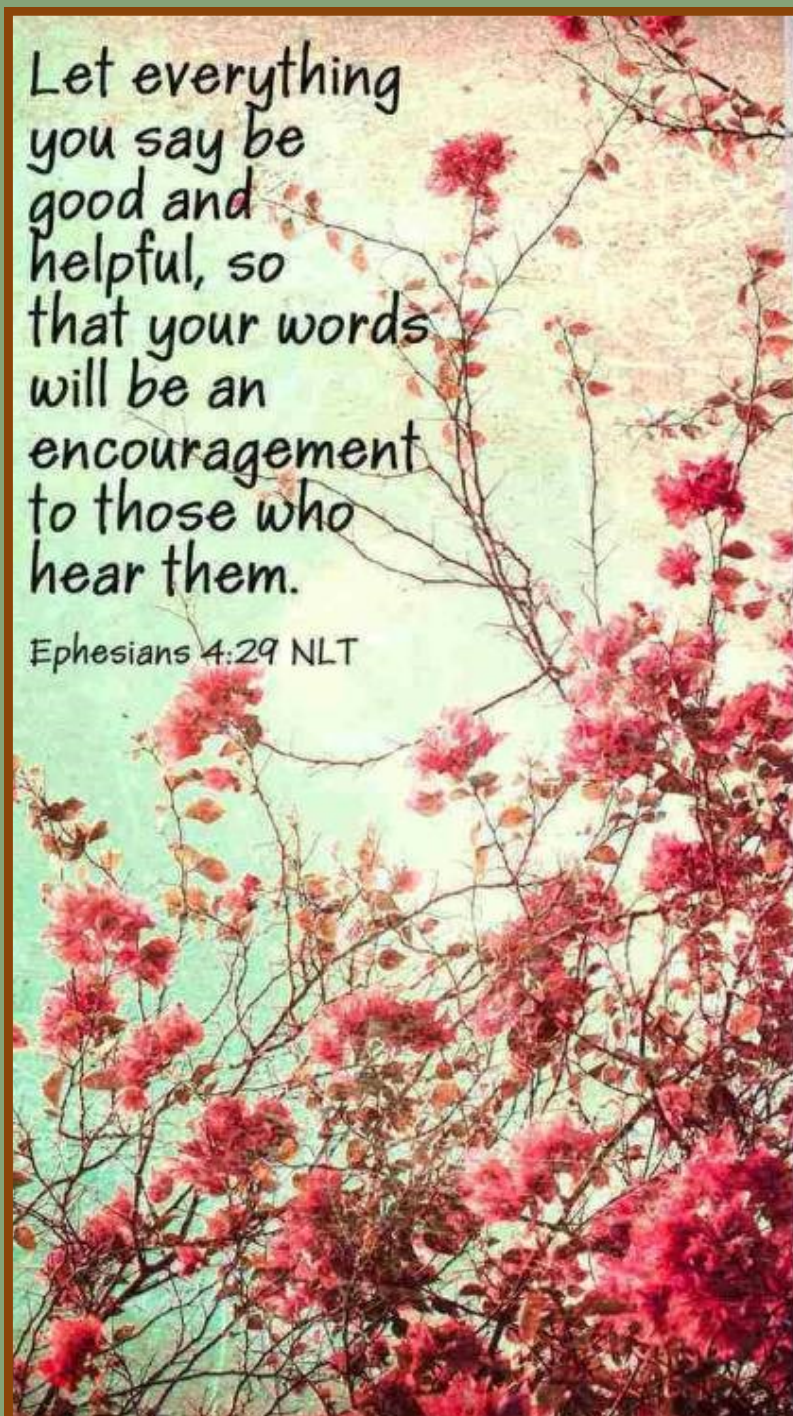


United Methodist Church of Green Valley
Methodist Messenger

Let everything
you say be
good and
helpful, so
that your words
will be an
encouragement
to those who
hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT



May 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

In January of this year, we here at the United Methodist Church of Green Valley began living into a new governing structure. We moved from the historic and traditional leadership model of numerous boards and committees to a Simplified Accountable Structure. This simplified accountable structure, also sometimes referred to as a single board model, is designed to be a more nimble and flexible model that frees people to do ministry.

Let me say a bit more about this model. By our book of discipline, we are required to have four primary administrative teams. nominations team, which works to identify leader ship. A staff parish relations committee which deals with personnel matters. A trustees committee, which deals with all matters relating to real property of the local church. And a finance committee, which over sees the financial operations of the church.

How a church chooses to provide for these basic functions is up to the church. In our simplified accountable structure, we have one single board that serves as the staff parish, trustees, and finance committees. The nominations team is separate.

