

# Valley Voice

## Installation

Temperatures are changing, snowbirds are returning, and we are in a season of thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 24, during the morning worship service, we will be receiving new members and commissioning our 2020 pledges of time, talents, and generosity. Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 p.m., will be our congregation's installation of our new Pastor. Somewhere there needs to be a cartoon of the delivery person unloading a carton with air-holes asking, "Where do you want the new pastor installed, and do you want 110 or 220 amp?"

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is the only church which elects, ordains, and installs our leadership. Truly, the only laypersons in the church are those who have never been ordained, because there is no distinction in ordination between pastors, ruling elders, and deacons. There are differences in responsibilities and job descriptions, but we answer exactly the same questions. The principle distinction is that ruling elders (Session members) and deacons, while ordained for life, are installed for three-year terms; whereas pastors are installed for as long as it is a good, healthy relationship for all involved. When I was first ordained, it was as a ruling and teaching elder, recognizing that since 1983 Presbyterian pastors have been members of Session, as well as the primary rabbi (teacher) of the congregation. At one point, we were called "Ministers of Word and Sacrament," and later, "Teaching Elders." As with the academic titles of Reverend and Doctor, what you call me does not matter, I am Craig, but I would not be a pastor if I were not your pastor of this congregation. Thank you for this call, and I hope you can join us in this celebration of the Presbytery.

Craig Lindsey

**BIG SALE** **FALL DECORATIONS**  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**  
**TREES and LIGHTS**

**FRIDAY - NOV. 22 8-1**

**SATURDAY - NOV. 23 8 - NOON**

**BAKE SALE**

 Valley Presbyterian Church  
(USA)  
*Oasis of Grace*

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## The Stranger Savior

It's been a long time a-comin'...a new Membership Committee has begun. Their purpose? The Membership Committee has the "active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ" (quote taken from *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase).

To invite, welcome, receive, and care for the stranger.

The Membership Committee has a challenge for all of us in order to help in this endeavor. Before I get to it, the Bible has a lot to say about the stranger.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible about stranger encounters comes from Abraham. Abraham was sitting outside his tent one day, and looking up, he saw three strangers approaching. Abraham ran to greet the three men and offered them water, a servant to wash their feet, a place to rest, and something to eat so they could be refreshed. A generous act of hospitality.

As a result, Abraham and his wife Sarah were blessed with the promise of a child. (Although, Sarah laughed in disbelief because she was past child-bearing age. How often do we deny God's blessings?)

Encountering the stranger theme runs throughout the Bible. God says to the Israelites: You were strangers in a strange land. Now that you know how that feels "you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

The great-grandmother of David (Ruth) was a stranger, an outsider, to the Jewish people.

Then, in Jesus, God becomes the stranger in our midst. And Jesus identifies himself in that way: "I was a stranger and you invited me in." (Matthew 25:35)

The stranger savior.

This is the God who, in Jesus Christ, welcomes and transforms us all so we are "no longer strangers and aliens" but "citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God."

The task of welcoming the stranger now comes to us. So here is your challenge from the Membership Committee: On Sundays, greet one person you don't know and have coffee with them in Fellowship Hall. That's it!

As it says in the Bible: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

You just never know.

Pastor Diane

## Rev. Diane Christopher Receives a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award

On September 23, at a Women's Ministries Gathering at La Posada, Pastor Diane was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by the women in our church. This award has only been given to 47 women since VPC was established 41 years ago. Along with a certificate, the honoree is given a silver pin which symbolizes the purposes of Presbyterian Women.

The Honorary Life Membership program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. The award is represented by a membership pin that is presented along with a personalized certificate. The Honorary Life Membership pin symbolizes values held dear by Presbyterian Women.



About the logo: The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.

### Taizé Worship

**First Wednesday of every month  
5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center**

Taizé worship was developed by a group of monks in the small village of Taizé, France. Every week, thousands of young people come and worship three times a day with the monks. This style of worship and its music are so popular that it has spread all over the world. If you have not experienced Taizé worship, please come for a service of beautiful music, candlelight, prayer, and scripture. The service is led by Wes, our Sunday morning organist/pianist.

### The Longest Night

**Friday, December 20 at 12:00 noon**



The Longest Night service will be held on December 20 at Noon. A light lunch will follow this beautiful service of hope, healing and prayer.

### Wednesdays in Advent

**December 4, 11, and 18**

Yes, the Christmas season is approaching. Advent is the time in December when we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Wednesdays in Advent will help us do so:

**5:00 p.m. Taizé Worship** in the Spiritual Life Center. Taizé is a simple worship service of quiet, candlelight, music and prayer.

**5:45 p.m. A simple meal** in the Fellowship Hall.

**6:15 p.m. Around the Table Devotions** on Christmas Spirituals.

Mark your calendars for a time of worship and fellowship around the table.



## Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C. Home for Children (Orphanage)

*To the world you may be one person, but to a child, you are the world.*

### November is “Sponsor a child for Christmas” month

**Deadline is Sunday, December 1**

**Also sign up for the next Christmas visit - December 14**

*Submitted by Reed Olson - Mission Committee*

Each Christmas, VPC coordinates a visit to the “Home for Children” in Nogales, Sonora, MX, providing gifts to 56 abused/abandon children and 10 adults who live in the “Home.” To participate, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall November 10, 17, 24 or December 1 and select your child/adult to sponsor. Each child can receive more than one sponsor. Donations up to \$40 per child allows us to purchase gifts for Santa to hand out during our December 14 visit. Christmas cards for each child/adult will be ready for you to sign as their “sponsor.”

Also sign-up for the trip to the Home on December 14 to witness the children opening their Christmas gifts. This is the biggest trip of the year – make sure you sign-up early to secure your seat. Help “make a difference” with these children – sponsor a child for Christmas and sign-up for the trip. If you cannot make the sign-up dates, contact Reed Olson at 520-576-8597.



**2018 Christmas Trip  
Santa's first visit**

### How To Sponsor

1. See Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall to select a child and/or adult to sponsor.
2. Sign their Christmas card. Pick-up a photo of the child/adult you sponsored and place it on your refrigerator for prayers.
3. On your check, write “Valley Presbyterian Church” then in the memo section write “Children Christmas Sponsor.” Place your donation in a filled out VPC envelope. On the envelope check “X” for the Special Gift box, then write: “Children Christmas Sponsor.” See example to the right.
4. You can sponsor more than one child. Also, children can have more than one sponsor.
5. See Reed in Fellowship Hall for details and to sign up for the trip.

Offerings & Gifts Pew Envelope	
Name	_____
Address	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Offering <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Gift: <b>Children Christmas Sponsor</b>	
Amount \$	_____
Date	_____



## Holiday Patio Sale Coming in November!

**Friday, November 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



Are you storing Christmas or Thanksgiving decorations that you never use? Are they taking up space in your closets or your garage? Now is the time to bring those that are still in good shape to the church so they can be sold at our annual Holiday Sale. We accept holiday-decorated dishes and glassware, holiday linens, wreaths, trees, tree decorations and lights, outdoor decorations, wrapping paper and ribbon – almost anything associated with the holidays.

### Holiday Sale Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help set up the sale on Wednesday, November 20, and Thursday, November 21, and to staff the tables and cashier positions during the sale. Put the dates on your calendar now, and then either leave your name at the office or contact Eloise Fredrickson (648-7317) or Lorna Kitchak (262-994-9508). You may also contact them for any questions you might have.



## Holiday Sale/Bake Sale

**Friday, November 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Come to the sale and shop, and have a bowl of soup and a goodie for lunch with us. Don't forget to bring in goodies for the bake sale going on during the Holiday Patio Sale. We are looking for candy, sweet breads, bars, cinnamon rolls, and holiday-themed cookies. Please bring these items to the church kitchen on Thursday, November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Eloise Fredrickson (648-7317) or Lorna Kitchak (262-994-9508) for questions about volunteering or about the sale itself. Contact Anne Morrison (399-0762) or Lois Macfarlane (625-7049) for questions about the bake sale.

## Help Needed Moving Holiday Sale Items from Storage to the Church

We need to bring the boxes for the Holiday Sale from storage to the church on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 19. If you are able to help with this task, be at the back parking lot of the church at 2:00 p.m. This should not take long.

## Patio Sale Dates for 2019

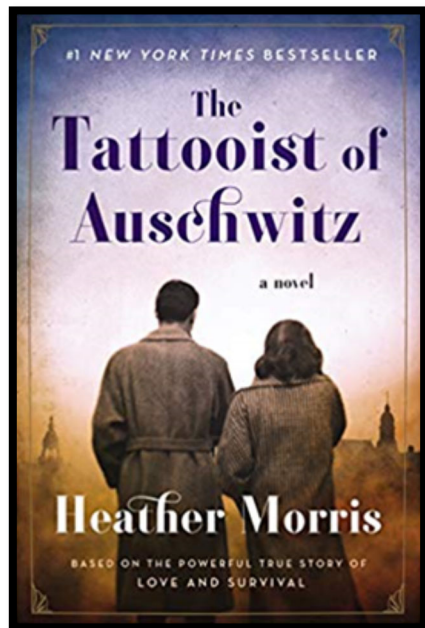
Sorting takes place on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

**Sorting:** November 7, December 19

**Holiday Sale:** November 22 & 23  
(set-up November 20-21)

## Valley Readers

Monday, November 25  
2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1



Based on real-life interviews, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, by Heather Morris, tells the fictionalized story of Ludwig Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps during WWII. Because of his ability to speak several languages Sokolov is assigned the job of tattooing the identification numbers on incoming prisoners. He witnesses horrific brutality but also much love and compassion, and often risks his own life to provide food for fellow prisoners using money and jewels of murdered Jews. Through his work he meets Gita, the woman he vows to marry. Discussion of this absorbing story will be led by Carol Wilking. Please contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

## Friendship Kettle Dinner

Sunday, November 17  
5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Dinner:** A delicious meal of turkey roulade with cranberry pecan stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, garden salad, and dessert will be served promptly at 5:00 p.m.

