

# ***THE VALLEY VOICE***

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 2023



## **The Year 2022**

Submitted by: Pastor Craig Lindsey

As we close 2022 and look forward to the new year 2023, I want to thank you.

Together we endured the most intense International Pandemic in human history. We followed the public health protocols and took care of one another, attentive to the needs of the most vulnerable among us. Because of this, we avoided any super-spreader events, or deaths due to exposure to one another.

You allowed us to struggle expanding into Zoom meetings and cellphone recorded then Live-Stream broadcast Worship. You were complimentary as we replaced broken speakers and burnt-out spotlights and learned to use these better. Because of this, we now have believers attending Bible Study and meetings while unable to come to Green Valley; we have over 200 worshipping by Live-Stream weekly, many of whom support our church financially and have never set foot in Arizona or joined any church before, while others are our long-time members now in assisted care or home bound.

You sat through photographing and sales pitches TWICE to have a new Photo Directory, which our staff can now update as needed, possibly without ever again needing to sit through another sales-pitch!

You were very supportive as we painted the entire building, repaved all the parking lots, made plans to replace 1/3 of the Air Conditioners, retiled the roof, improve the Chancel, replace the Organ after 22 years, and to pay-off the mortgage drastically reducing our use of fossil fuels.

We have had several right-size tailoring adjustments, as we came to accept that we are no longer the 1800 member congregation with multiple pastors, a business administrator and 23 NOCs ; we are now 436 members with a leadership team of two pastors, an organist, a director of music, two administrative specialists, two custodians, a part-time bookkeeper and parttime parish nurse, a student sound technician, 11 NOCs, a Session, Board of Deacons, committed committees and wonderful volunteers. We are the Church in this time and place, and the last two years we have posted Net Growth.

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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. Diane Christopher,**  
Pastor of Discipleship

**Rev. Joe Hawkins,**  
Pastor Emeritus



**Sunday Worship**  
**Traditional Service of Worship**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Online and in Person**  
**[www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net)**

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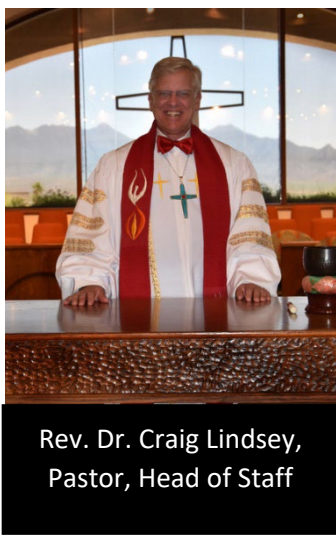
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>Matthew 2: 13-23, "Hope and Fears"</b> <b>Communion Sunday, Food Bank Sunday</b>	<b>Pastor Diane</b>
<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>Isaiah 60: 1-7</b> <b>Nogales Crossroads Sunday</b> <b>Removing Chancel Furniture for Tiling</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>John 1: 29-42</b> <b>Mission Sunday</b> <b>YOTO Sunday</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>I Corinthians 1: 10-18</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>Kirk'n the Tartans</b> <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <b>Open House at the Lindsey's</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>



## ***From Pastor Craig***

### **OPEN HOUSE AT THE LINDSEYS**

Our first year in Green Valley, Judy and I enjoyed opening our home to celebrate with the congregation. Because of COVID19 we have not been able to do so since, now having made several renovations, we hope you will come again! AND this time, you do not need to bring Cookies!

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following the Annual Meeting, beginning at 1pm: 4151 South Westcotta Drive. We are in San Ignacia Heights HOA (behind the Big Bull and Coyote Grill restaurant) off Camino del Sol.

Please come!

## **WHY ARE WE TILING THE CHANCEL**

Earlier this year, the Session hired Acoustical Engineers to make recommendations for how to improve the quality of sound in our Sanctuary. Their first recommendation was to remove the carpeting, as carpet functions like a blanket absorbing sound. Then, we had an intrepid Organ Commission who investigated our installation of a new Organ, and each of the Organ Builders stated the need to remove the carpeting. The Directors from True-Concord, the GVCC, Tucson Boys Choir, and our own Music in the Valley all agreed that this would dramatically improve the projection of sound for their concerts in our Sanctuary. Decision was made to keep the carpet in the Nave, where the congregation sit for worship and the aisles, but to remove the carpet from the Chancel (the stage) where the Choir sing, the Communion Table and Pulpit. Simultaneously, a generous donor from out of State who worships with us weekly on Live-Stream sent us a check for the cost, designated for a Special Project to enhance our worship. January 8<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship, we will strip the Chancel and at Noon Rocky's Tile & Stone will begin removing the Chancel Carpet and begin laying 16" beige tile in a diamond pattern, with terra cotta tile on the face of the steps. The Session's intent is to have this work completed before work begins on installing and voicing the new Organ.

## **KIRK'N THE TARTANS**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is descended from The Church of Scotland, via the Pilgrims coming to America. In Scotland, the word for Church is "Kirk". There is a tradition, that after Britain conquered Scotland, they outlawed the playing of the Bagpipes and the wearing of Scottish Family Tartans (Plaids). Kirk'n The Tartans is a tradition of wearing your family colors to worship before God and a blessing of your family. For the day of our Annual Meeting, January 29<sup>th</sup>, if you have a family Tartan, or Kilt, or Native dress from wherever your family originate, please wear it proudly.



**\$147,200.04 of our  
\$150,000.00 Goal**



A big THANK YOU! To those who have chosen Valley Presbyterian Church as their Amazon Smile Charity.

