

United Methodist Church of Green Valley
Methodist Messenger



*The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but
the word of our God
endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

forever

October 2023

From the Pastor's Desk



This past summer, 127 youth and adults from the Desert Southwest Conference attended Youth 2023 in Daytona Beach, Florida. There we joined 2700 other youth from across our denomination for a time of learning, fellowship, service and worship. Since our last gathering in 2019 in Kansas City, we have endured a great deal. Echoes of church disaffiliations and the pandemic were still in the air. Many did not know what to expect as we prepared to gather in Daytona Beach. Neither the echoes of Covid or the pains of disaffiliation could squelch the excitement and joy that we shared in Daytona Beach. If you have any concerns, or question about the future of the church, I invite you to attend an event like this one. The leaders among us, the rising leaders, not only of tomorrow, are in our very churches today. The young people and the many that lead them are a great gift to the church.

This trip was a huge endeavor which we could not have done without the leadership of Reverend Melissa Rynders, the East District Superintendent. Melissa worked to help secure our travel that included airlines and coach travel, as well as securing our registration and accommodations. We are grateful to Melissa for her tremendous work. We are also thankful to Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City, First United Methodist Church of Sun City, The United Methodist Church of Green Valley, in Green Valley AZ, and the Desert Southwest Foundation, all of which made generous financial gifts to help support the youth in this great endeavor.

Pastor Doug

Rev. Doug Handlong

Join us on Sunday Mornings

Worship Schedule

Starting October 1st

8:00 WORSHIP

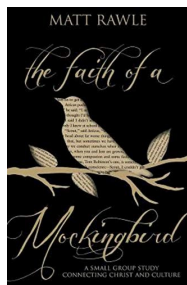
with Communion every Sunday

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.



**T.A.G. Sunday School Class
"The Faith of a Mockingbird"
by Matt Rawle**

Starting October 8th

after the 8:00 Service (9:00 am)

A 4 week Study in the Fireside Room

Books are on sale in the office



World Communion Sunday is October 1

October 1st is one of our United Methodist Special Sundays celebrating World Communion Sunday. There will be a special offering envelope in the bulletin. Envelopes are also available at our Communications Table and in the Church Office. We hope you prayerfully consider giving on this special day.



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*

Welcome to our New Members

Not pictured - Mary Ring



Ron and Cindy
Gronlund



Melanie Medford



Please plan to attend our
Annual Church Conference
in the Sanctuary with our
District Superintendent,
Rev. Matt Ashley
Wednesday, October 4
at 3:00 pm

new MEMBERS ORIENTATION

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 October 15



Join us on **October 21 at 8:30 am**
in Johnson Hall

Our program will be
Refugee Resettlement Revisited

Presented by Bill Voorhees

WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

Tickets will be on sale between services October 8 & 15 for \$8.00 or in the church office.

United Methodist Women

Christmas Sale

November 17

WE ARE COLLECTING THESE LIMITED ITEMS
Christmas Items - Puzzles - Jewelry - Nice Gift Items
Sewing, Knitting, Quilting - Women's Clothes

The Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Christmas Time

We are looking for a volunteer who will be willing to coordinate and help organize the opportunity for our church members to ring the Salvation Army bells by the red kettles in front of stores in December.

For more information please contact the church office. We would love to be able to continue this fun and helpful role in the community but we need someone to take charge. Will it be you??



Memory Cafe Training

MEMORY CAFE offers essential socializing for those experiencing memory loss, their friends, family and caregivers. Thanks to the support of Pima Council on Aging, plans are being made to offer a training event for volunteers with the goal of starting the program at UMC in November.

As of this writing, the dates are:

October 12 - Volunteer training -- led by PCOA staff. 10:00 - 12:00 in the Sunday School room.

If you are interested in volunteering, or think you might be, please let the church office know.

November 2 -- Our first "Memory Cafe" at UMCGV.



Parking Lot Resurfaced

The Parking lot was resurfaced last month. Thank you for your patience during this process.



Our New Refrigerator

Our kitchen got an upgrade with a new refrigerator! A big thank you to Robin Wiebe for all her help in finding us a replacement for our refrigerator that died.

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.



Blood Drive in Johnson Hall - Friday, November 10th

Watch for information about signing up for an appointment in our weekly newsletter, Keeping in Touch, in October.



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

Choir Practice for the Fall Season has begun!

