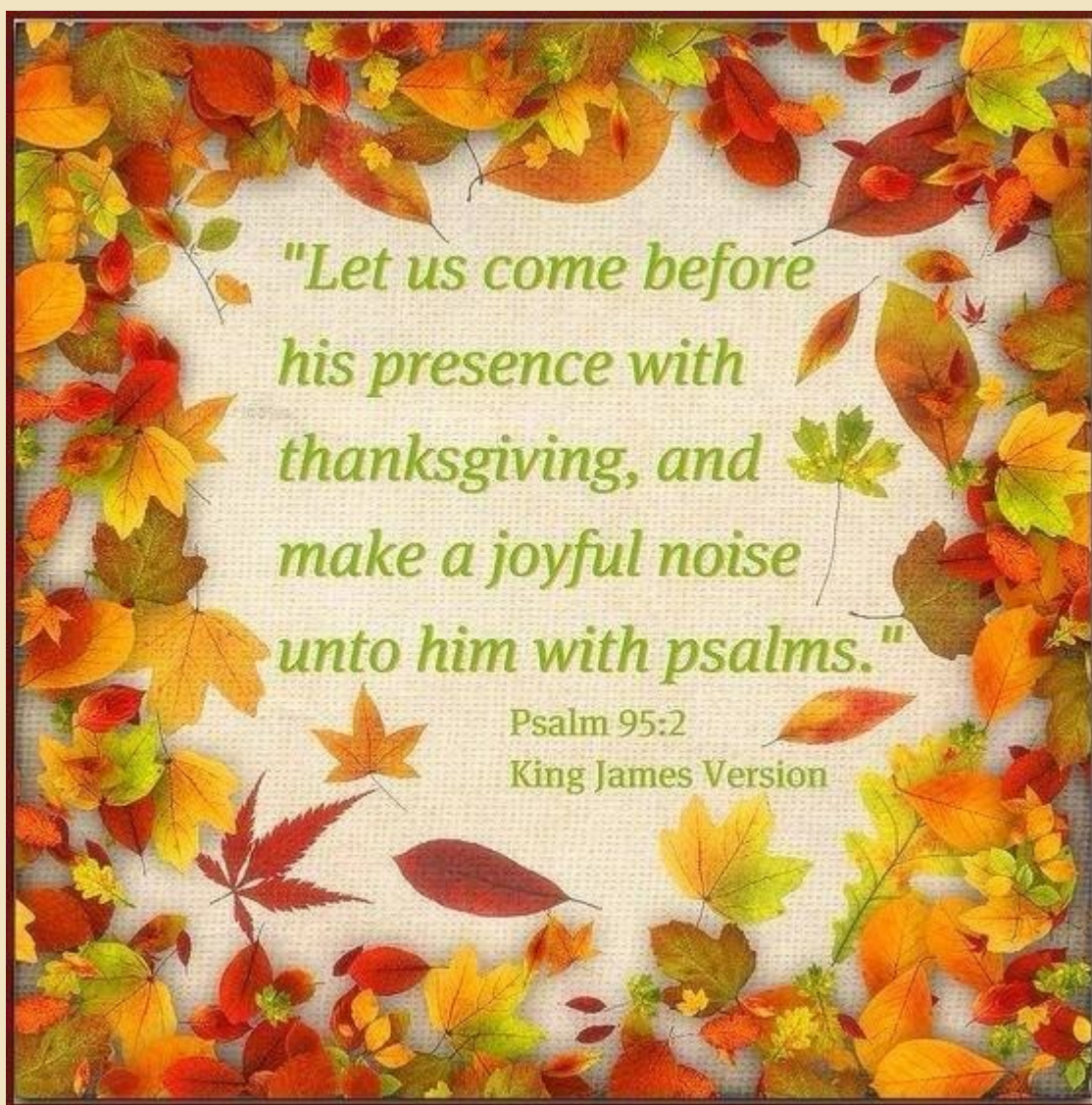


United Methodist Church of Green Valley
Methodist Messenger



November 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

In the coming days, you will be receiving from the church, a 2024 estimate of giving card. This annual recommitment to support the church by our gifts is just one step in which we commit our lives towards transforming the world as we make disciples of Jesus Christ and make Christ's love known here in Green Valley and around the world. Many of us will see the commitment card or the estimate of giving card and know exactly what we will do. Some will promptly complete it and return it, others will take some time to prayerfully reflect, sadly others will put it in the stack of mail to be sorted out later. Regardless of what you decide, before doing so, I would invite you to give thanks for some of what we accomplished in our lives together over the past year as we look ahead to 2024.