**Program:** At 6:00 p.m., join us in the sanctuary to enjoy the rousing sounds of the Scottish Highlands as more than a dozen bagpipers and drummers treat us to an evening of Scottish Pipe and Drum music.

**Tickets:** (\$13) will be on sale in Fellowship Hall prior to, and following, the services on Sundays, November 3 and 10.

**Volunteers:** The Kettle Dinner is in need of volunteers to help with serving. If you are interested and can help, please sign up when you purchase your tickets.

## Come to the Table

### Food, Fellowship, and a Celebration of God's Bounty

Tuesday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m.

*Submitted by Anne Morrison*

At the November 19 Women's Ministries Gathering, the annual Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering will be gathered and dedicated, just as it has been in November for many years. When we give our God-given gifts to address the needs of others, we are one in Christ. The 2019 Thank Offering grants will provide opportunities for the people they serve to grow in self-esteem, hope, freedom and economic stability. This one offering will lend a hand to the displaced, establish gardens to eliminate hunger, provide showers to the homeless, transport food to food banks, provide nutritious food to students on weekends, and help people with low incomes. The projects are granted both nationally and internationally. Please give with a joyful heart. Thank Offering envelopes will be available from your Circle Bible leader or at the Women's Ministries table. The program, ***Come to the Table***, will be presented by Anne Morrison. Please join us as we celebrate our gifts and traditions during this season of thanks.

## It's Time to Sign Up for Supper Clusters

*By Carmen Nylund, Organizer*



A new year for Supper Clusters will begin in January 2020 and it is time to sign up if you want to be part of one of these groups. Last year, 55 people participated and we formed seven Clusters. Feedback has been very positive and many of the groups will continue meeting through this December.

Supper Clusters are small groups of people (usually eight) who attend worship at VPC. "Clusters" may include VPC members, winter residents, regular attendees, couples, and singles. Groups are encouraged to get together once a month to share a meal, spend time with new friends and/or renew old friendships, and just spend time getting to know each other better.

You can sign up at the "Supper Cluster" table in Fellowship Hall or you can complete the form below and bring it (or mail it) to the church office. Sign-ups will continue through November and Clusters will be organized in December so you can start getting together in January. If you have questions, stop by the Supper Cluster table and we will be happy to chat with you.

### **SUPPER CLUSTER SIGN-UP FORM - 2020**

**(Please Print)**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ NEIGHBORHOOD \_\_\_\_\_

(Desert Hills, Quail Creek, e.g.)

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Full time resident? \_\_\_\_\_ Part time resident? (Please indicate months you are in GV)

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return the completed form to the church office or drop it by the Supper Cluster table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays.*



*Submitted by Kay Brouwer*

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse - to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. For over 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has been distributing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to 157 million children in over 150 countries! The aim is to make known, through children and their families, the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. For 15 years, Valley Presbyterian Church has been participating in this wonderful ministry.

Stop by our table on Sundays after worship to find out more and pick up a box to fill. We are just east of the kitchen. We can help you with suggestions for items to place in the boxes.

Boxes may be picked up on November 3 or 10 and must be returned on November 17 so they can be taken to the next collection point.

## **Fiesta Dinner for St. Andrew's Children's Clinic**

**Wednesday, November 16**

*Submitted by Kay Brouwer*

Get excited! Join the benefactors of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic at a Fiesta Dinner on November 16, at 4:00 P.M. at Sabbar Shriner's Center, 450 S. Tucson Blvd. in Tucson. This will be an evening with live mariachi, food, silent auction, and dancing. The event will be a great time and will benefit the children at The Clinic. Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. You can purchase tickets at St. Andrew's local office, 75 W. Calle de las Tiendas Suite 129B, Green Valley, AZ. 85614. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Yadelle Valencia at 520-648-3242 or email [celyislas@gmail.com](mailto:celyislas@gmail.com) or call Kay Brouwer, 573-552-2313.



## **Last Chance to Sign Up for Trip to St. Andrews**

**November 7**

*Submitted by Kay Brouwer*

Join our November 7 trip to see, firsthand, the wonderful mission happening in Nogales, Arizona at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The tour will start at 10:00 and will last about an hour. We'll eat lunch together after the tour. To sign up for this mission trip, come to the TV in Charter Hall (playing a St. Andrew's video) or contact Kay Brouwer 573-552-2313 or [kbrouwer1942@gmail.com](mailto:kbrouwer1942@gmail.com). Please consider joining us.

## **Crossroads Mission in Nogales, Arizona Clinic**

**Second and Third Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Nogales**

*Submitted by Joan Bolin*

Valley Presbyterian Church has designated the second and third Wednesdays of each month to travel to Crossroads Mission to prepare lunch for 50-70 people in the surrounding area that are in need of a meal. Four people are needed to prepare food each of those days. We meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and should be back to the church at about 12:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joan Bolin, 520-625-3654. Your volunteer help is needed and will be appreciated by the people we serve lunch to there.





## Spread the Warmth Campaign

*Submitted by Mary Horn - Mission Committee Liaison to Youth on Their Own*

CHRISTMAS EXCITEMENT has begun at Youth On Their Own. This month the "Spread the Warmth" Campaign begins. YOTO is planning to give each of their students (1,500 and counting) a PLUSH THROW and a \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE (Fry's, Safeway, Target, Walmart). Join our efforts at Valley Presbyterian Church to let these young people know we care about them.

