

United Methodist Church of Green Valley
Methodist Messenger

Don't worry
about anything;
instead, pray
about everything.
Tell God what
you need, and
thank him for
all he has done.

-Philippians 4:6



September 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

With the end of summer and fall on the horizon, it is once again the season, which we begin to look ahead. We look ahead to a fall, which holds new ministries, a stewardship campaign, followed by All Saints Day, Advent, and Christmas. Before we know it, we will be greeting 2024. We look ahead to the return of winter residents, our friends and family who are a vital part of our life together as a congregation. We look ahead hopefully towards cooler weather that is a relief after a long, hot summer in the desert. We look ahead to 2024 in which we will honor and give thanks for 60 years of ministry for UMCGV (founded as Green Valley Community Church in 1964). There is much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months.

Reflecting upon our life together, I give thanks for the mission and ministries that we share together. I give thanks for those who have gone before us who had the foresight to look ahead. As you receive this very newsletter, we are paving the parking lot. This maintenance although not very exciting is one of the necessary events that we must tend to from time to time. This week we will write a check for over \$17,000 to have our parking lot redone. This could only be done because we have funds provided by those who looked ahead and invested in our future.

Within the last few days, we discovered the HOPE refrigerator died. The estimated repair or replacement is between \$2000--\$5000. We will figure a plan forward and we have the financial resources to get it done. This is because people before us, looked ahead and invested in the future.

When our offerings don't meet our expenses, and we use reserves, these reserves have come from funds provided by the generosity of those before us who dared to look ahead and invest in our future.

As we come to the year-end, consider making a gift that is an investment in the future that will sustain ministries that continue to transform the world, one life at a time, beginning here in Green Valley.

With thanks and hope,



Pastor Doug

Join us on Sunday Mornings



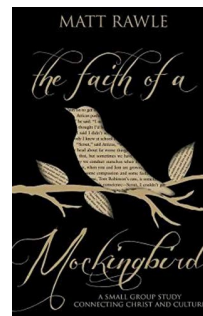
Join us for Fellowship on Zoom
Sundays at 11:00 am
Contact the church office
for the zoom link.



New Worship Schedule Starting in October

8:00 am Worship
with Communion

10:15 am Worship



TAG Sunday School Class

“The Faith of a Mockingbird” by Matt Rawle

Starting October 8th
after the 8:00 Service (9:00 am)

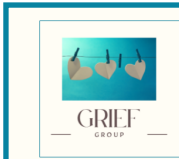
- 4 week Study
- Fireside Room
- Books will be on sale in the office



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*



Life After Loss Grief Group

Pastor Doug will be leading a new Grief Group

There will be an orientation
on **September 18** at 3:30.

The group will continue on Mondays at
3:30 in the Fireside Room.

For more information you can contact the
church office, 520-625-4712
or office.umcgv@gmail.com

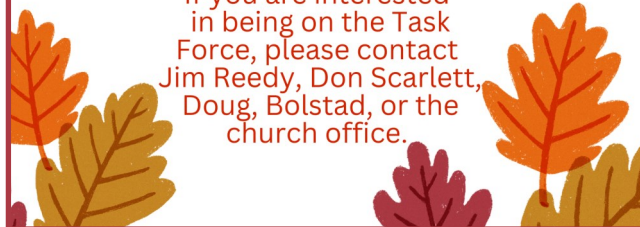
If you know of anyone who may be interested,
please let them know.

Thanksgiving Dinner Task Force

Help wanted!

In order to continue our tradition of
Thanksgiving dinner at the church, the UMM
will provide turkeys. However, we need a
Task Force to coordinate the dinner.

If you are interested
in being on the Task
Force, please contact
Jim Reedy, Don Scarlett,
Doug, Bolstad, or the
church office.

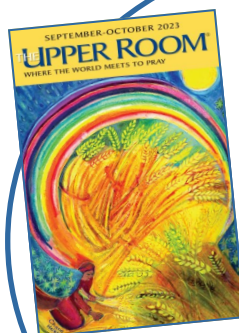


new MEMBERS ORIENTATION

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 September 17



September/October Upper Room

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

Large print is also available.



Stay tuned for more information
about the UMW Christmas Sale...

Contact Jean Neely for more information



World Communion Sunday is October 1

Special Offering Envelopes
will be available
at the Communications Corner
and in the Bulletins on October 1st



Prayer Shawl Blessing

Prayer Shawls have been lovingly created by women in our church and were blessed during our Sunday Worship service on July 30th. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, please come by the office. They are available for everyone.



GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Save the Date for our next Blood Drive,
Friday, **November 10th.**

Please do not give blood after September 8th to be eligible to give blood on November 10th.

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

3 Simple Rules

1. DO NO HARM
 2. DO GOOD
 3. STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD
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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!



