



From the Pastor...

September 1, 2023

Dear Friends and Family of The Holy Way,

We celebrated a few birthdays this month, on August 4th Evelyn Spediacci turned 90 years old. So, in true Holy Way family style, we celebrated with cake and candles in the Ranch House. (See pictures).

Additionally, on Tuesday August 15th we had Game night and pizza in the Ranch House where we shared in a wonderful time of light hearted fun and fellowship. Don't miss out on these events, they are a great way to get to know one another!

While we have much to celebrate, we have concerns too... two more of our members went home to be with the Lord.

Rich Swibold, husband to Linda, passed peacefully in hospice residence on August 2nd. **The Memorial Service** will be held at The Holy Way **sometime in the fall**. (The Obituary is included).

TR Ellis, husband to Dee, passed peacefully while in hospice care at home on August 28th. There will be no service.

We will miss both of our friends in Christ, and we ask that you keep their wives and families in your prayers.

Finally, please read this Newsletter carefully as it contains two letters from Session. The job of Session (the Elders of The Holy Way) is to be the Administrators of the church and oversee how the church functions and how it lives out its mission and vision. Since I began this call 2 and 1/2 years ago, I along with Session began talking openly about finances with the Holy Way members, including providing financials each year showing the annual deficit.



Unfortunately the church has been *in the red* (spending more than it brings in) for many, many years! The Second component, we have not been able to obtain anyone who wants to lead or be part of children's ministries. Additionally, through my research, it was difficult to secure volunteers before I came for the 4 families who brought their children.

With that said, Session has made two major decisions about a *Pivot* of the vision for the Holy Way. Marquita McCrone has attached a letter regarding the Pivot of this vision that I encourage you to read

The next letter is from Jeannie Hollis from Session. Jeannie spoke about giving during church a couple weeks ago. Right now, the church is "*Robbing Peter to Pay Paul*," In other words, the church is taking money from savings to make up for the shortage in the checking account... However, the money has almost run out in the savings account. The result...The church is almost out of money.

Stephen and I will be increasing our monthly tithe/giving to help with this crisis. We've decided that we will no longer hold the monthly brunch at our home and instead add that money to our tithe/giving amount.

Please pray for the Holy Way, and prayerfully contribute what you are able. This place is a family and home to many, yet as a church body, it needs to learn how to live within its means and limitations as the body of Christ.

Just a reminder, Monday, September 4th is Labor Day, so the office will be closed. Our regular office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm.
(520) 965-2249

Peace and Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Tina



Cuyler Diggs 9-1
 Mary Marsch 9-2
 Marcel Eisma 9-5
 Phil Hollis 9-10
 Nevaeh Mattias (17yrs) 9-18
 Dale Wright 9-20
 Alyssa Americano (16yrs) 9-26

Janie & Terry Saxton 9-8
 Ginger & Marvin Manly 9-13
 Marianne & Brian Hamilton 9-25



Happy 90th
 Birthday!



90th Birthday celebration for Evelyn Spediacci!



Worship Service is Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

And you can also access the Order of Worship: www.HolyWayTucson.org
Worship tab -Order of Worship tab **Or zoom the service**

Please note the NEW zoom login information:

Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

This is a recurring meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82212701850?pwd=bHpaOUxOU3hNWkdIT0krQWtxUkNvZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 5214 4917 Passcode: 448133

"Sermon Debrief Bible Study in person on Campus"

Tuesday 10:00 am!-----Come and meet live in the Ranch House.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join us after Worship on Sunday for some great fellowship time!

