

April 2022

Shepherd's Voice

He is Risen



Happy Easter! April 17. The Lord is Risen.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after Church.



Happy Birthday

Ian K 1st
Winnie H 11th
Don B 15th
Tim T 21st
Sharon T 28th



Happy Anniversary

Jay and Jean 1st
Ernie and Rhonda 12th
Tim and Sharon T 18th
Ian and Birgit K 22nd

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Family,

I want to take a moment to thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards. It was overwhelming and humbling to read them all. I thank God for you and the good work you do. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in ministry with you.

May God bless you and our church abundantly!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Janet





Walking With Jesus Through Holy Week Pastor Janet Culbertson

A few years ago, I had an opportunity to see a live performance of Jesus Christ Superstar on Easter Sunday after church. Though I knew the music, I had never seen the show. I was beside myself when the play ended with the crucifixion. Throughout the prior week, I had already followed Jesus into Jerusalem, I sat with him at the last supper, I saw when he was betrayed and arrested. I denied him. I watched from a distance when he was beaten and forced to carry his cross. I was there when they crucified my Lord and laid him in a tomb. But then something miraculous happened. When I went to the tomb on Sunday morning, the stone had been rolled away. The angels said that Christ was risen. I saw the resurrected Christ, and I ran to tell the others. I celebrated because Christ was risen indeed! But when the play ended, Jesus was dead again. No! How can that be? As the lights came up in the theater and people began to gather their belongings and head to the door, I wanted to shout, "Wait! That's not the end of the story!" Don't you know that Jesus is alive? He lives! That's not how it ends!"

I already had a resurrection mind-set. Therefore, the ending of the play didn't *'meet me where I was'* emotionally and spiritually that Easter. Had I seen the play on Good Friday, or on Saturday, I would have been ok. But after experiencing Christ's resurrection and singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" in community with fellow believers, it was very difficult to go back to the cross.

No matter which Gospel account you read, the events that took place from Palm Sunday through the resurrection have a certain progression. Once you experience resurrection, you never want to go back. It is important for our spiritual development to walk alongside Jesus all week long and to end up in the same place, a place of resurrection.

If you come to church on Palm Sunday for Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then you return on Easter Sunday to celebrate his resurrection, but you haven't taken the journey to the cross, you are missing the whole point. The events that take place during holy week are literally what set Christianity apart from all other religions. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to set aside some time to read and reflect. Choose one of the gospels beginning with Matthew chapter 26, or Mark chapter 14, or Luke chapter 22 or John chapter 17.

To assist us on that journey, a Holy Week Devotional will be distributed on paper and by email for you to read each day. On Maundy (Holy) Thursday, a short devotional service will be available online. Please join us for our Good Friday service at 6:00pm, April 15th in the sanctuary online. And of course, I look forward to seeing you on Resurrection Sunday.

I pray that you will grow spiritually as a result of this journey. It's not easy to walk with Jesus throughout Holy Week. But when do, we too can experience the emotional and spiritual roller coaster that Christ and the disciples took. This journey makes the resurrection so much more meaningful. When you hear the words on Easter, *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen, (Luke 24:5b)"* they will speak to your heart in a very powerful way.

In Christ's Magnificent Love,
Pastor Janet





	Feb	Jan - Feb
Expense:	\$6,684.38	\$17,321.36
Income:	\$9,386.62	\$16,267.77
Total:	\$2,702.24	\$(1,053.59)

- On Saturday, April 16 2022

We are pleased to host our first Shred-A-Thon and BBQ Event

Stop by our drive thru event to have your documents securely shredded for a fee of \$10 a box. After you've had your documents shredded, join us for our BBQ fundraising events (menu and pricing TBD).

Lake Biltmore Block Watch in cooperation with Shepherd of the Valley UMC, City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department and City of Phoenix Cactus Park Precinct Community Action Officer and M3 Commercial Moving & Muscular Moving Men.

We have a wonderful opportunity to partner with our neighborhood block watch for this event. We are looking for **volunteers to help in the BBQ area to assist with BBQ, money collection, cleaning tables as people eat, etc.**

We are also looking for **volunteers to help at our church table**, providing information about the church and the Labyrinth, collecting prayer requests, and giving away stickers.

We need 4 volunteers for each shift. 2 for BBQ and 2 for the Church table.

Shifts: 7a-9a, 9a-11a, 11a-130p (12 people total)

A signup sheet will be available on Sundays, or sign up by calling the church office 602-942-9288.