New ministries were birthed this year. The Caring Through Dementia ministry along with the Stress Busters support group has been an amazing feat. Recently we hosted a training for the new Memory Café. Before all was said and done, we had to close the registration! I give thanks to God for this ministry that has and will change lives here in Green Valley and beyond.

Through the Refugee Resettlement ministry, we were privileged to come along the Morales family from Guatemala, helping them transition into a new life here in the U.S. It was a joy to watch our congregation come together to equip and transform the life of this beautiful family. I look ahead to our continued work in refugee resettlement in the coming year.

After a forced hiatus due to the Covid pandemic we once again hosted a fiesta for the El Mesias church in Nogales. We raised \$9500 to help the Nogales church and its ministries. We look forward to hosting again in early 2024.

HOPE lunch continues to thrive, serving 200 meals a month or more, an estimated 1500 meals a year or more. More than lunch, this ministry brings people together from across our community from all kinds of backgrounds, where many find friendship, companionship and hope.

Hundreds of sweaters, hats, lap quilts and prayer shawls were crafted and given away in the name of love to those who needed them most. I give thanks for the handiwork that have blessed countless lives.

An estimated 250,000 lbs. of produce was distributed through the Borderlands Produce Rescue which happens the first Saturday of the month here at UMCGV. This impact is virtually immeasurable as we partner to feed families and be faithful stewards of the earth.

I give thanks to God for each of you and the ministries we share. May we give thanks to God for all that we have shared and all that is ahead!



Pastor Doug

Join us on Sunday Mornings



New Worship Schedule

8:00 WORSHIP

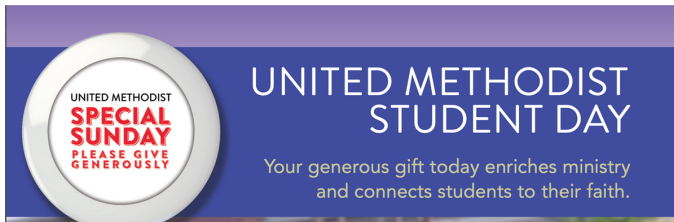
with Communion every Sunday

10:15 WORSHIP



Join us for Fellowship on Zoom Sundays after 10:15 worship

The zoom link is emailed every Saturday night. If you are not on our mailing list, please contact the church office for the zoom link.



**United Methodist Student Day Sunday is
November 26**

Special Offering Envelopes will be available at the Communications Corner and in the Bulletins. For more information visit www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article



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*

grateful thankful
blessed

Honoring all who served
VETERANS DAY WORSHIP
IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, PLEASE SEND YOUR

- NAME
- YOUR BRANCH OF SERVICE
- A PICTURE OF YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE
- A CURRENT PICTURE

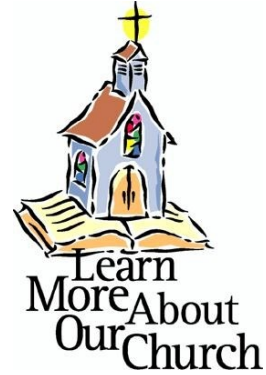
TO THE MEDIA TEAM AT
UMCMEDIATEAM@GMAIL.COM

Veterans Day Worship

We are planning on having a slide show of our Veterans in November.

If you are a Veteran, please send your name, your branch of service, a picture of yourself in the service and a current picture to the media team at umcmmediateam@gmail.com by November 6.

Thank you!



Come learn more about us and what it means to be a United Methodist and about our church.

Join Pastor Doug in the Fireside Room (off the Narthex) immediately following the 10:15 am Worship Service on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

This month it will be on November 19

3 Kings Sunday



December 3rd

We will be collecting unwrapped gifts for children during both worship services on December 3rd.

The United Methodist Men will deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army & Crossroads Mission.

United Methodist Boot Camp

Save the Date!

January 25

9:00 - 12:00

Watch for more information in the December Newsletter





GIVE SOMETHING THAT
Means Something[®]
GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive
United Methodist Church of
Green Valley

Johnson Hall
300 W. Esperanza Rd.
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Friday, November 10, 2023
7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please contact Jan Bolstad 520-975-3043 or Chris Maglott 734-358-4744
or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: UMCGV



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United Methodist Women

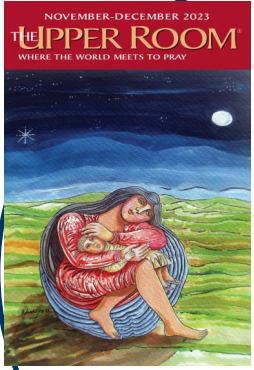
Christmas
Sale
and Bake Sale
November 17
9:00 - 1:00

UMW will be hosting a
Christmas Sale
on November 17
from 9:00 to 1:00

In preparation we are collecting
items limited to:
Puzzles • Jewelry • Nice Gift
Items • Sewing • Knitting
• Quilting • Women's Clothes •
Christmas Items

There is a donation collection box
in the Narthex.

