

Valley Voice

What frightens you?

What makes you worried... what frightens you? Snakes? Spiders? Heights? Surgery?

Our fears can tell us a lot about ourselves, if we can settle down enough to examine them calmly (tough to do when a baby rattlesnake is playing a very pointed tune just a few feet away). What is it about a snake that's scary? After all, it's just being what it's meant to be, right?

For many of us, the problem is, at root, being faced with either certainty or uncertainty. Will the snake strike? Don't know. Will the shot hurt? Yes, probably - no matter what the doctor says.

Jesus told his disciples not to fear or let their hearts be troubled. The Latin word for "heart," *cor*, is the root of our word *courage*, and courage is the center of the word *encouragement*. Jesus is encouraging his disciples, giving them heart, giving them strength to face both the unknown (what will happen to us when you're gone, Jesus?) and the known (we're all going to die if we follow you to Jerusalem...).

We know so much, and don't know even more. But at the core, the heart, of God's Word to us, is this: God is here, God is real, and God cares about you.

This month, we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit and real presence of God in every minute of our existence. May you know this truth in your soul.

Peace,




Rev. Lawrence R. DeLong, Pastor

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Special Congregational Meeting, May 19

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for May 19, immediately following worship, for the following business: To elect three Ruling Elders to fill unexpired terms in each class; and to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE COMING... In an effort to better meet the needs of our congregation during the summer, on May 5th we will shift to ONE Sunday Service of Worship at **10:00 a.m.**

Thanks for your understanding, and see you in church!

Why does evil prosper?

As I write this, it has been one week since the Boston bombings. The question that comes to my mind and to many others is, "Why does evil prosper?" It certainly has been like that this past year with mass shootings and now bombings. Why does it seem as if evil wins out?

It turns out this is an ancient question. The authors of the Psalms did not hesitate to question God on this one:

Psalm 73:3, 12 "For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked...this is what the wicked are like – always carefree, they increase in wealth."

Psalm 10:5 "[the wicked man's] ways are always prosperous."

Psalm 94:3 "How long will the wicked, O Lord, how long will the wicked be jubilant?"

If you read the verses around these passages, one gets a description of their evil ways: they crush the people; they slay the widow and the foreigner; they murder the fatherless; their mouths are full of curses and lies and threats.

God does give answers. Maybe not the ones we are looking for, but answers nonetheless: evil ones will get their due; they will be cut off from God, and "those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land and enjoy great peace."

The Sunday after the bombings, a CNN reporter was interviewing a pastor. The reporter asked the pastor, "What do you tell your people about evil? What comfort do you give them?" The pastor said, "I can't speak to evil, but I do know that out of the evil act good rises up and takes over."

Continue in the good acts, my friends, for they will win over evil.

Blessings,



Rev. Diane Christopher, Associate Pastor for Education & Outreach

Christian Education Grow Your Soul!

Providing a wide variety of ways to draw ever closer to God and to strengthen your spiritual growth and life in the Lord.

Pick up a brochure from the Christian Education (CE) Kiosk describing all of the classes and activities to be offered during the second quarter of 2013. Here is a list of just SOME of these offerings:

- ◆ *The Will of God class* –
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ *Fridays with Larry* – every Friday
at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ *Movie Ministry* – Tuesday, May
21, at 1:30 p.m. (monthly
through September)
- ◆ *Men's Weekday Bible Studies*
(details on page 4)
- ◆ And more!

**Join in a study and
grow your soul.**

**Coming
in June**

Proverbs: How to Honor God and Play Well with Others

4 Mondays June 3 – June 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Led by Linda Freeman

The book of Proverbs is so much more than a collection of simple sayings such as "spare the rod and spoil the child." It is a book that helps us put God first in our life by giving us colorful and "real" situations.

This four-week study will include lessons around: words as powerful tools; why be wise; people can be trouble; and why not be lazy.

This class welcomes everyone; you need not be a member of (or attend) Valley Presbyterian! Come and delve into an often overlooked book of the Bible.

The Will of God Class

5-week class begins Wed., May 1; 1:00 p.m.

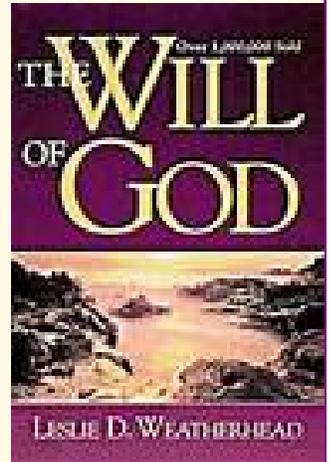
Led by Dr. Grant Stitt

What is God’s will? In the Old Testament we read stories describing bad events as God’s punishment to the Hebrews... is that how we, as Christians, should view bad events? In WWII London, Leslie Weatherhead was a pastor who preached 5 sermons under this title that have been collected into a book.

Our class will read and discuss this book, and explore our loving God and God’s will for human beings. We will discuss how God is a God of grace who resides with us at all times and works within the activities of our lives and the world to overcome the evils we do to ourselves and all of God’s creations.

