

United Methodist Church of Green Valley

Methodist Messenger



April 2024



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Easter! As you are reading this, either Easter is right before us or right behind you in the rearview mirror. Regardless of which it may be, Easter, the holiday that is synonymous with spring time is all around.

Easter is not just about the lilies that bloom, or the pecan groves that begin teeming with life, Easter reminds us of the beginning of something new, of a fresh start, of a time to triumph over our fears and insecurities. Easter offers a time to focus on all the possibilities of life. It is a time to trust that God through Christ has removed the barriers that hold us back, that keep us in fear or that close our hearts and minds.

With the rolling away of the stone, it is the dawning of a new day, of a new life. Similarly, all that stands in our way — all that holds us back — is gone. The Easter story shows us that so much more is possible than what we allow ourselves to see. The Easter story empowers us, to look beyond our fears, and beyond the darkness of the tomb that holds us.

God has shown us through Christ that nothing is impossible. In the Resurrection story we are reminded that each new day brings with it new possibilities. Not just possibilities, but ultimate possibilities.

Years ago while in seminary, my systematic theology professor framed God as the “God of ultimate possibilities.” Saying, that if God can somehow come into this world through a woman, live the life he did as a man, performing the miracles he did, and that later be crucified and raised from the dead, God, indeed, is a God of ultimate possibilities. In fact, a God without limits.

What does a God, or a life without limits for that matter really look like? When we only see the obstacles in our lives, when we focus on the negative, what miracles do we miss? What opportunities do we forego?

The Resurrection story reminds us that it matters not where you've been or where you are today. It matters not if you are old or young, married or single, gay or straight, rich or poor, well-educated or barely educated. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate that through Christ, the rock has been rolled away, the obstacles have been removed, life as we know and understand it has been turned on its head, everything has changed, and nothing — not even death — stands in our way. Happy Easter!

Pastor Doug

Thanks to Teresa Angle-Young for excerpts contributing to this article.



Join us for Worship
on Sundays

In Person and Online at umcgv.org

8:00 am
(Weekly Communion)

10:15 am

25%

of your donation
funds scholarships
for Native Americans

25%

of your donation
funds outreach and
ministry grants

50%

of your donation
remains in the local
Annual Conference



April 14

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

We affirm Native Americans and their contributions
to society and The United Methodist Church



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*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF GREEN VALLEY

Celebrating

60 YEARS
IN GREEN VALLEY

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

May - September

9:30 am

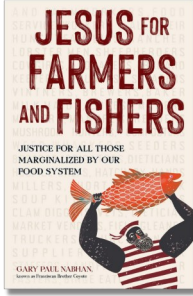
**In Person and
Online at umcgv.org**

Welcome to our New Members




Cindy Capizzano

Bonita Gordon



**T.A.G.
"Talk about
God"**

**Sunday
School Class**


The TAG Sunday School Class will begin a new book, "Jesus for Farmers and Fishers" on April 7 at 9:00.

New members are always invited to join us

Now Serving

Cafe Justo

EVERY SUNDAY




**YOU CAN PURCHASE
CAFE JUSTO EVERY
2ND AND 4TH
SUNDAY DURING
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

JUST COFFEE (Café Justo)
\$10 to \$12 a pound, whole bean or ground.

**Learn About
Our Church**

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Join Pastor Doug in the Fireside Room
(off of the Narthex)
following the 10:15 Worship Service

**ALL are
welcome
HERE**

From The Leadership Team



People often ask me, "What's going on with the Leadership Team?" So, I thought I would bring you up-to-date on some of the items we have discussed.

- Wheelchair Access – We were made aware that there is a need for more handicapped access off of the West parking lot. At our last meeting, we took a look and decided that two access ramps would be made from the two doors that face the west parking lot.
- Van – A proposal was made that the church enter into an agreement to share a handicapped accessible passenger van with Border Community Alliance. The BCA would pay for insurance and all maintenance. If we decide to do this, our obligation would be \$5,000. The van would be parked on our property. This proposal has been tabled so that we may gather more details before a decision is made.
- Sign Guidelines – In regards to our lighted sign on the corner, it was thought that the church's information & events have priority. Other events from the community may be approved, but would only be displayed on the day and time of the event at our campus.

