

# *THE VALLEY VOICE*

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2022



## *The Morrison Cross*

*By Dave Appleton*

This is the story about how the Morrison Cross at Valley Presbyterian Church was instigated, designed, and installed. My name is David Appleton, a church member and de-facto Church Architect and Project Manager.

The cross was obtained as a memorial to Reverend Fred Morrison, who was revered as a friend and leader, who spent his retiring years with Valley Presbyterian as an Associate Minister. Reverend Morrison noticed that there was no cross located in the sanctuary.

When Reverend Morrison passed away in April 2009, his wife, Anne, who had been the Church Librarian for several years, decided that she and her family would like to commission a permanent cross as a memorial to Fred using his memorial gift funds. By late 2009, a plan was being formed.

One Sunday morning, a wooden cross appeared outside and in the center of the large, front window. Members and woodworker, Ed Truitt, decided to start the ball rolling!

A number of members decided that they would like to join in providing a large cross to be installed outside, and in front of the large window. Anne asked if I would help to acquire and install such a cross, and I agreed saying that I would contact the builder who built the Spiritual Life Center.



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# OUR MISSION

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

The principles we will follow to accomplish this are:

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

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**Sunday Worship**

**Traditional Service of Worship**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Online and in Person**

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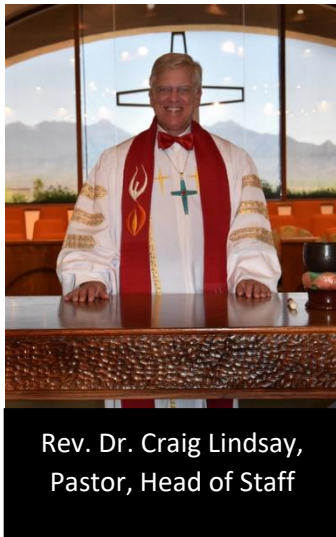
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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Jeremiah 2: 10-13 “Our Counter Cultural God”</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>Jeremiah 18 “The potter’s Shed” Communion</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Jeremiah 4: 22-28 “Dream of Destruction”</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>Luke 16: 1-13 “The Shrewd Master”</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Luke 16: 19-31 “Believe It Again”</b>	<b>Pastor Diane</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>World -Wide Communion</b>	<b>Pastor Craig</b>





### ***From Pastor Craig***

I grew up in the church, with a father who was a pastor, mother-of-birth who was a Religious Educator and a Mom who was a Church Organist. Baptized at 6 weeks, in Children's Choir at age 7, Confirmed at 12, teaching younger grades by 13. I served on Committees of the local Church, the Presbytery and Synod before graduating High School. I remember standing beside my father one Sunday when I was about 3, as a parishioner asked if I was going to be a Preacher like my father, and I proudly announced "No, I am going to be a Fireman." That was the last time I recall considering anything other than being a pastor. Christian faith has simply been part of my identity, that informed and challenged my decisions.

When I was in seminary, our Old Testament Professor Phyllis Tribble candidly professed that what this book by this expert, or that professor said, is not nearly as important as what each believer hears reading the text. In a Doctoral Study, Walter Brueggemann had us write a biography of ourselves and our congregation, through application of 6 Old Testament stories. About 35 years ago, I began having a weekly Bible Study, the only curriculum for which is the Bible and those who participate. We read a chapter and listened for what speaks to us. Anything and everything is possible. The only rule is that you cannot criticize someone else. We tried this completely by Zoom at the start of COVID, learning a good deal, growing in faith and had great discussion. Many have asked if we could start this again. So, while Chuck Ramsay and Pastor Diane provide a class on Thursdays beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, spending a week on each book; every Monday at 1pm beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, I will lead "Bible Reflections", in-person in Room 5 and on Zoom for those away from the church building, we will begin reading together with the first chapter of Genesis. See page 11.

### **LISTENING TO EXPERTS**

When I was installed in 2019 (BC=Before Covid), many in our congregation complained they could not hear, while others hoped we could broadcast worship off-of-our-campus, and still others desired to participate in meetings while in other parts of the world for part of the year. All very legitimate concerns for a community of active persons over 50. So we installed the Line Array Speakers, discovering from physics that these could be aimed at our pews better by being located back against the wall than suspended from the rafters. We were even able to balance the sound system to remove feedback which formerly occurred. We began recording and eventually live-broadcasting worship. We taught everyone Zoom even before teachers used Zoom in classrooms!

These solutions have addressed the problems named, however our choir continue to have difficulty hearing each other, as well as hearing the spoken word. Not only do our choir provide exceptional music, regularly the choir represents about 20% of attendance, and oddly enough in most churches the choir are among the most vocal about their concerns! Recently I was visiting with Dave Appleton, who described having chased this problem for decades. "We put horns on the ceiling." "We installed speakers under the chairs of Choir members." "We mounted little speakers on the back of the choir modesty wall." Nothing worked well. Additional bold solutions have been recommended.

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Before going further or making any decisions, we have decided to contract with an “Acoustician.” “Acoustics” deals with the sound dynamics of a space and how to appropriately balance sound. Think of the ringing resonance of a wine glass and different tones based on the shape and material, or how full the glass. Acoustics is different from amplification which only focuses on projecting sound louder. Rather than continuing to try anything and everything, we need to research this problem and finally correct it without making things worse!

We know that our Sanctuary is breathtaking aesthetically. However, imagine if you will a Billiard table, and rather than sound bouncing predictably off 4 sides (or even 6 including a flat ceiling and floor) our Sanctuary has 9 walls (plus ceiling and floor), of differing lengths, at differing angles, most of which are glass which is highly reflective. We also know that because the floor is raked downward to allow people to see over those in front of them, and the roof line rises from the back to front, that if sound travels like water, we are pouring sound into the mouth of a funnel trying to have equal sound at the small end; and our funnel happens to be carpeted on one side. So we have particular problems, which need to be mathematically tested and understood before making decisions or any major changes.

Miraculously, one of the people who worships God by watching our worship on-line and is not a member (has never even been to Arizona) recently sent a donation for us to designate where needed. We have split this contribution, with half going toward the costs of Acoustical Testing, as needed, and 50% reserved for correcting circumstances the Acousticians identify. Acoustics is not a field regularly taught in Seminary, but we hope to use the best wisdom of professionals to serve the needs of our congregation worshipping God.

### **The Church In The Midst of Storms**

The Gospels report the disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee when a storm came up and they were terrified. In one version Jesus walks upon waves. In another the Messiah is asleep. In another place, Simon Peter tries to walk in the storm, but his fears get the better of him and he begins to drown. One of the topics emphasized with New Members is that “The Church” is not simply the building, but this Royal Priesthood, the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ, the whole family of faith, all of us. This summer we have experienced many storms, and “the church”, OUR CHURCH responded.

The evening of July 16<sup>th</sup>, I came over to inspect damage, mopping up and setting up dehumidifiers where possible, and letting our Building & Grounds Committee, Staff and Pastor Diane know. Steve and Randy set out fans to dry the carpet. The Choir determined how to process onto the Chancel without wading in the water. We verified that the rain had not damaged the Organ or its speakers. Monday, Rick Nau and I were on the Roof, as Rick began replacing Skylights; and I began contacting Insurance Agents about 13 of the 25 Air Conditioners severely damaged by hail. Tuesday, Randy, and Les Walter dismantled a portable wall that no longer moved, and Les was able to have his son manufacture special nylon washers no longer available to give new life to this portable wall.