The book is available at the Christian Ed Kiosk.

Grant has led numerous classes examining spiritual growth.



The Source in May (and a 5th Wednesday “Surprise!”)

The Source follows a rotating schedule of a variety of worship. But when we have a 5th Wednesday, a surprise is in order!

May has 5 Wednesdays, and we have a real treat for you on this 5th Wednesday of May: Celtic Music.

Joel Pierce has put together a Celtic group to lead us in this form of music originating from Ireland and Scotland. This service will be largely music interspersed with Celtic prayers and litanies.

- May 1 Taize Worship (meditative worship with piano and flute)
- May 8 Evening Vespers and Prayer
- May 15 Healing and Hope (anointing of oil and prayer)
- May 22 Praise (Contemporary worship with praise band)
- May 29 Celtic Worship (Celtic music with harp, flute and violin)

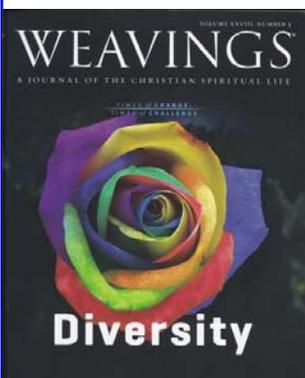
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Please join other adults for the Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study. They are using materials from “The Present Word.” All adults are welcome to join any or all of our classes.

The class meets in Classroom 1 approximately 10 to 15 minutes after the close of the 8:30 a.m. worship service (for about 45 minutes).

Please join the class as they discuss these passages and how to apply the Biblical truths to each of our lives.

Weavings Group



The second WEAVINGS JOURNAL for 2013 is entitled “Diversity.”

We will be discussing essays that follow the theme: “Can we take as one of our most important missions not to convert, but to learn from other religious traditions and paths, and understand that deep listening to another – with an open mind – must be a fundamental spiritual practice?”

If you do not have your own subscription, five copies of this issue will be in the rack in the church library for your use. Please return the copy after you have read it for others to use.

We will meet on Friday, May 17, from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Sweet Family Room.

If you have questions, please contact Patty Smith at patriciasmith896@cox.net, or call 399-3084.

Men's Weekday Bible Studies

There are two church-sponsored men's groups that meet during the week that would be glad for you to join them.

The first one meets on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. They are currently finishing the study of the book *How to Finish the Christian Life* by Donald and George Sweeting. By May they should be into a new, yet to be determined book. A group of six to ten men meet at the Old Chicago Deli in the Green Valley Mall for one hour. The group meets for study, fellowship, and food. Dave Tompkins is the leader (399-3500).

The second group, with about four to ten men, meets Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. This group meets at the church for one hour in the Sweet Family Room. The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (777-8027) but focuses on group discussion. They have just begun a new study on the Gospel of Luke using the NavPress study guide. Lessons are self-contained so feel free to join the group at any time.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Tuesday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m.

The merry month of May is a good time for a picnic! Join Women's Ministries for the May Gathering on May 21 at 11:30. We will have a "Teddy Bear Picnic" with oven fried chicken, potato salad, Boston baked beans and watermelon.

The program will be presented by a representative of the Sheriff's Department discussing their project of presenting Teddy Bears to children who are in crisis situations. Our Presby Gift for May will be Teddy Bears which will go to the Sheriff's Department.

Make your reservations (\$9) on May 12 or 19 at the Women's Ministries table. We will be installing the officers for the coming year as well. This will be our last Gathering until next fall.



PRESBY GIFT FOR MAY: Teddy Bears

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

In 1922 the Women of the Presbyterian Church began collecting a birthday offering to give to a specific need each year. The Women's Ministries of Valley Presbyterian Church participates in this offering and this year we collected \$593!

When the collections from all around the country are put together, we can help support God's ministry in a very positive way. In 2012, three projects were supported and each of them received \$200,000. That money supported a project in Arkansas to train people to install solar projects, an orphanage in Romania, and a home in Atlanta that provides safe refuge for victims of sex trafficking.

In 2013, only one project has been selected and that is the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, located in eastside Indianapolis. They provide afterschool programs, a pre-school, and adult services. They have a food pantry, soup kitchen, mentoring services and a health clinic during food pantry hours. Many of these activities are in partnership with other organizations in the area. They are under the umbrella of Whitewater Valley Presbytery and they work in response to Paul's call to "get to know, understand, encourage and empower our neighbors."

THANK YOU TO EACH WOMAN WHO PARTICIPATED AT OUR MARCH GATHERING!

Outreach
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Have you lived wisely?

