

# January 2024

## Shepherd's Voice



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### Happy Birthday!

### Happy Anniversary!

Ken H	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tobi B	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ray and Willie Jo	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jay S	8 <sup>th</sup>	Seun B	28 <sup>th</sup>		
Anthony H	18 <sup>th</sup>	Susan H	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Femi B	28 <sup>th</sup>				

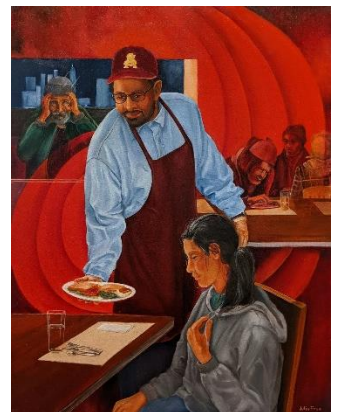
Our **January Sermon Series** is titled, “Let Hope Be Your Attitude.” It is based on the Beatitudes and features the paintings of local artist, Julie Frye. Following the series, there will be an opportunity to go see the paintings on display at The Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, and to possibly meet the artist. To see the set of paintings online go to

<https://noteworthyarts.com/the-beatitudes-paintings>

### January Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches



Ajo Federated Church  
 Calvary UMC, Phoenix  
 Chino Valley UMC



## Action Steps:



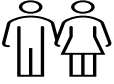
Please submit items for the newsletter to Karen or Trina by the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.



Celebration of Life for Maria, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am



Book Study is **Thursday evenings at 6:30pm** in the pastor's office or on zoom. We are reading TBD.



Family Fun Night BINGO! Wonderful prizes! January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in FH.



Men's Breakfast **January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**. Denny's at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Peoria. All men are invited.



Women's luncheon **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**. Olive Garden Metro Center. All women are invited. Martha's Circle Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Room 1.



Cactus book club will be meeting on **January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in room 1. They are reading, Finding Me by Voila Davis.

### Shepherd of the Valley Prayer Points for 2024

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Family,

As we prepare to enter a new year, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and answers to the prayers we began to pray at this time last year. New ministries have begun, and more opportunities are on the horizon. I ask you to please pray for our church, our leaders, and our ministries throughout 2024. Here are some prayer points that we can all focus on.

1. Praise God for the work he is already doing at Shepherd of the Valley and pray for God's continued movement in our midst.
2. Pray that our pastor and our leaders will be guided by the Holy Spirit to discern the unique call God has upon Shepherd of the Valley.
3. Pray that our worship will be honoring to God and filled with the Holy Spirit.
4. Pray that God will show us people we might invite to participate in the life of our church.
5. Pray for church growth that we may multiply in number, and in resources so that we may better live into our mission to Feed, Tend and Send in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.
6. Pray for the success of the participants in the I-Help program, for our church's continuing contribution through volunteers and resources, and for the administrators at Lutheran Social Services
7. Pray for the Safe-lot Initiative, the participants, volunteers, and administrators and our partnership with them.
8. Pray for our School Connect partnership with Chaparral Elementary school. Pray for the staff, students, and families.

- 9. Pray for the safety and protection of our campus and all who enter this space.
- 10. Pray that we will grow in our love for Christ and in our compassion for ALL of our neighbors and the world.

Thank you for your faithfulness!  
 Love, Grace, and Peace,  
 Pastor Janet



	Nov	Jan - Nov
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$10,350.67</b>	<b>\$130,235.60</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$8,497.92</b>	<b>\$122,000.41</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,852.75</b>	<b>\$8,235.19</b>

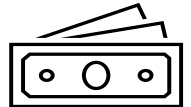
You may contribute your offering to the church Online. There are many options. You could go to You Tube, Facebook, or Pay pal. You could also have a direct withdrawal from your checking account. Contact Trina, Wanda, or Don with questions.

### Special Offering Sundays for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the Year

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Human Relations Day**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> UMCOR Sunday**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Native American Ministries  
 Sunday**



**🐦 Remember to change the year on your Offering Checks to 2024.  
 2023 causes a delay in cashing them.**



Church Envelopes are available on the Welcome Wagon in the Narthex.  
**Note new church phone number. 602-758-3473. This is a cell phone.**  
**You may leave a text and it will be answered.**

### **Attention Frys Shoppers!**



**September 1 - November 30 2023**  
**26 Households**  
**Total Donations \$49.77**

Dear Shepherd of the Valley UMC (FRO15)

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 the 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.

Please see the customer service desk for assistance in linking your card when you go shopping. Every purchase helps the church.

### **Protect Yourself from Scams (Humana)**

Each year, many people fall victim to scams. It's important to learn about steps to take to help keep yourself safe. We'll divide this information over the next few months.

Facts about scams.

The word "scam" is slang for fraud. Fraud occurs when attempts are made to mislead someone with the promise of goods, services or financial benefits that do not really exist, were never planned to be provided, or were misrepresented.

Scams are often considered "the crime of the 21<sup>st</sup> century." People who commit fraud or scams may be well educated and highly organized. In some cases, they're close friends and family members.

Scams are stressful. The effects of scams are far-reaching. Not only do victims often have to deal with substantial financial stress, but they may also experience severe stress, anxiety, difficulty sleeping and depression too.

Each year, crooks use clever schemes to swindle millions of people. One way to protect yourself is to be aware of the tactics scammers use.

There are many types of scams, and they differ in how they work and how you can protect yourself.

We'll List them next month's newsletter.

### **Leadership Team Members**

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	Happy New Year!		Celebration of Life for Maria 11am 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 8:00 pm, FH Bible Study 6:30 pm P. O.	Fun Friday BINGO Night 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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4	5	NOTES				
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	<p>Worship is available In-Person and On our YouTube channel SOVUMC. Masks are always welcome, but not required unless trends change. Enjoy coffee and snacks after the worship service.</p>					

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Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut, UMC Bishop  
Reverend Javier Olivares, District Superintendent