

# THE VALLEY

## VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2024



### Being the Church Together

*Submitted by: Pastor Craig*

I am 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Presbyterian, and yet I confess, being Presbyterian, being the Church together, is hard. More than being the Bride of Christ, the chosen people, this is about listening to one another and to GOD, to how we are different now than even 5-7 years ago, to recommend what leadership we need. When waiting for what is next, it would seem easier to have a Bishop or authority to decide for us, except that as the Presbyterian Church, wherever we could have deferred to a priest, a bishop, instead we have done the hard work of listening, praying, working together, to decide what we want and even more: need.

Our Session and our Presbytery agreed to a process, far different from the routine, for our Church. Last July, 6 months before our Associate retired, Session appointed a Commission of 6 people, 3 men, 3 women, to try to determine who our church is, and what our church needs.

This is an overwhelming process: gathering all of past reports of the last 45 years; interviewing different members; listening to community's leaders; gathering all the facts about: how many members, affiliate members, regular attenders, visitors; our regular attendance, physically and virtually; our giving patterns; our assets; our resources; trying to process census information and survey data. What has been learned thus far, is the full history of this church. We are now informed by the past, yet we are different from whom we were even before COVID. Throughout our history, growing to be 1600 members, struggling through 20 years of becoming less than 400 members, we have had as much staff as 1 Pastor, 3 Associate Pastors & an Administrator, to having only a solo Pastor. Like graduating from High School, we are listening for where to go and who to be. This search is about "right-sizing" what we need now and next.

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# 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 servanthood.

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Pastor/Head of Staff

**Rev. Joe Hawkins,**

Pastor Emeritus



**Sunday Worship**

**Traditional Service of Worship**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Online and in Person**

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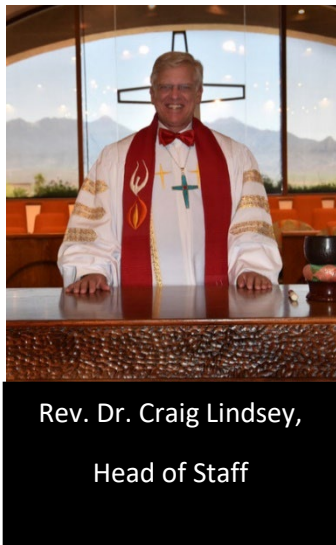
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## **SUNDAY Worship Schedule and Other Happenings**

<b>February 4 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Jewish Scholar Dr. Joel Hoffman - Communion Sunday</b>	<b>Joel Hoffman Pastor Craig</b>
<b>February 4 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Class on Good &amp; Evil in Spiritual Life Center at 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Joel Hoffman</b>
<b>February 11 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9: 2-9 Transfiguration</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>February 14 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drive Through Ashes 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>February 14 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Matthew 6: 1-6 2 Corinthians 5:20 -6:10 Ash Wednesday by the Fountain</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>February 18 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15 Lent 1</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>February 25 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Genesis 17: 1-8 Mark 8: 31-38 Lent 2</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>



## *From Pastor Craig*

Our Mission Study Planning Commission has been meeting about every two weeks. At the meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> I named that “Even though we met two weeks ago, it feels like it has been months!” In those two weeks, we had shifted from Christmas and New Years and 2023; to 2024, where there have been 12 Hospital Calls, a Wedding, a Memorial, 14 Committee meetings, Communion, Ordination and Installations, a Mission Breakfast, Faith Formation Workshop, teaching 3 classes, plus meeting with Prospective Members and planning upcoming events. Is this too much work to tell you the truth I am having fun!

For 35 years, I worked a six-day work week, with meetings every night 7pm - 9 or 10pm, with Weddings and rehearsals 30 weekend out of 52 per year, and a Confirmation Class weekly after our Worship of GOD. One-night last week, I actually felt tired going home from work! Which actually, is the first time I have felt tired since coming to serve as your Pastor. That is one of the insights I have had in coming to serve as Pastor of Green Valley: My hope is one day to retire, and to be able to do what I want to do purely for the joy of doing. While gainfully employed, serving as Pastor of your church, I look forward to working, giving everything I can to serve GOD and to serve your needs. I look forward to being tired every night!

The other truth I have known in the ministry is that there are times when communities of faith like any family can be dysfunctional, when the congregation, the community, the Presbytery, are at war with one another, harming each other and disagreeing... That is exhausting, spiritually, intellectually, emotionally. There are other times, where New Member Classes are filled with enthusiastic people! When Faith Formation and Worship committees are filled with ideas and voluntarism! Where Session and Deacons, as Officers of the Church, laugh together while doing good work! When we end the year with more persons having been served, greater depth of faith, greater giving and mission service, than ever before, which is life giving and fun. There was a time, I had come through a dark night of the Soul, then I came to Green Valley, then we all adapted to COVID; afterward, every day has been hope filled (at times over-whelming) and rewarding as we are doing what GOD created us to do, serve as caretakers for GOD's creation.

AND here comes LENT! While there are Christians who have approached Lent with sadness, with fasting and temptation; personally, I have understood Lent as that season of Jesus greatest ministry, His parables and sermons, giving the Sacrament of the last supper, and His passion. This is the time where our faith and understanding and service all get stretched in new ways.

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, I am privileged to share worship with a Jewish Scholar! We are honored to be able to partner with Beth Shalom Synagogue in GOD gifting them the TORAH. Can you remember: When you were Baptized and claimed by the Body of Christ? When you first received your own Bible? When you confirmed your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? When you became part of the Body of Christ? When you were Ordained? All of that touches on this gift to this people of God, that we are partnering to accomplish!

February 14<sup>th</sup> this year, we share in both Valentines' Day and Ash Wednesday! There will be Drive through Ashes from 9am until Noon, there will also be ashes at a Worship service with Communion at 4:30pm.

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Valley Assistant Services is celebrating their Empty Bowls event at our Church. 3

GOD is good as we are being challenged to step up in ever new ways!



## Being the Church continued from front cover:

In January, the agenda of this Commission shifted, from gathering and digesting past reports and history, to listening to your current ideas and prayers for our future.

- We asked for word descriptions about our Church. Our church is now: very hopeful, open and faithful, struggling with the hard work of reconciliation and forgiving one another.
- The Commission will distill all of that information and come back with a list for you.
- Meanwhile, we want to ask the next questions of you:
  - “What are the three greatest strengths of our Church?” the following week,
  - “What are our three greatest weaknesses?” then,
  - “What do you perceive are three problems for our Church to address?”

Please, go to our Church’s Website or send emails to our Office with each of these.

Because I am continuing as your Pastor for the next several years, and because I have had decades of experience guiding congregations through this search process, I have been asked/allowed to staff the Mission Study Planning process. When that Mission Study Planning is complete, a report will be issued to our Session, for further input. That revised report will then be given to our Presbytery Commission on Ministry (COM), for their input. Then the report will be shared with our full congregation, for your input and acceptance. At which point, we will all know the full history and DNA of our church at this time. Beginning at that time, I cannot have, I do not want to, and I should not be involved in determining what you want in pastoral leadership, or who you want to be our Associate or the next Pastor when I retire. At this time, it is my responsibility to provide leadership, staffing the Session and Committees and Church. Good news: my retirement is still years away; also, if/when we call an Associate, or when we call the next Pastor, we should not need to repeat the process; everything will be approved to Search for an Associate and or Pastor to provide consistent pastoral leadership for our future.

