



Our Valley Voice
July, 2021



*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
By Emma Lazarus in 1883*

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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 servant-hood.

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Sunday Worship
Traditional Service of Worship
9:30 a.m.
Online and In person.

Taize Services
will resume in the fall

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COLUMBARIUM TASK FORCE

A special word of gratitude to Bob Campbell, Marcia MacDonald, Elizabeth Haynes, Kylene Joplin, John Agner, Dick Barney, George Curtis, Linda Hester, who served as our Columbarium Task Force. Well done.





Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, Pastor Head of Staff

EVALUATING HOW WE EXPRESS OUR FAITH

Medieval churches were designed to have “Confessionals” before entering the Sanctuary Nave, to unburden yourself of the weight of sins before entering the house of God. There was a time, when persons would run from church to church trying to see how many times on a Sunday they could “See Jesus” in the breaking of the bread. I served one Presbyterian Church that had footrests on the backs of pews, so worshippers could put their feet up to reflect during the sermon. Another had coffee

mugs lining the walls of the Church, to encourage you to sip a hot beverage during worship. One wedding had the 7-11 Slurpee Wagon parked outside, for guests to enjoy a flavored snow-cone drink on a hot summer afternoon.

A colleague posted an evaluation survey for worshippers:

- How many people welcomed you before the Worship of God began?
- Did people come to greet you, or did you need to find your own way?
- Are Visitors made to feel like strangers or as welcome new friends?
- Do people take an interest in you and introduce you to others?
- Was technology used to assist worshippers or as a gimmick?
- Did quality music enrich faith or was this a performance?

Comments shared at differing churches: “Someone told me I was in their seat, in a Sanctuary for 1000!” “Children were clearly not welcome.” “The preacher was driven to worship in a limousine, arriving late, then drove off before we could talk with them.” “Folks thought they were friendly, because they greeted their friends and talked with them.”

Presbyterian (Reformed) Worship is designed around the Sermon, as the point where we hear God’s Word interpreted for our lives. Catholic (Orthodox) Worship is designed around the Mass where individually we receive the body and blood of Christ. But as your Pastor, I believe the most important thing is that there was attention to you. People come to Worship: searching for God, grieving hurts, mourning, feeling loneliness, being

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isolated and afraid, wanting love and justice. I work, hope and pray, that our experience of God listens to and speaks to your needs, in order that you can hear God's Word, listening for application of this to our lives, all to encourage us to let down our guard, unburden our sins and wounds, to share fully in communion both the Sacrament, as well as spiritual communion with one another and God.

I am so excited about Pastor Diane and Katie Sayre tracing the journeys of Paul. As a Pastor, I have had a lifetime of relationships in Presbyterian churches and with ecumenical partners, over 35 years ordained experience, ten years of higher education, but actually going to locations outside our comfort zone challenged my faith in different ways. I pray even more for this experience for Pastor Diane and Katie.

Pastor Craig

HURRY UP AND WAIT

Two couples have donated the cost of replacing all of the Sanctuary Chandelier bulbs with LED Bulbs. These will use far less electricity, should be brighter, and will only need replacing every 4-5 years instead of annually. However, as these bulbs now need to be dimmable, there is a backlog due to COVID and we hope for their arrival by early August. The ides of March 2019 was the last Sunday we celebrated with our Choir. Since that time, we have replaced the speakers, reprogrammed the Sound system, replaced the microphones, replaced the Chancel lighting, placed a separate microphone on the Piano, repaired components in the Organ, installed Live streaming video and practiced with how to use it. However, we will not actually know how well the changes have improved circumstance until our Choir are able to sing together again.

A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION

June 27th will be Lon Main's Sacrament of Baptism. Within the Presbyterian Church (USA) we baptize at any stage in life but only once in a person's experience. We are thankful for the opportunity to share this faith commitment and hope that if available you will join in welcoming Lon into the Body of Christ.





Diane Christopher
Pastor of Discipleship

Baptism in Philippi

On Wednesday, our Greece tour went to Philippi where the Apostle Paul converted a woman named Lydia, a woman who had her own business making purple cloth. Philippi is also the place where Paul was beaten and thrown into a cell for talking about Jesus. (We saw this cell and it was more like a cave. You can read these stories in Acts 16.)