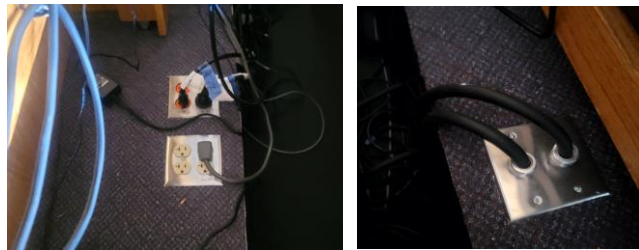
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Sylvia Landry and Pastor Diane made pastoral calls. Cindy & Linda made certain the Office was running smoothly. The next week, Rick Nau and Jim Luhning moved electrical lines, so that Randy and Steve and Les Walter could carpet the new Sound System platform. At the same time, Les Walter created a conduit to make all the wires at the rear of the Sanctuary less visible.

There are times when we can celebrate as the Bride of Christ and a Royal Priesthood. There are other times when mopping floors and helping one another through daily messes fills our Job Description. We are extremely blessed and thankful for those who work behind the scenes for us to be Church to one another.



Washer for portable wall that Les Walter's son Alan Walter manufactured for the church in Cotton Wood, AZ. At his machine Shop.



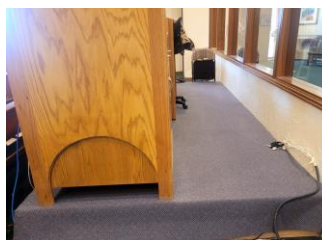
Pictures of new electrical outlets that were installed by Rick Nau after the electrical lines were moved for the new location of the sound board, lighting, and live stream.



Lots of wires had to be moved from narthex to sanctuary to get power to equipment.



Images of the sound system, lights, and live stream equipment in their new location in the sanctuary.



New platform Rick Nau built in Sanctuary.



Wall panels going back up after new washers installed.

## ***From Pastor Diane***

I had an experience with Jesus when I was 17 years old that changed my life. Shortly after that experience, I remember sitting on my bed, reading the Bible and the words leaping off the page as if they were on fire. The words entered my heart and soul. I couldn't get enough, and my love affair with the Bible began.

It has been my passion to share that love for the Scriptures with others, which is one of the reasons I became a pastor. I want people to know and love the scriptures as I do.

When I was first hired at Valley, my original title was Pastor of Christian Education and Outreach, and I had pastoral oversight of the Christian Education Committee. I eventually changed the name of Christian Education (CE) to Faith Formation because CE said to me head knowledge. I wanted to move that head knowledge down into the heart, so it formed people's faith. Thus, the name Faith Formation.

I desire for your faith to be transformed through the reading of the Bible. The Bible is a gift. I believe it is the primary way God speaks to us. It is God's story. It is the one thing we have that tells us who God is, what God has done and will do. The starting point for discovering the truth about God and about ourselves is to open the gift and use it. Because we are part of the story of God.

Thus, I (along with Chuck Ramsay) will teach a class on the whole Bible, book by book, week by week. I am so excited to teach this class because I have been wanting to teach a class like this for many years. I hope you will join me (and Chuck) on this adventure in discovering what the Bible is all about, how these books fit into the whole story, and what truths we discover that will form our faith, and prayerfully draw us closer to God as we follow Christ.

Look for the ad for this class, *The Book: The Grand Story of God*, on page 10 It all begins Thursday, September 8 at 1 p.m. in classroom 5.



**Pastor Diane Christopher-Pastor of Discipleship**

Three other classes will be offered this Fall. A *Fall Writing Series* will be offered by Linda Piotrowski and begins September 19. See the ad on page 20.

For you history buffs, Bud Landry repeats his class *How Martin Luther Changed History*. This class begins on November 8. More information coming in the October Valley Voice. Pastor Craig will lead his class "Bible Reflections" on Mondays, at 1:00pm starting September 12.

On another note, a big thanks for all of you who filled out the Faith Formation survey. The Faith Formation Committee will take into consideration the results and all your comments. Guess which type of class most of you want? On the Bible! What a way to make your Associate Pastor happy.

And on an additional note, we will do an inhouse Advent devotional this year. In other words, the devotional will contain devotions by you. Our theme will be The Characters of Christmas. I am letting you know now so you can start thinking about your favorite person or thing in the Christmas story. The Faith Formation Committee brainstormed, and we came up with some ideas: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, star, sheep, donkey, innkeeper, innkeeper's wife, parrot (yes, someone came up with a parrot!) I will have more information in the October Valley Voice.



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Some days later, Kenny Woodward (owner of Woodward Construction Company) appeared with a number of various lengths of wood to begin the design of the cross. Anne, members of the staff, church members who happened to be there, Pastor Larry DeLong, and I quickly assembled in front of the church. Kenny proceeded to set up individual boards in the window and asked for comments. After some discussion, I made a selection, and the group agreed. The Church Secretary, Ken Bosma, suggested that the cross should be open so that it would not detract from the view through the window. This was quickly agreed upon, and the cross was designed as decided. Pastor Larry declared, "This way we would view the world through the cross."

Several weeks later, a pickup truck appeared in front of the church – standing high in its bed was the new, fabulous cross (see attached pictures).



Truck loaded with the Morrison Cross

Ken and his crew set to work by first setting the concrete base. After all was ready and many muscles were strained, the cross was lifted into place.

All were in awe of the fabulous cross and how it fit perfectly into the beauty of the church building while maintaining the inspirational view of God's creation. The Morrison Cross was dedicated to the glory of God in February of 2010.

Dave Appleton



## Treasurer's Report-September 2022

Submitted by Donald Brooks

I must open this report by saying thank you to the generous members of the Congregation for the support you have provided to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Ukrainian Relief Fund (\$24,143.25) and the Papago Church Repair Fund (\$15,000). The generosity of this Congregation never ceases to amaze me.

### Operations

- **Current Operating Reserve Fund** – This fund is our “rainy-day” fund and has been periodically used over the past 10 years when the churches revenues have fallen short of expenses. The balance as of 31 July 2022 is \$257,026.
- **Revenues** – So far this year revenues are down. At this point in time (*end of week 32 – 31 July 2022*) we have budgeted the revenues to be \$483,376. Currently, we have received \$461,267 which leaves us (4.574%) below our budget predictions. Last year at the end of Week 32, we were (2.759%) below budget, but by mid Oct 2021 revenues were ahead of budget.
- **Expenditures** – Thus far this year, our expenditures are down from what was budgeted. This is expected, as expenditures are usually seasonal in nature, and we are expecting these to catch up to the estimated expense budget later this year.
- **Net Income** – Currently, Net Income is positive primarily because our expenditures are down. Balance, as of 31 July 2022 is \$46,086. If there is positive net income balance at the end of any year, Session in January of the following year will determine where those funds shall be placed.

**Capital Reserve** – As of 31 July 2022 the Capital Reserve Account Balance is \$236,433. These funds can be used for Capital expenses, and some are designated for specific capital projects such as the Solar Power System purchase.

Designated Funds - \$100,778

Non-Designated Funds - \$135,655

**2022 Pledge Status** – The current pledges of \$538,636 are \$ 67,639 (11.61%) behind the Pledge Goal of \$606,274. Based on history this does not seem abnormal since many of the congregation are out of town for the summer and the pledges get caught up after they return. Of the \$538,636 pledged for 2022, as of June 13, 2022, VPC has received \$309,078 (57.39%). This is in line with previous years, and this usually gets caught up in 4<sup>th</sup> QTR of the year. Non-Pledged Revenues, that are referenced in the chart below, are the contributions that are received during Sunday Services or other contributions not defined as a pledge.

