

# Valley Voice

## T.I.A.

Thank you, one and all, for the gracious/grace-filled ways you have received us:

Our PNC was incredible, with sending notes and Arizona postcards, recommending a house and realtor, help for our dog, and of course pecans!

On Candidacy Sunday, the manner in which parishioners genuinely greeted us saying, "We are so glad you are here" then voting unanimously to call us.

Pastor Diane preaching on the new Mission Statement to prepare for our arrival with you on October 1.

The Patio Sale leaders helping those who created a foundation of love in our new home.

Your prayers, cards and encouragement. Our staff checking in and offering helpful guidance as we make our way.

As of September 18, we purged everything down to one PODS unit, and the PODS has launched! We anticipate touching down in Green Valley on September 23, with the house closing on September 24, and beginning in the office on October 1.

With all of this love and cooperation, God is certainly going to bring great things among us at Valley Presbyterian.

The Presbyterian Church is different. We are the only Christian church who elect, ordain and install our leaders.

To me that means that the "call" is especially important. You have not hired a pastor, or been assigned, or contracted for services.

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures of the First Testament, the people of God, and individual leaders of the community of faith, were called.

Despite circumstances, God never withdrew that calling. Our responsibility is whether we accept the call, and how we respond, but we cannot deny the calling from God exists.

At a Session meeting, during the interim before my last call, one of the elders said "I am tired of all this interim business and reconciliation stuff. When are we going to get a REAL pastor?" The Interim was only a little taken aback. But, like the Velveteen Rabbit story, my goal in ministry has been to be "REAL," to be genuine and honest and committed. To love, no matter what.

What have been especially encouraging are the echoes from central New York friends, who have been jealous of our moving to Arizona. No snow, hurricanes, flooding, etc.

For the last 20 years, I have been working with refugees from South Sudan, visiting there, and have been an active member in the Sudan Ministry Network of the PC(USA). In this capacity, we learned that customs and practices are different in Africa than in North America, which we described as T.I.A. (This Is Africa). The point being, as Americans we could not remake Africa and African customs to fit our expectations. So, Judy and I have begun saying TIA, "This Is Arizona" and in many ways we will adapt to be part of Green Valley. A friend did give me a going-away gift of cowboy boots complete with spurs stating that, "I had earned my spurs in ministry." Packing these up, Judy asked what "A-Z Boots" indicated on the packing box. I looked at her and said "Arizona." T.I.A.

Pastor Craig

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## New Members and Mentors

It is an exciting time for our church, and people are expressing interest in membership. A New Members Class is scheduled for November. To help new members become more engaged at Valley, we want to connect each new member with a mentor.

For three months or so after the new member class, the mentor will meet once a month (or more) with the new member, answer questions, and help the new member get connected in the church.

Will you consider being a mentor to a single person, or as a couple, mentor a new member couple? If you are interested, contact Pastor Diane for more information (625-5023).

## Helping the Victims of Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently in communication with one of their partners in the Bahamas, Bahamas Methodist Habitat, as well as U.S. presbyteries in the path of Dorian. As part of PDA's initial response, a solidarity grant has been coordinated for response efforts in the Bahamas.

PDA has been in communication with several international response organizations, including Church World Service (CWS) and ACT Alliance, as well as National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Puerto Rico VOAD. In conversations with ACT Alliance and CWS, they are identifying the best time and best way to travel to the Bahamas as part of a damage assessment team to implement a rapid, timely and effective emergency response to Hurricane Dorian's impact; identifying needs, local capacities, and providing updated information.

As PDA has learned from previous disasters and the shared experience of many relief organizations, the best way to respond to a disaster is through monetary donations. As USAID indicates, "Cash donations are the most efficient form of assistance. Unlike material donations, cash involves no transportation costs, shipping delays, or customs fees. It also enables relief organizations to spend more time providing aid by spending less time managing goods. Cash donations also allow relief supplies to be purchased in markets close to the disaster site, which stimulates the local economy, thereby boosting employment and generating cash flow."

If you would like to support PDA's response, you can write a check to Valley Presbyterian Church with Hurricane Dorian or PDA on the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate during Sunday worship, or mailed to/dropped off in the church office.

## The 10 Commandments for Welcoming a New Pastor

At Stephen Ministry on September 13, Cheryl Stepp gave a devotion on how to welcome a new pastor based on the Ten Commandments (originally given in a sermon by John Taylor). I share it with all of you as we welcome Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey.

