

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER OF VALLEY PRESPYTERIAN CHURCH | OCTOBER 2021



Welcome Back Sunday October 3rd

9:30am online or in person. Sunday school and child care available starting at 9:00am.

We are excited to welcome you, your friends and neighbors to Valley Presbyterian Church. We know that a lot has happened in the last year and a half, and everyone needs some new hope. We are here to help you with joy that is lasting, even in the midst of uncertain times. Here you will find connections and encouragement both online and in person. Please join us and find new friends and strength in faith.

Join us after Sunday Worship in the fellowship Hall for refreshments!

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 3 Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 14-18 "Return or Redemption"

Pastor Craig

WELCOME BACK GRAND RE-OPENING World Wide Communion Sunday & Food Bank Sunday

October 10 Hebrews 4:12-16 Pastor Diane "Finding Grace"

October 17 Job 38 " The LORD answers Job Pastor Craig

October 24 The 25th Anniversary of Stephen
Ministry at VPC Pastor Craig

October 31 "All Saints' Day Remembrance"
Hebrews Ruth 1 Pastor Craig

Noisy Offering

November 7 Pastor Craig
Communion Sunday &
Food Bank Sunday

OTHER WORSHIP OPPERTUNITIES

October 7 Taize, 5:00pm Pastor Diane

October 31 Gospel Hymn Sing 4:00pm



Our Mission

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

The principles we will follow to accomplish this are:

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

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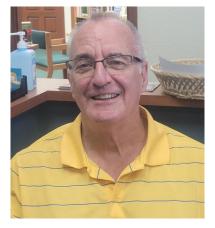
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Steve Hart

Please welcome our newest custodian Steve Hart.

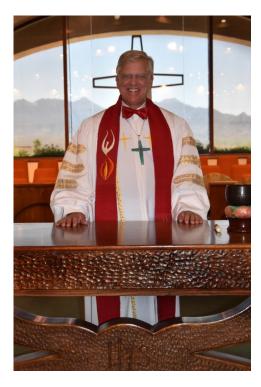
Steve comes to us from Colorado where he retired in 2012.

After retirement Steve traveled in his 5th wheel for 8 years, meeting people and

working in various campsites, including 4 years as an activities director organizing events and teaching line dancing.

Steve purchased his first home in Green Valley in 2018.





Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, Pastor Head of Staff

Repeatedly I have alluded to "a Faith Walk" of dancing two or three confident steps, then hesitating or taking a step backward, before moving ahead. After over a year and a half, on Sunday October 3rd, we boldly dance ahead with our Chancel Choir singing, our serving one another the Sacrament of Communion, our passing Offering plates through the congregation. What an ideal time for this to occur, as October 3rd is also World-wide Communion Sunday, when Presbyterian churches around the world join in communion with all those of other Christian denominations in celebrating the Sacrament.

I thank God that we have been so blessed, and our membership so caring of one another, that we were spared great loss in this International Pandemic. My heart is bursting at the vision of our Sanctuary welcoming everyone home this day, from east and west and north and south, singing, sharing together, serving each other! The hesitation or step backwards, comes in knowing that in so many parts of our Nation and throughout Creation, this virus and its variations continue unabated. In South Sudan, I helped to found a Health Care system serving hundreds of thousands, which even had a cold-chain to store vaccines; at another time, I served in Guatemala that has hospitals but no medical staff; and the people in these places do not have the protections against this evil illness available to us. We continue dancing forward, but we do hesitate, to pray for one another; we are prepared to take a step back when new problems will arise, but always we dance and hope for where God leads us. Use the wisdom God has given you to care for one another.

A FIVE DAY WORKWEEK

When Cindy Johnson and Linda Hester were brought onto the staff last Spring as our Administrative Specialist Team, it was with the hope that in the Autumn the Office would again be open Monday through Friday! The future is now. Ahead of schedule, our Administrative Specialists are available to assist you from 8-4 Monday through Friday, even rotating weeks of who will sit at the Front office desk. Please stop in and say Hello as they really enjoy helping you with all the needs of the church.

Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, Pastor Head of Staff cont.

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th

Twenty-five years ago, "the Fabulous Five:" Rev. Joe Carroll, Don Booth, Fred Cook, Punky Griggs and our Music Director at the time Bob Herrick returned from their 50 hours of training in St. Louis, MO. to begin training others within Green Valley in active listening and Christian care-giving as Stephen Ministers. Please plan to come celebrate on October 24th in our Worship of God.