- ✚ UMOM will need **clean** gently used (no repairs needed) coats and jackets in all sizes, from toddler to adult XXL. New coats are always appreciated too! UMOM websites post links to Amazon, Target, and Walmart wish lists. Donations can be brought to church on Sundays, or dropped off during open office hours. Have a large amount of clothing and coats for donation? Please contact Suzanne Shaw for a pickup right at your home!
- ✚ Sunrise UMC is hosting a weekly Recovery Service at 7:00pm on Wednesdays. Each week there is a speaker in recovery who shares their journey of faith, a devotional by one of our planning team, lighting candles for those who need recovery, sharing of joys and concerns, prayer, and fellowship!
This announcement is provided for anyone who might benefit from the information.
✚ Also, Pastor Janet is exploring the possibility of starting a service similar to this one at Shepherd of the Valley. If you have skills, experience, or passion for this type of ministry, please let her know.

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**WALK FOR FAMILIES
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**
Founded by the Women's Auxiliary

Presented by 

REGISTER NOW!

You helped us become World Record holders - and we STILL are!

**Join us for UMOM New Day Centers' 13th Annual
Walk the Walk to End Homelessness**



▶ **May 14, 2022 ~ 6-9am at the PHX ZOO
includes FREE Day Pass to the Zoo**



- We're so excited! **UMOM's 13th Annual Walk to End Homelessness** is just around the corner and for the first time in two years, it's in person and back at the Phoenix Zoo! We hope to count on your support as we raise awareness and much-needed funding for families and single women experiencing homelessness here in our community! **Your registration includes a t-shirt and admission to the zoo - it's a great deal! A family 4-pack is only \$60, while zoo tickets at the gate are much higher (\$29.95 for adults and \$19.95 for kids.)**

[Shepherd of the Valley Team Link](#)



01-Dec-2021 to 28-Feb-2022

24 Households = \$64.86

- Dear Shepherd of the Valley UMC (FR015),
The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.
We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!
We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,
Community Rewards Staff

Opportunities to help

- **Bookbinding Volunteer Needed**

We have a dozen hymnals needing repair of loose and/or damaged covers or spines. Have experience? Know a librarian willing to help? Willing to learn from YouTube videos? Please let the office know. Repair supplies of self-adhesive linen book tape and PVA glue will be provided.

- **Roof Repair Donations**

Your help is needed! You may have noticed, or felt, the rain inside the sanctuary last fall. Inspections, bids, required non-roof repair work were completed and a contract was signed for repair of the damaged roof area. Costs are up significantly since the fall, but the repair cannot be delayed! An additional \$1000 needs to be raised. If you are able to make an additional contribution designated for roof repair, please help us keep the sanctuary dry.

- **Thank You!**

Your generosity made 15 spring break food boxes available for Lakeview Elementary School students experiencing food insecurity! An invitation to join us for Sunday and Easter services was included in each box. We want families to know we are here for their spiritual support, not just physical needs.

- **Leadership Webinars for the South, East, & West Districts.**

The next in the series will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM MST. In this webinar, Cat Holbert, DSC Director of Camping & Retreat Ministries will talk to us about the theories of group dynamics and how to form strong connections in the building of diverse relationships.

https://dscumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcld-ChrD4sEtR5GKtLwtQz_hVTCA57E7_s.

- The Clergy and Lay Leader Development Team is sponsoring webinars on various subjects. The next one is April 11 @ 7 pm. Leading Local Church Committees/Herding Cats by Daniel Boring.

Register at: <https://dscumc.org/event/leadership-talks-april-2022/>

- Bingo Family Fun Night - Friday April 1st at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Leadership Team Members

Chair	Suzanne	Finance	Don	SPRC	Randal
Facilities	Jack	Finance Secy	Wanda	Security	Karen
At Large	Gina	At Large	Vonnie	Tech	Trina
Pastor	Janet				

April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 10:30 am Worship In-Person & On-Line Live Stream	28	29	30 12-4pm Office hours 1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	31 12 - 4pm Office Hours Lenten Book Study 6:30 pm - 8pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	1 Bingo Family Fun Night FH 6 pm	2
3 10:30 am Worship In-Person On- Line Live Stream. Craft sale before/service	4	5	6 12 - 4pm Office hours 1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	7 12 - 4 pm Office Hours 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	8	9 Jewelry Making with Sande, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
10 Palm Sunday 10:30 am Worship In-Person & On-Line Live Stream SPRC 12:30 pm	11	12	13 1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	14 10:30am Martha's Circle 12 - 4pm Office Hours 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH on-line video devotional for Maundy Thurs.	15 Good Friday service 6pm	16 LBBW Shred-a-thon and BBQ Sam to 1pm
17 Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship In-Person & On-Line Live Stream	18	19	20 12 - 4pm Office hours 1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	21 12 - 4pm Office Hours 6:30 8:00 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	22	23 Jewelry Making with Sande, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
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1 10:30 am Worship In-Person & On-Line Live Stream	2	NOTES	<p>In person worship has resumed. Masks are always welcome, but not required unless trends change. Enjoy coffee and cookies after the worship service.</p>			

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