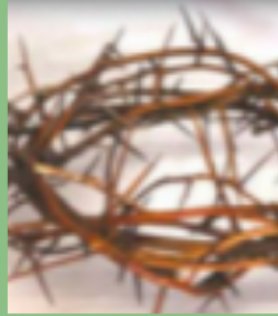


# THE VALLEY VOICE

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR HOLY WEEK

#### **April 10, 9:30 A.M. Palm Sunday**

Everyone will receive a palm branch as we re-enact Jesus's entry into Jerusalem

#### **April 14, 5:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday**

We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples and his arrest. Traditional Communion will be served.

#### **April 15, 5:00 P.M. Good Friday**

It is tradition for an organist to give a Good Friday recital. We will offer a religious contemplative concert as we remember Jesus' crucifixion.

#### **April 15- 16, Easter Watch Prayer**

**Vigil Starting at 7:00 P.M.** Good Friday we offer a 24 hour prayer vigil. See article on page 5 to sign up for time slots.

#### **April 17, Easter Sunday**

**6:00 A.M. Sunrise Service**

**9:30 A.M. Traditional Service with Traditional Communion**

Both Services will be live-streamed.

Visit [www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net) to view services and download bulletins

# OUR MISSION

To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

The principles we will follow to accomplish this are:

- Worship that glorifies God.
- Growing our faith in love, hope and the peace of Christ.
- Caring for the children of God.
- Reaching out to the community and the world.
- Seeking an attitude of servant-hood.

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>March 27</b>	<b>Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32</b>	<b>"The Prodigal Son"</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Luke 13: 31-35</b>	<b>"Today, Tomorrow and the Third Day"</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>April 10</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>Luke 19: 28-40</b>	<b>"The Parable of the Pounds"</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>April 14 5:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>The Sacrament of Communion</b>		<b>Tenebrae</b>	
<b>April 15 5:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY</b>		<b>Requiem Concert</b>	<b>Wes Moulton</b>
<b>April 15, 7:00 PM – April 16, 7:00 P.M.</b>		<b>PASCHAL SATURDAY</b>	
<b>April 17 6:00 A.M. EASTER SUNRISE</b>	<b>Luke 24:1-12 and John 11:25-26</b>		<b>Pastor Diane</b>
	<b>"Resurrection: Dou You Believe This?"</b>		
<b>April 17</b> <b>The Sacrament of Communion</b>		<b>EASTER RESURRECTION</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>John 20: 19-31</b>		<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>John 21: 1-19</b>	<b>The Sacrament of Communion</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>



## **Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, Pastor, Head of Staff**

### **Administration**

There have been churches where you could determine their vitality by how many weddings and baptisms they had per year, versus how many funerals; but making couples fall in love, produce babies, or dying are not circumstances we can influence or control. You can look at a balance sheet, of income versus expenses, the number of members and attendance, but that is administration. What I have come to recognize is a clear indication of the vitality of a congregation's faith is listening to the church's desire for Communion.

When COVID19 began in March of 2020, for safety we stopped sharing the Sacrament, while some churches continued and had super-spreading events. Then in 2021 our Valley Galley and Communion Preparers produced what we described as COVID Bread, hermetically sealed in zip-lock bags. I have known churches which celebrated Communion weekly, others monthly, a few quarterly, one seasonally; we have shared by dipping into a common cup, and by having everyone sit at table to serve one another; once, recognizing the Priesthood of all believers, I served the first person in line, then gave them the elements to serve the next person, who served the next. Here at our Church, the Session share the Sacrament of Communion at the beginning of every Session meeting. Throughout Lent 2022, we as a body have waited to share the Sacrament, in part because of concern over passing the elements; in part out of desire to return to the traditional Presbyterian manner of two separate elements being passed in separate trays.

On Maundy Thursday, our April 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm worship celebrating Jesus serving his disciples, and again at the 9:30am Worship on Easter Morning, we will share the Sacrament of Communion! Routinely, we react to a circumstance and move on to "normalcy" or the next crisis. As much as we all want to move on, none of us will forget this two-year world-wide pandemic, those who became ill and those who died, as well as the caring and leadership demonstrated. Breaking the Bread of Christ and sharing the Cup as sign and seal of God's New Covenant will be demonstrations of our Church's vitality and hope in the midst of life.

## **2022 Capital Improvement Craig Lindsey, Administrator**

In Arizona we do not have to contend with salt and frost wedging, but the heat does bake the oils out of pavements, causing buckling and cracks. Last summer the exterior of our church building received a fresh coat of paint. In the next month, we will have all of the cracks in both parking lots cleaned and filled, and when temperatures permit both parking lots will be freshly sealed and painted. Please be attentive when cones and workers are out, individual entrances may need to be blocked off for a day, while there will always be access into and out of our church property. Our thanks to our VPC Foundation, and to those who have contributed to these reserves which annually generate Interest Income that underwrites Capital Improvements like these.