1. **Thou shalt keep God first.** Invite God into all your plans for welcoming and interacting with Pastor Craig, and your belonging to one another will get off to a fast start.
2. **Thou shalt open yourselves to your new minister's ideas and gifts.** Every congregation has tried and true ways of being a church together. Pastor Lindsey will bring experiences, gifts, and fresh eyes to our church. Allow him to exercise them in ways that strengthen our witness, even if that means smashing a few idols in the process.
3. **Thou shalt be mindful of how you use God's name.** Names - and the ways we use them - have power. Use God's in heartfelt prayers for Pastor Craig and your journey together. Try out using relevant adjectives for God in your devotional time: welcoming God, life-giving God, loving God, surprising God.
4. **Thou shalt rest, and urge your pastor to do the same.** We are at the end of a long interim period, which can deplete a congregation's energy. Take your hard-earned Sabbath so that you will be rejuvenated for the mission God has for this church. And remember that Pastor Craig, though no doubt excited to be with us, will likely be tired from all the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual efforts that moving requires.
5. **Thou shalt tend to your relationships with your new minister, his family, your current staff, and one another.** Pay attention to people who are struggling with the transition. Be vulnerable with each other - this will build deep trust that you will rely on in the years to come.
6. **Thou shalt encourage, encourage, encourage.** Share your hopes with Pastor Craig. Express your excitement that he is part of our community. When things go well, give him genuine and specific affirmation. That feedback provides replenishment, motivation, and focus.
7. **Thou shalt address concerns directly and promptly.** Don't allow problems to fester, and don't relay your beefs through a third party. Instead, give constructive and timely comments so that the issue can be nipped in the bud.
8. **Thou shalt pay your minister fairly.** Appropriate cash salary and benefits and annual cost of living pay increases will allow Pastor Craig to focus on ministry alongside us instead of focusing on finances.
9. **Thou shalt refrain from making assumptions, and thou shalt stop rumors in their tracks.** It's easy to make mental leaps about someone you're just getting to know, then spread them around as facts. Instead, be curious. Ask. Use your wondering to build the relationship.
10. **Thou shalt manage your expectations.** Remember that this is a new role for Pastor Craig, and there will be a period of adjustment. Be helpful and welcoming without monopolizing his time and attention.

Chisel these guidelines into a couple of stone slabs and keep them constantly before you, and you will have laid the groundwork for years of growing in God and serving your neighbors together.



Rev. Diane Christopher, Pastor of Discipleship



## Faith Formation

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

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

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

### The Return of “Turning the Gem”

**Your teacher: Pastor Diane Christopher**

**Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5**

**Beginning October 2**

Two years ago, I taught a 7-month class called “Turning the Gem.” After taking a year break, it is time to bring it back. What is the gem?

In the Jewish tradition, Rabbis talk about scripture having seventy faces. Just like a gem, when you turn it, or allow the sun to shine through it, you will see something new and unexpected.

We will look at the Bible as one big beautiful story. We will zoom in on the smallest detail. We will look deeper at new levels found in the passage. We will turn it and see it from another perspective.

I like the way Rob Bell says it in his book *What is the Bible?*: “You dance with the Bible...We read it, and we let it read us, and then we turn the gem, again, and again, and again, seeing something new over and over and over again.”

I will review some old lessons with new insights and introduce many new topics as well. Will you come dance with me?

### Exploring Membership Class

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

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

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 Pres.

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

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



## Faith Formation

### Men's Weekday Bible Studies

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

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

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

The second group, with about six to thirteen men attending each week, meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. They meet at the church for one hour in classroom 1. The group is facilitated by Larry Phillips (777-8027), but focuses on group discussion. They use the NavPress Life Change Series study guide. They are studying John's Epistles 1, 2, and 3. 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 Inquisitors

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## Valley Verde Rotary Club of Green Valley Educational Sponsorship of Two Children

*Submitted by Reed Olson - Mission Committee*



*L to R: Andi Grantham - Rotary President, Elias Herrera, Reed Olson, Tom Cooke - Rotary member*

On September 5, 2019 the Valley Verde Rotary Club of Green Valley held its weekly 6:45 a.m. breakfast meeting. The guest speaker was Elias Herrera, Director of Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, Nogales, Sonora MX. Elias, his wife, Myrna, and their child spent the previous night at the Best Western Inn courtesy of Wade Hossman, General Manager. Thanks to Jim Rusk, who coordinated the breakfast, the Rotary listened to Elias's story of the creation and growth of the Home which now has 50 children. The Rotary Club then presented a check for \$1,120 to fund two children's high school costs for the coming year under the RISE Scholastic Achievement program. Thank you Valley Verde Rotary Club, Jim Rusk, and the Best Western Inn.

## Mark Your Calendar for the Month of November, and the December 14 Christmas Trip to the Home for Children

**All of November (Sponsor a Child for Christmas) and December 14 (Trip)**



November is the annual month to help sponsor a child for Christmas and sign the child's Christmas card. Reed Olson will have a table set up in Fellowship Hall during November. Details will be in the November Valley Voice. Also, December 14 is the Christmas trip to the Home. This is always a sold out event. You will need to sign up early to get a seat on the trip, but you don't need to wait for November to sign up. You can contact Reed Olson now to reserve your seat. Email him at: [olsonr1@cox.net](mailto:olsonr1@cox.net).

## Women's Ministries Program Year About to Begin

**Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

*Submitted by Janice Potter*

Our speaker on October 15 at the Gathering of Women's Ministries will be Esther Gorrales, Service Center Coordinator for The Salvation Army in Green Valley. She will speak about the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and other ways they help our citizens. The reservation table will be open October 8 and 15.

The Presby Gifts will go to help pay for food for The Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner. Remember to write your check to Women's Ministries and our treasurer will send a check for the total collected.

William Booth of London, a Methodist Reform Minister, is credited with the earlier work that led to The Salvation Army. He left his pulpit in 1878 to go directly to the streets to deliver his message.

By this time he had changed the name to The Salvation Army. The first people to accept his message of Christ were thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, drunkards, and people who were destitute.

He later sent his gifted daughter, Evangeline Booth, to spread the message in North America. Today, The Salvation Army is at work in 100 countries.



