VPC Mission Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026

Time: 8:45 AM
Location: Valley Presbyterian Church, Room 1
Chair: Doug Clark
Co-Chair: Ed Storey
Recording Secretary: Jan Schoeben

Members Present:
Maureen Brealey, Kay Brouwer, Doug Clark, Laurel Erickson, Jan Farrington, John and Judy Fenlason Geneva Halliday, Steve Hart, Kylene Joplin, Reed Olson, Linda Piotrowski, Monica Pataki, Jan Schoeben

Members Absent:
Judy Aguayo, Don Brooks, Mary Horn, Deb Jones

Bible study/reflections: Blood Doug Clark

What is blood and why is it called "lifeblood".? Human blood is the tool and fuel that powers a healthy life. Blood is an essential to keeping your body working. It carries oxygen and nutrients to your body's tissues, and it removes waste from your body. In the Bible, blood is also essential representing death, life, blessing, atonement, sacrifice, reconciliation (propitiation), remembrance and much more.

Blood in the Bible is "lifeblood" physically and spiritually for in God's eyes, blood is life and life is blood. Leviticus 17:14 (Contemporary English Version) [14] The life of every living creature is in its blood. That's why I have forbidden you to eat blood and why I have warned you that anyone who does will no longer belong to my people. It carries the implication that we must not consume the blood of even animals because their life blood is unequal to the life blood in the divine image, man. Remember in God's eyes blood is life and life is blood.

The messy significance of blood in the Bible begins with the bloodletting murder of Able by Cain and a curse. Genesis 4:10 (The Message) [10] God said, "What have you done! The voice of your brother's blood is calling to me from the ground. From now on you'll get nothing but curses from this ground;--- You'll be a homeless wanderer on Earth."

Later, blood become a blessing allowing life with the Passover. Exodus 12:13 (Amplified Bible) [13] The blood shall be a sign for you on [the doorposts of] the houses where you live; when I see the blood I shall pass over you, and no affliction shall happen to you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Blood is not only life, but blood becomes the symbol of atonement for the Israelites. In Leviticus17:11 (New International Version) [11] For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. (some translations use the word soul for life- blood is soul and soul is blood). God then describes how to atone for the sins of all the people. The Leviticus 16:15-16 (New International Version) [15] "He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. [16] In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. A second goat, the scapegoat, was selected, and the sins of the people were place on his head and set loose in the wilderness. The scapegoat foretells of Christ taking away our sins. Hebrews 10:3-4 (New International Version) [3] But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. [4] It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

At the time of Jesus, the Passover was the bloodiest celebration with the sacrifice of unblemished sheep. Each family unit offered the sheep as atonement for their sins. A single sheep has about 4 liters of blood. If at the Passover more than 150,000 people were present with 10 people per family unit, at least 15,000 sheep were sacrificed. The priests walked in blood from the massive sacrifice. The blood was then cleaned with water because of a unique drainage system. It is true that the Kidron brook ran red with blood.

The blood of Jesus says it all! John 1:29 (New International Version) [29] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! The sacrifice of the lamb of God satisfied God's need for propitiation for our sin.

Romans 3:25(Living Bible) [25] For God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us. He used Christ's blood and our faith as the means of saving us from his wrath. Jesus is our High Priest. Hebrews 9:12-15 (The Message) [11-15] But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"—the true Holy Place—once and for all. He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. ----Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God. and 1 John 2:2 (New International Version) [2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. The Jews who lived by Leviticus 17:14--- I have forbidden you to eat blood--- were taken back in disbelief with Jesus's statement. John 6:53 (New International Version) [53] Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Dam the Greek word for blood is by analogy, the juice of the grape. 1 Corinthians 11:25 (Living Bible) [25] In the same way, he took the cup of

wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new agreement between God and you that has been established and set in motion by my blood. Do this in remembrance of me whenever you drink it.” Blood in the Bible, represent death, life, blessing, atonement, sacrifice, reconciliation (propitiation), remembrance and much more.

Question: Do you appreciate the symbolism of wine (blood) in communion?