Here's the Schedule for September:

- 1st Sunday, September 3rd: *Hustle Bustle Cafe*
- 2nd Sunday, September 10th: Ranch House Refreshments
- 3rd Sunday, September 17th: Fellowship on your own
- 4th Sunday, September 24th: Ranch House Refreshments

dates to Remember

Outreach Committee

will meet Sunday, September 3, after worship at Hustle Bustle

Worship & Music Committee

will meet Tuesday, September 5, at 1:00pm at Pastor's House

Deacons will meet Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 3:00pm, Conference Room

Congregational Life Committee

will meet Monday, September 11, at 2:30pm, Conference Room

Session will meet Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 2:00pm, Conference Room

Worship Service Committee

will meet Thursday, September 21, at 2:00pm, Ranch House

Mission Committee

will meet Wednesday, September 27, at 3:30pm, Conference Room

Knitting/Hand Crafts

group is on hiatus for the Summer

Worship Music



Committee Meeting



**Game night on
Tuesday, August 15th
was a blast!**



Food Pantry

In **August**, The Holy Way generously donated **3 bags & 9 boxes** of food for the Food Pantry. Thank you! Your donations are helping others! Any non-perishable items are accepted. Please check those expiration dates-we cannot accept expired food. Thank you so much Holy Way!



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

Go to:

www.holywaytucson.org

Click on the "Worship" tab
Then click on "Sermons" from
the drop down menu



Richard Arlen Swibold



December 27, 1935-August 2, 2023

Richard Arlen Swibold, a small-town Kansas boy who grew to become a husband, father and soldier, died peacefully early Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Tucson, Arizona, with his wife, Linda, and his children in attendance. He was 87.

Born the middle child of Gladys and Archie Swibold in Burlington, Kansas, on Dec. 27, 1935, he was raised in Gridley, where he excelled in sports and graduated from Gridley High in 1953. He worked briefly as a mechanic in LeRoy, Kansas, where he met and married Jean Colton shortly before joining the U.S. Air Force. Traveling across the nation and the Pacific, the couple raised two girls and a boy. Richard served two tours in Thailand during the Vietnam War. They retired to Tucson in the mid-1970s, where Richard worked for the V.A. Richard's hobby was owning horses.

A hobby he shared with his two daughters.

Richard married Linda Dinsmore, a V.A. nurse. Retiring a second time, the couple traveled the nation by RV and lived briefly in Neosho Rapids and Gridley, Kansas, before returning to Tucson.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; sister Cathy Winnerling of Derby, Kansas; daughter Donna Swibold and her husband Paiman Owtad of Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter Denise Swibold and husband Tony Ruiz of Burbank, California; son Dennis Swibold and wife Julie of Missoula, Montana, and their son, Colton of Bozeman, Montana; and two stepchildren; Laura Dinsmore of Tucson, and Mark Dinsmore and wife Chris and their son Adam of Prescott, Arizona.





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August 30, 2023

Dear Holy Way Members and Family,

Your Session has been hard at work discussing the needs of The Holy Way, including the finances, children, areas where people enjoy serving, don't enjoy serving and what the immediate future looks like in our church. As your Clerk of Session, I would like to inform you of the two motions that were put forth from Session on August 8th.

Motion #1: The Holy Way will "Pivot" its vision, and will no longer focus attention on bringing in children through outreach efforts of Sunday school. At this time the church is not equipped to offer Sunday school, youth programs or help with outside children's programs. (This was passed and carried unanimously). Children are lovingly welcomed to join us in worship service, or they may enjoy the creative arts table also set up in the Sanctuary.

Motion #2: The Holy Way will focus on older members and look to engage older members for our congregation in the hopes of growing membership with mature attenders. (This was passed and carried unanimously) If you have any questions regarding this new vision to Pivot the church vision, please see myself or talk to one of our Elders.

Peace to you,
Marquita McCrone
Clerk Of Session



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Dear Friends,

I'm sure some of you remember my standing up here several months ago and telling you we were not paying our bills. I told you that savings has a way of diminishing until they are gone and that we will run out of money if we don't do something.

Dear friends, that day has come. In July our expenses were \$18,048.62, and our total contributions were \$7,907.46 for a deficit of \$10,141.16. We have been incurring this kind of shortfall for months. We have taken several cost cutting measures that you may not be aware of. Our trash service has been modified. The gas leak in the ranch house has been eliminated. The janitorial and landscaping services have been canceled. Guess who is cleaning the bathrooms and vacuuming the floor? I personally find it shameful that our pastor is cleaning the toilets.