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Purchase flowers for the  
Sanctuary for Sunday worship  
to celebrate a special date or  
that special someone.

Available for purchase at the  
office, on line at [valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net)  
or on Sundays after Worship!





# *A Heart-full Thank you From Pastor Diane*

Forgive me for beginning this “thank you” sounding more like a pastor (former).....

Last Fall, I gave a sermon called “To Know Christ.” I talked about the Apostle Paul who was a man in love...with Jesus. He cannot stop talking about Jesus and nothing will distract him from following Jesus.

I wrote in my sermon: “I think of the movie *Sister Act* when the nuns begin to sing about their love and devotion to Christ by taking a modern-day love song and singing it to God:

I will follow Him, follow him wherever he may go  
And near him, I always must be, for nothing can keep me away.  
He is my destiny.

I will follow Him, ever since He touched my heart I knew  
There isn’t an ocean too deep, a mountain so high it can keep me away  
Away from His love.

I love him, I love him, and where He goes I’ll follow, I’ll follow, I’ll follow.  
He’ll always be my true love, my true love, my true love.....”

This is the song the choir sang (flash mob style) at my retirement party on January 21. And, I cried. It was a perfect ending to the party. Choir, thank you, for filling me with joy and singing a song that is my heart.

Thank you, Retirement Committee, for a wonderful day of joy. The whole party was perfect, from the background piano and harp music to the food to the gifts from various areas of ministry. I thank you for not filling up the time with all kinds of entertainment (it was just enough), for it gave me time to go to each table and say goodbye to everyone. I appreciated that time so much.

Thank you, all of you, for all your words of encouragement, for expressing how my ministry touched your lives, your hugs, your love which you expressed in so many ways. I have not begun to open all my cards and gifts. I am going to make it last by going ever so slow.

Thank you, Pastor Craig, for upholding my ministry. We had a great time together. We prayed and laughed often. And thank you for offering up something I hold dear in my heart, something that contains many memories...a table made out of mesquite and inlaid with turquoise. That table was used in hundreds of worship services in the sanctuary and in the Spiritual Life Center. It has scars of much use and candle wax from many Taizé services. I will treasure it (I know it was not easy to give that table up). I am sure it will become an altar in my home.

I end with something I have learned in my first three weeks of retirement. It is from a book I am reading: *Aging Faithfully: The Holy Invitation of Growing Older* by Alice Fryling. Here it is: God invites us to be more fruitful at a time when we cannot be as productive as we used to be.

I will always carry you in my heart.

In Christ’s love and mine,

Diane





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Bible Reflections-Bible Study  
Mondays at 1:00 p.m.  
in Classroom 5  
with  
Pastor Craig Lindsey

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This is a different kind of Bible study, that spends as much time as we need with each chapter and book. We will try to give background that is helpful and offers ideas about interpretations (even pronunciation of names), but what is most important is what you hear in the text.

You don't have to attend every class and you may join at any time.

To join by zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 294 281 2414

Password: Heaven

Past classes are available on our Valley Presbyterian Website: [valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net)

**E-Blast Devotionals**

Linda Freeman

Our E-Blasts come out 5 times a week, and for 2 of these we are including short Devotions penned by church members. Want to write one? Traditionally, devotions are written in 3 major parts, a short scripture, the writer's comments about the content, and ending in a one or two sentence prayer. Send your devotion to Linda Freeman at [13733BEB@gmail.com](mailto:13733BEB@gmail.com). Thanks!



Photo Taken By Dale Honermann

**Thursdays, 1 p.m. in Classroom 5**  
**Your teacher is Chuck Ramsay**

Come and join this class as Chuck Ramsay takes you through the grand story of the Bible, book by book. You will discover how God continues to call us back, again and again, into relationship.

- February 1: Philemon & Hebrews
- February 8: 2 James
- February 15: 1 Peter & 2 Peter
- February 22: 1 John, 2 John and 3 John
- February 29: Jude and Revelation
- March 7: Revelation (we may give it another week, March 14)

**Previous classes are recorded and can be viewed on the church's website:**  
[valleypres.net](http://valleypres.net)





## **GOOD and EVIL**

**Dr. Joel Hoffman**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Spiritual Life Center**

Dr. Joel Hoffman ([joelmhoffman.com](http://joelmhoffman.com)), PhD in Linguistics, is an internationally known pioneer and writer about translation of sacred texts. He is an engaging speaker, whose wit and knowledge fascinate students with new insight into Biblical meaning, parallels and how ancient wisdom can be given novel, contemporary perspective. He has been invited to appear before audiences on 6 continents (indeed, he most recently returned to the U.S. from teaching in Sri Lanka and Hong Kong), and can converse, in varying degrees, in more than a dozen languages.

Dr. Hoffman will be speaking about the concepts of GOOD and EVIL in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures (Our Old Testament and New Testament).

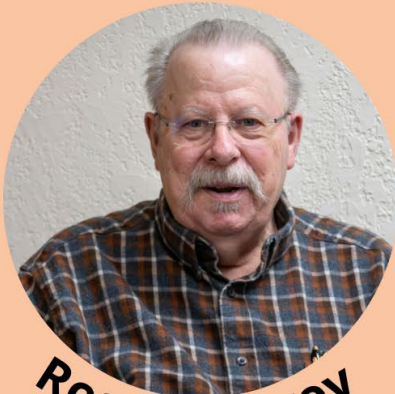
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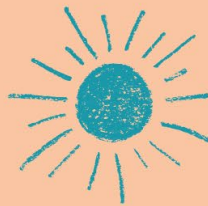
*Ash Wednesday  
February 14th*

- Drive -thru ashes by the fountain: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Worship Service with Communion: 4:30 p.m.

## Welcome New Members



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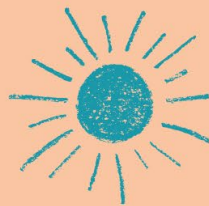
**Lynn Conroy**



**David Faulkner**



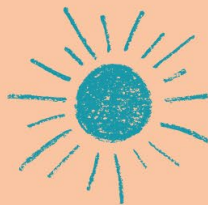
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**Jerry Logan**



**David Luck**



**Terry Luck**

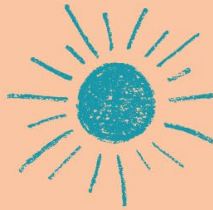




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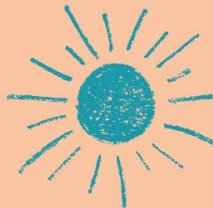
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**Maria Ramirez**



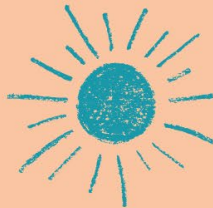
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**Suzanne Ervin**



**Jean Picard**

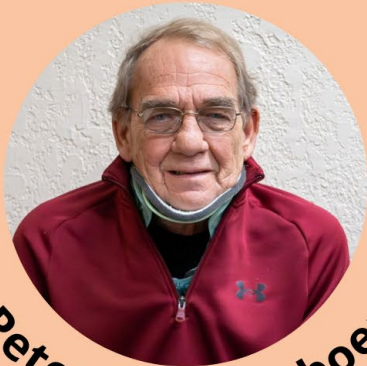


**Kim Moss**

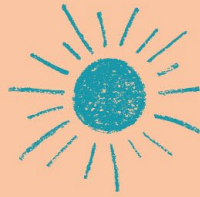




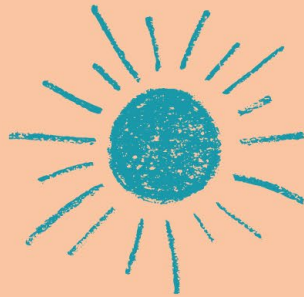
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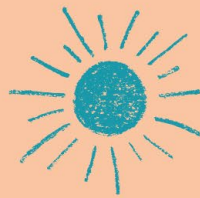
**Peter Schrottenboer**



**Linda Schrottenboer**



**Chuck Smerick**



**Joyce Smerick**



# *Hymns of Lent*

LENTEN DAILY  
DEVOTIONAL

SIX HYMNS TO ENCOURAGE  
YOU IN YOUR FAITH

**Submitted by: Linda Freeman**

Have you heard of the expression, “give up something for Lent”? Giving up something for Lent is a powerful way to imitate the sacrifices of Jesus in the desert and to unite our heart with his in prayer.