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Prayer Doug Clark
Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting was approved and submitted to Session.
Announcements: Thank you to all the mission members for their service! Return of Jody & John Fenlason. Doug Clark
Financial Report: Mission Budget Review- December 2025- Custodial Account- approximately $3,948.04. Steve Ginader attended meeting to discuss new financial format for 2026 and answer concern questions/ problems including monies not reported in budget data.
He explained that the 2026 financial report would have a slightly different appearance as there were some changes in how the finances would be reported. He indicated the report would be more inclusive therefore more accurate. He explained the Missions operating budget would be funded with the $120,000 from the Patio Sale and the General fund except for VP Women’s Quilters and Valley Galley which will be funded from the custodial account. Justo Coffee has its own Custodial Account monitored by Mission Committee. Mission funding from the Mission Operating Budget will be sent to the Missions in February, May, August and November. Funding from the custodial fund will be distributed as needed and may have carry over funds to next year. A monthly Transaction Report (pass through custodial account) will be generated to help mission representatives keep track of monies contributed to each mission and designated as pass through accounts. The 2500 financial report will be available when books are closed and in current format. Beginning in February we will have accurate information in new format for January. This is a new reporting system and hopefully we will be able to better understand it as we go thru the year.

Round Table Update Reminder: Each person with assigned Mission area should contact assigned agency/Missionary on a regular monthly basis for update and activity. If able or unable to attend meeting, please submit written update and email for committee to Doug Clark and minutes (jmschoeben@mac.com)
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Amado-GV Food Bank Kylene Joplin
December totals: 96 lbs. of food delivered and $1409.03 sent to be split between the G V and Amado Food Banks. 2025 totals: 798 pounds of food delivered and $15,959.50 split between the two Food Banks.

Casa Vida Nueva para Niños Reed Olson
On December 13th, Reed Olson escorted 26 people to Casa Vida Nueva para Niños (the orphanage) in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The people learned about the Home; were given a RISE

Scholastic Achievements presentation; saw the awarding of RISE T-shirts to new high school students; met the four college students; toured the facility; had lunch (one little boy gave the prayer); watched four dance performances from the children; then witnessed the children opening their Christmas gifts. And Valley Presbyterian Church's very own "Cookie Lady" also known as Valley Galley head cook, Maureen Brealey, made cookies for 31 children. Each one had the child's name on it – very special. It was a fabulous day. Reed Olson wanted to thank Dick Horn for the amazing work he did on the website as well as all he has done to help Valley Presbyterian. His skill and efforts are very much appreciated, and we would like to publicly thank him.

Julio Durazo, the Senior Administrator of New Life Church of God in Tucson, has retired. I have not met his replacement yet. Now I am getting ready for the March 28 Mission Breakfast.

Compañeros en Misión Jan Farrington

Leaders of the mission will attend the January Mission Breakfast with planned business meeting following the program.

Crossroad Nogales Mission Linda Kucera /Steve Hart

Linda Jorn, Jan Woerner, Gary McClellan, Maria Ramirez, Doug Clark, and myself went to Crossroads Mission and helped with the annual Christmas party serving 450+ children and adults. We supplied hams, food items, and many Christmas gifts for the children. I have made several trips to Nogales with clothing, toiletries, paper towels, etc. I spoke with Alejandra about possible funding of immediate projects. These include renovation of Men's Shower Room, Chapel Renovation, Upstairs Family Room Conversion, and Upstairs Bathrooms remodel.
I am still looking at used vans for Crossroads (already funded). I am working with Alejandra to obtain the needed nonprofit forms and necessary tax paperwork for VPC to not pay sales tax on the van. I will attend as a member of the Crossroads Board of Directors in February to better understand future needs.

Hands of a Friend Jan Farrington

Gina Dalsing, CEO, thanked VPC for the unexpected end of the year donation for Christmas at Genesis House The mothers and children staying at Genesis House were treated to wrapped presents courtesy of an anonymous donor and the office of Longs Realty. The children had a tree. After opening gifts, Gina Dalsing, CEO, and Alexa Delgado, executive director, made homemade tamales for everyone. They received a grant from White Elephant for a new refrigerator. They didn't report any special needs for this month.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Monica Pataki

The 63 shoeboxes donated at VPC were sent to children in the Philippines and 23 filled on line were distributed to children in other countries.

Operation Mobilization (Pam and Dave L) Doug Clark

Please pray for Iranian people in this time of revolt. OM continues to provide valuable resources to underground churches inside Iran. Nine new books in Farsi were smuggled into Iran and also distributed to 200 churches in Turkey. To disciple Iranian leaders over 60 Christian books have translated with distribution of over 100,000 hard copies and 1000s more by PDF and audio format. One person who read "Calvary Road" in Farsi said it was so helpful "to take up your cross and carry it. All Christians need to read this book and even pre-believercan find their calling"

Mission Quilts Patti Bright/Geneva Halliday
Delivered 90 quilts to Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales and had a tour in December. Talked to a number of the nurses there and suggested they use their discretion to distribute the quilts to needy mothers with newborns. Annual report states 257 quilts made and distributed with total worth of $8,580.