WELCOME A NEW STAFF MEMBER

Throughout the summer, we "got by" with our two part-time custodians Bob Lopes and Ray Esparza (ably assisted by Les Walter making repairs and Rick Nau refinishing) doing a great job. However, the calendar informs us to plan for all regular groups and activities to resume, so we needed to fill our full-time Custodian position. Ray came to Pastor Craig recommending his neighbor for this position (How much better of a reference could you have!) Even better, like Ray, Steve lives only a few houses away from the church property. Stephen Hart has now begun as our full-time Custodian with this team, doing everything necessary to help us serve as our community as the Church in this time and place. Welcome Steve!



Valley Presbyterian Church Personnel Committee

We are looking for individuals to serve on the Personnel Committee who have past or present experience with personnel issues in either a church or work environment; have proven ability to work in a team setting; be able to keep confidences, and be open-minded and fair-handed.

If the above describes you and you may be interested in serving on the Personnel Committee, please contact Frank Coggins, Committee Chair, (505) 681-6457, nord4066@gmail.com, or Pastor Craig Lindsey (520) 625-5023, PastorCraig@valleypres.net

Rev. Diane Christopher Pastor of Discipleship

A joyous task for Christians is to teach our faith to children: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on you children".

(Deuteronomy 6:5-6)



There is a story in the Bible that tells what

happens when we do not pass on our faith to the children. Joshua was the leader of the Israelites as they came into the Promised Land. When Joshua died, "another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord...." (Judges 2:8-11). The Book of Judges is the downward spiral of the Israelites as they walked away from God. This book of the Bible ends with great violence and the saddest passage in all the Bible: "Everyone did what was right in their own eyes." (Judges 21:25)

Why? Because they did not pass down their faith to their children.

Now, I apologize because I like to keep my articles positive, but the above story gets my point across. We want to teach our faith to our children. We do not have many children at Valley (being a retirement community), but we love the ones who are here. How can we not enjoy them as they come up for the Children's Message? To enjoy their laughter and amazing answers to our questions?

We have a dilemma: due to people traveling, moving out of state, health issues, we currently do not have enough Sunday School teachers to keep the classroom open. Thus, my plea: Will you consider teaching our children on Sunday? We are looking for two teachers to teach once a month, one teacher to teach the 5th Sunday of the month, and a substitute. We provide the curriculum and an assistant to help you.

Those who do teach our children love it. One of our teachers said, "The curriculum is easy to follow. You can expand on it...there are tons(!) of craft supplies... or change it to suit your desires. The class is small. The kids are eager to learn. Pay is low but benefits high."

If you are looking for a way to serve at Valley, this is a joyous one.

Contact me and I can answer any of your questions (625-5023; pastordiane@valleypres.net).

Pastor Diane

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and Girls, what do we know about God?

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know-Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

History of Church Music Class



When: Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM, beginning on October 12th, for six weeks Where: Spiritual Life Center, VPC Taught by: Wes Moulton

What: This course will explore the history of church music in the Western Christian Church. It will be a broad survey course, discussing the roots of our musical worship practices, and follow those traditions through to the present day. Particular emphasis will be given to the Reformed tradition, and why we do musically what we do on Sunday mornings at VPC. We will also discuss the historical reasons why some groups have other musical traditions that are not typically practiced in Presbyterian worship. This will be an interactive time with discussion, group thought, and maybe a bit of singing together.

So, if you've ever wondered why we sing the *Gloria Patri* after praying for forgiveness, why we sing the *Doxology* after the offertory, how the organ gained a place of prominence in the church, from where the tradition of having a church choir comes, or what the tiny numbers and letters mean at the bottom of each page of our hymnal, please come to discuss the historical developments in church music that led to these conventions, and others. We look forward to seeing you there and learning together.

5th Sunday Gospel Hymn Sing

Beginning on October 31st, VPC will be celebrating Fifth Sundays by having *Old-Time Gospel Hymn* Sings.

We will meet at 4:00PM, in the Spiritual Life Center, to worship together by singing gospel and spiritual tunes from the American evangelical



tradition. This will be an uplifting time of joy and praise. It will be relaxed and less-formal than Sunday morning worship, but no less worshipful and meaningful.

Please join us for this time of fellowship and song.

We look forward to developing this into a tradition for Fifth Sundays at VPC.

