of change, the church remained active in worship, fellowship, and community life.

In 1975, the congregation moved to Southwest San Angelo and became Sierra Vista United Methodist Church under the leadership of Rev. Jim Carter. The first worship service at the new location was held on August 7, 1975. Today, Sierra Vista continues its mission-oriented ministry, building on a strong heritage of faith and perseverance.

JOINING SIERRA VISTA UMC



To join The United Methodist Church, a person publicly professes their faith in Jesus Christ and takes membership vows before the congregation. Individuals may join by baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer from another Christian church. New members promise to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Sacred Milestones



BAPTISM

In The United Methodist Church, baptism is a sacred covenant marking entry into the Christian community. Through water and the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we celebrate God's grace at work in a person's life. Baptism may be received as an infant or adult and is a once-in-a-lifetime sacrament symbolizing new life in Christ and belonging to the Church.

CONFIRMATION



In The United Methodist Church, Confirmation is a time when baptized individuals publicly affirm their faith and claim their baptismal promises as their own. At Sierra Vista, this typically takes place during 6th grade, following a period of study and preparation, as students profess their commitment to follow Christ and participate in the life and ministry of the Church.

WEDDINGS

In The United Methodist Church, Christian marriage is a sacred covenant between a couple and God, celebrated as an act of worship within the church.

At Sierra Vista, we are honored to host weddings and support couples as they prepare for this meaningful commitment.



FUNERALS

In The United Methodist Church, a funeral is a service of worship that gives thanks for a life and proclaims the hope of resurrection in Christ.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to families during times of loss. At Sierra Vista, our pastors and staff walk alongside you to plan a meaningful service. Please contact the church office to begin arrangements.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Small Groups | 9:45-10:45 am

THE BRIDGE REBECCA WEBB	This class is for adults in their 30s–40s, connecting across life stages. They study The Story, share life, and enjoy fellowship through service and family activities. | Room 202
COLLEGE AGE / YOUNG ADULT JOY ALLEN & TRACY MCIVER	18-20+ year olds meet for this class to discuss faith, the Bible, and life in an informal, relaxed environment. Anyone is invited to attend. | Life Center 206
COVENANT CORAL JEAN WARREN	Variety of ages gather for this class to study topics based on the 12-Steps using Christian material. | *Fellowship Hall 4*
FRIENDS FRANK TIPTON	This class is made up of couples in their 50's, 60's and 70's. They study a variety of topics and authors. | *Life Center 209*
THE LIGHT RICK MANTOOTH	This class offers a Bible study for all ages and walks of life using the Genesis to Revelation curriculum. Members seek to follow Christ's light and reflect it to others. | *Life Center 203*
MARY-MARTHA CLASS LAURA BLOEBAUM	Mature, older adults gather for this class to study and discuss *The Adult Bible Study Series.* Members contribute as they are able and care for one another like family. | *Sanctuary 4*
NEW BEGINNINGS SUE HOLDREN	This class welcomes couples and singles of retirement age for discussion-based learning using Cokesbury studies and member-led conversations about faith and life. | *Fellowship Hall 1*
GOOD NEIGHBORS LAUREN WEBSTER	This class includes couples and singles who gather to grow in faith and connect with others. The group uses video-based Bible and topical studies, with input from members on study topics. | *Life Center 208*
THE PENGUINS DEAN OR SUZETTE MCINTYRE	Couples and singles (ages 60+) gather for fellowship and peer-led Biblical discussion. They utilize the Cokesbury Adult Studies, as well as topical studies with DVDs. | *Life Center 207*
SEEKERS OF NEW LIFE BEVERLY NEVINS OR MARY MCCLURE	For this class, adult seniors (ages 60 and up) gather to meet for adult Bible study and discussion using lectionary-based lessons. All ages are welcome. | *Sanctuary 1*
SERENDIPITY MELINDA SPRINGER	Couples and singles ages 30–60 gather for relaxed, friendly discussions using Bible-based lessons and group-chosen topics that support faith-building. | *Life Center 210*
TBD (TO BE DISCIPLES) DAVID WHITE	Join us in TBD (To Be Disciples), a Sunday School class designed for couples in their 30s and 40s with young and school-age kids. | *Life Center 201*

YOUTH



SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45-10:45 am

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (6TH - 8TH)
LIFE CENTER 101

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (9TH-12TH)
LIFE CENTER 211

UMYF
SUNDAYS 4:00-6:00
LIFE CENTER GYM

6TH- 12TH GRADE
UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Our Sunday Fellowship is a time full of games, gathering, and activities to draw us into a stronger community growing in faith together.

