# THE VALLEY VOICE

## VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2022



### **Thanksgiving**

Submitted by: Pastor Craig Lindsey

Is this really November? In the desert southwest, there are no maple trees turning orange and red. No threat of snow! No smell of autumn in the air. We are less aware of harvest festivals. In a community with few children, there is no Trick or Treat, or football games, and parades on television just are not the same.

In a recent sermon, Pastor Diane affirmed that we living in greater Green Valley are all "exiles." Everyone of us have come from somewhere else. Over years and experiences, living in this place, we make this "home." A part of the transformation of making a place home, is not only making renovations and finding furnishings, but claiming what we are thankful for! We share traditions of our pasts, we adopt indigenous ways that are new to us, and we create memories.

When the Lindseys lived in Wisconsin, that old German suburb annually celebrated "Totenfest". So, while Valley Church continues at the Winter Solstice to honor the Longest Night when individually we each lift up deaths and losses dear to us, now also in the Sunday nearest All Saints' Day we name those of this church, this communion, who have been resurrected in the last year.

We recognize the incredible ministries which have gone on for decades in Nogales and in Tucson. We as a church have not tried to reinvent the wheel, but to provide a place for Compañeros en Misión to honor the memories of the leaders who inspired their mission, and how we might assist them to add to their house of worship and Pastor's house, a new kitchen, dining hall and bathrooms for their ministry to persons trying to enter our country legally.

Exiles no longer! In Thanksgiving to Almighty God, Valley Presbyterian Church is our home!

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## **OUR MISSION**

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

The principles we will follow to accomplish this are:

- Worship that glorifies God.
- Growing our faith in love, hope and the peace of Christ.
  - Caring for the children of God.
  - Reaching out to the community and the world.
    - Seeking an attitude of servanthood.

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Pastor of Discipleship
Rev. Joe Hawkins,
Pastor Emeritus



Sunday Worship
Traditional Service of Worship
9:30 a.m.
Online and in Person
www.valleypresbyterian.net

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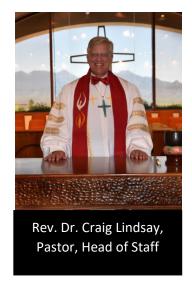
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

| Oct. 30 | Luke 19: 1-10 "Remorse or Righteous"                            | Pastor Craig |
|---------|---|--------------|
|         | All Saints Remembrance  |              |
|         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Noisy Offering for St. Andrews Clinic & |              |
|         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Gospel Sing                              |              |
| Nov. 6  | Luke 20: 27-38  | Pastor Craig |
|         | Veterans' Weekend, Communion                                    |              |
|         | Food Bank Sunday  |              |
| Nov. 13 | I Corinthians 15:58 "Nothing in Vain"                           | Pastor Diane |
|         | <b>Deacon Sunday &amp; Crossroads Mission Sunday</b>            |              |
| Nov. 20 | Luke 23: 33-43 Christ the King Sunday                           | Pastor Craig |
|         | <b>Congregational Meeting to elect Elders &amp; Deacons</b>     |              |
|         | YOTO Sunday   |              |
| Nov. 27 | Isaiah 2: 1-5 Advent I  | Pastor Craig |



## From Pastor Craig

The most marvelous thing occurred in our Monday Bible Study! We were reading the story of the Tower of Babel, a short paragraph familiar to almost all of us. But as we discussed this, we each found something different to catch our attention.

"Like most of Genesis, humanity tried to make itself like-God, and God frustrated them."

"I think the clue to this is in 'Bitumen'= TAR, after the flood, they built a tower taller than the depths of the flood and made their creation waterproof!"

"I think the clue is that humanity was supposed be expanding westward, and they decided to 'Settle'. I am not certain God ever wants us to settle."

"I always thought this was the story of where diverse languages came from, but the genealogy before this identifies the sons of Noah as becoming different tribes, races and having different languages."

"I thought the Tower of Babel was like a Stairway up to Heaven, but a man-made stairway."

"It seems to me, whenever humanity exercises its Free Will, God responds to them."

I believe this is marvelous, because all of us were right! There does not have to be one exclusive answer, so long as we all listen to one another. How different our world would be, if we respected one another enough to admit, I do not have all the answers and am willing to listen to what you have to say. The Bible does contain the truth, but there can be nuances where we each find ourselves different from everyone else.

We have been in the midst of our daily activities, accelerated by friends returning from summer vacations, when suddenly we are preparing for the Holiday Sale, the Congregational Meeting, New Members and Thanksgiving! There continues to be isolated cases of COVID19 so please take care of yourselves, but it is wonderful to be able to live and celebrate anew!

**Pastor Craig** 

#### From Pastor Diane

As we head into the month of Thanksgiving, I am thankful.

I am thankful for the breath of God breathed into us at birth.

I am thankful for the gift of life and all its joys and sorrows, blessings and heartaches.

I am thankful that we are capable of love given to us by our Creator who loves.

I am thankful that relationships have meaning for our lives now and eternally.

I thank thankful for the beauty of creation – for the Costa hummingbird that hangs out at my feeder, the javelinas that entertain during my evening walks, for the clouds that hang on the mountains in the cool of the morning, and yes, even for the packrat that built a condo in my bougainvillea bush. (I am not thankful for the wasps that built a nest in my bathroom vents.)

I am thankful for this church and all the beautiful cards sent at the death of my mother. Those cards took my breath away.

I am thankful for the waitress in Minnesota that made our family laugh while we mourned.

I am thankful for the promise we do not leave this earth alone but are escorted to the place prepared for us.