Look for our table in Charter Hall where we will collect plush throws and gift cards on Sunday, November 10, 17, 24, and December 1. Hope to see you there!!



## News of Note



Greetings, Valley Presbyterian Family.

Since coming to Valley Pres., I have been continually amazed at the level of volunteerism present in this congregation. The hard work and dedication of so many selfless people inspire me.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight the work of just one group of such people, the volunteers of the church's music program. This group is made up of the choir, Orff group, soloists, handbell choir, Taizé singers, and others.

Volunteer musicians at VPC willingly give so much of their time, energy, emotions, and efforts to preparing for, and participating in, the leading of worship in our services. Counting rehearsal and worship time, an average choir member will give about 200 hours of themselves to the music program of VPC each year. Time commitments of the Orff and handbell participants are also incredibly generous, and some people take part in more than one of these programs.

So, Jamie and I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful musical volunteers at VPC, and to let you know that you are making a huge difference to us, your fellow parishioners, the worship of God at VPC, and the work of The Kingdom.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming, second installment in the Music in the Valley Concert Series. UofA's Symphony and Alumni Choir will be presenting a varied and exciting program at VPC on Friday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Please take a moment to thank one of our musical volunteers, they deserve it.

Many thanks,  
Wes Moulton



## Faith Formation

### Forming Your Faith: An Adult Sunday School Class

**8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5**

Start your Sunday mornings with study and conversation. The class discusses the sermon scriptures being read during the worship service that day. Be enriched as you hear how God speaks to others through the scriptures, and then hear the thoughts of the preacher of the day. This class is open to all, so please join us.

### Men's Weekday Bible Studies

**Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

***Two church-sponsored men's groups meet during the week,  
and they would be glad to have you join them!***

The first group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. They are now reviewing "Be Diligent," Warren Wiersbe's commentary on the Gospel of Mark. A group of six men meet in the Media Room of the Silver Springs Retirement Community for fellowship, study, and an all-around lively discussion. Anyone interested may join. Dave Tompkins is the leader (399-3500).

The second group, with about six to thirteen men attending each week, meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. They meet at the church for one hour in classroom 1. The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (777-8027), but focuses on group discussion. They use the NavPress Life Change Series study guide. They are studying Paul's letter to the Colossians. Join the group any time to participate in the discussion or just to listen. In either case, your presence will be welcomed. Lessons are self-contained so feel free to join the group when able.

### Exploring Membership Class

**Saturdays: November 2, 9, and 16**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5**

**(November 2 class starts at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast)**

It's not too late to register for the Membership Class.

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

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

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



## Faith Formation

### Turning the Gem

**Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5**  
**Your teacher: Pastor Diane Christopher**

Pastor Diane continues her "Gem" class on looking at the Bible in all its beauty, to discover its edges, layers and depths.

Each class is a unit on its own, so if you have not attended yet or have missed some classes, you will not be lost or behind. Drop in once a month, come every week, or come when you need a spiritual boost.

I have a passion and love for scripture. I hope you will be amazed and delighted and surprised as I have been by reading the Bible. Will you come dance with me?

### The Inquisitors

#### The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience

**Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1**












Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience," one of The Great Courses. Here, award-winning scholar and practicing neuroscientist, Dr. Andrew Newberg, Director of Research at the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, presents lectures that explore the new and exciting field of neurotheology, a discipline aimed at understanding the connections between our brains and different kinds of religious phenomena.

Questions addressed include, how do religious experiences originate? What is their meaning? And why does religion play such a huge role in human experience? In this captivating course, you will peer directly into the seat of all human thought and action as you experience a leading researcher delve into the relationship between brain function and spirituality.

Throughout The Spiritual Brain, Dr. Newberg examines not only the neural activity of the religious brain, but also the effects of various religious beliefs and practices on human mental and physical health. There are literally hundreds of studies that show religion has a measurable effect on health. Dr. Newberg evaluates fascinating research involving both believers and atheists showing the ways in which your beliefs actually determine how you rationalize - as well as mistake - the world around you. Join us for this fascinating course.

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed**

## November 2019













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Presence Study Exercise Class Gem Valley Stephen Leaders (SCVSM)  Sandi Olsen,	<b>7</b> 8:00 Patio Sale Sorting 9:00 Congregational Care Leaders 1:00 Worship Committee 1:00 Alzheimer's Association Support Group 2:15 Handbell Practice 3:45 Choir Practice  Mary Ruth Jaggard	<b>8</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Stephen Ministers Continuing Ed. 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Stephen Minister Peer Groups 11:00 Stephen Ministry Leadership 1:30 Inquisitors - The Spiritual Brain 3:00 Memorial Service for Helen Bertrand  Betty Chadwick, Frank Coggins, Brenda Hait, Milt Meigs	<b>9</b> 9:00 New Member Class  Bob Krantz, Evelyn McClenathan
Mission Lunch Prep Study Exercise Meeting Class  Gem  Donaldina Joung	<b>14</b> 9:00 Faith & Health Committee 1:00 Genealogical Society 1:00 Personnel Committee 2:15 Handbell Practice 3:45 Choir Practice	<b>15</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Parkinson's Board Meeting 1:30 Inquisitors - The Spiritual Brain 7:00 Music in the Valley  Hazel Kern	<b>16</b> 9:00 New Member Class  Bill Bond, Travis Sayre
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Study Exercise Class Gem YOTO  Jane Hilsenhoff	<b>28</b> 1:00 Thanksgiving Meal  Diane Christopher, Joan Du De Voire, Darlene Feil	<b>29</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Connie Conklin	<b>30</b>  Linda Romstad, Leilani Young