“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, 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

Between 2013 - 2022 the
Knit and Sew and Prayers Shawl Ladies
have created and donated...

- 1883 Sweaters
- 199 Afghans
- 970 Child’s Clothes
- 621 Quilts
- 305 Bears
- 1030 Caps
- 161 Prayer Shawls



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?

Handbell Practice will resume on September 6th and continue on
Wednesdays at 1:00 in 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.



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on **September 14**
1:00 - 3:00 in the Sunday School Room



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



United Methodist Women

UMW Unit Meeting

September 13 at 9:30 am

Johnson Hall

Come join us as we kick off our Fall meetings.

Our speaker will be Karen Walenga, the author of “*Green Valley Through the Decades*”

We will be having a continental breakfast.

Come join us as we kick off the Fall!

Lydia Circle

September 27 at 9:30 am

Sunday School Room

We will be making beautiful handmade cards this month!

There will be a sign up in the coming weeks in the Keeping in Touch and Bulletin.

United Methodist Men Breakfast

September 16 at 8:30 am

Pastor Doug and Deanne will share with us their experiences of their trip to England and the Birthplace of Methodism at our first UMM Breakfast this fall.



The cost is \$8.00 for a homemade breakfast (French Toast with Orange Sauce!). The programs are for men and women.

Tickets are on sale on Sunday Mornings and in the Church Office.



United Methodist Men Board

The UMM Board will resume meetings on September 7. There are a few spots open for new board members. If you are interested, see Jim Reedy, or contact the church office. Or come to the September meeting at 8:30! Remember, all men are members of the UMM.

We are planning our monthly Saturday breakfast programs. The first one will be at 8:30 on September 16. Pastor Doug and Deanne will share with us their experiences of their trip to England and the birthplace of methodism. The cost remains \$8.00 for a home made breakfast. (French toast with orange sauce!) As always, ***the programs are open to all women and men.***

Future breakfast programs in 2023 are on October 21 and December 16, with Regina Ford’s Readers Theater and our resident poet, laureate, Cal Lambert.

Thank you for your continued support of the local food bank, the third Sunday of each month.

**HOPE Lunch
IS BACK!
PLAN TO JOIN US
SEPTEMBER 15
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.

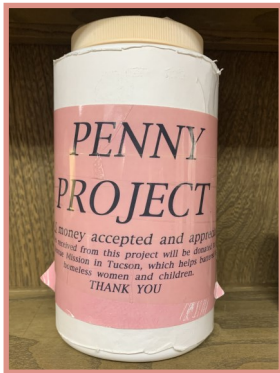
HOPE Lunch is Back!

Plan to join us for food and fun fellowship on Friday, September 15 from 11:00 - 12:30. Everyone is welcome to this community event. Bring your neighbors and friends!

On the Menu for September 15

BBQ Meatballs
Cheesy potatoes
Green Salad and Chocolate cherry cake

Come join us!



The Penny Project

Thank you to all who help us support the

Gospel Rescue Mission

with your donations through the Penny Project.

Our most recent donation was \$145.50

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

This month will be on September 17

In July and August we donated 84 pounds of food and \$530

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 SEPTEMBER

Watch our Keeping in Touch weekly newsletters if there will be produce available for them to come in October. Otherwise we will see them back in November!

Caring Thru Dementia Network

Invite your friends and neighbors to this public Forum

Our next session will be Thursday, **September 14**, at 3:00 pm with Dr. Timothy Domer, a retired geriatrician from Tucson. His topic: "Aging of the Brain and Cognition -- What Is Normal?" The public is invited.



The "Network" meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 3:00 pm providing a place for persons experiencing memory loss, their caregivers, as well as community service providers and the general public can meet.

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



2023 AZ19 REGION MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

We are excited that our own Rev. Jerry Haas has been announced as one of the most Influential People for 2023 for his work with the Dementia Task Force and BCA.

Helen Russo, an active member of the community you see around our church and ministries, was also acknowledged.

Congratulations!



Did you see it???

Our own Rev. Ken Bensen was in the August 20, 2023 edition of the Green Valley News.



Kenneth Benson and friend Eugene Friesen chatted about Michigan and their separate world travels at the 19th Hole.



Ken Benson and former president Jimmy Carter in 1985.

There was a 3 page article about his life and work with Habitat for Humanity.

The article is posted on our bulletin board in the entry hallway if you have not had a chance to read it yet.

We are grateful for Pastor Ken and all his hard work and dedication.



A great time was had by all at our Luau on August 11 in Johnson Hall.

Thank you to everybody that helped organize this event.



