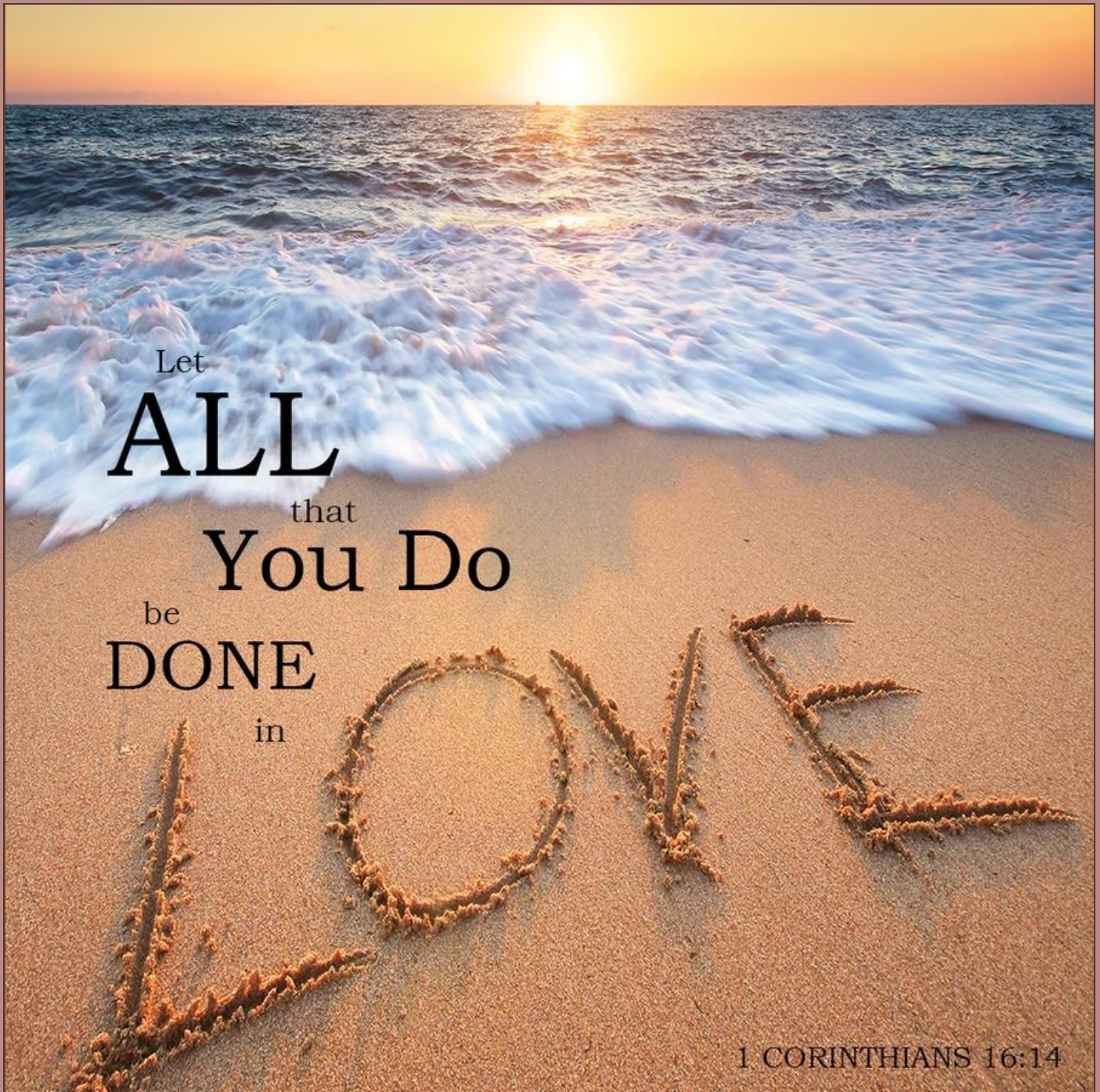


United Methodist Church of Green Valley
Methodist Messenger



July and August 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I suspect you've heard that one before. That of course is from Paul's letter to the Galatians. The fruit of the spirit was our theme this summer at Mingus Mountain camp. We recited those words virtually every single day in the form of song or chant or scripture readings.