2022 PLEDGE STATUS						
	2022 Budget		Current		Remainder	
12-Jun-22		Source %	Pledged			
PLEDGE GOAL ( <i>Req'd to make Budget</i> )	\$ 606,274	75.47%	\$ 538,636	88.84%	\$ 67,639	11.16%
NON-PLEDGED Revenue	\$ 197,056	24.53%	\$ 175,071	88.84%	\$ 21,984	11.16%
OTHER						7
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 803,330	100.00%	\$ 713,707	88.84%	\$ 89,623	
	803,330	Remainder	\$ 89,623			

**Banks** – Some years back, the External Financial Auditor suggested that we not have greater than \$250K at a single bank. So, we opened an account at BBVA Compass Bank which is now PNC. We now have more exposure, so we have opened yet another account, this one being at the Commerce Bank of Arizona. This an attempt to not have more than \$250K in any one bank as anything that exceeds \$250K is not FDIC Insured. The three banks that we currently have accounts with are:

BMO - Harris (Bank of Montreal) - Harris)  
PNC (Pittsburgh / Provident National Corporation)  
Commerce Bank of Arizona

## **Solar System Status**

- **Production** - Effective 31 May 2022, VPC has now completed 4 service years of power production with the system. The system has generated 475,675 kWh of power which is 96.71% of the church's power usage over those 4 years. According to my records, the total cost of power over those 4 years was \$67,104. If VPC had not installed the system, the power cost would have been \$83,328 based on Tucson Electric Power rates. Thus, a savings of \$16,224.
- **Lease / Purchase** - VPC entered a 20-year lease contract with Technologies Credit Corporation (TCC) of Palo Alto, California. TCC installed the system free of charge to VPC, but we had to agree to enter into the aforementioned lease contract, which stated we must pay TCC for the power the system produces. The TCC rate was lower than the rate TEP currently charges, thus the savings mentioned earlier. One of the provisions of the lease is that after 60 months of service VPC can purchase the \$173,758 system from TCC for \$100,097. Thanks to all who donated to this cause over the past three years, we now have the dedicated funds to purchase the system. So, the plan is to purchase the system in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2023 which should save us approximately \$14,711 / year in future power costs. I calculate the Return on Investment (ROI) to be 14.70% and the cost recovery to be 6.804 years.

VPC Solar System			
Purchase Information		Performance After 4 Years Service	
Initial Cost (No cost to VPC)	\$ 173,758	Power Generation (kWh)	475,675
VPC Cost after 60 months	\$ 100,097	Total Power Usage (kWh)	491,863
Estimated Power Cost Savings / Year (After Maint & Grid Fees)	\$ 14,711	System Power Generation % of Total Usage	96.71%
Return on Investment	14.70%	Total Power Cost w/o Solar System	\$ 83,328
Cost Recovery Time Yrs	6.804	Total Power Cost w/ Solar System	\$ 67,104
Date	2nd Qtr 2030	Savings	\$ 16,224

## **Solar System Status (Cont'd)**

**After Purchase Details** - The system will remain connected to the power grid, so we will continue to pay TEP a small amount. (Grid fees / utility service fees, etc.) each month. We will also enter into a contract with the installer, Technicians for Sustainability (TFS), LLC of Tucson for the maintenance of the system, if required. The inverter warranties are for 10 years but they can be extended to 20 years, solar panels are warranted for 25 years. If anyone has any questions about the Solar System, please feel free to contact me.



# PFC Seth St John

*By Valerie St John*

I have a new appreciation for the Cadre at the Army's Basic Courses. Seth attended his basic training at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri followed by his military specialty school at the same base one right after another. Ten weeks of basic and seven weeks of AIT (Advanced Individual Training).

I have one example of how 'green', but not "Army Green" yet, the young soldiers are when they arrive at basic training: Seth stood with a sergeant who told him to throw a grenade. So...Seth threw the grenade. Standing there for a moment, meeting his sergeant eye-to-eye, the sergeant said, "You threw a grenade, dude, hit the ground!" Seth hit the ground!

Going through the gas chamber was fun! Especially when one of the soldiers in the squad decided to remove his mask because he threw up! The stories go on and on. But Seth tells me that it was the fact that I went through all this before he did, and at a much older age and stage in life, that helped get him through. "Mom was my 'battle-buddy' from the beginning to the end."

After four months on active duty, Seth returned home the end of July in time to prepare for his next semester of college and ROTC (in addition to being a drilling reservist). ASU starts this week and Seth's 'hurry up and wait' Army schedule leaves the logistics of classes and dormitories running a little behind. Right now, he resides with mom until all is figured out.



Seth is pictured on the left. Seth is the son of our late Pastor, Larry DeLong.

## Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4 at 3:00 pm under the Solar Panels

God blesses us through our furry (or not-so-furry) companions for they teach us about unconditional love and bring us joy. You and your pets are invited for a special hands-on blessing by Pastor Craig and Pastor Diane.

Please make sure your animals are on a leash or in a carrier.

**The Book: The Grand Story of God**  
**Thursdays, 1 p.m. in Classroom 5**  
**Begins September 8**  
**Your teachers: Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay**



Many people have heard the stories of the Bible (Noah and the Flood, The Ten Commandments, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat), but many do not know how they all tie together. There are people who want to read through the Bible from beginning to end, but once they hit Leviticus (book 3) it is all over.

Why read the Bible? We say that the Bible is living because God speaks to us through it. We believe it contains the word of God. We believe it is the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe it is practical for everyday living. Pastor Adam Hamilton says the Bible “contains every truth we need to know about God and God’s will for human race.” That is why we spend much of a worship service on the words of the Bible. That is why I encourage people to read the Scriptures.

The purpose of this class is to see the grand story of the Bible by going through each book of the Bible. Each one-hour class will cover one book of the Bible. We will answer such questions as:

- What story does this book of the Bible tell?
- How does it fit into the rest of the Bible?
- What truths can we learn from this book?
- How does this book speak to us today?

Come and join this class as I (Pastor Diane) and Chuck Ramsay take you through the grand story of the Bible, book by book. You will discover how God continues to call us back, again and again, into relationship. (The class will be recorded and placed on our website.)

# Bible Reflections

Mondays, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

In Classroom 5

Starting September 12

Your Teacher, Pastor Craig Lindsey



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

Many of us have read the Bible at an important time in our lives and been overwhelmed. Many of us have completed courses on the Bible and come away knowing what that curriculum emphasized, but not what the Bible says. The cost for this program is your thought.

There are Bibles in Room 5, but you may prefer to use your own. You can participate in person and on Zoom. If you must miss on occasion, that is reality, but we believe you will want to be present. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary to have fun and get a great deal out of this and I have known those with advanced degrees in Bible who have been challenged!

September 12th we will begin with some basic understanding, then read Genesis 1 and 2.

# VPC Music Department

**Happy September!!**

Submitted by Jamie Reed

This time of year is always exciting for the music department. After a summer without weekly rehearsals, it is time to start meeting!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begins Wednesday, September 7 from 3:15-4:45/5:00

- We will shift back to 8:30 on Sunday Mornings beginning September 11.
- Handbells Begin Wednesday, September 14 from 2:00-3:00

We also have 4 Music in the Valley Concerts almost confirmed! All information will be available very soon!