We have nine positions on the board, seven of which are currently filled. Your current leadership team consists of the following members:

Doug Bolstad
Guy Jackson (Vice President)
Doris Miller
Penny Jansmann (Chr/President)
Don Scarlett
Mary Beth Stensgard (Sec)
Gene Ulrich
Lou Schellhaas (Treasurer/non-member)

As a non profit in the state of Arizona, we are required to elect officers for the corporation commission. That is why we have listed President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

I share this with you for a couple of reasons. One, invite you to be in prayer for the leaders of UMCGV, as we grow into this new leadership model, and seek to lead the church where God calls us. We value your prayers. Second, with two vacancies on the board, if you would like to have a conversation about, serving on the Simplified Accountable Board, you can give me a call and we can consider your name in the nominations process.

Next month I will reflect on the various ministries that are a part of our church and the needs going forward.



Pastor Doug



Join us for Fellowship on Zoom

Sundays at 11:00 am

Contact the church office for the zoom link.



Would you like to get more creative, inspire others and become more involved in Sunday worship? Contact Chad in the booth or the church office to find out how.

May/June Upper Rooms

are now available in the Church Office or at the Communications Corner.

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

Attention Winter Residents

Please let us know both of your addresses if you are a winter resident so we can keep our system up to date.

We also need to know the dates when you are here vs. your winter home.

Please email the church office with any updates or changes. office.umcgv@gmail.com



Join us May 20 at 8:30 am in Johnson Hall

WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

Tickets will be on sale between services for \$8.00
May 7 and May 14.



JUST COFFEE (Café Justo)

JUST COFFEE will now be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the narthex. A new blend (half Arabica and half Robusta) is now available either whole bean or ground.

The coffee is \$12 per bag, except for Arabica (more like "regular coffee") which is \$10 per bag.

Enjoy your "jo!"



If you would like to know more about our church and membership, please join us in the Fireside Room (off the Narthex) immediately following the 9:30 am worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Our next meeting will be on May 21



Do I Hear Bells?

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

I am looking to start a summer class for hand bell ringers, no experience necessary but welcomed. If you would like to explore this opportunity, leave your name and contact information (email address if possible) with the Church office or on the connect card on Sundays.

We would need a minimum of 4 people to begin a Handbell Choir. Meetings would begin in June, probably on Wednesday afternoons. Please let us know if you are interested.

Thank you,

Linda Truesdell, Music Director



GVCC Foundation *College Scholarships*

The Foundation would like to congratulate our scholarship recipients who will graduate this Spring, and we wish them continued success! We also give thanks the UMCgv family for their continued support of, and investment in, our youth. If you would like to learn more about and/or make a donation to our scholarship foundation, pamphlets are available in the church office or you can download it from our church website. www.umcgv.org/gcgvv-foundation

Jordan Limon, Pima Community College
Hailee Rowe, ASU
Robert (Max) Schmidt, ASU

Cristian Madrigal graduated in December 2022 from the Pima Medical Institute





Thank you for celebrating Easter with us!



Choir News

There will be NO Choir Practice on May 3, 10, or 17.
We WILL have practice on Wednesday, May 24 to prepare for Summer worship. If you would like to sing with us for summer worship, in a more informal way, please join us on Wednesday May 24 at 2:00 in the Choir room.



Tuesday Morning Knit and Sew, Teddy Bear & Prayer Shawl Groups

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



“Monday Fun Day”

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.

Bible Study & Breakfast for Men

Consider joining us...

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





United Methodist Women

- UMW Unit Meeting - Wednesday, May 10 at 9:30 am

Expanding our Horizon by Learning
About the Services the Animal League Provides

Speakers: Kim Iseley and Carolyn Hewatt

Topic: Green Valley Animal League

Devotion: Jan Bolstand

Continental Breakfast

Come join us in Johnson Hall!



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, May 24 at 9:30 am

Our program will be

“Who gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate”

presented by Marjorie Holmstrum

Come join us on Wednesday morning
in the Fireside room!



Pat Mitchell has been a member of Knit and Sew for many years, and is moving to Illinois this month. She will be missed!



Here are just a few of the many sweaters Margaret Darlington made for Knit and Sew. She was an active member and made many sweaters through the years.



DAILY
PRAYER GUIDE

The Daily Prayer Guide

The Daily Prayer Guide is a publication from United Methodist Women that lets you know what is happening in mission & moves you to put love in action.

You can find this image on the left on our website under the United Methodist Women tab. There you can click on a link to access the Facebook page for daily messages or you can click on this link www.facebook.com/dailyprayerguide/

UMCGV Solar Project



Our Solar Project is on back on schedule and our panels have been installed!



HOPE Community Lunch
THE 1ST & 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
11:00 - 12:30



The Menu

May 5

Chicken Pasta Salad
Rolls
Fruit Cup

Cinco de Mayo Sopapilla Cheesecake

May 19

Hamburger Stew
Garlic Bread
Jello Salad
Lemon Cake



HOPE is Cancelled for the SUMMER

Please help us get the word out that we will not have HOPE lunch for June and July and August giving the cooks and crew a well deserved break.