Native American Advancement Foundation (NAAF) Linda Piotrowski
NAAF in GUVO held several events for children, young people, and adults during the winter break. They consisted of Games and Strategies, Tonka (traditional, culturally significant game played by women and girls across O'odham communities, involving running and hitting a mesquite puck with bent sticks), a hot cocoa social (for adults and children), and a Reading Challenge with free books.
VPC members have been donating books for the NAAF Little Free Libraries. La Posada makes a book donation one a regular basis. A gentleman from the community who sews has donated sewn pajamas and dresses for preschoolers.

Posada Life Community Service Deb Jones
No Report

Presbyterian Campus Ministry Judy Aguayo
Lutheran Campus Ministries(LCM) Board Meeting met on 1/11/26. A search committee to fill the permanent position of director for LCM was discussed and approved. Several pastors have shown interest in the position. LCM-U of A plans a retreat in Sedona in March 2026 and continue their Feeding Our Neighbors Program. The Presbytery de Cristo and VPC partially fund this program for U of A students.

St Andrews Children's Clinic Kay Brouwer

1. The January clinic was held on the 8th and Kay did not attend. She will go to the next Clinic which will be February 5th. Jan Farrington, Kristine Sells and 2 friends will go with her on that date.
2. Laura had funds to pay 60 children to attend the December Clinic. She has a list of 100 children who need Mexican Passports and U.S. Visas in order to come to Clinic appointments.
3. The cost of those documents has not been set, but will probably be around $100. She had added 10 more children to the previous 30 who will get the Humanitarian Passes for

Clinic appointments. Laura will need funding for more Passports and Visas. She will contact Kay when she knows exact amount. She'll be meeting with the U.S. Consulate soon to get more information

4. Laura's surgery is scheduled for March 4. We'll keep her in our prayers.

Valley Galley Maureen Brealey

The Valley Galley Lunch Program was served on Friday January 9th, 2026. Menu was White Chicken Chili, corn muffins and gingerbread cake for dessert. 120 meals were prepared and served. 30 meals were delivered to Green Valley Food Bank and 90 meals were delivered to Valley Assistance Services. Total cost was $315. 87. Per person cost $2.63.

With the massive appeal for delivery drivers at VAS last month we were able to deliver all meals requested. Huge success!

I feel the Green Valley Food Bank will remain at about 30 meals and I don't expect the program to grow much at that location. Unfortunately, this is a timing issue. The food bank closes at noon. We are not able to prepare lunch and get there before 11:30. Even adding additional volunteers does not make the food cook faster. The food bank suggests the program happen on Tuesdays the only day they are open until 2 pm. However, in my personal life I'm not able to commit to the additional three days a month that adding a feeding program would require. The "husband person" objects to that. So in the interest of marital harmony, I can only offer one Valley Galley lunch program a month. Remember, the VG lunch program is every month year-round. That does not mean the Valley Galley isn't doing additional events. As a matter of fact, the VG will be offering a dinner to Sopori Elementary school in February. It is still my intent to bring the VG to as many of the Valley Presbyterian Mission projects as possible.

Valley Assistance Services Laurel Erickson

VAS is about to have a soft opening of the remodeled space that will provide Essential Pantry Services and their new Education Center. They will be able to operate 4 programs out of the space, 3 workforce development Programs that include Women's Workforce Development, Generational Workforce development, and SNAP CAN Workforce Development Program. They now qualify to provide workforce development to SNAP recipients . This program will enable SNAP Clients to continue their SNAP food stamp benefits.

VAS has applied for emergency funding from Pima County to help fill a small portion of the gap in housing and rental assistance cuts. This will not cover the total loss from the program. VAS is still applying for 3 to 4 grants per week trying to make up the differences.

VAS still needs drivers who would be willing to drive in Santa Cruz County food box deliveries for Valley Galley , errands, and more. The Green Valley Food Bank is asking that VAS start delivering food boxes in Santa Cruz County specifically in the Rio Rico north area. VAS provides mileage reimbursement. Please volunteer or encourage your friends to do so!

The housing, shelter, and utilities funding is still under water because of the cutbacks. Since October, calls numbering 125 a day have been coming, with exception being over Christmas, New years holiday. They expect more after the holidays.