At the place where Lydia was baptized, we had the opportunity to renew our baptism vows. I took my sandals off and walked into the creek.

Our tour guide, Rev David Stark, asked me to reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and continue to follow him wholeheartedly. As I answered in the affirmative, he placed water on my head from the river. I was filled with joy. The joy of knowing Jesus. The joy of serving him as I do and promising to continue as I always have. The joy of being in the same place as a baptism in the scriptures that took place almost 2000 years ago.

Now hear Katie's experience in her own words:

Today I had the opportunity to reaffirm my baptism in the waters of the stream where Lydia was baptized by Paul. My original baptism was at 9 months old in my hometown Presbyterian church. My father's family had a "family pew" there and I went to Sunday School, Youth



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group, got confirmed and was ordained as a Deacon when I was a Junior in high school. While these were all important events in my life, they were expectations and invitations that I felt more externally compelled to fulfill.

My first real "decision" to dedicate my time and spirit to the church was my ordination as an Elder at VPC. Today, as I was invited to reaffirm my baptism, it was a very emotional moment as I stood in the cold waters and pledged my belief and dedication to my Lord and Savior not because someone expected it, but out of love for Jesus.

- Katie Sayre

All my love,

Pastor Diane

SYMBOLS FOR THE FOLDS OF THE FLAG

On Monday, May 31, in partnership with the American Legion Post 131, and our bugler Denny Schreffler, we held a Memorial Day celebration which was well attended, and quite poignant. This included the singing of our national anthem, the pledge of allegiance and the bugler playing taps.

We were all emotionally moved at the descriptions and meaning of each of the 13 folds of the Armed Forces memorial flag-folding ceremony.



Memorial Day Service in the Columbarium

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

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The **first fold** of our flag is the symbol of life.

The **second fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **fourth fold** represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The **fifth fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur: "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The **sixth fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **seventh fold** is a tribute to our armed forces, for is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **eighth fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this county have been molded.

The **tenth fold** is a tribute to father, for he too has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **eleventh fold**, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **twelfth fold**, in the eyes of Christian citizens, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto: "In God We Trust."



Regarding Ruling Elders

The Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

I was privileged to serve on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary when Dr. Laura Mendenhall was called to be our ninth president. In her first official meeting with the faculty, she described her leadership style. She explained she sees conflict as something that naturally occurs among people who are thoughtful and passionate. Over the years, she has discovered that when it comes to conflict, her tendency is to lean in. She is intrigued when others disagree with her, and she seeks to better understand the other's



perspective. She leans in, not because she's trying to convince them to agree with her, but because she is worried she's missing something, that she is not seeing something they see. In broadening her perspective, she becomes a better leader, a better pastor, and ultimately a more faithful follower of Jesus. Over the years, I watched her do this. When conflict arose, she approached the person and asked to meet with them on their timeline and in their preferred space. I learned much from her.

Conflict is inevitable. The best leaders do not run away from conflict; rather they accept it and seek to understand and learn from it. Mendenhall was clear about the power imbalance. She was the president, after all. But she brought such humility and a remarkable non-anxious presence to each conflict that people felt heard and respected, even when the result was to "agree to disagree." Jesus leaned in. Whether the conflict was with his disciples or the scribes or the Pharisees, he leaned in.

When I am in conflict with a person, I have learned to use the language of "please help me understand" as in "please help me understand how you see this differently" or "please help me understand how I have disappointed you." To be clear, I do not like conflict. As an Asian American, much of my cultural heritage teaches me to avoid conflict, to save face. But being called to lead means we need to be about healthy ways of loving one another in order for the body of Christ to grow and thrive.

In the midst of conflict, leaders lean in.

(The Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka serves as Associate Pastor: Director of Faith Formation at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas. Prior to joining Village Church, he served as Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Pastor Craig earned his Doctor of Ministry degree at Columbia, under the tutelage of the Rev. Drs. Mendenhall and Nishioka.)