We hope this helps give you some insight into the recent items we have discussed. Contact any of the members of the Leadership Team if you have further questions. Mary Beth Stensgard - Secretary



Refugee Resettlement Ministry Welcomes the Moya Family

We have now met twice, March 13 and 19, with our new Refugee Resettlement family. Hector is the dad, Carina the mom, Kimberly 12 years old, and 2 month old Hector.

They have been here for 4 months already so they are pretty well settled in their new apartment at 29th and Columbus in Tucson. The Team has been filling in their needs with things like a rice cooker, water filter pitcher,

and other odds and ends. We will be asking for other items to help the family as we become aware of their needs. Hector is working at a restaurant and Kimberly goes to school in the Sunnyside School District.

We plan on weekly visits for shopping, helping Oscar get his driver's license and possibly other "field trips" to local parks, the library, and places of interest to help them become more familiar with Tucson. Thank you for your support.

The Refugee Resettlement Team of UMCGV



A Big Thank You!

We have newly painted doors on the west side of the Sanctuary thanks to 2 talented gentleman, Jack Hewatt and Bill Vorrhees. Thank you so much for helping make our campus so beautiful.



CHAIR EXERCISE TO PREVENT FALLING

MONDAYS AND
THURSDAYS

10:00 - 10:30 AM
IN JOHNSON HALL



"Monday Funday"

Every Monday
1:00 to 3:30

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

Open to everyone in the
community!

Light refreshments are served.



Knit and Sew & Prayer Shawl Teddy Bears Too!

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

Women's Bible Discussion Group

Tuesdays at 1:00
In the Fireside Room



There is no book to buy and no homework but please
bring your favorite translation of the Bible.

Each week will focus on its own scripture, so if you
miss a week or two, you can't fall behind.

If you have any questions,
please contact Christine Maglott.



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 in Green Valley.

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



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.

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





United Methodist Women

UMW Unit Meeting

**April 10 at 9:30 am
in Johnson Hall**



Join us as Fire Marshals from the Green Valley Fire District will present some lifesaving tips.

This month will be a potluck so bring your favorite brunch dish to share. Bring your neighbors and friends!

Lydia Circle

**April 24 at 9:30 am
in the Fireside Room**

“Spring Flowers”



Teddy Bears!

Our Knit and Sew and Teddy Bear Ladies donated **34 Teddy Bears** (and a bunny) this past month to St. Andrews Children’s Clinic, Valley Assistant Services and the Salvation Army.

They are all so adorable!



The 3rd Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

This month will be on April 21

In March we donated 142 pounds of food and \$335.00

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.

We collected \$72.50 this past quarter.

We are grateful for everybody who continues to support this project as little bits add up (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and paper money) and make a **BIG** difference in other people’s lives.

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





What a Night!

Thank you to everybody who came out and enjoyed an authentic Mexican dinner provided by our friends at El Mesias UMC.

A big thank you for those who came together to make it all happen: Joan Caldwell, Christine Maglott, Don Scarlett, Jan Bolstad, Lois Schaffer, Amy Dean, Bill Voorhees, Jack Hewatt and Chad Eggen.



GRACIAS



We have a long standing relationship with El Divino Redentor Methodist in Nogales, Sonora as well as our relationship with El Mesias UMC in Nogales, Arizona.

Pastor Doug and Deanne and Jack Hewatt are pictured here with Pastor Francisco Rios Osuna and his wife, Betty (El Divino Redentor Methodist) and Pastor Raul Velazquez and his wife, Maritza (El Mesias UMC).

Our church supports El Divino Redentor Methodist with \$5,000 a year and host our Mexican Dinner Fundraiser for El Mesias UMC. This year we raised a total of \$2,525 and gave them many water bottles and granola bars to help support their ministry to the migrants that cross the border. Thank you UMGV for supporting both of these congregations.