This quarter (July 1 – September 30)

we will receive \$315.79

## ***From Pastor Diane***

About a week before Christmas, one of our members was in the hospital and needed a ride home. I gladly offered my old and humble car. As she readied herself to leave, I waited outside her room with her nurse. He was very friendly and talkative, and asked if I was a volunteer. I told him I was a pastor and the patient belonged to our church. "Is a pastor like a chaplain?" he asked. Yes, I responded.

"Do you do this for free?" he asked, referring to the fact that I was giving her a ride home. I explained that as part of our church, she was family, and we did these kinds of things for one another. I wanted to say more, but our time was up as the church member was ready to go.

I was amused by our conversation, and at the same time, rather sad. More and more, as I enter into conversations with people, especially the younger generation, they have no idea what a pastor is. I remember a hairdresser I once had in Tucson. She, too, did not know what I meant when I said I was a pastor. "What religion are you?" she asked. I was about to say Presbyterian, when I really heard what she said. She wasn't asking my denomination; she was asking religion. Presbyterian meant nothing to her. So I said, "I am a Christian. I am a follower of Jesus."

We as Christians tend to talk about our faith in churchy language assuming people understand us. We use such words as Presbyterian, narthex, sermon, hymns, even the word fellowship may sound strange to some. We invite people to church because church is important to us, thereby assuming it will be important to the person we invite. But more and more people in our culture are no longer growing up in the church. It means nothing. Therefore, we need to learn how to speak our faith in terms that will mean something to people we encounter.



Pastor Diane Christopher-Pastor of Discipleship

From time to time, I offer a class on how to talk about our faith with others. I haven't done this for a while, so perhaps it is time. Meanwhile, here are some suggestions to talk about your faith with those who know nothing about church:

Everyone is on a spiritual journey, and most are willing to talk about spiritual things. Think about why you follow Jesus and explain it to someone without using religious and churchy words.

Do you have a story about a time when your faith was important to you? A time when you had an experience with God?

Think about why you follow Jesus. Why is Jesus worth following? Is there a story in the Bible about Jesus that has had an impact on you?

Most people think of Christianity as a religion. It is, of course. But more so, it is a relationship with the living God. What does it mean for you to have a relationship with Jesus?

The scriptures says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)



## **The Year 2022 Continued from front cover:**

After years of being challenged to not spend down our reserves/ living in a retirement community/ in the midst of two years of double-digit inflation; each, of the last 3 years, our income has surpassed spending! When previously, we had voiced concerns about having to cut mission giving, this year we surpassed our +\$95,700 Budget for Mission, and you gave an additional \$93,000 in pass-through giving to these same missions. You also gave another +\$78,500 through Special Mission Concern offerings, for a total of over \$267,000.

This year, as we emerged from COVID19, you aided us by your support of mission concerns locally and internationally, whether in Green Valley, Tucson, Sells, Nogales, Tornados, Hurricanes, Ukraine, Indonesia, Iran and Iraq, Afghanistan, or South Sudan...caring for homeless youth, battered women, orphaned children, starving people, children with special needs, strangers or neighbors in hospice care... You were there, doing God's work, when most needed.

When we as your pastors and staff struggled with our own family crises, you prayed for us and cared for us without judgment.

I thank God you are our Church.

Pastor Craig



## **Beginners Line Dancing!** **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** **at** **3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall**

Come and join Steve every Thursday through the end of March (except during the Patio Sale) to learn some line dances!

- Wagon Wheel
- Cha' Cha'
- Copperhead Road
- Solo Waltz
- Electric Slide
- Mambo
- Canadian Stomp
- Boot Scootin' Boogie

And more!

We had so much fun last summer!  
Bring your hats and boots and come join us.

*“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.”*

## The Wonder of Wonder

First came the book **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. A bestseller read by every fifth grader in the country...well perhaps not every. Then it was discovered by adults, so naturally the book was followed by a movie. The DVD of **Wonder** is available in our church library. If you’ve not seen it, you really should. Pop some popcorn, grab a box of tissues, and enjoy!

Well as if that is not enough **Wonder**, R.J. Palacio wrote **365 Days of Wonder**. It seems the teacher, Mr. Browne, assigned his students a summer project. Send him a postcard with a precept (words to live by) which the students had discovered or made up, and they ALL DID! The principal, Mr. Tushman, suggested that Mr. Browne publish them in a book, and HE DID!

The precepts included quotes from Desmond Tutu, John Lennon, Mark Twain, Anne Frank, Aesop, Eleanor Roosevelt, Carl Sagan, Reba, and on and on. 365 amazing precepts.

*“It’s not the load that breaks you down. It’s the way you carry it”* C.S. Lewis

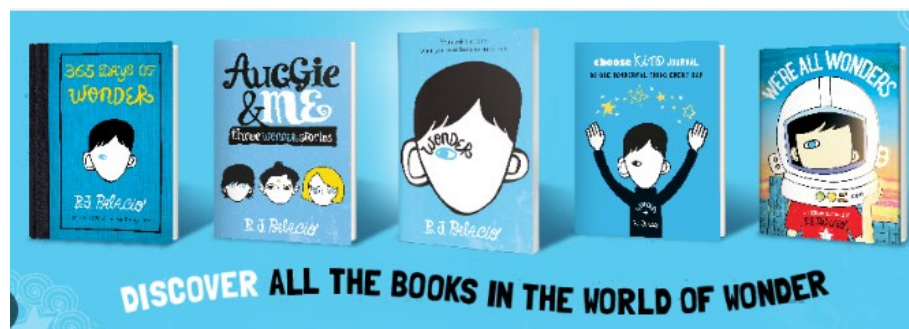
*“What makes night within us may leave stars”* Victor Hugo

*“Whether you believe you can or believe you can’t, you are absolutely right”* Henry Ford

*“Let us always meet each other with a smile”* Mother Teresa

As an extra bonus Mr. Browne fills us in on Auggie (our hero) and his friends. He even solves the mystery, from the book, about who ratted on Julian. The books and DVD are available in our church library. They are perfect for ALL ages!

