

February 2025

Shepherd's Voice

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Birthday!

Hailey W	13 th	Virginia	17 th
Michael R	14 th	Gail R	18 th
AJ C	15 th		



If you would like to be included in the newsletter to celebrate your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office or Karen B and we will include you in the newsletter.

Thank you.

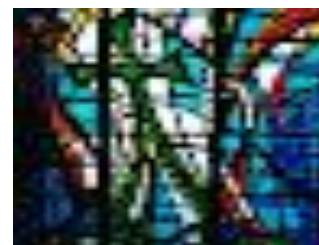
Special Sunday in March

March 30th UMCOR Sunday.

The offering underwrites the administrative costs. 100% of all funds are then given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts to communities in need.

February Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches

Faith UMC, Phoenix, AZ
First UMC, Glendale, AZ
First UMC, Phoenix, AZ





I'm looking for people who are interested in finding out more about a new ministry for all ages called Messy Church. Messy Church is a mid-week event focused on the word of God, sharing a meal, crafts and fellowship. It is geared toward people who seek God but aren't likely to come to church on a Sunday morning. This is the Sabbath Spirit at work on another day of the week. There will be an informational meeting on Saturday February 1st at Trinity at 10:00am. I will be attending. Please let me know (see Pastor Janet) if you are interested in finding out more.

If you would like to participate in Read Across America Day by reading to children at Chaparral Elementary on Monday March 3rd, please sign up in the lobby. Or see me (pastor) if you have questions.

Do you have a passion for preserving our planet? Would you like to lead our "Green Team?" The Desert SW Conference has resources to help. If you are interested, please see Pastor Janet to set up a time to talk.

In an effort to boost out social media presence, we ask that you please make it a point to "like" and "follow" our Facebook page.

Save The Dates

Please submit items for the newsletter to Karen by the 17th of the month.,

Wednesdays at 11am Bible Study in pastor's office. We are studying the book of Romans.

February 6th Martha's Circle meeting at 10:30am in room 1.

February 7th Family Fun Game Night at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite game and a snack if you want to. We hope to see you there

February 8th Breakfast Bunch at 8am at First Watch Restaurant, 43rd Ave and Thunderbird.

February 9th The Good Grief Group will meet at 9:00 in a new location. We will now be meeting in the Pastor's office.

February 22nd Don B Celebration of Life at 11am, reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

February 26th Cactus Book Club at 6pm in room 1.

March 8th UMOM Walk to End Homelessness. More information to come.

March 14th Blood Donation Drive in Fellowship Hall at 8am to last appointment (around 4pm)



Remember to put 2025 on your checks for the coming year to avoid any issues with the deposits to the bank. Thank you.

President's Day is February 17th. This was a state holiday, not a federal one. The Federal government calls the holiday "Washington's Birthday". Arizona, and many other states, recognize President's Day on the third Monday of February. It also includes celebrating Lincoln's birthday which is February 12th and Washington's, which is February 22nd. In 1968, Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law for uniformity of observances and provides a 3- day work weekend.



If you shop at Fry's, they have a program called Fry's Community Rewards. This is a fundraiser program to support the community by having members link their Fry's card to an organization to give a portion of the shoppers' bill to that organization. Our church is one of the organizations and we ask you to link your card to Shepherd of the Valley UMC. You can do this at the store or online. Trina posts the amount that we received quarterly in the newsletter.

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) – Zoom, February 15, 22, and March 1, 2025

by [DSC Communications](#) |

The LSM Course, "Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity)" will be offered via ZOOM on Saturdays **February 15, 22, and March 1, 2025**, from **8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. This is an Advanced Lay Servant Ministries course and qualifies as the Polity requirement for the Lay Speaker courses. This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. Using the Wesleyan theological frame—connection—students understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, practice, and organization. Functional in nature, these aspects of the denomination facilitate our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

The cost for this course is **\$15.00** and is payable upon registration. Either register and pay online or call the Conference LSM Director at 317-730-0162 to complete the registration and send the payment to DSCUMC Treasurer, PO Box 32830, Phoenix, AZ 85064 with instructions to deposit into the Conference LSM account.

Once you register for this course, you will receive a confirmation with a link to ZOOM, a link to purchase the book and other information.

If you have further questions, you may contact Susan Bowers, the Conference LSM Director at email layservants@dscumc.org .

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. 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		Kugintl.com FH 1-6 pm
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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NOTES

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

The Arizona Talking Book Library is hosting an open house for patrons, family members, and community partners on Friday, March 14th from 9am – 2pm.

Tours, presentations, and demonstrations will be provided throughout the event. The library is seeking volunteers to assist with setting up the event on Thursday the 13th in the afternoon. On Friday, we are looking for tour leaders and guides, greeters, and more. We're asking for a 2-hour commitment, but you're welcome to stay for the day. Please contact me on what day you're able to help and for which hours.



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