## **CREDO PROGRAM**

Pastor Craig has only been with us two and a half years and at 63 is one of the youngest people in Green Valley, but he has been in pastoral ministry for 38 years. Once in a career in ministry, the PC(USA) Board of Pensions invites Pastors to a week-long Retreat program called CREDO to reflect on their years of ministry, all the relationships, and to plan for eventual retirement. Pastor Craig will be away May 7<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> for this program which begins each day in worship, includes daily sabbath-time, workshops and evening prayers. This is designed as a time of discernment to understand God's Journey and what you may be able to do with the next chapters of life. As we held Pastor Diane in prayer during her Sabbatical and her trip through Greece, please pray for Pastor Craig at this time, and maybe invite Judy for dinner.

## **Session Highlights for February**

Your Session took the following actions at the February meeting:

- Received new members from the New Members Class.
- Approved a contract for crack fill and pavement sealing in the parking lots, including restriping.
- Passed a motion to make masks optional for fully-vaccinated attendees at Worship services and meetings in the church building as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Rev. Diane Christopher Pastor of Discipleship**

### **Resurrection**

A man came into our office the other day and expressed that he and his wife will be returning to Valley. As we chatted, I said, "We are experiencing Resurrection."



"I heard that," he said.

Word is getting out that this church is experiencing Resurrection. In order to have resurrection, you need death. Those of you who have been here over 5 years know that we have come through a very difficult time. We did walk through the valley of the shadow of death, yet experienced God was with us and God restoring us once again. This is good news.

This is the month when we think about Resurrection more than any other time. Everything in the Christian faith hinges on the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, which we celebrate on Easter, April 17. This is good news.

We are reminded in memorials of the Resurrection. I conducted a gravesite not too long ago, and the son said, "Please make sure that people hear what Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, will live...Do you believe this?'" Because Jesus lives, so shall we, now and in the life to come. This is good news. Ukraine is going through a death. Because I believe in the Resurrection, I pray someday they will experience it, too.

When someone comes into my office and needs guidance, prayer, reassurance, I pray Resurrection in their life.

When we experience loss of health, loss of loved ones, loss of material things, I pray Resurrection in their lives. That God will take what was and make "all things new."

The Bible says that the earth will experience a resurrection as someday there will be a new heaven and earth designed by God. This is good news!

This Easter, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, look for ways that God has resurrected the dead things in your life, restored the people in your life (whether on earth or heaven), and made those things new. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

## **Easter Watch Prayer Vigil**

### **Good Friday – Holy Saturday**

**7 p.m. (April 15) through 7 p.m. (April 16)**

The Saturday between Good Friday and Easter is often called Holy Saturday or Silent Saturday. We don't know what the disciples did that day as we can imagine they were in shock and grieving the loss of Jesus. Perhaps hidden in a room somewhere in fear of their own lives. Their whole world had been turned upside down.

As our world is being turned upside down, let us come to a time of prayer on this silent day. We invite you to sign up for a half hour time slot of prayer to pray at home. We will start at 7 p.m. on Good Friday (after Wes' organ recital) and run a 24-hour prayer vigil. Pastor Diane will provide prayer aids and suggestions.

You can sign up for a half hour prayer slot in one of two ways: Go to our website at [valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net). Look for the brown button at the bottom of the home page. Choose a time, and type in your name and email address, so Pastor Diane can send you her prayer aids.

You can also sign up by contacting Pastor Diane with your choice of prayer time ([pastordiane@valleypres.net](mailto:pastordiane@valleypres.net); 520-625-5023). She will let you know if that time is available. If not, she will offer a time slot close to your preference.

Let us spend time in continuous prayer together on this most holiest and silent of days.

### **CHILDRENS WORSHIP**

#### **Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!**

On Easter Sunday April 17 the children of the church will join the adults of the church throughout the worship service, giving them the opportunity to pray, sing and worship together on this most beautiful Sunday. They will join in saying the Lord's Prayer, sing the hymns in celebration of Easter, greet fellow Christians and listen to the word of God. Activity bags will be given to them as they enter the sanctuary should some of the facets of worship become overwhelming.



After worship an Easter Egg Hunt awaits them in the Sunday School area.  
**Sing Hosanna!**

# HOW MARTIN LUTHER CHANGED HISTORY



Presented by Deacon Bud Landry

Thursdays May 5, 12, and 19 at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

- Week One – *Die Anfechtungen* (Luther's unrelenting fear of hell)
- Week Two – The 95 Theses and the Diet of Worms (*a meeting, not a meal plan*)
- Week Three – The Council of Trent and Vatican II

There can be no appreciation for the Reformation until one sees the great spiritual need in the Sixteenth Century. After 1500 years, the Christian Church was entirely corrupt in its practices, in its scandals, and an ever-expanding unbiblical list of dogma. By the time that Martin Luther, the great reformer was a teenager, the de Medici and Borgias crime families were extorting a fortune of silver from the peasantry to enrich themselves while forbidding the Bible and teaching only Salvation by Works. Luther was not the first reformer, preceded by John Wycliff (d. 1384) in England and Jan Hus (d. 1415) in what is now the Czech Republic, but a new technology was on the scene, just as world changing as the Internet in our time, the printing press. His teachings went viral. In this three-week Zoom course, we will explore the life and times of Martin Luther and how he changed history and the course of Western Civilization.

