



March 1, 2026

From the Pastor....

Dear Church Family,

Is it really March already? It seems like this year is flying past us!

As we settle into the heart of Lent, I've been reflecting on the beauty of a simpler pace. Many of you move through the world with a steady, quiet grace that I truly admire. It's a powerful reminder that our faith isn't a race to be won, but a life to be lived—one intentional step at a time.

I'll be the first to admit: I have a tendency to do more than I should, and then some. If you've seen me blur past you with a lukewarm coffee and a notepad, rushing from one meeting to the next, you know I'm still practicing the art of slowing down!

Spring is often associated with "spring cleaning," but while scrubbing floors might feel like a chore, Lent offers us a season of "spiritual cleaning." It invites us to look at the things we carry—old worries, lingering resentments, frantic busywork, or the general "clutter" of our schedules—and ask if they are helping us grow closer to God.

I encourage you to allow these weeks ahead to be a time to declutter your spiritual "junk drawer." Throw out the bitterness, anger, or resentment that has taken up residence there. Fill that new space with love, peace, forgiveness, and righteousness, and let God fill in the gaps.



Romans 12:2 tells us: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

While the world tells us to "spring ahead," the season of Lent invites us to slow down and renew our minds. Consider that Jesus did not journey over the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem on a fast-paced horse; He rode a slow-moving donkey. Jesus doesn't "spring ahead." He walks (not runs), He listens (not ignores), and even rests, inviting us to do the same.

I am especially excited for us to walk together toward Palm Sunday on March 29th. There is such a unique joy in that morning—the waving branches and the sound of our voices joined in song. It's a beautiful reminder that no matter how fast or slow we move, we are all journeying toward the same hope.

Whether you spend these weeks of Lent in quiet reflection or enjoy the first signs of spring from your porch, I hope you feel God's peace in the "calm hope" of this season.

Blessings,
Pastor Kathy



3/18 Marilyn & Tom Hillard

3/18 Mary Langerak-Williams & Rick Williams

3/20 Annalisa & Jesus Jacquez

3/26 Esther & Bill Boals



Mary Langerak-Williams 3/6

Anne Keene 3/8

Carol Portillo 3/9

Rebecca Prettyman 3/10

Sheila Martin 3/13

Dee Ellis 3/15

Rick Williams 3/15

Esther Boals 3/22

Char Bowring 3/26

Dearwyn Knittel 3/31

PROBLEMS HEARING???

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

March Scripture Readers

March 1: Sylvia Luna
 March 8: Sheldon Wiger
 March 15: Phil Hollis
 March 22: Alfonso Valenzuela
 March 29: Jeannie Hollis

Need a Notary Public?

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





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.**

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

This is a recurring meeting at:

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pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2ujd
pB4HTaEhZm.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89894298024?pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2ujdpB4HTaEhZm.1)**

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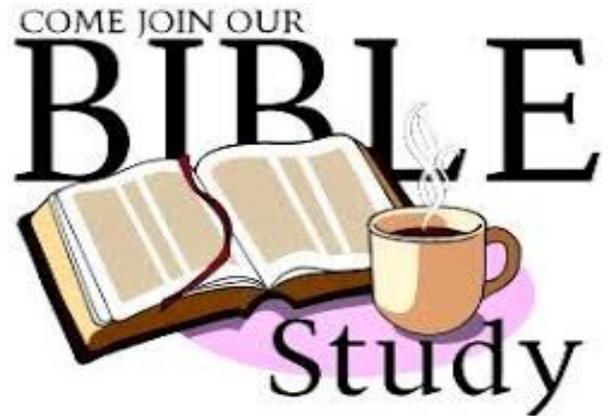


Sunday Fellowship

Here's the schedule:

- 03/01: After Service, Ranch House
- 03/08: Guillermo's Double L
- 03/15: After Service, Ranch House
- 03/22: Invitation Sunday
- 03/29: After Service, Ranch House

We invite everyone who participates on Sunday Fellowship coffee hour to please **contact Carol Portillo at (480) 686-5531 to volunteer to set up, clean up and/or bring in snacks.** Instructions for set up and clean up are posted in the Ranch House and at the back of the sanctuary. A white board is in the Ranch House to sign up as well as a clipboard in the back of the Sanctuary.