It was a blessing to be there again this year. I write this to say thank you for your continued support of this vital work of our Annual Conference. Countless lives have been impacted not to mention the countless number of persons who have received or affirmed a call to ministry through camping ministries. This year not only was I privileged to lead a junior high group, but the UMCGV also gave over \$1000 in scholarships to help send young people to camp. Over a third of all young people who attend receive some form of scholarship or another. Many receive full camperships to pay for their week at camp.

Why do I tell you this? The work we do in the church is like the work in a vineyard. At different times and at different places, we are planting and growing, reaping, sowing and harvesting. Each of us at a different place in our life journey. Camping ministry is one place where the seeds of the fruits of the spirit are being planted and cultivated. Where young leaders are raised up for the future of the church, and to impact the world. These are not only campers as young as eight years old, but college age young adults that are learning to lead, and serve, in the name of Christ.

Thank you for your loving prayerful support of this ministry that is in fact an extension of our work together.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Doug

Pastor Doug





Join Us for Fellowship
 after worship in the
 Narthex on
 Sunday Mornings



**Join us for Fellowship on Zoom
 Sundays at 11:00 am**

Contact the church office for the zoom link.



We are a caring congregation that affirms all of God's children regardless of age, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, political persuasion; or anything else that might separate us from one another.

We work to ensure an environment of safety and trust, where spiritual journeys can be shared, and each person is treated with dignity and respect. All are invited to participate fully in the life of our church as we walk with Christ in the light of God's unconditional love.

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Doug Handlong* | Associate Pastor: *Rev. Ken Bensen*
 Spiritual Formation and Social Justice: *Rev. Jerry Haas*



Kino Border Initiative
Iniciativa Kino
para la Frontera

We are No Longer Collecting Containers

Kino Border Initiative kitchen is no longer using the take out containers to feed the migrants in Nogales, Sonora. They have reorganized the meal distribution so that the containers are no longer needed.

Please spread the word in the community!

They have been very appreciative of all our donations!



Summer Membership Orientations

Please check our weekly newsletter, Keeping in Touch and Sunday Bulletins, to see when our next New Member Class will be this summer. If you have any questions about membership, please contact our church office.

HOPE LUNCH is Sponsoring

4th of JULY

Indoor Picnic

Tuesday, 4 July 2023
NOON - 2:00 PM

JOHNSON HALL

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CONDIMENTS,
ICED TEA AND LEMONADE
ARE PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING
SALADS OR DESSERTS

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FUN



Books for Classrooms

All children deserve to see themselves in books in their classrooms.

Books for Classrooms

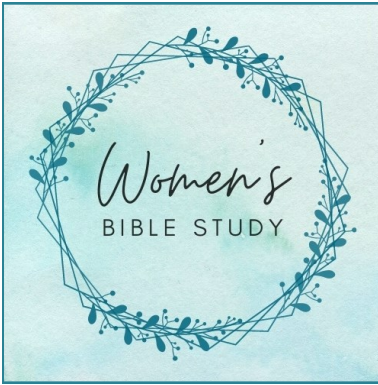
Summer Forum – July 19

Many of us are concerned about declining literacy rates today, especially as there are long-term consequences for children and youth. One innovative way to address the problem has been initiated by Green Valley resident Linda Laird. In 2019, she started a nonprofit called “Books for Classrooms” (<http://booksforclassrooms.org/>), putting culturally appropriate, age-appropriate books in schools where reading levels are historically low. The result?

**Come find out on
Wednesday, July 19th,
at our first Summer Forum,
10:00 am in Johnson Hall.**

No charge and the public is invited.

Jerry Haas



Women's Bible Discussion Group - Take II

A group of us had invigorating discussions last summer about seldom-mentioned little-known women in scripture and their unsung contributions to the understanding and practice of faith as well as to the birth and spread of Christianity. It turns out there are *MANY* more of these women in both the Old and New Testaments.

SO . . . for any interested women, we will continue our reading and discussions

starting Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00 in the Fireside room.

Again, no homework, just bring a Bible (we like to have various translations) and be ready for some in-depth discussions.

We'll plan to continue through the 5 Tuesdays of August, ending 8/29.

If you plan to join us for one or more sessions, please indicate on the connect cards, or let the office know.

Feel free to bring a guest!



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on **July 13 and August 10**

1:00 - 3:00 in the Sunday School Room

Enjoy painting rocks together along with enjoying some fun and laughter!