I read about an interesting new (this year) feature in Facebook, and I think it's worth sharing even if you don't use Facebook because the concept is something to think about and apply wherever possible. Facebook is now providing settings for you to control what happens to your Facebook page after you die. If you use Facebook, you've probably already seen alerts pop up on your feed telling you to wish someone a happy birthday, but unfortunately this can keep happening after a person is deceased. I've received these notifications for both of my in-laws and they've been gone for years. What's really horrible is that several of their Facebook friends continue to wish them a happy birthday with colorful, confetti-filled graphics, clearly not knowing they have passed away! Obviously those aren't coming from close friends, but rather casual acquaintances or previous co-workers, etc. who have no idea they've passed. Regardless of their good intentions, it's not fun, as a family member, to see those birthday wishes pop up on your feed year after year. There is a process for notifying Facebook when someone is deceased, but if no one notifies Facebook a page will continue to exist as if the person is alive, and those birthday notifications will go out to everyone on their friends list, and those birthday wishes will keep coming in.

Facebook's only option in the past was to notify them of the death (with documentation, like a death certificate) and they would delete the person's Facebook page. They later added an option to keep the page up, but label it as a tribute page (with the word "remembering" before the name) which allows friends and family to continue to share memories and write tributes, but blocks birthday notifications from going out (among other things, like suggesting them as a new friend). Now they offer another option. You can go into your own Facebook settings and look for Memorialization Settings. In this setting, you can tell Facebook you want your page deleted upon your death, or you can choose a person (also on Facebook) to be your "legacy contact," which will put them in charge of your profile when you die. Someone will still have to notify Facebook of your death (with documentation), but once that's done your legacy contact will have the authority to manage certain, limited aspects of your page, or they can choose to have it removed completely. They will NOT be able to log in as you, post as you, or see your private messages, and they will only have access after Facebook has verified you have passed away.

With all of the opportunities and benefits that come from social media, there also comes a number of problems. The death of the account holder and ongoing page activity is one such problem. It's good to see Facebook is providing a way to address it. I suspect other social media outlets have provided, or will provide, a similar feature. This is one more thing we can all do to plan for our passing and make things just a tiny bit easier on our surviving family members and friends.

Reminder: To receive the Valley Voice by email, or our weekly "e-blast" email, you can sign up by going to our website, [www.valleypres.net](http://www.valleypres.net), and clicking on the publication you want under the News & Events tab. Once there, you will see the sign-up form on the right side of the page.

## Please Help – Let Us Know!

If you know of a VPC neighbor or friend is in the hospital, or recovering at home, or needs some direct pastoral care and contact please let our office know! We would happily receive a hundred calls about one person rather than none. Keep in mind our pastors and staff have a lot on their minds on Sunday mornings so it's best if you call (625-5023) or email ([vpc-office@valleypres.net](mailto:vpc-office@valleypres.net)) the office rather than telling someone in person. Thank you!



## Donate to Our Mission Partners at No Cost to You

Arizona residents can donate to **Qualifying Charitable Organizations** and receive an offsetting credit on their state tax return. A married couple can donate up to **\$800** and an individual can donate up to **\$400**. And, your Arizona Charitable Tax Credit donation is **separate from and in addition to** the foster care and public and private school tax credits.

Several of our mission partners are considered to be **Qualifying Charitable Organizations** by the Arizona Department of Revenue. This means that we can give to these mission partners and receive a 100% credit against the Arizona tax liability we would otherwise have to pay. The amount of tax credit in any year cannot exceed \$400 for a single taxpayer and \$800 for a couple filing a joint return. It also cannot exceed your Arizona tax liability for a given year, though any excess can be carried over to be applied to a future year. You have up to April 15, 2020 to make a donation and claim the credit on either your 2019 or 2020 tax return.

The following VPC mission partners currently qualify for the tax credit:

- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, in both Amado and Green Valley
- Crossroads Mission in Nogales
- Hands of a Friend
- Valley Assistance Services
- Youth on their Own

VPC is a qualifying pass-through organization, which means you can make your donation check out to VPC and indicate on the check that the funds are to be passed on by VPC to the charity. This enhances the support of VPC to the mission partner.

The mission committee at VPC encourages any of us to who are Arizona residents to be sure we fully utilize this tax advantage to support the organizations listed above. Tax forms 301 and 321 are attached to your AZ tax return to claim this credit (see [www.azdor.gov](http://www.azdor.gov)).