Handcraft Group

Every Monday, 10 am-noon
Conference Room

Choir Rehearsal

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

Congregational Life Committee

Sunday, March 1, 2026
11:00 a.m., Ranch House

Session

Tuesday, March 10, 2026,
1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Outreach/Mission Committee

Sunday, March 15 2026
10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Deacons

To Be Determined

Finance Committee

To Be Determined

Worship Committee

March 19, 2026
9:30 a.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Committee

To Be Determined

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

*For the month of March,
Bible Study will be self-led.
We will dive deeper into the
Scriptures from the
Sunday before.*

More information will
be available soon.

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.

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 **April** Newsletter is:

March 20, 2026

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!



A big thank you to all the cleaning volunteers. Your efforts have made a big difference! Let the church office know if you would be interested in helping out once or twice a month.



The printed **Church Directory** is now available. 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.

Also let us know if there are any changes/corrections that should be made to the directory.

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 \$43.90**. 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**

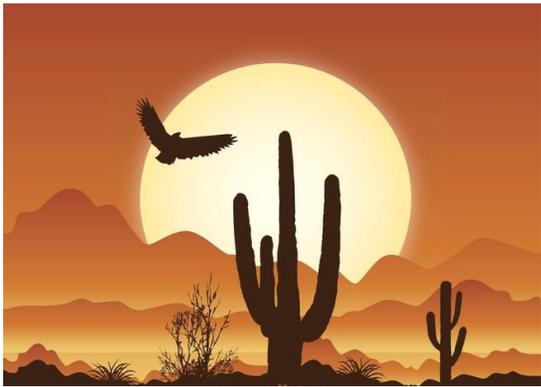
Our Capital Campaign Continues!

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.

Big Thanks

Congregational Life will be having their monthly meetings in the classroom in the Ranch House. This room needed to be cleaned and a table and chairs moved in it. **THANK YOU** to **Ginger Manly** and **Lynne Wiger** who helped me with this process. Dee Ellis



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:



Way of Warmth

Mary Marsch and her trusty assistant (**Rich**), delivered 106 items including coats, sweaters, gloves, caps, underwear, socks, blankets and quilts to several organizations last month. Be sure to thank them for their efforts and mileage.

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.

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.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION

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

This means we can purchase twenty-one \$25 gift certificates for the McKinney-Vento Program.



McKinney-Vento Program



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.

Food Assistance Needs

As we age we sometimes we lose the ability or urge to cook for ourselves. Good nutrition is important for healthy bodies (even though they ache!). Consider Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona for nutritious meal delivery. You can

contact them by phone (520-622-1600), by mail (3355 S. Sixth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713) or go online at mobilemealsoaz.org. Their office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Also, if you would like to volunteer to deliver meals, you can contact them at the above information.



Local Donations



Recently 22 boxes of food were picked up for Sells. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity. Let's all thank **Ali Clay** and **Ginger Bergquist** for organizing our food closet and food donations!



Food Bank Needs

The need for food in our community is great. Our church has been very generous. However, with the migration of the snowbirds, our food supply is low.

Once a month a batch of donated food is given to Sells Presbyterian Church. Ten boxes were delivered in December.

The demand from food insecurity families has increased. Your generosity is much appreciated by the recipients. When you go food shopping, pick up a can or two extra for the Food Bank. Thank you for helping the Sells Presbyterian Church and community.

We keep a cabinet of food in the Ranch House that is available to our church members and anyone in the community who needs food.

Be sure to check expiration dates!

