



From the Pastor

April 1, 2026

Dear Holy Way Family & Friends,

As we approach Easter, we often hear: "**He is risen!**" While we often celebrate these words as a glorious historical event, they signify something much deeper for our daily lives. "He is risen" describes a **state of being**. It reminds us that Jesus is not a figure confined to the past, but an active, living presence among us today. His victory over death, sin, and the grave is the permanent foundation for our hope and the assurance of eternal life.

As we are reminded in **Matthew 28:6**: "*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.*"

When we proclaim that "He is risen", we are embracing:

- **Victory Over the Grave:** The ultimate triumph over sin and death, providing us with the assurance that we are forgiven and made whole.
- **An Active Presence:** Because Christ is alive today, we are never alone. He is a constant source of strength in our current joys and trials.
- **Overcoming Power:** The Resurrection provides us with the spiritual authority to overcome fear, anxiety, and the many challenges of modern life.

From the Pastor continued.

- **New Life and Rebirth:** Just as spring brings new growth to the earth, the Resurrection symbolizes our own spiritual rebirth—a chance for a fresh start in grace.

The Resurrection is not just a miracle to be admired: it is a life to be lived. We are called to **manifest** His presence through our own transformation. When we reflect His teachings through acts of love, genuine forgiveness, and humble service to others, we show the world that the tomb is still empty,

This month, I encourage you to look for ways to live out this “**New Life.**” Let us be a people who mirror His light, proving through our actions that He is Risen indeed!

--**Thursday, April 2:** Join us for Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae Service at 4:00 p.m. We will be experiencing the Last Supper & a Foot washing demonstration!

--**Sunday, April 5:** Easter Service at 9:30 a.m.





No April Anniversaries



Phyllis Crouthers 4/11

Barbara Armbruster 4/17

Janet San Nicholas 4/21

— *Marimarie Nardella* 4/22 —

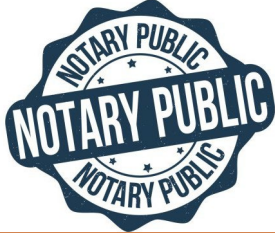
Maggie Diggs 4/22

Ginger Manly 4/29

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing from The Newsletter? If so, Be sure to let the church Office know or email dee.karuhe.holywayoffice@gmail.com So we can celebrate **YOU!!**

Need a Notary Public?

See Carol Portillo [(480) 686-5531]. The fee is sliding scale. All proceeds go to The Holy Way.



April Scripture Readers

Sunday, April 5: Joan Valenzuela
Sunday, April 12: Lynne Wiger
Sunday, April 19: Dearwyn Knittel
Sunday, April 26: Judy McElroy

PROBLEMS HEARING??

We have hearing devices available for the hearing impaired. See Greg at the AV booth.



Sermons are now available online anytime! Check out the latest Sermon or even past Sermons.

1. Go to: www.holywaytucson.org
2. Click on "Sermons"

**Worship Service is Sundays
at 9:30 a.m.**

And you can access the Order of Worship at:

www.HolyWayTucson.org

Click on the Worship tab, then Order of Worship tab.

You can also Zoom the Service. Zoom login information is:

**Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am**

This is a recurring meeting at:

**[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89894298024?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89894298024?pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2ujdpB4HTaEhZm.1)
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Meeting ID: 898 9429 8024

Passcode: 189007



Sunday Fellowship

Here's the schedule:

- 04/01: After Service, Ranch House
- 04/12: Ron Nickels
- 04/19: After Service, Ranch House
- 04/26: Celebrate Pastor Kathy

We invite everyone who participates in Sunday Fellowship coffee hour to please **contact Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367 to volunteer to set up, clean up and/or bring in snacks.** Instructions for setting up and clean up are posted in the Ranch House and at the back of the sanctuary. A whiteboard is in the Ranch House to sign up. If no one signs up for setting up, each person bringing in snacks will be responsible for the items.



Handcraft Group

No further meetings until this fall

Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. &
Sundays 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Congregational Life Committee

No meeting in April

Session

Tuesday, April 14, 2026,
1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Outreach/Mission Committee

Sunday, April 19, 2026
10:45 a.m., Ranch House

Deacons

To Be Determined

Finance Committee

To Be Determined

Worship Committee

April 16, 2026
9:30 a.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Committee

To Be Determined



Come meet in the
Conference Room &
On Zoom

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Tuesday Mornings
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Conference Room



Committees

Holy Way has many opportunities to keep our church family in good health. Please consider giving a few hours a month to keep our church running smoothly.