Exploring Membership Class

Saturdays, October 9th, 16th and 23rd 10:00am-11:30am

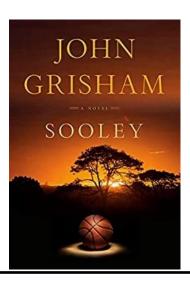
Do you want to learn more about Valley Presbyterian Church?
Are you wondering how you can be more involved?
Perhaps, you are thinking about becoming a member.



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 Church 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 Presbyterian. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher to register (520) 625-5023



Valley Readers October 25th, 2021 2:00pm in Classroom 1



The October choice for Valley Readers is Sooley, by John Grisham.

The author turns his writing talents away from legal thrillers for this enthralling story of Samuel Sooleyman, a young basketball player from South Sudan who wants nothing more than to succeed at the game so he can bring his family to the US. Will his grit and determination be enough to bring him stardom?

Join us as Sheila Frahm leads the discussion on this exciting book. Contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

Being Presbyterian – Favorite Phrases from the Creeds and Confessions

By Linda Freeman

Next month: Thoughts about the Brief Statement of Faith



We Presbyterians also look to statements about faith made by believers in the past. These are collected in the book: *Creeds and Confessions* and direct us on

- · Who and what we believe
- · What the church believes
- · What the church resolves to do.

My number one favorite phrase is from the Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

This reminds me to focus on this basic when I find myself wheeling around from thought to thought. I can take a moment to enjoy God.

Another favorite is from the *Apostles' Creed – the communion of saints*. These few words remind me that I am part of millions of people who lived before, are alive now, and have yet to be born; and who, like me, are striving to be a follower of Jesus Christ. I can turn to another for help, and I can respond when a request for help is made of me. I am not alone in this walk of faith.

And a third phrase that comes to my mind is from *The Confession of 1967*. "church members find strength in their confidence that God's purpose rather than man's schemes will finally prevail. (9.25)." I like the phrase "man's schemes" because it so perfectly describes how we try and try to push future outcomes to what we want. And yet – God is God, and we are not.

Church Photo Directory Update!

YES – a new church directory with photographs of members, families and friends will be coming next year. We are scheduling professional photographers be at the church the beginning of February. Our new provider is Re: MEMBER. Feel free to learn more about them at www. rememberchurchdirectories.com.

What happened to our former company? Unfortunately, Lifetouch no longer provides church directories and has terminated all contact with churches.

Details will follow through articles in the Valley Voice, weekly E-Blast notices, brochures, and posters. <u>Everyone</u> is encouraged to have a new photo taken. The best directory will be the one with the most up-to-date photos!

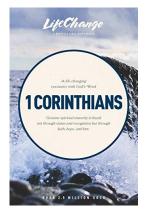
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES - YEAR 2021

Submitted by Joan Bolin

This year the empty Christmas shoeboxes will be available for pick up in Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday church services on October 31, and November 7, 2021. Shoeboxes will also be available at the church's office during business hours.

Shoeboxes are available for boys or girls, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Instructions are inside each shoebox showing how to fill a shoebox for a child. Also, included is a list of items which may not be included in the shoebox.

These filled shoeboxes are distributed to needy children in more than 100 countries. Before distribution all the shoeboxes will include literature stating God loves them, He has not forgotten them, and He cares for them. All filled shoeboxes must be returned to the church on or before Sunday, November 14, 2021.



Men's Weekday Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

With about six to thirteen men attending each week, the group meets every Wednesday morning at 9 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 first 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 study guide is available from Amazon or Christianbook.com.

Music In The Valley Concerts 2021/2022

Saturday, November 13 @ 3:00 PM

Harpist, Christine Vivona will be performing a program of French Classical and Jazz Music.

Saturday, December 18 @ 3:00 PM

Our very own Chancel Choir will be "Singing" in the Holiday Season with a program of Holiday Music.

Saturday, January 15 @ 3:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of favorite String Quartet Music!

Sunday, February 13 @ 3:00 PM

For this Valentine Weekend, we have University of Arizona's Professor Darnell Roulhac singing an array of Broadway, Opera, and Jazz Love Songs!

Sunday, March 6 @ 3:00 PM

All the way from Colorado we bring you Caleb Collins! He will be singing and playing a program filled with a variety of material, not to mention he has a very sweet connection to our Chancel Choir.

Sunday, April 3 @ 3:00 PM

And finally, we bring you a very special Group from our own Tucson musical scene! More details coming soon!