Join me at Bud Landry's Personal Meeting Room <https://my-gcu-edu.zoom.us/j/5904813442> Passcode: Tucson

# **PATIO SALE NEWS 2022**

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*

## **MARCH 2022 PATIO SALE UPDATE**

Wow! What a sale we had on March 10, 11 and 12, 2022! On Thursday morning shoppers were lined up around the church building and there was a second line in front of the tent selling Furniture. Everyone wanted to be first in the door and find the best bargains. And they were not disappointed. Our dedicated volunteers were on site ready to sell, bag-up or box-up selected items and then direct them to other departments or to the cashiers. And many of these shoppers came back again on Friday and Saturday. It was amazing! As of March 17 the income from the Patio Sale was **\$96,080.08**, and additional amounts continue to trickle in.

Our Patio Sale would not be such a success without our hundreds of volunteers who give countless hours sorting, setting up, pricing, selling, interacting with shoppers and then cleaning up. We cannot say “Thank You” enough. And a special “Thank You” to all of our VPC Staff who were there for us every step of the way.

It is the goal of the Patio sale to raise money to support the Valley Presbyterian Church Mission Outreach Programs in Southern Arizona, Mexico, the Middle East and the Congo. It would be a perfect world if all of the income from the Patio Sale could go to support these deserving organizations; but in reality, we have expenses and they continue to increase. Later on this year, we will include a full financial report in the Valley Voice so you can see both income and expenses.

What's next? There will probably be another Sale in the Fall. We just don't know what it will look like. So stay tuned. Thank you for your support of our Patio Sales – not only this year but for the last 40 years as well.

The Patio Sale Coordinating Team



**VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S  
MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT  
SERIES PRESENTS**



**TUCSON ARIZONA  
BOYS CHORUS**

**Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 P.M.**

**Tucson Boys Chorus consists of five  
groups of singers, from first grade  
through college**

**Tickets are \$20**

**2800 S. Camino del Sol Green  
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Submitted by: Jamie Reed



Almost every month I write to tell you about the wonderful musical opportunities within our church walls. This month I would like to touch on the power of music and how it has brought countries together during this time of need. From 2007-2012 I was a music director for Holland American Cruise Lines. Not only did I see the world, I met and worked with amazing musicians from all over the world. The message below was written by the wife of a duo that I had the honor to work with somewhere in the middle of the Ocean. Rebecca is a singer and her husband, Kuba, is a Polish mallet player.

Rebecca writes,

"More updates from Ukraine and Poland. Kuba received a request Tuesday afternoon from a friend (working on a ship) whose mother was leaving Ukraine. She was having much trouble just getting transportation to get out. Cannot imagine how difficult it must be. She did manage to get to a bus and while traveling 26+ hours, Kuba worked his magic and by the time she made it safely to Warsaw, Kuba's brother arranged to have a neighbor friend pick her up and host her. This morning, Thursday, Kuba received a call from the hostess and she said "Mom" was doing well and had finally eaten. She wasn't able to when she arrived and had a hard time sleeping, but she's better now. She will go to Łódź next and they have insisted they will drive her so she does not need to take the train, since she is alone and traumatized. So many thank you's from her son on the ship. These stories are hard to hear without getting choked up.

The little boy Maks (11) in our flat in Łódź has a Ukrainian Polish language teacher now. His big sister turned 22 and we got to see her birthday celebration in our living room which was surreal but very heart warming. And internet and tv for them was arranged by one of my Polish family members.

He wrote to me these words:

"They say thank you many times. Today Maks asks me, 'Why do you help us?'" He said his throat tightened. He replied, "Because we can. Because we are the same people. Because you are running from war." Continue to keep them all in your prayers. If you know someone who needs help finding a place to stay, let us know. We will do our best and have lots of friends and family over there, mostly in Łódź, at the ready with Polish meals and loving shelter as long as they need it."

During these very scary and uncertain times, I am constantly reminded of the power of music. Sarah Dessen says, "Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common." Music is Amazing!

Thanks for listening,  
Jamie

**Parish Nurse: Chris Erickson, BA, RN**

**Caring for those in our congregation**

**Faith & Health/Parish Nurse News April 2022**



Join us at Cardio-drumming; this class has just a few more openings. Cardio-drumming begins at 9 am on Tuesdays and is a once a week; a 30-minute exercise program for health, stress, and balance. Please email [parishnurse@valleypres.net](mailto:parishnurse@valleypres.net) for more information and/or for registration.



Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy.

Blood Pressure screening will be by individual appointments.