YOUTH WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP
WEDNESDAYS 6:00-8:00
LIFE CENTER GYM

6TH & 12TH GRADE
Youth Wednesday Night Fellowship is a weekly gathering for 6th–12th graders focused on fun, friendship, and exploring scripture together. Food is provided, so come hungry and ready to connect!

SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS 7:45-8:45
CHURCH NARTHEX

9TH THRU 12TH GRADE
This Bible study is for our high school friends in search of a Christ-centered community to join together, learn, apply, and equip ourselves to walk with Christ.

GRACE
MERCY
LOVE
SVUMC YOUTH









Scan to connect with SVUMC Youth—social media, Remind, and more.

For info regarding Youth Ministries, contact the Dir. of Youth Ministries.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 am

CHILDREN (KINDER - 5TH)

LIFE CENTER 105 & 106

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

KICK

WEDNESDAYS 3:30-5:30 (MID-SEPT. THRU APRIL) | LIFE CENTER GYM

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

K.I.C.K. (Kids' in Christ Kingdom) is Sierra Vista's mid-week program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, featuring Bible study, recreation, creative arts, missions, and choir. The program includes school pick-up options (Bonham, Lamar, Ft. Concho, Santa Rita, & Wall), and welcomes adult volunteers.

CLUB 45

LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH 4:30-6:00 @ OLD PRESCHOOL BUILDING

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Club 45 is a monthly gathering for 4th and 5th graders to explore the Bible, ask questions, and build relationships with God, peers, and adult mentors as a bridge to youth ministry.

SUMMER CAMP

CAMP BUTMAN

ENTERING 3RD THRU 9TH GRADE

Student's entering 3rd through 9th grades are welcome to a week of Jesus-loving FUN! Camp is held at Camp Butman, just a short hour and a half- drive from San Angelo.

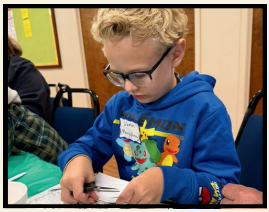
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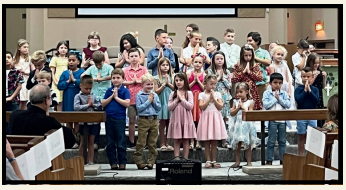
DATES VARY

AGE 4 YRS THRU 6TH GRADE

VBS is a fun, faith-filled experience for children ages 4 through 6th grade, featuring Bible stories, music, games, and hands-on activities. Watch for details and registration information.















SIERRA VISTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

For info regarding Children's Programs, contact the Dir. of Children & Family Ministries.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Kids Day Out | Pre-School | Kindergarten | 1st Grade

Our Child Development Center offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment for young learners at every early stage. Programs include Kids' Day Out for children 5 months–2 years, Pre-School for 3–4 year olds, and classes for Kindergarten and 1st grade.