Pastor Diane Christopher-Pastor of Discipleship

Give thanks, my friends. Perhaps during this month of Thanksgiving, write a thank you note every day to someone. Or, each night before you go to bed, give thanks for five blessings from that day. Let us cultivate a life of thanks.

I am thankful for the mystery of God, that we do not know all the answers, for if we did, we would be God.

I am thankful that the word for communion "Eucharist" means thanksgiving, a reminder to give thanks for all Christ has given us.

## **VPC** is Purchasing a New Organ

Great news, everyone! In a few months you will experience something that happens only every 20-25 years in a congregation - the installation of a new organ in our sanctuary!

Although our current organ sounds great every Sunday morning, it is suffering from old age and needs major maintenance expenses every few months. Trusted members from our congregation were commissioned by Session with one task - to investigate and come back with a recommendation as to which brand of organ to purchase. That investigation led the commission to Green Valley, Tucson, Oro Valley, and Maricopa. In October, the Session heard the recommendation and voted to approve it. Below are the specifics of the recommendation.

The new Rodgers Infinity series Organ Model 367 in Medium Oak.

#### This purchase includes the following:



This model consists of 3 manuals, 67 stops, 443 voices. Direct streaming technology. 4-way adjustable music desk, adjustable bench, mechanical drawknobs, high resolution color screen, super and sub couplers, and support for Bluetooth air turn technology.

Included in this proposal is an audio package of the finest speakers in the industry made with "Kevlar" material in the speaker cones and engineered for the most realistic pipe organ sounds.

- 8 full range speakers model FR-1 mounted high and upfront with 4 sub woofers model SW-six mounted to beams right and left.
- On each side as antiphonals directed towards the choir.

These 16 channels of audio require one eight channel amp and two, four channel amps.

All of the speakers with wire and amps installed and old organ removed, all freight delivery and set up. Organ to be placed on rolling platform (included with purchase).

Includes 10-year factory warranty on parts and Organ AZ- 5 year of labor.

When the order is placed there is a 15-18 week lead before delivered to church.

Total sale price: \$150,396.90



## Bible Reflections

Continues Mondays, 1:00pm – 2:00pm In Classroom 5 & Zoom Available Your Teacher: Pastor Craig Lindsey

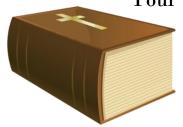


This is a different kind of Bible study, that spends as much time as we need with each Chapter and Book (probably one to three chapters per week). We will try to give background that is helpful and offer ideas about interpretations (even pronunciation of names), but what is most important is what you hear in the text.

This class is recorded and can be viewed on the church's website: valleypres.net

## The Book: The Grand Story of God

Continues Thursdays, 1 p.m. in Classroom 5 Your teachers: Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay



The purpose of this class is to see the grand story of the bible by going through each book of the bible. Each one-hour class will cover one book of the bible.

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

- November 3 | Samuel
- November 10 II Samuel
- November 17 | Kings
- November 24 II Kings

This class is recorded and can be viewed on the church's website: valleypres.net



## **Network of Caring (NOC)**

Do you like to talk with people?

Are you looking for a way to meet people in our church?

Would you like to be a part of a ministry you can do at home?

Network of Caring is looking for more Contactors (especially in Quail Creek and areas around the church).

The purpose of NOC is to make sure that every member is contacted on a regular basis to say "hi, we are thinking of you," to see if there are any needs and fill people in on happenings at church. To accomplish this, we have divided Green Valley and the surrounding area up into eleven areas. Each area will have a leader and contactors.

As a contactor, you will be given a list of 8-10 households in one area to contact by phone or text or email or at church. This ministry kicks off in January with a training session on Tuesday, January 3 at 10 a.m. to get you started. If this ministry sounds like something for you, contact Pastor Diane (520-625-5023; <a href="mailto:pastordiane@valleypres.net">pastordiane@valleypres.net</a>). You can also sign up on Sunday, November 6 at our NOC table in Fellowship Hall after worship.



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

- Roast Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Bean Casserole
- Pumpkin or Apple Pie
- Stuffing
- Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Fluff Salad
- Coffee, Tea, Water

A sign-up sheet for this event will be available in Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday, November 6th. 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 at (520) 625-5023, 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 150, so be sure and sign-up as soon as possible. The cut-off for signing up will be Sunday, November 20th. We look forward to a good turnout, good food, and great fellowship!

Prayerfully yours, The Valley Galley Crew





# The Joyful Spirit Ensemble The Valley Ringers Community Caroling December 4, 2022

A variety of music with melodic percussion instruments!
Join us, it is free, and includes
Christmas Caroling, Cookies and punch.

When: Sunday, December 4, 2022

Time: 2 pm

Where: Valley Presbyterian Church

Green Valley, AZ



## WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR OUR OPENING MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT!

## TUCSON GUITAR QUARTET

Saturday, November 19, 2:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Jamie Reed

Founded in 2019, **Tucson Guitar Quartet** is led by driven performers, and educators. Brought together by their devotion to chamber music, TGQ provides a unique experience because of their eclectic backgrounds, unconventional repertoire, and approach to Latin-American music. The members of the group are George Ramirez (Arizona), Alfredo Vazquez (Arizona), Michael Nigro (California), and José Luis Puerta (Puerto Rico).