**New Office Hours:** Parish Nurse's office hours are Tuesday mornings, 9 am – Noon & Thursday afternoons Noon – 3 pm.

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## **When is it Depression? Part Two**

Depression can affect people differently, and different with age. Younger adults maybe more irritable, complain of hypersomnia, weight gain, and have a negative view. They also may have other disorders with this such as anxiety, social phobia, panic disorder, and substance abuse. Middle-aged adults have depressive episodes, night insomnia, or wake up early. They may also have gastrointestinal problems. Older adults with depression experience sadness or grief or may have symptoms that are less obvious. They may report lack of emotions and may not be willing to talk about their feelings and may have other medical illnesses or pain that may cause or contribute to depression. With more severe cases, memory or thinking problems may be seen.

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## By Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson, BA, RN

Continued from page 11:



Depression can occur at any age. Certain people are at a higher risk of depression. If you are an older adult, you may be at higher risk if you:

- Are female
- Have a chronic medical illness, such as cancer , diabetes or heart disease
- Have a disability
- Sleep poorly
- Are lonely or socially isolated
- You may also be at a higher risk if you:
  - Have a personal or family history of depression
  - Use certain medications
  - Suffer from a brain disease
  - Misuse alcohol or drugs
  - Have experienced stressful events (loss of a spouse, divorce, or taking care of someone with a chronic illness)

Do you feel tired, helpless, hopeless? Have you lost interest in many of the activities and interests that you have previously enjoyed doing? Are you having difficulty sleeping, eating, working, and functioning? Have you felt this way day after day? If you have answered yes, you may be experiencing depression. If you think that you or a loved one may have depression, it is important to seek treatment. Please talk with your healthcare provider. It is important to be honest and open about your symptoms. The right treatment may help improve your overall health and quality of life. The primary treatment options for depression include medication and psychotherapy.

Don't ignore the warning signs. A person may really be asking for help. Take comments about suicide seriously. If they are in immediate distress or thinking about hurting themselves, call 911 and ask for the MAC (mobile crisis team in Pima County) The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK

(Information obtained from National Institute on Aging).



**Medical Minute:** Benefits of physical activity can: may improve memory, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, maintain or improve muscle strength and improve mood.



# Meet Our New Stephen Ministers

We welcome four new Stephen Ministers who have completed their 50 hours of training and will be commissioned on April 10, 2022.



Carol Marshall is from Castle Rock, Colorado, and recently joined VPC. She was a Deacon and home visitor at her church in Colorado and felt Stephen Ministry was a natural next step. She also served on a mental health board in her county for 10 years. She enjoys quilting, travel, and book clubs. She and her husband Don have 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

Linda Piotroski moved here from Vermont in 2020. She was a Chaplain in hospice and palliative care for 40 years. She understands grief as her husband died 2 years ago. She enjoys knitting, watercolor painting, reading and writing devotions. She has a daughter and 2 grandchildren still in Vermont.





# Meet Our New Stephen Ministers



Bill and Karen Woodrow have a lot of experience as hospice volunteers in the Seattle area. They have been in Green Valley since 2008 and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Bill helped men record their life stories for their families as a part of his hospice work. They both helped establish a grief camp for children ages 6-16 (Camp Erin). Karen has led grief workshops both in Seattle and here. Bill enjoys golfing and hiking. Karen enjoys making greeting cards, sewing, and travel in their RV.

Our training class also included Becky Williamson from St Francis Episcopal Church. She will be commissioned by them.

Our new Stephen Leader, who will also be commissioned on April 10, is Bob Lillie. He served as a Stephen Minister in two previous churches and retrained here 3 years ago. He has been in Green Valley for 7 years as a winter visitor and since 2018 full time. Bob had the ZOOM experience for training instead of doing a week of "boot camp." He will be the Referrals Coordinator for men needing a Stephen Minister.

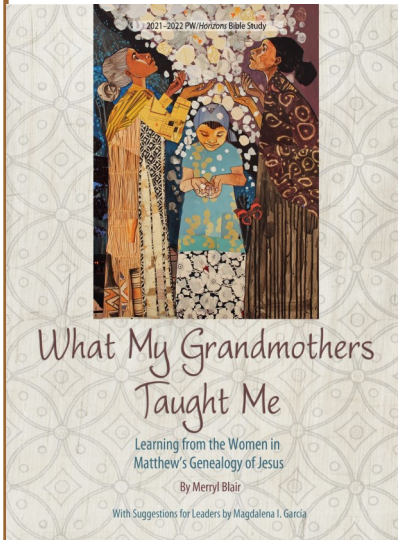
In March, we enjoyed a lunch gathering where we learned about Ronald McDonald House which we supported not only with our Presby Gift, but also by having a McDonald's meal.



Our April Gathering Lunch will be on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30. The cost is \$11.00. The program will be a demonstration by Judy Christensen on container gardening. Judy has been very involved with Green Valley Gardeners for a number of years and has some great tips about constructing a beautiful container to enjoy all summer as well as desert gardening in general. Containers can be adapted to all areas of the country so seasonal visitors may find good information also. Please join us for a fun time.