Being Presbyterian – Seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Linda Freeman



When the Presbyterian Church (USA) was formed in 1983 by the reunion of two major branches, this new denomination required an identifying Seal or Logo. A committee was formed to explore a new way to convey the church's heritage, identity, and mission in a contemporary form.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

CROSS – if you take away the flames, the lines which are left are in the shape of a cross – the universal and most ecumenical

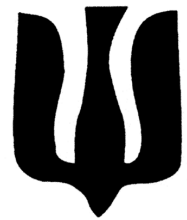


symbol of the Christian church.

SCRIPTURE – In experimenting with the basic lines and shapes of the cross, the contour of a book began to emerge in the horizontal section. This represents the emphasis which the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God's word.



DOVE – As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the dove is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting Scripture in the life of the church.



FLAMES – The flames convey a double meaning: a symbol of the revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush and a suggestion of the beginning of the Christian church when Christ manifested himself to his apostles at Pentecost.



People have also seen the outline of a fish (Jesus' miracles), a cup (from the Lord's Supper) and a pulpit (preaching of the word). Personally, I envisioned the middle vertical line as a stole, maybe because of the years I've sung in choirs. What other symbols have you found?

Next month: *The Great Ends of the Church*



More Bloggers wanted (16 and counting)

A blogger is anyone with access to a computer who can type in bobandkristi.blogspot.com. Have you ever wanted to read a missionary's diary? Consider blogging the real life story of Bob and Kristi Rice who share on a weekly basis the story of God working in their life.

Preparing for General Assembly

Our church partner, the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, is busy preparing for a General Assembly in October of this year. This is a time when elders, pastors, and representatives of all the congregations come together to share their joys and challenges, elect leaders, and connect as part of the body of Christ. Long meetings do not sound too exciting, but it really is significant for isolated congregations to feel connected to a body larger than themselves – to support one another and have a voice in the decisions being made.

According to the church constitution, a General Assembly should be held every two years. However, because of civil unrest in South Sudan, it has been more than eight years since the last General Assembly was held. Many of the congregations are in rural areas, and some among refugees displaced to nearby countries, which makes it difficult, expensive, and sometimes dangerous for representatives from those regions to travel.

Finally, though, it appears that South Sudan is becoming more stable and that people could travel to Juba. The leadership has set a date in October and started planning and raising funds. They hope to be able to cover some of the travel for all the representatives, but it is a daunting task. The total budget is more than \$100,000. But rather than let the funds needed be another reason to put it off, they are pushing forward in faith, trusting that God will provide or help them find creative ways to overcome the shortfall.

If you would like to support SSPEC and their congregations in South Sudan by contributing towards this effort, you can do so through their account at PC (USA) here: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/E052148/#>

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Please join us in praying for this meeting, that funds would be garnered to bring leaders together so that decision can be made and elections can be held, and that all would transpire in the spirit of Christian fellowship and love.



*SSPEC leaders meet with a representative
from the World Council for Reformed Churches*

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 .

Post Script: Wonderful News

Salaam alekum! Peace to you! We have wonderful news. We have been given the green light to return to South Sudan. We return to our home on June 30th. We are grateful and excited.

Grace and Peace,
Bob and Kristi



Operation Mobilization(OM)

continues to be hands and feet of Christ

The COVID-19 pandemic is terrible in North India. Hundreds of thousands of people have died due to a second deadly wave of this disease. The complexity of medical care and frustration is illustrated by the story of Lakshmi a 57 year-old widow who fell sick with COVID, passed it on to her daughter-in-law, and her 5 year-old grandson while her son Balu lost his job due to COVID. He gathered what little money he could find to send them to an expensive private hospital which provided no help. Then he took them to a government hospital, where they were turned away. It wasn't until a health worker from an OM supported local church in a newly- converted clinic in Jeedimetla that Balu's family received the help they needed. A healthcare worker counseled them on what to do, gave them medicines, a pulse oximeter, and a simple thermometer to monitor themselves at home. "We had lost hope." Balu said. "We felt so helpless, but then you came and gave us much more than we could afford. This assistance was just what we needed. Thank You!" OM is giving HPOE in the name of Jesus.