If you are able to donate to our
bake sale,
please let us know on the Connect
Card on Sundays or call the church
office 520-625-4712.

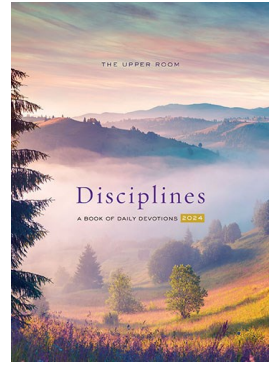


November/December
Upper Rooms
are now available in the
Church Office or at the
Communications Corner.

The recommended
donation is
\$1.00 for the regular size
and
\$2.00 for the large print.

The Upper Room
Disciplines:
A Book of Daily
Devotions for
2024

Are now available in
the church office.
They are \$10 each.





JUST COFFEE (Café Justo)

Just Coffee is available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the narthex. When you stop by the table, ask Jack about the story of Just Coffee.

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

Enjoy your “jo!”



“Monday Funday”

**Every Monday
1:00 to 3:30**

Join us in Johnson Hall to play your favorite table games.

Whether it’s Mexican Train, Cribbage, Scrabble, Monopoly or something else, join in the fun!

Open to everyone in the community!

Light refreshments are served.



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.



Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Handbell Practice meets regularly on Wednesdays at 1:00 in Johnson Hall.**

Chancel Choir Practice meets regularly on Wednesdays at 2:00 in the Choir Room. **

We always welcome new members and we would love to have you join us. Just come to rehearsal on Wednesday afternoons. We sing at the 10:15 worship service on Sundays. Hope to see you there.

Linda Truesdell, Music Director

****There will be NO Rehearsal for the Choirs on Wednesday, October 25 and Wednesday, November 1
Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday, November 8**



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on

November 9
1:00 - 3:00
in the Sunday School Room.

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

Everyone is welcome.

Caring thru Dementia Ministries



Caring thru Dementia Ministries is developing a fourfold program for addressing this critical need:

- Forums for education and networking
- Stress-busters support program for dementia caregivers
- Memory café – socializing for support
- One-on-one consultation

Forums: We began with weekly sessions last January and have continued twice a month since March. Our upcoming schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 9: “Palliative Care and Hospice Care for Patients with Dementia.”
Dr. Richard F. Hoffman, M.D.

Thursday, November 30: TBS

Stress-busters support program: A second group is currently meeting at the church. A third group will start after the first of the year. Program participants meet for an hour-and-a-half for nine consecutive sessions.

Memory café: Memory café is a one-hour program, offering a welcoming experience for those experiencing memory loss, their friends, family, and caregivers. UMC-GV is offering this program in partnership with Pima Council on Aging to the Green Valley community.

Wednesday, November 15: “Thanksgiving Memories.” Our first Memory Café will be at 10:00 am in Johnson Hall. Reservations required. Caregivers and their loved ones are asked to contact the church office to reserve their spot, as space is limited for this first Café.

Thursday, December 14: “Christmas Favorites.” Our second Memory Café will be at 2:00 pm. Reservations required. Caregivers and their loved ones are asked to contact the church office to reserve their spot, as space is limited for this first Café.

One-on-one consultation: Currently this ministry is pending further development. Stay tuned!

Jerry Haas, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Social Justice



Office Hours for
Financial Education are
Wednesdays 9:00 to 11:30

Free and confidential, financial coaching

Learn to make a budget • Learn about resources

Come by on Wednesday mornings or contact our church office if you are interested in learning more.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GREEN VALLEY

Estate/Patio Sales

The United Methodist Church of Green Valley Estate & Patio Sales Group conducts sales from November through April.

40 Years Experience - Let Us Conduct Your Sale!

100% Of Our Profits Are Returned To
Green Valley And Surrounding Communities

For more info: 315-573-4017 or 520-399-2188



Knit and Sew's 2023 Donations

A total of 230 sweaters, 91 hats, 50 throws, 3 quillows and 4 scarves

One third was given to the Salvation Army, one third to St. Andrews Children's Clinic in Nogales and one third to Green Valley Assistance services.