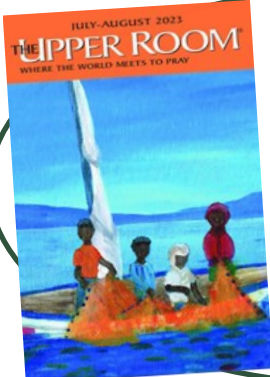


August is Hawaiian Shirt Month

Every Sunday in August you are invited to wear a Hawaiian shirt to our worship service on Sunday mornings.



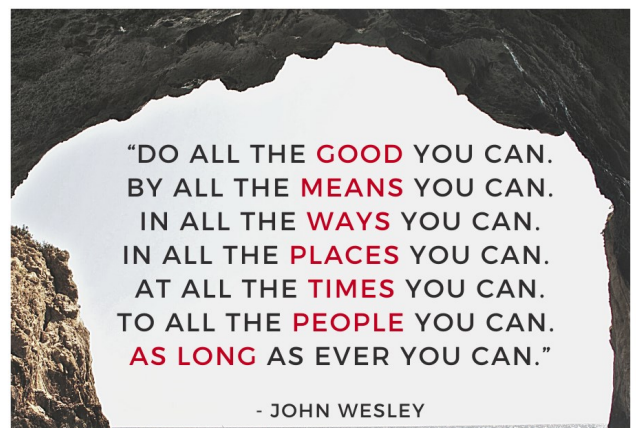
You can wear one whether you are in person or watching online!
It is of course optional.



July/August Upper Room

Are available in the Church Office or at the Communications Corner.

Large print is also available.



- JOHN WESLEY



“Monday Funday”

Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:30

Join us in Johnson Hall to play your favorite table games.
Whether it's Mexican Train, Scrabble, Monopoly or something else, join in the fun!

Open to everyone in the community!

Light refreshments are served.



Knit and Sew & Prayer Shawl

Come Join Us Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Some of us Knit and Crochet
Some of us Sew
and some of us make Teddy Bears!

We *all* eat cookies, drink coffee and have fun!!

Join us in the Narthex and Johnson Hall



Bible Study & Breakfast for Men

The men of UMCGV meet on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am** for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible Study at Manuel's Restaurant.

We promise good food, good study, and a lively conversation.

Questions? Contact Don Scarlett



Do I Hear Bells?

Would you be interested in learning to play the hand bells, or continuing your participation if you are a former ringer?

Plan to join us on **Wednesdays at 1:00** in Johnson Hall.



Financial Coaching

Getting your financial life back on track

- Free and confidential
- Learn to make a budget
- Learn about resources

Let us know in the church office if you are interested in learning more.

520-625-4712 or office.umcgv@gmail.com

UMC of Green Valley

Green Valley, AZ



Rev. Douglas Handlong

Pastor Doug has been appointed another year

We are very excited to announce that at Annual Conference Bishop Carlo Rapanut officially appointed Pastor Doug to UMC of Green Valley for another year!

The picture on the left was the slide that was presented at Annual Conference when the appointments were read.

Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors



Their Mission:

Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors is committed to serving individuals who are immigrants by providing quality, timely, and affordable legal services.

We ensure the people we serve are treated with dignity and respect. Our advocacy work includes education, training, and technical assistance in dismantling oppression by restoring belongingness and justice within the immigration justice system.

Our own Ella Rawls designed their new mug. This mug could be yours for a generous donation. To learn more, go to azjfon.org



Pastor Doug was up at camp as a Spiritual Dean for the Jr. High Camp at Mingus from June 19 - June 23. Thank you for your prayers for not only that week but all the sessions of camp this summer.

There's still time if you want to help send a young person to camp, and to change a life. Donations can be sent through our church or directly to the camp. Camp changes Lives.



HOPE Lunch

**NO LUNCHES IN
JULY & AUGUST**

**WE WILL BE BACK
IN SEPTEMBER!**



HOPE Lunch

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To each volunteer who has helped with the HOPE program and lunches. You are the ones who make it a success.

“Volunteers plant the seeds of kindness”

and we are fortunate to have so many excellent gardeners!