Serena Project

The Serena Project is dedicated to providing some reassurance and comfort to children during times of emergency. Small stuffed toys provided by The Holy Way are given to first responders to hand out.

A big **thank you** to Caroll Portillo for heading up this Outreach Project. Let's make sure Carol knows she is appreciated.

Invitation Sunday

The fourth Sunday of the month has been called "on your own."—meaning there is no formal fellowship time. This date has been changed to "**Invitation Sunday**"—meaning: find someone who doesn't usually go out to brunch after church and invite them to go with you to one of the restaurants. Be sure to look for newer people to the congregation, especially our first time visitors. Also be aware to invite people who have limited transportation ability.

Let's support the closeness of the Holy Way church family!

We invite everyone to submit articles of interest to the congregation. If you have an idea but can't put it on paper, you can send your thoughts by email or phone call to Office Dee or Dee Ellis. **The deadline for submission is always the 20th of each month.**

The deadline for the **May** Newsletter is:

April 20, 2026



Our great cleaning crew has been made up of **snowbirds**. We need people who will be in Tucson over the **summer** to volunteer. Call "Office Dee" to volunteer.



The printed **Church Directory** is now available and frequently updated. They are in the Narthex. The directories are free; however, if you are able, we would appreciate a donation of \$1.00/directory to cover the cost of production.

If you would like to have the directory emailed to you, let Dee Ellis know: dmtrellis@comcast.net or call (520) 270-8367.

Per Capita

Each February 1st The Holy Way Presbyterian Church is required to send our church's Per Capita amount to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **Each member** is responsible for their Per Capita amount. For 2023 we owed \$3,527.50, but we were unable to pay our per capita. For 2024 we owed \$3,945.60. We negotiated with the Presbytery and we paid \$2,000, but we only received \$1,569.28 from members; therefore, the \$430.72 deficit came from the church's general fund. So far for 2026 we have received **\$658.35**. *The Per Capita for each member of the church is \$43.80*. We realize that not everyone can afford their Per Capita amount. For those who are able to give a little more than your Per Capital, any fund over your amount would be appreciated.



As of
February 28,
2026,
we have:
Pledged: \$38,170
and
**Received:
\$38,283.48**

Our Capital Campaign Continues!

It is not too late to send in a pledge for the

Jim Kinion Memorial Air Conditioning Fund.

We are hoping to have enough pledges over three years to cover the \$75,000 needed to replace the 30-year-old air conditioning/heating system in the sanctuary. Please be as generous as you can be. Pledges can be a one-time pledge or spread over three years.





*Want to outlive a
Saguaro???*

*Please include us in your Legacy
giving.*

*Prayer
Shawl
Ministry*

YOU GAVE ME COMFORT



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit or crochet, we invite you to make and contribute prayer shawls and/or lap robes. If you have questions, contact Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367 or email at dmtrellis@comcast.net. You can also join the HandCraft group on Mondays at 10 a.m.



We now have online giving available! Follow the instructions below to get your online giving started. You can even set it up to automatically donate every month so you don't even have to think about it.

Or you can download the Vanco app from your Google or Apple store and enter the invitation code:

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Get started by scanning the QR code:



TEN YEARS!!!!

Did you know Pastor Kathy started out as our office manager on April 24, 2016?

We will have coffee and cake to celebrate her anniversary with The Holy Way on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Help to set up and clean up will be much appreciated!

Just to clarify —when writing checks to The Holy Way, be sure to indicate on the memo line where the contribution is to go: i.e., tithe, mission project, Jim Kinion AC fund, Diaper Bank, Per Capita, etc.

Diaper Bank

Be sure to remember donations to the Diaper Bank. We accept feminine hygiene products as well as adult incontinence products, including moist towelettes. If you would rather donate money (they can buy \$3 worth of product for every \$1 in cash), please earmark your check "Diaper Bank."

You can drop off your donations in the Narthex or in the Ranch House.

Finance Committee Report

Currently our church is undergoing a great number of staff and accounting program changes. The Finance & Stewardship Committee has just recently been assembled and though we are working hard, we have only had one meeting so far.

Each committee moderator has been requested to submit a baseline budget to start with. These budgets will be fine-tuned over time.

Carol Portillo

Holy Way Food Bank

Donations to Sells included **13 boxes of food and seven bags of clothes and two bags of blankets.** A big thank you goes out to **Ali Clay** and **Ginger Bergquist** for their hard work.



Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars now! **Dr. Astrid Chan** and **Jesus Jacquez** will honor us with another wonderful concert on **May 2, 2026** at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted.

Also, Dr. Chan is having her annual student recital in the Sanctuary on **Saturday April 25, 2026**, from Noon-5:00 p.m.

McKinney-Vento Program

Homeless
Education
Program



SCHOOL STABILITY SAFETY

This program supports the many homeless school children in the Altar Valley school district. This is a federal program that ensures displaced children have clothing, transportation and educational opportunities that their school

counterparts have available. Monetary contributions are appreciated in the form of \$25 gift certificates from Walmart. These can be dropped off at the church office.

Gift Cards

Through YOUR generosity, \$265 was collected during Souper Bowl of Caring collection. This amount was **MATCHED** by an anonymous donor, bringing the total to **\$530!**

We were able to purchase twenty-one \$25 gift cards for the McKinney-Vento Program.



Dee Ellis presenting
gift cards to
Evelyn See



As the spring semester grows to an end, it is time to think about the next school year. Three Point Teachers' first day back at school is July 20. The first day of school is August 6. There will be more information in the May Newsletter.

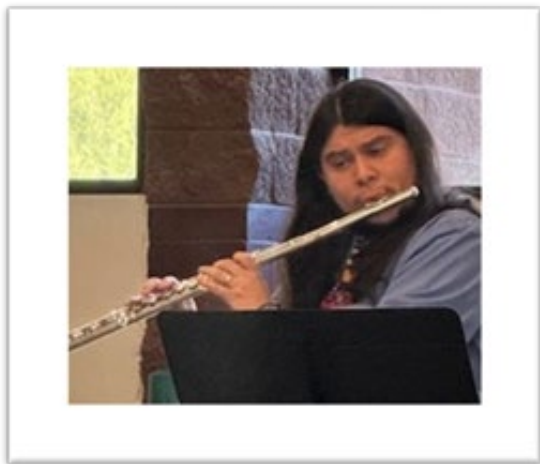
After the Altar Valley Teachers go through and pick out what they need from our donations, Evelyn See from the McKinney-Vento Program can get some items. However, there are ongoing items she can always use: **Extra socks and underwear, Books (fiction or nonfiction), Craft supplies: (paints, brushes, construction paper, craft kits, etc.), Coloring Books, Water Bottles, Soccer balls, Basketball or Footballs**



The children are enjoying learning about the Bible.

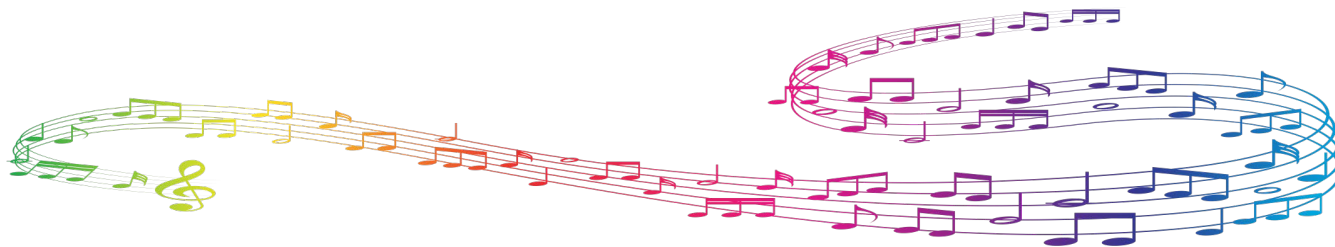


Echoes of Mercy from Africa sing in churches all over. We enjoyed their performances on March 22, 2026.



Jesus Jacquez is very talented, as you know from our church services. He is also very busy outside of The Holy Way. Here's his professional schedule through Spring:

- April 18, 6 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the SaddleBrooke Winds and Strings at the Desert View Performing Arts Center.
- April 26, 7 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the Old Pueblo Brass Band at St.Mark's United Methodist Church.
- May 2, 3:00 p.m.**—Jesus and Astrid perform at The Holy Way Presbyterian Church.
- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7 p.m.**—Jesus plays the clarinet with the Arizona Symphonic Winds at Udall Park.
- May 13, 1 p.m.**—Jesus plays the bassoon with the Sonora Winds at Catalina Magnet High School.
- May 16, 1 p.m.**—Jesus plays the bassoon with the Sonora Winds at the Green Valley Activity and Arts Center.



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