A wonderful band of angels arrived on the 3rd of October to sort, bag, label and deliver, sweaters, hats, blankets etc. from Knit and Sew. Not to mention taking care of the closet, putting it back in order. Yay and thanks to God for answered prayer and a wonderful morning. A Special thanks to Pastor Doug and Deanne for all the preparation. Thank you, Miriam





United Methodist Women

UMW Unit Meeting

November 8 at 9:30 am in Johnson Hall

“Do you care? Will you share?” That is the theme of the story of “Stone Soup”, a 1700 folk tale. the UMW cooks made delicious soup from a real stone for last month’s meeting. (The stone was saved for next year’s soup!). “We do care, we will share” was also evidenced by the generous donations that were given to the Genesis House, a home for abused women.

Jan Bolstad will be sharing the history of Chrismons, and special ones her own family has created.
Each of us will make our own Chrismon.

P.S. Don’t forget your “thankful calendar”

P.S.S. Don’t forget about White Elephant in December!!



Lydia Circle

November 29 (Note Date Change) at 9:30 am

We are going to be making Christmas Cards!

Here are some pictures from our meeting in October when we made cards for fall.

Knit and Sew & Prayer Shawl

Come Join Us Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Some of us Knit and Crochet

Some of us Sew

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

Join us in the Narthex and Johnson Hall



PLAN TO JOIN US HOPE Lunch

1ST & 3RD
FRIDAYS
11:00 - 12:30



HOPE Lunch

Our mission is to provide a nourishing meal and friendly fellowship in a pleasant environment to ALL in the community and church family.

Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship.
Everyone is welcome to this community event.
Bring your neighbors and friends!



On the Menu

November 3
Pasta e Fagioli soup
Green salad
Garlic bread
Bublanina
(Czechoslovakian cake
with blueberries)

November 17
Sliced Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Cranberry Salad
Green Beans
Roll
Pumpkin Crunch



COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

The 3rd Sunday of
each month
is Food Bank Sunday

This month will be
on November 19

*In October we donated
69 pounds of food and \$105*

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 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.

Thank you!



Tickets are still available for the November shows!

Our own Facilities Manager, Chad Eggen will be directing his first Shoestring Players Production.



Come out and watch "On Golden Pond" at the Community Performance & Art Center.

Dates and times are listed above.

BORDERLANDS FORUM

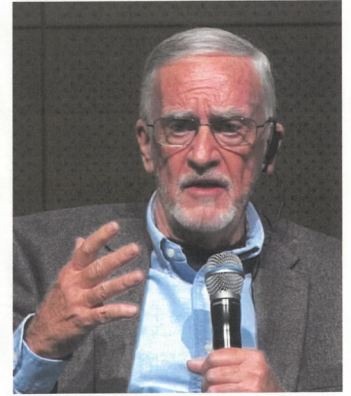
"How Did Our Beloved Sonoran Desert Become a Vast Open Graveyard?"

Borderlands Forum with Rev. John Fife

**November 9, 2023
2:00pm**

Free event/Donations welcome

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

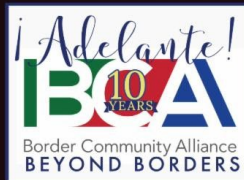


The Rev. John Fife is a retired Presbyterian minister, human rights advocate and a founder of the Sanctuary Movement. Between 1982-92, some 15,000 Central Americans came through his church, Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Ariz., seeking safe harbor or assistance after fleeing civil war and death squads in their home countries. He is also a co-founder of the humanitarian aid organization No More Deaths. He will speak about the over 4,000 migrants that have died in the Arizona desert over the past two decades.

To Register: BorderCommunityAlliance.org
(520)398-3229



You're invited!



Border Community Alliance

10th Anniversary Celebration

Reception & Dinner

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5pm Reception • 6pm Dinner & Program

Desert Diamond Casino, Sahuarita, AZ

Tickets On Sale Now thru October 27

Info@BorderCommunityAlliance.org (520)398-3229



**Borderlands
Produce Rescue**

Produce on Wheels With-Out Waste

UMCGV Parking Lot on the
1st Saturday of each month

November 4th 8:00 am to 11:00 am

\$15 for 70 Pounds of Produce



PRAYER LIST

Joyce and Joseph Anderson
Karen Bensen
Betty Cupples
Julie Donnelly
Sharon Eaton
Arlene "Griz" Griswold
Virginia Harper
Ken Hartz
Paul Heim
Dick Johnson
Shea Johnson
Ray Ketterman

Gary and Janet Logan
Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Jan Marchiniak
Morales Family
Lisa Moon
Brian Morris
Millie Paluch
Gini Sears
Carol Sisk
Helen Tull
Lorain Zimmerman

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

Desert Southwest Annual Conference
Pray with others around our district...