Lots of new and exciting music as well as musical opportunities on the horizon.

Please reach out with any questions to [Jamie@valleypres.net](mailto:Jamie@valleypres.net).

## ***Session Highlights from June Meeting***

By Liz Haynes,

### **Summary of Session Actions**

- MSP to approve in principle the purchase of tiles for roofing with a down payment of \$10,000 to be available for installation in January of 2023.
- MSP to approve membership of the Organ Commission. Members are Staff: Jamie Reed, Wes Moulton, Craig Lindsey, Diane Christopher; Congregation: Eloise Fredrickson, Anne Morrison, Dick Christensen, George Curtis.
- MSP to refer Purpose/Mission Statement for the Music Committee back to Music Committee and Worship Committee.
- MSP to refer to Organ Committee as Organ Commission to make a recommendation to the Session of an instrument. One abstention.

Also of interest: A landscaping company has been contracted to do grounds maintenance twice a month.



# PATIO SALE NEWS

*Submitted by Carmen Nylund*



Our Patio Sale Trucking Crew and Volunteers have had a busy summer. You may think we get a little time off or at least a slow-down, but requests for donation pick-ups, packing houses for members and friends, and monthly Pack and Sorts have been in demand all summer long. Thank you to everyone who has helped out this summer.

Now we have begun planning our Holiday Plus Sale in November. You are probably thinking - what does "Plus" mean? This year, it means in addition to the Fall & Christmas decorations of all types, all of our Books will be on sale, TV's of various sizes will be available, and back by popular demand, our Holiday Bake Sale. Watch for detailed information in the October Valley Voice. And something new this year – an Arts and Crafts Sale (see below).



Mark your calendars for **November 3, 4 and 5** so that you can get a head start on your Christmas Shopping. Set-up will begin October 31 if you would like to volunteer and get in on the fun.

## ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

**Calling all Crafters!** The Holiday Plus Sale, being held in November, is adding an Arts & Crafts Sale where you can display and sell your handcrafted items. I'm sure some of you have items taking up space in a closet or in the garage that someone would love to buy. How is this going to work? Tables will be set up in the Spiritual Life Center and will be available to "rent" for \$35.00; you will be responsible for your own transactions. It's as simple as that. We will begin taking applications beginning Sunday, September 4th at the "Patio Sale" table in Fellowship Hall following worship. Please stop by to get your questions answered and pick up a copy of the Arts & Crafts Policies and Procedures and an Application.





## *Caring for those in our congregation*

### *Faith & Health/Parish Nurse September 2022*

*Submitted by Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson*

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

Keeping active helps to stay positive and healthy.

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



Blood pressure screening will be by individual appointment.



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



#### **Medical Minute:**

Feeling thirsty, a dry mouth, and being lightheaded or dizzy, might be the first symptoms of dehydration. Make sure you stay cool and drink plenty of water.

## Slips, Trips, and Falls

Falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injuries among older adults. (36 million each year in the US) About 3 million older adults are treated in the Emergency Room each year for fall- related injuries. Just in our area of Green Valley there are 120 – 130 each month that are reported. If all falls were to be reported, there would be about 4 times as many.



According to the CDC, one in four older adults (age 65 and older) fall each year, but less than half of all these falls talk to their healthcare providers about it. Falling once may double your chances of falling again. Many have a fear of falling and limit their activities and socialization because of this fear.

Most of these falls happen in the home and may change our quality of life. Risks may include mobility issues, medications, vision, hearing, proper footwear, lower extremity weakness, neuropathy, social and emotional difficulties, environmental circumstances with uneven surfaces, rugs, cords, wet floors, and other risks. Those with mild hearing loss are almost three times more likely to fall.

There are also factors associated with falls such as medical costs, and time in a hospital and rehab if an injury is sustained from a fall.

A few questions to ask:

Have you reviewed your medications with your provider?

Do you exercise (improve your balance and strength)?

Have you had your vision, hearing, and feet checked yearly?

Are there fall risks in your home?



Most falls are preventable and are not a part of aging. September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the National Fall Awareness Day. Faith and Health Committee is planning a Fall Prevention and Resource Fair at VPC on September 30<sup>th</sup>, via E-blast and bulletin on Sundays. **Chris Erickson, RN, Parish Nurse**



# Welcome New Members



**Cheryl Conner**



**Jan Farrington**



**Jim Fitzpatrick**



**Kara Fitzpatrick**



**Toni Pastor**



**Tom Lobb**

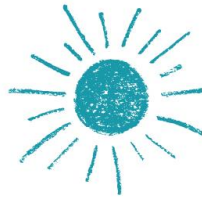


**Nelda Lobb**

# Welcome New Members



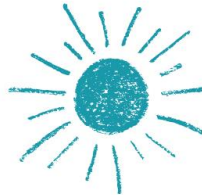
**Deborah Myers**



**Rick Myers**



**Phil Pitts**



**Karen Pitts**



**Lillian Richardson**



**George Smith**



**Sharon Smith**



# Operation Christmas Child 2022

Submitted by: Reed Olson

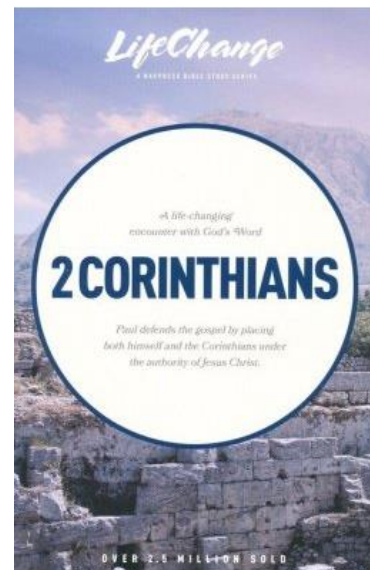
Valley Presbyterian Church will once again have an opportunity to prepare and share Christmas Shoeboxes with those in need. The contents will be much as last year, but the shipping fee has increased to ten dollars. Since there are several steps after we collect the boxes, the work will begin soon. We will have boxes available late in September and they need to all be returned by early in November. Even if you are unable to fill a box, there will be an opportunity to assist with the shipping cost.



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## Men's Weekday Bible Study Will Resume September 14 Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. Submitted by Larry Philips

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

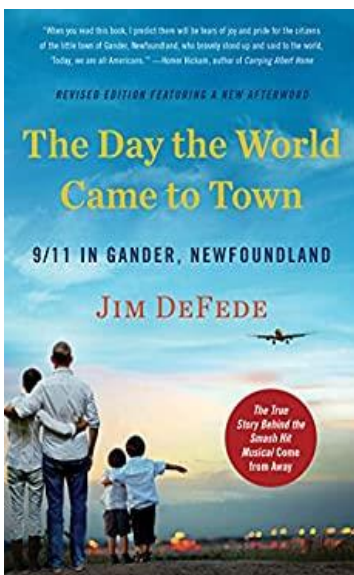




## VALLEY READERS

2:00 PM – September 26, 2022

In Classroom 1



When the events of September 11, 2001, closed US airspace, 38 international flights were diverted to Gander, Newfoundland. Stranded there for four days, over 6,000 passengers were met with the utmost hospitality and kindness by the residents, leading to many lifelong friendships, among other things. This book will be a timely topic for the month of the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of 9/11 so please join us for the discussion, led by Martha Ashton, of *The Day the World Came to Town*, by Jim DeFede. Contact Anne Morrison for additional information at 520-399-0762.