Latin American Soundscapes (2020), is the quartet's debut album, recorded at the Haskell Recording Studio at the University of Arizona. The album emphasizes music revolving around traditional, folkloric, and contemporary Latin American themes. Featuring works by Juan Morel Campos (Puerto Rico), Julio Cesar Oliva (México), Marcelo Coronel (Argentina), Leo Brouwer (Cuba), Sergio Assad (Brazil), and Edwin Guevara (Colombia). Amongst the music recorded there are two World Premieres and performances attributed to the quartet: *An American in Bahia* by Brazilian composer and Grammy Winner Sergio Assad, and Costa-Tucson composed by Naxos recording artist Edwin Guevara.

TGQ has been invited to perform at the XI International Tucson Guitar Festival, V Festival de Guitarra Clásica Universidad Sergio Arboleda (Colombia), Tohono Chul Concert Series, Tucson Guitar Society, ASA Concert Series, Stringing our Community Together Concert Series, Phoenix Guitar Society, Art Llobet Guitar Festival (Barcelona), Festival Internacional de Guitarra de Morelia (Mexico).

Tickets are on sale after every Sunday service and in the office during the week! See You There!

#### **PATIO SALE NEWS**

Submitted by Carmen Nylund



Thursday, November 3 Friday, November 4 Saturday, November 5 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Holiday – Everything you need to decorate for the holidays.

## Plus Books, CDs, Games & Puzzles

Something for everyone on your gift list. Note: Books will not be available at the March 2023 Patio Sale.

Plus Much More – Returning our Holiday Bake Sale, and new this year a Specialty Shop and Handcrafted items made by local artisans. Also, TVs & Cowboy Boots.

Cash or US checks only
Net proceeds go to support mission projects

## Holiday-Plus Sale November 3, 4 & 5

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE! By popular demand, the Holiday Bake Sale is back! If you love to bake, now is your chance to share your favorite goodies. Based on previous sales, the items that are in high demand are:

- Sweet Breads Banana, Pumpkin, Zucchini
- Anything Chocolate Brownies, Fudge, Candies, Sweets of any kind
- Christmas Cookies, Muffins, Breakfast Rolls and Pies

Please bring your baked goods to church Wednesday, November 2 or Thursday, morning November 3.

**SNACKS WANTED!** Our Holiday Plus Sale is coming up on November 3, 4 & 5 with set-up happening October 31-November 2. Our volunteers enjoy both sweet and savory snacks as well as more healthy items to munch on when they take time for a break. This is a great way for you to be involved with the Sale. Beginning Monday, October 31, you can bring those snacks to the church and leave them in the "Kids Room" (Break Room). Even though we are no longer in COVID mode, we suggest snacks that can be poured out of a container or individually picked up using a napkin. Snack suggestions include cookies, donut holes, pretzels, nuts, oranges, celery or carrot sticks. Thank you for supporting our hardworking volunteers.



## Caring for those in our congregation Faith & Health/Parish Nurse September 2022

Submitted by Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson

Join us at Cardio-drumming; this class has just a few more openings. Cardio drumming begins at 9 am on Tuesdays and is a once a week; a 30-minute exercise program for health, stress, and balance. Please email <a href="mailto:parishnurse@valleypres.net">parishnurse@valleypres.net</a> for more information and/or for registration.

Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy.

Drink plenty of water when you are exercising or are outside doing activities.



Blood pressure screening

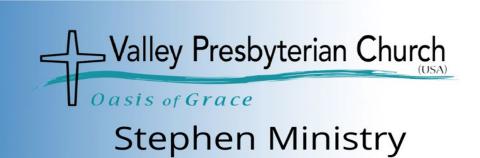


will be by individual appointment.

New Office Hours: Parish Nurse's office hours are Tuesday & Thursday mornings by appointment.

#### **Medical Minute:**

November is National Diabetes Month. One in five people do not know they might have Diabetes.





## Why Stephen?

Submitted by: Helen Phillips

After a joint meeting with other faiths held at VPC, I had a Jewish couple come over to me and ask while pointing to my name badge, "Why Stephen?" They were inquiring as to why our ministry was called, Stephen Ministry, I had once wondered about the naming of the ministry, so was delighted to be able to explain to them,

"Many years ago, Dr. Rev. Kenneth Haugk was a pastor of a very large congregation, and he was thinking of all the people in his congregation that needed his visits often and he didn't have nearly the time to be able to visit them. His thoughts then jumped to some of his members that had the gifts and time to make these visits, however, they weren't pastors. He developed the Stephen Ministry program and trained these people to have the skills in making visits and how to administrate the program. He chose the name, Stephen, because Stephen is the only <u>named</u> person in the bible who was put in charge of caring for the hurting people in the early Christian church."

Stephen Ministers aren't pastors. They are just trained, compassionate and caring people whom are willing to give an hour a week to another human being in order to make life more enjoyable or bearable for that person. That could be you too. If you have the inclination to want to make life better for a hurting person, you could fill out an application to see if you have the gifts for Stephen Ministry. Call Patti Bright to have an application mailed to you. Through an interview, the SM leaders will be able to determine if Stephen Ministry is the particular gift, you have or if you appear to have the gift for one of the other pastoral ministries at VPC.

The bonus of being trained is finding that the training is valuable to you in other circumstances in life. The icing on the cake is the blessing of joy that you will receive when giving of yourself to another person that is in need of your caring spirit.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, visit our table in Fellowship Hall during November. If you would like to have a Stephen Minister to care for you, call the church office (520-625-5023).



## FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNERS

Dinners will resume in January, February, and March of 2023. In January we'll get to see how much fun the line dancers had this summer learning their steps under the guidance of Steve Hart.