November Prayer Focus

UMC of the Good Shepherd, Kearny
UMC of Green Valley
Willcox UMC

In Remembrance



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

Hattie Jo LaFollette

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.**



All Saints' Day

*Celebrated in Honor
of all the saints.*



*Jerry Higdon
James Wulliman
Katie Biggs
Bettie Thayer
Eloise Allen
Barbara Rumburg
Bill Bode
Dwight Reynolds
Barbara Steurer
Merle Beatty
Carolyn Miller
Julia Kent
Douglas Jurgens*

*Jack Gray
Margaret Darlington
Arra Willis
Linda Ketterman
Morton Zimmerman
Sharon Demmons
Virginia Wulliman
Richard Toltzmann
Mike Kilby
Yervand Mathevosian
Frances Wooden
Hattie Jo LaFollette*



11/1 Barbara Crayne
11/1 Barry Ehrman
11/2 Brian Biggs
11/3 Constance Rusch
11/5 Jim Cate
11/5 Bernice Hartz
11/6 Natalie Barber
11/7 Faye Bishope

11/9 Susan Voorhees
11/9 Diane Pierson
11/10 Anne Konopka
11/11 Mary Ring
11/14 Don Linch
11/14 Donna Haas
11/17 Jerry Korn
11/19 Julie Donnelly
11/20 Ray Ketterman
11/22 Sherri Lightner
11/22 Don Weeks
11/23 Jim Campbell
11/23 Lorraine Harsch
11/25 Jane Cable
11/29 Jerry Baldrige
11/30 Betty Cupples
11/30 Doug Bolstad
11/30 Marilyn Lineberry



11/2 Judy and Harry Argetsinger
11/3 Jane and Kenneth Flewellin
11/3 Vicki and Wendell Howell
11/5 Sandy and Dan Patterson
11/8 Constance and Daniel Rusch
11/9 Sarah and Chris Ortega
11/23 Marilee and Dave Crumley
11/24 Shirley and Joe Sovis
11/25 Carol and Steve Sisk
11/29 Jody and Joel Davison

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 December edition is
November 16

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

Thank you!

Opportunities to Give Online

Visit our website at
umcgv.org/ways-to-give

Electronic giving is secure, quick and easy to set up using a debit or credit card or your bank account. You can give a one-time or recurring gift through our secure online giving platform. You can also scan below with your phone camera.



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

Phone: 520-625-4712
office.umcgv@gmail.com

God Loves You
and there's
nothing you can
do about it.

Cards and magnets are available around the church and in the church office.

Pick up as many as you would like and share God's Love!

Our Ministry Team

Rev. Douglas Handlong - *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Kenneth Bensen - *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Jerry Haas - *Spiritual Formation & Social Justice*

Linda Truesdell - *Music Director*

Doris Miller - *Song Leader*

Chad Eggen - *Facilities Manager*

Lou Shellhaas - *Finance Administrator*

Deanne Handlong - *Administrative Assistant*

Tom Bright, Chad Eggen, Jane Furtwangler, Catherine Ivie, Shirley Urquhart and

Bill Voorhees - *Media Team Members*

Everyone - *Ministers*

2023 Leadership Team

Doug Bolstad, Guy Jackson, Penny Jansmann, Doris Miller, Don Scarlett,
Mary Beth Stensgard and Gene Ulrich



November and Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 2	UMM Board Meeting
November 3	HOPE Lunch
November 4	P.O.W.W.O.W Borderlands Produce
November 7	UMW Board Meeting
November 8	UMW Unit Meeting
November 16	December Newsletter Deadline
November 16	Leadership Team Meeting
November 17	HOPE Lunch
November 17	UMW Christmas and Bake Sale
November 19	Food Bank Sunday
November 19	New Member Orientation
November 22	Lydia Circle
November 23	Church office Closed for Thanksgiving
December 3	3 Kings Sunday

Stay up to date with our weekly newsletter, "Keeping in Touch"

Every Week at UMCGV

Mondays

Monday Funday
1:00 pm
in Johnson Hall

Tuesdays

Knit and Sew & Prayer
Shawl
9:00 am
In Johnson Hall & Narthex

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
7:00 am

Financial Education
Office Hours
9:00 - 11:30

Choir Practices
Handbell 1:00 pm
Chancel 2:00 pm



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



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays In-Person and Online at 8:00 and 10:15

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.