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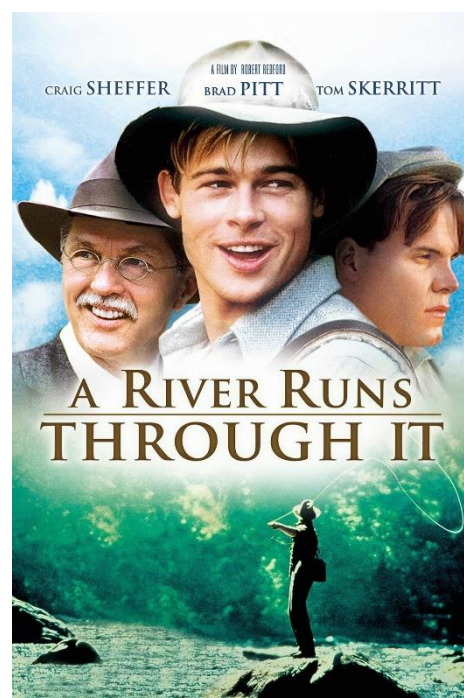
## SEPTEMBER SUMMER MOVIE

“A River Runs Through It”

September 21 at 1:00 pm

In the Spiritual Life Center

The Maclean brothers, Paul and Norman, live a relatively idyllic life in rural Montana, spending much of their time fly fishing. The sons of a minister, the boys eventually part company when Norman moves east to attend college, leaving his rebellious brother Paul to find trouble back home. When Norman finally returns, the siblings resume their fishing outings, and assess both where they've been and where they're going. Based on the book by Norman Maclean, directed by Robert Redford, and starring Tom Skerritt, Brenda Blethyn, Craig Sheffer, and Brad Pitt, this movie will both ask and answer many life questions. Pastor Craig Lindsey will moderate the discussion.





## SUPPER CLUSTER

*By Carmen Nylund, Organizer*

We hope that your Supper Cluster has had time to get together this summer, and if not that you will begin meeting again this fall and continue through the end of the year.

Some of you may be asking – “what are Supper Clusters?”

Supper Clusters are small groups of people who attend worship at VPC and get together once a month to share a meal, spend time with new friends and or renew old friendships. All VPC Members, Snowbirds, Regular Attendees, Couples and Singles are invited to be part of a Cluster.

How it Works:

- October-November, sign up to join a Supper Cluster.
- In December, the Supper Cluster organizers will review names and form groups of eight to form a Cluster.
- Supper Clusters generally begin meeting in January through the end of the year.
- Each Supper Cluster is encouraged to get together once a month to share a meal together.
- In the fall, sign-ups will be held again, and the Cluster will be reshuffled for the next year.

Questions? Contact organizer, Carmen Nylund at [clnylund1968@outlook.com](mailto:clnylund1968@outlook.com) or at 520-269-7732

# Journey Through Grief

October 3 – November 4

Mondays 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, member of Valley Presbyterian Church. Carolyn has facilitated a similar program for several years at another church and is a Stephen Minister.

The next session will start on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be held on Mondays and Fridays through November 4. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher at the church to register.



## Walking Alongside You

Submitted by: Helen Phillips

Our Daily Bread, June 24, was about Walking with others-  
It described so well what Stephen Ministers do:

“When someone is broken, don’t try to fix them. (We can’t.)  
When Someone is hurting, don’t attempt to take away their pain. (We can’t)  
Instead, love them by walking beside them in the hurt. (We can)  
Because sometimes what people need is simply to know they aren’t alone.”

A Stephen Minister is there to walk alongside you through your hurt and pain as  
Jesus’s living representative.

*2 Car 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that  
we can comfort those in any trouble with comfort we ourselves receive from God.*

To request a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you, please call the church office  
or Carolyn Hill, (520) 499-2491 or (209) 581-1998.



## Stephen Ministry

### Books Given to the Library by Stephen Ministry

Submitted by: Helen Philips

Four of our Stephen Leaders “retired” from leadership this year. We have a tradition of honoring our leaders with a book for the library in their name. These are available for anyone to read. This month we are introducing 2 books:

John Agner was an avid biker who has been a Stephen Leader since 2019. Anne Morrison (who chooses the books) selected *The Listening Road: One Man's Ride Across America to Start Conversations About God* for him. Neil Tomba is a pastor who took a month to bike across American. This book takes you on Neil's remarkable journey across the country and straight into its soul—from Route 66 motels to state parks, a lake house, and a railway car; from conversations with Amish farmers to chats with truckers, cowboys, mechanics, and a descendant of Daniel Boone. In our world today, it sometimes seems we are unable to really listen to each other. This book gives us ways to do so. From one city, farm, and highway to the next, we discover

- Practical, actionable ways to change our posture toward others to foster conversation.
- Why curiosity, kindness, and respect open communication about God.
- How even in a culture of division and antagonism, real connection is possible.

In our polarizing time, Neil models with compassion and curiosity that genuine connection happens only if we are willing to listen in love.

Peggi Briggs is a beautiful singer and servant leader since 2017. Anne chose *The One Yearbook of Hymns: 365 Devotions Based on Popular Hymns* for her. You can experience daily the timeless truths contained in the many celebrated songs of the Christian faith. Each day's devotional includes the text of a classic hymn or song, the inside story about the author or origin of the song, and a related Scripture passage. Be refreshed and strengthened each day by the mighty words that have uplifted God's people through the ages.

Next month we'll share the books given to Ted and Gee-Gee Smith after they report on them in September's Stephen Ministry meetings!





## **Chili Cook-Off!**

### **Sunday, October 9 after Worship**



Did you like our July 4 party? Wait until you attend our chili cook-off! Six chefs from our congregation will make their specialty chili, and you will get to compare their chili with our local fire fighter's special chili (I hear we may have to ask them to lower the spice volume, however).

October 9 is the first day of fire Prevention Week. Along with their chili, our local fire fighters will bring one of their vehicles and offer demonstrations of their equipment.

So we can have an idea how much chili to make, obtain a free ticket on Sunday mornings beginning September 18. Come and see how our chefs stack up with famous firehouse chili.

Brought to you by our Fellowship Committee.

### **Fall Writing Series**

**Mondays, September 19, 26, October 3,10,17, 24.**

**9:30-11:30am Classroom 5**

**Group limit 10.**

Prepare for and celebrate for the autumn season by writing along with others. We will explore our sense of self and our world, as God and the season invites change and letting go. We will employ a series of prompts which could include: a picture, an object, or a few lines from a book or poem. The prompt will be presented when we gather, and we will proceed to write from it. Our small group size is to allow time for each of us to write, read, give, and receive feedback. Each person, including the facilitator, participates.

Linda Piotrowski, VPC community member, the group facilitator, is a published author and a trained certified Affiliate Member of the Amherst Writers and Artist (AWA) and a retired certified palliative care chaplain. The AWA belief is simple: every person is a writer, and every writer deserves a safe environment in which to experiment, learn, and develop. If you write shopping lists, you are a writer. A writer is someone who writes! Join us and discover joy in writing.

The small group size is to allow enough time for each person to write, read, comment, and receive feedback on their writing. To register for the class email Linda Piotrowski at [Giraffe109@gmail.com](mailto:Giraffe109@gmail.com).

*Submitted by: Kay Brouwer*

## St. Andrew's Children's Clinic:

The Executive Director, Laura Romero, told Kay that the Clinic is moving forward in any way they can without a permanent facility. She has been searching but cannot find anything with the appropriate space at an affordable cost.