LOCAL FOOD BANKS

For those in need of regular food assistance, there are other food banks in our area in which there is an additional source of obtaining food:

Tucson Mountain Baptist Church

Food Pantry Mission
5757 West Ajo Highway
(529) 883-1234
Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Community Food Bank

3003 S. Country Club Road
(520) 622-0525
Tues & Wed: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
4th Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AV Booth



Be sure to thank Greg and Chris for their dedication every Sunday to ensure our service, microphones and Zoom attendees can worship. They also have personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired.



*Good Samaritan Day
March 13*

Ladies, you are invited to Café Latte



A morning of **Christian fellowship** while **enjoying refreshments** and a **cup** of latte, coffee or tea.

When: Saturday , March 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Estates Community Chapel
MPH building, 5900 W Western Way Circle

Guest Speaker: Gaye Lindsfor

Bio: Gaye is from the St. Paul, Minnesota area. Her message is a unique blend of faith, lessons, humor, and stories, Let laughter abound and may you leave Café Latte ready to thrive in your spiritual walk with God.

Register today by texting:

Sherry Janzen: (507) 381-4255, or

Sharon Nascene: (651) 269-3103

Please sign up and bring a friend!

The event is **free** to all registered guests.

Outreach/Mission Committee

This committee is under the leadership of Joe Riegert. He is always interested in having more volunteers for this very active committee. This committee meets the third Sunday after church service.

We are a Matthew 25 church (Matthew 25:31-46). This committee's policy and procedure document indicates "what we do matters to God and how we treat others matters."

Outreach Projects:

- **Food Pantry/Food Bank.** Our generous congregation donates food that is shared with people that need this service. This includes a monthly donation of food boxes to Sells (Papago Presbyterian Church).
- **Adult-Plus Products** to the Arizona Diaper Bank. We accept adult diapers and women's feminine hygiene products. For those who prefer to donate cash, for every \$1 donated the Diaper Bank can turn this into \$3 worth of product.
- **Way of Warmth.** Blankets and throws are collected from the Linus Project and other generous individuals and are distributed to organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, Papago Presbyterian Church and dialysis units.
- **Serena Project/First Responders.** Soft small toys are collected and distributed to various first responders to give to children involved in adverse domestic situations.
- **Three Points Relief** for the Disadvantaged. Donated gently used clothing in good repair is donated to Papago Presbyterian Church
- **McKinney Vento** program in the Three Points School System helps children who are homeless have what

they need to remain in school. \$25 gift certificates to Walmart are welcome.

- **Thanksgiving Food Boxes.** Each November ten boxes of food for a complete Thanksgiving meal, including Turkeys, are presented to Vesey Elementary School.
- **Christmas Toys** for the Three Points Fire Department's Santa Shop are collected.
- **Back to School supplies** for the Three Points Schools are collected and distributed.

Mission Projects:

- **Trunk or Treat.** Each October volunteers meet in the church parking lot to dress up their trunks and pass out candy on the Saturday before Halloween.
- **Concert.** Astrid and Jesus favor us with a professional concert in the spring. Plan on attending in May. We give them an honorarium from the amount of funds that are donated at the concert.
- **Recital.** Astrid brings her students to our church in the spring. This is an afternoon of enjoyment. Plan on April 25 this year.

Community Hunger Resources

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25: 35

- ◆ How to find local food banks: Go online to **feedingamerica.org**. Learn more about their hunger relief programs.
- ◆ Get a **FoodFinder** app for your phone to find local food pantries.
- ◆ **www.findhelp.org** can help you find food programs and other community resources.
- ◆ Call or text 211 where you can get help finding food assistance and other support services in our area.
- ◆ 1-866-348-6479 to locate nearby meal sites, food banks, and social service programs.
- ◆ If you have problems with transportation, DoorDash will deliver one million meals for free through their “Project DASH” network.

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.

Tzedakah Box



Tzedakah (Tzeh-dah-KAH) is the Hebrew word that means *charity*. Some households will designate a container in which to place money. When the box is full, they give the container of money to a favorite charity or family in need.