## Hunger Walk

Our Hunger Walk was a fabulous success. VPC came in fourth place. We had 30 sponsors and raised over \$1,000. We also had 10 brave walkers. A special thanks to all that gave their time and contributions. It's always great helping those in need. Think about coming out next year.



## Financial Update

*Submitted by Annie Stitt*

(Based on financial data through September 2019)

The Finance Committee met on October 16 to review activity through September. As of September 30, the financials show that we are remaining in a positive position as we have been fortunate to report for each month of 2019.

When we look at budget-to-actual, the revenues exceed the year-to-date budget by 7.6% and expenses are under budget by 7%. This puts us significantly ahead of our budgeted year-to-date as shown below:

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues	\$563,644	\$515,756	(\$39,123)
Patio Sale transfers	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500	-0-
Expenses	<u>\$541,644</u>	<u>\$571,944</u>	<u>\$39,065</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 56,500</u>	<u>(\$ 21,688)</u>	<u>\$78,188</u>

The Finance Committee watches the results closely each month. The difference between this year-to-date and last year at this time shows that our bottom line for the year-to-date has improved by \$134,990. Our operating reserves stand at \$183,019. To date we have collected and paid \$8,764 (43.9%) of the Presbytery de Cristo assessed \$19,949 per capita. This is paid only as collected

All committees have submitted budget estimates as of our October meeting. We have compiled the results and will be giving Session an estimated expense budget at their October meeting to assist the Stewardship Committee in their fall campaign. We are confident that we have laid the groundwork for a successful 2020.

Thank you to all who are continuing to meet your pledge for 2019. We will be doing a follow-up reminder to those pledges that are behind by November 30. A sincere thank you to all for your continued support of Valley Presbyterian Church.

## Session Notes from September

*Submitted by Charlie Ashton, Clerk of Session*

- Approved the transfer of \$3,500 in undesignated funds from Gifts and Memorials to the Larry DeLong Scholarship Fund.
- Ratified an e-mail vote to approve Taizé Services on Wednesdays in Advent.
- Approved a request by Valley Assistance Services to hold a concert in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m., November 10, 2019, and to sell tickets for same after worship on the last two Sundays of October, and the first Sunday of November.
- Named Elders Liz Haynes and Marcia MacDonald as Commissioners for the October 12, 2019 Presbytery meeting at Globe.
- Approved a 2019 budget adjustment, reflecting a decrease of \$46,562 in personnel.

Have a question or concern? Please contact an Elder or Pastor.



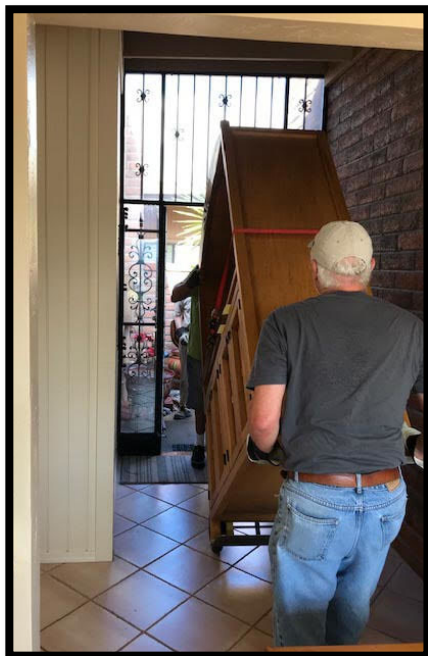
## Letter to VPC Patio Sale Drivers

I want to give a shout out of thanks to the great guys who pick up donations for the patio sale. I have been a member of VPC for many years and have never missed a patio sale, plus my husband and I have donated a lot of items.

My neighbor had to sell her home recently and return to Michigan urgently, due to her husband's health. At my suggestion, she called VPC and these three members of the patio sale crew picked up a lot of heavy furniture she donated, plus other items at her home, while I helped pack small odds and ends. This handsome crew deserves kudos for their energy and efficiency. They worked hard, all with smiles on their faces, doing God's work.

In the photos are Dave Tompkins, Tommy Thompson, and Skip Berry. Thanks, guys!

Marcia Koshollek



## More Blog Readers Wanted (\*14\* and Counting)

*Submitted by Doug Clark*

A blog reader 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 reading the real-life story of Bob and Kristi Rice, who share, on a weekly basis, the story of God working in their lives.

### **Nothing Leads to My Best Something!**

In Disney's Christopher Robin, Robin, the main character, finds himself pulled between his family and his job. His boss scolds him, telling him "Nothing leads to nothing," in essence saying, "get out there and do something if you want anything in life." In the continued verbiage of Robin's employer, Robin can either "sink or swim." The inimitable Winnie the Pooh, confidant and friend to Robin, later counters, "Nothing leads to my best something!"