As always, there was no clinic in July and, because of high heat and lack of available space, there was no clinic in August.

On September 8th there will be a clinic somewhere serving as many families as possible. Since there is no facility available yet, she must try to figure out a way to serve 46 children and their families. If necessary, the Knights of Pythias facility in Nogales, Arizona, will be used, but it is too small and does not provide the necessary privacy for Speech and Dermatology. Speech needs a quiet environment and dermatology needs privacy so those services may be brought to her home in Tucson. That is the only way, at this time, that all the families can get help.

From September 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Laura, with staff and volunteers, will take 60 children to Hermosillo for Cleft Lip/Cleft Palate surgeries. The children, with their families, must be quarantined in a hotel 2 days prior and 2 days after the scheduled surgery.

Laura is praying that she can find an appropriate facility. St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is in desperate need of our prayers, support and donations.



## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YOUTH ON THEIR OWN MINI-MALL!

THANK YOU for your wonderful generosity in late August as you donated many items needed by YOTO students as they head "BACK TO SCHOOL!" These supplies were delivered to the YOTO Mini-Mall on August 29. Supplies for the Mini-Mall are welcomed throughout the school year.

**BACK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

Help YOTO youth start the school year off right!  
We are collecting the following items to restock the Mini Mall and prepare youth for the year ahead...

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- Heavy duty backpacks
- USB flash drives
- Headphones
- Mechanical pencils
- Pens
- Pocket folders
- Spiral notebooks
- Note cards

**FOOD**

- Shelf-stable milk (dairy and non-dairy)
- Cereal
- Oatmeal pouches
- Canned fruits and veggies
- Single serving juice
- Chocolate milk
- Sports drinks
- Beef jerky
- Trail mix
- Nuts
- Dry beans

**HYGIENE**

- Sunscreen
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Hair ties
- Hand sanitizer
- Chapstick

**VISIT YOTO.ORG TO LEARN MORE!**

Scan this QR code to make a gift online or see our Amazon Wish List.

We will meet on Wednesday, September 28th in Classroom 5 from 1-3:30 to make Inspirational Cards for Youth on Their Own students! HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!

*Submitted by Mary Horn, Mission Committee Liaison to YOTO*



## Casa Vida Nueva para Niños (Orphanage in Nogales, Sonora, MX ) Submitted by Reed Olson, Mission Committee

One of the biggest supporters of this mission has passed away - Cal Judson, he and his wife Barbara, have generously supported the Home for over 6 years. Cal sponsored a “Give a Child a Book” program that gave these children their own Spanish book, personalized with their names: plus provided the bookcases. Over the years, he visited the home many times. Barbara funded the water well they use today. No one has made a larger difference in their lives than Cal. May God find a special place for him. He will be greatly missed.



Creating the books



Presenting the books



Bookcase



Water Well



Multiple visits to  
the Home





## PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IN TUCSON, AZ

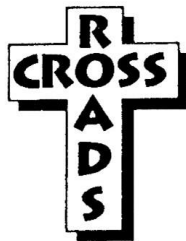
Submitted by George Curtis

Responding to popular demand, Presbyterian Campus Ministry is planning a Gaslight Theater fundraiser!

- Date-Thursday Dec. 8th the 5PM show.
- Cost-\$40 per ticket (\$10 is a donation to PCM)

This is the Gaslight Christmas Show.

If you think you would support this fundraiser, please let me know so I will have an idea of ticket needs. (George Curtis at 520 625-2394, [crtkar9@cox.net](mailto:crtkar9@cox.net), or leave me a note at the Church Office)



Submitted by: Les Walter  
Les Walter took a trip to the Nogales, Crossroads Mission to drop off bags of items from the patio sale and to get an update on the Crossroads Mission August 1, 2022

## Nogales Crossroads Mission Update

The new board is meeting this month to plan short- and long-term efforts to help recover from the border being closed for over a year. The acting Director of the Mission at the time of the Wenkes' retiring this Spring has been asked to continue her duties. The day-to-day operations have continued without a pause. The renewal of documents for people to cross back over the border has been slow, as long as nine months for some.

The last event that included the Wenkes was Easter ham dinner where 180 people were served and 8 volunteers from VPC were there for serving and cleanup. The attendance for morning chapel and lunch has fluctuated between 40 and 60 daily. Bags of food and clothing items are popular at the Mission.

The women's shelter is operational as well as the men's dormitory. There are cases where the facility can't accept overnight guests without proper documentation from the border patrol.

The last report received was that all the bills were paid and up to date. Donations are down but the staff and board members are looking forward to getting programs back up and functioning. The Wenkes' dream and efforts of "changing lives" over past 25 years will continue. The transition at the Mission has been facilitated by City Gate Network. This organization is comprised of 300 Gospel Missions throughout the country. Their function is to provide legal assistance when needed and registration with state and local governments as well as reports necessary for non-profit status.

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

# PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

## South Asia Regional Retreat Report From Dave & Pam L.

*Submitted by: Doug Clark*

There were 220 adults at the conference and 70 children and people were very encouraged when they left to return to their mission fields where they work.

We were grateful that hardly anybody was sick from Kathmandu belly. Many people were giving reports of what God has been doing through them in central Asia India Pakistan and Bangladesh.

It was very encouraging to learn from each other about the importance of valuing nationals on the field and the local churches if they were in the regions of outrage, in trying to reach the majority communities that are mainly Muslim with the love of Christ There were two churches one from Florida and one from California that came to help with the children's program. The California church helped with the little children that were three-year-old and younger and the older children were taken care of by the Florida church people. There also was coaching and counseling available for those who wanted to have individual times with those of us that do coach mentoring. There were also breakout seminars for people to attend as well.

Please say hello greet everyone at the church

Many blessings, thank you for your prayers, Grateful for your support, Dave and I have recovered well from having Covid in the middle of May as well.

Dave and Pam L

# PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

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

*Submitted by: Doug Clark*

## **An African Lament**

Recently I taught an intensive course on Spiritual Formation at the Tyrannus School of Ministry in Juba, South Sudan. I spent a week with twenty-eight wonderful young men from different parts of Sudan and South Sudan. It was an incredible time together. In this course, I highlight and teach on the spiritual practice of lament. Lament is a practice found in many of the psalms and even whole books of the Bible, such as the book of Lamentations



**Tyrannus School of Ministry, class of 2022  
led by our friend Hany from Egypt**

On that note, I gave my students the opportunity to write a lament, coming out of the depths of their souls, representing the heart cries of their peoples. Several students shared their lament with the class. It was a powerful and poignant time, hearing the heartaches and hopes of God's children. Below is one of the laments from a student whose initials are YSA. He gave permission for me to share his lament with a wider audience.