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TABLE GRACES & BENEDICTIONS

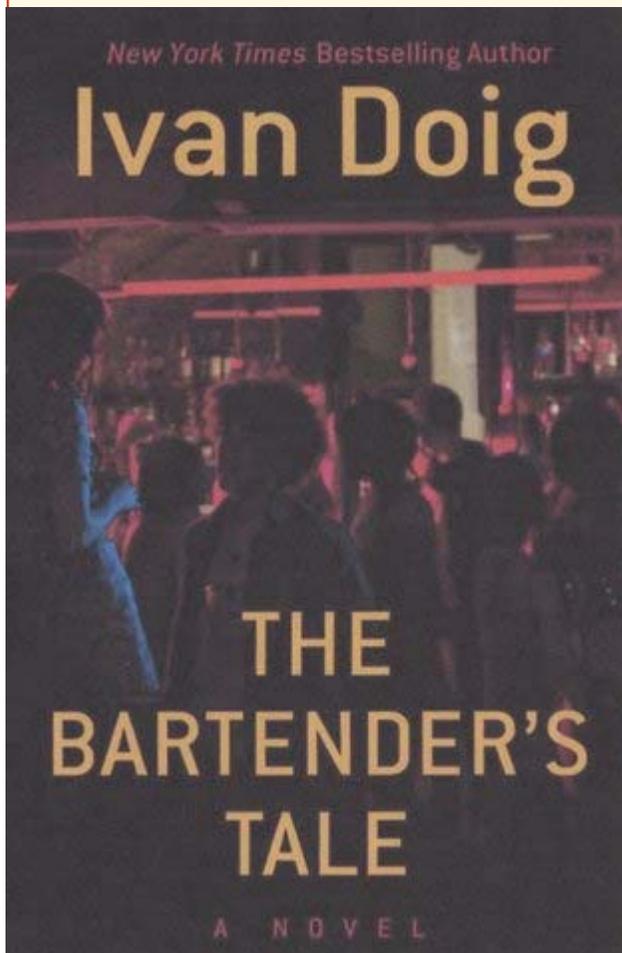
Have you ever been asked to say the blessing before a meal or to offer a prayer at the closing of a meeting? Sometimes we are at a loss for words. The VPC Library has several books for you to use to prepare yourself for just such an occasion. Check these out...

- ◆ ***Benedictions: a pocket resource.*** Robert Vasholz. (242.8 V44)
- ◆ ***100 graces: mealtime blessings.*** Marcia Kelly. (204 K28)
- ◆ ***Graces: prayers and poems for everyday meals and special occasions.*** June Cotner. (204 C82)
- ◆ ***Saying grace: blessings for the family table.*** (204 Sa9)

Valley Readers

Monday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.

THE BARTENDER'S TALE by Ivan Doig. He is a great American storyteller who writes about a one-of-a-kind father and his precocious son who are rocked by a time of change.



Tom Harry has a streak of frost in his pompadour and a venerable bar called The Medicine Lodge, the chief watering hole and last refuge of the town of Gros Venture in northern Montana. Tom also has a son named Rusty, an "accident between the sheets" whose mother deserted them years ago. The pair makes an odd kind of family, with the bar their true home, but they manage just fine.

...Until the summer of 1960, that is, when Rusty turns twelve. Change arrives with gale force, in the person of Proxy, a taxi dancer who Tom knew back when, and her beatnik daughter, Francine. Is Francine, as Proxy claims, the unsuspected legacy of her and Tom's past? Without a doubt she is an unsettling gust of the future, upending every certainty in Rusty's life and generating a mist of passion and pretense that seems to obscure everyone's vision but his own.

As Rusty struggles to decipher the oddities of adult behavior and the mysteries build toward a reckoning, Ivan Doig wonderfully captures how the world becomes bigger and the past becomes more complex in the last moments of childhood.

Phyllis Nutting will be our discussion leader. We will meet on Monday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

If you have any questions, please call Anne Morrison at 399-0762.

Please join us!

Summer Donations for Our Community Food Banks

For the Mission Committee by Janice Potter

Summer is almost upon us and many families will find their budgets stretched when their children are not in school where they qualify for government free lunches. Families turn to the community food banks to supplement their food supply. The food banks turn to the community to help keep the shelves stocked.

In Green Valley one-third of regular contributors and volunteers are out of town in the summer months at a time when the need is high. Those of us who remain are called upon to fill that need. Valley Presbyterian Church supports two local food banks, Amado and Green Valley/Sahuarita.

Last year we visited the Amado Food Bank and saw the challenges that food banks face. This year the Mission Committee has arranged a visit to the Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank on Thursday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m. It will be about 35 minutes in length and you will follow the same shopping path the clients follow. This food bank is unique in their distribution of food, which they refer to as "client choice."

Join us at the church where we will leave VPC parking lot at 12:45 or meet us at the Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank at 250 E Continental #101, just east of Abrego. What you learn there can lead to one more strong voice working for our community food banks.

Watch for more information about this tour in your church bulletin.

MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS

The Medical Team needs more volunteers. At each of the Sunday services and selected other services we try to have a medically-trained person on call to help anyone in attendance who needs assistance.

In recent years our team has lost a number of members because of health and age issues, and we are in urgent need of more volunteers if we are to continue the program.

Anyone with medical training or experience will be welcome.

If you can join us, please contact Tom Purdon, Parker Long, Carolyn Sittnick (393-0809) or the church office (625-5023).

