October 2025

Shepherd's Voice

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

Emma V	**6th**	**Willie Jo**	**23rd**	**Ian and Ava**	**15th**
Jacob H	**9th**	**Betty O**	**25th**	**Janet and John**	**19th**
Jean S	**16th**	**Nickie W**	**28th**	**Hector and Gina**	**31st**

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.

<u>October Prayer Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches</u>

New Song UMC, Surprise, AZ

Prescott, UMC, Prescott, AZ

Prescott Valley UMC, Prescott Valley, AZ

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

What would you like to see offered for Bible Study this fall? Are you interested in having a member of the church lead the Bible Study? Are you interested in leading on a rotating basis? Where should we meet? If you are interested in attending or leading, please see Karen B. We'd like to meet and discuss format and dates/times (October?) and how to proceed. Thank you!

Chaparral School is asking for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. You can start to bring them anytime for their Trunk or Treat festival. Please **no chocolates**. Deadline to bring to church: **October 12th**.

Save The Dates (For A Busy Month)

October 3rd Fun Friday at **6:00pm in Room 1**. Bring your favorite dessert to share. Please come and enjoy the decadent treats.

October 11th Breakfast Bunch at **8:30am.** First Watch 4261 W. Thunderbird Rd. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

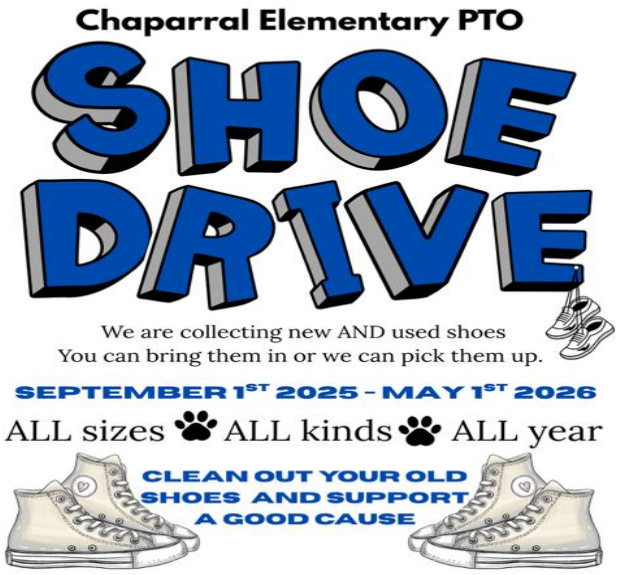
October Yoga Dates TBD.

October 17th **5:30-7:00pm** Trunk or Treat at Chaparral Elementary School. We will have a Cookie Monster Theme. We would appreciate monetary donations to help pay for the individually prepackaged cookies. If you'd like to help pass out cookies with Pastor Janet, please let her know.

October 22nd **4-6pm** Parent Teacher Conferences: We are providing dinner for the teachers at Chaparral Elementary School. We are serving Jimmy John sandwiches, chips and garden salad. Monetary donations are appreciated.

October 25th Love our Schools Day October 25 (Saturday) at **8am**. They are looking for volunteers to paint and clean the school area. If you'd like to help, see Pastor Janet or Randal.

November 22nd G.A.I.N. event. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods). More information to come.



On May 1, 2025, the Council of Bishops, in partnership with the Connectional Table, announced a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

This new vision builds on our mission to *"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."* It also names the qualities that shape the life of a disciple today:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life (*Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*).
- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy. (*Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*).
- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation. (*Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10*).

"A Healthy Church for a Healthy World."

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

FOOD STORES fry's

01-Jun-2025 to 31-Aug-2025

20 Households

Total Donations $ 41.24

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.
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 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,
Community Rewards Staff

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time			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 6pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time			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		Breakfast Bunch 8:00 am Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 12 pm - 4 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Erik's student concert(s)	Girl Scouts 5:30 FH	Lake Biltmore BlockWatch 6:30 pm fellowship hall	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	Trunk or Treat at Chaparral 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 10 am - 2 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Board Meeting 12N PO			Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom Teacher Dinner 4-6pm at Chaparral CPCA 6-7:30 pm Rm1	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	LifeLine	Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 12 pm - 4 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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Leadership Team Members

Chair	Karen	Pastor	Janet	Treasurer	Sandee
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Member	Betty				

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