People give up chocolate, or cookies – usually something to eat. Sometimes they would quit a bad habit, such as smoking.

The Faith Formation Committee is asking each of us to give up time each day to grow in our faith and understanding of God. A Lenten Devotional will begin Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continue through the Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26.

This year, our format will be based on six hymns chosen by members of the Committee, a different hymn each week. Each day will guide you through topics in the lyrics to consider, ending the study with a short prayer.

Feel free to pick up copies for yourself and to share with others.



# Men's Bible Study



1 THESSALONIANS  
WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.  
IN CLASSROOM 1

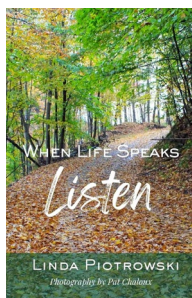


With about six to thirteen men attending each week, the group meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. They meet at the church for one hour in classroom 1. The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (520) 777-8027 but focuses on group discussion. They use the NavPress Life Change Series study guide. They are studying Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Thessalonians. Join the group any time to participate in the discussion or come to just listen. In either case, your presence will be welcomed. Lessons are self-contained so feel free to join the group when able. The Navigators Life Change study guide is also available from Amazon or Christianbook.com.

## Valley Readers

2:00 PM – Monday, February 26, 2024

Classroom 1



Come to our February Valley Readers to find out about the process of writing and publishing a book. Linda Piotrowski will discuss her journey to publication of her new book *When Life Speaks Listen*. Join us for an enlightening and informative presentation. Contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.



Submitted by: Jana Honermann, Stephen Leader Team Coordinator

## The Caregiver's Compass "Compassionate"



Stephen Minister trainees learn about the Caregiver's Compass in their very first lesson. The Caregiver's Compass provides direction for the journey on becoming a Stephen Minister and at the end of every lesson the trainees are asked to relate what they had learned in the lesson that relates to each "direction" of the Caregiver's Compass. You can see a prettier version of the Caregiver's Compass in Classroom 5.

This month I will give my viewpoint on what it means for Stephen Ministers to be compassionate, at the top of the Caregiver's Compass.

*"When he (Jesus) went ashore, he saw a great crowd and he had compassion for them and cured their sick."* Matthew 14:14, NRSV. Every potential Stephen Minister I have met is naturally compassionate. They feel compassion in their hearts. That is why they are drawn to Stephen Ministry. They want to find real ways of showing compassion to those who are sick, whether it is sick physically or sick emotionally.

*"For he (God) says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'"* Romans 9:15, NRSV. When an individual reaches out to ask for the help of a Stephen Minister, I believe that the individual is seeking out a compassionate person who will ensure them of God's compassion for them.

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."* Colossians 3:12, NRSV. This is one of my most favorite verses of the Bible. It is also one of the most difficult for us imperfect humans to achieve. Stephen Ministers are chosen, I like to think by God, and then train and learn, and even continue their training after commissioning as a Stephen Minister. They also talk with each other and ask for support and prayer when they fall short (all of us do at times) in their caregiving relationships.

Unless you have been a Stephen Minister yourself and understand the blessings they receive as caregivers to hurting individuals, you may not understand how much joy Stephen Ministers receive in showering compassion on others. Will you ask for a Stephen Minister today to provide him or her with that blessing of getting to know you? I don't think you will be disappointed.

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Next month I will talk about how Stephen Ministers are "Full of Faith."



# PATIO SALE NEWS

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*

Yes, our **Annual Patio Sale** is just a little over a month away and planning is well underway. Our dedicated volunteers are ready to put their helpful hands and strong backs into Patio Sale. More than 200 volunteers are needed to put on a successful Sale and we appreciate each and every one of them. If you would like to be part of our Annual Patio Sale, please come to the **All-Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, February 27 from 10:00 – 11:30 am** in the Sanctuary. This is your opportunity to find out everything you ever wanted to know about volunteering at the Patio Sale.

The Coordinating Team is busy planning space logistics both inside and outside the church; advertising is being designed to encourage shoppers to come and buy; Department Head and All-Volunteer meetings have been set; and our talented VPC staff is on deck to help us every step of the way.

The Annual Patio Sale is a huge undertaking and a lot of work, but the reason for the sale is so very important - supporting the designated mission and outreach programs of Valley Presbyterian Church. Volunteers and Shoppers - mark your calendars now for this annual event.

**Sale dates March 14, 15 and 16, 2024 with set-up March 11-13**

**Department Head Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2024 – 9:30 to 11:00**

**All-Volunteer Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 10:00-11:30**





# **From the Children's Contingent Sunday School Lessons in January And February Bible Bites**

Submitted by Pam Karbowsky



Matthew 13:13

“This is why I speak to them in parables because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.”

During January and February, the children have been learning about parables, sometimes with a bite to eat. While some of the parables are well known, others not so much. For example, The Lamp Stand (with edible candles), The Speck on the Log (with log roll cakes) and The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl (with no bake chocolate rocks)

The Lamp Stand is a bite sized story from Matthew 5: 14-15

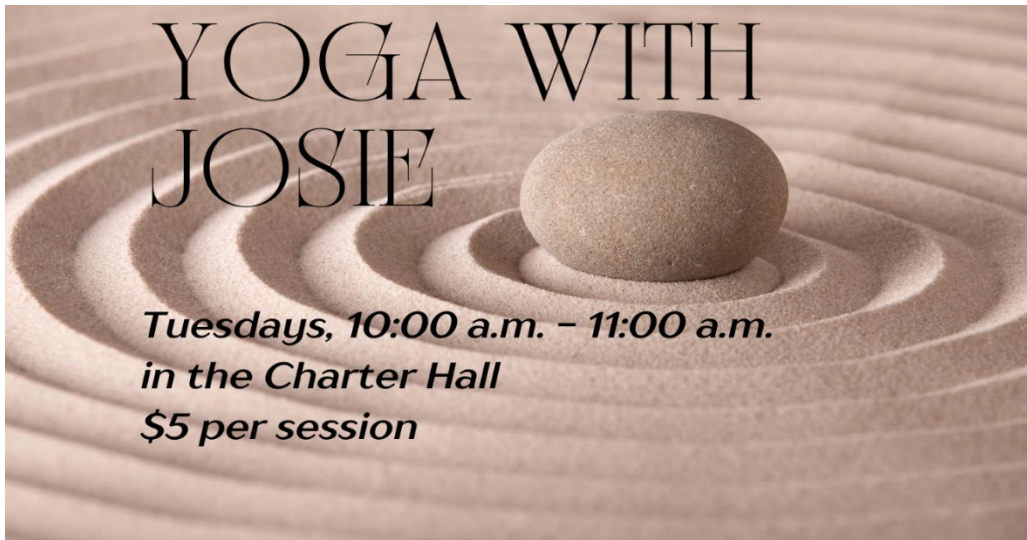
“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.”