Take a Moment to Consider...

(From the VPC Foundation)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)

The Lord is a great provider and has blessed us with abundance. When the people of Israel prayed for a leader, he sent Moses. When his people needed water in the desert, he caused it to spring forth from a rock. When his people needed food in the wilderness, he provided manna. When his people needed a Savior, he provided his son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins.

God is faithful still and provides us with all that we truly need. As followers of Christ, we are entrusted with gifts we can use to strengthen his kingdom on earth. Let us rejoice in this privilege, seeking always to use his gifts wisely.

The VPC Foundation is available to discuss gifts and legacies with you and help you discern how your gifts will strengthen Christ's ministry in our church. Together, our faith will allow future generations to live in the abundance of God's blessings.

For more information, please call Tom Purdon at 648-7080.

A gentle reminder:

On May 5th, we'll return to one combined service of worship on Sundays, at 10 a.m. (note: a half-hour later than in the past few years).

Until December, we'll enjoy worship as one congregation, one family in Christ; a wonderful thing indeed!

However, you may arrive at church on Sunday morning to find someone already sitting in YOUR favorite pew! What a great opportunity to graciously introduce yourself to someone with whom you already share something in common! Perhaps you can sit with that person, or have a little adventure: investigate a different perspective on worship from another part of the sanctuary!

Hopefully, you will enjoy the service just as much from another spot.



Ministry of Hospitality

Yes, there is a Membership Committee and, yes, the people who occupy the Welcome Centers and the Visitors' Corner are on the front lines of hospitality and welcoming.

However, everyone in the congregation on a Sunday morning has an important role to play in our Ministry of Hospitality.

Visitors should play their part by filling out and putting on a visitors tag. But they usually won't. So when you see someone without a name tag, be bold and brave and ask if they are visitors. If so, offer to walk with them to the Visitors' Corner (middle door out of the sanctuary by the smiley face) and the Visitors' Corner hosts will be happy to take it from there.

P.S.....Yes, sometimes when you ask a person without a name tag if they are a visitor, you might be told "why I've been a member here for 20 years!" So there is a moral to that story... **wear your name tag and make everyone's life a little easier. Besides, it's the friendly thing to do!**

A Gift from the Mission Quilting Group

For Women's Ministries by Joan Bolin

Our photo shows twins Jan Sullivan and Joan Bolin presenting twin-size quilts they made to Gina and Lupita who are accepting them on behalf of Crossroads Mission in Nogales, Arizona. The quilts will be used at the Mission's Women's Shelter. Gina and Lupita are Crossroads employees who are in charge of the work done in the Mission's kitchen and dining room.

What fun it is for VPC's Mission Quilting Group to make baby quilts and, on request, make twin-size quilts. Come and join us on the first Monday of the month and help us make a quilt for someone in need.



Pastoral Care

Parish Nurse News

Weight bearing exercises for strong bones here at VPC:

◆ **Chair Exercises:** As we age, we normally lose some of our balance – do you want to improve your balance? Try Chair Exercise Class right here at VPC. Chair exercise classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10 -11 AM. Fee: \$25.00/month if attending three times a week, \$20.00 per month if attending twice a week. For further information or to register contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

◆ **Tai Chi** has been recognized to improve balance, flexibility, and muscle strength. It is recognized by several organizations for an exercise program that is included in fall prevention. Tai Chi classes are on Mondays at 2:30 PM. Fee: \$2.00 per class to instructor. For more information contact instructor Roger Ederle at 399-0166.

◆ Do you know what your **blood pressure** is? When have you last had it checked? Blood pressure screening will be on **Sunday, May 26**, in the Sweet Family Room at 11 a.m. after the worship service. You may also have your blood pressure taken on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 11 a.m. with the Parish Nurse. The Faith and Health Committee will be handing out our new wallet-size medical history record with every blood pressure screening.

◆ **Alzheimer's Support and Education** program continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room. For more information

or registration, contact Debra Anderson at the Alzheimer's Association at 520-322-6601.

◆ **Healing Meals**—Please contact the church or Chris Erickson (401-2307) if you know of someone that may need this meal.

◆ **Parkinson's support & exercise** meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m.

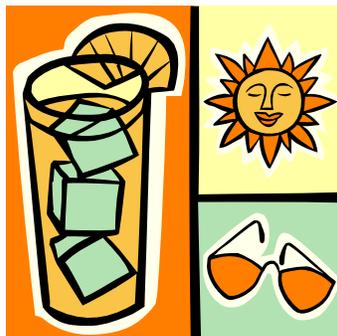
◆ **Future educational Health, Wellness, and Planning Events...**
[Mark your calendar now!](#)

◆ **Planning Ahead:** Tuesday, October 29, at 1 p.m. and (repeated) Thursday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. Will discuss advance directives, aging concerns, and planning ahead.

◆ **Your Voyage thru Healthcare:** Tuesday, January 21, 2014, topics about navigating the healthcare system

◆ And we are planning a **program for end of life issues** with a nationally-known speaker on October 17.