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

April 5

Springtime Chicken Casserole
Green Tossed Salad , Roll
Chocolate Pudding Cake

April 19

Mandarin Chicken Salad
Green Salad
Dessert

PLAN TO JOIN US HOPE Lunch

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



Borderlands Produce



**April 6
7:00 to 10:00**



\$15 for 70 Pounds of Produce

UMCGV Parking Lot

Estate & Patio Sales

8 am to Noon

April 5 & 6

88 N. Cedar Crest Dr.

April 19 & 20

1311 Paseo Del Cervato



Esperanza
HOPE
Memory Cafe

Esperanza Memory Café April 11 at 2:00 pm

The Memory Café is an innovative program of support for caregivers and those experiencing memory loss, providing a safe place for socializing and fun.

Our theme last month was St. Patrick's Day and as a bonus it was Pie Day too!

Join us this month on April 11 at 2:00 in Johnson Hall. Our theme is "April Showers" RSVP's are recommended but not required. We hope to see you there!






Border Community Alliance

Upcoming tours and forums:

- April 4 – Cross Border Tour to Nogales, Mexico
- April 7/8 – Douglas/Agua Prieta tour – includes a stop at Café Justo!
- April 9 – “The Improbably Story of La Malinche and the Conquest of Mexico” – 10:00
- April 10 – “Our Migrant Souls” – 10:00
- April 16 – “Migration, Art & Hope” – 11:00
- April 18 – Ranching to Vineyards tour
- April 23 – Cross Border Tour to Nogales, Mexico

For more information and to register for any of these events, contact Suzy Webber at the BCA office, 520.398.3229. *Jerry Haas*



**2nd Thursday
of each month
@ 2:00 pm**



**DEMENTIA
CARES
MINISTRY**

**JOIN US AT OUR FORUM
THE 4TH THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 2:00 PM**

DEMENTIA CARES MINISTRY...continues with Esperanza Memory Café on the second Thursday of each month (April 11) at 2:00 PM and FORUM CONVERSATIONS on the fourth Thursday of each month (April 25) at 2:00 PM.

This summer, a new support group for caregivers whose loved ones have dementia will be offered at the church. Watch for more details. If you want to receive regular emails about these programs, send a note to Jerry Haas and he'll add you to the list: jndhaas@gmail.com



Writer's Retreat

If you've ever wanted to write for The Upper Room or just wanted to learn a few things about the art of writing, sign up for our Conference's Writing Retreat on Saturday, **April 6**.

Use this link to learn more and to register or see Jerry Haas.
dscumc.org/event/hybrid-writing-retreat/



Watch us on our YouTube Channel
youtube.com/@umcgv

I-19 UMC Churches Clergy Gathering with the Cabinet

On March 1st Bishop Carlo Rapanut and the Cabinet were gathering in Southern Arizona for their appointive cabinet meeting.

While here, they took the time to meet with some of our pastors from along the I-19 Corridor.

Continue praying for the Bishop and Cabinet as they do their work this spring.



Santa Cruz Heritage Borderlands Tours & Forums Series

DAY
TOURS

BCA Private Tour

WELCOME QUILTS: MIGRATION, ART, & HOPE



EXHIBIT OPEN NOW THROUGH APRIL 27, 2024



An Arizona Historical Society Museum

949 E. 2nd St., Tucson | 520-628-5774 | azhs.org/tucson

Museum Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

APRIL 16, 11AM

This unique exhibit highlights a series of quilts that were stitched together as messages of hope. These beautiful quilts include drawings created by migrants, local students in Patagonia, and children and adults in Arizona and across the United States. Location: Arizona History Museum, 949 East 2nd Street, Tucson.

Tour Fee \$10 (includes admission to the entire museum, private tour of quilts exhibit, and making of an individual quilt square for the exhibit.)

Funded in part by



Register/info:
BorderCommunityAlliance.org
or call (520)398-3229



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on

April 11

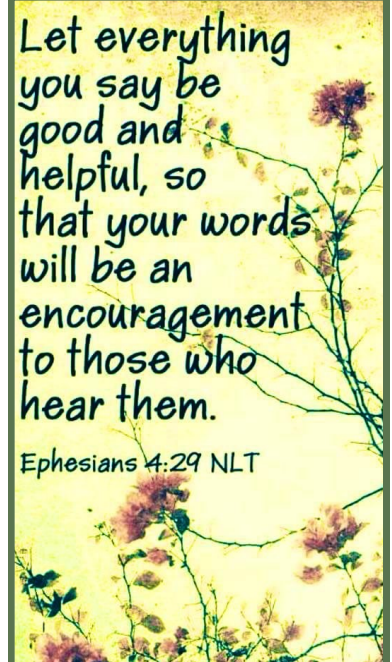
1:00 - 3:00

in the

Sunday School Room.