Yours as ever running the race,

Dave and Pam

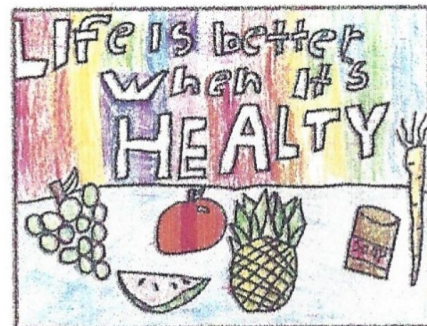


COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

MEMBER OF
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

May Food Bank figures: 42 lbs of food delivered to the Food Bank and \$1,058.00 collected to be split between the Green Valley and Amado Food Banks. Keep up the good work.

The need is ongoing, and your participation is greatly appreciated.



Genesis House & Hands of a Friend

By Pat Nau

Mission Committee for Hands of a Friend

The Executive Director of Hands of a Friend, Colleen Hanson, came to our last Mission meeting. She explained in clear detail the activities and functions of Genesis House in Green Valley. It is a domestic shelter for dangerously abused children and women. Not like other temporary shelters, Genesis House allows residents to stay up to 2 years. Abused women can apply to enter the home and will be screened through interviews by the director.



Sometimes friends, relatives, hospitals and law enforcement will recommend a woman in need of help. Women residents are encouraged to attend classes to enhance their self-concept and gain skills to become a wage earner. Counseling is offered for all women. A new house manager has been hired who has experience in marriage and family counseling and trauma treatment.

Hands of a Friend does not receive Federal or State aid so it is not required to follow Government restrictions. Funding comes through grants.



Hands of a Friend runs the thrift store DaZee's, which sells gently used donated items, providing funds for the Genesis House.

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Submitted by Kay Brouwer

These 18 months of COVID have given St. Andrew's Children's Clinic many challenges, but the smiles of children that have benefited from the past Cleft Palate and Cleft Lip Mission trips inspire them to move forward and come back better and stronger. After having to cancel last year's Mission trip to Hermosillo, they have found creative ways to keep serving their new and previous patients and prepare them for this year's Mission trips. At the end of September, a number of pre-selected babies and very young children will go to Hermosillo for first-time surgery for cleft lip/cleft palate. At the first of November, toddlers will go for their second surgery. 25 children will go on each one of these clinics this year. This is a great start for opening of St. Andrews' Children's Clinic services after Covid held them back. Laura Romero and the St. Andrews' staff express sincere thanks for the prayers, concerns and support of the Valley Presbyterian Church.



Medical Minute:

Sunscreens break down in the hot Arizona sun. Re-apply sunscreen at least every 90 minutes

Painting the Church

For a time it seemed Valley Presbyterian was marked with Petroglyphs, but these were only the many stucco cracks being filled before painting.



From Tower peaks to Columbarium the whole exterior was painted in May and June 2021. While many questioned what color blue was used on the domes, that is actually oxidation from the copper roof tiles. While Dave Appleton describes the 2' x 2' Copper tiles originally installed glimmered in the sunlight, just as they describe on The Antiques Roadshow, we are not supposed to remove or clean the oxidation off, as that would damage the metal surface.

SUMMER VIEWING FROM THE VPC LIBRARY

Need something to while away the hot hours? Try one of our DVD series.
You will get hooked on these choices.

- ♦ A.D.: The Bible Continues (DVD 791.45 A)
- ♦ All Creatures Great and Small (DVD 791.45 ALL)
- ♦ Band of Brothers (DVD 791.45 BAN)
- ♦ Call the Midwife (DVD 791.45 CAL)
- ♦ Cranford. (DVD 791.45 CRA)
- ♦ Downton Abbey (DVD 791.45 DOW)
- ♦ Home Fires (DVD 791.45 HOM)
- ♦ I, Claudius (DVD 791.45 I)
- ♦ The Ladies No.1 Detective Agency (DVD 791.45 LAD)
- ♦ The Queen (DVD 791.45 QUE)
- ♦ The Roosevelts (DVD 791.45 ROO)



SCRIPTURES, SERMONS AND HYMNS

July 4 COMMUNION
2 Samuel 5:1-10 Mark 6: 1-13
My Country, 'tis of Thee
Lift Every Voice and Sing
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Sermon: Honor and Dishonor