Medical Minute for May: The BIG heat is coming... Wear light-weight, light-colored clothes. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. Eat small meals and eat more often - foods that are high in protein can increase metabolic heat. Stay hydrated!



To Friends and Family of Active Military Personnel

By Laurel Erickson for Prayer Ministry

Do you know someone on active military duty who needs prayer?

Is there someone who should be moved from our "active duty" prayer list to our "continuing" prayer (not in crisis) list?

Prayer Ministry Group requests help in updating our list of people in the military that you would like remembered in our weekly prayers.

To let us know:

Please note the information on a blue prayer request card from the pew rack and place in the Sunday collection plate, or...

Call the church office (625-5023) or Betty Singleton (393-0788).

Thank you. We respect your confidence.

Military Ministry

By Cal Judson, Mission Chair

We have a soldier who has recently been deployed to Afghanistan. Please send a letter to him and keep on sending for the next twelve months. It only takes a regular 1st class stamp to send it.

By the way, his birthday is July 17th.

Thank you for this Mission.

Joshua R. Lyon
SOTF-E/AOB3320
Camp Montrond, BAF
APO, AE 09354

Pastoral Care

Something New
Coming for Youth at
VPC...

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

We will be having a monthly Sunday evening youth group meeting this summer, starting in June and continuing through September.

We plan to break into two groups by age to discuss the topics listed below.

Come join the fun and invite a friend for: group activities, learning, peer discussion, picnics/barbeque, and fun day retreats.

Following are some of the topics we will be discussing:

For the younger group (1st grade thru 5th grade):

Guide to Friendships

For the older group (6th grade thru high school):

Walking the Peer Pressure Mile

Abstinence

Drugs & Addictions

Look for our information table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays during the month of May for more information and to register (no charge).



Attention, Kids of all ages:

What do crafts and songs have in common with camping, learning bible stories, nature, animals, snacks, and games?

Yes, you guessed it –

Vacation Bible School!

It's time for God's Backyard Bible Camp Under the Sun, where kids have a blast serving Jesus, our VBS at Valley Presbyterian Church (coming soon - in July).

Join us in our great nature adventures:

**Backyard Bible Club,
Clothesline Creations,
Backyard Bash,
Community Corner, and
Backyard Food and Fun.**

More information to come in next month's Valley Voice.

Serve Family,
Serve Friends,
Serve Neighbors,
Serve Community,
and Serve Jesus

Come visit God's Backyard Bible Camp!

Adults: Watch for information in our Fellowship Hall each Sunday starting in May for ways to volunteer in this great adventure and for registration forms for children or grandchildren.



Continuing Education

Our May Stephen Ministry Continuing Education programs are open to all the congregation:

May 10—we all are facing the loss of many friends and family and feel the question, “What do I say to one who is grieving?” The founder of Stephen Ministry, Ken Hauck, has written a wonderful book, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. This will be discussed at our continuing education on May 10. All are invited to come and learn.

May 24—Dawn Hopkinson will present information about the LifeLegacy Foundation, a leading nonprofit research organ and tissue bank. Anyone interested in learning more about organ donation not associated with transplants is welcome to attend this continuing education program.



News of Note

by Kay Albrecht



It's that time of year when our "winter guest" choir members return to their "other" homes for several months. We want to thank them for their contributions to our Music Ministry during their time in Green Valley, wish them safe travels, a healthy and happy time away, and assure them that we look forward to their return to us next Fall/Winter.

Starting May 5 through November, VPC will have one Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir, made up of our "year 'round" dedicated members, will sing every Sunday.



Words fail me when I try to express the love, admiration, respect and gratitude I feel for our wonderful choir members. How very blessed VPC is to have a choir who WANTS to sing all year 'round!

I feel the following prayer expresses how we view our Music Ministry as we share our gifts every Sunday:

The Musicians' Prayer

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name.

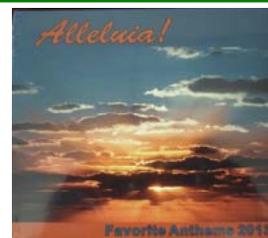
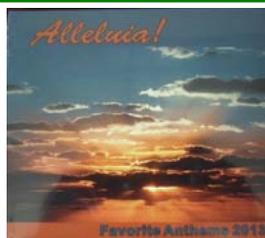
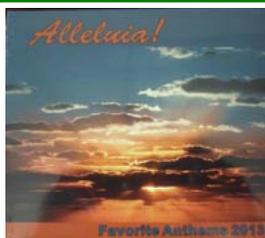
***May the talents that you have bestowed upon us
be used to serve and honor you.***

***Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love,
and remind us that you are always watching and listening,
from your throne above.***

***May your presence and beauty be found in every note,
and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people,
that they would be drawn closer to you.***

***May your Spirit guide us through every measure
so that we might become instruments of your peace,
and proclaim your glory with glad voices.***

**FAVORITE ANTHEMS CONCERT CD \$10
available now in Fellowship Hall & Church Office**



Living Well, Managing Well

Ellen and Dave Van Arsdale encourage Presbyterians to consider attending the course they are teaching at Ghost Ranch during the week of June 3-9, 2013. The course reflects their many years of experience in caregiving and support of seniors and is entitled: ***Facing Life's Changing Issues for Seniors ... Living Well, Managing Well***. The audience for this class includes senior adults, about to be seniors, and seminary students who want to know more about members in their future congregations.

