

November 1, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear Holy Way friends,

It is with great joy, that I announced last week that Kathy Americano will be your next pastor!

Kathy has been working diligently to complete all the course work she needs to be commissioned as a lay pastor. The Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry have approved her new role at Holy Way, "if the way be clear." That is Presbyterian speak to say that if Kathy completes her studies and passes a simple exam with Presbytery, she can be commissioned to serve Holy Way as the "designated pastor" for two years.

A "designated pastor" is a way to allow Kathy the time to grow into her role as your pastor. Both Kathy and the congregation agree to a two year period to grow together and support each other in this new role. If, at the end of the two years, Holy Way and Kathy decide to continue together, it can become more official.

I am so glad we can work together with Presbytery to make this happen. This allows a continuation of the work you have done over the past few years to move forward. This also means my time with you is growing shorter. I will miss all of you very much! Gary and I plan to move to Silver City, NM after I complete my work here. Gary is from New Mexico and deeply wishes to return. I love the state as well, having served an interim there.

I know that God is opening doors for Holy Way. It is an exciting time. You will welcome many new members in 2026, and the future is in God's grace filled hands. May you continue to grow in faith, secure in the love of Jesus.

In Christ, Pastor Elizabeth



For God so loved the world, that He gave....

We say this verse so often that we can overlook it. Because God loves, he gives. It is the nature of God to give to God's people in small multiple ways and in the overwhelming gift of God's son. I know how much you all love The Holy Way and find ways to show it. Gifts of time, of prayer, of support and of your wealth. You will be receiving a letter and a statement of your giving so far this year during the month of November. Please prayerfully consider how you can give in 2026, especially as you look forward to Kathy's ministry here.

Preaching this month

We have a lot of voices sharing their time in the pulpit this month.

We will lift up those who have gone to the Church Triumphant during our All-Saints Day celebration on November 2.

Dana Keene will share what it means for him to be a veteran as we honor all our veterans on November 9.

Jesus Jacquez is preaching on November 16.

On November 23, we will host the Pastor Nominating Committee and their candidate from Green Valley Presbyterian Church. We will be their "neutral pulpit." It is an opportunity for the Green Valley PNC to hear the preaching of their candidate and for us to be part of the larger church and host this celebration.

Advent begins the last Sunday in November! On November 30, we will begin our journey to Bethlehem. We will be dedicating our estimates of giving that Sunday as we look forward to God's greatest gift in the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We are asking for folks to stay after church that day and help us decorate.

New Members/Baptisms

There will be a joyful celebration on January 11 – this Sunday we lift up the Baptism of our Lord. We will welcome 10 new members, baptize two adults and ordain and install elders and deacons. A true celebration of the faithfulness of the Holy Way.

Session Notes

Session has been held every two weeks this fall to make sure that Kathy Americano will be fully supported in her new role. We have worked on the mission study that Presbytery requires. This includes your answers to "What Makes Holy Way be Holy Way?"

Session met with Brad Munroe last Tuesday to get his input on the transition. We have also been dealing with some of the financial difficulties of this fall and planning stewardship minutes to keep everyone appraised of where we are in terms of giving.

At the congregational meeting you approved Joe Reigert and Dennis Toresdahl and Phil Hollis as elders. You approved Annalise Jacquez, Jan Martin, Soren Perry as Deacons. We still need an additional two elders and two deacons to serve one- and two-year terms. The congregation approved the revised by-laws and the loan for the heating/air conditioning units.



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.





Kathy & Raul Americano 11/12 Wendy & Willie Mattias 11/30 Joan & Alfonso Valenzuela 11/30 Ben Barnett 11/1
Dennis Toresdahl 11/16
Wayne McKee 11/18
Marcus Mattias 11/20
Barbara Duquette-Weathers
11/26

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Raul Americano, Sr 11/27

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



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Church Officer Nominating Committee.

Carol Portillo is the elder in charge of the nominating committee this year. If you feel called to be an elder or deacon, please speak to Carol.

Need a Notary Public?

See Carol Portillo. The fee is sliding scale. All proceeds go to The Holy Way.

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

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

November 20, 2025



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.



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? pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2uj dpB4HTaEhZm.1

Meeting ID: 898 9429 8024

Passcode: 189007



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"



Sunday Fellowship

Here's the schedule:

11/02: After Service, Ranch House11/09: Little Mexico Steak House11/16: After Service, Ranch House

11/23: On your own

11/30: After Service, Ranch House

In order to continue this event, we need volunteers to help set up, clean up, make coffee and bring goodies. A sign up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary. Instructions are posted in the Ranch House.