God calls us to be shining examples of Jesus. We aren't overcome by the darkness of the world. We help others find safety and hope in Jesus. We are lamp stands!!!!

Other bites will be sour grapes, graham cracker sheep and thumbprint fig cookies.

What parable would you pair with these bites???

Meet the Kids will be continued in the March Valley Voice.



Josie Trobec, a certified yoga instructor, leads a yoga practice that focuses on centering ourselves in the Presence of God... to learn how to incorporate one's Christian faith with a yoga practice, the idea of melding BODY, MIND and SPIRIT.

The class opens with scripture that speaks to a practice of faith during the breath work. The body of the class is a combination of standing poses, balance poses and floor poses. The classes close with restorative yoga, a practice of calm alertness allowing a time of reflection and thanksgiving for God's Presence in our lives. This class is for all levels, modifications are offered for all poses, including practicing from a chair rather than the mat.

Please bring your own mat. Props are also welcome, such as blocks, straps, and blanket.

# Line Dancing with Steve Hart

Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.  
In the Fellowship Hall



Looking for a fun way to get some exercise and make some new friends?

Come to Valley Presbyterian Church on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is also an early bird class for those who would like the extra practice at 2:00 p.m.

Steve along with the Fellowship Committee are planning an end of the season dance party, April 25, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Canoa Hills, Green Valley Recreation. Come show off your dancing skills.

# The Healing Power of Music

Submitted by Jamie Reed

Research indicates that at least some musical education has a positive impact on the social and cognitive development of children. And these effects are long lasting - better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal, and literacy skills.

Alan Harvey - Neuroscientist and Musician

On December 27, my family's lives changed in one moment. Our AJ was not ok. 911 to ambulance, to ER, to PICU, and after many tests including an angiogram, AJ was diagnosed with an AVM, Arteriovenous Malformation. During these last few weeks of healing, music has played a HUGE part. I've always known the power of music, but now? Music reminded me that my boy was ok. Movements and lyrics to songs were the first way he communicated with us. Examples included AJ doing dance moves in a hospital bed to "Matilda" songs during an echocardiogram, or at first when he was asked if he knew where he was it was rehearsal or a performing arts center, or when I used an album of songs that he listened to as a baby to put him to sleep at age 11. The little hints of AJ's improvement because of music was a very powerful realization for me. The healing power of music is beyond amazing!

And then there's the outpouring of love, thoughts, prayers, visits, FOOD, shoulders to cry on, SUPPORT! We are so blessed with our church family! We love you and thank you for everything! It is an added relief to feel the constant support from everyone! As I was reminded from a dear congregant, "AJ has more Grandpas and Grandmas than most kids!!" I look forward to the day when my whole family is back at VPC!

Jamie



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## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Submitted by Lesley Bruce, Women's Ministries Moderator*

Welcome February! A short month – but with an extra day in it this year. With all the winter weather happening all around us – the blizzards, the ice, the incredibly cold temperatures – it is so nice to be here in Green Valley with sunshine and warm temperatures. We don't shovel sunshine!

Biggest event this month is the **Annual Patio Sale Style Show and Luncheon on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

There will be a catered lunch with that wonderful quiche! Plus salad and dessert prepared by our Ruth Circle AND any other person who loves to spend time in the kitchen with friends! We invite you to join us and lighten the load. Please see Lois McFarland or Anne Morrison if you are interested. Many hands make light the load. And of course, our team of gentlemen who will act as servers so we may all enjoy the luncheon and show. The tickets are \$15 and can be purchased on Sundays, February 8, 11 and 18.



As noted by the Patio Sale Style Show committee (Betty Kiesle-Yoder, Cheryl Stepp and Karen O'Rourke) they are in need of gently used spring and summer clothing and accessories for the style show and also some volunteer models!!! Check your closets ladies.

Our Presby Gift this month is the Birthday Offering and there will be envelopes on all the tables for your offerings.

We are in need of a volunteer to take photos during the style show so if you are interested, please see me or text me (610-468-5072) or email me at [lesleybruce17@gmail.com](mailto:lesleybruce17@gmail.com).

A reminder that we are still collecting beverage can pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson. The little house is on the corner of our table in Fellowship Hall or just put them in a bag and put them on the counter where our table usually is located.

Looking ahead to March we will be having a "Make Your Favorite Easter Dish" potluck. Wouldn't it fun to come dressed in an Easter Bonnet? If you are interested in participating, you can always look for a hat at the Patio sale earlier in March and decorate it to reflect your creative side! Maybe add some short white gloves!? Then wear your hat and gloves to church on Easter morning! Just like when we were younger. Ahh nostalgia.

# Presbyterian Women's Presbytery de Cristo

## Spring Gathering

Last October, 18 representatives from Presbyterian women across the nation came to the southeastern Arizona and Mexican border ministries as part of the USA Mission Experience.

On April 27th at Valley Presbyterian, the women across our Presbytery de Cristo will hold a Spring Gathering to hear a panel of participants who visited several border ministries to learn about the issues. Mark Adams who is the Coordinator of Frontera de Cristo will highlight his ministry to the migrants in the cities of Douglas, Arizona and Aqua Prieta, Mexico. He will serve as our worship leader in the morning.

See the attached registration form due April 15 to hold your place for the event. We are planning a salad luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact me at 315-430-6538.

Blessings

Judy Lindsey

PW de Cristo Presbytery Moderator

<b>Presbyterian Women's, Presbytery de Cristo</b>	
<b>Spring Gathering</b>	
<b>Saturday April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b>	
Valley Presbyterian Church 2800 S Camino del Sol Green Valley, AZ 85622 (520) 625-5023	
	<b>PW USA Mission Experience in Arizona</b> Come and hear a panel of participants who visited our mission partners and learned about the issues they face along the border.
<b>Mission Spotlight: Frontera de Cristo</b>	
<i>"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I promise you." Genesis 25: 15-17</i>	
<b>REGISTRATION AND LUNCH \$15.00</b>	
Send Check to PW Presbytery de Cristo to Lesley Bruce 561 W. Via Rosaldo Green Valley, AZ 85614-3974 <u>Registration deadline: April 15, 2024</u>	
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ADDRESS _____	
EMAIL _____	PHONE _____
If you have dietary restrictions, please indicate here _____	
Do you need childcare? Yes _____ Number of Children _____	

# Recipes from the January 16, Women's Gathering Luncheon.

Submitted by: Lois Macfarlane

On January 16, the Women's Gathering Luncheon served a lunch of *Baked Ham and Cheese Party Sandwiches* and *Creamy Basil Tomato Soup*. The recipes are below.