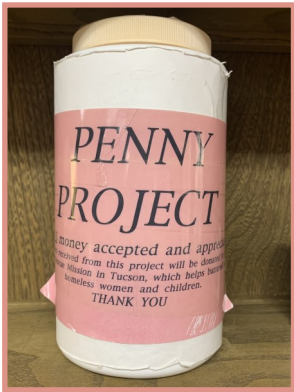
Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all back in September for another successful year.

The Penny Project

Thank you to all who help us support the Gospel Rescue Mission with your donations through the Penny Project.

Please continue to support this project as little bits add up (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and paper money) and make a BIG difference in other peoples lives.

There are canisters in the narthex and also in the office for your donations.



The 3rd Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

- July 16 and August 20 -

In June we donated 70 pounds of food and \$160

Thank you for supporting our local Food Bank and Community! Our Shopping Cart is in the Narthex for food donations. You may also leave monetary donations in the Shoe Box in the Shopping Cart.

Please make checks payable to *the Community Food Bank*.



COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

(P.O.W.W.O.W.)

Produce on Wheels With-Out Waste

\$15 for 70 pounds of produce

July 1 and August 5

6:00 am - 9:00 am

They will be in our parking lot



Borderlands
Produce Rescue

Caring through Dementia Network

Caring thru Dementia is an ongoing ministry of this church, dedicated to providing information, support, and resources for families and individuals living with this disorder. Dementia is not a disease, but a symptom or rather a series of symptoms impairing cognitive, behavioral, and physical capacities. The leading cause of dementia is Alzheimer's, a disease which causes about 60% of all dementia cases. Other causes include vascular dementia, Lewy-Body dementia, Parkinson's, and other conditions. Aging is the highest corollary for dementia, but all of us don't get dementia.



Can Dementia be Prevented? We'll explore this question at the next "Caring thru Dementia Network" on Thursday, July 13, at 3:00 pm. Like heart disease, the incidence of dementia is diminished with better nutrition, fitness, and mental well-being. The Caring thru Dementia Network is a continuing ministry meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month; it is open to the public, and there's no charge.

Jerry Haas, Ministries of Spiritual Formation and Social Justice

Refugee Resettlement Task Force

We've completed our six month commitment as co-sponsors for the Morales family. They arrived January 12, 2023 and they have made truly great strides in building a new life in the United States. The United Methodist Church of Green Valley has given them a hand up and at this point they are fully independent of our help in their day to day life. We will remain as friends and good neighbors. Praise God for the spirit that moved us to make a difference in this family's new life.



I'd like to share some pictures from the field trip to Mission Gardens last Friday, June 16. I picked up Juana, Oscar, and Maryori at their apartment and met my family, five grandkids and two of our daughters, at the Garden. We had a great time there as you can see from the pictures. My family has varying degrees of Spanish fluency that allowed us to communicate fairly well. Juana, Oscar and Maryori greatly enjoyed the garden. They are very interested in Arizona plants and gardening. Mission Gardens is very accessible and makes history come alive with gardens from the many cultures that have made Tucson home for thousands of years.

After about an hour at the Garden we drove a short way to Mercado San Agustin on Congress Street where we had coffee and baked goods from La Estrella Bakery in the shady courtyard. We then all walked across the street to the Tram station and rode the Tram through downtown Tucson, 4th Avenue, the University (where my family got off), and University Hospital where the family and I got on the next tram and rode back to Mercado San Agustin. It was a lovely air conditioned and free tram ride.

I want to thank our fantastic Ministry team, the entire Congregation and especially the Refugee Resettlement Ministry team for making this positive outcome for the Morales family possible.

Grace and Peace,
Bill Voorhees



The 39th Desert Southwest Annual Conference met in Mesa in June. Mostly in person! Tamra Jackson, Chris Maglott, Pastor Doug and Deanne Handlong and I [Don Scarlett] were there in person. Deanne was at another table, working, keeping record of the proceedings.

We are a connectional church, and it was good to be able to be with old friends and new friends in person. With that in mind, I bring you greetings from Jeanne Festa, former Associate Pastor, and Louie Lyon, former Pastor. Two of our former District Superintendents were not in attendance— Mark Conrad has moved and is now with the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference and Dottie Escobedo-Frank was at the California Pacific Annual Conference as their new bishop – the first bishop from our conference.

Our newly appointed bishop, Carlo Rapanut, opened the session with a powerful message, on this year's theme-based on Genesis 32 and 33, Luke 22–24, Esau Wrestling with God.

We are!