KIDS' DAY OUT

INFANTS
5 MONTHS - 12 MONTHS
MON-THUR 8:30-1:30
$350 PER MONTH

BRIDGES
12 MONTHS-24 MONTHS
MON-THUR 8:15-1:15
$350 PER MONTH

EXTENDED DAY
18 MONTHS - 24 MONTHS
MON-THUR 1:30-2:30 P.M.
$200 PER MONTH

EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

PRE-SCHOOL

3 YEAR OLDS
8:30-1:30 MON-THUR
8:30-12:00 FRIDAY
TUE-THUR - $330/MO
MON-FRI - $375/MO

4 YEAR OLDS
8:15-1:15 MON-THUR
8:15-12:00 FRIDAY
TUE-THUR - $330/MO
MON-FRI - $375/MO

EXTENDED DAY
1:30-2:30
MON-THUR
$200/MO

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

TRANSITIONAL KINDER
8:15-1:15 MON-THUR
8:15-12:00 FRIDAY
MON-FRI - $400/MO

KINDERGARTEN
7:55-1:30
MON-FRI - $425/MO

EXTENDED DAY
1:30-2:30
MON-THUR - $200/MO

1ST GRADE
7:45-2:30
MON-FRI- $550/MO





SIBLING DISCOUNT!
1st Child = Full Price
2nd Child & Beyond = 10% off



SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are available upon request during application.



All classes align with Texas Guidelines and TEKS standards and include regular assessments to monitor student progress. Children ages two and older attend weekly chapel, while those three and up also participate in music, library, STEM, and physical education.

FMI Contact: Sandy Jameson (325) 949-2075

SENIOR ADULTS

Fun Fest | Circuit Singers | Monthly Outings| Home Visits

Our mission is to provide Christian ministry to the needs of Senior Adults at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church and the San Angelo area.

Questions or interested in joining? Contact Margot at mporterfield@sierravista.org



FUN FEST

Fun Fest provides a welcoming time of fellowship with devotionals, games, and an always-delicious potluck lunch. Seniors also receive birthday cards each month, and everyone is warmly invited to come join the fun and connection.

CIRCUIT SINGERS

Do you love to sing and want to use your voice to bless others? Circuit Singers share the joy of music by leading quarterly hymn sings at area senior locations, celebrating the beloved hymns of years past, followed by lunch together at a local restaurant.





MONTHLY OUTINGS

Monthly Outings offer a variety of engaging experiences, including local displays, demonstrations, and talent presentations, as well as opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of God's creation and explore West Texas attractions.

HOME VISITS

Home Visitation teams ensure that members who are no longer able to attend in person remain connected to the Sierra Vista church family. Teams offer regular visits and monthly communion, providing care, fellowship, and continued belonging.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a visit, or are you interested in serving on the Visitation Team?



For info regarding Senior Adult Ministries, contact the Dir.of Connections & Care.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There's a place for you.

There's a place for you at Sierra Vista. Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, encouragement, or simply a way to stay active, you'll find opportunities here to connect and be part of our church family.

PRAYER & STUDY

ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES

Ongoing Bible studies are offered throughout the year for a variety of ages and stages of life. With options covering different topics, meeting days, and times, there's a study designed to fit your schedule and interests. Visit our church website to explore The Gatherings catalog for current offerings.

WEEKLY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Build a consistent prayer rhythm with this weekly Zoom gathering. Using The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer, you'll follow guided daily prayers and reflections, with a brief weekly time of shared prayer and discussion. Meets Wednesdays, 7:00–7:30 a.m. on Zoom.
Contact: Tamara Strehli

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Go deeper in your relationship with God through contemplative and centering prayer. This gathering includes a brief time of learning followed by guided practice of these ancient disciplines. Thursdays, 8:15–9:00 a.m. in the SVUMC Prayer Room.
Contact: Tamara Strehli



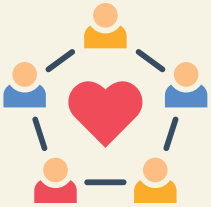
SUPPORT GROUPS

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS (CODA)

A 12-step fellowship for persons seeking to develop loving and healthy relationships. Meets Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Room S-4. Please enter through the outside entrance between the Sanctuary and Chapel Hall.
Contact: Elizabeth Bailey

GRIEF SHARE

A 13-week support groups designed to help people navigate the loss of a loved one. Usually begins meeting in January.
Contact: Margot Porterfield



For more info regarding Fellowship Opportunities, contact the church office.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There's a place for you.