RESILIENCE

Practicing Compassion in a World of Conflict

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2023



Join Lakota storyteller Ray Buckley and others including Alma Cota de Yanez and Jerry Haas for an online, international conference on **RESILIENCE | Practicing Compassion in a World of Conflict**. Dates: September 29-30, 2023, exploring the transformative power of compassion in a world marked by division. Learn more and register today at UpperRoom.org/resilience.

Border Immersion Retreat October 22-27, 2023

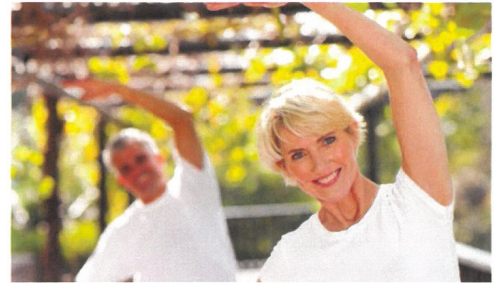


In 1983 the Upper Room developed an intensive retreat experience called “The Academy for Spiritual Formation” to compliment Walk to Emmaus which had been launched a few years earlier. My ministry benefited greatly from “The Academy” and I went on to become its second Director as a staff member of The 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

Stay Vertical Valley Assistance Services



SHiM® Safety & Health in Motion

FALL PREVENTION

- An awareness, evidence based program with design assistance by University of Arizona, Arizona Center on Aging

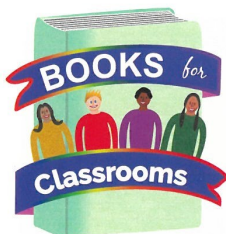
PREVENT FALLS

- Reduce your fear of falling
- Increase your awareness of fall risks, at home and medically by SHiM® Team (Green Valley Volunteer Fire Corps and RN's)
- Learn ways to Stay Vertical
- Reach sticks, night lights, and smoke alarms



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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
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.*

Pray with others around our district...

Desert Southwest Annual Conference

September Prayer Focus

St. James UMC, Tucson
St. John's UMC, Tucson
St. Mark's UMC, Tucson



To my wonderful church family, thank you for your prayers, your comforting words and beautiful cards. It meant a lot to me.

Tammy Mathevosian



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...***

*Yervand Mathevosian
Frances Wooden*



9/2 Jody Davison
9/2 Shelton Howland
9/5 Sandy Haegele
9/6 Becky Keidel
9/6 Dolores McCall
9/8 Tom Frensley
9/8 Michele Smolley
9/8 Wilma Reid
9/9 Bud Ingalsbe
9/11 Penny Jansmann
9/11 Constance Strickland

9/12 Drew Mawhinney
9/13 Eugene Friesen
9/13 Bob Guelzow
9/14 Dave Crumley
9/15 Joe Davis
9/17 Don Alvarez
9/17 Linda Ruhl
9/18 Kallie Handlong
9/19 Marda Jensen
9/19 Fred Pelton
9/19 Laura Zion
9/20 Max Pierson
9/20 Conrad Simon
9/20 Vicki Stoakes-Urrea
9/21 Madelyn Glaeden
9/21 Dee Stanzel
9/21 Suzanne Sumrall
9/25 Jeanne Campbell
9/27 Dorothy Gray
9/27 Bev Hetrick
9/28 Elsie Divjak
9/29 Nancy Smith
9/29 Shirley Urquhart

9/2 Donna and Jerry Haas
9/2 Edie and Drew Mawhinney
9/3 Miriam and Harvey Schmer
9/7 Marlene and John McNiece
9/7 Vicki and Mike Urrea
9/11 Sharon and Ed Fickes
9/11 Carol and Joe Potter
9/14 Pat and Bill McClure
9/21 Carrie Ella and William England
9/22 Debra Green and Ken Davenport





FINANCIAL COACHING?

Specific office hours for financial education are

Wednesdays from 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.

If you know of someone this could help, please let them know it is available.

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

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.



Mark Your Calendars for our **Annual Church Conference**

Wednesday, October 4
at 3:00 pm



The Newsletter Deadline

for our October edition is **September 15**

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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Check Out Our Website

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

umcgv.org



Dates to Remember

September 4	Our Church Office will be closed in Observance of Labor Day
September 7	UMM Board Meeting
September 13	UMW Unit Meeting
September 21	Leadership Meeting
September 14	GV Rocks - Rock Painting
September 14	Caring Thru Dementia Forum
September 15	October Newsletter Deadline
September 15	HOPE Lunch
September 16	Men's Breakfast
September 17	Food Bank Sunday
September 17	New Member Orientation
September 18	"Life after Loss" Grief Group Orientation
September 19	Foundation Meeting
September 27	Lydia Circle
October 1	New Worship Schedule Begins
October 1	World Communion Sunday
October 4	Church Conference
October 8	TAG Sunday School Begins

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
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

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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.