Practice is 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

Handbell Choir

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

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





United Methodist Women



UMW Unit Meeting

October 11 at 9:30 am in Johnson Hall

Our Program: Genesis House – Hands of a Friend

A shelter that houses victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse. They are a nonprofit - faith based and non-denominational agency.



They have a High-End Resale Clothing Boutique called Da Zees which is open from 10 to 3, Monday through Fridays. It is located at 231 W. Duval Road Suite D Green Valley, AZ 85614. ALL profits made at DaZee's after expenses goes to the Genesis House.

We will be collecting the following items for Genesis House.

Please drop off the items in the office or bring them to our October meeting.

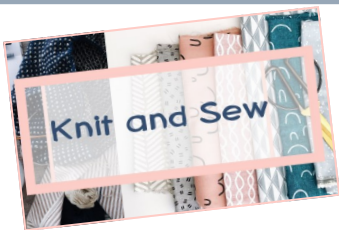
Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, non-perishable/canned foods, twin size bed sheets (must be new), pillows, cleaning supplies/disinfectants, shampoo, conditioner, body wash/body soap, deodorant, diapers, baby wipes, and any kids clothing (size is six months up to XXL).

We will be eating a Stone Soup. *Every body is asked to bring a can of vegetable soup.* Come join us!

Lydia Circle

October 25 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room

Plan to join us and bring your favorite Bible Promise. We are looking forward to sharing our favorite promises with each other.



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

Two of our beloved members have moved out of Green Valley.
We will miss you Liz Marcucci and Annie Brinkhoff!

NEEDED:

Worsted Acrylic Yarn.

If you have any you would like to donate, please bring it to the church office. *Thank you!*



PLAN TO JOIN US HOPE Lunch

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



HOPE Lunch

Our mission is to provide a free 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 on Friday, October 6 from 11:00 - 12:30. Everyone is welcome to this community event. Bring your neighbors and friends!

On the Menu

October 6
Chicken Broccoli Rice
Casserole
Tossed Salad
Roll
Pumpkin Éclair Cake

October 20
German Soup
Garlic Bread
Green Salad
Apple Crisp

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.



COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

This month will be on **October 15**

In September we donated 21 pounds of food and \$392

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*.



Borderlands
Produce Rescue

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

Produce on Wheels With-Out Waste
\$15 for 70 pounds of produce

THEY WILL NOT BE HERE IN OCTOBER
We will see them back in November!



Caring Thru Dementia Network

CARING THRU DEMENTIA is a continuing network for caregivers, family, friends, and those with memory loss to provide information and support. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 2:00 pm in Johnson Hall. (NOTE: the time is now 2:00 pm!)

Upcoming presenters are:

Oct. 12: Hospice Care...Rev. Ken Bensen. When the time comes, hospice can provide essential supportive services to those who are dying as well as their families. Join us at 2:00 for this important discussion.

Oct. 26: A Word to Caregivers...Dr. Timothy Domer. Retired geriatrician and dedicated teacher, Dr. Domer brings insight and wisdom to the crucial relationship between care receiver and caregiver. Dr. Domer has quickly become one of our most popular presenters. 2:00 pm.

All sessions are free and recorded - visit <https://www.umcgv.org/caring-through-dementia>



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.



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on **October 12**
1:00 - 3:00
in the Sunday School Room.



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

Pancake Breakfast



Frank J. Nugent
Station 151
250 N. La Canada Dr.
Green Valley

FRIDAY, OCT. 13TH, 2023
7:00 am — 10:00 am

To thank our community for its support and to celebrate Fire Prevention Week

Parking at:
United Methodist
Church of Green
Valley
300 W. Esperanza
Blvd.

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.



Pay attention to fire prevention.

Come and enjoy a **FREE** breakfast with us!



520-399-1750
www.performingartscenter.org

On GOLDEN POND
by Ernest Thompson

TICKETS \$25

Shoestring! PLAYERS

Oct. 27-28 & Nov. 2-3 at 7pm
Oct. 29 & Nov. 4-5 at 3pm

CPAC
DPS



Our own 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.



LAY SERVANT MINISTRY NEWS:

DON'T MISS OUT ON SIGNING UP FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES

REGISTER NOW!

**ALL CLASSES ARE \$15 EACH AND ARE LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 15 PARTICIPANTS**

DANCING WITH WORDS

October 14th & 21st at St Paul's UMC in Tucson - Registration deadline: October 6th

Participants will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling styles, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

INTRODUCTION TO LAY MINISTRY (THE BASIC COURSE)

October 21st & 28th at St John's UMC in Tucson - Registration deadline: October 13th

The introductory course is an overview of Lay Servant Ministries and is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. It focuses on 3 areas: Leading, Caring & Communicating.