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, November 2, 2025 10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Session

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Outreach/Mission Committee

Sunday, November 16, 2025 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 & Music Committee

December
1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Committee

On hold for November



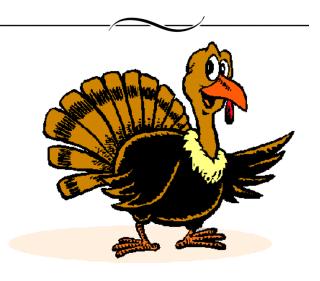
Come meet in the Conference Room & On Zoom

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



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Pledges and Donations

The Holy Way is currently operating at a loss. Please check to make sure your pledges or donations are up to date.

Annual Statements

Your annual statements will be going out this month.



As of
October 31, 2025,
we have:
Pledged: \$38,170
and
Received:
\$32,410.00

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.





Want to outlive a Saguaro???

Please include us in your Legacy giving.



Interested in finding out more about membership at The Holy Way? Please join Pastor Elizabeth after church on November 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to explore joining our family. Anyone interested in learning more about the church, even if you have attended a New Member class in the past, is also welcome. Please talk to Pastor Elizabeth for more details.

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.



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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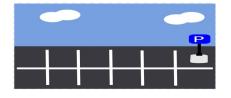
Get started by scanning the QR code:





Our Birthday Fund Returns To Its Roots.

The birthday fund was originally used to help pay off the mortgage of the church and to assist in general repairs. It has been used for many things since that time, but Session has decided that it will be earmarked to assist in replacing the parking lot surface. In addition to the gifts marking each person's birthday or anniversary, please consider giving an additional \$40 gift in honor of The Holy Way's 40th anniversary!

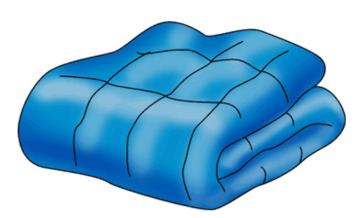




Kingdom Seekers

We are happy to announce that we have new Sunday School teachers: **Alyssa Americano** & **Chris Toresdahl** will be teaching on the first Sunday of the month; **Karen Jacquez** will be our new teacher the other Sundays.





Outreach/Mission Committee supports a blanket project headed by Mary Marsch. Mary collects donated blankets and distributes these to McDonald House, Fresnius Kidney Care, Papago United Presbyterian Church, and Casa De Los Ninos. She is able to get materials from Project Linus.

There is a need for blankets all year round. People receiving dialysis (Fresnius Kidney Care) are always cold, so they really appreciate having the warmth of blankets.

NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Project Linus has recommendations of blanket sizes. They accept quilts, knit/crocheted blankets and fleece blankets. The good news is you do not need to know how to knit, crochet or sew to make blankets. On the Project Linus website there is a You Tube demonstration how to make new no sew fleece blankets.

If anyone (men and women!) is interested in making the no-sew fleece blankets, you can come to Hand Craft group on Monday mornings or make them at home. We may be able to obtain the fleece through Project Linus.



WELCOME FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Some of you may remember our giving of friendship bread in first-time visitor bags. The bags also contained a current newsletter, a trifold about our church, prayer shawl squares and a Holy Way pen.

Great news! Congregational Life is reinstituting the bags with friendship bread. Jackie Riegert has generously agreed to make small banana bread loaves to be given with the bags. Ginger Manley has also generously agreed to sew the bags. Be sure to help us identify first time visitors so we can given them a bag as well as get their names and contact information.

Exodus: 34:10—All of you who are skilled in crafts should come forward and make everything that the Lord has commanded...



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.

Please see page 12 for full information of the McKinney-Vento Act.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Once again the Outreach/Mission Committee is supporting ten families at Vesey School with Thanksgiving food boxes. Each box will contain enough food for a complete Thanksgiving meal. Sheila and Soren Perry have generously volunteered purchas-

ing Turkeys for each family. There are two clipboards at the back of the sanctuary where you can sign up to bring in the food to fill the food boxes. Here's what we need: green beans, boxes of dressing, pumpkin puree, cans of cranberries, gravy mix, white cake mix, cream of mushroom soup, evaporated milk, dinner rolls, 5 lb bags of potatoes. If you would prefer to contribute money instead of food items, give this to either Kathy in the office or Dee Ellis. These will be due Sunday, November 16.