Ghost Ranch is an awesomely beautiful conference setting in Abiquiu, New Mexico. In the red rocks after leaving Santa Fe about an hour northwest you enter the landscape of vast vistas, table-topped mesas, tall cliffs, winding rivers bordered by huge old cottonwood trees, mountains in the distance and more and more beauty around every bend in the winding road. "It is not a country of light on things," said Georgia O'Keeffe. "It is a country of things in light."

This class will explore issues of

- ◆ Staying healthy and Active... what do I need to do?
- ◆ What exercise can I do in my home to stay healthy?
- ◆ What questions should I ask about retirement living?
- ◆ What is Assisted Living and when should I go?
- ◆ How do I manage my meds and changes in healthcare?
- ◆ Hospice... what is it and when is it used?
- ◆ What is a Fiduciary (and other family concerns)?
- ◆ When do I give up driving?
- ◆ Where do I find joy for the days left?
- ◆ What forms should I complete and getting my affairs in order?
- ◆ How do I grow spiritually when everything else is falling apart?



Go on line (www.ghost ranch.org) and register for "Aging Well: Facing Life's Changes" (\$365.00) or give them a call at 877-804-4678. If you have questions about the course, please email the Van Arsdales at dlv2013@cox.net or call 505-685-4333, ext. 4152.

You Can Help!

VPC Mission Committee reports that Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has suffered a great loss recently, having been struck by a tornado. The good news is that the church is structurally sound, but it will require much in the way of repairs. A roof over their heads will no doubt be an early necessity to limit further degradation in their rainy climate area.

Friends of Valley Presbyterian have offered a challenge contribution and have agreed to match other gifts to the \$1,000 they have committed to giving.

The Mission Committee encourages your participation during the next four weeks.

Contact Cal Judson (520-269-7192 or 2morgen@cox.net) for more information.



May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5</p> <p>8:15a Sanctuary Choir practice 8:45a Adult Bible Study 9:45a Childcare-Nursery 10:00a Service of Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a Mission Quilts 10:00a Chair Exercise 10:00a Read the Bible for Life 2:30p Tai Chi class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Men's Bible Study Group 8:30a WM Coordinating Team 9:00a NOC Leadership Team 9:30a Prayer Group 10:00a Circle Bible Study Ldrs 4:00p Kettle Dinner Comm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:30a Valley Writing Group 10:00a Chair Exercise 10:00a Stewardship Committee 1:00p The Will of God class 1:30p Membership/Outreach 5:00p The Source</p>	<p>2 <i>Nat'l Day of Prayer</i></p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:30a Pastoral Care 1:00p Alzheimer's Support 2:00p Communion La Joya 3:00p Communion Silver Spgs</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Ministry of Presence 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:00p Fridays with Larry</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 <i>Just Coffee</i></p> <p>8:15a Sanctuary Choir practice 8:45a Adult Bible Study 9:45a Childcare-Nursery 10:00a Service of Worship 10:15a Children's Program</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 10:00a Chair Exercise 10:00a Read the Bible for Life 2:30p Tai Chi class</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Mission Committee 9:15a Julia Circle 9:30a Prayer Group 1:30p La Posada Circle</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:15a Crossroads Mission 9:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a Session Council Comm 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:00p The Will of God class 5:00p The Source 7:00p Deacons</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Patrio Sale Sorting & Marking 1:00p Alzheimer's Support</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Grief Ministry Team 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a Weavings Group 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:00p Fridays with Larry</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <i>Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:15a Sanctuary Choir practice 8:45a Adult Bible Study 9:45a Childcare-Nursery 10:00a Service of Worship 10:15a Children's Program 11:00a Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:30p Valley Readers 2:30p Tai Chi class 6:30p Ruth Circle</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:30a Prayer Group 11:30a WM Gathering- Teddy Bear Picnic 1:30p Movie Ministry: <i>Darling Companion</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a Worship Committee 10:00a Chair Exercise class 1:00p The Will of God class 5:00p The Source</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 1:00p GV/Sahuarita Food Bank tour—Mission Comm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a SM Continuing Ed 10:00a SM Peer Review 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:00p Fridays with Larry</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <i>Trinity Sunday</i></p> <p>8:15a Sanctuary Choir practice 8:45a Adult Bible Study 9:45a Childcare-Nursery 10:00a Service of Worship 10:15a Children's Program 10:45a Blood Pressure Screen</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day—Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 8:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Creative Hands 9:30a Prayer Group 4:00p Personnel Committee</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Men's Bible Study Group 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 10:00a Chair Exercise class 1:00p The Will of God class 5:00p The Source</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 10:00a Chair Exercise 1:00p Fridays with Larry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Parkinson's Exercise 9:00a SM Continuing Ed 10:00a Chair Exercise 10:00a SM Peer Review 11:00a Stephen Leaders 1:00p Fridays with Larry</p>

