August 2026
Shepherd's Voice

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				

August Prayer Focus for
The Desert Southwest Conference Churches

First UMC - Mesa, AZ
First UMC - Phoenix, AZ
First UMC - Sun City, AZ
First UMC - Tempe, AZ
Gold Canyon UMC - Gold Canyon, AZ

Special Sunday Celebration Dates

World Communion Sunday: October 4

Please submit items for the newsletter to Trina by the **3rd Thursday** of the month.

Feasibility Study Update:

And the survey says… Thank you to those who attended one of the Focus Groups in June about the potential development of the ballfield for affordable housing. The results of the surveys given to our neighbors and our congregation show strong support for a small housing development. Based on these survey results and discernment, our Church Board believes God is leading us to develop affordable housing for seniors age 62 and over. The board made some preliminary decisions so that Steve, the developer who is guiding us through this process, can move forward with the study.

We are looking at no more than 11 single story units, each with one or two bedrooms. These would be rental units run by a property management company. We

asked Steve to incorporate repairs and renovations to our existing music building within the scope of the project. The intention is to use that building as a leasing office and community space with a kitchen.

Steve is going to work with his contacts in the industry to develop cost and income estimates and report back to us at our August board meeting. We are excited about the possibilities, and we are praying for God to lead us each step of the way.

The Good Shepherd's Garden:

Yes, that is the official name of our community garden that we are building in partnership with the Lake Biltmore Block Watch. Congratulations to Art C. who won the "name the garden contest." Thanks to the $2500 grant we received from Keep Phoenix Beautiful (KPB), we ordered and have received 10 - 4' x 8' x 2' metal garden beds. This month we are looking into having some community service workers assemble the beds and we are finalizing the garden contracts. We will contact those who expressed interest in being among our first gardeners. We will have a garden workday on Saturday September 12, and we plan to have a grand opening event on Sunday September 20th which will include worship in the garden. That is surely something to look forward to.

Garden Grand Opening Event Planners Needed:

Pastor Janet is looking for a few people to help plan the event that will take place on September 20th. Please contact her if you'd like to help so we can set a date to meet; preferably the first week in August.

Save The Dates

Sunday August 2nd – Last day to bring school supplies.

Baby Wipes	Hand soap	Post-it notes
Backpack	Headphones	Composition Notebook
Black dry erase markers	Individual packaged snacks	Scissors
Bottled water	Laminating Pouches	Small disposable cups
Clear Plastic Sleeves	Large purple glue sticks	Small zip lock bags
Clorox wipes	Large zip lock bags	Spiral notebook
Colored pencils	Lined paper	Tape
Crayola classic broad line markers	Mini Playdough	Ticonderoga pencils
Dollar store toys (prize box)	colored dry erase markers	Tissue boxes
Earbuds	Paper plates	Water bottles
Folder with prongs	Paper towels	White boards
Graph paper	Pencil box	White Cardstock
Hand sanitizer	Pocket folders	

Sunday August 2nd – S.P.R.C. meeting after church

Monday August 3rd – Provide breakfast items for Chaparral Certified Staff Breakfast.

Thursday August 6th – Table at Meet the Teacher night at Chaparral Elementary, (volunteers needed to greet students/families and give away items and church information. See Pastor Janet for more information.)
Note: Supply 3 dozen Ice Cream Bars for staff before 2:00pm.

Friday August 7th – Fun Friday, Ice Cream treats and Game Night 6:00 gather. Games begin about 6:30.

Sunday August 9th – Nominations Committee Meeting after church.

Saturday August 15th – Breakfast Bunch (it's the 3rd Saturday this month) Denny's 43rd/Peoria 8:30am.

Sunday August 16th – Board Meeting 12:00

Our Mystery Member for July was Martin. Thankyou Martin for participating.

Leadership Team Members

Chair	Karen	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Sandee
SPRC	Suzanne	Finance Sec		Lay Leader	Gail
Trustee	Jack	Member	Ruth	Member	Denise
Member	Betty				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			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		Hoziana Ministries 11-1 pm
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Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Hoziana Ministries 12-2 pm		Worship is available In-Person and On our YouTube channel SOVUMC. Enjoy coffee and snacks after the worship service.				