Christmas Angels

Come, join the Handcraft Group on Monday, November 17, 10:00 a.m., to make ribbon angels for the church's Christmas tree. There will be some supplies available, but you can also purchase the supplies on Amazon.

If you knit or crochet, you can make some angels for the tree.

If you plan to come, call Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367.

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THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

Federal Guidelines

Your preschool and school-aged child(ren) may qualify for certain rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act if your family lives in any of the following situations:

- * In a shelter
- In a motel/hotel
- In a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- In a campground due to the lack of an alternative accommodation

The AZ Department of Education (ADE) and Local Educational Agencies (LEAspublic schools & charters) have designated points of contact to provide assistance and school stability.



Your eligible child(ren) have the right to:

- Immediate school enrollment. A school must immediately enroll students even if they lack health, immunization or school records, proof of guardianship, or proof of residency.
- Enroll in: the school he/she attended when permanently housed (school of origin); the school in which he/she was last enrolled (school of origin); any school that non-homeless students living in the same attendance area in which the homeless child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.
- Remain enrolled in his/her selected school for as long as he/ she remains homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.
- Priority in certain preschool programs.
- Participate in a tutorial-instructional support program, schoolrelated activities, and/or receive other support services.
- Obtain information regarding how to get fee waivers, and low-cost or free medical referrals.
- Transportation services: A homeless student attending his/her school of origin has a right to transportation to go to and from the school of origin as long as (s)he is homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.

If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible:

 Contact the school of attendance for your child(ren), speak to the front office staff and request McKinney-Vento services as well as the district liaison contact information.

-OR-

2) Visit the ADE website to find your Point of Contact for your LEA:

http://www.azed.gov/homeless/liaisons/

Altar Valley School District #51 - Evelyn See, McKinney-Vento Liaison, (520) 822-9343

If you are having trouble contacting your district liaison and receiving services, please contact:

AZ State Coordinator - Homeless Education Program

Homeless@azed.gov - (602) 542-4963

Parking Lot Paving October 20, 2025











Health Benefits of Knitting and Crochet

Research shows that the benefits of repetitive motion is true for crocheting and knitting, Here's what I found on Knit and Note web site about this handcraft.

- —It stimulates **brain function** to improve memory, attention, and problem solving.
- —Reduces **stress and anxiety**, similar to yoga. There is a drop in the heart rate and the stress hormone cortisol. It helps to relax and zone out.
- —Improves your **mood** by encouraging mindfulness and a meditative state.
- —Helps to improve fine **motor skills** and hand **dexterity**—important for those of us with arthritis.
- —A study at the University of Gothenburg indicates it helps to manage stress by bringing in a sense of **calmness** and **purpose**.
- —By working with a pattern, it helps with problem solving skills by improved **focus** and attention to detail.
- —**Boosts mood** and sense of accomplishment. After completing a project there is a boost of the feel good chemical dopamine.
- —Fosters **social interaction** by in-person groups or by joining a digital community.
- —Boosts **cognitive** skills and **memory** by helping to keep the mind sharp and agile.





Hand Craft Group

The Hand Craft group meets in the conference room on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. It's a great time to get together and talk about our projects or problem solve a pattern—or just to sit and chat!.

Be sure to read the Health Benefits of repetitive crafts such as knitting and crochet on this page. In addition to these benefits, you can make small stuffed toys for the **Serena Project**, or homeless children and parents, or even make some special Christmas projects.

Last year, we made Christmas angels with ribbon and a glue gun. The entire conference room glowed with glitter! The angels adorned our Christmas tree.

Some of us make scarves and lap robes for the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**.

If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we will be happy to teach.

It doesn't have to be knitting or crochet. Any small project you can put in a bag and carry with you is welcome. We are always open to new crafts!

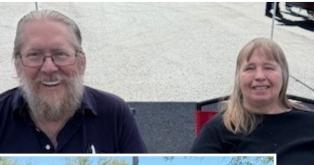
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And......we will always accept hand made shawls or lap robes to keep in our supply closet. At this time, we especially need lap robes. Men usually prefer a lap robe more than a shawl!

You can look up more information, patterns and prayers at shawlministry.com.

These shawls must be hand made with the creator of the mantel saying prayers for the recipient.

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

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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.

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.

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.

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