Mark your calendars for the Presbytery Spring Gathering to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Current plans are to have it on Zoom but stay tuned – an in-person gathering is certainly a possibility. The program will be presented by Rev. Diane Christopher. More information will be forthcoming so check the May 1<sup>st</sup> Valley Voice.



Circles continue to meet monthly and study lessons on the women in the genealogy of Jesus as listed in the Book of Matthew in the Bible. It's not too late to join a Circle for the last lesson or two of the year. We'd love to have you. Pastor Diane has posted a video lesson based on our study book for each month during the year that can be accessed on the V.P.C. website so you can go back to the very beginning or review this month's lesson.

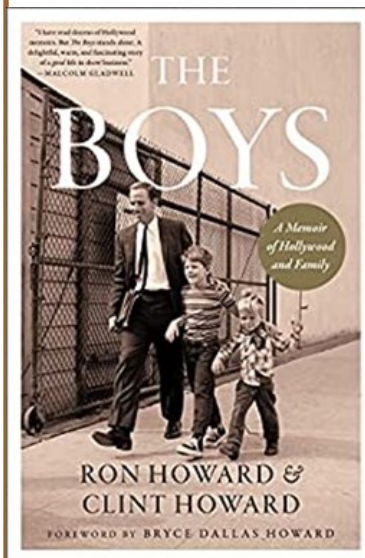
This is a great resource for all of us that we encourage you to use.

Submitted by: Liz Haynes

## Valley Readers

2:00 PM – April 25, 2022

Classroom 1



Our April selection for Valley Readers is *The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family*, by Ron and Clint Howard. This readable and amusing recollection of growing up as child tv stars in Hollywood will entertain anyone who remembers "The Andy Griffith Show," "Gentle Ben," and "Happy Days" television shows. A strong and stable family life is lovingly depicted as well. Please join us for a discussion led by Liz Haynes. Contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

Submitted by Liz Haynes

# PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

## 17 Bloggers Wanted!

Bob and Kristi Rice are our supported missionaries to South Sudan. Their communication tool to our congregation is through their blog- [bobandkristiblog-spot.com](http://bobandkristiblog-spot.com)- which they write twice per month. Only a portion of their inspiring story can be shared in the Valley Voice. Join the 17 VPC members who promise to pray and follow the blogs.

## New house in Juba

One morning this week we watched the sunlight stream through the windows and listened to the birds sing and said "this is amazing! We are so glad that we are here!" Another evening, we sat outside in the moonlight with a cup of tea, enjoying the cool breeze and the gift of being outside. We have been in our new house in Juba for one month now, and are slowly more settled and



Enjoying the morning light in our new house

After 4 1/2 years in our previous apartment, packing up felt like a big project. Several friends and even one of our neighbors pitched in to help us transport our stuff 1 mile down the road to the new house. We were a little embarrassed at all the things we have accumulated in four years!

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Suitcases and boxes ready to be moved.  
The piles kept growing !

We now are in a small pre-fab house - about the same size as our previous apartment, but divided into more rooms. This means that Bob and I each have an 'office', and we even have a spare bed. Anyone want to visit? We are still working on curtains and decorations, but we see progress! We have enjoyed getting to know some of our new neighbors, as well as people who are working remote parts of South Sudan who pass through for a few days



Green grass in yard

One of the perks of our new location is that Bob can walk to work in about 10 minutes. We have also started taking more frequent early morning walks, trying to take advantage of the cool and quiet mornings for getting outside. Now we are hoping to find a neighborhood tea shop to visit, although we really miss the people that we met at Mary's stall in our old neighborhood!



MAF House Picnic tables



We put up a sign over our door that says beyt'a amin, "house of faith"

**Turn to Page 20 for an update on Pam and Dave!**

The past blogs read like a real life novel, chronicling God in action through the writings of Bob and Kristi Rice. Please join me in following and praying for our missionaries and let me know if you have joined the blog brigade by emailing me [douglasclark68@me.com](mailto:douglasclark68@me.com).

## Mission Quilters Going Strong Again



After a couple of years being held back from our routine schedule of operation, the girls are getting back into full operation. It sure feels good getting back to our almost normal routine; hearing the humming of the sewing machines, the talking, and laughter all around the fellowship Hall, while we work. Picture below are some of the quilting girls that were able to attend our pot-luck lunch-annual picture quilting session.

### VPC 2021-2022 Mission Quilters

**Sitting:** Ardell Hodges, Judy Christensen, MaryAnn McElhose, Patti Bright, Karen Mitchell, Laurie Brown.

**Middle Row:** Susan Rand, Eileen Owen, Sue Nuemann, Nickie Goss, Joan Bolin, Jean Hein, Jan Sullivan.

**Back Row:** Denise Nichols, Marcy Ottoson, Martha Rice, Jody Fenlason, Janice McCoy, Mary Macloskey, Josie Troubec, Karen Rainford.



The stack of 73 quilts on the side walk were our annual donation to Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales, AZ.