### **From a student YSA of South Sudan -**

*God, you are so powerful. There is no one like you. You have created us in your likeness oh God. Lord, we have seen and acknowledge your goodness in the land of Africa, your greatness, your majesty, and beauty are seen in the land of Africa – green land, full of resources, gold, silver, mountains, rivers, animals and with all kinds of trees. By your goodness you make the land of Africa green and different than any other land worldwide. And by your grace you create us in it. Thank you, God.*



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*But, my God, let me ask some questions. All other people compare Africa with none other than paradise. But we Africans, we do not see the benefit of this land and the benefit of the resources in it. Why, why God? We plant and we plant, but we reap no thing in our land. Your people are dying because of hunger and from thirst. Where is the benefit of this land for us God? Africans lose hope from their lands; they are hoping outside their land. Believers draw back and worship other gods like you are not here. We service idols and are reigning under evil spirits which cause hatred, jealousy, and war among our nations within Africa. People become like cannibals. We are hunting ourselves like nothing.*

*We Africans totally lose any confidence in this land. We are secreted all over the world. We are secreted like simsim\* mixed with soil. Who can separate simsim from soil? Only you God can do that. Not only people are secreted, even the animals and the birds of our land are fleeing away to places where we do not even know. We who remain in Africa, we are struggling with a bad situation and there is no change.*

*We really, really lose hope oh God. I think if we get wings today no one will remain in this land, oh God. Why are we suffering like this God, especially in Sudan and South Sudan. Those who are living in the desert are better off than us who are living in green land of Africa.*

*God, why are we suffering like this, oh God?*

*The number of dead people increases every day. People are dying everywhere. I think the blood of African people is raining like water in the river under the ground of land. I think their souls are crying before you. When will their voice and the voice of their children be heard, oh God? When will you respond?*

*African orphans hope that things will change, but today things become worse and worse than yesterday. Every year becomes more bitter than last year. The hours of yesterday are better than the hours of today. Africa is like a fatherless child who sees his friend walking with their father, feeling happy and enjoying life. White people help us every year from generation to generation. God when will you help us so that we can reward our brethren white people?*

*God, hear my prayer. Forgive my people and heal our land. Forgive all Africans their sins.*

*God, one day one time you gather us like a hen gathers her brood in her wings. Your name is most higher. God thank you for hearing this prayer of mine. I believe my dream will pass. In Jesus' name I pray.*

(\***simsim** is a colloquial term or translation in South Sudan for sesame seeds).

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](mailto:douglasclark68@me.com).



# An Invitation

Submitted by: Judy Aguayo



## Board of Directors

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Agua Prieta, Sonora  
Director

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*Bob Schulz*  
Tucson, Arizona  
Stated Clerk

## Compañeros en Misión

*A Binational Ministry of Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries*

249 N. Rodriguez Street, Nogales, AZ 85621  
and Iglesia Presbiteriana Sol de Justicia  
Nevado de Colima 257, Héroes, 84030 Nogales, Sonora, Mexico  
520.287.3060

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:30pm, the board and friends of Compañeros en Misión, in partnership with several southern Arizona faith communities, will hold a fundraising fiesta to honor the lives of Rev. Dr. Jorge Isaac Pazos Aragón and Rev. Robert Edward Seel.

Dr. Pazos and Rev. Seel were vital to the continued growth and success of Compañeros en Misión since its founding in 1993, and both of these saints passed on to life eternal in 2021: Rev. Seel on September 11 and Dr. Pazos on December 25.

The fiesta will be hosted by Valley Presbyterian Church (2800 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ) and will include a dinner and silent auction. The money raised will be used to continue the local hands-on ministry of Compañeros en Misión, specifically coaching and tutoring youth in their school work, preparing lunches for migrants at the border, and providing health check ups and related services to local families. To this end, Compañeros en Misión hopes to build a small classroom with a kitchen and a bathroom that will facilitate all three of these activities. The building will be located on the property with Sol de Justicia Presbyterian Church, since that's where these activities take place.

Tickets for the meal are just \$10 per person, or \$50 for a table for six (tables limited to six to allow for social distancing), and may be secured with a check made payable to Compañeros en Misión, and mailed to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9252 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85710 by September 30. Tickets that are purchased may be picked up at the door the day of the event.

Donations will also be accepted during the event to help build the ministry classroom, and proceeds from the silent auction will also go toward this endeavor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Gale Griffin & Carol Schurr*  
Fiesta Planning Team Leaders

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Compañeros en Misión is a 501(c)3 organization incorporated in Arizona.



# *A Fiesta of Remembrance*

**Dinner and Silent Auction**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 ♦ 4:00 pm**

**A Multi-Faith Event to Honor the Lives and Work of  
Rev. Dr. Jorge Pazos and Rev. Robert Seel**

Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ 85622 ♦ (520) 625-5023

**Tickets \$10 per person ♦ Table for 6: \$50**

*Tickets may be ordered in advance and picked up at the door on the night of the event.*

A Fiesta of Remembrance ♦ Saturday, October 22, 2022 ♦ Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley, AZ  
Menu (subject to change): Aztec Cake (Mexican lasagna, both chicken & vegetarian), Beans, Tortillas, Salad, Cookies, Coffee & Water

Purchase tickets by mail using the form below. Make check payable to Compañeros en Misión.

Mail to: Compañeros en Misión, c/o Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9252 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ 85710.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hold:

\_\_\_\_ Individual Tickets @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Table(s) for 6 @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Arizona Students are Back in School

Article by: Regina Ford, Submitted by Doug Clark

It's hard to believe but summer in Arizona is over for students as they head back to school. Children enrolled in Los Niño's del Valle Preschool & Child Care at Posada Life Community Services started school Monday, Aug. 8 and they are excited to meet their new teachers and are settling right in.

Los Niño's del Valle Preschool appreciates so much the support Posada Life Community Services receives from Valley Presbyterian Church and the Mission Committee.

Below are some of the reasons why Los Niño's del Valle Preschool is a success:

- Four-star rating in the Arizona's Quality First program that provides intensive coaching, program assessment and resources.
- Intergenerational programs offering rich, regular programming between children and older adults attending programs at the Community Center, Adult Day Services, and at La Posada's various senior living settings. Quality time spent between a child and an older adult enhances natural development, builds self-esteem, and improves the quality of life.
- Fee assistance to help low-income working families cover the cost of childcare or for families who need short-term help while waiting for paychecks from newly found employment to catch up with expenses.
- Qualified teachers with early childhood education focused on developmentally appropriate materials and learning environments.
- Department of Economic Security certification allowing families who have qualified for and received approval for these extremely limited state childcare funds to enroll their child.







COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA



*Submitted by Kylene Joplin & Carol Stephens*

It is that again for the Hunger Walk for the Community Food Bank at the Historic Canoa Ranch in Green Valley, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Join the VPC Team for a fun day. Sign up online at :

[https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/event/community-food-bank-of-southern-](https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/event/community-food-bank-of-southern-arizona/e415296/register/new/select-tickets)  
[arizona/e415296/register/new/select-tickets](https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/event/community-food-bank-of-southern-arizona/e415296/register/new/select-tickets) or at the Green Valley Community

Food Bank location at 250 Continental Rd, Green Valley AZ or call 520-625-5252. Preregistered walkers can pick up T-shirts & good bags at Posada Jave on September 8 & 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm.



ARTWORK ABOVE BY LUIS, AGE 5  
"I'm eating an apple - actually this is a cherry. That's how you draw a cherry. I'm going to tell my mom to buy some."

ARTWORK BELOW BY SAMEERA, AGE 9

"Every day my mom packs me an apple for lunch. I like apples because they're sweet. I like to draw normal day things."



Artwork by Sameera, age 9

"Everyday my mom packs me an apple for lunch, I like apples because they're sweet. I like to draw normal day things"

July's noisy offering raised \$700.00 for the Green Valley and Amado food banks. The funds will be split between them. Thank you!

REMINDER,  
SUNDAY  
September 4<sup>th</sup>,  
VPC FOOD  
DRIVE



Sunday August 7, VPC donated 85 pounds of food to the Green Valley/Amado Food Banks!