Tickets will be on sale starting in October in the fellowship hall following Sunday services.

We are so excited to have a full program of musical talent! Please Mark Your Calendars!



Joyful Spirit Ensemble has openings to play with us

We are an ensemble of melodic percussion instruments, no instrument music experience necessary! Rehearsals Tuesdays 2 pm.

Contact Joan Bell Dakin 520-576-2588 or email jbelldakin@yahoo.com

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

World Series time is just around the corner. If you cannot get enough of "America's favorite pastime" here are some suggestions for you from the VPC Library...

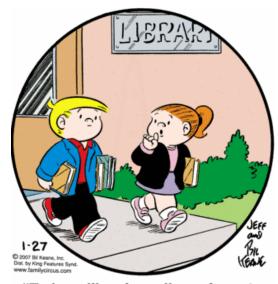


BOOKS

- ◆ Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of a Boundary-Breaking Hero. Michael Long. (BIOG ROB)
- ♦ Wait till Next Year: A Memoir. Doris Kearns Goodwin. (796.357 G63)

DVDS

- ◆ 42: The Jackie Robinson Story. (DVD 791.43 F77)
- Field of Dreams. (DVD 791.43 F45)
- ◆ Jackie Robinson. (DVD BIOG ROB)
- ◆ A League of Their Own. (DVD 791.43 LEA)
- ◆ The Natural. (DVD 791.43 NAT)



"To be a librarian, all you have to learn is how to say 'SHH!"

Mission Quilters 2021-2022 Quilting Sessions

The Quilting Gals haven't met as a complete group since pictured below in March 2020. We are going to start back in October with tables set up for sewing, tying, layering and cutting. Those quilters and want-to-be quilters that are living here are welcome to come.

Only stipulation is to wear a mask. Even though most of us are vaccinated, it is now known that the Covid germ can be transmitted by vaccinated people, because the nasty little Covid germs can live in our nostrils. If you don't cover your nose, you have missed the point of wearing a mask. With the Delta variant spreading so rapidly, this issue will be visited again by our session. At the time of this writing, the Taize service and choir rehearsal participants are asked to wear mask.

At our first quilting session, there will be some quilt kits to pick up to start sewing. There are completed quilt tops to layer and some completed quilts to

ty.



Standing left to rught: Patti Bright, MaryAnn McElhose, Janice JcCoy, Sue Luhring, Ardell Hodges, Geneva Halliday, Judy Christiansen, Karen Rainford, Nancy Lane, Jennet Parker, Susan Rand Sitting Left to right: Laurie Brown, Jan Sullivan, Sandy Green, Joan Bolin, Eileen Owen, Judy Stevenson, Nickie Gross, Martha Jump, Joyce Thomspon, Donna Dufour

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

Mission Quilters meet the 1st, 3rd, 5th Mondays of each month
October 4, 2021 through May 16, 2022
(Except March 7 due to the Patio Sale)

Where: VPC Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm each session

Snack furnished by a participant

Any questions, call Patti Bright 520-305-3275

Supper Clusters

By Carmen Nylund, Organizer

Are you looking for a great way to:

- Meet and get to know people who attend VPC?
- Make new friends or renew old friendships?
- Have a good time enjoying great food?

Then Supper Cluster are for you! VPC Members, Snowbirds, Regular Attendees, Couples, Singles-All are invited.

How it Works:

- October-December, sign up to join a Supper Cluster
- In December, the Supper Cluster organizers will draw names and form groups of eight to form a "Cluster"
- Each participant will receive a letter with names of individuals who will make up your "Cluster"
- Supper Clusters generally begin meeting in January and continue through the end of the year.
- Each Supper Cluster is encouraged to get together once a month and share a meal together.
- In the fall, sign-ups will be held again, and "Clusters" will be reshuffled for the next year

Questions? Contact organizer, Carmen Nylund at clnylund1968@outlook.com or at 520-269-7732



From Darkness to Light! True Concord Choir Soloist & Chamber Players October 22nd, 2021, 7:00pm At Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley

At Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley

A concert of music reflecting this moment-stepping out of darkness of adversity into the light of a new day.

We invite you to join us as we and the world celebrate life- newly valued and seen through fresh eyes- with a concert of joyous music including works by Bach and Copland Randall Thompson's Alleluia, beloved folk songs, spirituals and more. Purchase tickets at www.trueconcord.org



By Liz Haynes

The Patio Sale Style Show is back!