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**43 quilts donated to More Than a Bed.  
Picture Founder Grace Stocksdales and VPC  
Mission quilters Josie Trolec and Karen Mitchell.**

**We consider ourselves so blessed to receive support from the Mission Committee, donations of fabric stashes from people who see our quilts displayed in the Fellowship Hall before they get delivered, and the new people God directed our way.**

**If you are interested in becoming a participant of our quilting group, contact Patti Bright at (520) 305-3275.**

### **Pam and Dave updates:**

**We have been involved in introducing people to our Ukrainian field leader to help with financial support of refugees and displaced peoples within Ukraine and we also have teams that are helping people as they have crossed over into the other European countries like Poland and other countries. So our teams are helping people.**

**Two team members had helped house 150 people in one day so that they could have a rest where it was warm and get some food and drink**

**Dave and I will be going to India this coming Saturday for two weeks. We'd appreciate prayer for strength, protection, good health and to operate in the Holy Spirit power as we are going to meet up with several Indians that are involved in outreach in that country to Muslim communities.**

**Home news- Our daughter Rachel passed her Master of Special Education test in spite of her back ground with dyslexia. (Pam's book-From Kickapoo to Kathmandu). Hope there are no more raccoons coming to our garage!**

**Yesterday morning we caught a racoon in a trap so Dave took it out to forest and put it into heaven for coons.**

**Thank you for prayers,  
Pam and Dave**



## ***Youth On Their Own has found a "forever home"!***

When YOTO began in 1986, it was a tiny grassroots organization staffed entirely by volunteers. With the support of our YOTO Family, we've grown to serve thousands of youth experiencing homelessness every year. We've become so big, in fact, we're bursting at the seams! But that's about to change...

**YOTO has found and purchased its "forever home"!**



After years of searching, YOTO has purchased a new property at 2525 N Country Club Road. At 54% larger than our current space, the new building will allow us to continue to help homeless youth in Tucson graduate from high school and achieve their educational and professional goals!



A lot of renovation work will be needed, and YOTO plans to move to their new location in late 2022 or early 2023!!

Helping to make ALL THIS possible is ANGEL CHARITY FOR CHILDREN INC. They have recently announced that they have selected YOUTH ON THEIR OWN as a recipient for their 2022 Major Fundraising Campaign. They have committed to raising \$750,000 to fund the renovation of YOTO's new home, making it safe and welcoming for youth and expanding the services offered to youth experiencing homelessness in our community. We'll plan a tour from Valley when they have settled in!!

### **INSPIRATIONAL CARD MAKING**

We will meet at church on Wednesday, April 23 from 1 to 3:30 pm in Classroom 5 to make Inspirational Cards for Youth on Their Own students! Our brief messages are included with the monthly stipend checks that students earn. We use a variety of uplifting slogans, colored sharpie pens, stamps and colored stamp pads, stickers galore, border ribbons, and colorful cards.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Submitted by: Mary Horn





## **St. Andrews' Children's Clinic**

Submitted by Kay Brouwer

The Clinic took 24 very young children to Hermosillo for their first Cleft Lip/Cleft Palate Surgery. The trip went very well and was featured on March 26 at the Mission Breakfast. More on that in the next Valley Voice.

The March 3 Clinic in Nogales was canceled because it came too soon after the return from Hermosillo. There will be a clinic on the first Thursday in April for at least 10 children from Mexico. Orthopedic problems will be brought in because those children endure a lot of pain.

The Clinic is finally beginning to provide services. It is hoping to grow with safe protocols and serve more children from Mexico.

This September, 40 older children will be taken to Hermosillo for their second Cleft lip/Cleft Palate surgery. Plans are underway. More funding will be needed for those children because food and lodging is required.

Prayers, support and donations from Valley Presbyterian Church are a true blessing for this mission.



## **SNACK BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS**



**Our Mission Committee is sponsoring a church wide event:  
Snack Bags for the Homeless collection continues during April.**

**We are continuing to collect 14 different items to fill individual bags to share with the needy. Please bring items to our table in Charter Hall on Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10. Items needed include:**

Bottled Water (16 oz.)	Gatorade (12oz)
Apple/Orange Juice (10 oz.)	Capri Sun (6 oz.)
Applesauce/ Fruit Cups	Cuties (Clementine Oranges)
Granola Bars	Small Can Vienna Sausage
Peanut Butter/Cracker kits	Small Box Raisins/Craisins
Small Bag Trail Mix	Small Package Cookies
Small Package Tissues	Wet Ones, Individually Wrapped

**We invite the congregation to help us assemble the bags after our Mission Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 12 (10:30 a.m.). Filled bags will again be taken to the Hospitality House of the Salvation Army in Tucson. Bags will also be available for members and friends of our congregation to take on Easter Sunday to share.**

**Thank you for your support of this Mission Outreach to our community!  
Ann Ball, Ed Storey, Mary Horn**

## Posada Life Adult Day Services

Submitted by Doug Clark



### The latest news at Posada Life Community Services:

#### Posada Life Community Services is introducing a Memory Café

Posada Life Community Services, along with Pima Council on Aging and Dementia Capable Southern Arizona, are inviting everyone to come and socialize with others in a safe, supportive and fun environment at the new Memory Café in the Posada Life Community Center.