## Baked Ham & Cheese Party Sandwiches

Terry Hokeness

**Serving: 16**

### Sauce

**1/3 cup mayonnaise**

**1 tablespoon poppy seeds**

**1 1/2 tablespoon dejon mustard**

**1/2 cup butter – melted**

**1 tablespoon onion powder**

**1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce**

**16 dinner rolls ( I like Hawaiian Sweet rolls, but you can use any rolls you like.)**

**1 pound thinly sliced ham**

**1 pound thinly sliced swiss cheese.**

Slice buns, put on ham and cheese, and put into cake pan.

Whisk together sauce and pour over rolls.

Cover and let for 10 minutes.

Bake @ 350 for 10-15 minutes, till warm and melty.

Uncover and bake 2-4 minutes till slightly brown.

## Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

First Watch copycat

**Servings: 10**

**Preparation time: 5 minutes**

**Start to Finish Time: 30 minutes.**

**4 tablespoons salted butter**

**2 cups onion, chopped**

**4 each garlic cloves,, coarsely chopped**

**2 tablespoons tomatoes paste**

**56 ounces whole tomatoes, San Marzano**

**3 cups chicken or vegetable broth**

**1 teaspoon kosher salt**

**1/2 cup fresh basil ( approx. 2T dried), roughly chopped**

**1/2 cup heavy cream**

**Sugar, to taste**

**Salt and pepper, to taste**

**Parmesan cheese**

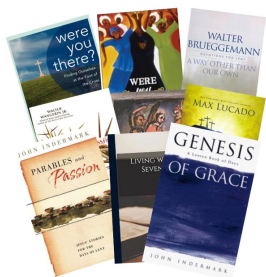
In a Dutch oven, sauté onions and garlic over medium heat until translucent. Stirring until it starts to brown.

Pour in chicken stock and scrape the bottom of the pot with a wooden spoon to remove any caramelized brown bits, add both cans of tomatoes, including juice, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Use an immersion blender to puree the soup right in the pot.

After mixture is pureed, add in the basil and pulse a few times to incorporate. Then whisk in heavy cream and season with additional salt, pepper and sugar to taste.

A sprinkling of ground Parmesan cheese may be added if desired.

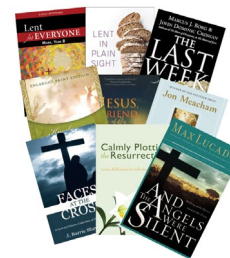


## BOOKS FOR LENT AND EASTER

FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LIBRARY

(These books can be found in the bookracks on the round library tables)



***And the angels were silent.*** Max Lucado. (232.96 L96)

***Calmly plotting the resurrection: Lenten reflections for individuals and groups.*** Donna E. Schaper. (242 Sch1)

***Faces at the cross: a Lent and Easter collection of poetry and prose.*** J. Barrie Shepherd. (808.81 S7)

***Genesis of grace: a Lenten book of days.*** John Indermark. (222 In2)

***The hope of glory: reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.*** Jon Meacham. (232.9635 MEA)

***Jesus, friend of my soul: reflections for the Lenten journey.*** Joyce Rupp. (242 RUP)

***Jesus, the final days.*** Craig A. Evans & N.T. Wright. (232.96 Ev1)

***Kneeling in Jerusalem.*** Ann Weems. (242 W415)

***The last week: what the Gospels really teach about Jesus's final days in Jerusalem.*** Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. (232.96 B64)

***Lent for everyone, Mark, year B.*** N.T. Wright. (242 W93)

***Lent in plain sight: a devotion through ten objects.*** Jill Duffield. (242 DUF)

***Living with the seven words: daily devotions for Lent.*** John Alexander McElroy. (242 Mc15)

***On Calvary's hill: 40 readings for the Easter season.*** Max Lucado. (242 LUC)

***Parables and passion: Jesus' stories for the days of Lent.*** John Indermark. (242 In2)

***Reliving the passion: meditations on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Mark.*** Walter Wangerin Jr. (232.96 W18)

***Sensing the passion: reflections during Lent.*** Kevin Scully. (242 Scu4)

***A way other than our own.*** Walter Brueggemann. (242 BRU)

***Were you there?: finding ourselves at the foot of the cross.*** Erik Kolbell. (242 K79)

***Were you there?: Lenten reflections on the Spirituals.*** Luke A. Powery. (242 POW)





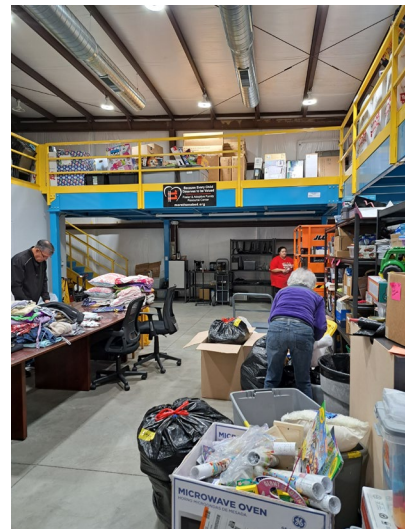
*Submitted by: Patti Bright*

## **Viewing the New Receiving Warehouse at More Than a Bed Wowed Mission Quilters**

Many of VPC women were present at the Women's Gathering Luncheon when More Than a Bed's founder, Grace Stocksdales, was the speaker. In 2014, More Than a Bed was established to support foster families and the children in their homes by providing for practical needs.

It absolutely blows my mind to see how Grace has grown More Than a Bed in ten years from a rented storage space with tubs of bedding and children's clothes to two packed warehouses. In December, three quilters delivered 19 quilts to More Than a Bed. We love hearing them tell us how really nice our quilts are.

We will be putting pictures on the Mission Quilter's bulletin board in fellowship hall to let you see how incredibly clean and well organized More Than a Bed is always maintained. More Than a Bed serves foster families in all of Pima County and its surrounding areas.



## *Caring for those in our congregation*

### ***Faith & Health/Parish Nurse September 2023***

*Submitted by Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson*

Join us at Cardio-drumming; this class has just a few more openings. Cardio drumming begins at 9 am on Tuesdays and is 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 and strengthens ankles and quads which can prevent falls.

Drink plenty of water when you are exercising or are outside doing activities. Be careful of dehydration especially in these hot summer months.



Blood pressure screening will be by individual appointment.



#### **Save the Date beginning in February:**

**American Red Cross blood drive is here at VPC in 2024.**

**Thursdays from 9am – 2pm on:**

**February 29<sup>th</sup>**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**and November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Watch for more information on future eblasts and bulletins. If you would like to volunteer at this event to welcome those arriving, please contact the parish nurse.**

**Medical Minute:** Someone needs blood in the US every two seconds: Please donate if you are able. Our first blood drive here at VPC is February 29<sup>th</sup>.

# Join us for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Event

*Submitted by: Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson*



## **Valley Assistance Services (VAS) fills the Empty Bowls all year long.**

The Empty Bowls that are distributed at Valley Assistance Services' annual fundraiser are beautiful works of art crafted by local artists, but their emptiness represents a more-difficult truth, that many people struggle to fill their bowls all year long right here in our community. Over this last year, another increase of 300% can be seen in our local community. People do not have food to fill their bowls, and other basic needs are not being met. These concerns and needs are escalating including a lack of transportation, financial difficulties, isolation and loneliness, and health changes.

Please join VAS on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls Event, as we fundraise to fill the bowls of persons in our community all year long. This year it will be a dine in at 11 am, Noon and 1 pm, with also an additional time for take-out at 1 pm. The Joyful Spirit Ensemble and friends will create a wonderful dining experience with great music. Come and learn how techniques are done by local artists.