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

## Thank You to our Card Makers!

**Wednesday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1**

Many THANK YOUS to the INSPIRATIONAL CARD MAKERS who met in August and September to create special cards to be included with stipend checks that are distributed each month to Youth On Their Own (YOTO) students.

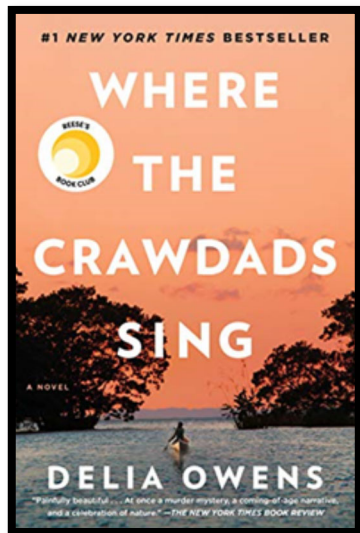
Plan to join us on Wednesday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1 as we meet to create more cards for the kids. All kinds of fun decorating materials will be available for our use, as well as inspirational sayings to use. Hope to see you there!!

## Thank You to our Women's Ministries!

On behalf of YOTO, I would like to thank our Women's Ministries for donating many needed school supplies for YOTO students who are heading back to a new school year. The contributions were both generous and included a wide variety of items: Flash drives, an adult-sized backpack, pencils, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, colored pencils, markers, index cards, mechanical pencils, pens, composition notebooks, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, and note pads. THANK YOU WOMEN'S MINISTRIES! Your gifts to YOTO are very much appreciated!

## Valley Readers

Monday, October 28  
2:00 p.m. in Classroom 1



Kya Clark, known as the “marsh girl,” has lived alone in the wilds of the North Carolina coastal country, but when two young men become interested in her she begins to reach out for human contact. Then a life-shattering event alters everything for all three. Both a luminous evocation of nature and a spell-binding mystery and courtroom drama, *Where the Crawdads Sing* has fascinated and delighted readers across the country. More than a year after publication this novel still ranks number one on the NY Times fiction bestseller list. Join us for a discussion of this riveting story, led by Sheila Frahm. Please contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

## Celebrating Life in the Desert

### “Celebrating Life in the Desert” is the theme for the 2019 White Elephant Parade

Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*



Valley Presbyterian Church will be participating with our own Valley Galley and a second float to celebrate Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey beginning his new journey here in the Sonoran Desert. The float will have southwestern decorations, and a group of our members will be riding on the float and singing familiar hymns. Please be aware that the Fellowship Committee will be decorating the float in the back parking lot of the church on Friday October 25 and the float will be parked there over the weekend which means there will be fewer parking spots available on Sunday morning.

We are excited for Valley Presbyterian Church to once again participate in the White Elephant Parade and be part of this important community event. We invite you to come to the parade and show your support.

## Get Ready to Celebrate Fall

### A Special Event Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*



Come join us on Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. under the parking lot solar panels for a Fall Festival (formerly Tailgate Party). This will be a potluck where you can show off your culinary talents by sharing your favorite appetizer, casserole, or salad with all our party-goers. The church will provide paper plates, napkins, and utensils. The Valley Galley will also be there selling desserts and hot coffee!

In addition to bringing food to share, bring your own beverage, lawn chairs, and perhaps a small side table. And most important – bring your spirit of fun and fellowship. Later in the afternoon as the sun begins to set there will be a time of fun and games.

This is an event not to be missed, so mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26 and get ready to celebrate the fall season.



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

*By Carmen Nylund, Organizer*

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

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

You can sign up at the "Supper Cluster" table in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, October 6 or you can complete the form below and bring it (or mail it) to the church office. Sign-ups will continue through November and Clusters will be organized in December so you can start getting together in January. If you have questions, stop by the Supper Cluster table and we will be happy to chat with you.

### **SUPPER CLUSTER SIGN-UP FORM - 2020** (Please Print)

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

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

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ NEIGHBORHOOD \_\_\_\_\_  
(Desert Hills, Quail Creek, e.g.)

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

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

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

*Please return the completed form to the church office or drop it by the Supper Cluster table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays beginning October 6.*

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## **Sign Up for Our Next Trip**

**November 7**

Join our November 7 trip to see, firsthand, the wonderful mission happening in Nogales, Arizona at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. On the first Thursday of every month, volunteer doctors, nurses, and helpers will examine, diagnose and treat children for whom care in Mexico is not available or affordable. The tour will start at 10:00 a.m. and will last about an hour. We'll eat lunch together after the tour. To sign up for this mission trip, contact Kay Brouwer at 573-552-2313 or kbrouwer1942@gmail.com. Please consider joining us.

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

**November 16, 4:00 p.m.  
at the Sabbat Shriner's Center in Tucson**

Get excited! Join the benefactors of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic at a Fiesta Dinner on November 16, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at Sabbar Shriner's Center, 450 S. Tucson Blvd. in Tucson. This will be an evening with live mariachi, food, a silent auction, and dancing. The event will be a great time and will benefit the children at the clinic. Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. You can purchase tickets at St. Andrew's local office, 75 W. Calle de las Tiendas Suite 129B, Green Valley, AZ 85614. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Yadelle Valencia at 520-648-3242, or email celyislas@gmail.com, or call Kay Brouwer, 573-552-2313.