We are here!

We are wrestling [but not with each other]!

We are engaging...with each other!

We are rising... above the ways we have failed as a Church, especially by not doing more for the marginalized in our society!

I can tell you—we are in good hands with Bishop Carlo.

While the clergy met, we had our Laity session. Bishop Carlo stayed briefly to greet us and to remind us of the importance of the laity to the church since the time of John Wesley. Then Kelly Deyoe, the South District Coordinator of Lay Ministries led us via zoom. He stressed the importance of the laity in sharing the Good News, reminding us that we can be witnesses by example, without even saying a word. But we are to preach the gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words. There are various tools and classes available to help us. To find out more, feel free to ask one of us, or go to the conference website

Report on General Conference 2020—it will be held in 2024! I felt like I was in an Abbott and Costello “Who’s on first?” skit when the delegates to the General Conference were talking. However, the General Conference will take place April 23rd through May 4 in North Carolina, with our delegates from 2020.

I will not go into all of the business of Annual Conference--adoption of reports, budget and resolutions. I will say that it is official, Reverend Doug Handlong is appointed to lead us for another year. Many of the resolutions that passed were to correct past failings, as the Bishop said in his opening comments. We have information on one of these concerning greenhouse gases, and how to become a more environmentally friendly church. If one of you would like to take the lead on forming a task force for this, please see one of us or Pastor Doug.

I have to say—in all of the years I have been attending Annual Conference, both here and in Western New York, this Annual Conference was the least contentious, and the most moving one I have attended. Tears and joy. Speeches that brought us to tears (at least me) and moments of great joy—the incredible success of our missions projects. Support for earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey, medical debt relief. (The US is the only country with this problem), and support for the Ukraine. So far, over \$30,000.00 has been raised in our Conference.

We mourned Church closings and celebrated new & vital ministries.

We had a moving lesson on Pronouns, and why they matter.

The youth in attendance reaffirmed their pledge to Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God, adding, and to Eat Ice Cream. Amen to that!

If you want specifics, the minutes should be available at the Conference website after July 1. That is dscumc.org

I am proud, and honored to be a member of an Annual Conference and a church that is willing to wrestle with different issues, engage in dialogues with each other, and rise above our past to the glory of God, as followers of Jesus Christ. Tamra, Chris and I thank you for your trust in us and for asking us to represent you at Annual Conference. We hope we served you well.

By the way, it was announced that the 40th Annual Conference of the Desert Southwest will be in Tucson! In June 2024. - Don Scarlett



Student Intern Presentation & Reception

This summer Border Community Alliance has six interns for the summer program that began June 13 and continues until July 28.

The students are here to learn about the Borderlands, the economics, politics, and cultural diversity of the region, and to engage in service assignments of various kinds. When they finish, they'll give short presentations about what they have learned here at our church on Monday, July 24, at 3:00 pm.

A reception will follow.

The public is invited to attend.

This year's students come from Mt. Holyoke College, Clemson University, University of Southern Mississippi, Duke University, Oberlin College, and Northwestern University.

A second reception will be held for them at the Tubac Center for the Arts on Friday, July 28.

There is no charge for either event.

Jerry Haas



Join our 2023 Borderlands Ambassador Interns for their Closing Presentations



Melissa Meña
Texas/ Mount
Holyoke College

Teresa DiGerolamo
Louisiana/ Univ of
Southern Mississippi

Kyla Mitchell
South Carolina/
Clemson University

Tanner Mercer
California/ Duke
University

Oscar Cardenas
Illinois/Northwestern
University

Miriam Entin-Bell
New York/Oberlin
College

Monday, July 24

3:00- Presentations
4:15-Reception

United Methodist
Church of Green Valley
300 W. Esperanza Blvd

Friday, July 28

4:00-Reception
4:30-Presentations

Tubac Center of the Arts
9 Plaza Road, Tubac, AZ

Free Event - Donations Welcome

****Please register/RSVP by July 22****

Register at: [BorderCommunityAlliance.org](https://bordercommunityalliance.org)

or Contact: info@bordercommunityalliance.org • (520)398-3229

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DEDICATED TO BRIDGING THE BORDER AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY
THROUGH EDUCATION, COLLABORATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE.