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*Article submitted by: Gee-Gee Smith and Sue Horton*

The Women's Ministries of Valley Presbyterian Church is ready to roll after our summer break. The new calendar and directories are available on Sundays at the Women's Ministries table in Fellowship Hall.

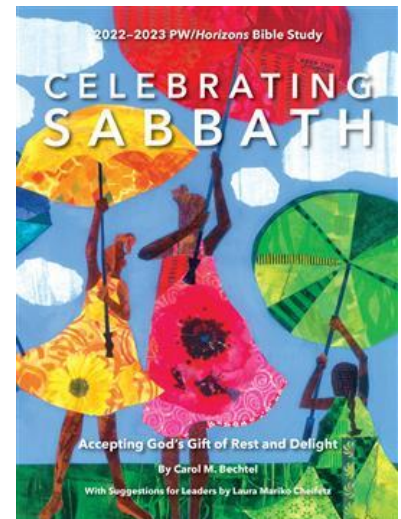
I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer to replenish and relax a bit. But now that Fall is fast approaching, I'm sure your calendars will fill up fast and it is my hope that your calendar will include some of the various offerings from Women's Ministries.

You can choose from....

- **A monthly Bible study in one of our three circles:**
  - **La Posada Circle** led by Esther Grimsley meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:30am for lunch and fellowship. Esther's number is: 520-648-7965
  - **Miriam Circle** led by Martha Ashton meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1pm with hostess and location varying month by month. Martha's number is 520-203-7392
  - **Ruth Circle** is co-led by Ann Ball and Lesley Bruce and they meet in Classroom 5 at the church the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 4pm. Ann's number is 520-491-0815, Lesley's number is 610-468-5072.

If you have not yet signed up for a Circle Bible Study group, registration forms are also available on Sundays at the Women's Ministries Table.

This year's study, "*Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*" is written by Western Theological Seminary Old Testament Professor Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel. Pastor Diane Christopher will be leading us in the first chapter of our Bible study, September 20<sup>th</sup> at our first monthly Gathering Luncheon.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Monthly Luncheons are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month at the church.

Each month has a theme focusing on a ministry supported by Women's Ministry.

Representatives of the various ministries speak and often we have the opportunity to support in ways beyond financial. We will hear about Frontera de Cristo's border ministry, Green Valley Animal League, More Than a Bed ministry, and more. The highlight of the year is always the Patio Style Show in February. The lunches feature a mix of potluck and meals prepared by one or more of the Circles. The food and the fellowship make attendance a delight. All women are welcome to attend.

**Mission Quilts** meets on the first and third Mondays of the month under the leadership of Patti Bright. Quilts are created by dedicated and talented women. The finished quilts are given to various mission projects. Holy Cross, Banner Diamond Children's Medical Center, More Than Beds and many, many more.

Picture of quilts that were donated to help the Ukraine immigrants coming across the border in Poland.

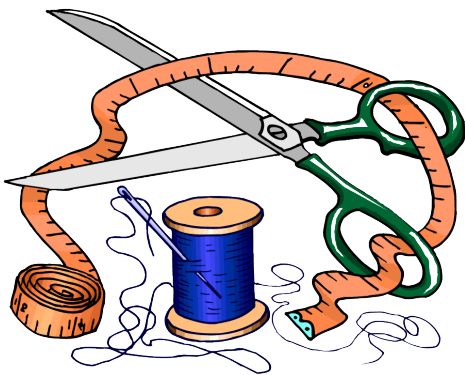


## Creative Hands

After two years, Creative Hands will begin again on Thursday, Sept 28, from 10am-2pm in Classroom 1. We will meet on the last Thursday of each month except for Nov and Dec. Bring a sack lunch and join us in sewing walker bags and aprons and knitting or crocheting baby items. All of our work is donated to various programs

greater Green Valley area. Some aprons may be sold as a fund raiser. We need folks who sew (we have machines, but you can bring your own if you wish), who are willing to cut out patterns, who knit and who crochet. We will also pack kits with yarn and patterns for anyone who wishes to work from home and bring in completed items. If you need needles or crochet hooks, let us know. We have many donated items.

If you have any questions about our revived Creative Hands group, please contact Gee-Gee Smith at (610) 212-1172.





## ***September Birthdays***

***\*\* Turning 90 \* over 90***

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Birthdate Month/Day</b>
Dorothy	Foucher	September 01*
Kurt	Hargleroad	September 01
Sally	Ruschmeier	September 03
Sylvia	Landry	September 04
Nancy	Crosby	September 05
Jane	Groendyk	September 05
Charles	Ashton	September 06
Bill	Lemman	September 06 *
Dale	Parker	September 06
Jim	Chervenka	September 08
Richard	Bolin	September 09
Sara	Hennigar	September 09
Sherry	Darrah	September 11
Don	DuDeVoire	September 11
Sonya	Larsen	September 12 *
Candy	Nelson	September 12
Jim	Nelson	September 12
John	Busman	September 13 *
Rudy	Sweisfurth, Jr	September 13





## ***September Birthdays***

***\*\* Turning 90 \* over 90***

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Birthdate Month/Day</b>
Jim	Collins	September 14
Lois	Dierken	September 14
Ellen	Entwistle	September 14
Linda	Jorn	September 16
Bob	Puttock Jr	September 16
Walt	Stevenson	September 16
Alicia	Wood	September 18
Mabel	Acri	September 19 *
David	Elsner	September 21
Gini	Baird	September 22 *
Don	Marshall	September 22
Nancy	Lamphere	September 23 *
Marguerite	Nelson	September 23 *
Jane	Bond	September 26 *
Mary	Lillie	September 27
Carolyn	Stevens	September 27
Debra	VanHyfte	September 29
Chuck	Willie	September 30



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# Valley Presbyterian Church September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 2:00pm Lance Barker Memorial
4 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday	5 Labor Day-Office Closed 9:00am Parkinson Chair Exercises	6 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:00am Women's Ministries Meeting 9:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Network of Caring Meeting 1:00pm Membership Outreach Committee 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	7 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 12:30pm Worship Committee 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:00am Patio Sale Sort 9:00am Faith & Health Committee 1:00pm The Book	9 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am Stephen Ministry CE, Peer Group, Stephen Leaders	10
11 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	12 8:30am Faith Formation Meeting 9:00am Parkinson Chair Exercises 10:00am Fellowship Committee 10:00am Patio Sale Team Meeting	13 8:45am Mission Committee 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	14 9:00am Deacon Meeting 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 1:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	15 1:00pm The Book	16 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises	17
18 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	19 9:00am Parkinson Chair Exercises 9:30am Fall Writing Series 1:00pm WM Lunch Prep	20 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Women's Gathering Lunch 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	21 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 10:00am Chair Exercise 1:00pm Movie Ministry 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	22 8:30am Session Meeting 1:00pm The Book	23 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am Stephen Ministry CE, Peer Group, Stephen Leaders	24
25 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Children's Sunday School	26 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:30am Fall Writing Series 2:00pm Valley Readers	27 9:00am Cardio Drumming 9:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal	28 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercise 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Ministry of Presence 2:00pm Bell Rehearsal 3:15pm Choir Rehearsal	29 10:00am WM Creative Hands 1:00pm SCVSL 1:00pm The Book	30 9:00am Parkinson's Chair Exercises 9:00am Fall Prevention Fair 7:00pm True Concord Voices & Orchestra	1