Pam Karbowsky





# Bible Study Opportunities VPC



**Bible Reflections continues with you teacher: Pastor Craig**  
**Mondays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in classroom 5 and available by zoom.**

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.

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

meeting ID: 294 281 2414

password: Heaven

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**The Book: The Grand Story of God**  
**Continues Thursdays, 1 p.m. in Classroom 5**  
**Your teachers: Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay**

After a holiday break for Thanksgiving and Advent, Diane and Chuck continue their popular study. The purpose of this class is to see the grand story of the Bible by going through each book of the Bible. Each one-hour class will cover one book of the Bible.

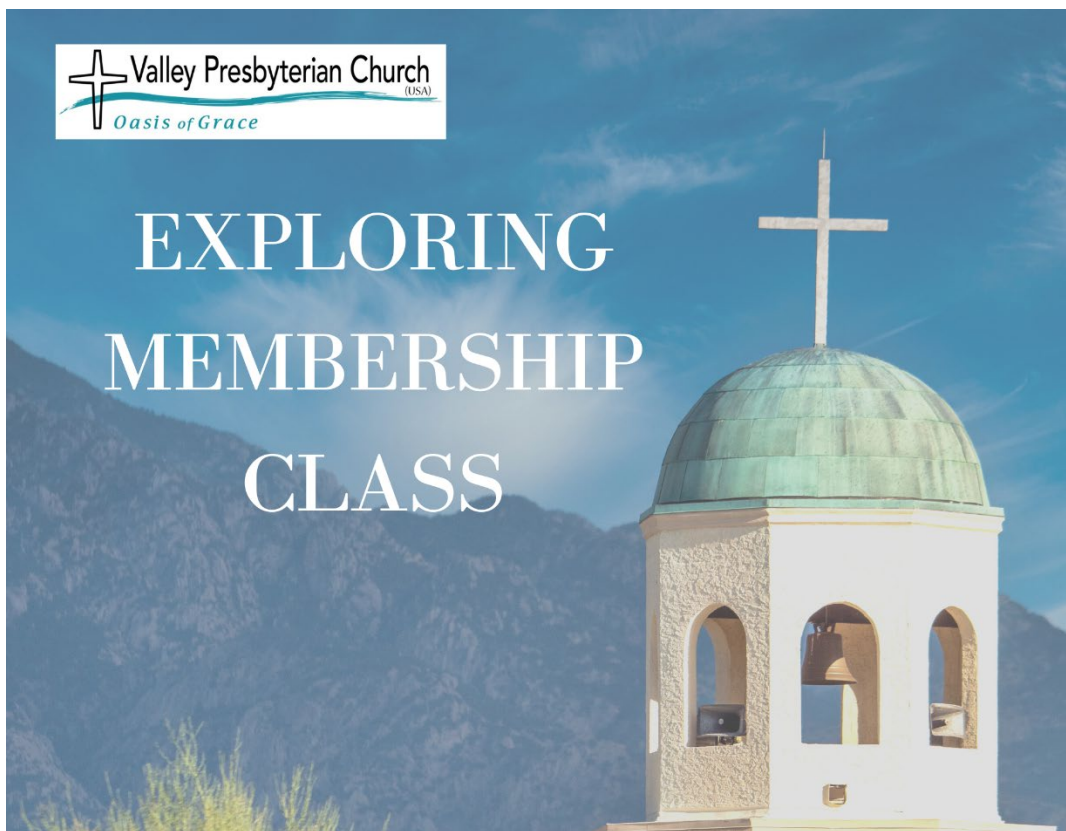
This month, we cover the following books of the Bible:

January 5	1 and 2 Chronicles (a good review!)
January 12	Ezra
January 19	Nehemiah
January 26	Esther

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



# EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS



**Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16**  
**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**and**  
**Thursday, February 23, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

- Do you want to learn more about Valley Presbyterian?
- Are you wondering how you can be more involved?
- Perhaps, you are thinking about becoming a member.

The Exploring Membership Class is designed to answer your questions and take you through the steps toward membership.

In this class, you will explore the wonderful reasons to join a church, and what it means to be Presbyterian. You will discover all the different service opportunities this church has to offer. You will meet the pastors and leaders, and many others who give their time and talents to serve Christ through Valley Presbyterian.

You can become an affiliate member (whereby you keep your main membership with your church back “home”) or an active member (full membership here at Valley).

Contact Pastor Diane Christopher to register (520) 625-5023; [pastordiane@valleypres.net](mailto:pastordiane@valleypres.net)).

# **Men's Weekday Bible Study**

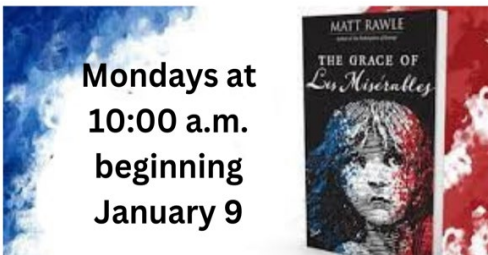
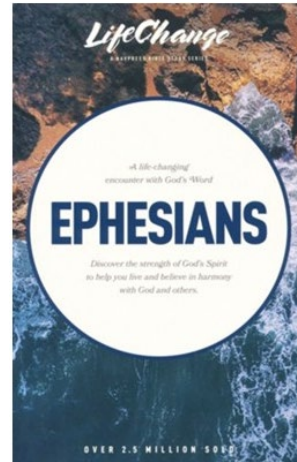
## **New study to begin in late**

### **January Ephesians**

### **Wednesdays at 9:00 A.M.**

**Submitted by Larry Philips**

With about six to thirteen men attending each week, the group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00am. 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 finishing Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians and soon begin Ephesians. 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 Navigators Life Change study guide is available from Amazon or Christianbook.com.