## **Founder of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is Honored**







St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is one of the Missions our church supports. The founder, Maria Luz "Coca" Romero, was recognized as one of about 20 "Most Influential People" in the AZ area for the year 2019, as presented in the Green Valley News in September. More than 40 years ago, Ms. Romero established St. Andrew's Children's Clinic as a non-profit, non-denominational clinic that provides free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot afford to get the care they need in their home country. It is operated with donations and volunteers. She understood the struggles of a parent of a special-needs child. Her love for her son, born with cerebral palsy, led her to search out other moms with children who have disabilities. Together they started a Children's Clinic in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and eventually moved to St. Andrews' Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona. Today, her daughter, Laura Romero, is the executive director of St. Andrew's Clinic, managing to get children and their families from Mexico to the clinic on the first Thursday of every month except July. "Coca" Romero has truly influenced many children and families, helping them to find better health, happiness, and stability. Kay Brouwer will be taking a group to tour this mission on Thursday, November 7. If you'd like to join this tour to Nogales, Arizona, contact her at kbrouwer1042@gmail.com or call 573-552-2313.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>October 2019</b>		<b>1</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study (Silver Springs) 8:15 STAFF MEETING 8:30 WM Coordinating Team 9:30 Prayer Ministry 10:00 Bible Study Leadership Class 11:00 Network of Caring Team 2:15 Joyful Spirit Ensemble	<b>2</b> 8:00 Ministry of Presence 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 1:00 Turning the Gem 5:00 Taizé Service  Barbara Bentley
<b>6</b> Communion Food Bank Collection 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship at LaJoya 9:15 Kids Room 9:30 Service of Worship 1:00 Communion at LaJoya 3:00 Music in the Valley  Jean Hein	<b>7</b> 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Peace & Justice Resource 9:00 Mission Quilts 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Membership Committee 10:00 AAUW Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study (Silver Springs) 8:15 STAFF MEETING 9:30 Prayer Ministry 2:15 Joyful Spirit Ensemble  Carmen Nylund, Tommy Thompson	<b>9</b> 8:15 Crossroads Mission 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Deacons Meeting 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:30 Lois Circle 1:00 Turning the Gem 1:00 Miriam Circle  Dee Mechem
<b>13</b> Just Coffee 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Kids Room 9:30 Service of Worship  Don Bont, Jim Callahan	<b>14</b> 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Faith Formation Committee 2:00 Foundation Meetin	<b>15</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study (Silver Springs) 8:15 STAFF MEETING 9:30 Prayer Ministry 11:30 Women's Gathering Luncheon 2:15 Joyful Spirit Ensemble  Ruth Dunham, LaRue Haff, Betty Weide	<b>16</b> 8:15 Crossroads Mission 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Finance Committee 1:00 Turning the Gem  Kathy Gullen, Ray Esparza
<b>20</b> 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Worship at La Joya 9:15 Kids Room 9:30 Service of Worship 10:45 Blood Pressure Screening	<b>21</b> 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Mission Quilts 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Fellowship Committee 4:00 Ruth Circle	<b>22</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study (Silver Springs) 8:15 STAFF MEETING 9:00 Creative Hands 9:30 Prayer Ministry 2:15 Joyful Spirit Ensemble  Janice Potter	<b>23</b> 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 1:00 Turning the Gem 2:00 Card Making for YOTO  Pam Peake
<b>27</b> Just Coffee Stephen Ministry Sunday 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Kids Room 9:30 Service of Worship  Dave Appleton	<b>28</b> 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 2:00 Valley Readers  Tom Allen, Sherry Harsh	<b>29</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study (Silver Springs) 8:15 STAFF MEETING 9:30 Prayer Ministry 2:15 Joyful Spirit Ensemble  Virginia Crook, Russ Hartley, Jennet Parker, Jenny VanTreese	<b>30</b> 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 1:00 Turning the Gem  Herb Andrews, Gail Barker, Herman Klap, Gail Seibert, Nancy Tompkins, Kathy Woodard

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Sat

	<b>3</b> 9:00 Congregational Care Leaders 1:00 Worship Committee 2:15 Handbell Practice 3:15 Choir Practice  Barbara Eidson, Muriel Wagner	<b>4</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 1:30 Inquisitors - The Spiritual Brain  Vera Anderson, Esther Grimsley	<b>5</b> 8:30 Communion Prep   Georgie Eberhardt, Darwin Guinn, Marti Long, Mike Peake
Lunch Prep	<b>10</b> 8:00 Patio Sale Sorting 9:00 Faith & Health Committee 1:00 Personnel Committee 2:15 Handbell Practice 3:15 Choir Practice  MaryAnn Campbell	<b>11</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Stephen Ministers Continuing Ed 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Stephen Minister Peer Groups 11:00 Stephen Ministry Leadership 1:30 Inquisitors - The Spiritual Brain  Meghan Erickson	<b>12</b>   Suzanne Mandeville
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	<b>24</b> 8:00 Session Meeting 2:15 Handbell Practice 3:15 Choir Practice  Joshua Jorgensen, Ray Sayre, Jan Woerner	<b>25</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Parkinson's Exercise 9:00 Stephen Ministers Continuing Ed 10:00 Chair Exercise Class 10:00 Stephen Minister Peer Groups 11:00 Stephen Minister Leadership 1:30 Inquisitors - The Spiritual Brain  Del Harsh, Jeannie Longnecker	<b>26</b> 4:00 Fall Festival   Mack Chesnover, Kitty Gnau, Nancy Lammers
	<b>31</b> 9:00 Congregational Care Retreat 3:15 Choir Practice   Phyllis Camp, Dick Chvala, Doug Clark		

## Financial Update

*Submitted by Annie Stitt*

(Based on financial data through August 2019)

The Finance Committee met on September 18 to review activity through August. As of August 31, 2019, the financials show that we are remaining in a positive position as we have been fortunate to report for each month of 2019.

