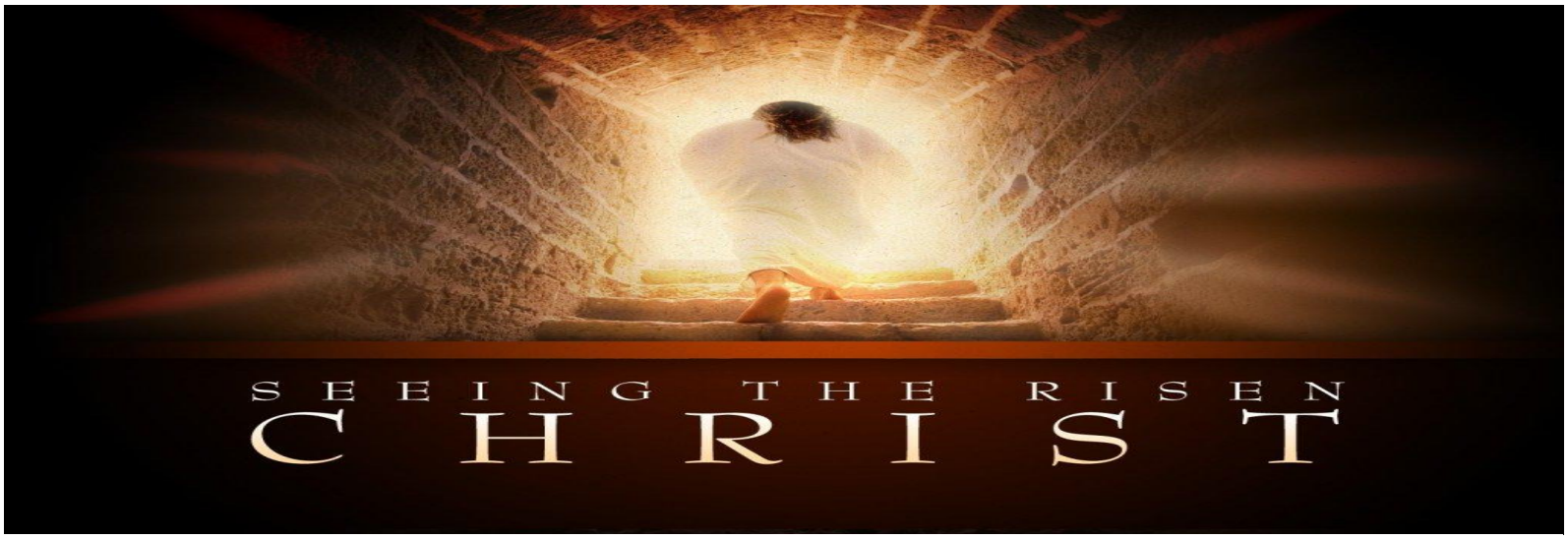
April 2025
Shepherd's Voice



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

Natalia C	28th	Jay and Jean	1st

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.

April Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches

Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood, AZ

Fort Yuma UMC, Winterhaven, CA

Native American Parish UMF, Phoenix, AZ

Southwest District Conference News

Bishop Carlo has announced that Rev. Javier Olivares will be appointed to the South District Superintendent effective July 1, 2025. Our new DS (District Supervisor) for the West Conference will be Rev. Melissa Rynders. Please refer to the District Conference web site for more information about Rev. Rynders.

Save The Dates

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

Wednesdays at **11:00am.** Bible Study in pastor's office. We are viewing an episode of Rev. Adam Hamilton's podcast: Making Sense of Faith.

April 4th Family Fun Night at **6:00pm**. Game Night! Bring your dinner or snacks. Bring your favorite games to teach us how to play. Come join the fun and fellowship.

April 12th Breakfast Bunch at **8:30am** at Brothers at 83rd Ave and Peoria. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

April 13th Since the 3rd Sunday is Easter, we are having the Leadership Board meeting today after worship service at **12:00pm.**

April10th Martha's Circle meeting at **10:30am** in room 1. Set up for sale

April 13th Palm Sunday. Martha's Circle Craft and Goods sale. Before and after the worship service.

April 17th Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion Service at **5:00pm**.

April 18th Good Friday service at **12:00pm**

April 20th Easter Sunday. He is risen! Hallelujah!

April 23rd Cactus Book Club at **6:00pm** in room 1.

May 10th 1:00 pm Special Speaker: What You Don't Know can Hurt You! Preparing before a loved one passes.

Have extra Bibles?
We are always in need of good condition Bibles and New Testament books! We get many requests and are pleased to distribute the Good News whenever we can. If you have any gently used extra Bibles, please bring them to the church on Sunday or to the office on Wednesday or Thursday, noon to 4pm. Thank you!

facebook

Please remember to go to and like SOV Facebook page. You must download the Facebook app on your device and search for Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church. The link for worship service is included. Thanks to Gina for maintaining the site for us.

Dear Shepherd of the Valley UMC (FR015),

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 not to 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 customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectations 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,

Community Rewards Staff

February 2025 24 Households - $42.57 Total Donations.

We have a Fry's card ministry. We like to keep a few $25 Frys cards on hand to help people who need groceries or gas. We are running low. If you are able to donate a $25 Frys gift card or two, we'd greatly appreciate it.

Leadership Team Members

Chair	Karen	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Sandee
SPRC	Femi	Finance Sec	Nickie	Lay Leader	Randal
Trustee	Jack	Member	Ruth	Member	Denise
Member	Betty				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	(Pastor Vacation 4/2 - 4/8)	 April Fool's Day	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	Fun Friday Game Night 6pm	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Guest Preacher Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	Girl Scouts 5:30p	LBBW Blockwatch 6:30pm FH	Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom	Martha Circle 10:30 rm 1 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		Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am at Brothers at 83rd Ave and Peoria Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
PALM SUNDAY Martha Circle Sale Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Board Meeting 12:00pm	HOA 5:30 - 8:30 Fellowship Hall		Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom CPCA 6-7:30 pm Rm1	Martha Circle 10:30 rm 1 Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Maundy Thurs Service 5PM Sanct. Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH	Good Friday Service 12pm	Jewelry Making with Sande, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	Girl Scouts 5:30p	(Pastor on Spiritual Retreat 4/22 - 4/25)	Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom Cactus Book Club 6pm rm2	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		Jewelry Making with Sande, rm 1 noon - 4 pm
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Worship is available In-Person and On our YouTube channel SOVUMC.
Enjoy coffee and snacks after the worship service.