Several years ago, our Mission Committee purchased a Tzedakah Box so that members and guests of our congregation can place money (coins or folded type) in it. The monies collected go toward supporting upcoming community events.

Since Covid 19 many people do not carry much cash with them. If you would like to support the Tzedakah box idea but do not have any cash burning a hole in your pocket, you can designate your monetary support by writing Tzedakah box on your check .

Volunteer Opportunities

Holy Way offers many opportunities to volunteer, especially to serve on committees

Building and Grounds

Dennis Toresdahl heads up this committee. Much help is needed to keep the church and grounds neat, clean and repaired. The cleaning of this facility is under Building and Grounds. He can use anyone with handyman skills, cleaning, or just to pick up debris from the grounds. Dennis can be reached through the office (520-965-2249).

Congregational Life

This committee hosts fellowship opportunities, such as second Sunday lunch, prayer shawl ministry, and potlucks. If you would like to join and help us find more opportunities for fellowship, call Dee Ellis at 520-270-8367 or email at dmtrellis@comcast.net.

Finance Committee

Jesus Jacquez has bravely agreed to head up this committee. We have a great need for volunteers to help with this committee headed by Carol Portillo. The church's financial health is important. Even if you don't have a head for numbers, you can still contribute to the action of this committee. You can contact Jesus through the office or call (520) 582-5489. His email is jesusjacquezmusic@gmail.com.

Outreach/Mission

This is a busy committee. Some of our activities are sponsoring the food bank, Serena Project, Christmas Toys, Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, McKinney-Vento Program, Back to School Supplies for Three Points, Trunk or Treat, Concert, Way of Warmth. If you are interested in joining or just helping with any individual project, call Joe Riegert at (520) 861-5390 or email at jgr_jkr@msn.com.

Worship Committee

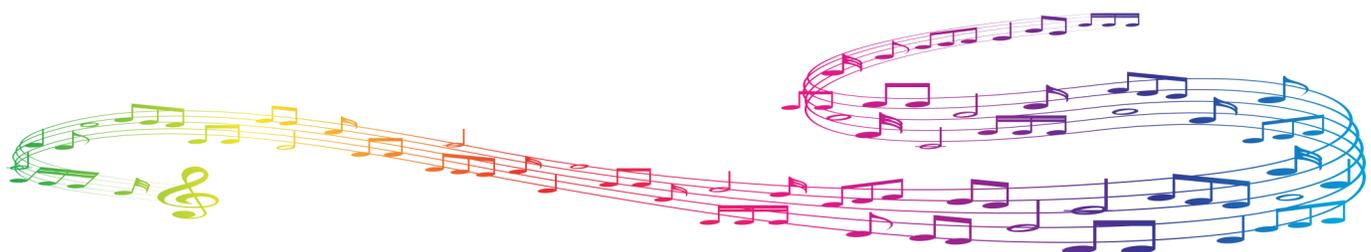
Phil Hollis heads up this committee. Anything related to worship goes under this heading—music, ushers, communion servers, etc. You can call Phil at (520) 461-6538 or email at pdhollis@gmail.com.

Romans 8:28—And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.



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

- March 4, 7 p.m.**—Jesus plays the bassoon with the Sonora Winds at Catalina Magnet High School.
- March 7, 7 p.m.**—Jesus conducts The Old Pueblo Brass Band at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- March 8, 2 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the SaddleBrooke Winds and Strings at Vista De La Montana United Methodist Church.
- March 15, 3 p.m.**—Jesus plays the clarinet with the Arizona Symphonic Winds at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.
- March 17, 7 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the Old Pueblo Brass Band at Rincon East RV.
- April 18, 6 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the SaddleBrooke Winds and Strings at the Desert View Performing Arts Center.
- April 25, 3 p.m.**—Jesus and Astrid will perform at The Holy Way Presbyterian Church.
- April 26, 7 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the Old Pueblo Brass Band at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.
- May 2, 7 p.m.**—Jesus conducts the Old Pueblo Brass Band at the Laszlo Veres Amphitheatre.
- 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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