Border Immersion Retreat October 22-27, 2023

In 1983 the Upper Room developed an intensive retreat experience called "The Academy for Spiritual Formation" to compliment Walk to Emmaus which had been launched a few years earlier. My ministry benefited greatly from "The Academy" and I went on to become its second Director as a staff member of The Upper Room. The shorter five-day version has been offered in Tucson every other year since 1995.

This year's theme is "A Mile in My Shoes: Immigration & the Bible." Dedicated lay and clergy are encouraged to attend. More information about The Academy can be found on The Upper Room's website (<https://academy.upperroom.org/>). A separated website will give you information about the Arizona Five Day Academy as well as a link to register (<https://dscumc.org/arizona-five-day-academy/>). Feel free to also contact me at jndhaas@gmail.com or by calling 520.449.0327. First-time participants are eligible for \$300 scholarships.



Jerry Haas, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Social Justice

PRAYER LIST

Joyce and Joseph Anderson
Betty Cupples
Sharon Eaton
George Foster
Virginia Harper
Ken Hartz
Dick Johnson
Shea Johnson
Ray Ketterman
Mike Kilby

Hattie Jo LaFollette
Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Morales Family
Lisa Moon
Brian Morris
Carol Sisk
Nancy Trotta
Helen Tull
Lorain Zimmerman

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand
and angels watch over you.*

Pray with others around our district...

Desert Southwest Annual Conference South District

July Prayer Focus

New Hope UMC, Tucson
Grace UMC, Douglas
Sierra Vista UMC
Camping Program, South District

August Prayer Focus

Patagonia Community UMC
Sanctuary UMC, Tucson
Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita
St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson



UMCGV Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a group of church members dedicated to praying.
All the prayer requests are confidential and are not published.

You can activate the prayer chain by calling Lorna Peck at 520-625-2053



The Refugee Resettlement Ministry Team

*invites you to pray for
the Morales Family*

In Remembrance



***We honor the lives and memories of our
church members who have
recently passed...***

*Virginia "Ginny" Wulliman
Richard Toltzmann*

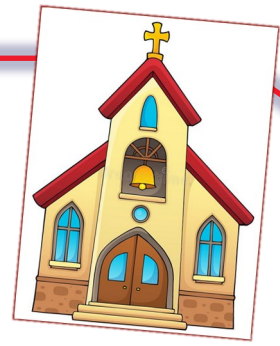


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7/2 Errett Schmid	7/25 Gene Neer	8/13 Sandy Patterson
7/2 David Hunt	7/26 Sharon Icenogle	8/13 Harry Argetsinger
7/4 Gene Foutz	7/29 Mike Thomas	8/14 Nancy Trotta
7/4 Janet Smith	7/30 Evelyn Fee	8/15 Bob Kurtz
7/5 Nancy Klauer	7/30 Jerry Lewis	8/18 Joe Sovis
7/7 Edie Mawhinney	7/30 Linda Truesdell	8/19 Bill Durant
7/8 Andrew Ortega		8/20 Judy Miller
7/12 Betty DeVoto	8/1 Arleta Johnson	8/22 Mike Norman
7/13 Ken Davenport	8/1 Shirley Nelson	8/25 Frank AuMiller
7/13 Jana Oxenford	8/1 Stafford Smith	8/25 Ellie Rankin
7/14 Phyllis Neer	8/2 Jerry Haas	8/25 Mary Beth Stensgard
7/14 Gene Ulrich	8/2 Gary Icenogle	8/25 John Truesdell
7/16 Carol Lewis	8/3 Sarah Ortega	8/26 Robert Bishope
7/17 Deb Jones	8/3 Janet Tufvander	8/27 Brian Hayes
7/18 Jan Spangler	8/4 John Divjak	8/28 Karen Bond
7/19 Joseph Anderson	8/5 Vince Caton	8/28 Abby Handlong
7/19 Tom Lewis	8/7 Bill Price	8/29 Nancy Alfing
7/20 Jerry McCall	8/8 Lloyd Medearis	8/30 Sandy Bensen
7/20 Linda Price	8/10 Jolleen Biesecker	8/30 Harlan Spangler
7/21 Pat Harrison	8/10 Victor Marrero	8/31 Ray Myers
7/22 Norma Purdy	8/11 Mardy Guelzow	8/31 Marjorie Holmstrom
7/22 Lois Vanskike	8/11 Adeline Mitchell	