Over the last year, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance. Our financial assistance program alone has grown over 600%. Current trends and predictions do not indicate a reduction in the level of need in our community. Please support VAS in its effort to fill the empty bowls in our local area. Funds from this event will benefit those direct programs/services that help residents of this community.



**The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Event will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Valley Presbyterian Church. Tickets are available at the church and on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25.00, and are available for dining at 11 am, Noon, and 1 PM, as well as a take-out ticket for 1 PM.**

**Tickets are also available at Nancy Pantz, Posada Java, Green Valley-Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, and at Valley Assistance Services.**

For more information or if you would like to volunteer at this event, please call Valley Assistance Services at **520-625-5966**.

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3900 S. Camino del Heroe  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  
520-625-5966  
[WWW.valleyassistanceservices.org](http://WWW.valleyassistanceservices.org).





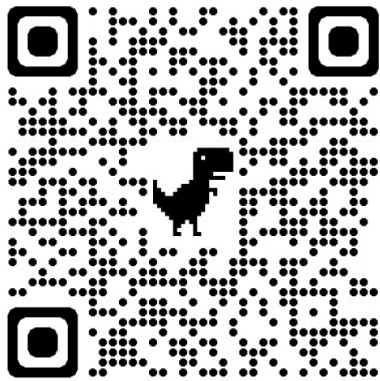
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<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=VPC>

OUR WORK IS POSSIBLE  
BECAUSE OF **YOU.**

**Thank You!**



American Red Cross





# CLERK'S CORNER

MAUREEN RAMSAY, CLERK OF SESSION

## What to Bring to a Church Potluck by Region

All of us know, the potluck dinner is a much-loved part of church fellowship. This is a guide to help one prepare the proper dish to bring to a potluck based on your geographic region. Of course, here at Valley Presbyterian, we have people from all different parts of the country, so that would make any dish appropriate to bring to a potluck!

First of all, it is important to define the types of dishes that are welcome at a potluck. They are **the salad, the casserole, and the dessert.**

Now, **potluck salads** are quite different from actual salads. In preparation for making a potluck salad, ask yourself three questions:

- Is this dish mostly meat-free?
- Can this dish be served with a spoon or salad tongs?
- Can this dish be served chilled?

If the answer is “yes” to any of these questions, consider the dish a potluck-eligible salad.

The **potluck salad** contains three important parts: **the mixture, the crunchy stuff, and the glue.** The **mixture** is the foundation of any potluck salad. It gives the salad a sense of direction. If at all possible, use ingredients that are indigenous to your area. For example, broccoli, lettuce, apples, and macaroni are common in more temperate climates. The **crunchy stuff** gives life and pizzazz to an otherwise bland salad. Examples include tortilla chips, shoestring potatoes, onion crisps, or fried pigskins. The **glue** holds the salad together. The variety of available types is stunning, ranging from a traditional oil-based salad dressing to mayonnaise and Cool Whip. Use your imagination. Consult regional recipes for exact ingredients. Note: Some salads are best when made well in advance and allowed to sit overnight. This is called *marinating*, or “controlled decomposition”. Also, do not use actual glue adhesive.



**The casserole** is typically a three-layered dish. In order to make each casserole as culturally relevant as possible, use the following guidelines:

	STARCH	MEAT	CEREAL
East Coast	pasta or rice pilaf	sausage or pheasant	corn flakes
Midwest	rice, potatoes, noodles	ground beef or SPAM	corn flakes
South	grits	crawdad or marlin	corn flakes
Southwest	black, red, or pinto beans	pulled pork	corn flakes
West Coast	tofu	tofu	tofu

**Dessert** is the most highly valued dish at a potluck. It can be the simplest and most fun to make. There are two key ingredients: flour and fudge. Regional differences can be quite profound. Here are some examples of typical desserts around the country:

- Cleveland—fudge brownies with fudge frosting
- Kansas City—triple fudge fudge with fudge sauce and a side of fudge
- Los Angeles—tofu fudge
- Miami—fudge
- New York City—cheesecake with fudge drizzle

### Additional concerns

- **Use caution when preparing a dish. Adding local ingredients to any meat, salad, or dessert can increase the fellowship factor or your potluck exponentially. It also raises the risk of a “flop.”**
- **Always follow safe food-handling guidelines.**
- **Any combination of flavored gelatin, shredded carrots, mini-marshmallows, and canned pears is an acceptable “utility” dish, should you be unable to prepare one from the above categories.**

### Overnight Coffee Cake ( Served at the January 13, Mission Breakfast:

The Pecan store, Green Valley News  
 Servings: 1

<b>2 cups all-purpose flour</b>	Butter and lightly flour a 9x13 inch pan.
<b>1 cup sugar</b>	Combine flour, sugar, ½ cup brown sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon in a mixing bowl and mix well.
<b>1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed</b>	
<b>1 tsp baking soda</b>	Add buttermilk, butter, and eggs to the mixing bowl, beat at low speed until moistened, increase speed to medium for 3 minutes. Spoon batter into prepared pan.
<b>1 tsp baking powder</b>	
<b>½ tsp salt</b>	
<b>2 tsp cinnamon</b>	In septate bowl, combine the remaining ½ cup brown sugar, pecans, and the remaining 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Springle crumb mixture over the batter and chill in the refrigerator for 8 – 12 hours.
<b>2 cup buttermilk</b>	
<b>10 Tbs butter, melted</b>	
<b>2 large eggs</b>	
<b>½ cup pecans, chopped</b>	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake coffee cake uncovered until lightly browned for 30 to 35 minutes. Serve warm. Garnish with candied roasted pecans and caramel sauce.





## **February 2024**

Laura Romero and the St. Andrew's staff is in desperate need of a small office space to use as an presence in Green Valley. Primarily, it will serve as a part-time place for people to come for information and to donate, a space for storing donations and a reception area for answering telephone calls. If you know of such a place anywhere in the Green Valley area, please contact Kay Brouwer, (573)-552-2313 or the VPC office at (520)-625-5023.

For the past 50 years, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic has provided free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is held at 2021 N. Grand Ave. in Nogales, Arizona, adjacent to the Santa Cruz / Pima County Community College. It is a non-denominational, non-profit organization, with a volunteer professional health care staff. The staff sees approximately 60-70 children the first Thursday of each month except July. Every October, in cooperation with Children's Surgery International, children have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

To celebrate their 50 years of helping handicapped children from Mexico, the St. Andrew's Clinic Board of Directors is having a celebration on February 3, 2024, in Tubac.

The best way to understand St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is to see it in action. Children come across the border to be diagnosed and treated by volunteer doctors, assistants and staff. If you are interested in a visit, contact Kay Brouwer at (573)-552-2313. Laura Romero, the executive director and the staff send sincere thanks to Valley Presbyterian Church for continued support!



**Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C.**  
**“Home for Children” (Orphanage)**  
**Submitted by Reed Olsen**

**A Thank You Letter from Elias Herrera Sanchez, Director of Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños in Spanish**



**CASA VIDA NUEVA PARA NIÑOS A.C**  
**RFC: CVN070430HHA**

15 de Enero de 2024.

**Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Arizona.**

Por medio de la presente les envió cordiales saludos y reciban cordiales saludos de nuestras niñas, niños y adolescentes de casa hogar.