## **The Grace of Les Misérables**

### **10:00am in Classroom 5**

*Les Misérables* is a masterpiece that is steeped in Christian imagery and ethics and delves into the nature of grace, the fault of unwavering justice, the tragedy of poverty, and, ultimately, hope. It is the story of the redeemed criminal Jean Valjean and his quest to discover peace, a story not unlike our own. The story invites us to see what happens when grace and justice collide.

It is not necessary to have read *Les Misérables* to participate in the class (the book is more than 1000 pages long!), but it would help to have a general understanding of the story if you haven't read the book by either watching the movie or by reading a condensed version of the book, perhaps the high school edition that is offered on Amazon. Participants will also need discussion book for the class that will be available in the church office. Books are \$9.00.

Presented by your teacher, Eloise Fredrickson

# **The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah: His Final Week**

**Tuesdays, Starting January 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5**

**Teacher Bud Landry**



## **Part One: The Temple: Its Ministry and Services as They Were at the Time of Jesus Christ**

- The Royal Entry into Jerusalem (Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 11 AM Room 5)
- Understanding the Temple Sacrifices and Offerings (Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 11 AM Room 5)
- Understanding the Feasts of the Jews (Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 11AM, Room 5)

The Second Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. What can we know of it now, almost two thousand years later? Sound scholarship and archeological evidence, however, along with Jewish writings and oral tradition, informs our knowledge of what it looked like, and how it functioned, in the time of Jesus.

In the mind of the Jews of Jesus' time the Temple and Jerusalem were essentially one and the same. This was the most holy place on earth. It was where Abraham met Melchizedek and was blessed by him. This was where Abraham would have offered Isaac. This was where the heart of every exiled Jew turned toward home. It was where heaven and earth met.

The New Testament makes frequent reference to the Temple. We see the father of John the Baptist ministering the burnt incense; the Virgin Mother at her purification; the child Jesus among the Rabbis; the showing of the healed leper to the priest; His cleansing of the hucksters. The roof of this Temple was where Satan brought Jesus to be tempted, and this is where Jesus made His triumphal entry only days before His death.

What was this place like? What happened there and what were the Sacrifices and Feasts pointing to? In Part One of *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* we will attempt to understand the Temple, referring to the *Misnah*, biblical texts, rabbinical teaching, and archeology to see how the sacrifices, feasts and rituals foreshadowed the Messiah Himself and His Saving Work.

## **Music in Valley**

Submitted by: Jamie Reed

December: What a month! Our amazing chancel choir gave us a beautiful musical journey through Joy, Peace, Love, and Hope. This year's concert had over 300 in attendance and smiles and happy tears were everywhere! Let's continue this excitement.

**February 5, 2023 @ 3:00 pm**

**we welcome Dr. Kristen Dauphinais to our lovely sanctuary**



A voice praised as being “passionate,” “strong and agile” and imbuing her roles with “power and excitement” mezzo-soprano, Dr. Dauphinais is highly regarded for her artistry and versatility.

I am thrilled to be able to play piano for this incredible artist. Not to be missed!

**Tickets are \$25.00 available at VPC office or at the door the night of the concert**

**Thank YOU for 2022. Here's to 2023!**

**Jamie**

## PATIO SALE NEWS

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*

The Annual Patio Sale is just a couple of months away and January is the time when the Patio Sale Coordinating Team moves into “Sale Planning” mode. Mark your calendars now for:

**Sale dates March 9, 10 & 11, 2023 with set-up March 5 to 8**

**Department Head Meeting - February 16, 2023**

**All-Volunteer Meeting – February 23, 2023**

Pack and Sort dates have been set for the second Thursday of each month except in March when the Pack and Sort will be on the first Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the first Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pick up a list of dates at the next Pack & Sort. It takes more than 200 volunteers to prepare for and put on this sale, and we are always looking for people like you to be part of Patio Sale. It is sometimes hard work, but it is also very rewarding and a lot of fun. And, the food is awesome.

The best way to get started volunteering is by coming to a Pack & Sort - the first Pack & Sort of 2023 is January 12. You will meet our Coordinating Team, Department Heads, and sort through donations that have been received during the previous month. If you want more information, please contact one of the Coordinating Team Members – Carmen Nylund, Pat Nau, Linda Walter, Les Walter, Chris Schorr, or Nelda Lobb.

The gross receipts from the Annual Patio Sale and the Holiday Plus Sale and other miscellaneous income in 2022 was over \$116,000 with net proceeds being distributed by the VPC Mission Committee to the following recipients in 2023 –

Café Justo (Just Coffee)	Posada Life Community Services
Casa Vida Nueva para Niños	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Community Food Banks in Amado & Green Valley	Presbyterian Campus Ministry
Compañeros en Misión	Presbyterian Theological Educ. Fund
Crossroads Mission	Bob & Kristi Rice – South Sudan
Hands of a Friend (Genesis House)	St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic
Operation Christmas Child	Valley Assistance Services
Operation Mobilization (Middle East Ministry)	Youth on Their Own

To learn more about these programs, pick up a Mission & Outreach Program booklet at one of the welcome kiosks when you are at the church.