When we look at budget-to-actual, the revenues exceed the year-to-date budget by 4% and expenses are under budget by 5%. This puts us a little ahead of our budgeted year-to-date as shown below:

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues	\$497,967	\$477,075	(\$20,892)
Patio Sale transfers	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500	-0-
Expenses	<u>\$491,490</u>	<u>\$516,932</u>	<u>\$25,442</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 40,977</u>	<u>(\$ 5,357)</u>	<u>\$46,334</u>

The Finance Committee watches the results closely each month. The difference between this year-to-date and last year at this time shows that our bottom line for the year-to-date has improved by \$107,957. Our operating reserves stand at \$167,496. To date we have collected and paid \$8,708 (43.6%) of the Presbytery de Cristo assessed \$19,949 per capita. This is paid only as collected.

The 2020 budget process has begun and we have asked ALL committees to get their budget estimates to the finance office by October 1. Hopefully, all committees are working toward this goal.

Thank you to all who are continuing to meet your pledge for 2019. We will be doing a follow-up reminder to those pledges that are behind by November 30. It has been reported to the committee that we have collected 80% of the 2019 pledges, and non-pledge giving is obviously more significant than last year.

## Session Notes from August

*Submitted by Charlie Ashton, Clerk of Session*

- Approved serving of communion as follows: by intinction on November 3, and around the tables prior to the Thanksgiving meal on November 22.
- Approved \$842.43 for the purchase of a computer for the Music Department.
- No updates were made to the 2019 budget due to the fact that income is exceeding outlays.
- Approved the Fellowship Committee's request to have a float on a flat-bed truck in the White Elephant Parade.
- Approved charging expenses for the Pastor's moving, transportation, and incidentals to the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Expressed thanks and deep appreciation to the PNC and its members for their service to the church.
- Adjourned with an expression of thanks to Reverend Medina for his ministry as Transitional Pastor.

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## Small Group Questionnaire

The Faith Formation Committee is seeking your input on what kind of groups might be formed to meet the needs and interests of our VPC congregation. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Surveys can be returned to Pastor Diane in the office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Small groups are those where communication refers to interactions among three or more people who are connected through a common purpose, mutual influence, and a shared identity. The purposes of such groups are many and varied. Examples of small groups organized in a church setting include, but are not limited to, bible studies, prayer groups, seminars, committees, and classes. Generally, the nature of the group encompasses the group's purpose.

*Please circle the number(s) of those below that interest you:*

1. Prayer Group
2. Bible Study - Suggest some topics

For our church family who are not here yet, please mail a copy to the church, ATTN: Faith Formation Planning. Thank you.

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3. Seminar/Discussion Group using books - List any books you know of that might be good for such groups

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4. Seminar/Discussion Group using videos - List any videos or topics that might be good for such groups

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5. Possible topics for group discussions (*circle the letters of those that interest you*):

- a. What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?
- b. What is a confession of faith and what does it mean?
- c. What is spiritual growth and how can I achieve it?
- d. Confronting real-life situations and asking, "What would Jesus do?"
- e. Issues related to death and dying.
- f. Why is there evil in this world that God made?
- g. Ethics.
- h. World religions/Interfaith studies.
- i. Aging issues for seniors.
- j. Discussion of a spiritual book.
- k. How to talk to people about your faith.
- l. Sermon study group.

6. List any other topics/areas of interest that interest you \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grace

*By Suzanne Mandeville*



Grace, like all of my other quilts, was conceived out of a need to express an emotion. Grace is not perfect; I don't cut as straight and I don't sew as straight as I once did. As the squares came together I considered reforming them. Actually I did reform some of them, the ones that were way out of bounds. The colors speak to me. I see the blood of Jesus pooled at the foot of the cross. I see the light of the world cascading in from the side. I see the Spirit of our dying Christ ascending into the blue heaven. Out from the cross, in every direction, radiate the fingers of God, extended to every tribe and nation. Extended to me. Extended to me and all of my imperfections. The blood of Jesus covers the flaws of the quilt as the blood of Jesus covers all of my sins.

I touch the cross. I understand how artists look upon their crafts and the crafts become alive. The crafts do not become God. The crafts give us a greater understanding of the traits of God. Grace, how grateful I am for grace. Tears fall as I feel the love of God which sustains me through all the stages of life.

Pastor Diane,

I send to you a heartfelt "thank you" for your continued ministry to the people of Valley Presbyterian Church. During a very difficult time in the life of Valley, your shared leadership helped the congregation move through shock, grief, pain,

and comfort. The leadership you provide in Faith Formation has blessed many a pilgrim in his or her journey of faith.

Thank you for sharing your pastoral gifts with me as we moved the church through many a transition. I entrust you into God's care and unconditional love.

Please accept my apology for inadvertently not including my thank you to you in the last newsletter.

Again, thank you.