At the October Women's Ministries Gathering Lunch on October 19^{th,} we will be showcasing (and selling) great clothes that have been donated to the patio sale. This is always a fun event so be sure to get your reservation at the Women's Ministries table before and after Sunday worship on October 10th and October 17th for \$11.00. Invite your friends.

The offering taken at the Gathering will go to the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering, a national program that gives grants to projects that address health and wellness, education, community needs, etc.





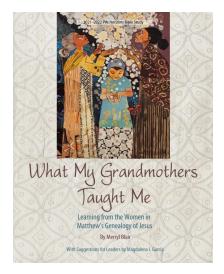
The Presbytery de Cristo Fall Gathering

will be held on October 16th at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9252 East 22nd, Tucson. The time is 8:30 – 2:00 and the keynote speaker will be Carol Main on the topic of "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women."

The talk centers on her Presbyterian Womensponsored trip to visit sites connected with the Suffragist Movement that culminated in women's right to vote. Registration forms will be available at the Women's Ministries table before and after Sunday worship.

The registration fee is \$11 and lunch will be provided.





Circles will begin meeting in October and this year's Bible study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Is for sale at the Women's Ministries table for \$11.00. This study looks at the women in the genealogy of Jesus, as described in the book of Matthew. If you are interested in joining a Circle, please get information at the Women's Ministries table.

The caring ministries of the Church need prayer shawls.

If you knit or crochet then we can provide you with a pattern. Please see the Women's Ministries table after the Sunday service.

We are accepting your aluminum pull tabs and unused mini toiletries.

<u>Unfortunately, we can no longer accept plastic bottle caps.</u> The program to which we contributed those bottle caps has been terminated due to Covid and travel-related issues. The bottle cap collection was one of our most successful projects and we thank everyone for their previous contributions.

The Women's Ministries table will be available before and after the Worship Service on the first three Sundays of the month. We are happy to answer questions and take donations for our various projects. Bible study books are available (see above) and we also sell our latest cookbook. Please stop by.



Parish Nurse: Chris Erickson, BA, RN

Caring for those in our congregation Faith & Health/Parish Nurse News August 2021



Coming soon Cardio-drumming began September 14^{th} , however there a just a few more openings in this class that starts at 9 am on Tuesdays as a once a week 30 minute exercise program for health, stress, and balance. Please email <u>parishnurse@valleypres.net</u>

We are calculating the survey results and will let you know more about upcoming programs as they are related to the surveys.

Flu Clinic will be here at VPC on October 14th at 9:30 am – 11:30 am in the Sweet Family Room. Please sign up with the Parish Nurse by calling the church at 520-625-5023 or emailing parishnurse@valleypres.net



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

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

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

Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy. Please watch for more information coming soon.



By Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson, BA, RN

Flu Season this year

October will soon begin and with that, the Flu Season is once again starting. With a more relaxed wearing of masks and more activities happening, colds and Flu will be seen more this year.



According to the CDC, It is possible to test positive for flu as well as other respiratory infections and COVID -19 at the same time. COVID is thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets, coughing, sneezing, talking and even singing. The symptoms, besides those listed below, that are seen in COVID are shortness of breath and loss of taste or smell.

The Flu can be spread similar to COVID. Some of these droplets can stay on an object or surface and live for short periods of time. Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces may be helpful as well. Some of the symptoms may look to be the same as COVID: fever or chills, cough, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds (to the tune of Happy Birthday twice) is a good everyday prevention. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Just a reminder that you can pass on the infection before you feel sick. You are contagious for several days after you get sick. Some people who get the flu feel better in a week or two, while others get very sick. Older persons are at a greater risk of picking up secondary infections, such as pneumonia. Make sure to talk to your healthcare provider if you are not feeling well.

At Valley Presbyterian Church, we will be having a Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 14th from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Sweet Family Room. Please sign up by either call the church office at 520-625-5023 or emailing <u>parishnurse@valleypres.net</u>.

Most people have no problem with a flu shot. In fact, for most people, the flu is more dangerous than the flu shot. When you get the flu shot, your arm might be sore, red, or swell a bit. These side effects may start shortly after getting the shot and can last up to 2 days. They should not get in the way of your daily activities. A few people do have a headache or a low-grade fever for about a day after they get the shot. The flu shot cannot cause you to get the flu. Because eggs are used to make the flu vaccine, people who are allergic to eggs could have a serious reaction to the shot.