The grand opening of the Memory Café in Green Valley is Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Posada Life Community Center, 780 S. Park Centre Ave. on the La Posada campus.

This month's theme will be all things music—live music, games and trivia. The Memory Café is a warm, welcoming place for those individuals experiencing memory loss, their friends, family, and caregivers.

For the safety of all, attendees will be required to wear masks and observe physical distancing.

**Food Bank  
Sunday  
April 3rd**





COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

MEMBER OF  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**

*Submitted by Kylene Joplin & Carol Stephens*

As spring approaches we are reminded that life is good. Most of us never experience waking up hungry and going to bed hungry but this happens all too often.

We can all help battle hunger and it doesn't take much, a few nonperishable food items and or a monetary donation is all it takes and these will add up to help those in need.

Your generosity is genuinely appreciated



Art work by Roaman, age 5  
"It's Mr. Money and he's dancing for the sun and his friend."

## TRUST RESTORED

❑ Trust in the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona has been restored. In 2021, Community Food Bank (CFB) gave \$50,000 of non-directed food bank funds to a political program in Tucson to "fight for \$15 campaign". The use of non-directed food bank funds for political ends has created a trust problem. Can undirected monies given to CFB be used for political social change instead of hunger relief? Trust in the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona has been restored. Leadership at CFB has changed and the Board of Directors on November 4, 2021, issued new guidelines (available for review in the church office) which greatly improve accountability and transparency in the use of CFB's funds and severely limits or prohibits the use of CFB's funds for any political purpose or grant. Trust in the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona has been restored.

Contributions from Valley Presbyterian Church (VPC) either from the mission budget or from pass-through giving have been used for only hunger relief programs. Not only have and are monies from VPC been used locally at Green Valley and Amado Food Banks but the revenue is used specifically for milk and eggs. As a result, our funded agencies always supply eggs and milk to the hungry while other agencies, on a regular basis, may not have these resources.





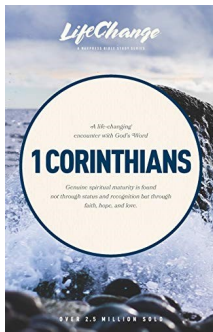
# Christmas Box Follow-Up

By Ed Storey

Last Fall, we worked together to assembly Christmas gift boxes for children in need around the world. Here is just a little information about where the boxes went. The Tucson area assembled over 10,000 boxes. The western region collected almost 400,000 and the US over 9 million!

We are told the boxes from Tucson went to Peru, El Salvador, and Ecuador. All boxes are examined for proper gifts and corrections made if needed. There were boxes filled in other countries as well and all together they brought happiness to children in many countries around the world. They were most appreciative of what Valley Presbyterian and many other churches did for the least of these, my children.





## **Men's Weekday Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

With about six to thirteen men attending each week, the group meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. They meet at the church for one hour in classroom 1.

The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (520-777-8027) but focuses on the group discussion. They use the NavPress Life Change Series study guide. They are studying Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Join the group any time to participate in the discussion or just to listen. In either case, your presence will be welcomed. Lessons are self-contained so feel free to join the group when able. The study guide is available from Amazon or Christianbook.com.



# April Birthdays

**\*\*** Turning 90    **\*** Over 90



<b>Robert</b>	<b>Campbell</b>	<b>April 01</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<b>Willie</b>	<b>April 01</b>
<b>Marilyn</b>	<b>Barney</b>	<b>April 03</b>
<b>Dianne</b>	<b>Burke</b>	<b>April 03</b>
<b>Don</b>	<b>Christensen</b>	<b>April 03</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>Crook</b>	<b>April 03</b>
<b>Jack</b>	<b>Troop</b>	<b>April 03</b>
<b>Larry</b>	<b>Phillips</b>	<b>April 05</b>
<b>Betty</b>	<b>Singleton</b>	<b>April 06</b>
<b>Gretta</b>	<b>Tameling</b>	<b>April 06</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>Eidson</b>	<b>April 07</b>
<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Babcock</b>	<b>April 08</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Boysen</b>	<b>April 08</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>Nilsson</b>	<b>April 08 *</b>
<b>Sophia</b>	<b>Szabo</b>	<b>April 08</b>
<b>Helen</b>	<b>Phillips</b>	<b>April 09</b>
<b>Neva</b>	<b>Stegman</b>	<b>April 09 *</b>
<b>Donna</b>	<b>Watt</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>Dave</b>	<b>Biggers</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Joyce E.</b>	<b>Lambert</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Victor</b>	<b>Landry</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Marcia</b>	<b>MacDonald</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Fredric</b>	<b>Roeming</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Seth</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>April 12</b>