We need your input for February and March programs. (Dave Tompkins at <a href="mailto:davegaylet@yahoo.com">davegaylet@yahoo.com</a>) Sweet Peas Catering will again provide their excellent meals.



## **SUPPER CLUSTERS!**

By Carmen Nylund, Organizer

Sign-ups for Supper Clusters will continue each Sunday through November and the first Sunday of December. VPC members, regular attendees, couples and singles are invited to be part of a Cluster. We hope you will consider being part of this program which will give you the opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships in a small group setting.

We invite you to stop by the "Supper Cluster" table after worship to find out more about this program, sign up or just chat and enjoy your cup of coffee or lemonade.

Questions? Contact organizer, Carmen Nylund at <a href="mailto:clnylund1968@outlook.com">clnylund1968@outlook.com</a> or at 520-269-7732.

#### HOW MARTIN LUTHER CHANGED HISTORY



Tuesdays, November 8, 15 & 22 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5 Your teacher: Bud Landry

- · Week One *Die Anfechtungen* (Luther's unrelenting fear of hell)
- · Week Two The 95 Theses and the Diet of Worms (a meeting, not a meal plan)
- · Week Three The Council of Trent and Vatican II

There can be no appreciation for the Reformation until one sees the great spiritual need in the Sixteenth Century. After 1500 years, the Christian Church was entirely corrupt in its practices, in its scandals, and an ever-expanding unbiblical list of dogma. By the time that Martin Luther, the great reformer was a teenager, the de Medici and Borgias crime families were extorting a fortune of silver from the peasantry to enrich themselves while forbidding the Bible and teaching only Salvation by Works. Luther was not the first reformer, preceded by John Wycliff (d. 1384) in England and Jan Hus (d. 1415) in what is now the Czech Republic, but a new technology was on the scene, just as world changing as the Internet in our time, the printing press. His teachings went viral. In this three-week will explore the life and times of Martin Luther and how he changed history and the course of Western Civilization.



## Operation Christmas Child 2022 Letter from Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse.

Submitted by: Ann Ball



DEAR FRIEND,

I am deeply grateful for your partnership in packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that are given to millions around the world every year. Each one of these boys and girls is precious to God's sight.

Our ministry partners in more than 100 countries distribute these gifts during Gospel-focused events where they share the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Greatest Gift. They often tell us about boys and girls who had been praying for something they needed-such as school supplies, a pair of shoes, or a replacement for a lost cap or mittens that their family couldn't afford to buy. Then, when the child opened the shoebox gift, the little one praised God for answering prayers.

What a privilege it is that the Lord has used these shoebox gifts to bless children in need and show His great love for them! "For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:32-33.)

Join me in continuing to pray for our ministry partners in the far reaches of the world. May God bless you.

Boxes can still be obtained and filled until November 6<sup>th</sup>-FINAL DEADLINE!

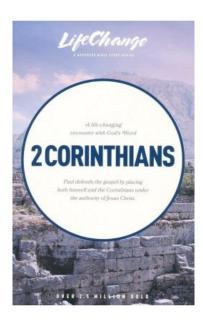
Any questions call Anne Ball, (520) 648-7334 or (269) 491-0815.

# Men's Weekday Bible Study Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. Submitted by Larry Philips

With about six to thirteen men attending each week, the group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00am. They meet at the church for one hour in Classroom 1. The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (520-777-8027) but focuses on group discussion. They use the NavPress Life Change Series study guide. They are beginning a new study of Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians. Join the group any time to participate in the discussion or just to listen. In either case, your presence will be welcomed. Lessons are self-contained so feel free to join the group

when able. The Navigators Life Change study guide is

available from Amazon or Christianbook.com.



#### VALLEY READERS

## 2:00 PM – November 28, 2022 In Classroom 1



In 2021 *The Great Gatsby,* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, entered the public domain, paving the way for pastiches and retellings of the novel. *Beautiful Little Fools,* by Jillian Cantor, is such a retelling, with the point of view shifting from the men in the original novel to the women. One advance reader described the women as "more than merely beautiful, not so little as the men in their lives assume, and certainly far from foolish." (Kate Quinn). Please join us for a discussion led by Helen Phillips of this take on one of the great American novels. Contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

#### THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

#### VPC LIBRARY BOOKS

Submitted by Anne Morrison

These books can be found in the rack on the library table.

- ❖ 100 graces: mealtime blessings. Marcia Kelly. (204 K28)
- Come to the table: food, fellowship, and a celebration of God's bounty. Benita Long. (641.5 L85)
- Giving thanks: poems, prayers, and praise songs of Thanksgiving. Katherine Paterson. (JUV 204 P27)
- Giving thanks: the recipes and history from Pilgrims to pumpkin pie. Kathleen Curtin.
- **♦** (394.2 C94)
- **Giving thanks: the gifts of gratitude**. M.J. Ryan. (179 R95)
- Graces: prayers and poems for everyday meals and special occasions. June Cotner. (204 C82)
- ❖ *Grateful: a song of giving thanks*. John Bucchino. (JUV 782.4 B85)
- ❖ How many days to America? Eve Bunting. (JUV FIC B88)
- **Saying grace: blessings for the family table.** (204 Sa9)
- ❖ A simple act of gratitude: how learning to say thank you changed my life. John Kralik. (179 K85)
- \* Thanksgiving. Ideals Magazines. (808 Id8)
- ❖ Thanksgiving: the biography of an American holiday. James W. Baker. (394.2 B17)
- **❖** The desperate crossing: the untold story of the Mayflower. (DVD 741.45 D46)



Do you want to learn more about Valley Pres? Are you wondering how you can be more involved?