Your support of Patio Sale, along with our shoppers from Green Valley and surrounding areas and from Mexico, makes a real difference in our community and beyond. Thank you!





*Caring for those in our congregation*  
***Faith & Health/Parish Nurse January 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 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. There are few more openings available.

Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy.

Drink plenty of water when you are exercising or are outside doing activities, even if it is colder weather.



Blood pressure screening will be by individual appointment.

**Medical Minute** Do you know what your blood pressure is? Almost half of the adults in the US have hypertension, and only one-quarter of those with hypertension have it under control/regulated.



## Not Done Until the Paper Is In

Submitted by: Chris Erickson



This statement could certainly be misconstrued by the picture. Take away the picture and this statement could mean various things about paperwork like your tax credit filings/donations which are done by the end of the year, mask use in crowded public areas, Christmas cards and letters needing to be sent, medical appointments and insurance updates on the calendar reserved up to a year before the time, and bank statements needing to be balanced by the close of the year. There are many different types of paperwork. The most important one is updating and filing advanced directives, documenting your wishes before it is too late.

So here are the questions for the New Year: Have you done your advanced directives, and selected your Power of Attorney for healthcare, for mental health, and for finances?

If not, why? Documenting your wishes, while you can, is essential. We never know what might happen or when.

The state of Arizona has forms for all three of these critical areas: health, mental health, and financial. The new website in Arizona for advanced directives and registry of them is <https://healthcurrent.org/azhdr/>

These documents used to be located on the Secretary of State of Arizona website. Since September of 2021, the new website and information is located at Health Current website link above for Arizona.

Making sure that all your loved ones, family, and friends know your wishes is important, especially those representatives/Power of Attorneys who will make sure your wishes are known to others during emergent times. There are several different types of documents; some that can be downloaded from the link above, some that are available to you with your attorney, and another form is the Five Wishes document, which can also be used with the other two types of documents. Five Wishes is a user-friendly wish document, that is legal in 42 states. This document/form can be found by the Parish Nurse' office.

When have you last updated your wishes?

Wishes are not done until the paperwork is in.

May a renewed sense of love and peace fill your hearts in this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year of 2023.



Starting January 24  
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
\$5 per session in the Charter Hall

Josie Trobec, a certified yoga instructor, will be leading 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 a welcome, such as blocks, straps, and blanket.



## FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNERS

Friendship Kettle Dinners will resume on January 15, 2023.

We'll get to see how much fun the line dancers had this summer learning their steps under the guidance of Steve Hart.

Sweet Peas Catering will again provide their excellent meals. For January: Chicken in sun dried tomato sauce wild rice blend, sautéed green bean and apple cobbler. Tickets (\$15) will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays January 1 and 8.



Submitted by Mary Horn, Mission Committee Liaison to YOTO

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2023!

Youth On Their Own is developing an INSPIRATION LIBRARY. Folks who would like to share an encouraging story or words of inspiration with youth experiencing homelessness are invited to submit a short (1-2 minute) video. Details can be found at [yoto.org](http://yoto.org)

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month**, we ask for needed supplies for the Mini Mall at Youth on Their Own. Students can shop for free at the Mini Mall. These items may be left in the plastic tub labeled YOTO, located in the front corner of Charter Hall near the entrance to The Spiritual Life Center. The Food Bank and Crossroads Nogales Mission are also receiving donations in this area.



**For the month of January YOTO is asking for Shelf Stable Milk (available at Family Dollar) and Instant Potatoes. THANK YOU for your help with these items!**



Here's a great way to start the new year!! Choose YOTO as your favorite Charity within Amazon Smile. If you go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you can choose your charity (GO YOTO!!) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases -at no cost to you - to your chosen organization. You'll receive a quarterly statement showing how much your charity received during that period. THANK YOU for considering this opportunity to make a difference!



### INSPIRATIONAL CARD MAKING

**Inspirational Card Makers will meet Wednesday, January 25 from 1-3:30 in Classroom 5. All are welcome to join the fun!!**

*Nogales, Arizona*

**St. Andrew's Children's Clinic**

*Submitted by Kay Brouwer*

Laura Romero and St. Andrews' Children's Clinic express sincere thanks to the Valley Presbyterian Church congregation for prayers and support, helping them to successfully move into their own building.

The Grand Opening at 2021 N. Grand in Nogales, Arizona was celebrated on December 1, 2022. Children and their families came for Medical Clinic services along with the festivities of the Grand Opening. There were abundant free gifts donated by many service organizations. Woodworkers of Green Valley Recreation gave delightful painted toys. The Green Valley Crafters' Guild had a large display of lovely jewelry. Area Rotary Clubs donated items which filled many tables with Christmas decorations, and clothing for all sizes and needs of the families. Christmas will be more blessed for these families. Pastor Craig Lindsey presented a check of over \$8,250.00 donated by Valley Presbyterian Church to help with the restructuring of the new building. A kitchen, refrigerators, walls, paint, and many more supplies are needed to complete the Clinic. A television donated by Valley Presbyterian Church will be installed when Laura decides where it should be put. McDonalds brought Happy Meal lunches for families at the clinic to enjoy at noon.

Settling into the new St. Andrews' Clinic has been ongoing since October this year. The staff and volunteers have slowed down to rest and enjoy the holidays. Telemedicine will continue, but everyone will be ready to gear up again in January 2023. There will be a Clinic on January 12 where children will be served. All family members, staff and volunteer will be wearing masks for protection against the spread of COVID. As much as we, in the United States, expect that most people are vaccinated, that is definitely not true in Mexico. Opening the Clinic for larger numbers of children will be a slow and safe process.