May Birthdays

1
Lavonne Bartelt
Debra Brackey
Barbara Dittmer
Martha Jump
Ruth Morris

2
Ben Coppock
Betty Vergine

3
Mac McConnell
Bill McGrath
George Smith
Marion Wolfe

4
Janet Fitch
Marilyn Jameson

5
Jim Bruner
Shirley Cowie

6
Robb Baerman
Walter Bean
Peggi Briggs
Rod Lichtenberger
JoAnne Reed

7
Norman Benson
Keith Davidson
Bob Hedden
Geege Whitehead

8
Ann Bryant
Janet H. Fitch
Jean Fredrickson

9
Bill Scott

10
Joan McCormick
Kathryn Pardun
Richard Pawlowski

11
Kenneth Hazen

12
Dorothy Barker
Lois Kress
Chris Moon
Ann Stockdale

13
Gloria Anson
Annamae Buchholtz
Barbara Cummings
Vinny Reed

14
Helen Fankhauser

15
Louise Ehinger

17
Gordon Gray
Margaret Robb
Norm TenBrink
Don Younker

18
Pat Stevenson
Patricia Turner
Jack Wilson

19
Kris McGrath
Dorothy Moon
Mancel Page

20
Bob Broshar
Ginny Donald
Martha Miner
Etta Stratton

21
Nancy Beckman
Patti Bright
Dick Hejduk

22
Jan Agner

23
Barbara Case
Robert Dierken
Jo Gibson
George Higginson
Eva Kreisher

24
Doris Cissel
Patti Fitzgibbons
Janet Wagner

25
Ardith Nelson
Betty Nelson
Dorothy Sturz

26
Jack Nilsson
Linda Pigman
Linda Walter

27
Ginger Brown
Bob Eckles
Jan Panhuis
Nila Riddle

28
Lois Blacker
June Kinzer
Wanita Marshall
Jeanne Truitt

29
Carolyn Ireland
Betty Patton
Carolyn Rose

30
Parkie Copeland
Ellie Higginson
Juliet Miller
Jean Reid
Dean Runkle

31
Joyce Arnold
Katherina Harder
Vern Mackie

MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 27



Community Food Bank

The Food Bank is able to purchase \$9 worth of food for every \$1 you donate. If you prefer to donate with other VPC members, please make your check payable to VPC (memo field: Community Food Banks), and the amount will be shown on your annual church giving statement.

If you prefer to donate food items which gives receivers more choices, please check "Needs List" that is posted on our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Canned meat (chicken or tuna), macaroni & cheese, juice, peanut butter, small bags of rice and dried beans, canned fruit and tomato products are high on the list... and don't forget baby food and pet food are needed at the food banks. (For distribution Food banks can accept canned food up to 1 year past date on can.)

VPC monthly donation day is the first Sunday of every month, but you may drop off food items directly at the Green Valley Food Bank at 250 East Continental Road, or Amado Food Bank at 28720 S Nogales Hwy, Amado (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.).

Next monthly collection at VPC: May 5

Introducing Peggy Ackerman, Office Manager

Peggy is newly relocated to Arizona but is not new to Valley Presbyterian Church. Daughter of Al and Lyn Ackerman, long-time members of VPC, Peggy has many fond memories of watching the church being built and then expand, as she attended many VPC services when home visiting her parents.

Born in Texas and raised in New England, Peggy returned to Texas to get her undergraduate degree at Texas Tech University and then completed her Masters degree at the University of New Mexico.

Following in her parents' footsteps of working in the airline industry, after college she joined United Airlines in New York and then went on to spend 32 years working in various leadership positions and residing in many cities across the United States and around the globe. The majority of her airline career was in airport operations where she was General Manager and Customer Service Manager in Seattle, New Orleans, and Monterey, California.

Peggy loves to travel, but is happy to have her feet firmly on the ground now in Arizona. She is excited to join the VPC staff team, provide support to members and staff, and lend her assistance in helping the church achieve its goals and mission.



Introducing Gay Larson, Receptionist

Gay hails from the "Cornhusker" state of Nebraska, where she grew up in a small rural Presbyterian Church.

Her administrative experience has varied between corporate business, small business, a non-profit organization and a real estate office. Gay really enjoyed her time in the non-profit world and was hoping to find another position in a "caring" environment.

When the receptionist position became available at Valley Presbyterian Church, she jumped at the chance to return to a caring environment based on religious faith.

She hopes she brings "sunshine" to the people that walk through the office door at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Gay and her husband, Kirby, have called Green Valley home for two years and are enjoying the desert experience.

Writing Group Meets May 1

VPC writing group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Robe Room. The topic will be "**Wonder.**" Write anything you would like on this topic.

First-timers are always welcome. We marvel at the growth of each member's writing, and at the gift we receive as we listen to each other read and receive positive feedback and support.



