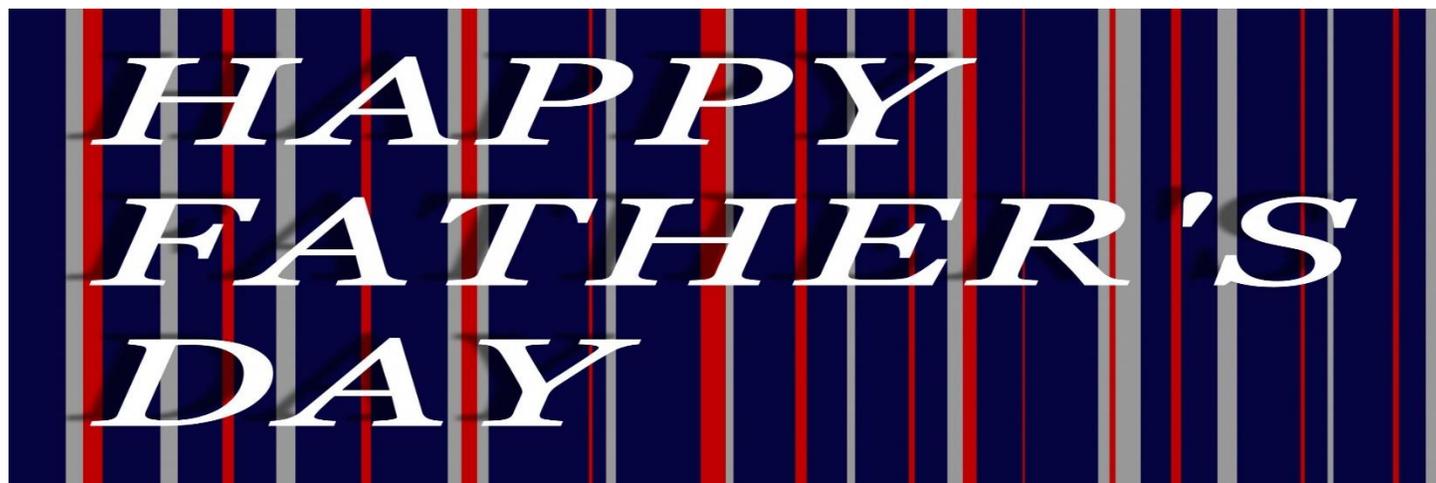


# June 2022

## Shepherd's Voice



Happy Birthday!				Happy Anniversary!	
Tinu B	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhonda C	10 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret and Larry	8th
Art C	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric P	12 <sup>th</sup>	Don and Virginia	28th
Sally C	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom S	27 <sup>th</sup>	Joe and Deb 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Martin H	8 <sup>th</sup>				



✚ 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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# Peace with Justice Sunday

✚ Dear Friends and Colleagues of the Desert Southwest Conference:

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of the special Sundays of The United Methodist Church which is celebrated on the first Sunday following Pentecost. This year, United Methodists will celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday on Sunday, June 12th, 2022; however, you may celebrate this special Sunday by a date of your own choosing.

Resources are available

at <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays/peace-with-justice-sunday-pastor-and-leader-kit>.

With the recent challenges of COVID 19, we are constantly reminded that we live in a broken world. We are not only challenged in the aftermath of this world-wide pandemic, we are also challenged by acts of racism, sexism, classism, xenophobia, and various acts of discrimination. We continue to see senseless acts of gun violence in our school systems and in various public areas throughout the nation. We must renew our call to be the church that Christ has called us to be, by offering our resources to the marginalized and by reaching out to communities in need. Every year, United Methodists celebrate efforts across the connection that are building peace locally and globally. Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of God's love for all of humanity. As Christians, we are called to advocate for those who have been exploited, oppressed, mistreated, neglected and abused. As a people of God, we are called to participate in acts of social transformation for all of God's creation. Your financial contributions from Peace with Justice Sunday will be used for ministries that will help strengthen the weak, bring light to those in darkness, and work to eradicate the sin of domination in this world. I would encourage each church in the Desert Southwest Conference to celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday by taking a special offering which will be used for peace initiatives within our conference. With your support, we will continue to do the work of social transformation and the renewal of God's Kingdom. Thank you for your consideration in this vital ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. David J. Harriss

Pastor, Gila Mountain United Methodist Church

Peace and Justice Coordinator, DSC Church and Society



	April	Apr-Mar 2022
Expense:	\$8,218.14	\$33,702.36
Income:	\$8,461.11	\$34,832.60
Total:	\$242.97	\$1,130.24



## ✚ From the Parish Nurse (Karen B.)

People used to be told by physicians to come to Arizona for the clean healthy air. Not so much now. The myth is, we decided to bring in nonnative plants and trees for golf courses greenery. They produced allergens that we live with now. Allergy season starts in March, however, there is always something blooming here. So, you could have allergy symptoms all year. Lack of rain is another factor. Rain washes allergens out of the air, Good, but then that fuels plant and weed growth. More allergens! Symptoms include itchy, watery eyes and nose, sneezing, headaches, runny nose, coughing, and dark circles under the eyes. People seem to be allergic to Ragweed, Tumbleweed, Bermuda and Rye grass, Juniper trees, Mesquite, Mulberry and Olive trees, Interesting that Citrus trees are not allergens! They just have strong smelling blossoms. Also, there is the air we breathe. Car and construction have polluted the air. Things you could do. Get tested to see what you are allergic to. Keep windows and doors closed. Wear a mask when working outside and change your clothes when you come back inside. Try over the counter antihistamines.

