

From the Pastor.....

February 1, 2026

In February, the world focuses on the Super Bowl, (or for some, more the ads) and Valentine's Day- a day where we show our love with commercialized (and expensive) flowers (that die) and chocolate candy that no one needs to eat.

What is love? Not this worldly vision of being swept off your feet into bliss. But true love. I see love here all the time. People holding hands, those that call each other just to see if they are OK, people assisting each other, bringing meals, finding needs and stepping in to help. I see love in the generosity of our mission projects. I see patience. I see kindness.

What is love? No, what is **God's love?** God's love is steadfast and unearned. It is unconditional. *"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8. It is faithful, yet undeserving.

As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:38 *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* God's love is intimate and personal-*"But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."* (Isaiah 43:1).

It seeks the good in us while giving us mercy when we fail. Although we fall short of Glory of the Lord, He loves us anyway. How amazing is that? God's love never fails. Love is not a feeling. Love is action. Love is here because God is here. And he loves us. That's worth celebrating!

Blessings, *Pastor Kathy*

Meet Our New Office Manager



Dee
Karuhe

Meet Our New Sunday School Teacher



Karen Jacquez

Dee is the new Office Manager at Holy Way, bringing a diverse background and a strong record of leadership to the role. Throughout her career, she has worn many hats, including serving as a Compliance Officer with Ascensus for two years, where she supported the administration of retirement accounts for financial organizations. From 2013 to 2023, she owned and operated a commercial cleaning franchise for a decade, gaining extensive experience in business management and client relations.

Dee holds the equivalent of an Associate of Applied Education, which she applied during her seven years with TUSD as an Exceptional Education Teacher's Assistant. She also has three and a half years of coursework completed toward a degree in International Business from Phoenix College and plans to finish her bachelor's degree.

After working towards a BAE in Early Childhood Education, Karen shifted her focus and instead got a BA in Law with a Minor in Psychology. She then attended the James E. Roger's College of Law and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree. She worked in Juvenile law for a year before graduating, representing children ages 0-18 and advocating for them in Department of Child Safety disputes with their parents and navigating complex family dynamics. She passed the bar exam and has been a licensed attorney since October 2025, continuing to work in dependency cases since then. In her free time, she volunteers at her daughter's school and enjoys helping chaperone kids during field trips.



*No February Anniversaries
on file*

Is your Birthday or
Anniversary missing from
the Newsletter? If so,
be sure to let the church
office know or email
Kathy@holyywaytucson.org
so we can celebrate **YOU!!**



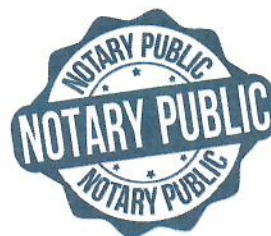
<i>Ali Clay</i>	<i>02/09</i>
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<i>Alice Davis</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Jane Schurr</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Tom Lugo</i>	<i>02/26</i>

Hearing Issues???

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

Need a Notary Public?

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





**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/
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pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2uj
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Meeting ID: 898 9429 8024

Passcode: 189007



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anytime! Check out
the latest Sermon or even
past Sermons.

1. Go to: www.holywaytucson.org
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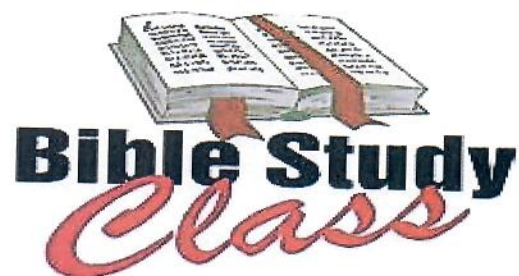
Coffee Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship

Here's the schedule:

- 02/01: After Service, Ranch House
- 02/08: Guillermo's Double L
- 02/15: After Service, Ranch House
- 02/22: On your own

We invite everyone who participates
on Sunday Fellowship coffee hour to
please contact Carol Portillo to volun-
teer to set up, clean up and/or bring in
goodies. Instructions for set up and
clean up are posted in the Ranch
House and at the back of the sanctu-
ary. There will be a white board in the
Ranch House to sign up as well as a
clipboard in the back of the Sanctu-
ary.



Come meet in the
Conference Room

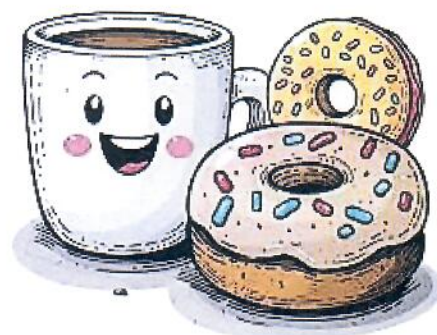
Tuesday Mornings
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Why is Jesus always going
through the *wilderness*?