A wonderful email from a pleased client, after receiving a Holiday food box and handmade gifts: " To your organization: , for not forgetting those who need support at this time. ! I cried after receiving a visit from Mrs. Santa , under the guise of Sharleen, with her bag of goodies for me, and I realized all the work involved for multiple folk , that has been long ongoing to make this possible! My appreciation is enormous, and when life is normal for me again, I hope to be able to contribute my time and energy to help others. Most sincerely..."

Thank you to VPC for continued great support . It is much appreciated. Reminder: Empty Bowls fundraiser is February 21.

Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program Ed Store
Mission Breakfast on 1/17/26 with guests .

Compañeros en Mision Tito Baroquez-Compañeros en Misión Board of Directors— Tito often preaches at La Iglesia Sol de Justícia Presbiteriana. Tito is in charge of Sunday school education for the adults and teaching doctrinal and theological material for them every Sunday. Jeny Pazos-Gonzalez- Board of Directors. Jeny, daughter of the late Pastor Pazos, continues to direct after school programs and summer bible school. She has the lead in following the paperwork, permits, etc. for the construction of the new community building. Josue Pazos-Communication facilitator for educational programs for La Iglesia Sol de Justicía. Gale Griffin- Board of Directors for Compañeros en Misión. Gale wrote the original grant to begin this ministry. Lucy Greenleaf-Board of Directors for Compañeros en Misión. Stephanie Mitchell-Treasurer, Board of Directors for Compañeros en Misión.

Presbytery de Christo Young Adult Volunteers

Rev. James Martin- Borderlands YAV Coordinator and Young Adult Volunteers Jay Stone and Olivia Phelps.There are 3 more who are not in attendance today

Youth On Their Own Mary Horn

1) YOTO's Spring Luncheon celebrating 40 years of service to youth in the Greater Tucson Metropolitan Area will be held Friday, March 6 at the Tucson Convention Center from 11 to 1. We are hoping to have two tables of 10 at this event. I plan to have a table in Charter Hall on three Sundays in February to sign people up: the 8th, the 15th and the 22nd. The cost is $60.00 per person: $20 is for the lunch, $40 is a tax-deductible contribution to YOTO.
2) Dick and I made a delivery to YOTO on Monday, January 5h with donations of food for the Mini-Mall, 82 cards of inspiration and 17 hours of Volunteer Hours.
3) Our next YOTO CARD MAKING will be held Wednesday, January 28th in Classroom 5 from 1-3:30.

Old Business
Mission Breakfast-

- November 15, 2025- In House Missions- Donations to VAS from Mission Breakfast offerings $565
- January 17, 2026- YAV-Ed Storey- Tickets and Tamales sales in process- sign up for needs of Mission Breakfast.
- February 14, 2026- Companeros en Misión- Jan Farrington
- March 28, 2026-Rise/Casa Vida Nueva-Reed Olson
- November 14, 2026-Croosroads Nogales Mission- Linda Kucera /Steve Hart

Noisy Offering-

- November 30,2025- YOT0- Mary Horn-Donations
- March 29,2026-NAAF
- June 28,2026- Compañeros en Misión
- August 30,2026-Presbyterian Campus Ministry
- November 29,2026-Posada Life Community Services

Old Business-
We should be considering and planning our requests for additional mission projects to all agencies for 2026

Mission Sunday has been moved to January 25,2026 with presentation of the Mission Outreach booklet 2026 and Mission Brochure.

Request for 990 income report for 2025 from all agencies (when available)

Maureen Brealy reported that the contribution drops- off problem (inadequate storage) and proposed cabinets was approved by Building and Grounds and sent to G&M for funding.

The story of our mission projects (60 seconds) during Sunday service. Two/ month signup sheet was tabled until input from Pastor Beaver

Name tags for mission agencies are available (Steve Hart, Jody & John Fenlason).

The presentation of the possible addition to Mission Committees of Frontera de Christo/ Mark & Miriam Adams by Tom Lobb was moved to the February meeting due to the extensive discussion on Financial reporting. Tom Lobb was present and graciously agreed to this.

Mission's brochure of mission programs (Ed Storey) for presentation at Mission Sunday, January 25, 2026, with Mission Outreach 2026 booklet.

Communicating to the congregation-articles in Eblasts- information to Ed Storey.
Voice articles- 8 or more / month goal- January (9) February (9) March (9) April (6) May (10) June (9) July (9) August (12) September(9) October (9) November(14) December(12) January (12)

New Business
Annual Report 2025 for review
Mission Committee 2026 Overview for review
Mission Giving Guidelines 2026-7 for review
Brainstorming
Prayer: Doug Clark
Adjourn: -Next meeting is February 13, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. Room 1