Mark or Rev. Mark, Former Transitional Pastor

## Snack Bags for the Homeless

*Submitted by Mary Horn*



Last Spring, our Mission Committee sponsored a church-wide event: Snack Bags for the Homeless. We collected 10 different staples to fill each bag. Our congregation generously provided these needed supplies. In April, our Mission Committee, along with church volunteers, met to assemble 100 snack bags. Half of these bags were taken to the Hospitality House of the Salvation Army in Tucson. Half were taken by members and friends of our congregation to give to needy persons.

If you took one of the Snack Bags to share with someone, we would be interested to learn how it worked out. If you have a story or a thought about the process, please email Mary Horn at [mmhorn@me.com](mailto:mmhorn@me.com) or call 520-282-1390. Thank you for your help in making sure these Snack Bags got to persons in need.

The Mission Committee hopes to have another Snack Bag for the Homeless Event in Winter, 2020. Thank you for your continued support in making this outreach successful.

## More Blog Readers Wanted (13 and Counting)

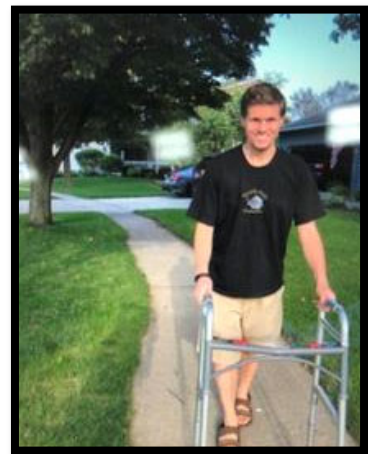
*Submitted by Doug Clark*

A blog reader is anyone with access to a computer who can type in “bobandkristi.blogspot.com.” Have you ever wanted to read a missionary’s diary? Consider reading the real-life story of Bob and Kristi Rice, who share, on a weekly basis, the story of God working in their lives.

### **Stopped in Our Tracks - September 18, 2019**

“I have to try this out!” Bob said, admiring the skateboard he had just found in the garage. His decades-old passion for skateboarding took over, and I watched him sail swiftly down the driveway and into the street before I turned away to finish packing the car. Three seconds later, Bob was lying motionless in the street, unable to move. The skateboard had stuck in a big crack in the street, and Bob’s body flew forward and fell hard, completely breaking his hip at the widest part and fracturing his elbow. Time seemed to both stop and blur over the next few days in the hospital, filled with emergency surgery, nurses, relieving pain, and grappling with this life-changing situation. Suddenly, Bob could not even get out of bed by himself, and taking a few steps was a slow and arduous effort.

Four weeks after the accident, Bob is making significant progress in recovery. He used a walker and was in an arm brace for nearly three weeks, but graduated to using a cane last week. He sees a physical therapist twice a week and diligently does his exercises at home twice a day. He is now able to climb stairs (as long as there are good railings), walk for 20-30 minutes at a time, and use his arm again. The pain in his leg is still there, but is slowly subsiding. All of these things feel like victories in the recovery process, and we thank and praise God for healing. Walking is still slow and arduous, but we trust God that healing will continue to improve.



*Bob walking outside two weeks after surgery*

In South Sudan, we are encouraged by news from our colleagues. In July, a healing and reconciliation workshop was facilitated by Kristi’s colleagues for people living in camps for displaced people near Juba. Several different tribes and churches were represented, and the time of giving over pain to Jesus on the cross was particularly meaningful. We continue to hear the need expressed from churches in remote regions for training in trauma healing and reconciliation - please pray for the support and people to respond to these requests.

Bob worked hard with a team of students at Nile Theological College (NTC) to finish the second edition of the newsletter before we left Juba in July. NTC is renovating some classrooms this semester, and they hope to hold classes in the new location in January. The school continues to grow, with about 85 students in the degree and diploma programs this semester. We are grateful that NTC can help meet the deep need for training of pastors and church leaders in South Sudan. NTC has had a few visiting professors this semester, both for intensives and normal courses. We thank God for these people who are willing to share their experience and knowledge with students in South Sudan.

The government of South Sudan is in the process of implementing a peace agreement with groups who have opposed the government and caused instability for the past 5 years. Please pray for this process to be successful and for integrity and cooperation among the leaders - there is a deadline of November 17 for many of the changes to be put into effect. We pray that there truly would be peace, that displaced people could leave the camps, that people would be able to farm again, and

that people could live without constant fear of attack. Seeing the faith and perseverance of Christians in South Sudan in the midst of the insecurity, famine, and economic crisis that they have endured is truly humbling.

Thank you again - we have been very encouraged by the messages and prayers that we have received during this unexpected time of recuperation. When we are physically broken, we are reminded how much we need each other. As you join us in partnership in serving with our partners in South Sudan, we rejoice that we are God's body, working together for His Kingdom. We hope that you are encouraged as we are at how God is at work in South Sudan - please keep praying for the work that God started to come to fruition there. And yes, we think Bob's skateboarding career is sadly over!

By God's mercy, Bob and Kristi Rice

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

The past blogs read like a real-life novel, chronicling God in action through the writings of Bob and Kristi Rice. Please join me in following our missionaries, and let me know if you have joined the blog brigade by telling me in person, or emailing [douglasclark68@me.com](mailto:douglasclark68@me.com).