Find out this and more and we
dig deeper into the Bible .

Bible Study, led by Monica, is
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the
Conference Room.

Coffee provided and there's
usually goodies too!



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, February 1, 2026
10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Session

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

Outreach/Mission Committee

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

Deacons

To Be Determined
10:45 a.m. Ranch House

Finance Committee

To Be Determined
10:30 a.m. Conference Room

Worship Committee

February 18, 2026
9:30 a.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Committee

On hold

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.



The Holy Way 40th Anniversary

The History of **The Holy Way 40th Booklet** is now available in the narthex. Pick up one today! If you can donate a dollar to cover the costs, that would be helpful.



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.

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 Kathy or Dee Ellis. **The deadline for submission is always the 20th of each month.**

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

February 20, 2026



A big thank you to all the cleaning volunteers. Your efforts have made a big difference!

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 \$225.00. **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.

Your Generosity is Amazing!

The next PCUSA offering will be the **One Great Hour of Sharing** on March 22. This offering will focus on disaster relief, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration issues.



As of
January 30, 2026,
we have:
Pledged: \$38,170
and
**Received:
\$37,680.00**

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.





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.

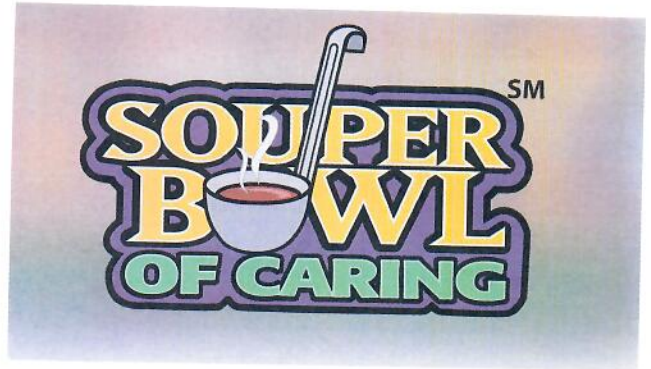
Or you can download the Vanco app from your Google or Apple store and enter the invitation code:

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Get started by scanning the QR code:



***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, etc.*



Gather all your extra change! On **Sunday, February 8** we will be collecting for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. This is a special offering collected in many churches to help and support a local program. We will be supporting the McKinney-Vento Program that helps families that may be struggling with homelessness or living in shelters. There will be Soup-Pots to collect your donations. You can also write "McKinney" in the Memo on your check. Thank you for your generosity in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**.

**Homeless
Education
Program**



McKinney-Vento Program

The Outreach/Mission Committee is also supporting another very important project in the Altar Valley School District. It is a program that supports the many homeless school children in that 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.

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.



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.

Congressional Life Committee

This committee's ultimate goal is to promote fellowship. Fellowship is a word we throw out there without really thinking what fellowship means. One model is cited in Acts 2:42 — our friend "Al" explains fellowship as a close-knit community that shares their lives, support each other and as holding possessions in common to meeting needs.

Here's what Congregational Life has set up or planned so far this year:

- **Potlucks** three to four times a year. The first one this year was January 31, 2026.
- **Games**—we can plan on adding game time to the potlucks as well as restarting the monthly lunch and games. The times will be set to accommodate people who do not drive after dark or are still working during the week. Plan on **February 28** in the Ranch House at noon.
- Continue **Book Barn** trips. Dates and times to be announced. Brunch is also planned during these trips.
- There is **coffee hour** after service on the first and third Sundays every month—and the fifth Sunday when it occurs.
- We go out to eat at a restaurant after service on the second Sunday. Currently **Guerillmo's LL** is the restaurant we go to.
- The fourth Sunday is currently

designated as an "**on your own**," in which we encourage people to look around and invite people to join us, especially the newer members.

- The **prayer shawl** ministry is included in our activities. Anyone who would like a shawl or lap robe (for mental or physical health issues) can let Dee Ellis know.
- There are small **prayer shawl squares** in the Narthex for anyone who would like to have a portable pocket shawl is encouraged to take one.
- First-time visitor welcome bags with friendship bread is offered to all who attend church for the first time.

If there is interest, we are considering restarting the Men's monthly breakfast group as well as a women's monthly lunch gathering.

We encourage anyone who wishes to attend any activities but has a need to get transportation, to ask for this service. You can let the office know, or anyone on the Congregational Life Committee—Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367 is currently the committee's moderator.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this committee is welcome to meet with us the first Sunday each month after service.

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 late April 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.

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