CONNECT IN FAITH

MOM'S NIGHT OUT/BIBLE TALK

Connect with other moms for encouragement, conversation, and fellowship at this monthly gathering. Join us the first Monday of each month, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Fuzzy's Taco Shop. Chips and queso provided; additional food and drinks available for purchase.
Contact: Madison Woehl



MEN'S BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Start your day with breakfast, fellowship, and meaningful conversation. Men's Bible Conversations meets Wednesdays (excluding holidays), 7:00–8:00 a.m. in the Life Center for life-applicable discussion and connection.
Contact: Mark White



MEN'S GRILL & CHILL

Men are invited to grill steaks, while sharing in fun and fellowship together. Steaks and fixins - including spices, sides and drinks. Dates vary. RSVP required (suggested donation $10).
Contact: Kyle Toomire



MOSAIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Mosaic Campus Ministry exists to be a Christ-centered, inclusive community where college students can explore faith, ask meaningful questions, serve others, and live out God's love in the world..
Contact: Rachael Toomire



PLAY, MOVE, CONNECT

BALANCE & STRENGTH

Improve balance, strength, and flexibility in this welcoming group class. Chair-assisted options are available for added safety. Meets Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Cheryl Specht



STRENGTHENING YOGA & PILATES

Increase strength, flexibility, and mobility in this fun, low-impact class. Chair-assisted options make it accessible for all, with guided exercises and great fellowship. Meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Melinda Springer



TOSS & ROLL (BUNCO)

Enjoy a fun, relaxed evening of Bunco. No experience needed! Toss & Roll meets periodically in the Family Life Center, 6:00–8:30 p.m., and includes a potluck dinner. Come for the laughs, games, and fellowship!
Contact: Margot Porterfield



MEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Lace up for pickup basketball with a purpose! Men (high school and up) are invited for friendly, competitive play with time for prayer and a short devotional. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Life Center Gym. *Contact: Reeve Brown*



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SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Ways to serve and lead at Sierra Vista

Interested in serving or leadership? Scan to let us know.

There are many ways to lead by serving at Sierra Vista. Whether through committees or hands-on ministry roles, your time and gifts can make a meaningful difference in the life of our church. We invite you to consider how you might get involved.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the care, maintenance, and long-term planning of the church's property and facilities.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

The Children's Council advises and supports the Director of Children and Family Ministries and helps oversee the church's children's programs, including Sunday School, nursery, and special events.

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Team encourages and equips the congregation to share their faith, welcome new people, and create opportunities for others to experience God's grace and love.

HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Committee plans and hosts church-wide events while helping create a welcoming experience for visitors and new members.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee prayerfully identifies and invites members to serve in leadership positions, strengthening the church's ministries through thoughtful placement of volunteers.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee handles staff employment matters, recommends salaries, and works with conference leadership on pastoral appointments, helping support effective leadership and staff relationships.

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee works with the pastors and music ministry to coordinate worship services and special events, oversee communion, and care for the sanctuary and worship environment.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center Board provides oversight for the preschool and Children's Day Out programs, including budgeting, staffing, and program direction.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council serves as the primary decision-making and policy-setting body, providing oversight and spiritual leadership for the congregation.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee oversees the management of the church's finances, recommends the annual budget, and ensures its implementation.

MISSIONS

The Missions Committee leads the church's outreach efforts locally, nationally, and globally, supporting ministries and organizations that serve those in need.

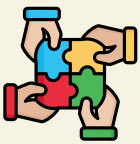
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee manages gifts and bequests designated to support and extend the mission and ministry of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee leads the annual stewardship campaign, inviting members to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to support the church's ministry each year.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."
1 Corinthians 12:4-5



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WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

GREETER

Greeters welcome worshipers and visitors, offering a friendly presence and helping individuals and families feel comfortable and connected.



LITURGIST

Liturgists help lead worship by reading Scripture, guiding responsive readings, and assisting with Communion when celebrated.





USHER

Ushers greet worshipers, hand out worship guides, assist with the offering, and help ensure services run smoothly by supporting seating and attendance.

COMMUNION STEWARD

Communion Stewards prepare and assist with Communion services, ensuring the elements are ready for those serving and caring for cleanup afterward.