7/2 Nancy Gunn & Walter Thomas	8/1 Jeanne & John Damitio
7/3 Nancy & Brian Alfing	8/2 Faye & Robert Bishope
7/3 Caroline & Jack Hewatt	8/2 Janet & Russell Tufvander
7/3 Kim & Bob McElroy	8/8 Marjorie & Miles Patten
7/4 Sue & Kent Jehle	8/10 Ginnie & Kent Holland
7/4 Valerie & Brad Smith	8/13 Lois & Mike Norman
7/6 Wanda & Norman Brooks	8/14 Deanne & Doug Handlong
7/7 Joy & Dan Leithner	8/15 Anne & Larry Konopka
7/10 Norma & Bob Bruce	8/15 Linda & John Truesdell
7/12 Coral and Frank AuMiller	8/17 Kathryn Nester & Charlie Hookway
7/18 Karen & Art Weidner	8/17 Linda & Bill Price
7/20 Carol & Jerry Lewis	8/19 Bonnie & Jerry Korn
7/29 Errett & Jack Schmid	8/20 Liz & Ray Marcucci
7/30 Jan & Harlan Spangler	8/25 Mary Beth & Wayne Stensgard
	8/27 Bernice & Ken Hartz
	8/28 Billie & Bob Fidler
	8/31 Hattie Jo & Kyle LaFollette
	8/31 Nancy & Don Schooley

How To Choose a Church in Green Valley



Pick the one where sins more than 40 years old don't count
Look for a covered parking lot that is good for summer when
latecomers who can't get a spot learn a lot about hell
Choose the church where potlucks offer beef as well as chicken and tuna
Check the lobby for free oxygen and respirators
It must have an excellent sound system with auxiliary help available;
also you should be able to shut it off at nap time
Make sure it doesn't need a new roof or air conditioner
Free pickup and delivery with a stop at Safeway is nice
Should have kindly security guards if someone in your pew starts dancing
Also, a nice singles club followed by a class on the seventh commandment;
you know, 'thou shalt not commit.....'
Make available a flashing alarm system to attach to your smoke alarm to let you
know when it's Sunday
Choose the Church with the most guitars
To quote George Burns, "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning
and a good ending....and to have the two as close together as possible."
Finally, it must have comfortable seating because we're all here cramming
for finals

by Cal Lambert

Register for the Fry's
Community Rewards Program



Fry's Community Rewards Program

It is free and easy to do to make our church your
designated charity.

If you have not connected your card yet, you can link
us to your personal rewards card by going to
frysfood.com and searching for us by our full name
or ID Number (QH797)

(there is also a direct link on our website.)

**This donation to the church is in addition to the
benefits you earn for yourself.**



The Newsletter Deadline

for our September
edition is
August 16

Please send your articles and pictures to
office.umcgv@gmail.com

Thank you!



Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Phone: 520-625-4712
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What's Happening



Happy Fourth of July

Our office will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day

July and August Dates to Remember

July 1	P.O.W.W.O.W Borderlands Produce (6:00 am -9:00 am)
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 4	Fourth of July Indoor Picnic
July 13	Rock Painting (Green Valley Rocks!)
July 13	Caring Through Dementia Forum
July 16	Food Bank Sunday
July 19	Books for Classroom Summer Forum
July 24	BCA Intern Program
July 25	Women's Bible Discussion Group starts
August 5	P.O.W.W.O.W Borderlands Produce (6:00 am -9:00 am)
August 10	Rock Painting (Green Valley Rocks!)
August 20	Food Bank Sunday
August 16	September Newsletter Deadline

Every Week at UMC6V

Mondays

Monday Funday
1:00 pm
in Johnson Hall

Tuesdays

**Knit and Sew
and
Prayer Shawl**
9:00 am
in the Narthex
and Johnson Hall

Wednesdays

**Men's Breakfast
and Bible Study**
at 7:00 am
at Manuel's Restaurant

Handbell Choir Practice
at 1:00 pm
in the Johnson Hall

Check Out Our Website

It's full of all kinds of information and resource links. There's something for everyone!

umcgv.org

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Green Valley, AZ 85614**



**Do no harm. Do good.
Stay in love with God.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays In-Person and Online at 9:30

Find our services on our website umcgv.org or on our YouTube channel.
You can also hear us at 8:00 am on KGVY 1080 am or 101.5 fm.