## Opportunities

### ✚ 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 You Tube videos? Please let the office know. Repair supplies of self-adhesive linen book tape and PVA glue will be provided.

✚ Family Fun Movie Night - Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. We're watching "The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

✚ June 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecostal Sunday and Church's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Cake and Ice Cream after service.



✚ Pastor Deb Schauer is retiring! Her party is at Spirit of Hope on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 as a come & go. We are all invited to join in her celebration and to wish her and Skip well as they embark on this new season in their lives.

**OH, THE PLACES SHE'LL GO!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE RETIREMENT PARTY OF  
**PASTOR DEBORAH SCHAUER**

SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
COME & GO  
SPIRIT OF HOPE UMC  
14403 N. 75TH AVE  
PEORIA, AZ

QUESTIONS - EMAIL CHURCH AT:  
SPIRITOFHOPEUMC@YAHOO.COM

## Introduction to Lay Ministry - BASIC Course

August 19 & 26 (in person)

Willowbrook UMC

19390 N 99th Ave, Sun City, AZ

Rev. Gary Kennedy - Instructor

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. Currently, masks are recommended, and students will be asked to follow CDC Social Distancing. The class is \$15 and will include lunch on both days. If you have to cancel or postpone, you will get a credit for a future class in the West District.

The book you need to purchase and read completely before class begins is – Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson. It is available in print and by Kindle. You can find them at Cokesbury or Amazon. The course is scheduled for Fridays, August 19 & 26, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM each day. You will need to commit to both sessions. (all times are Arizona time) The class will finish with Holy Communion and Graduation.

To register go to: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

We look forward to seeing you at this class for 2022.

Blessings, Betty Stewart West District Director Lay Servant Ministries

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## DSW Mission Projects

### Tonga Mission Offering Announces

On January 15th Tonga yet again survived a historic volcanic eruption, however with much devastation. The outlying islands of Nomuka, Tungua, and Fonoifua experienced much loss and destruction following the deadly eruption and subsequent tsunami. Thick ash covered the many damaged buildings as well as the interior sections of mangled structures. As part of the Christian family, we are faithfully called to help. This year, along with “The Long Journey mission project”, our Desert Southwest Conference will collect monetary donations to assist in relief efforts.

Donations can be sent through Shepherd of the Valley UMC with “Tonga Relief Effort” in the **check memo line**. Also through the DSW Conference website; under missions, select “Tonga Relief Effort”.

The Long Journey: Scholarship Funding for DACA/Undocumented Students

The Sessions Committee of the Desert Southwest Conference, the planning body for Annual Conference agreed last year that our mission project would be DACA/Undocumented scholarship funding. Dollars collected will be used to help

students pay for the college education & related expenses through The United Methodist Foundation as funded by the Annual Conference mission offerings.

As a DACA student, you are not eligible for federal student loans. While DACA students can go to college in the U.S. they are generally ineligible for federal student loans/student aid. DACA recipients pay 150% of in-state tuition in AZ. Undocumented students pay even higher rates. Arizona is one of three states (Georgia and Indiana) that specifically passed legislation prohibiting undocumented students from receiving in-state tuition rates.

Eligible people must have been age 30 or younger as of 2012, enrolled in or graduated from school, and not have a felony conviction. Individuals submit to a background check and pay \$495 in fees as part of their application process. DACA lasts for 2 years and each renewal costs an additional \$495 and is not guaranteed. DACA recipients are required to pay federal income taxes.

## June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<b>Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time</b>			<b>1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom Office Hrs. noon to 4 pm</b>	<b>Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH</b>	<b>Family Fun Friday Movie Night @ 6pm</b>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time Pentecostal and SOV bday</b>			<b>1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom Office Hrs. noon to 4 pm</b>	<b>Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH</b>	<b>Pastor and Suzanne to Annual Conference</b>	<b>Pastor and Suzanne to Annual Conference</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time</b>	<b>Girl Scouts 5:30pm, F.H.</b>		<b>1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom Office Hrs. noon to 4 pm</b>	<b>Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH</b>		
<b>Pastor Janet on Vacation June 13th to 26th</b>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Father's Day Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time</b>			<b>1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom Office Hrs. noon to 4 pm</b>	<b>Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH</b>		
<b>Pastor Janet on Vacation June 13th to 26th</b>						
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<b>Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time Admin Board Meeting 12:30</b>	<b>Girl Scouts 5:30pm, F.H.</b>		<b>1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom Office Hrs. noon to 4 pm</b>	<b>Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH</b>		
3	4	NOTES				

**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.**

### 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				

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