At this point in time, if we don't change something, we have enough funds to operate for two more months. I don't want to lose my church family. The Holy Way is the most welcoming, caring and loving church that I have been a member of. So, let's get to work!

We currently have 54 households giving. A household consists of a single person, a couple, or a family that contributes to the church. Those who choose to give cash are not included here because our bookkeeping system has no way of tracking them. Please ask yourself, what can you do to dig a little deeper.? If every household is able to increase their giving by \$100 per month (That's \$1200 per year) we would be able to cover our budget which at this point is \$190,000 annually. It is obvious that not every household can do this, but some can.

The session is not asking that you forgo paying your own personal expenses, but we might be asking you to forgo a weekly Starbucks or meal out. If you have to take a minimum distribution on an IRA, you might be able to direct some or all of those funds to the Holy Way. If each of you prayerfully considers how you dig a little deeper, I am confident that we can solve this problem together. -Jeannie Hollis

**And all God's people said
Amen**



FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT



In **July**, our Contributions totaled: **\$7,907.46**

Our Expenses totaled: **\$18,048.62**

A negative balance of **-\$10,141.16** was taken from the church Savings Fund.

Our account balances as of July 31st are:

Checking: \$29,178.80

Savings: \$13,713.65

We now have online giving available! Follow the instructions on the following page 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.

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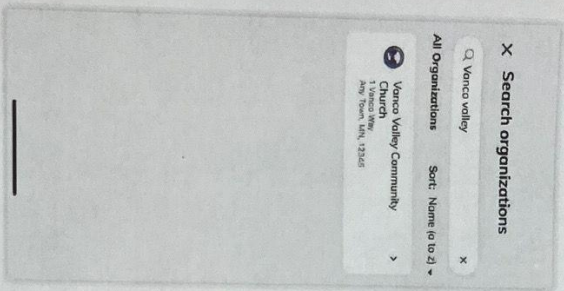
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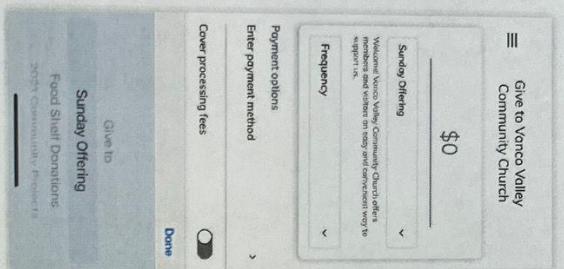
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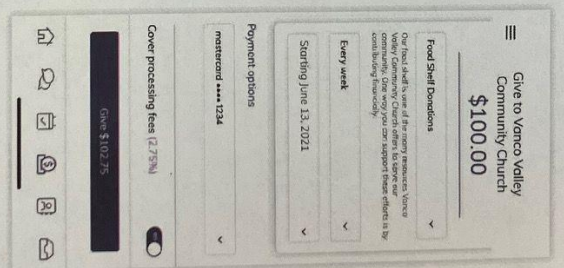
2. Select Your Fund and Amount

Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method.



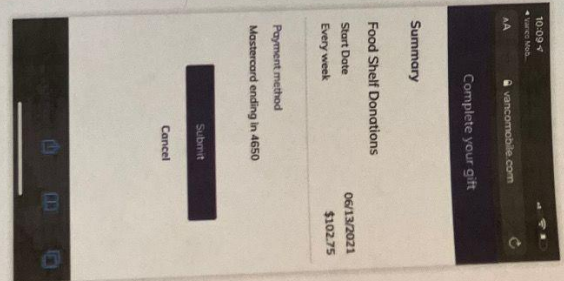
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Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations.



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5. Complete Your Donation

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**SESSION at THE HOLY WAY
Presbyterian Church**

G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

As there were in Old Testament times, elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament (Pastor), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office.

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**BOARD OF DEACONS at
THE HOLY WAY
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G-2.0201 Deacon Defined

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the those in need, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

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PRAYER CHAIN

James 5:15-16 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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