

April 2024

Shepherd's Voice



Happy Birthday!

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Happy Anniversary

Jay and Jean
Ernie and Rhonda

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12 th

- **April Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches**



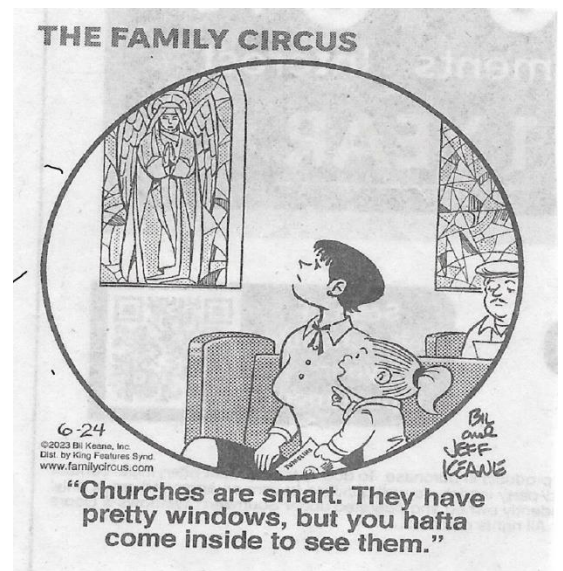
First UMC, Glendale
First UMC Phoenix
Faith UMC, Phoenix

Leadership Talk scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024.

The presenter is Dr. Grant Hagiya, who is currently the president of Claremont School of Theology... and, previously was interim Bishop of our Conference.

God Bless,
John
DSC West District Associate Lay Leader

[<Dr. Hagiya talk.docx>](#)



Thank you, Jane!

BIBLE STUDY FEATURING — THE CHOSEN

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Has it been a while since you participated in a Bible Study?

*You are invited to join in our new study featuring the popular series **THE CHOSEN**. We encourage you to bring a friend.*

"The Chosen is a multi-season show about Jesus that is not cheesy, boring, preachy, or irrelevant." ~ Rev. Kissa Vaughn - Senior pastor of St. Barnabas United Methodist Church in Arlington, Texas.

On Thursday April 4th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary we will begin a 10-week study based on Season 1 of The Chosen, which is a current, popular series on the life of Jesus and those who are called to follow him. Each week a new episode will inspire our discussion.

We will watch each episode together, but everyone is encouraged to watch them on their own multiple times. The series is in English, but using English subtitles or closed captioning is recommended.

We will begin this as an in-person study only, but we can explore the possibility of taking it online if there is a demand.

If you aren't able to attend the study, please consider watching the series.

Pastor Janet is happy to email you episode outlines for season 1, and additional resources upon request.

Here is the Season 1 Trailer: <https://youtu.be/X-AJdKty74M?si=Ba-Sc1Q3j6NHWmft>

The series is currently available on all 3 of these platforms:

- *For Free on the Website (or The Chosen App) <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/season%201> (commercial free)*
- *If you have Netflix (commercial free)*
- *If you have Amazon Prime Video (has commercials unless you pay extra to avoid them)*

God Bless You and Happy Viewing,

Pastor Janet Culbertson

Action Steps:



Please submit items for the newsletter to Karen or Trina by the **17th** of the month.



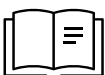
We are resuming our book study this month on **April 4th at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary. We will be exploring the series, The Chosen. This is a TV series about the life and death of Jesus. Invite your friends and family.



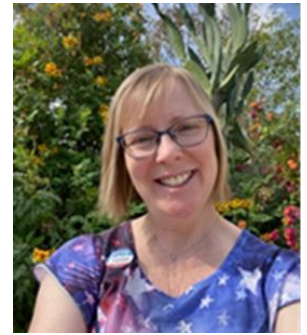
Family Fun Night on **April 5th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall**. Game night! Bring your favorite games and join the fun. Bring your dinner if you like.



Grown - Up Breakfast April 13th at 8:00am. Denny's at 43rd and Peoria. Women and men will be at separate tables. No host meal. Everyone is invited.



No Cactus book club this month.



Special Offering Sundays for 1st Quarter of the Year April 14th Native American Ministries Sunday

Church Envelopes are available on the Welcome Wagon in the Narthex.

Financial Information

	February	January – February
Income:	\$9,408.08	\$19,230.03
Expense:	\$9,552.73	\$20,942.67
Total:	\$(544.65)	\$(1,712.64)



We are updating our lists. We would like to know which member has keys to the church and buildings, please contact Karen or through the church office for your name to be verified on our list. If you have found that your role in the church has changed and you no longer need to have a key to any of the church buildings, or if you have a code/key and no longer need access to the church or music building when it's unoccupied, please return your key to Karen and your code will be removed. Thank you.

If you need to borrow a key to access any of the buildings, the checkout keys are in the church office. Please fill out on the checklist as to which key you borrowed.



Dec 1, 2023 – Feb 29, 2024

24 Households

\$51.64 Total Donations

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 customers' 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

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	April Fool's Day		Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom	Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH The Chosen Movie 6:30 pm Sanctuary	Fun Friday 6pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	Girl Scouts 5:30p	LBBW Blockwatch 6:30pm FH	Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom I-HELP 6pm FH	Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH The Chosen Movie 6:30 pm Sanctuary		Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 am Denny's at 43rd & Peoria Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Grief Group 9am FH Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time SPRC 12:30 pm	HOA		Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom CPCA	Martha Circle 10:30 am Rm1 Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH The Chosen Movie 6:30 pm Sanctuary		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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NOTES

Worship is available In-Person and On our YouTube channel SOVUMC.
Masks are Encouraged, but not Required unless trends change.
Enjoy coffee and snacks after the worship service.

Leadership Team Members

Chair	Suzanne	Finance	Don	SPRC	Femi
Fac/Sec	Suzanne	Finance Secty	Wanda	At Large	Betty
At Large	Jack	At Large	Vonnie	Lay Leader	Randal
Pastor	Janet	At Large	Sandee		

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