

November 2024

Shepherd's Voice



Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Cyril C	5 th	Sylvin	26 th	Jack and Murrie	2 nd
Jack S	10 th	Emmalyn L	27 th		
Hector C	24 th	Camila C	30 th		

If you would like your name listed, please contact the office or Karen B. We'd love to include you in our Celebration!



November Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches



Spirit Song UMF, Peoria
Sunrise UMC, Phoenix
Willowbrook UMC, Sun City



Financial Information

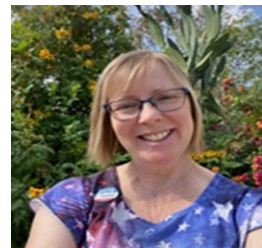


	September	Jan-Sept 2024
Income:	\$11,866.99	\$89,542.10
Expense:	\$13,244.07	\$92,725.01
Total:	\$(1,377.08)	\$(3,182.91)

Dear Friends,

As temperatures finally drop below 100 degrees, we can begin to enjoy the mild weather that autumn brings to the Phoenix area. This is one of many things we must be thankful for.

As you are counting your blessings and preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday, I pray that you are able to praise God for his presence in your life no matter your circumstances. As the chant goes: God is good... All the time! All the time... God is good!



This is also the time of year that we are prayerfully considering our stewardship commitments to the church in terms of financial giving as well as giving of time and talents. Some of you may be called to serve in new leadership roles, others may be called to serve on ministry teams such as the Pastoral Care Team or Maintenance Team.

In the coming weeks there will be a few "Stewardship Moments" included in our worship services. You will also receive a letter and an estimate of giving card. We encourage everyone who gives to fill out one of these cards. It is very important to have this information as we budget for the coming year.

I thank you for sharing your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service with your Shepherd of the Valley family.

Grace & Peace to You All,

Pastor Janet

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also; Matthew 6:21



Dear Friend in Mission,

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, UMCOR was able to provide critical relief to devastated areas across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, offering hope and support as communities began the long process of recovery. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to bolster essential efforts to deliver food, clean water, and begin initial clean up. [Here is a short video](#) that shows early relief efforts.

Now, as Hurricane Milton has made landfall, UMCOR is preparing once again to respond to this new crisis. Your gift today will help us continue to provide life-saving aid, offering immediate relief and supporting the recovery of families and communities impacted by this latest disaster.

[Donate now to make a difference.](#)

Thank you for standing with us as we work together to bring hope to those affected by these devastating storms.

In Mission Together,

Roland Fernandes

General Secretary

Global Ministries and UMCOR

Save The Dates

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

Wednesdays at 11am in the Pastor's office. Bible study. We are studying the books of Luke and Acts. In person or on zoom. See the link in Sunday's email. We will begin an Advent study on December 4th.

November 1st at 6pm Family Fun Movie Night. **Sounds of Freedom**. Rated PG13 due to themes of sex trafficking, violence and language. A difficult but important film. Based on an incredible true story. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission. It is a Christian film from Angel Studios.

November 2nd Love Our Schools Day at Chaparral Elementary School. 3808 W. Joan De Arc Ave. Phoenix 85029. Please sign up in the narthex if you can help plant trees from **8 to 11am**.

November 3rd All Saints Sunday. We will honor all the Saints of the church who have gone on to glory this past year. If you have a loved one who died this year who you would like to honor, please share their name with Trina in the office by October 27th.

November 9th at 8am Fellowship Breakfast. First Watch. 43rd Ave and Thunderbird Rd. No host meal. Everyone is invited.

November 14th at 10:30am Martha's Circle meeting in room 1.

November 17th Our Church conference will be after the worship service around 11:45am. Please stay to hear reports from the pastor, trustees, finance, and more. We will vote on leadership nominations for the coming year. SPRC will meet at 9:30am in pastor's office.

November 22nd Emmaus Gathering: at Christ Community UMC in Avondale and in January at Lakeview UMC in Sun City. Training at 12pm, lunch at 1:30pm. Contact Nancy to register - 480-558-6717. For more information or questions contact Martin for details.

November 23rd G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) Event 4-7pm in the parking lot of Calvary Church. SOV will be sponsoring a Bookmark Design contest. We will have a table and will need a few volunteers to assist in judging the contest. The winning bookmarks will be printed, and we need people at the event to sit at the table to give the bookmarks away along with information about our church and invitations to the Christmas Eve service. The volunteers will watch the display and talk with people. We also need volunteers to put the displays together a few days before. This is an excellent way to share the love of Jesus with our community. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

November 24 Giving Thanks Potluck after the worship service. Bring your appetite and if you are able, your favorite dish to share.

November 28. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. This time of year, we reflect on all our blessings. Wishing you hope, joy, peace, good health, favor, and love on this day.



December 8th Martha's Circle Christmas sale. Before and after the Sunday worship service.

December 14th Cookie and White Elephant gift exchange at the pastor's house at 2 pm. All are invited. Address will be provided when you sign up to attend.

December 24th Christmas Eve service. More information to come.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Fun Friday 6pm	Love Our Schools Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saint's Day Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time			Bible Study 11:00am PO 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		Fellowship Breakfast 8 am Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 10 am - 4 pm
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Leadership Team Members

Chair	Suzanne	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Don
SPRC	Femi	Finance Sec	Wanda	Fac/Sec	Suzanne
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