## Mission Breakfasts

**The next breakfast is Saturday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m.**

*Submitted by Doug Clark*

Mission Breakfasts have been at Valley Presbyterian Church for seven seasons, 25 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 VPC 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 motivating your mind. 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.

At our next Mission Breakfast, we host Kristi and Bob Rice, our PC(USA) missionaries serving in South Sudan. Come be evangelized, energized and excited as a growing Christian. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 and will be for sale October 20, and 27 in Fellowship Hall.

## News from Pam and Dave L.

*Submitted by Doug Clark*

Dave went to, and returned from, Iran with no problems. We may need to close down our project inside the country, which is the humanitarian development agency. The couple that is there needs to move on because of the stress situation. Our local staff that was running the project is moving from Iran. They did a wonderful job for 10 years. They are looking to go to Fuller Theological Seminary in California for further schooling. Please pray for their visas and safety.

We will be Germany training and consulting with the other directors we serve. Dave will make other trips to the difficult countries on his own up until February because of my health issues. I am learning to eat better and I do feel a lot better after being on a special diet for a long time.

Thank you for your prayers and concern. We are going to be grandparents for the second time.



## News of Note



"Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul."

~Johann Sebastian Bach

### Music in the Valley Concert Season has Arrived!

**Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m.** we start off with Danny Gurwin and the music of Tony Bennett. Let me tell you about Danny!

On Broadway, Danny has starred in *Little Women*, *Urinetown*, *The Full Monty*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *A Little Night Music* (NYCO revival, LA Opera, and The Kennedy Center), *Kismet* (Encores!), and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Off Broadway credits include *Shakespeare's R & J*, *Forbidden Broadway*, *A New Brain*, *The Thing About Men*, *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*, and many others. Danny also has countless regional appearances, traversing the country in works varying from the Delaware Theatre Company's *Twelfth Night* to California's Musical Theatre West premiere of *Cats*. In addition, symphony and concert appearances include Chicago's Grant Park Symphony, New Haven Symphony, South Coast Symphony, Avery Fisher Hall, the Library of Congress, and making his Disney Concert Hall debut with the California Philharmonic. He proudly holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Michigan and is currently Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre at The University of Arizona. Joining Danny will be four Musical Theatre Juniors from UA, as well as myself on the piano. The program will conclude with a sing-a-long of all of your favorite Broadway hits. A true treat for all!



**Green Valley: What a musical community!** Every week I look forward to my time spent with the musical members of Valley! Their love for music, worship, and community is beauty in itself. It is also very exciting to hear about their musical involvement around the community. Why not let everyone know!

- **The Hardscrabble Road Band** featuring our very own Katie Sayre.

10/11 - 19th Hole Bar/Grill 9 p.m.-12 a.m., 10/19 - Tubac Jack's Bar 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

11/9 - Benson RV Park 7 p.m.-10 p.m., 11/15 - 19th Hole Bar/Grill 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Check out [hardsrabbleroadband.com](http://hardsrabbleroadband.com) for more future dates!

- **GV Concert Band** - Tickets are \$8 each before the first concert, or \$9 each after December 15.

10/24 - "Strike Up The Band" 12/15 - "Joyous Music of the Season,"

1/26 - "World Tour 2020", 3/8 - "Lights, Camera, Adventure!,"

4/19 - "America! Our Nation, People and Heroes"

- **True Concord**

10/11 - Shakespeare in Song, 11/22 - Mozart and DaVinci, 12/13 - Lessons & Carols

- **GV Community Chorus** Starting October 7, the regular GV Community Chorus will begin practice for the Christmas concert, held at VPC, on Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. (Practice is at CPAC, not at VPC... they only perform at VPC).

In addition, they have Spring Concerts to be held on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. Peggi, Bruce, and Bobbie are members of this group!

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- **Joyful Spirit Ensemble** - October 4-6. Joyful Spirit will lead the music for the Triennial Retreat of the Synod of the Southwest Presbyterian Women at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson. This event will have 80+ participants from AZ and NM.
- **ART (University of Arizona) presents "Pippin"** (music directed, conducted, and played by myself). Previews are October 19 & 20, with an official opening on October 23, running until November 3. All shows, with the exception of opening night, are Thursday through Sunday. Ticket information: <https://theatre.arizona.edu>.

Thank you for your constant support of the arts around the area!

You know what music is? God's little reminder that there's something else besides us in this universe, a harmonic connection between all living beings, every where, even the stars.

~Robin Williams



### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MILESTONES!

Special birthday greetings to Darwin Guinn (10/5), James Egly (10/17), and Dave Appleton (10/27) as they celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays this month.



## Patio Sale News

*By Eloise Fredrickson*

In early September, we got a call from couple of brothers asking if we could help them out. They were from out of town and were trying to deal with the sudden death of their father and his wife, which left them with an entire house to empty and little knowledge of what to do with any of it. A member of our church referred them to the Patio Sale, and our packing crew and our truckers went into action. We are very experienced at this and have a routine down pat, but this house contained a lot of goods plus a small business besides, so it was quite a challenge. However, after eight days in some very hot weather and with a dedicated crew of truckers, we got the job done. The reason for relating this story here is to let you know how much the brothers appreciated our work. They said we were the answer to their prayers. The real estate agent told us that we provide a valuable service to the community, and they would be passing on our service to other agents. It was sad to know that a sudden bereavement brought us into that house, but we were pleased that we could help out and provide a useful service.