Perhaps, you are thinking about becoming a member.

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

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

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

Contact Pastor Diane Christopher to register (625-5023; pastordiane@valleypres.net).



Advent is the four weeks before Christmas and is a time to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. We are delighted to bring you the following offerings for your Advent time with God.

#### **Advent Devotional**

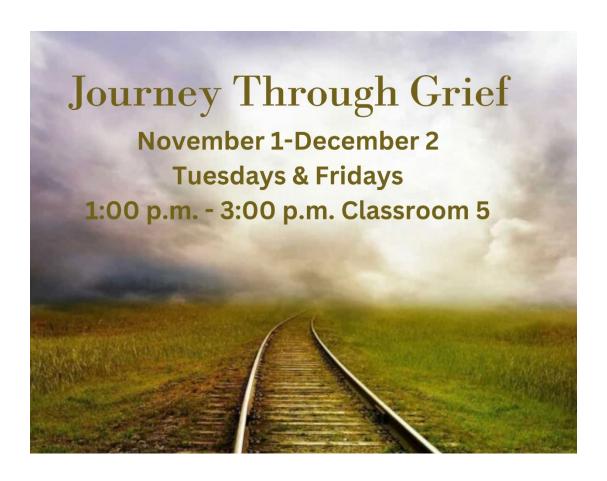
This devotional will have daily readings during Advent written by members of our congregation. Based on the characters of the Christmas story, you will hear from such characters as the donkey, the Innkeeper's wife, the star, a cow, the manger, and yes, even a parrot. We guarantee this will be quite the unique devotional. The devotion booklet will be available, Sunday, November 27.

## Advent Worship and Meal Begins Thursday, December 1 at 5 p.m.

Each Thursday in Advent, we will offer a unique worship service at 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center followed by a soup and bread meal in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. You will encounter such worship services as Taizé (meditative and in candlelight), Hope and Healing, and The Longest Night (a service to express losses of any kind).

The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent
A class offered twice a week:
Mondays, 10 a.m. in Classroom 5, begins November 28,
Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Classroom 5 (following the soup meal), begins December 1

We are offering a class on the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus based on the book by Susan Robb. We will explore those angelic visits and dive deep into the history of angels in scripture. This class will be offered twice each week for four weeks. Books are \$13 and can be purchased in the office, or on Sunday: Nov 20 and 27.



Valley Presbyterian Church will be offering a Journey Through Grief program held to provide those who are grieving a loss an opportunity for discussion to understand grief, support on the grief journey, and suggestions for a healthy way to grieve.

This unique program is eight 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2-hour sessions, meeting twice a week. We will not be meeting on November 8, or November 25. Although based in faith, the program is open to anyone in the community. The program is free of charge and all materials are provided at no cost to participants.

It is being facilitated by Carolyn Eubank Hill, member of Valley Presbyterian Church. Carolyn has facilitated a similar program for several years at another church and is a Stephen Minister.

The next session will start on November 1 and will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays through December 2. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher at the church to register 520-625-5023 or pastordiane@valleypres.net.



#### VPC WALKS FOR PAT

Recently, one of our members, Pat Nau, was diagnosed with ALS. At her request, we are creating a team to support ALS and help defeat this disease.

#### What is ALS Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)?

ALS is a disease that causes the degeneration of motor neurons, eventually leading to a loss of movement and patients being unable to breathe without assistance. Here is a list of fast facts about ALS.

- ALS can strike at any time, but it most commonly strikes between the ages of 55 and 75.
- It's estimated that between 14,000 and 15,000 Americans have ALS.
- It affects slightly more men than women.
- Military veterans are 1 1/2 to two times more likely to develop ALS than people who haven't served in the military.
- Ninety percent of ALS cases are considered "sporadic," meaning there is no clear reason for the disease's development.
- Five to 10 percent of ALS cases are familial and due to mutated genes.
- The first symptoms of the disease often appear in either a hand or a leg and is referred to as "limb-onset ALS."

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

Please join the VPC team. We will walk a mile around the VPC Church on Saturday, December 3, 2022, starting at 10:00 a.m.

You can join the team at:

:https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/TRR/Walks/Arizona/120961489?pg=utype&fr\_id=14967

#### Link to donate to the team:

https://secure2.convio.net/alsa/site/Donation2?idb=1738321455&df\_id=40756&FR\_ID=14967&mfc\_pref=T&PROXY\_ID=8955822&40756.donation=form1&PROXY\_TYPE=20

With your help, we can make a difference.



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



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

#### **INSPIRATIONAL CARD MAKING**



Our next in-person
Inspirational Card Making
Session will be Wednesday,
January 25 from 1-3:30 in
Classroom 5. Card makers
will be working independently
from home during November
and December.

A faithful Youth on Their Own supporter in our church has shared with me the substantial benefits of choosing your favorite Charity within Amazon Smile. If you got to smile.amazon.com, you can choose your charity (GO YOTO!!) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases -at no cost to you – to your chosen organization. You'll receive a quarterly statement showing how much your charity received during that period. YOTO received \$849.39 for the period of January 1-March 31, 2022. It builds up in a hurry!! THANK YOU for considering this opportunity to make a difference!





#### Submitted by Kay Brouwer

#### Let us rejoice about a new location for St. Andrews Children's Clinic!

The Executive Director, Laura Romero, feels blessed by all the prayers and support the Clinic has received. The clinic has a 1-year lease of space at a shopping mall in Nogales. It is in a former K-Mart store, near the Santa Cruz College, at the corner of Mariposa and Grand. There will be no charge for rent nor utilities for this year. At long last, there will even be a sign indicating the location of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. We are all thrilled that the Clinic has a place to provide services for their children.