# April Birthdays

**\*\* Turning 90    \* Over 90**



<b>Maureen</b>	<b>Ramsay</b>	<b>April 15</b>
<b>William</b>	<b>Thies</b>	<b>April 15</b>
<b>Meagan</b>	<b>Jorgensen</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Richard</b>	<b>Van Treese</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Ernest H.</b>	<b>Bakker</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Karen</b>	<b>Brumm</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Lynn</b>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Karen</b>	<b>Backus</b>	<b>April 19</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<b>McDowell</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Colton</b>	<b>Sayre</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Jack</b>	<b>Cissel</b>	<b>April 21 *</b>
<b>William</b>	<b>Eustis</b>	<b>April 21 *</b>
<b>Doretta</b>	<b>VanNimwegen</b>	<b>April 21 *</b>
<b>L. Marvin</b>	<b>Clark</b>	<b>April 22 **</b>
<b>Joan</b>	<b>Bolin</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<b>Tahse-Roeming</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Hilda</b>	<b>Trickey</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Karen</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Rosemary</b>	<b>Mathews</b>	<b>April 26 *</b>
<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>Sitnick</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Gail</b>	<b>Gesell</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>Barbara</b>	<b>Zauel</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>Joling</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Lela</b>	<b>Pavlick</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<b>Wilhems</b>	<b>April 29</b>



Valley Presbyterian Church April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> 9:00 am Childrens Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>28</b> Mission Breakfast-St Andrews Children's Clinic 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Holy Solitude 1:00pm Lines, Curves and Colors- Rejoicing in the Gift of Imagination 2:00pm Valley Readers	<b>29</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Network of Caring Meeting 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 4:00pm Faithworks Zoom Class	<b>30</b> 9:00am Mens Bible Study Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise With Mia Cooper Drive By Ashe Wednesday 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 1:00pm Personnel Committee 5:00pm Lenten Taize	<b>1</b> Parkinson's Chair Exercises Piano Tuning Sanctuary 10:00am Parkinsons Tail-Gate Kick off for Parkinsons Awareness Month-Under Solor Panels	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Annual Patio Sale Fixtures Arrive 9:00 am Childrens Sunday School 2:00 pm Music in The Valley Concert- Tucson Boys Chorus	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises Mission Quilters 10:00 am Holy Solitude 1:00 pm Lines, Curves and Colors-Rejoicing in the Gift of Imagination	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Women's Ministries Coordinating Team 9:30 am Prayer Ministry 11:00 am Network of Caring Meeting 1:00 pm Membership Outreach Committee 4:00 pm Faithworks-Zoom Class	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Ministry of Presence 9:00 am Mens Bible Study Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00 am Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper 12:30 am Worship Committee 2:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Lenten Taize	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises SM CE Meetings-Graduation 10:00 am SM Peer Groups 11:00 am Stephen Leaders Meeting	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Childrens Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>11</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00 am Holy Solitude	<b>12</b> 8:45 am Mission Committee Meeting 9:30am Prayer Ministry 10:30 am Mission Committee Assembly of Homeless Snack Bags 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 4:00pm Faith Works Zoom Class	<b>13</b> 9:00am Deacon's Meeting Mens Bible Study Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise With Mia Cooper 1:00 pm Mariam Circle 1:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting 2:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Practice	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> 8:00 am Patio Sale Sort 9:00 am Faith & Health Committee 1:00 pm Personnel Committee- Zoom 5:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>15 Good Friday</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise's 5:00 pm Good Friday Organ Recital <b>7:00 pm Easter Watch</b> <b>Prayer Vigil Good Friday.</b> <b>Holy Saturday till 7:00pm</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter</b> 6:00 am Sunrise Service 9:00 pm Childrens Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>18</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise Mission Quilters 10:00am Holy Solitude 11:15 am Faith Formation Committee 2:00 pm Foundation Quarterly Meeting 4:00 pm Ruth Circle	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Prayer Ministry 11:30 am Womens Ministries Gathering Lunch and Meeting 2:00 pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 4:00pm Faithworks Zoom Class	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Mens Bible Study Parkinson's Chair Exercise's 10:00 am Chair Exercise with Mia Copper Finance Committee-on site and zoom 2:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 1:00 pm Southern AZ Genealogical Society	<b>22</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises SM CE Meeting 10:00am SM Peer Group Meeting 11:00am Stephen Leaders Meeting 5:00 pm Reserved for Wedding Reception	<b>23</b> 7:00 am Parking lot will be used by Elks Club for parking
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Childrens Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>25</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Fellowship Committee 2:00pm Valley Readers	<b>26</b> 9:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 4:00pm Faithworks Zoom Class	<b>27</b> 9:00am Mens Bible Study Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise With Mia Cooper 1:00 pm YOTO Card Making 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Session Meeting	<b>29</b> Parkinson's Chair Exercises	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Civic Orchestra of Tucson- Setup 12:00pm Civic Orchestra Rehearsal 3:00pm Civic Orchestra Concert