When you consider this worthwhile service, don't you want to become involved? If we are going to keep operating, we need your help. Here are some tasks that need to be filled:

- Help with assembling boxes on sort day
- Help with testing and packing electronics on sort day
- Help with advertising on Craigslist and similar sites
- Expertise in clearing computers, phones, and other devices
- Several people to step up to be part of the leadership team

Please give these jobs your prayerful consideration if you are able. Keep in mind that it is the money we raise that, for the most part, funds all the work the Mission Committee does.

Now is the time to go through your Christmas decorations and paraphernalia for the sale on November 22 and 23.

### Patio Sale Dates for 2019

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

**Sorting:** October 10, November 7,  
December 19

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



## Congregational Care

### Faith & Health and Parish Nurse News



**Blood Pressure Screenings:** You may have your blood pressure taken during the week, by appointment, with the Parish Nurse. **The next Sunday blood pressure screening will be on Sunday, October 20** right after Sunday worship services in the Sweet Family Room.

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



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

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



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

## Stephen Ministry

*Submitted by Helen Phillips*



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

#### **Why care?**

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

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

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

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

**What can you do?** One of the caring ministries in VPC is Stephen Ministry. We have many in our midst who need a listening ear and encouragement, but we need more Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry Sunday is October 27. We will be looking for candidates for our training class starting in January. *Please pray to discern if this is where you are being called to care:*

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

\*Praying the Promises of the Bible, p. 42



## Congregational Care

### Gearing Up for the Stressful Season

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

Change, stress, and loss can add up. It can lead to higher blood pressure, gastrointestinal issues, irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, weight problems, heart difficulties, and other illnesses. By taking care of ourselves, we can better take care of others. In the next few months, watch for upcoming classes here at VPC that may help promote healing.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30

Have you ever talked to a pet dog, cat, or bird? Pets become therapy even when we least expect it. In a recent study, it was found that pets that are close to you when you sleep help create a comfortable and meaningful sleep. There are many studies with pet therapy and the positive effects it has on someone. Some pets just notice the sense of stress and have been working with people to be emotional support pets.

Sometimes when we just don't think - let go and relax - we find ourselves talking to our pets and laughing at the weirdest of all things. Laughing is good for the heart and it increases blood flow. So, laugh, go for a walk, sing, dance, talk to your pets and talk to others. These are some of the ways we can successfully go through those changes that create stress and keep from feeling overwhelmed. We need to gear up for the stressful season.

Can we let go and let God handle it? We should. He is always there for us and He loves us.

### Medical Minute:

Laughing is good for the heart and can increase blood flow.

### Prayer Ministry, Prayer Shawls, Prayer Bears

**Prayer Ministry meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

The Prayer Ministry of Valley Presbyterian Church meets once a week (Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.) to pray for members of our congregation and their loved ones, our church staff and leaders, friends of our church and our community, as well as others who are in need of prayer. We pray for our nation, our planet, and for world peace.

The Prayer Shawls are made by members and friends of our church and distributed to those in hospitals and in rehab and other facilities, in times of comfort or happiness, and/or whoever is in need of the warmth of a shawl. The Prayer Ministry blesses and prays over these shawls with a pastor as they are delivered to the church. A card about the ministry is also given to those who are receiving the shawl.

The Prayer Bears are also available to be given to persons in need of something to hold for comfort.

All are welcome to join in the Prayer Ministry, making shawls or delivering bears. You may leave a message with the church office (625-5023) if you are interested in joining the Prayer Ministry or making the shawls.



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### Pastors

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Rev. Diane Christopher,  
Pastor of Discipleship  
Rev. Joe Hawkins,  
Pastor Emeritus

### Mission Statement

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

## Sunday Worship

### Traditional Service of Worship

9:30 a.m. in the VPC Sanctuary

Communion served on first Sunday of each month

October 6	New Good News	Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey
October 13	Gratitude and Grace	Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey
October 20	Humble Faith	Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey
October 27	Stephen Ministry Sunday	Various

### La Joya at La Posada

9:00 a.m. at La Joya

Communion served on the first Sunday of each month

October 6	Marti Long	<b>*Rev. Diane Christopher will provide communion at 1:00 p.m.</b>
October 20	Rev. Barbara Streng	



### Promoted to Glory



August 9  
August 27

Carol Blumer  
Margaret "Peg" Fite

## What's With All The Different Colored Name Tags?

Have you ever noticed that people at Valley wear different colored names tags? Have you ever wondered what those different colors mean?

Here is your key:

**Green Name Tag:** this person is an affiliate member or full member. (An affiliate member keeps a church membership at their home church in another location.)

**White Name Tag:** this person is a visitor/regular attender.

**Gold Name Tag:** this person is an ordained leader at Valley. (The name tag will specify Deacon, Elder, or Pastor)

**Blue Name Tag:** this person is a Stephen Minister. (The tag will say "Stephen Minister")

**Red Tag:** This person is on the medical team. (The tag will say "Medical")

**NEW! Silver Tag:** This person is an usher (The tag will say "Usher")

**NEW! "Sand" Name Tag (with turquoise lettering):** this person is church staff.

Your first name tag is free. If you are a regular attender and have never obtained a name tag, you can sign up for one at the Information Table in Fellowship Hall. If you need a replacement, name tags can be purchased for \$6 at the Information Table in Fellowship Hall.