FOR THE COMMON GOOD: DISCOVERING & USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

November 11th and 18th at Christ Church UM in Tucson - Registration deadline: November 3rd

The perfect follow up to the Introduction class.
Participants will learn to identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling.

**Sign up for these classes at this link
where you can also explore classes being offered in other districts.**

<https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

Any questions may be directed to your South District Co-Directors

Gretchen Lofgren
glofgren22@gmail.com

Kelly Deyoe
kjdeyoe@cox.net

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

Cal Lambert read these poems at his grandson's wedding this summer.

Love's Reward

Don't pretend love to get a reward
love completely and you will be rewarded completely
true love doesn't want a reward
true love is the reward.

Helen Hayes put it this way:

"Love, perhaps, the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity."

So I wrote:

What is Love?

It is everything
over-powering, all-encompassing
beautifully wonderful and terrorizingly terrible

love

you can feel it give it take it embrace it share it destroy it
find it everywhere or never find it at all
you can glory in it or lose it

you can be smothered by it
or find exultant freedom

if you find love, you know it
and if your love is returned
well, my dear ones,
you have everything
and more.

God bless this marriage.

--- Grandpa Cal



**October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month**

We are so grateful for our
pastors! Let them know how
much you appreciate them.

They are such a blessing
to us all!



Pastor Jerry, Pastor Ken and Pastor Doug

PRAYER LIST

Joyce and Joseph Anderson
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Betty Cupples
Sharon Eaton
George Foster
Virginia Harper
Ken Hartz
Paul Heim
Dick Johnson
Shea Johnson
Ray Ketterman

Hattie Jo LaFollette
Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Jan Marchiniak
Morales Family
Lisa Moon
Brian Morris
Millie Paluch
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...

October Prayer Focus

St. Paul's UMC, Tucson
Trinity UMC, Bisbee
Vista de la Montana 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**

*“Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.”*

John Wesley



**The Refugee
Resettlement Ministry Team**

*invites you to pray for
the Morales Family*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/3	Tami Lansberry	10/18	Ruth Shrawder
10/3	Don Scarlett	10/20	Bill McClure
10/4	Joyce Anderson	10/21	Susan Coder
10/4	Bob Fidler	10/22	Ray Marcucci
10/5	Joy Leithner	10/22	Russ Tuttle
10/5	Liz Marcucci	10/24	Amanda Alfin
10/6	Karen LaFrance-Ball	10/24	Nancy Gunn
10/7	Chris Ortega	10/24	Jack Hewatt
10/8	Bruce Miller	10/24	Kim McElroy
10/9	Norman Brooks	10/26	Miles Patten
10/11	Patricia Fisher	10/27	Michael Urrea
10/11	Bonnie Korn	10/29	Jayne Weldon
10/12	Jan Bolstad	10/30	Eileen Finzel
10/14	Larry Konopka	10/30	Larry Wilson
10/14	Karen Weidner	10/31	Joel Davison
10/15	Joyce Dobyns	10/31	Charlotte Farnum
10/18	Jack Coble		



10/6	Joyce and Warren Schupp
10/11	Patti West and James Goth
10/16	Dawnie and Jim Cate
10/21	Cindy and Ron Gronlund
10/22	Julie and John Donnelly
10/23	Phyllis and Gene Foutz
10/23	Michele and Andrew Smolley
10/31	Patty and Bob Stenz

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 November edition is
October 17

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
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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*

Leadership Team

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



Dates to Remember

October 1	New Worship Schedule Begins
October 1	World Communion Sunday
October 2	Life after Loss Grief Group begins
October 4	Church Conference at 3:00
October 6	HOPE Lunch
October 8	T.A.G. Sunday School Class begins
October 11	UMW Unit Meeting
October 12	Memory Café Training
October 12	Rock Painting (Green Valley Rocks!)
October 12	Caring Thru Dementia Forum
October 15	Food Bank Sunday
October 15	New Member Orientation
October 17	November Newsletter Deadline
October 20	HOPE Lunch
October 21	UMM Breakfast
October 25	Lydia Circle
October 26	Caring Thru Dementia
November 2	Memory Café debuts
November 4	P.O.W.W.O.W Borderlands Produce

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

Every Week at UMCGV

Mondays

Pastor Doug’s Bible Study
@ 10:00 am on Zoom

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

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

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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300 W. Esperanza Blvd.
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.