July 11
Amos 7: 7-15 Mark 6: 12-16
What A Friend We have in Jesus
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Sermon: Not A Prophet

July 18
Mark 6: 30-56
Place
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Great is Thy Faithfulness
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Sermon: Come to A Quiet

July 25

Pastor Diane Preaching

August 1 COMMUNION
John 6: 24-35
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table
For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Sermon: Bread of Heaven

August 8, 15, 22

Pastor Diane Preaching





July 2021

happy birthday



Emilee Erickson	07/01
Rev. Craig J Lindsey	07/02
Arleen Boyuls	07/05
Ross Bright	07/05
Donald Bahnick	07/06
Daniel Gnau	07/06
Ruth Deobler	* 07/07
Barbara Beyer	07/09
Mary Ann Johnson	07/10
Ann Bont	07/11
Donald Brooks	07/12
Shirley Younker	07/15
Lorna Kitchak	07/15
Paula Chervenka	07/15
Julie Pryor	07/15
William Woodrow	07/16
Ellen Entwistle	07/16
Howard Brown	07/17





- ** indicates age over 100**
- indicates age in their 90's**

John Miller	07/18
Leah Bohor	07/19
Verla B. Bakker	07/19
Doris Steffy	* 07/20
Carolyn Hill	07/20
Elizabeth Phillips	* 07/21
Marilyn Walters	* 07/21
Ruth Ann Ball	07/22
Marian Coberly	07/24
Roy Romstad	07/24
Evelyn Kelley	** 07/26
Phyllis Moore	* 07/26
Carole Green	07/29
Kay Brouwer	07/29
Janice McGuire	07/31
Barbara Jeane West	07/31

Stephen Ministry

"I had so little time when I used to be the one [doing for others], but that changed with age. With that, I never had the time or energy to be much of a doer. But I have had the time to be a good listener!"

--

Grace, age 84



As we age, time may seem to fly by faster, but we gain time to simply be with others in deeply nourishing ways. We give a true gift in being fully present... As we attend to another's troubles, our memories of facing similar challenges often come to mind...guiding us in making supportive comments...empathizing without offering unwanted advice. Attentive listening is a gift given without strings attached. In listening attentively to others, we embody how God is fully present to us. **

There is no age limit or age requirement for being a good listener or a Stephen Minister! (But you do need to be able to drive a car to visit your care receiver and attend classes and support groups!)

"You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger."

--

James 1:19

As we reemerge together as a fellowship family, pray about whether God may be calling you to be a good listener/Stephen Minister. We will be having a new training class beginning in January 2022. It is not too early to begin the process of applying for the class. We already have 2 people accepted into the class! *We're praying for a class of 6-8.* After praying and hearing God's call, *please contact Patti Bright (520-305-3275) for an application* or if you have questions.

If you need someone to listen to you, please contact Peggi Briggs (520-965-9203) or John Agner (206-910-6357) to receive a Stephen Minister.

**Excerpted from Still Praying after All These Years by Susan Carol Scott



Parish Nurse



Caring for those in our congregation

Faith & Health/Parish Nurse News July 2021

Blood pressure screening will be by individual appointment.
Blood pressure screening clinic may resume in the fall.

Connections, during this time, are also essential for those to receive socialization and to know others care. Keep communications with friends, neighbors, and family during this time. Please let us know any concerns or needs that we may be able to help with.



Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy.
We are hopeful for exercise programs to resume and/or start here at VPC.

Cardio-drumming will hopefully begin in the fall as a once a week exercise program for health, stress, and balance.

By My Side, a support and uplifting chorus, uses the irrepressible power of singing to move people with Alzheimer's (or other dementia diagnosis) and their care partners to rediscover themselves, make new friends, laugh together, learn together, empower and support, and create something unique together. The priority is to engage and embrace people with Alzheimer's/dementia and their care partners who live at home and who have fewer opportunities to socialize and contribute. We are hopeful that this chorus can begin again in the fall.

Also in the fall, we are planning a fall prevention workshop, and educational health presentation and a local authority presentation.

