Our Church Community

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Faith, fellowship, and the life we share

November Events

Sabbath November 7 • 2 p.m. | Memorial Service for Karen Cisco

Light refreshments will be served at 2 p.m. in the BLC.

Sunday November 8 • 9 a.m. | Ramsey Canyon Hike

Ramsey Canyon Preserve, 27 E Ramsey Canyon Rd., Hereford, AZ 85615.

Sabbath November 14 | Veterans Appreciation Day

We invite everyone who has served our country to attend church that day as we recognize and appreciate our veterans.

Sunday November 15 • 2 p.m. | Peggy's Peacock Palace

Social Committee outing at 1476 E Roosevelt Rd., Huachuca City, AZ 85616. Admission is $10. Financial assistance is available through the Social Committee; see Angie Lee.

Tuesday November 17 • 9 a.m. | Pumpkin Pie Workshop Part One

Meet in the BLC to prepare pie crusts, which will be frozen until November 24. Women's Ministry has committed to making and baking 20 pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army. Ingredients will be provided. Metal pie pans are still needed, and ladies available to help would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday November 19 • 6 p.m. | Department Budget Planning

Department heads needing help with budget planning can meet with Bob Coffen in the BLC.

Sunday November 22 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. | Pathfinder Shoe Drive

Held in the BLC.

Tuesday November 24 | Pumpkin Pie Workshop Part Two

Meet in the BLC to fill and bake the pies. They will be delivered to the Salvation Army that afternoon.

Recipes for Our Church Cookbook

Starting in November, Women's Ministry will collect recipes for a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser for playground equipment at the church. Please share your favorite recipes with Women's Ministry and help us create a collection our church family can enjoy. The playground fencing is expected to go up soon.

Thanksgiving Beyond Our Table

November invites us to pause and thank God for His care. Some blessings are easy to name: food on the table, a comfortable home, and people who love us. Others become clearer when we look back and recognize how He carried us through a difficult season.

Ellen G. White encouraged believers to express their gratitude by giving to those in need (Counsels for the Church, p. 280). That gives us a simple question for this Thanksgiving: Who could share in the blessings we have received?

Perhaps we can invite someone who would otherwise eat alone, deliver a meal, or contribute groceries to a family facing a hard month. These small acts can make our gratitude tangible.

As we make room around our Thanksgiving tables, may we also make room in our plans for someone who needs encouragement.

Source: Ellen G. White, Counsels for the Church, p. 280.

Share Some Holiday Cheer

Help brighten a service member's holiday season! Write a Thanksgiving or Christmas card with a message of gratitude and encouragement, then bring it to Angie Lee by Sabbath, November 28.

Angie will take the cards to the VFW, along with letters from the children at Cochise SDA School, to support the military holiday care-package effort.

A few kind words can bring a little warmth from home. Thank you for participating!

From Our Kitchen

Special K Loaf

A familiar vegetarian favorite for the Thanksgiving table.

Ingredients

3½ cups Special K Original cereal • 24 oz. cottage cheese • 2 eggs, beaten • ½ onion, finely chopped • ½ cup melted butter • 1½ packets George Washington vegetarian broth seasoning, added dry • ¼ cup chopped pecans, optional

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F and grease a 9 × 13-inch dish. Mix cottage cheese, eggs, onion, butter, seasoning, and optional pecans. Gently fold in cereal and spread in the dish. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover, increase heat to 400°F, and bake about 30 minutes more, until firm and golden.

Serve with vegetarian gravy and your favorite Thanksgiving sides.

Adapted from Porch Light Reading: porchlightreading.com/special-k-loaf-recipe/
Contains dairy, eggs, wheat, and optional nuts.

Pathfinder Club News

Our Pathfinder club resumed in September, meeting first in Bisbee and more recently in Sierra Vista. An induction ceremony welcomed three new Pathfinders to the club. A few of our Pathfinders also shared literature at the Cochise County Fair.



Sharing literature at the Cochise County Fair.

Update provided by Kisha Collins.

Get to Know Your Neighbor



David & Connie Allen

From California to Sierra Vista
David was born in Toledo, Ohio, and grew up in Turlock, California. He graduated from Pacific Union College in 1978 and Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1981. Connie was born and raised in Modesto, California. She attended Thunderbird Academy, Pacific Union College, and Walla Walla College before completing her nursing degree at Loma Linda University.

While raising their family, the Allens lived in De Queen, Arkansas, and Oroville and Sonora, California. They also served at Seventh-day Adventist clinics in Guam and Palau. When David semi-retired, warmer weather and friends Ellen and Roger Perry drew them to Sierra Vista. Ellen and Connie share a love for Bible work, and the Allens have found this a wonderful place to live.

A life of medicine and ministry
David completed his residency in internal medicine and worked at Redlands Community Hospital before practicing in the communities where they lived and at overseas mission clinics. Connie worked as a registered nurse but has devoted most of her time to Bible work. Her greatest joy is sharing spiritual truths with people whose hearts and minds are open.

Family and favorite pastimes
Their three grown children also entered the medical field: Cristy and Tom in nursing, and Stanley in rehabilitation medicine. Stanley lives in Florida. With seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, David and Connie cherish opportunities to travel and visit family. They love hiking and exploring the outdoors together, and are passionate about serving the Lord through the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Promises they hold close
David's favorite passage is Job 19:25–27: "For I know that my Redeemer lives." Its promise that he will see God for himself brings comfort and assurance that God preserves us even in death and that we will ultimately see Him face-to-face.

Connie's favorite is Isaiah 41:13: "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." As time passes and physical frailty sets in, God's promise to hold her hand and remove fear has become especially meaningful.

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