At present, the 3000-foot space is empty, but has 3 bathrooms and a kitchen. There is a need for furniture and supplies. The church clinic did not have much-needed "changing" tables for staff and families to use for children in diapers. The clinic staff will be working long hours to make the new facility adequate for serving as a medical clinic for children with specific needs.

To help furnish the facility kitchen supplies and equipment will be needed. Electric blenders are useful for preparation of baby food. A large coffee maker was never available in the past and Laura hopes that one might be donated for the new Clinic. A thoughtful donation would be Christmas lights to bring cheer to the facility. Donors for supplies like these have been generous in the past and the staff hopes that gifts will come again.

Laura, her staff, and volunteers saw that 53 children, accompanied by parents, had cleft lip/cleft palate surgeries in Hermosillo at the end of September. Next year's surgeries have been scheduled for September 22 – 26, 2023.

On October 6, 2022, twenty-nine families were served at the Children's Clinic in Knights of Pythias Center in Nogales, Arizona. That space provided limited services, and the clinic is happy to have a better facility soon. They are looking forward to having a Christmas Clinic in December 2022. It will be a special event that has been put off for the last 2 years.

St. Andrews' Clinic will initiate a new "mobile" mission to serve children and families in an impoverished area near Hermosillo. At present, there is a small shelter which can host a clinic, but more is needed. Laura and her staff will recruit surgeons and volunteers to attend to the needs of migrant families there.

Valley Presbyterian Church's Noisy Offering on October 30 will be designated for St. Andrew's Children Clinic. Please give generously!

Laura Romero and St. Andrews' Children's Clinic express sincere thanks to the Valley Presbyterian Church congregation for prayers and support, helping to overcoming the challenges of the past 2 years.



## Casa Vida Nueva Para Ninos, A.C. "Home for Children" (Orphanage)

## November is "Support an orphan for Christmas" month

Deadline is Sunday, November 20th

### Also sign up for the next Christmas visit - December 10th

Article by Reed Olson, Mission Committee

Reed Olson of the VPC Mission Committee, is coordinating a trip to visit the "Home for Children" in Nogales, Sonora, MX, providing gifts to 45 abused/abandon children and 6 adults who live in the "Home." To participate, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall November 6, 13, or 20 and select your child / adult to support. Each child can receive more than one supporter. Recommended donations of up to \$40 per child allows us to purchase gifts to hand out during our December 10<sup>th</sup> visit. Christmas cards for each child / adult will be ready for you to sign as their "supporter."

<u>During the same dates, sign-up for the trip to the Home on</u>
<u>Dec 10<sup>th</sup></u> 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 – support a child for Christmas and sign-up for the trip. If you cannot make the sign-up dates, contact Reed Olson at: reedolson5623@gmail.com

### **How To Provide Your Support**

- 1. See Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall after church to select a child and/or adult to support.
- 2. Sign their Christmas card. Pick-up a photo of the child / adult you supported and place it on your refrigerator to pray.
- 3. On your check write "<u>Valley Presbyterian Church</u>" then in the memo section write <u>"Orphanage Christmas Supporter.</u>" Place your donation in a filled out VPC envelope. On the envelope check "X" the <u>Special Gift box</u>, then write: "<u>Orphanage Christmas Supporter.</u>" See example to the right.
- 6. You can support more than one child children can have more than one supporter.
- 7. See Reed in Fellowship Hall on Nov 6, 13 or 20 for details and to sign up for the trip.



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### **THANKSGIVING DINNER (Dia de Gracias) AT CROSSROADS NOGALES MISSION!**

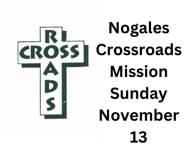
Submitted by: Les Walter

November 19 is the day set for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Crossroads Mission in Nogales, Arizona. A seating of 150-200 people Is anticipated. The fare of the day is the usual turkey with potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, and dessert.

VPC is providing the meat for the special meal with a goal of 20 birds of 16-20lbs. Starting Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, a table will be setup after church in Fellowship Hall to take donations for the Saturday event. A few volunteers are welcome to sign up to help serve, and then cleanup. Valley Presbyterian Church has signed up for the 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. shift. Volunteers need to leave the fountain entrance area at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

If there are those who want to donate a turkey they have purchased, I will deliver 5 days prior to the Crossroads Mission along with the birds we purchase locally. Checks written out to VPC need to be designated "Crossroads turkeys" in the memo line.

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





## Dave & Pam Lovett Operation Mobilization

Submitted by: Doug Clark

Heavy monsoon rainfall and floods have affected some 2.3 million people in Pakistan since mid-June, destroying around 95,000 houses and damaging some 220,000 more. Sindh and Baluchistan are the two most affected provinces in terms of human and infrastructural impact.

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), around 700 people have died including over 300 children. More than 1,010 individuals have been injured. Houses and Agriculture are most effected in this flooding. Mostly houses in rural are made by mud and woods and these kinds of houses do not hold well in these rains and many house have collapsed.

Thousands have no shelter and food due to this "humanitarian disaster," Thousands are homeless without shelter and without food. More than 504,000 livestock have been killed, nearly all of them in Baluchistan, while nearly 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles) of roads and 129 bridges have been damaged, blocking access to flood-affected areas, OCHA writes. OM is active in 5 Districts and the human suffering is unbelievable.