ACOLYTES

Children, grades third through fifth, may participate as acolytes during the Sunday worship services. Training is provided, and these children learn the importance of serving during worship times. Once your child has gone through the training, please schedule to serve during worship.



LAY LEADERS

Lay Leaders serve as primary lay representatives of the congregation, supporting the pastor and fostering lay involvement in ministry. Each worship service has a Lay Leader who helps connect church leadership and the congregation.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY

Lay Servants are lay members who have received training and certification through their local district or conference to serve in specific ministries, such as leading worship, visitation, teaching, or pastoral care, under the supervision of clergy.



For info regarding Worship Service Opportunities, contact the church office.

MINISTRIES

Food Ministries

Interested in serving or leadership? Scan to let us know.

At Sierra Vista, caring for our community is central to who we are. Through a variety of food ministries, we help nourish both body and soul for neighbors near and far. Each ministry is described below, with more details available on our feeding ministries website.

FOOD BOX MINISTRY

The Food Box Ministry provides and delivers up to two weeks of grocery staples to families experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers help by shopping, packing food boxes, or delivering groceries as needs arise, with flexible time commitments of one to three hours.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please call (325) 650-9932.

Contact: Tracy McIver



KIDS EAT FREE

Kids Eat Free is Sierra Vista's summer lunch ministry, serving take-away meals to local elementary families during the weeks school is out. Volunteer teams prepare and serve balanced meals, offering nourishment, prayer, and a welcoming presence while building lasting relationships with families in the community.

Contact: Linda Alvis



WESLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is a partnership with Wesley United Methodist Church that provides free lunches to those in need six days a week. Sierra Vista volunteers prepare and serve meals at the soup kitchen each Thursday.

Contact: LuAnn Lupton



PROJECT DIGNIDAD

Project Dignidad is an ecumenical ministry that has provided food and clothing to individuals and families in emergency situations since 1976. Sierra Vista supports this ministry through food donations, holiday baskets, shoe vouchers for children, financial gifts, and volunteer service helping deliver items and engage the congregation in meeting ongoing needs.

Contact: Tamara Strehli



"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."
Matthew 25:35

MINISTRIES

CARE MINISTRIES

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Believing in the power of prayer, this group meets weekly to pray for individuals in need and for concerns in our community, nation, and world. Wednesdays, 11–11:45 a.m., SVUMC Prayer Room.

HOME CARE MINISTRY

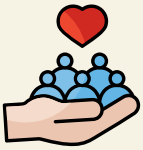
Our Home Care Ministry visits and supports those who are unable to leave home, offering prayer, phone calls, encouragement, and practical care for individuals and their families.

TLC MINISTRY

Our TLC Ministry supports families who are grieving by providing meals during times of loss, often alongside services held at the church.

HOSPITAL VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Hospital Visitation Ministry visits and prays with those who are hospitalized, offering support to patients and their families.



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

For info regarding Care Ministries, contact the church office.

WORSHIP ARTS

SANCTUARY CHOIR



The Sanctuary Choir welcomes adults, college students, and high school students who lead worship through song. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m., and the choir sings at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services and special programs.

PRAISE BAND

Our Praise Band leads worship at the Saturday evening Nontraditional service and the Sunday morning contemporary Crossroads services. Each week, the band leads contemporary music that helps guide the congregation in worship.

YOUTH WORSHIP

Youth Worship invites students to lead through music and the arts. We are seeking members for our Youth Band and forming a Youth Choir, and welcome dancers and artists throughout the year.

HANDBELL CHOIR



Handbell groups share their music throughout the year at Sierra Vista. Our adult choir, the *Celebration Ringers,* plays monthly and is open to adults, college, and high school students, and a seasonal children's group is also available.

CIRCUIT SINGERS

The Circuit Singers are senior adults who sing beloved hymns while bringing encouragement and connection to shut-ins and residents of assisted living communities.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's Worship includes our weekly KICK program and opportunities in music and the arts, including a developing Children's Choir and seasonal Children's Handbells.

For info regarding Worship Arts, contact Dir. of Music Ministry.