Now that St. Andrews' Children's Clinic have a full-time building, the question has been asked about how often it will be open. Because of family, staff, and volunteer schedules, the actual Clinic diagnosis and treatments will be only on the first Thursday of every month as usual. Office work will continue, but not in this building until a later date. Currently, no tours for visitors are available.

The Lord continues to look with favor upon this treasured Clinic which helps children of Mexico. Please continue to support St. Andrews' Children's Clinic with your prayers and donations.



Laura Romero, Executive Director accepting gift for clinic.





Submitted by: Reed Olson, Mission Committee

## December 10, 2022 - Christmas Trip to the “Home for Children”



Group photo showing the children with their new “ESL” (English as a Second Language) instructor – funded by RISE

### Wow! What a trip - best ever.

I wanted to share with everyone the joy and blessings the children and guests received during this Christmas trip. After arriving, we (24 people from Green Valley) received an overview of the home and RISE Scholastic Achievements. After all 33 children were introduced; they performed five very special and very professional dance routines. Next, we took a tour of the facility; followed by lunch. Afterwards, the kids received their Christmas gifts but waited to open them until all kids had received their gifts. A count down started then BAMB – everyone started opening their gifts. It was the classic “*Christmas morning of kids tearing into their gifts while the parents/grandparents looked on in amazement*” event.

A big hit was the personalized Christmas Cards. Thank you for your sponsorship of these kids. Our trip back home only had a 60-minute wait at the border. It was a great day to share the love of Jesus Christ with these children.

Thank you all for your love and generosity you have given to these deserving children.

[reedolson5623@gmail.com](mailto:reedolson5623@gmail.com)



Four college students sponsored by RISE



Opening their gifts





*Submitted by: Reed Olson, Mission Committee*



## SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

You are invited to the Mission Breakfast on February 11 starting at 8:30 am featuring Casa Vida Nueva para-Niño's – Orphanage. The Directors of the orphanage Elias and Myrna Herrera, Directors, and some children will be attending. Reed Olson will give a presentation (highlights) of past activities and current needs. There will also be a surprise announcement – you don't want to miss this one. Tickets are only \$5 for the breakfast prepared by the Valley Galley. If you are able, please bring a contribution of health aides (toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, etc.). Tickets go on sale Sunday, Jan 22 in Fellowship Hall.



## **CROSSROADS NOGALES MISSION!**

*Submitted by: Les Walter*

Thanksgiving dinner was a success!

Here are some pictures of the wonderful volunteers for serving Thanksgiving dinner and the clean up!



Thank you for the donations for the Hams and toys for Christmas.

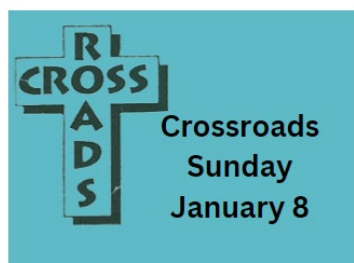
We were able to purchase 151 pounds of hams, soccer balls, hot wheels to teddy bears.

The Nogales Crossroads Mission is on road to recovery.

- Food for over 35,00 men/women yearly
- Daily church service and meal
- Four homeless shelters
- Substance abuse recovery programs

Needed items clothing/shoes, bed linens, toiletries, and books in Spanish along with food to fill the pantry.

If you would like to know more about Crossroads Mission or to donate, you can visit their website at: <https://crossroadsmissonnogales.org/>.





**Dave & Pam Lovett**  
**Operation Mobilization**

*Submitted by: Doug Clark*

**Dear Praying Friends,**

Hope you are well and enjoyed a blessed holiday!

***40 YEARS TOGETHER AND PRESSING ON!***

***STILL GOING TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH***

A few days ago, I came back from two weeks in Bangladesh and India visiting our teams and ministries there. We have started a pioneer outreach to a town of 10,000 where no church exists, and the gospel has never been preached. In this town that has been ravaged by floods and where people earn \$2.00 a day, we started five schools for their children which are the first they have ever had, and this has opened the doors to begin to share the Good News. Please pray for more breakthroughs.

**This year marks our 40th anniversary** of being married and serving the Lord together with OM in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Iran. Our focus has been to bring the Gospel to the most unreached peoples of the world. We continue to disciple, and train national missionaries to do church planting and do creative holistic ministry programs.

Today, we serve as Executive Regional Leaders for OM's ministries in Central and South Asia, leading ministries in Iran, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, and also helping in 10 other countries.

Blessings, Pam, and Dave

# 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 the 17 VPC members who promise to pray and follow the blogs.

*Submitted by: Doug Clark*

## **Exploring how God is at work in different corners!**

During the crisis and war which began in South Sudan in December 2013, entire populations were displaced from their home regions, and their institutions often moved with them. One such institution is Giffen Institute of Theology (GIT), formerly in Malakal (Upper Nile), now located in Kakuma Refugee Camp in the far northwest corner of Kenya.



*Students, Faculty and Staff of GIT (Kakuma Refugee Camp)*

Rev. Paul Ruot Kor, a former student who has become a friend, currently serves as principal. Rev. Paul has been serving as a pastor for more than forty years and has much to offer students at GIT. As an historian, Rev. Paul suggests that GIT has trained and graduated more Presbyterian pastors in South Sudan than any other institution. It was a great joy for me to visit my friend Paul, to collaborate together with him, to go into the camp each day, to help teach a couple of classes, to share from the book of Job during chapel, to spend time with faculty, staff, and students, to gain a better understanding of life at the school, the joys and the challenges, and to experience life in the camp which included one of the part-time teachers being robbed one morning while I was there.