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Finding Creative Solutions

Water tankers are ubiquitous in Juba. They are operated mostly by migrant workers from Eritrea. One can find water tankers lined up along the Nile River, not far from where we live, siphoning water from the vast, moving flow of water from the highlands of Rwanda and Uganda, finding its destination in the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile River supports more than three hundred million people from cities and villages along this four-thousand-mile waterway. In Juba alone, water tankers ply the main roads and backstreet allies, supplying water to buildings and homes large and small.



NTC Water Tanker



A rakuba is a simple structure than can be built quickly using sturdy grasses and pieces of wood for walls, often having metal sheeting or grass thatches for the roof.

Since arriving in Juba four years ago, I have been inspired by the creative solutions found by Rev. Santino and the leadership of Nile Theological College where I serve as a faculty member. When forced to leave Malakal due to war, the college campus destroyed, Rev. Santino and Rev. Michael Aban renovated a bakery in Juba and started up the college again with only five students, the number quickly growing to more than seventy-five within a couple of years. When more space was needed for classes and the chapel, they quickly erected a rakuba which provided the extra space needed.

The most recent form of creative ingenuity can be found in the purchase of a water tanker. Recognizing the need to diversify the income stream of the college, Rev. Santino and the administration decided to collaborate with a few international partners to buy a water tanker. This water tanker will be used to provide water to the college, to the homes that house faculty and staff, and to clients thus generating extra income for the college.

A few weeks ago we held a special chapel service of dedication. We gave special time for prayer and invited members from the College Council to celebrate this creative initiative. It was a day of celebration and committing the newest member of our community, the water tanker, into the hands of the Lord. Living amidst limited resources and ongoing challenges, we are regularly inspired by friends and colleagues who think outside the box and find creative solutions.



Food and Fellowship (we slaughtered a sheep, and ate it with kisra and kudra, two local favorites!)

The past blogs read like a real life novel, chronicling God in action through the writings of Bob and Kristi Rice. Please join me in following and praying for our missionaries and let me know if you have joined the blog brigade by emailing me douglasclark68@me.com



STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse Walle Makery

This is a delightful book of drawings and profound sayings. The characters are all unique but come together to help each other.

"Everyone is a bit scared," said the horse, "but we are less scared together. Tears fall for a reason, and they are your strength not weakness."

"What is the bravest thing you every said?" asked the boy. "Help," said the horse.

"When have you been at your strongest?" asked the boy. "When I have dared to show my weakness. Asking for help isn't giving up," said the horse. "It's refusing to give up."

Are you a bit scared of asking for help? The church community is here to help each other. Don't give up. To ask for a Stephen Minister, be strong and call the church office. Someone will quickly connect you with a Stephen Minister to help.



Submitted by Kay Brower

The Clinic Executive Director, Laura Romero, expressed the clinic's deep concern that the families of their children have faith that the clinic is caring for them in all ways possible. The families need reassurance that they are not forgotten because of the Covid Pandemic and the Delta Variant which has sent children to hospitals.

Because of the desperation being felt among clinic families, Laura and her staff made a September trip to the hospital in Hermosillo to gather needed supplies such as baby formula, diapers and food. Dr. Jordan, an orthodontist in Hermosillo, has volunteered space in her office where parents can come to get the collected supplies. Laura and Diana will be there to offer face-to-face conversations and to answer questions. Those parents need to see the clinic staff to realize they have continued medical help.

The Health Director in Mexico has expressed little interest in vaccinating children. He announced that the vaccinations given to children would be better used if given to adults.

Dr. Quiroz is a pediatrician in Nogales, Sonora who works closely with St. Andrew's Clinic. He continues to hope that a clinic might be offered in October or November, but the possibility is slight. The families in Mexico need to know that the clinic always cares for them, even when visits to Nogales, Arizona are impossible.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic needs our continued prayers and support for the struggle that never seems to end.



OPERATION MOBILIZATION

Bangladesh Partnership Update

Pam and Dave L. are very busy serving (via ZOOM) areas of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. There now are 135 people attending services in the seven churches in Bangladesh.

Operation Mobilization is also showing the love of Christ by offering education to those who have no money.

Hands of a Friend

Hands of a Friend has been busy making repairs to the Genesis House. They have been cleaning up after the rainy season.



Hands of a Friend

One of the playhouses was blown into the wall and has to be saved and given new life. A grant was received from Rotary Club for a new covered playground. That area is being cleaned.