We are grateful for the \$500 from the VPC mission committee for the need is great.

Personal note- Dave is recovering from Covid and needs our prayers. He has been attending meetings by Zoom. Pam and Dave Lovett

# PRESBYTERIAN

Bob and Kristi Rice are our supported missionaries to South Sudan. Their communication tool to our congregation is through their blog- bobandkristi.blogspot.com- which they write twice per month. Only a portion of their inspiring story can be shared in the Valley Voice. Join the 17 VPC members who

promise to pray and follow the blogs.

Submitted by: Doug Clark

# Ministry of the Children of the Streets of Juba

Amidst the crowd outside the Konyokonyo market, I saw Zechariah Zechariah Adam, my former student. Zechariah smiled warmly as he reached through the throng to greet me. Though it was loud and difficult to hear one another, his message was clear and gave me a sense of wonder and joy. Zechariah related to me how he was now working with children who lived on the street. "Wow! That is wonderful." I responded. Previously, as Zechariah's teacher, I had had the vision that Zechariah would excel working with children, especially those living on the margins. Zechariah's gentleness, humility, deep spirituality, and strong commitment would make him an excellent candidate for such work.



Zechariah Zechariah Adam

Some weeks later, Zechariah would tell me that it was during the evangelism class I taught at Nile Theological College whereby God had inspired him along these lines. As part of that course, the final project for students was a practicum whereby groups of students would go out to the "bleeding points" of the city, to those places of great desperation and need to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

And so, out from the college they went, to prisons, hospitals, markets, orphanages, and streets, sharing the Gospel with those who needed a message of hope. Even as Jesus has sent out the seventy-two who returned with remarkable stories, my students went out and returned with glorious stories of how God had used them in manifold ways

Before Zechariah and I separated on that day near the Konyokonyo market, we exchanged phone numbers. He wanted me to come preach to the group of marginalized children to whom he was ministering. It took several weeks for us to finally align our schedules, but on a Saturday morning in early June my friend Albino and I went across the river to the Sherikat market where we met Zechariah. Zechariah took us to the compound of the ministry, a ministry to vulnerable children supported by Christians in Egypt. Albino and I sat and waited as Zechariah and the ministry staff made final preparations for the day. We learned that every Saturday vulnerable children are welcomed off the street to have their wounds cleaned, to participate in an energetic worship service, to receive a hot meal and be given a bar of soap to wash their bodies and clothes before leaving. This ministry is a drop-in-center, whereby the children can also visit during the week and receive help for various needs.



Children living on the streets, Juba
Photo credit: MAF International
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Our time worshiping with the children is one of the singular wonders and glories I have experienced in South Sudan. Imagine, an entire congregation filled with the most lowly, destitute, abandoned, and marginalized members of society. This was Jesus' kind of crowd. These children knew that they had a need and they opened themselves up to me and my friend Albino like flowers open to the sun. As we worshiped in song, we all danced to the beat and sang, jumping back and forth, patting each other on the hands. The atmosphere felt simple and innocent, but it was also electric with the power and presence and love of God. Truly, how can one not be a conduit of God's love and care in such a place?

These children crave attention and affection despite the hardened exterior which life on the streets had foisted upon them. In this enclosed and safe environment, these children could express a dimension of themselves which was seldom seen or known to suspicious shop keepers and annoyed pedestrians. As a visitor, I could feel the level of intentional care and dignity being given to these children by Pastor Zechariah and members of the ministry staff. My heart was also touched to see two Egyptian men quietly doing "behind the scenes" work to support the ministry. They sought no accolades or commendation; they were simply supporting Zechariah and his staff who were doing direct ministry with these children.

I went home that day feeling energized. Pastor Zechariah gave me a "standing invitation" to return to visit this ministry anytime. I hope to visit again soon. Thank you for your prayers as Kristi and I seek to serve amongst marginalized persons and communities here in South Sudan.

. The past blogs read like a real-life novel, chronicling God in action through the writings of Bob and Kristi Rice. Please join me in following and praying for our missionaries and let me know if you have joined the blog brigade by emailing me <a href="mailto:double.com">double.com</a> in the place of the place of





**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the GAP — Give. Act. Pray



# A Lifeline for Family Caregivers

Submitted by Doug Clark

In the fast-paced, global world today, people barely take time to notice their surroundings. Unfortunately, there are so many people right here in our community who are trying to cope alone, many who need assistance and struggle financially but want to remain in their own homes. Those people are our own neighbors, family and friends.

Research shows that we are living longer because people are reaching old age in better health, but issues like dementia and Alzheimer's can be a cruel obstacle putting incredible stress and strain on those caring for a loved one at home. That's why La Posada's **Adult Day Services**, a not-for-profit serving the greater Green Valley area, is a lifeline for participants and those who care for them at home.

La Posada Adult Day Services, a unique program serving vulnerable older adults and their caregivers, enhances their quality of life and in many cases postpones the need for higher levels of care as they age. Without Adult Day Services, many of these individuals would spend much of their day at home watching TV while their spouse or other family member manages the home and many aspects of their loved one's care. The social times, nurse attention and wide variety of activity choices just can't be replicated at home.

Many couples discover they can remain in their homes without the cost burdens or family disruption of needing assisted living or nursing center care thanks to Adult Day Services.

With help from generous donors, we offer fee assistance to those who are unable to pay for Adult Day Services.

In addition, we provide a Caregiver Support Group at no cost to the community at large, as well as informational resources.