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It was also a joy to meet Rev. Paul's wife and child and eat the wonderful "kop" together which his wife had prepared. It was also nice to have time together whereby I could query my friend concerning my own research interests, namely concerning Nyarial (Eleanor Vandevort, former missionary to Sudan) and her Nuer brother, Rev. Moses Kuac Nyoat, the first Nuer pastor in southern Sudan.



*Rev. Ruot with wife and child (to my right in photo)  
Faculty member and community member (to my left) am  
grateful for Rev. Ruot's invitation for me to come visit him at  
GIT in Kakuma Refugee Camp!*

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).





Submitted by: Doug Clark for Ellen March, Director, Community Center

The **La Posada Community Center** has been growing in usage each month in 2022. We saw a boost when our Tuesday/Wednesday Salad Bar was reinstated. Known in Green Valley as the "best salad bar in town," our offering of bountiful choices for a suggested \$3 donation receives praise and word of mouth recommendations. As part of the Lunch Program Monday through Friday, local entertainers, musicians, and educational presentations also take place. The **Senior Lunch Program** is available to everyone over the age of 60 who live in Green Valley and the surrounding area. Advance reservations may be made with **Carla or Diana at 520-393-6814**.

The Community Center hosts community groups too. From Arizona Scrapbookers to celebrations of life, from coffeehouses to open jams, the Center is busy 7-days-a-week from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Center also hosts a Memory Cafe where those with cognitive disorders and their families, friends and caregivers can interact, discuss, sing and laugh on a monthly basis (3rd Saturday each month at 1 pm). Community Center staff (Carla, Diana, and Ellen) have a great deal of pride in having created a friendly community for seniors.

**Ellen March, Director, Community Center**  
**Email: [emarch@casagv.org](mailto:emarch@casagv.org) or call**  
**520-393-6814**







# Stop Domestic Abuse

*Submitted by: Kara Fitzpatrick, Mission Committee*

There have been some very positive things happening at Hands of a Friend. A few years ago, the founder died and two of the volunteers have taken over the management roles. They have been busy handling the legal aspects as well as the day-to-day management of both the resale store and the women's shelter. It has been challenging and rewarding for them. Many positive changes have been made.

DaZee's, a high-end resale clothing boutique, has been revamped since the manager retired in June. The team was able to build the staff from 6 to 15 volunteers! The store has been revamped and sales are up! The store is now operating well enough to pay its own bills and provide some funding for Genesis House.

Genesis House is a women's shelter that provides temporary housing to women and children in Green Valley. About half the women come with children and additional beds have been added. The home offers separate sleeping rooms to family units or individuals with shared kitchen and living areas. Residents are responsible for cooking their own meals and are able to shop for groceries with gift cards. Transportation to the grocery store is provided. There are enough freezers and refrigerators provided so that residents can get food for a week at a time.

Currently the home is facing two big challenges. The roof needs to be repaired. The damage is from normal wear and tear, so no insurance funds are available. The cost is going to be about \$40,000 and they have raised \$25,000 to date. Finding an additional \$15,000 is a real need. In addition, the security system at the house needs replacing. They are negotiating the cost of a new system and hope to get it installed in 2023.

*The Mission Committee will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by Alexa Delgado, Hands of a Friend's Executive Director. She will speak about Hands of a Friend's mission, and services offered at Genesis House, the goals of DaZee's and the need for shelters in our community. Tickets for the breakfast and presentation will be on sale for \$5.00 each in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and learn more about their mission.*

You can visit Hands of Friend website for more information: <https://handsoffriend.org/>



COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA



*Submitted by Kylene Joplin & Carol Stephens*

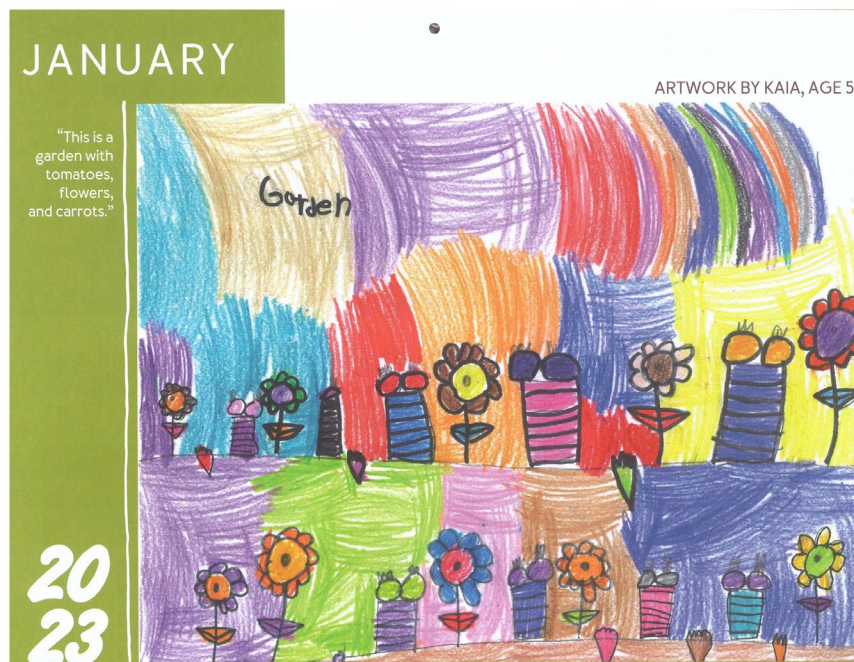
One more year has come and gone and what a year it has been.

VPC stepped up contributions and donations for a total of 716 pounds and \$11,825.00 for 2022. (December figures not included.)