Primeramente, damos gracias a Dios porque el año 2023 fue un tiempo de bendición para la casa hogar. Agradecemos a los pastores, consejeros, a cada familia, cada abuelo y a cada abuela de nuestra amada Iglesia Presbiteriana que aportó su ayuda económica. Dicha ayuda nos permitió bendecir a cada niño con alimentos, ropa, calzado, artículos de limpieza, educación y muchas bendiciones más.

Agradecemos la aportación para los regalos de navidad 2023, las niñas y niños tuvieron un hermoso tiempo con sus regalos viendo así el amor de Dios para ellos a través de cada uno de ustedes.

Finalmente, agradecemos el apoyo que la organización RISE a brindado a los estudiantes de la universidad: cada uno de ellos se puede concentrar en estudiar, sin preocuparse por el dinero para sus estudios.

*Canten a Dios, canten salmos a su nombre;  
aclamen a quien cabalga por las estepas,  
y regocíjense en su presencia.  
¡Su nombre es el Señor!*

**Padre de los huérfanos** y defensor de las viudas  
*es Dios en su morada santa Salmos 68.4-5.*

Dios se ha mostrado a nuestras niñas y niños como un Padre a través de sus vidas, que Dios les bendiga, les guarde y les de Su gracia en este 2024.

ATENTAMENTE

C. ELIAS HERRERA SANCHEZ  
Director

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**Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C.**  
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***Submitted by Reed Olsen***

## **A Thank You Letter from Elias Herrera Sanchez, Director of Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños in English**

Valley Presbyterian Church  
Arizona

We hereby send you cordial greetings and may you receive cordial greetings from our girls, boys, and adolescents from home.

Firstly, we thank God because the year 2023 was a time of blessing for the home. We thank the pastors, counselors, each family, each grandfather, and every grandmother of our beloved Presbyterian Church who contributed their help economical. This help allowed us to bless each child with food, clothing, footwear, cleaning supplies, education and many more blessings.

We appreciate the contribution for Christmas gifts 2023, girls and boys. They had a beautiful time with their gifts seeing God's love for them through each of you.

Finally, we appreciate the support that the RISE organization has provided to the university students. Each of them can now concentrate on studying, without worrying about money for their studies.

Sing to God, sing psalms to his name.  
Hail him who rides through the steppes,  
and rejoice in his presence.  
His name is the Lord!

Father of orphans and defender of widows  
He is God in his holy dwelling place Psalms 68.4-5.

God has shown himself to our girls and boys as a Father to  
throughout your lives. May God bless you, keep you and give you His  
grace in this 2024.

# PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

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

*Submitted by: Doug Clark*

## **Tis the Season...for Baptisms!**

During the Christmas season in South Sudan, many congregations celebrate baptisms. It seems a fitting connection, that as we remember God leaving his glory to be born as a human and suffer with us, we also celebrate people declaring that they repent of their sin and join Christ in his invitation to new life in Him. This weekend, we were invited to worship with one of these congregations' celebrating baptisms, and it was truly a joyful celebration.

More than 15 children were baptized, along with around 10 teenagers and adults. What struck me as remarkable is that this is a new congregation, less than 1 year old. This is the first time they have celebrated baptism in the congregation, and the number of people is a sign of the strong growth they have experienced.

The lead pastor of the congregation, Rev. Samuel Jock, began the church as an Arabic-speaking congregation several years ago. They have moved around to various locations and in 2022 finally built their own building next to the offices for SSPEC. They discovered that in the neighborhood around their new building there are many Nuer people. The congregation worshipped in the classical Arabic from Khartoum, which many of their neighbors did not understand. So, they started a second service in the Nuer language and assigned one of the Nuer members to lead the service. As a practical service in the community, they started offering classes in the evenings, teaching people to read and write in the Nuer language, because many were not able to go to school, and children today only learn to read Arabic or English. The Nuer service has grown dramatically, and now has an active youth choir and a children's choir. Pastor Samuel assigned a young man, Moses, to be the primary one leading the activities of this Nuer congregation. Another young man, Lony, has taken the responsibility of leading worship and directing the choirs, including teaching some of the members to play the keyboard! As Pastor Samuel recounted this progression to me, he rejoiced at how God has opened this door, and that the congregation is obviously meeting a need.



Some of the children and their parents lined up for baptism.

We praise God for giving new life and celebrate baptism as a sign of spiritual vitality in that new life. Next week we plan to visit another congregation in Juba also planning to do baptisms - on Christmas Day! Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit to continue this work.

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).





# Nogales Crossroads Mission

*Submitted by: Les Walter, Crossroads Liaison*

## **Thanksgiving and Christmas**

We are thrilled to share the heartwarming outcomes of our Thanksgiving and Christmas events! With your generous support, we made a significant impact on the lives of many during this festive season.

For Thanksgiving we proudly distributed over 200 frozen turkeys, food boxes, clothing, and provided Thanksgiving meals. Your contributions made it possible to ensure that families could enjoy a warm and hearty celebration.

As we transitioned into the Christmas season, the spirit of giving continued to shine. Through your kindness, we provided delicious ham meals, food boxes, warm clothing and Christmas toys to those in need. Your generosity has truly brightened the holidays for many, creating smiles and memories that will be cherished.

Thank you for being part of Crossroads and for making these events a resounding success. Your compassion and commitment to spreading joy have made a lasting impact reflecting the true spirit of the season.

Immediate need for Nogales Crossroads: new flooring for the dining room. Crossroads is taking bids from local contractors. To help with this project, stop by the Crossroads table after worship on Sunday or contact Les Walter, (520) 870-3284

For more information of ways, you can help:  
Contact Les Walter at 520-870-3284 or  
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COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

MEMBER OF  
FEEDING  
AMERICA

*Submitted by: Kylene Joplin*

One more year has come and gone and what a year it has been.

Valley Presbyterian Church stepped up contributions and donations for the total of 678 pounds and \$18,807.98 for 2023.

Food Bank Sunday is February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your continued support is most genuinely appreciated.



Artwork by Avery E. age 13- "Strong love and community can change lives"





*Submitted by Mary Horn, Mission Committee Liaison to YOTO*

## HERE ARE EVENTS COMING UP FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN:



NEW HOME: 2525 N Country Club Road

### **MISSION BREAKFAST:** Saturday, February 10, 8:30 AM

Bethany Neumann, Director of Development & Communications will speak about Youth On Their Own.

### **YOTO TOUR:** Thursday, February 15, 2024! 10 AM (leaving church at 9 AM)

Please sign up in Charter Hall on Sunday, February 4;

Reserve a Ben's Bell to support YOTO, or purchase one on the tour.

After YOTO, we will tour Ben's Bells – 40 W. Broadway.

We will conclude with lunch at Caruso's in Tucson.

### **MINI MALL COLLECTION:** Sunday, February 18

We will be collecting individually packaged snacks:

Chips, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Fruit Snacks, Jerky, etc.

### **YOTO CARD MAKING:** Wednesday, February 28, 1-3:30

Come join us in Classroom 5 as we make Inspirational Cards for the YOTO students.

