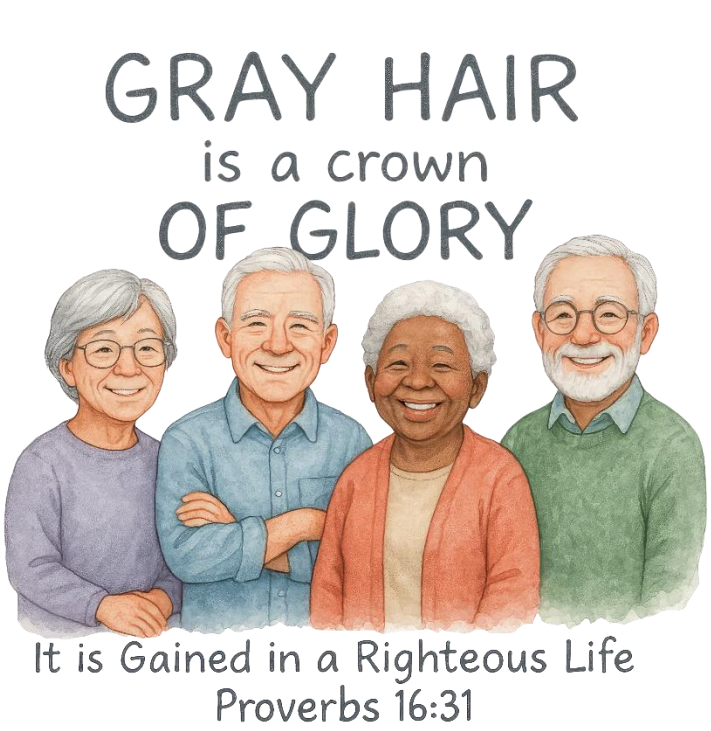
August 2025
Shepherd's Voice



August 21st is Senior Citizen Day

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

Roy S	6th	Joe G	18th	Tom and Vonnie	3rd
Murrie S	11th	Inga W	26th	Randal and Gail	15th
Nick T	15th	Larry D	27th	Art and Sally	27th
Karen B	18th				

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.

August Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches

First UMC, Sun City, AZ

First UMC, Yuma, AZ

Fresh Expressions Quad Cities

Save The Dates

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

Bible Study is taking a break for the Summer. We will resume next month.

August 1st Family Fun Game Night at **6:00pm in Room 1**. Bring your favorite games for us to play and your dinner or snacks to share if you like.

August 6th Church Fundraiser at **Yogurtini** from **5-8pm**. 5870 W. Thunderbird Rd. Suite A-3 Glendale, 85306. This is a self-serve soft yogurt restaurant with numerous frozen yogurt and sorbets with many toppings. Stop in to take home a delicious dessert or stay and enjoy the fellowship with other members. We've invited our community organizations to enjoy with us. This is a great way to meet our neighbors.

August 9th Breakfast Bunch at **8:30am.** The Place restaurant. 5171 W. Bell Rd, Glendale, AZ. 85308. Come and enjoy the fellowship. We had a great turnout last month.

August 15th and 22nd. Annette will continue to lead Shepherd of the Valley and Lake Biltmore in six yoga sessions in August!!!

Easy Flow Yoga at **9am, (**Bring a mat, pillow and light blanket)

Chair Yoga at **10am** and

Yin Yoga at **5:30pm** (Bring a mat, pillow and light blanket)

Cost is $10 per class.
Classes will be held in Room 1 at Shepherd of the Valley, 3039 W. Cactus Rd. Email or call the office if you need to reserve a spot. sovumc@hotmail.com (602)758-3473

Updates From the Pulpit

The Leadership Board requested that we update the congregation on what they have been discussing.

Safe Lots:

Their ministry is to provide temporary outdoor shelter for women and children as an alternative to sleeping in their cars. They have not been active lately, but are working on it. The barrier on the outside fence has fallen and they have been notified to repair. We need to encourage their ministry. We have a renewed contract with them. In the contract, if they are not active 10 nights a month, they have agreed to pay storage fees of $150.

C28 Business Alliance:

They are changing their management structure and security company to be more cost effective. The security coverage will not be interrupted. Noble Protection Group will begin on August 1st.

Family Promise:

We are in partnership with St Andrew Lutheran Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We will provide shelter for families with children for one week at a time 4 times a year at St. Andrews. Shepherd of the Valley will provide 2 dinners each host week. We will make the dinners in our kitchen, and they will be transported to the church. If you feel called to cook or to spend the night, there will be required training. Training will likely take place in August. Please contact Pastor Janet or Suzanne if you would like to help.

Community Garden:

Suzanne and Pastor Janet met with Ruth from The Lake Biltmore Block Watch and Jhenifer from Keep Phoenix Beautiful. They are considering SOV as a site for a Community Garden. We are looking at the space where was under the shade tree or across the parking lot next to the fence of Safe Lots. Community volunteers would manage the garden.

Gain Event (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods):

Save the Date – Sat Nove 22nd 4-7 pm at Calvary Phoenix. We will likely sponsor the Bookmark design contest again.

Church Conference – Sunday Sept 28th Service at 10:30 Lunch and SPRC at 11:30 followed by conference at 12:30.

Many exciting activities to look forward to.
Peace,
Pastor Janet

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 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. For instructions on how to connect go to https://www.frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards

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 their 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. *Mar 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 24 Households $46.36 Donations*

Community Reward staff

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
			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 FH & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH	Fun Friday 6pm Rm1	
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Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time SPRC Meeting after Service			Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom Fundraiser at Yogurtini 5:00 - 8:00 pm	Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm FH & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH		Breakfast Bunch 8:30am Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 12 pm - 4 pm
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Leadership Team Members

Chair	Karen	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Sandee
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