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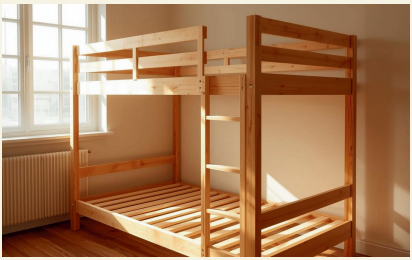
Living Our Faith in Community

Interested in serving or leadership? Scan to let us know.

At Sierra Vista, you'll find many opportunities to connect and serve through ministries that reflect your interests, skills, and desire to grow in faith.

BUNK & A PRAYER

Bunk and a Prayer is a hands-on ministry of Sierra Vista UMC that puts faith into action by building bunk beds for those in need of a safe place to sleep. Inspired by Matthew 25:40, volunteers go beyond giving financially by investing their time, skills, and hearts to serve others in a tangible way.





CHILDREN'S BED PROJECT

The Children's Bed Project, founded in 2014, works to ensure that every elementary student in San Angelo ISD has a bed and bedding of their own. Partnering with SAISD, Rust Street Ministries, and CPS, the project has provided over 1,400 beds, with 100% of donations going directly to children in need.

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT

The Texas Ramp Project builds free wheelchair ramps for low-income older adults and people with disabilities, using volunteer labor to keep costs low. The ministry's vision is to ensure safe access for all throughout the Concho Valley.





LONG TERM RECOVERY TEAMS/GREAT DAYS OF SERVICE

Great Days of Service bring all ages together to share God's love through hands-on service in our community and beyond. Current efforts focus on Long Term Recovery Teams addressing home repairs from the 2025 flood. Volunteers are needed for labor, skilled work, and support roles to help families restore their homes.

For info regarding Ministries, contact the church office.

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SIERRA VISTA MEN

Sierra Vista Men is an active ministry that supports church events such as the Harvest Festival and Easter Breakfast while providing hands-on help with church projects. Recently re-established, the group is expanding its Volunteer Repairman Operation to offer low- or no-cost repairs for church members in need.





HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

The Honduras Mission Trip offers an opportunity to serve alongside partners in Honduras while building meaningful relationships and sharing God's love. Participants often return deeply changed, reminded that generosity, joy, and faith are found on both sides of the mission.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival is an annual community celebration held the first Saturday in October, bringing people together for fellowship and fun while supporting local outreach and care organizations. The day includes BBQ lunches and meat sales, garage sales, craft booths, a silent auction, a live auction, games, and plenty of fall festivities for all ages.





PUMPKIN PATCH

The Pumpkin Patch is open mid-September through early November, offering a wide variety of pumpkins and free admission for all to enjoy. Volunteers of all ages help staff, organize, and unload pumpkins, and support special Storytime visits for local elementary students.

For info regarding Ministries, contact the church office.

SIERRA VISTA IN ACTION

Your pathway to belonging, growth, and service.

INTERESTED IN GOING DEEPER?

Join us in putting your faith into ACTion. Sierra Vista in ACTion classes are offered three times each year, in September, February, and July, making it easy to begin your journey when the time is right. Our first A & C classes will launch in August 2026. A & C classes are offered on the same day in consecutive order and will introduce various opportunities for serving inside and outside the church. Watch for registration details and join us as you take your next step!

A = ASK & ACQUIRE



A CLASS

Explore the history of Sierra Vista and the United Methodist Church, learn about our beliefs, and discover the many ways to get involved through classes, service, and fellowship opportunities.

C = CONNECT & COMMIT

C CLASS

Discover how God uniquely designed you by exploring your spiritual gifts, then connect those gifts to meaningful opportunities to serve and commit to a place where you can make an impact.



T = TRY & THRIVE



After completing A & C classes, prayerfully consider where you'd like to get involved. Try a ministry without long-term commitment. Meet with a leader, participate a few times, and see if it's a good fit. If it is, continue and thrive; if not, explore another opportunity. When you're ready, contact the church office to get connected.

For info regarding Sierra Vista in ACTion, contact the church office or scan..


















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