

April 2026

Shepherd's Voice



Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Tim T.	21st	Jean and Jay	1st
Sharon T.	28th	Tim & Sharon T.	18th

- Note change: Please submit items for the newsletter to Karen by the **3rd Thursday** of the month.

April Prayer Focus for The Desert Southwest Conference Churches

Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood, AZ

Fort Yuma UMC, Winterhaven, CA

Native American Parish UMF, Phoenix, AZ

Special Sunday Celebration Dates

Human Relations Day: January 18

UMCOR Sunday: March 15

United Methodist Student Day: Celebrated any Sunday in May

Native American Ministries Sunday: April 19

Peace with Justice Sunday: May 31

World Communion Sunday: October 4

Save The Dates

April 2nd *Maundy Thursday service of communion. At 6pm

April 3rd Good Friday service. At 12pm

April 3rd Fun Friday at **6pm**. It's Game Night! Bring your dinner if you like and a game to share with us. Maybe you will have family in town for the holiday weekend. Invite them to come for great fellowship. Snacks to share are welcome too!

April 5th Easter service and Children's Egg Challenge

April 11th Breakfast Bunch at Denny's at 43rd and Peoria at **8:30am**.

April 15th Serve Family Promise families dinner at St. Andrew.

April 16th Martha's Circle meeting at **10:30am** in Room 1

April 17th Serve Family Promise families dinner at St. Andrew.

A Special Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday service will be very special this year because it will be the first time the congregations of Shepherd of the Valley and Hoziana Ministries will worship together.

It will be a bilingual service in English and Swahili. We will remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples, and the "new commandment" (*mandatum*) to love and serve one another as Christ has loved us. Mandatum is the word Maundy comes from. Please come celebrate the love we share for God and one another on Thursday April 2nd at 6:00pm.



Family Promise

Great news! The two families we served in February have graduated from the program to more stable housing and both of the dads have secured employment. God is good! We will be serving again this month on Wednesday April 15th and Friday April 17th. Dinner and overnight volunteers will be needed. Please see pastor Janet or Suzanne if you'd like to help.



Chaparral Elementary PTO

SHOE DRIVE

We are collecting new AND used shoes
You can bring them in or we can pick them up.



SEPTEMBER 1ST 2025 - MAY 1ST 2026

ALL sizes 🐾 ALL kinds 🐾 ALL year



CLEAN OUT YOUR OLD
SHOES AND SUPPORT
A GOOD CAUSE



Sound of the Southwest Chorale presenting The Four Freedoms Cantata Celebrating 250 Years 1776 – 2026

Free Concert

Lakeview UMC

10298 W. Thunderbird Rd. Sun City

Thursday April 30 at 6:30pm

First Baptist Church of Sun City

11019 W. Peoria Ave. Sun City

Sunday May 3 at 4 pm

GCC Performing Arts Department

Presenting

Cabaret

Free musical

April 10-11 at 7:30pm

April 12 at 2:00pm

April 16-18 at 7:30pm

GCC Performing Arts Center

59th and Vogel

Visit www.great.edu/theatre for more information/tickets



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 not to 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 expectations 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.

Dec 1, 2025, to Feb 28, 2026

22 Households

Total Donation \$46.34

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

Community Rewards Staff

Gina is collecting bread tabs. She is helping to teach a Monster Club at the High School. They will be turning them into earrings. Other items that will be needed this spring are plastic bottle caps or lids, googly eyes, fish-hook type earring backs, jump rings for jewelry making, scrap wood, chicken wire, acrylic or spray paint leftovers. She will be collecting until April.

Leadership Team Members

Chair	Karen	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Sandee
SPRC	Suzanne	Finance Sec	Nickie	Lay Leader	Gail
Trustee	Jack	Member	Ruth	Member	Denise
Member	Betty				

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Reverend Melissa Rynders, District Superintendent

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom	Maundy Thursday 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	Good Friday Fun Friday Game Night 6pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EASTER Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Hoziana Ministries 12-2 pm	Girl Scouts 5:30p		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		Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am Hoziana Ministries 11-1 pm Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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3	4	NOTES				

**Worship is available In-Person and On our YouTube channel SOVUMC.
Enjoy coffee and snacks after the worship service.**