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

Everyone is welcome.



PRAYER LIST

Donna and Aiden Ablassmeir
Joyce Anderson
Annie Brinkhoff
Judy Downing
Carolyn Goodrich
Arlene "Griz" Griswold
Donita Gross
Virginia Harper
Ken Hartz
Kyle LaFollette
Karen LaFrance-Ball

Janet Logan
Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Morales Family
Moya Family
Phyllis Neer
Terri Reed
Joann Reedy
Val Wiethorn
Eloise Wilson
Lorain Zimmerman

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

Prayer Requests from our GVCC Foundation



Please keep our college recipients and all college students in your prayers as they finish their semesters and have finals next month.

Also pray for us as the Scholarship Committee is in the process of selecting our 2024-2025 recipients.

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.**

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

April Prayer Focus

First UMC, Safford
First UMC, Tucson
Campus Ministry, UofA, Tucson



Prayer Shawls Available

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available anytime during office hours.

If you know someone who would be blessed by a handmade prayer shawl, please stop by and take one.

In Remembrance



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

Gary Logan



4/2 Loren Jepsen
4/2 Ron Beason
4/2 George Hyslop
4/3 Griz Griswold
4/3 Christine Maglott
4/3 Jon Wibbels
4/4 Glen Zion
4/5 Doris Smith
4/6 Sally Baltimore
4/7 Judy Jepsen
4/7 Marilee Crumley
4/8 Lois Strother

4/9 Deanne Handlong
4/9 Carol Snyder
4/10 Marlene McNiece
4/11 Myrna Pillers
4/12 Harry Smith
4/14 Jo Kesler
4/15 Phyllis Foutz
4/17 Linda Adams
4/17 Betsy Willcox
4/20 John McNiece
4/20 Cal Lambert
4/22 Carol Sisk
4/23 Laura Hostens
4/24 Sheila Gozdenovich
4/24 Kathy Ingalsbe
4/24 Bob Bruce
4/24 Valerie Smith
4/24 Annie Brinkhoff
4/24 Judi Nibbelink
4/27 Lynn Lightner
4/29 Brian Alfing
4/29 Joe Potter

4/4 Dawn and Brian Hayes
4/4 Judy & Loren Jepsen
4/26 Judith and Michael Lloyd
4/29 Paula & Mike Thomas



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



**The Newsletter
Deadline**
for our May
edition is
April 18

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

Thank you!

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.



Join our Media Team!

They are looking for volunteers to help create the worship slides. They can teach you!

Contact [Chad or the Church Office](#)

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 Schellhaas - *Finance Administrator*

Deanne Handlong - *Office Administrator*

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

Bill Voorhees- *Media Team Members*

Everyone - *Ministers*

2024 Leadership Team

Denny Fost, Guy Jackson, Penny Jansmann (chair), Doris Miller, Jean Neely, Don Scarlett, Mary Beth Stensgard, Gene Ulrich and Robin Wiebe

What's Happening

April

April 4	UMM Board Meeting
April 5	HOPE Lunch
April 6	Borderlands Produce
April 9	UMW Board Meeting
April 10	UMW Unit Meeting
April 11	Esperanza Memory Café
April 16	GVCC Foundation Meeting
April 18	Church Leadership Team
April 19	HOPE Lunch
April 20	All Church Breakfast
April 21	Food Bank Sunday
April 21	“Learn About our Church” in Fireside Room
April 24	Lydia Circle
April 25	Caring Through Dementia Forum
May 3	HOPE Lunch
May 4	Borderlands Produce
June 13-16	Desert Southwest Annual Conference



Every Week at UMCGV

Mondays

Exercise Class
10:00 am
in Johnson Hall

Monday Funday
1:00 pm
in Johnson Hall

Tuesdays

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

Women’s Discussion Group
1:00 pm
Fireside Room

Wednesdays

Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study
7:00 am
Manuals Restaurant

Financial Education Office Hours
9:00 - 11:30

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

Thursdays

Exercise Class
10:00 am
in 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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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.

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