Truckloads of stuff are being taken to the dump. That includes broken-down out-door furniture, old, useless contents of the storage units, and ground scraps and trash from the storms.

Inside the house, all bedding has been washed and the rooms that are not occupied have been scrubbed to get them ready and sanitary for new guests. The kitchen cabinets have been given a fresh coat of paint. The kitchen and dining room walls will be next. Window

coverings have been purchased and will be hung soon. The appearance of the house is much improved and able to provide a calm, clean feeling within the residence.

The second cornhole tournament at Triple Play was a success. It was a fun night with good friends and supporters of Hands of a Friend.



Currently the Home has 51 children and 7 adults – all are healthy.

Two students are attending college and 4 are attending high school. All costs associated with education – including lap tops, school supplies, tuition are paid for with donations to RISE Scholastic Achievements. The Mexican government gives financial aid to college students.

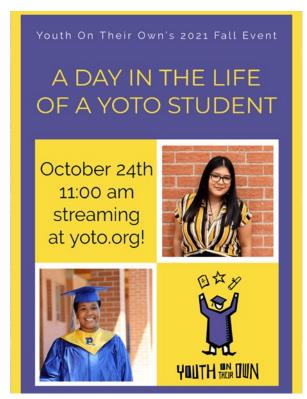
The two children attending college still live at the Home and have taken on adult responsibilities of cleaning the home and looking after the younger children. An advantage to college attendees is that the college is at the same location as the high school.

The Mexican government is planning to install miles of electrical power lines which will benefit the Home. The installation date unknown at this time. Another planned installment will be Cable services by RISE Scholastic Achievement Funds. Whenever this happens, the children will have internet access which will greatly enhance their education and lifestyle in general.

No trips to the Home are planned. Reed has not visited since 2019, before the Covid Pandemic limited travel and activities. The Christmas cards, donations and the trip may be put off for yet another year. Hopefully, 2022 will improve our contacts and support of this mission especially at Christmas.

Bless you all for making a difference in the lives of these young people. To learn more, go to: www.risesa.org





LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH ON THEIR OWN!!

Youth On Their Own is having a VIRTUAL FALL EVENT. Visit yoto.org on Sunday, October 24 at 11 am to learn about a day in the life of a Youth On Their Own Student!! More details coming in our Eblast and Sunday Bulletin!

Submitted by Mary Horn, Mission Committee Liaison to YOTO

October Birthdays

** indicates turning 90 indicates age in their 90's

	Barbra Bentley	10/02
	Phyllis Camp **	10/03
	Barbara Eidson	10/03
	Bonnie Wollin	10/03
	Timothy J. Wollin	10/03
ì	Esther Grimsley *	10/04
C	Vera Anderson	10/04
	Darwin Guinn *	10/05
	Martha Long	10/05
	Michael Peake	10/05
	Jean Hein	10/06
	Carmen Nylund	10/08
	Tommy Thompson	10/08
	Delores Mechem	10/09
	Chris Schorr	10/11
	Mary Snider	10/11
	Suzanne Mandeville	10/12
	David Bont	10/13
	James Callahan	10/13
١	Betty Weide *	10/15
١	Priscilla Weston	10/15
ı	LaRue Haff	10/15
	Ruth Dunham	10/15
	Ray Esparza	10/16
•	James Egly *	10/17
	Judith Patricia McKinley	10/17
	Judith Pember	10/18

October Birthdays

	Diane Leah Hartley	10/18
	Sue Luhring	10/18
	Pat Bruner	10/19
	Carl Charette	10/22
	Pam Peak	10/23
	Janice Woerner	10/24
	Raymond Sayre	10/24
	Joshua Jorgensen	10/24
7	Del Harsh	10/25
7	Jean Longnecker	10/25
	Joseph Chesnover *	10/26
-	Kathryn Gnau	10/26
	Nancy Lammers	10/26
	David Appleton *	10/26
	Thomas Allen **	10/28
	Erlene Johnson	10/28
	Sherry Harsh	10/28
	Edwin Storey	10/28
	Virginia Crook	10/29
	Jannet Parker	10/29
	Jenny VanTreese	10/29
	Loren Rigterrink	10/29
	Herman Klap **	10/30
	Herb Andrews	10/30
	Gail Seibert	10/30
	Gail Baker	10/30
	Nancy Tompkins	10/30
	Doug Clark	10/31
	Richard Chvala	10/31

PATIO SALE NEWS

Submitted by Eloise Fredrickson

MUCH MORE THAN A HOLIDAY SALE

The Holiday Sale is coming up November 4, 5, and 6, but this sale will be much more than a holiday sale. The sale we had in April, held outside because of COVID restrictions, involved just some of our departments, so we needed a sale that would allow those omitted departments to sell their merchandise. Since the sale is at the beginning of November, October is a month for planning.