Food Bank Sunday is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Your continued support is most genuinely appreciated.

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2023!



# Snack Bags for the Homeless



The Mission Committee will again sponsor **Snack Bags for the Homeless** in February/March 2023. Look for more details in January eblasts and Sunday bulletins.

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## VPC MISSION QULTERS

### Quilting will meet in the Fellowship Hall

- Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. quilting session, potluck and the 2023 group picture will be taken.
- Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. quilting Session.
- Anyone interested or having any questions call Patti Bright (520) 305-3275



2022 Quilters





# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*Submitted by: Anne Morrison*

## ***ONCE UPON AN APRON***

***January 17, 11:30 a.m. In Fellowship Hall***

*Aprons, aprons, aprons!* You are invited to attend the luncheon and bring your apron or aprons and to relate the stories attached to them. Join us as we share the memories of aprons we have used and cherished. Anne Morrison will share a bit of history of aprons and may even award a prize or two!

Your \$11.00 reservation can be made at the Women's Ministries table on Sundays, January 8 & 15. The menu will be comfort food (just as the apron is a comfort accessory).

Speaking of aprons: Creative Hands raised \$260 at the Holiday Patio Sale, selling the aprons we made in September and October. This money will go toward Presbyterian Women's Mission projects. Creative hands will resume January 26 in Classroom One from 10am-2pm. We will be sewing walker bags, and knitting & crocheting baby layettes, children's sweaters, and prayer shawls. We will also continue to create yarn and pattern packs for people to work on at home. While this is sponsored by Women's Ministries, anyone can contribute to this ministry.



*Image submitted by: Gee-Gee Smith*

# JANUARY

## *January Birthdays*

***\*\* Turning 90 \* over 90***

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Birthdate Month/Day</b>
Robert	Williams	January 01
Kylene	Joplin	January 02
Marya	Dalrymple	January 05 *
Jan	Schoeben	January 05
Glenn	Steinacker	January 05
William D.	McKinley	January 07
Dorothy	Sauder	January 07 *
Dale	Honermann	January 08
Thomas	Spurlock	January 09
Fred	Searle	January 10
Don	Bradford	January 12
Bill	Entwistle	January 12
Bruce	Nylund	January 12
Charles	Anderson	January 13
George	Pike	January 14 **
Margaret	Moore	January 16
Martha	Ashton	January 17
James M	Van Valen	January 17
Terry	Hopper	January 18
John	Jackson	January 20

# JANUARY

## *January Birthdays*

***\*\* Turning 90 \* over 90***

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Birthdate Month/Day</b>
Vicki	Chvala	January 21
Lee	Neuman	January 21
Jennifer	Yanamura	January 21
Judy	Clark	January 23
Richard	Myers	January 23
Carolyn	Blomeke	January 25
Tom	Dierken	January 25
Linda	Freeman	January 25
Rev. Mark	Horton	January 25
Mary Ann	Root	January 25
Marie	Valade	January 25
Geraldine	Appleton	January 27 *
Carol	LeClair	January 27 *
Barbara	Platte	January 27
John W.	Green	January 28
Nancy	Thies	January 28
Michael	Schoeben	January 29
Judy	Christensen	January 30
Cheryl	Stepp	January 30
Joanna	Miller	January 31
Marita	Ramsay	January 31



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# Valley Presbyterian Church January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Happy New Year!</b> 9:30am Worship Service Food Bank Sunday 9:45am Children's Sunday School	<b>2 Office Closed</b> 1:00 pm Susie Sveisfirth Columbarium	<b>3</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming Women's Ministries Meeting 9:30am Prayer Ministry	<b>4</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 12:30pm Worship Committee 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 1:00pm The Book: Story of God 3:00pm Beginning Line Dance	<b>6</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am PEO Chapter DA 9:00 – 12:00pm Stephen Ministry-Training	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School Nogales Crossroads Mission Sunday 11:00am Tile for the Chancel	<b>9</b> Chancel being tiled Lynch Construction-Roof 9:00am Parkinson Chair Exercises 9:00am Fellowship Committee 10:00am The Grace of Les Misérables 10:00am Personnel Committee 1:00pm Bible Reflections 1:00pm Patio Sale Coordinating Team	<b>10</b> Chancel being tiled Lynch Construction-Roof 8:45am Mission Committee 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Jesus' Last Days 1:00pm Faith Formation 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble	<b>11</b> Chancel being tiled Lynch Construction-Roof 9:00am Deacon Meeting 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 1:00pm Membership & Outreach 1:00pm Miriam Circle 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> Chancel being tiled Lynch Construction-Roof 8:00am Patio Sale Sort 9:00am Faith & Health Committee 1:00pm The Book: Story of God 3:00pm Beginning Line Dance	<b>13</b> Chancel being tiled Lynch Construction-Roof 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am – 12:00pm Stephen Ministry	<b>14</b> Chancel being tiled 8:30am Mission Breakfast-Hands of Friends
<b>15</b> 9:30am Worship Service Mission Sunday YOTO Sunday 9:45am Children's Sunday School	<b>16 Martin Luther King's Birthday</b> 9:00am Parkinson Chair Exercises 9:30am Mission Quilters Polluck 10:00am The Grace of Les Misérables 1:00pm Bible Reflections 1:00pm VMI Prep for WM Lunch 4:00pm Ruth Circle	<b>17</b> 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am WM Gathering Lunch 11:00am Jesus' Last Days 11:30am Women's Gathering Lunch 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 1:00pm The Book: Story of God 3:00pm Beginning Line Dance	<b>20</b> 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am – 12:00pm Stephen Ministry	<b>21</b>
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