



May 2026 Shepherd's Voice

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

John O	2 nd	Sandee M	14 th	John and Lynn	3 rd
Margaret D	5 th	Peter A	15 th	Roy and Joyce	16 th
Gina C	10 th	Len Phillips	17 th		

May Prayer Focus for The Desert Southwest Conference Churches

Sedona UMC, Sedona, AZ
 Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City, AZ
 Shepherd of the Valley, Phoenix, AZ

Special Sunday Celebration Dates

Peace with Justice Sunday: May 31

World Communion Sunday: October 4

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


We are low on \$25 Frys gift cards to give to individuals and families who come to the church in need. Please donate one or more if you are able.

Save The Dates

May 1st Jason's Deli - 10217 N. Metro Parkway, Phoenix from 5 to 8 pm. Come and purchase your delicious dinner and stay to enjoy fun fellowship. The restaurant donates 20% of the money spent to the church.

May 7th Martha's Circle meeting at 10:30 am in room 1

May 9th Breakfast Bunch at the Cracked Egg 3422 W. Glendale Ave. 8:30 am. Come and join great fellowship and good food.

May 10th Mother's Day. 

May 12th Lake Biltmore Block Watch meeting at 6:30pm. Speaker on consumer scams and fraud. Come and learn more about how to avoid this huge problem.

May 25th Memorial Day

May 31st May/June Church Board Meeting 12:00



Did You Know...?

The City of Phoenix has a lockbox program.

Adults 55+ (or those with disabilities) can get a free lockbox in which you place your house key. If you call 911 in an emergency, but can't get to the door, the fire department can access your key and get in to help you without damaging your property. They do not share the code with you or anyone else.

If you want others to have lockbox access, the city suggests that you purchase your own lockbox, share the code with only those you trust, and register your lockbox code with the fire department so they also can access your key in an emergency.

Follow the link below:

> <https://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/fire/community-assistance-program/lockbox-program.html>

Or call our Neighborhood Specialist, Johnny Mendoza at 602-262-1682 for assistance.

LAW DAY 2026

SATURDAY **MAY 2** in-person and virtual event **STATEWIDE**

4201 N. 24th St. Phoenix or by Zoom

LAW DAY 2026 will be a one-day in-person and virtual event dedicated to the area of law, in which Arizona residents can receive free legal services from the legal community. To register visit: azbar.org/lawday. **Space is limited.**



Lura Turner Homes Founders' Day

Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Developmental Disabilities invites you and yours to celebrate our 61st anniversary serving men and women with special needs in greater Phoenix. We'll salute our volunteers, donors, board and staff. Plus, Groundbreaking for New Homes!

Sunday May 17, 2026, 2-4pm

Faith UMC

8640 N. 19th Ave, Phoenix, 85021 (19th and Alice)

See the flyer in the lobby. There is information on donations as well.

Annual Conference Mission Project

The Solidarity Fund

United Methodists are called to love our neighbor and seek justice, the DSW has established a Solidarity Fund to support immigrants facing financial hardship amid increased immigration enforcement. Many communities have faced detention and deportation leaving family members behind who face the need to pay rent and other important bills, while working to find ways to support themselves. Additionally, the fear of detention and deportation is keeping people from work, school, medical care and essential services

This fund offers direct, short-term assistance for basic needs. Your generosity is a faithful act of solidarity with our immigrant siblings and neighbors, affirming the sacred worth of every person.

Donations can be made through offering at the church (mark your donation Annual Conference Mission Project) or online at <https://dsc-reg.brapp.com/SolidarityFund>

We're trying something new.

Mystery Member

Each month, we'll print information about a church member in the Newsletter. You can guess who you think it is. The identity will be revealed in next month's newsletter.

Ok. Here goes: I am from a small town in the Midwest. I went to the Methodist Church there. When I moved to AZ, I started attending SOV. Over the years, I have served on several committees, including Chair of the Education Committee. I am married with two children and one grandchild and two step grandchildren. I have three brothers and one sister. I used to work in the golf world. Now I help to feed many people. I like to crochet, do Sudoku and other puzzles. I like to read and sing along with the radio. I like the outdoors, except when it's hot. I once hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and camped at Havasupai Falls with friends for a weekend.

Who Am I?



Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church

Name the Garden Contest

We are partnering with the Lake Biltmore Block Watch to create a Community Garden

Our goals are to work collaboratively with our community to:

- Build and maintain the garden**
- Grow fresh food for people to eat**
- Create a beautiful space where the people of our church and the community can come together to grow, serve, study, fellowship, worship, and rest.**

What name should we give to the garden?

Ideas for Inspiration:

- Bible verses about gardens, planting, growth**
- Our church's mission statement to feed, tend & send...**
- Words like growth, vitality, abundance, health, bloom, seeds, water, soil, etc.**
- Words like unity, together, gather, welcome, connect, bridge**

Contest entries are due Sunday May 24th

The winner will receive a prize

Name _____ **Phone** _____

I think we should name the garden:

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

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
				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		Hoziana Ministries 11-1 pm
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