We will continue to update you. Please watch the E-blasts for more information.

Patio Sale News

We, the Amigos, frequently get asked how we're doing. Are we making money? How do we keep track of our expenses and income? Where do we stand year-to-date? Well let's see if we can shed some light on this subject by first acknowledging that we can always do a better job of reporting our YTD Patio Sale (PS) expenses and resulting income for all to see.



Before looking at where we are in 2021, it needs to be noted that the PS is a year-around activity from January through December filled with income and expenses each and every month. The final net results are not known until the books are closed at year-end. It is from the net profits achieved **each year** that are given in support of the Mission Committee's recommended recipients, as endorsed by the Finance Committee and approved by Session, for the **next calendar year**.

Typically we have a large March sale with a smaller Holiday Sale in November and a lot of miscellaneous sales in between, whose expenses occur throughout the year. The financial accounting for all this activity is inputted by the Church Bookkeeper, using sign-off and approval procedures. All is input into the Church's standard accounting format that we can report out YTD results whenever requested.

So, here we are YTD. Going forward we plan to use this format to report our progress throughout the year. Your questions and suggestions are welcomed.

Richard Christensen, Amigo
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Notes from the Music Team

Let the planning commence!

Thought I would share a bit of what I have been working on in preparation for September! Please understand that times and days are still being finalized. Information will be available as soon as all is confirmed and on the calendar!



- Choir practices will begin in September. We will now be practicing on Wednesdays!
(If you are interested in joining our Choir, please contact me via email at jamie@valleypres.net.)
- Choir will join our Sunday services in October.
- Bells will begin in October. We will now be practicing on Wednesdays!
(If you are interested in joining Bells, please contact me via email at jamie@valleypres.net.)
- Music In The Valley Concert Series will begin in October/November and will continue for 5-6 months. The only concert I can announce at this time is our amazing choir will be giving a December Christmas Concert.

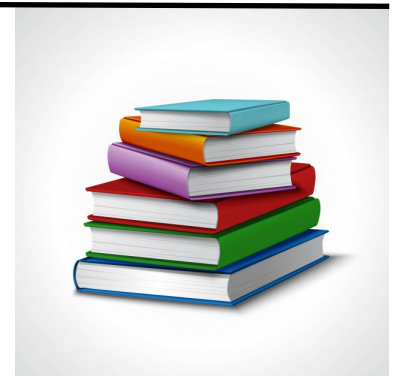
Thank YOU for your constant support and patience as I put the finishing touches on our year!

On a personal note, starting July 25 I have been invited to Music Direct in Okoboji, Iowa. This is a beautiful opportunity and requirement to add to my professional development for the University of Arizona. I will be in Iowa for 3 weeks and will be back on August 22.

Happy July!
Jamie J

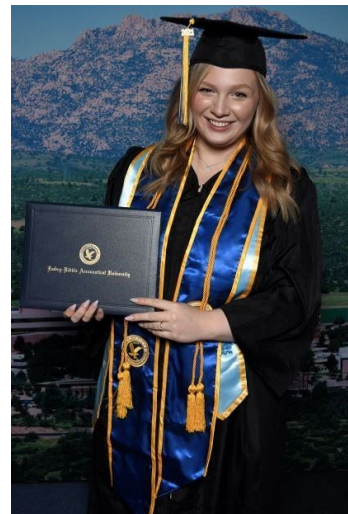
Valley Readers

Join us on July 26 at 2pm -sharing books from Cynthia Krantz's vast collection.
If you did not choose a book, please see Anne Morrison on a Sunday morning.



Larry DeLong Memorial Scholarship News

Emillee Erickson, one of our Scholarship students and daughter of our Parish Nurse Chris Erickson, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a B.S. in Industrial & Organizational Psychology. She has accepted a job offer with Family Health Centers of San Diego and now resides in Descanso, California. Emillee writes, " I am truly blessed to have received scholarship support from Valley Presbyterian Church ... Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to further my education and pursue my career."



New Members Welcomed in June



Linda Walter



Les Walter



Sylvia Landry



Bud Landry



Bill Sproul



Lon Main



Ellen Entwistle



Bill Entwistle