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Rev. Lawrence R. DeLong, Pastor
Rev. Diane Christopher, Associate
Pastor for Education and Outreach
Rev. Joe Hawkins, Pastor Emeritus
Mary Beth McSwain, Hospital Visitor

Mission Statement

*To know Christ and
make Him known
through word and deed.*

Join Us In Worship!

Traditional Worship Service

Childcare Provided

Sundays

**May 5—November 24, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

**December 1—April 27
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

The Source Worship Service

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion Celebrated
1st Sunday each month

The Valley Voice newsletter is published the first day of each month for the members and friends of Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S Camino del Sol, Green Valley AZ 85622.

Articles may be submitted for consideration to Georgia Puttock in the church office in writing before the 15th of the month by US mail, in print or by email to gputtock@valleypres.net.

It is helpful to have articles as email. Submitted articles may be edited for style and length.

A church transformed

By Chris Erickson for Faith & Health Committee

Have you ever seen a church so full of children that you could barely walk through it? And if you have said yes, imagine that all of these children are in need of medical care. Take a tour of St. Andrew’s Clinic when you are able. Children come to St. Andrew’s to receive help with many medical concerns: those needing surgery for cleft lip/palate, those needing leg braces, wheelchairs, physical and speech therapy, due to cerebral palsy and other medical conditions, and those needing education and assistance with vision, hearing, nutrition... the list keeps growing.

The whole clinic is made up of volunteers. If a volunteer is unable to help, parts of the clinic cannot be done. Each department depends upon the professional volunteers that staff St. Andrew’s. The need is great. Once a month buses and vans of children and their families visit this church which is transformed into a clinic.

The Faith and Health Committee of Valley Presbyterian Church went on a tour of this most unbelievable clinic the beginning of April. Our tour guide was one of our own committee members, Phyllis Camp. We have seen by the accounts of videos, tour guides, and volunteers that the lives of these children in need are forever changed. The experience left us in awe that truly God’s work is being done here.

(Items that St. Andrew’s clinic may need are: children’s eye glass frames, hearing aids, blenders, strollers, diapers, and also certain nutritional items. A complete list of current needs can be found on their website: www.standrewsclinic.org. Donation items may be dropped off at their office in Green Valley, but please call them first at 648-3242.)

Let us pray for healing and strength not only for those who may need medical attention, no matter what age they are, child or adult, but also the families of those individuals, as when one is affected by medical concerns, illnesses, diseases, or surgeries, it will affect the entire family.

Let our prayers touch those in our congregation, our community, our country, especially Boston and Texas this last month, and in our world. Pray for those special volunteers who reach out in so many areas and ways in our communities, doing God’s work every day.



PROMOTED TO GLORY



March 31	Donald Reimer	survived by Donna Reimer
April 1	Betty Walker	survived by Martin Walker
April 3	John Schultz	
April 19	Tom Arnold	survived by Joyce Arnold

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Sunday
Service of Worship
10:00 a.m.
starting May 5

Deacons' Food Bank Score Card April

Cash (at Deacon's Collection point)	Year To Date	\$736
Groceries	99 pounds	Year To Date 401 pounds

Next Deacon's Food Bank Collection: May 5, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Pima County Environmental Services sends thanks to VPC for "hosting" their March 23rd Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. They report an 11% increase in collection of hazardous waste (23,208 pounds) and a 12% increase in electronic recycling (6,200 pounds). 865 vehicles brought waste for 1,012 households.

New Look to Our Website

If you have visited our website lately, you have noticed a new look. We hope you will find it easy to navigate and that it provides information you find useful. We have even more plans for the site in the coming months, so check back often to see what is new.

Thank you for your patience while we do our very best to communicate with the people of our congregation, the community, and beyond.

Visit us at www.ValleyPresbyterian.net

FREE MOVIE — Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 p.m., Spiritual Life Center
DARLING COMPANION

In this feel-good movie, mother and daughter, Beth (Diane Keaton) and Grace (Elizabeth Moss), find a bedraggled dog on the side of the freeway. Taking it home and rescuing it, the dog helps Grace meet a man. Beth's husband, Joseph (Kevin Kline) hates the dog and this just might cause even more friction in their marriage. While at their remote cabin for a weekend wedding with family, Joseph loses the dog and Beth isn't going home until they find it. With help from their nephew, Joseph's sister, her new boyfriend, and their psychic gypsy maid, the family search high and low for the missing dog and in the process find that they also need to mend their own relationships.

This movie features love, dogs, weddings and a "chase" - and delivers a very enjoyable experience.

All is free, so bring a friend. See the movie together, enjoy free popcorn and drinks and stay for discussion afterward!



May Traditional Services of Worship

5/5	Larry DeLong	"No Problem" (Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15)
5/12	Diane Christopher	"The Case of the Faithful Senior Citizen" (Joshua 14:6-12)
5/19	Larry DeLong	Pentecost: "Fire and Water" (Acts 2:1-21)
5/26	Larry DeLong	"Gifts of the Spirit" (John 16:12-15)