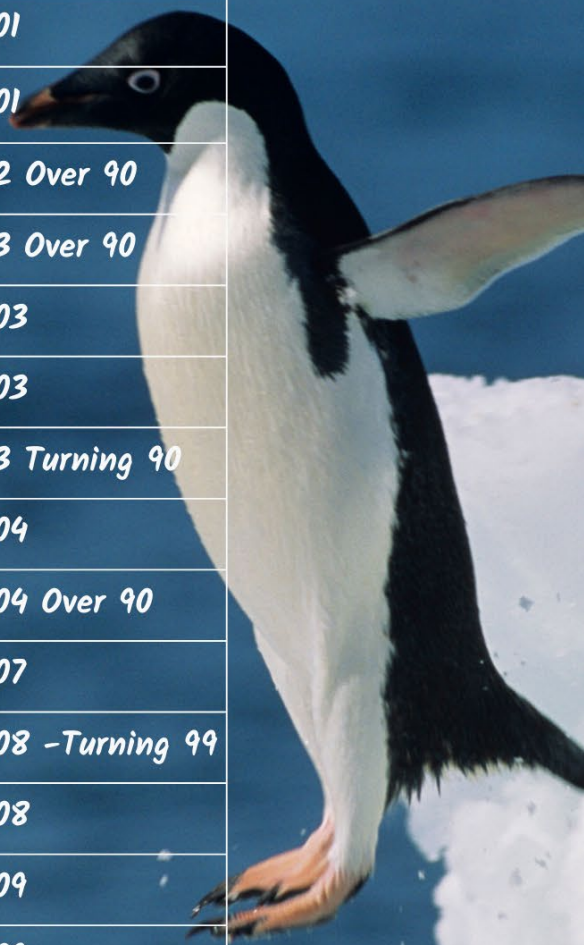


# February Birthdays

## Happy Leap Year

*First Name    Last Name    Birthday*

Nancy	Gray	February 01
Ron	Row	February 01
Joyce C.	Thompson	February 2 Over 90
Phil	Conklin	February 3 Over 90
Carol	Faust	February 03
Trudy	O'Leary	February 03
John	Pyburn	February 3 Turning 90
Doug	Crosby	February 04
Cal	Verduin	February 04 Over 90
Marlene	Farver	February 07
Betty	Everett	February 08 -Turning 99
Heather	Macleod	February 08
April	Bondy	February 09
Gary	McClellan	February 09
Katie	Carter	February 11





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*First Name Last Name Birthday*

<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Herrick</i>	<i>February 11 Turning 90</i>
<i>Diana</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>February 12</i>
<i>Skip</i>	<i>Berry</i>	<i>February 13</i>
<i>Ann</i>	<i>Erickson</i>	<i>February 13</i>
<i>Ellie</i>	<i>Hargleroad</i>	<i>February 14</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Pavlick</i>	<i>February 14</i>
<i>Eloise</i>	<i>Fredrickson</i>	<i>February 15</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Moses</i>	<i>February 16</i>
<i>Bobbie</i>	<i>Richards</i>	<i>February 16</i>
<i>Jessie</i>	<i>Setterlund</i>	<i>February 16</i>
<i>Valerie</i>	<i>St John</i>	<i>February 16</i>
<i>Jerry</i>	<i>Wilhems</i>	<i>February 16</i>
<i>Lawrence E.</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Giles</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Bill</i>	<i>Sproull</i>	<i>February 18 Over 90</i>





# February Birthdays

## Happy Leap Year

*First Name Last Name Birthday*

<i>Molly</i>	<i>Andrews</i>	<i>February 19</i>
<i>Sue</i>	<i>Horton</i>	<i>February 19</i>
<i>Linda</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>February 20</i>
<i>Bill</i>	<i>Kucera</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>Gerry</i>	<i>Wigent</i>	<i>February 21</i>
<i>LuAnne</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>February 22</i>
<i>Joe</i>	<i>Bruce, Sr.</i>	<i>February 24</i>
<i>Lila</i>	<i>Plattner</i>	<i>February 24 Over 90</i>
<i>Lillian</i>	<i>Bodle</i>	<i>February 25 Over 90</i>
<i>Linda</i>	<i>Landon</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Helen</i>	<i>Mullaly</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Kathie</i>	<i>Rusk</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Betty</i>	<i>Clapp</i>	<i>February 26 Over 90</i>
<i>Bill</i>	<i>Karbowsky</i>	<i>February 26</i>
<i>Brandon</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>February 27</i>
<i>Gayle</i>	<i>Lafferty</i>	<i>February 27</i>
<i>David A</i>	<i>Brubaker</i>	<i>February 28</i>





Valley Presbyterian Church February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 1:00pm The Book- Story of God 1:00pm Planning Commission 2:00pm Tucson Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal 2:00pm Line Dance Class	<b>2</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00am Piano Tunning – Sanctuary 3:00pm Tucson Symphony Set-up 7:30pm Tucson Symphony Concert	<b>3</b> 8:00am Communion Prep 9:30am Kitchen Workers Planning Meeting
<b>4 Food Bank Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship Service (Guest Dr. Joel Hoffman) 9:45am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Dr Joel Hoffman Speaking	<b>5</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00am Patio Sale Coordinating Team 9:00am Mission Quilters 10:00am Faith Formation Committee 1:00pm Bible Reflections	<b>6</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:00am Women's Ministry Meeting 9:30am Prayer Ministry 10:00am Yoga with Jose 1:30pm Buildings & Grounds 2:30pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble	<b>7</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise Class 2:00pm Valley Ringers 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8:00am Patio Sale Sort 1:00pm The Book- Story of God 1:00pm Planning Commission 2:00pm Line Dance Class	<b>9</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00am Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:30am Mission Breakfast-YOTO 2:00pm Music in the Valley-Darnell Rouhiac
<b>11 Nogales Crossroads</b> 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	<b>12</b> 8:00 Fashion Show Try-On 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:30am Valley Fiber Arts Guild 1:00pm Bible Reflections	<b>13</b> 8:45am Mission Committee 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Faith Formation 9:30am Prayer Ministry 10:00am YOGA with Josie 2:30pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 5:00pm Shove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:00am Deacon Meeting 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00am Drive by Ashes 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Personnel Committee 11:00am Communion Prep 1:00pm Membership & Outreach 1:00pm Miriam Circle 2:00pm Valley Ringers 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm Ash Weds. Worship	<b>15</b> 9:00am YOTO Tour 1:00pm The Book-Story of God 2:00pm Line Dance Class	<b>16</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00am Stephen Ministry 11:00am Set-Up Empty Bowls	<b>17</b> 10:00am Empty Bowls
<b>18 YOTO Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	<b>19</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am Mission Quilters 1:00pm Bible Reflections 1:00pm Women's Lunch Prep. 3:00pm Ruth Circle	<b>20</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 10:00am YOGA with Josie 11:30am Women's Ministry Luncheon 2:30pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise 12:30am Worship Committee 1:00pm Music Committee 2:00pm Valley Ringers 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm True Concord Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 8:30am Session Meeting 9:30am Patio Sale Department Head Meeting 1:00pm The Book-Story of God 1:00pm Planning Commission 2:00pm Line Dance Class	<b>23</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 12:00pm True Concord Concert	<b>24</b> 6:00am Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Ham Fest
<b>25</b> 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	<b>26</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am Patio Sale Coordinating Team Meeting 1:00pm Bible Reflections 2:00pm Valley Readers	<b>27</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 10:00am YOGA with Josie 10:00am Patio Sale Volunteer Meeting 2:30pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise 1:00pm YOTO Card Making 2:00pm Valley Ringers 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 8:00am Blood Drive 1:00pm The Book-the Story of God		