The following departments will be selling at this sale: Linens, Books, Collectibles and Jewelry, Holiday, Art, and Clothes. The heads of those departments are asked to meet on October 7th in Classroom 5 at 10:00 AM to let us know what they require for putting their merchandise on sale. Each department chair will receive more information by email.

On October 15th we are asking everyone who is willing to volunteer to work at the sale to gather in the church sanctuary at 10:00 AM. Because we are having this sale before some of our regular volunteers have returned from their summer homes, we will need volunteers who don't usually work at this sale or any sale. Please help us out this time! It's work, but it is also lots of fun. We will need people to help unpack boxes and get it ready for display on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and then to assist shoppers or serve as cashiers on the 4th, 5th, and 6th. After the sale ends on the 6th, we need help to pack up and clean up, so volunteers are needed for all those jobs.

Women should plan to attend the Patio Sale Style Show held by Women's Ministries on October 19th. More information is found elsewhere in the Valley Voice.

If you have questions, please contact any of the following Amigos: Carmen Nylund at nclmylund1968@outlook.com or 425 387-7468, Pat Nau at 417 830-3589 or nauandthen@gmail.com, or Eloise Fredrickson at eloisef@aol.com or 520 850-8004. Dick Christensen is also an Amigo but will be in Michigan until October 26.

PATIO SALES	INCOME AND E	ΧP	ENSES
	Jan 1 - Aug 31, 2021		
Income			
Misc Sales to May 31		\$	10,608
April Sale			60,555
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	71,163
Expenses			
Labor			8,173
Storage			10,276
Tents			7,929
Trucking and Supplies			4,293
All Other			2,383
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	33,054
	NET INCOME	Ś	38,109
	TO DATE		
2020 Fund Carryover			23,761
TOTAL 2021 FUND BALANCE		\$	61,870
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PLANNED 2021 TRANSFER TO			
	2/15/2021		13,750
	5/15/2021		13,750
	8/15/2021		13,750
	11/15/2021		
	TOTAL	\$	55,000
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Journey Through Grief November 19 – December 14, Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m. Classroom 5

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 ½ to 2-hour sessions, meeting twice a week. 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 and her husband Dick Hill, members of Valley Presbyterian Church. Carolyn has facilitated a similar program for several years at another church and Dick is a retired Hospice nurse.

Both are Stephen Ministers.

The next session will start on November 19th, 2021 and will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays through December 14th. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher at the church to register.

Al and Faith Wednesdays, Oct 20, 27 and Nov 10, 17 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 1 Your teacher: Dr. Mark A. Horton

The last decade has seen dramatic advances in artificial intelligence and robotics technology, raising tough questions that need to be addressed. *Al and Faith* will consider how Christians can respond to these issue – and flourish – in the years ahead.

Dr. Mark A. Horton hortonm8@outlook.com, 520-499-3011

Taize is back! First Thursday of the Month In the Spiritual life Center at 5 p.m.

Taize is a beautiful, half-hour meditative service of song and candlelight, scripture and prayer. If you have not been to a Taize worship service, we invite you to come and have your soul filled with peace and joy. If you are not able to attend, a recording of the service will be on our website (valleypres.net) on the following day.



Hunger Walk2021

"A humungous thank you to everyone who helped make the Hunger Walk 2021 such a tremendous success. Our VPC team met at the Historic Canoa Ranch site on Saturday September 11th and walked the area from 8am until 11am along with several other groups.

It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all."



:Left to right: Judy Lindsey, Pastor Diane Christopher, Kylene Joplin, Carol Stephens, Rev. Pastor Craig Lindsey, Betty Kiesle Yoder, Sue Horton, Doug Clark, Mary Horn, Mary (Judy) Clark in Chair, Annie the dog. And not shown Richard Horn behind the camera



Kylene Joplin, Judy Lindsey, Betty Kiesle Yoder, Richard Horn, Carol Stevens, Doug Clark, Rev. Pastor Craig Lindsey, Judy Clark and Annie



Carol Stevens & Kylene Joplin