These last six weeks have been filled with a lot of 'nothing' for Kristi and I after the skateboarding accident I sustained on August 10th. Of course that is not entirely true, I have been faithful to my physical therapy twice a day and the daily tasks of life take more time during this recovery period. But there have been large swathes of time to do 'nothing,' to just "be." I have spent hours in the sun-porch just looking out into the green space behind the home of Jim and Sherri Bertolet, my parents-in-law. We have been able to listen to baseball in the evenings, watch US Open tennis, watch movies, read books we have been chomping at the bit to read, spend time just chatting with neighbors, and take walks in the evenings as my



Rices at conference

hip slowly heals. I have been able to slow down to a pace where I don't have to always be concerned about what to do and where to be next. Of course I have not been totally freed from my spirit of "do-ism" and planning, nevertheless, I feel more able to relax and "free" as a result of this forced rest.--- For someone like me who too often feels driven to action, I feel like I am "seeing the light" afresh, that indeed, "Nothing leads to my best something." I am being confronted once more with the wisdom and truth that the notion of 'nothing leading to nothing' is a lie. --- For me, my accident was also a wake-up call. It was a reminder of my human frailty and, as a result of a broken hip and a broken elbow, a reminder of my dependency upon others around me, in this case for simple everyday tasks as simple as getting out of bed. Kristi and I have experienced a fresh appreciation for the gift of life and the simple pleasures of being able to move, walk, travel, and enjoy the outdoors. We trust that these weeks of 'nothing' and forced rest will indeed 'lead to our best something.' We do not know what that 'best something' is, but we trust that God has done something in us these six weeks which will prove profitable for His Kingdom here on earth.

Thank you for those of you who have prayed for us and encouraged us during this season. We appreciate the phone calls, the home visits, the meals, the cards in the mail, the emails, the puzzles, the movie recommendations, the Facebook posts, and the gifts sent. The words of the letter of the author to the Hebrews reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses as we run with perseverance the race marked out for us in Christ Jesus (Hebrews 12: 1).

Indeed, as Winnie the Pooh reminds us, our "Nothing leads to our best something!"

By God's mercy,  
Bob and Kristi Rice

*(continued on next page)*

**The Rice's will be at VPC November 2 for the Mission Breakfast and November 3 for a pulpit message.**

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 our missionaries, and let me know if you have joined the blog brigade by telling me in person, or emailing [douglasclark68@me.com](mailto:douglasclark68@me.com).

## Your generous support is such a blessing!

*Submitted by Regina Ford, Development Specialist, Posada Life Community Services*

The Valley Presbyterian Church is a lifeline to so many in the community. Thanks to a generous donation from the Valley Presbyterian Church Mission Committee to the Los Niños del Valle Preschool's Outdoor Classroom, young children are now engaged in creative artworks that will stimulate their imagination and their senses as they manipulate and experiment with products of the natural world - a true gift to children growing up in a digital world. Who knows, you could be helping to create the world's next artist, scientist or naturalist!



Valley Presbyterian Church is a rich part of the history of Posada Life Community Services (formerly Casa Community Services). We like to remind members of Valley Presbyterian Church who visit and tour our public programs, how instrumental your church was in creating this facility - a true gift to the Green Valley Community. Without Joe Hawkins, Joe Carroll, John Lendved, and many other members of your church, the land housing our not-for-profit would most likely still be a pecan grove. Your church came together back in the mid-1990s and set out to create a state-of-the-art, intergenerational day-care facility. It was the main mission of the church for several years as they spearheaded raising \$1,750,000 and made this dream a reality in 1997.

There is a plaque in the Posada Life Community Center next to the preschool honoring those people and organization that contributed to the facility.

What an amazing gift for so many children and the community over the last 22 years and many more years to come. You should be proud of the ministers and members of your church who not only dedicated themselves to make this all possible more than two decades ago, but who continue to support critical preschool education for generations to come.

We invite you to tour Posada Life Community Services, 780 S. Park Centre Ave. in Green Valley, and learn about our not-for-profit and all our services open to the public including: Adult Day Services, the Community Center, Behavioral Health Services, and Los Niños del Valle. Tours are provided the first and third Thursdays of every month. Call 393-6800 to make a reservation.



## Photos Found on our VPC Facebook Page

If you haven't liked our Facebook page you're missing out! You can find our page (and Like it) by going to [www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net) and clicking on the little white box with an "f" (found in the upper right corner of every page of our website).







## Operation Mobilisation (Pam and Dave L.)

Family update - Daughter Rachel, Joshua and Ayyah have been living with Pam and Dave for almost two years as they helped them get on their feet due to student loan debt. They have now moved into a new apartment. Rachel is working to complete her BA by 2020 and Ayyah is nine years old.

Son Justin and Koheun are newlyweds living in Seoul, Korea as they continue to make Christian videos for OM, etc. Koheun's visa is in process for USA visa status. Please pray for them all, for the Lord's hand to be on them, and to direct and lead them in His ways.



## Congregational Care

### Memory Loss and Dementia

*By Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson, RN, BA, CFCN*



Have you heard the phrase from Sir Norman Wisdom, "As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two." Sometimes Alzheimer's disease and dementia are much more than memory loss and they are no laughing matter.

Dementia is a kind of umbrella for Alzheimer's disease. There are many kinds of dementia, however Alzheimer's is the most common. Across the United States it is the sixth leading cause of death. In Arizona, it is number five. The numbers are growing across our nation with around 5.8 million having Alzheimer's disease in 2019.

