



October 1, 2025

From the Pastor

What a year! It's hard to believe that I started the first day of October last year. First, it has been an honor to walk with all of you this past year. You are a vital and healthy congregation. You weathered an unfortunate set of circumstances with Pastor Tina, but it has not kept you from moving forward in faith.

The Holy Way is blessed with great leadership and many talented members and friends. Your elders and deacons are strong, committed Christians. Together we have faced some obstacles this year, but are now in a good place to move forward. We met in February with Rev. Brad Munroe to do some visioning and many of the items on those lists have been accomplished.

We now have a budget and are doing some financial planning. Mission and Outreach is moving us forward in our commitment to be hearts and hands to the community. Congregational Life is planning additional opportunities for fellowship in the congregation. Our last potluck at Copper Crest brought out 30 people. The Deacons and Congregational Life work closely together to make sure all are taken care of.

Our Tuesday morning Bible study averages 10 people each week. It is a great conversation about the Biblical texts that I will be preaching on the following week. We did a study on grief during Lent that was very well received. There will be another special study during Advent.

Kathy Americano continues her studies to become a commissioned pastor. I was privileged to lead her class on church polity. It was a welcome refresher for me.

The re-opening of the Ranch House was so welcomed by all. We have used it for fellowship, for Bible Study and for worship this summer. It was good to worship back in the space where it all started.

Celebrating the The Holy Way's Fortieth anniversary was special. I enjoyed having Ray and Robin Thomas and other former members join us for the day. We just finished with the 40th anniversary history booklet.

The Holy Way will always have a special place in my heart because it is where Gary and I got married. Such a wonderful day. All of you made it so special for us. As we move forward, please know that I plan to be with you until new leadership is evident. We will be talking more about our mission study and how you feel God is calling The Holy Way into a new time of your history.

You are strong in faith, committed to Christian action and welcoming of all. That is a very good place to be





In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth

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 Holy Way Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 40 Years



*Pastor Elizabeth Lyman
Interim Pastor*



*Dr. Astrid Chan
Pianist* *Jesus Jacques
Director of Music* *Kathy Americana
Office Manager*

World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** ([Presbyterian Special Offerings - Peace & Global Witness \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org)) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

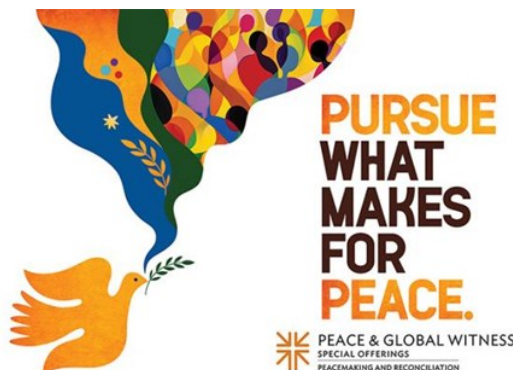
A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

He first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with the other. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936.

Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to the Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner: 25% is retained by congregations for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; 25% retained by mid-councils (12.5% presbytery/12.5% synod) for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; and 50% to the Mission Agency to provide assistance and resources for congregations to promote the peace of Christ. This year, our 25% will go to the McKinney-Vento organization for their work with unhoused children.





Alice & Norman Davis

10/26

Kathy Americano

10/5

Jeannie Hollis

10/6

Ruth Parsil

10/11

Janice Martin

10/13

Christine Morales

10/13

Greg Thurman

10/26

Alfonso Valenzuela

10/30

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!!**

Congregational Meeting



Congregational meeting to take place on October 26, immediately following worship. The Holy Way will be electing church officers, approving the updated by-laws, and reviewing the budget and finances. We will also have a discussion of upcoming plans for The Holy Way. This is an important meeting. We hope that as many members as possible can attend.



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.

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 **November** Newsletter is:

October 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.



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

We are restarting Fellowship time after service in September.

Here's the schedule:

- 10/05: After Service, Ranch House
- 10/12: Little Mexico Steak House
- 10/19: After Service, Ranch House
- 10/26: On your own

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



Come meet in the
**Conference Room &
On Zoom**

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



Trunk or Treat is October 25. We are looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and bring candy. We have games you can use to give gifts for game winners.

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.

Session

Tuesday, October 14, 2025,
1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Outreach/Mission Committee

Sunday, October 19, 2025
10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Deacons

Sunday, October 19 2025
10:45 a.m. Ranch House

Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 22 2025
10:30 a.m. Conference Room

Congregational Life Committee

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

Worship & Music Committee

Monday, November 3, 2025
1:00 p.m., Conference Room/Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Committee

To Be Determined

Presbytery Meeting

October 25, 2025
9 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

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
September 27,
2025,
we have:
Pledged: \$38,170
and
Received:
\$30,220.00*

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 October 5 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. Pizza will be provided. 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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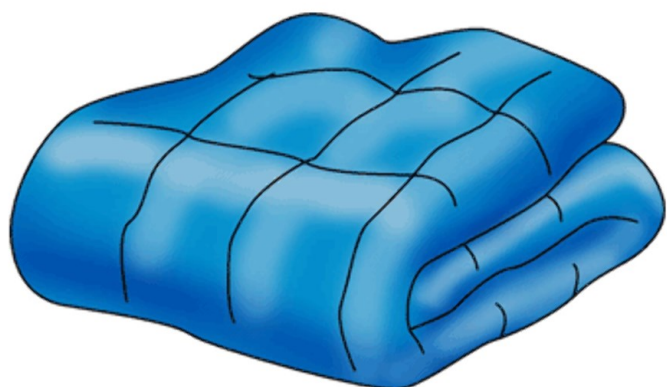
Get started by scanning the QR code:



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!