Our mission, "to maximize the well-being of seniors," is more important now than ever. Contact Adult Day Services at 520-625-2273 or email: adultday@casagv.org



Submitted by Kylene Joplin & Carol Stephens



Thanksgiving is just around the corner.
What does this mean to you, besides the gathering of family and friends for wonderful home cooked meals, communal events at churches and other special places or perhaps spending a quiet time in your own home?

However, you celebrate this Thanksgiving, please keep in mind those less fortunate and their circumstances.

Your generous food and monetary gifts are greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your participation.

Please remember "Food Bank Sunday" at VPC is November 6. Can goods, non-perishable items can be left on the cart in Charter Hall and label for "Food Bank."



Artwork by Olivia, age 12
"I know some families have trouble getting food, especially on Thanksgiving. It is important to give thanks and be appreciative for what we have

REMINDER, SUNDAY November 6, VPC FOOD DRIVE



# PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission Breakfast 2022-2023

Mission Breakfasts have been at Valley Presbyterian Church for 10 seasons, 30 events, and represent a way for you to become personally immersed in missions. Missions are a defining function of being a Christian! Many often say that a church without missions is a club! Putting a face and story with our Valley Presbyterian Church's missionaries and our supported agencies is a gift from God meant to help evangelize, energize and excite you as a growing Christian. Not only is information shared; but also, the needs of others become real, touching your heart, and motiving your mind and prayers. Each of our mission agencies has great needs but the greatest need is prayer. How can you pray if you don't know the need? How can you know the need if you are not informed? One opportunity to receive this information is to attend a Mission Breakfast. A freewill offering is offered at each Mission Breakfast and while not a goal; over \$66,000 dollars at past events has been given to support these agencies that support their programs of service. The monies are a literally "a drop in the bucket of need". Nevertheless, the use of this money is a real testimony of God in action.



Our next Mission Breakfast is November 12, 2022, at 8:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall when we host Regina Ford, Development Specialist at Posada Life Community Services. Regina Ford has years of experience with the many programs of Posada Life Community Services and is an excellent speaker who will inform and engage you.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 and will be for sale October 30, and November 6, 2022, in Fellowship Hall. Prayer and information and are most important but Christ gave us His church for fellowship and Tom and Lois Macfarlane will serve us a delicious breakfast.

## Compañeros en Misión

## A Fiesta of Remembrance at

## Valley Presbyterian Church October 22, 2022

Valley Presbyterian Church hosted a Fiesta of Remembrance Saturday, October 22, to honor the lives of the Rev. Dr. Jorge Isaac Pazos-Aragon and Rev. Robert Edward Seel. The Board of Directors, family members, friends of Compañeros en Misión and members of several faith communities from as far away as Colorado were present. Rev. Dr. Pazos and Rev. Seel led this bi-national mission since its founding in 1993 and both passed on to the eternal life in 2021.

Pastor Pazos' family loves this work and are enthusiastically continuing his ministry along with their US partners. Dinner was served to about 140 guests and a silent auction from generous donors and donations totaled almost \$5,000.00 to continue the ministry including building a classroom for youths, migrants, and local families. Guests were pleased to hear from the mission partners about the history of the mission and to learn about future plans.



The families and previous coordinators taken at Valley Presbyterian Church.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Submitted by: Sue Horton, Women's Ministry Moderator

Women's Gathering luncheon for November will feature one of our own Valley Presbyterian ministries...Café Justo. LeeAnn and Tommy Calhoun just back from a visit to Café Justo to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will share with the group what is taking place in the ministry at the Douglas/Agua Prieta border.



Make luncheon reservations the Women's Ministries table on either November 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> and come share a meal with your sisters in Christ on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Reminder of ongoing activities through the month:

- **Creative Hands** Gee-Gee Smith (610-212-1172) has assumed the leadership of **Creative Hands**. They meet the fourth Tuesday of each month to sew items which are donated to social service agencies.
- **Mission Quilts** meets on the first and third Mondays of the month under the leadership of Patti Bright (520)-305-3275. Quilts are created by dedicated and talented women. The finished quilts are given to various mission projects: Holy Cross, Banner Diamond Children's Medical Center, More Than Beds and many, many more.

## • Women's Bible Study

- La Posada Circle- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at La Posada at 11:30 a.m. Leader: Esther Grimsley.
- Miriam Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 1.
   Leader: Martha Ashton.
- Ruth Circle 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in classroom 5. Leaders: Ann Ball and Lesley Bruce.



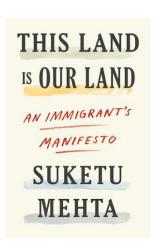
# Presbyterian Women Synod Gathering

Approximately 10 women from Valley Pres are attending the Synod of the Southwest Presbyterian Women's retreat held in Scottsdale, AZ during the weekend of October 28-30.

The theme was "Sabbath" same as our year-long monthly study which began in mid-October. The group heard from the author of the Bible study as well as national Presbyterian Women leaders. If you are interested in getting a study book you can purchase at our Women Ministries' table on Sunday during Coffee Fellowship.

November is Native American Heritage Month. (See native <u>americanheritagemonth.gov</u>). Many of our Valley Women enjoyed getting to know our sisters from the Papago church in Sels when 7 of them drove over to participate in the Spring Gathering this past May. The crafts of making May baskets led by Martha Jump were a big hit for all.

Save **Saturday April 15, 2023,** for the 2023 Spring Gathering, at South Side Presbyterian Church.



If interested, there will be a national book discussion online 3:30-5:30 on November 14, 2022, on This Land is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto by Suketu Mehta. Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

## November Birthdays

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