How many of us have regular screenings? Do you know the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's? Do you know the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's? What can we do? Do we just call it a Green Valley moment? How do we care for those in our church? How do we care for the caregivers?

There are many questions. It is difficult for many to talk about this topic, and even more difficult to continue activities. Yet something in our memory holds on to music and art. At Valley Presbyterian Church, we are creating activities that may help those to remain engaged in community and in church. In the next few months, each Valley Voice article will discuss more about dementia, support, and resources, and what activities/workshops will be held.

Aging happens. Sometimes we cannot predict what may happen as we age. It is in God's hands. We need to ask ourselves if a certain disease or dementia happens to someone in our family, our loved ones, or us, do we let it define us? Do we let it destroy us? Or do we let it strengthen us?

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

## Medical Minute



Do you know the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's?



## Congregational Care

### Faith & Health and Parish Nurse News



**Blood Pressure Screenings:** You may have your blood pressure taken during the week, by appointment, with the Parish Nurse. **The next Sunday blood pressure screening will be on Sunday, November 24** right after Sunday worship services in the Sweet Family Room.

#### **Movement & Exercise Classes Here at VPC:**



- **Parkinson's Support/Exercise** meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 - 10 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.
- **Chair Exercise** classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

**Alzheimer's Support & Education at VPC:** The Alzheimer's support group continues to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Sweet Family Room. Support groups help us share feelings and concerns, and receive information. For more information, or to register, contact the Alzheimer's Association at (520) 322-6601.



**Healing Soup Meal:** Please contact the church office or Congregational Care leaders if you know of someone who may need this meal.

#### **What to watch for coming up:**

Dementia friendly activities  
Cardio-drumming

## Stephen Ministry

*Submitted by Helen Phillips*



**Who cares?** God cares. "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

#### **Why care?**

- Because I've been cared for
- Because of Jesus' commands
- Because we are Jesus' presence and body in the world today
- Because we glorify God

**When** have you been cared for in a special way?

**When** did you care for someone and were surprised at how you were blessed?

**When** you are hurting, who do you go to?

**What can you do?** One of the caring ministries in VPC is Stephen Ministry. We have many in our midst who need a listening ear and encouragement, but we need more Stephen Ministers. We will have a Stephen Ministry table set up on the Sundays in November. We will be looking for candidates for our training class starting in January. This is a good time for you to come and ask questions and to sign up for an interview. *Please pray to discern if this is where you are being called to care:*

God, you have blessed me in so many ways. Show me how I can share what I have - be it little or much - with another. Help me to carry their burdens, whether it be an attentive ear, compassionate silence, a touch of the hand, a smile filled with love, or a word of peace. Show me, Lord, who I can come alongside. May my hand be "God's hand for that person." \*





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### Pastors

Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey,  
Pastor/Head of Staff  
Rev. Diane Christopher,  
Pastor of Discipleship  
Rev. Joe Hawkins,  
Pastor Emeritus

### Mission Statement

*To make Christ known  
through reconciliation  
while communicating  
respect and love to all  
people.*

## Sunday Worship

### Traditional Service of Worship

9:30 a.m. in the VPC Sanctuary

Communion served on first Sunday of each month

November 3	Communion	Missionary Bob Rice
November 10	Sour Grapes and The New Covenant	Pastor-Elect Craig Lindsey
November 17	I AM about to Create New Heavens and a New Earth	Pastor-Elect Craig Lindsey
November 24	Woe to Shepherds who Destroy	Pastor-Elect Craig Lindsey

### La Joya at La Posada

9:00 a.m. at La Joya

Communion served on the first Sunday of each month

November 3	Rev. Diane Christopher and Rudy Sweisfurth
November 17	Gee-Gee Smith

### Special Events

November 24	3:00 p.m. Presbytery Installation of Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey as Pastor, Brad Munroe preaching on "A New Day"
November 28	1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Communion with Pastor Craig

## Thanksgiving Dinner at Valley Presbyterian Church

Thursday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Do you have plans for Thanksgiving dinner? If not, consider joining us at Valley Presbyterian in Fellowship Hall to enjoy good fellowship and a wonderful dinner. The menu follows:

A sign-up sheet for this event will be available in Fellowship Hall after service starting Sunday, November 10.

Roast Turkey	Pumpkin Pie	Apple Pie
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Stuffing	Coffee, Tea & Water
Vegetable	Sweet Potatoes	
Rolls & Butter	Cranberry Fluff Salad	

While there is no charge for the dinner, donations are always welcome. We do need to have attendees sign up so we can determine the amount of food we will prepare. If you cannot be in church to sign up you can call the office and give them your information. If you need a ride to and from this event please indicate this at sign-up time and provide your phone number and address. A sign-up sheet will also be available for volunteers willing to help with preparing, serving, clean-up or providing transportation for those needing it.

We will limit attendees to 175 so be sure and sign-up as soon as possible. The cut-off for signing up will be Sunday, November 24. We look forward to a good turnout, good food, and great fellowship!

Prayerfully yours, The Valley Galley Crew