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 reinstating the bags with friendship bread. One of our members has generously agreed to make small banana bread loaves. However, we only have a few of the canvass bags left. We are looking for volunteers who can sew to make these bags. We will provide the supplies (canvass and ribbons) to make these. We need someone with sewing skills to put them together. Instructions will be provided. Let Kathy in the office know if you can help or call Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367. dmtrellis@comcast.net.

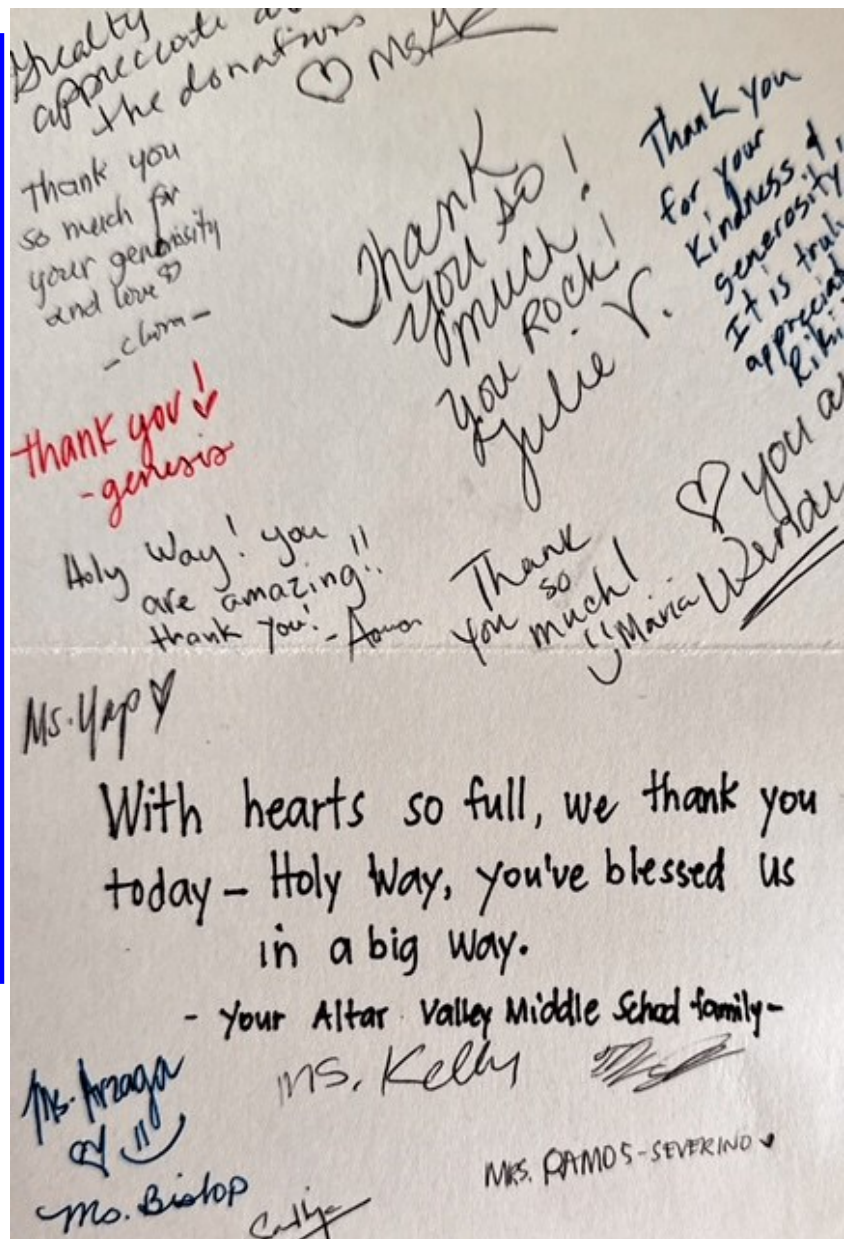
Exodus: 34:10—All of you who are skilled in crafts should come forward and make everything that the Lord has commanded...

Altar valley
 Back to School
 supply drive was
 a huge success!

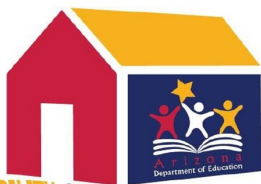


The Outreach/Mission Committee is also supporting another very Important project in the Altar Valley School District. It is a program that supports the many homeless school children in that school district. This is a federal program that ensures displaced children have clothing, transportation and educational opportunities that their school counterparts have available.

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



Homeless
 Education
 Program



SCHOOL STABILITY SAFETY



THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

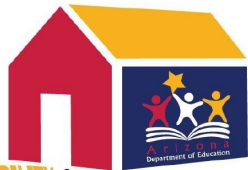
Federal Guidelines

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 (LEAs—public schools & charters) have designated points of contact to provide assistance and school stability.

Homeless Education Program



SCHOOL STABILITY SAFETY

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, school-related 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:

1) 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/liasons/>

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

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!

Dee Ellis
(520) 270-8367



Trunk *or* Treat



Saturday

October 25, 2025

1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

**THE HOLY WAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4040 SOUTH BILBRAY AVENUE
TUCSON, ARIZONA**



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 .

Please help Trunk or Treat

We need A frames for advertising, Canopies for shade, parking cones for safety.

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

More on Trunk or Treat

We need help to make this a huge success.

If you are providing a decorated trunk—be there no later than noon to get set up and avoid running over the little goblins!

If you are helping to set up, please be there no later than 11:30. We need help setting up canopies, parking directions, games, etc.

Sign up sheets for having a decorated trunk as well as for volunteers to help set up and clean up are in the back of the Sanctuary.

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