Watch for information about Summer Community Events.

HOPE lunches will be back in September!

We're looking forward to seeing everybody again in the Fall.



Aldersgate Day May 24

A plaque erected in Aldersgate Street, London, by the Drew Theological Seminary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison, N. J., marks the probable site of John's Wesley's now famous moment of spiritual revelation. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Aldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Charles Wesley only a few days before had also had a conversion experience in a building that still stands on an adjacent block (John Bray's house on Little Britain). We do not know whether the building where John Wesley's experience took place still exists, nor exactly in which building on Aldersgate Street it may have been if it still stands. A monument at the London Museum on Aldersgate Street marks where some believe the building may have been.

Over time, Aldersgate Street has been shortened by common Methodist usage to simply Aldersgate. The word has come to represent both the place and John Wesley's experience.

This content was produced by Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications.

Camper Scholarships



Summer means camp for many young people across the desert southwest, and across our country. Summer camp costs about \$450 a week for a student in the Desert Southwest Conference. Campers of all ages will attend and many need partial or full scholarships.

Thank you to our United Methodist Women, who recently made a contribution of \$400 towards camp scholarships! Will you join them and helping to make camp possible for a young person this summer? Gifts in any amount can go towards helping a young person go to camp.

“A MILE IN MY SHOES: Immigration and the Bible”

One of the most challenging issues of our time is immigration, not just here in this country, but around the world. As Christians, we listen not only to contemporary voices; we listen also to scripture and seek God's guidance as to how to respond.

This five day engagement retreat, an adaption of a model developed by The Upper Room, offers lay and clergy a chance to wrestle with the topic and listen to the people affected by the policies currently practiced. The dates are October 22-27, 2023, and the location is the Redemptorist Renewal Center in northwest Tucson.

Talk to Pastor Doug or to Jerry Haas (jndhaas@gmail.com) for more information.



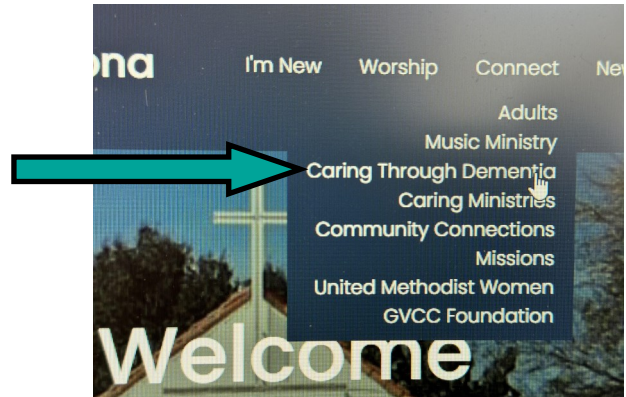
Caring through Dementia Network

Check out our website!

We now have a page dedicated to our Caring Through Dementia Ministry.

You can find it under the “Connect” tab or by scrolling down our main page and clicking on the link there.

We have all our forum videos there for you to watch. Share the link and let others know about this valuable information. More resources will be added in the coming weeks. www.umcgv.org/caring-through-dementia



FINANCIAL COACHING?

Financial Coaching

Free and confidential, financial coaching. Call our church office or let us know in the church office if you are interested in learning more. 520-625-4712 or office.umcgv@gmail.com



Santa Cruz Valley UMC

Everything Kidz Resale

A hidden gem for a place to shop for your young grandkids!

71 E. Sahuarita Road
(corner of Sahuarita Road and la Villita)
Affordable kids clothes, toys, games, furniture and more.

OPEN
Friday 9:00 - noon
Saturday 9:00 - noon



The Penny Project

What is this amazing ministry?

The Penny Project collects not just pennies but *all* U.S. currency.

The money collected goes to help women and children in need.

Collection canisters are located in the office and Narthex.



Border Community Alliance

Border Community Alliance



BCA had a wonderful open house in April in their new office space in Tubac. It's located at 8 Burruel Street. bordercommunityalliance.org

Alvaro Enciso spoke about the crosses he places on migrant graves throughout southern Arizona. He is a Tucson-based artist and creates beautiful crosses and hearts.

To learn a little more about Alvaro, click on this link

<https://borderartists.com/2018/09/27/alvaro-enciso/>



Kino Border Initiative
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

Collecting Containers

Kino Border Initiative prepares and serves meals for 800 people every day. They need plastic containers (clean and complete with lids) for 'takeout'.

Yogurt and cottage cheese containers - or any kind of durable takeout container (with lid) will do.

We have a box in the Narthex or you can bring them to the church office.

They are very appreciative of all our donations!



The 3rd Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

In April we donated 100 pounds of food and \$170

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*.



The Sahuarita Food Bank now has a new baler dubbed Captain Crunch. It allows the foodbank to compact cardboard boxes and then they are able to sell it.

What does this mean for you? You can bring your cardboard boxes to the foodbank and they can turn your cardboard into a monetary donation for them.



Borderlands
Produce Rescue

(P.O.W.W.O.W.)
Produce on Wheels With-Out Waste
\$15 for 70 pounds of produce

May 6, 2023 from 7:00 - 10:00

PRAYER LIST

Joseph Anderson
Betty Cupples
Sharon Eaton
George Foster
Ken Hartz
Dick Johnson
Shea Johnson
Linda Ketterman
Mike Kilby
Hattie Jo LaFollette

Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Morales Family
Lisa Moon
Brian Morris
Carol Sisk
Nancy Trotta
Helen Tull
Mort and 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
April Prayer Focus**

Grace UMC, Douglas
Huachuca UMC
Menlo Park UMC, Tucson

***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...***

*Margaret Darlington
Arra Willis*

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**

Celebration of Life



A Celebration of Life Service for

Margaret Darlington

will be in the Sanctuary on
May 13 at 11:00 am



5/1 Janice Smith
5/2 Stephen Turner
5/4 Elizabeth Myers
5/7 Amy Carlisle

5/7 Jeanne Damitio
5/9 Joann Reedy
5/9 Brenda Kierstenson
5/9 Denny Fost
5/12 Patty Stenz
5/14 Joyce Beason
5/16 Paul Potterton
5/19 Dawnie Cate
5/19 Judy Argetsinger
5/20 Jeffrey Handlong
5/22 Dan Patterson
5/22 Dick Johnson
5/22 Lorna Peck
5/23 JoAnn Jones
5/25 Robert Goodrich
5/26 Ruth Goodrich
5/28 Pat Mitchell
5/28 Jane Flewellin
5/30 Nancy Znamierowski
5/31 Tom Milke
5/31 Barb Potterton

5/3 Christine & David Schmidt
5/3 Sherri & Lynn Lightner
5/3 Joyce & Ronald Beason
5/6 Becky & Dick Keidel
5/6 Ruth & Robert Goodrich
5/10 Joyce & Joseph Anderson
5/15 Tamra & Guy Jackson
5/16 Dolores & Jerry McCall
5/23 Marda & Gordon Jensen
5/25 Nancy & Stan Znamierowski
5/27 Rosemary & Michael Kilby
5/31 Pam & David Hunt





ANTI-TRIANGULATION POLICY

Conflict among Christians is not new. Jesus spoke directly about it in Matthew 18:15-20. It is in the spirit of that text that your Leadership Team has adopted the following policy at our April Board Meeting.

Gossip often finds expression amongst us, in “triangulation,” where person (a), upset with person (b), goes to person (c) to complain instead of dealing face to face with person (b).

In keeping with Jesus’ teaching, the Leadership Team of UMCGV has adopted the following “Anti-Triangulation Policy.”

Suppose you were to call a member of the Leadership Team to complain about someone. You would be asked:

1. Have you shared your complaint with the party personally?
2. If you are unable or unwilling to share your concern with the party personally, a member of the Leadership Team will offer to go with you to confront the party personally.
3. Should you choose neither option 1 or 2, then you will be asked permission for the member of the Leadership Team to convey your complaint to the party, with the understanding that your name would be revealed.
4. Should you choose none of the above, then for the sake of our wholeness, you will be expected to keep your complaint to yourself.

I really appreciate this last statement which captures the whole policy. “For the sake of our wholeness” is what it’s really all about. Walking through life together can be challenging and even messy, but by Gods grace we can do so in wholeness.

Pastor Doug and the Leadership Team

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 May edition is
May 18.

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
office.umcgv@gmail.com

What's Happening

Dates to Remember

May 5	HOPE Lunch
May 6	P.O.W.W.O.W Borderlands Produce (7:00-10:00)
May 7	Summer Worship Schedule Begins, 9:30 Worship
May 9	UMW Board Meeting
May 10	UMW Unit Meeting
May 11	Caring Through Dementia Network
May 19	HOPE Lunch
May 20	UMM Hosted Breakfast
May 21	Food Bank Sunday
May 21	New Member Orientation
May 25	Caring Through Dementia Network
May 28	Pentecost Sunday
May 29	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 15 – 17	<i>Desert Southwest Conference Annual Conference</i>

Every Week at UMCGV

Mondays

Pastor Doug's Bible Study at 10:00 am on Zoom

Monday Funday at 1:00 pm in Johnson Hall

Grief Group at 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Choir Practice at 2:00 pm in the Choir Room

Check Out Our Website

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

umcgv.org

**United Methodist Church of Green Valley
300 W. Esperanza Blvd.
Green Valley, AZ 85614**

Easter Morning Sunrise taken from our South Driveway



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.