

BY THE WAY ...

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From the Pastor...

Greetings to our new family
at The Holy Way,

It is such a joy to be here in Tucson with all of you. Stephen and I have only been here a week and we already feel like this is home for us. I know it is truly because of the warm welcome we have received by all of you, and I thank you so much for extending your generosity and kindness towards both of us.

Stephen and I are both so excited to be here, and we hope you feel the same way. I know we are a church that serves our community with so many existing ministries, yet the truth is...we haven't been growing in a while. I want to help us move into the next season of our "church life" where we start to grow again. Where we become a church that has families with children, and children's ministries, youth groups, more Christian Education, and Adult Sunday School. A church that might be willing to give up some traditions in order to attract people of ALL ages. This won't happen overnight, but if we work together, and allow the Lord to lead us, it will happen, and we will grow into the congregation that God desires for us.

I also know many want to return to in-person services. I am meeting with our Holy Way Health Task Force regularly and they have developed protocols for us when we decide to re-open. Friends, we know the time is coming near, please be patient, and I we will keep you posted. We want everyone to be comfortable and safe.

Getting to know you. I would like to get to know each you, either in person, on the phone, or via zoom so that I might learn about your family and history and your history with The Holy Way. With that said, don't be surprised when you get a phone or e-mail from me. Also, I will be in the office Monday - Thursday and on Campus Sunday.

Finally, this Sunday, May 2nd, after my sermon at 10:45am, Stephen and I will be in the church parking lot if you want to drive by in your car and wave at us to say Hi! We have been fully vaccinated, and will be wearing masks, so if you want to park and come walk up to say hello that would be nice too! We just want to be able to see you on Sunday!

I am looking forward to an amazing journey will you all, and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us and The Holy Way.

Blessings and Peace to you my Sisters
and Brothers,

Much Love,

Pastor Tina



P.S. Since we just got married on 2/14/2021

Here we Are!

Thank you to all who contributed \$195.00 in April to the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona. The Holy Way Mission Committee donated \$500.00. A check for \$695.00 was taken to the Diaper Bank by Sherri Atleson.

Also, a thank you for your contributions of \$95.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing in April. If you would like to contribute in May, the check for the total contribution can be sent in June.

Blessings to you all-*Sharon Groves, Treasurer*

Welcome, Rev. Tina Salvaneschi!



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Is your name ever missing from the Birthday or Anniversary list? Send an email to: Kathy@holywaytucson.org or drop in a note with your information and we will make sure your special day makes the list!

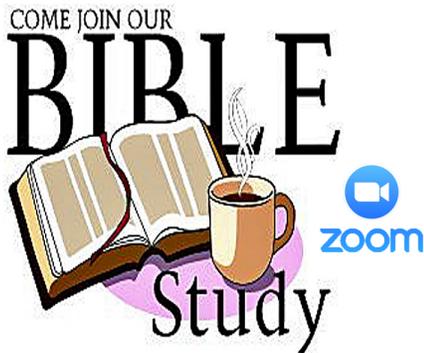


What's Happening at Holy Way....

COVID-19 UPDATE:

GATHERED WORSHIP IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED. DURING THIS TIME OF PHYSICAL SEPARATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THE SERMONS POSTED AND ENJOY OUR WORSHIP VIDEOS ON THE WEBSITE: WWW.HOLYWAYTUCSON.ORG

Under the worship tab, click on "online worship services"



Join us for Bible Study via Zoom or phone call **Wednesday Mornings from 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.!** Contact Pastor Tina at the church office: 520-883-9417 Sundays-Thursday for the Invite ID or phone number to call and let's get into the word of God!

Fellowship Hour Fridays is changing to THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS!!

Fellowship Fridays is now Thoughtful Thursdays starting May 6th!! Join us **every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom for Thoughtful Thursdays!!** This is a time when we can share prayer concerns, pray for one another, catch up on how we're all doing, and see each others faces!

The Meeting ID for this meeting is: 940 4146 5161

And the Pass Code is: 403821.

Please call me in advance if you have any questions about how to attend this gathering.

Richest blessings,
Pastor Tina



The Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona ran a fundraiser on Arizona Gives Day. They raised over \$15,000 and the first \$10,000 was matched by an anonymous community donor. The total raised was over \$25,000. Our church family and the Mission Committee supported the Diaper Bank with a check for \$695.00 which was matched for a contribution of \$1,390. This will have a big impact on the lives of our seniors in the community! Thank you Holy Way family!



Warming Up Sells

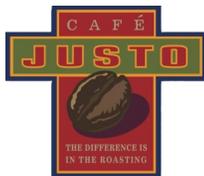
We are continuing to collect warm blankets, jackets, scarves, mittens, & knit hats for our Warming Up Sells project. Pick up a pattern in the narthex and get knitting! There is a donation box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for helping keep the people of Sells warm!



Got Coffee? We do! We have bags of Café Justo for sale in the narthex for \$10.00/bag.

Pick up a bag today!

- Arabica-Regular Roast
- Half Decaf/Half Reg
- Robusta-Lite roast
- Arabica Decaf



A special Thank you from Ann Toresdahl. She has been receiving your love through cards and letters and would like to thank everyone for their support.



Thank you to those that have been bringing donations for the Food Bank. We welcome your donations of non-perishable food to help our Food Pantry and our community partner, *Papago United Presbyterian Church*, which helps food get distributed to the Friends of Robles Food Bank.

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGTABLES

have been requested this month. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex anytime during regular hours. Thank you for your generosity!

If you, or someone you know, is currently experiencing difficulty purchasing food and the supplies needed, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact the church. 520-883-9417. Your request will be handled confidentially with grace and dignity. God Bless!



New Ministry Teams

We have been patiently waiting for the church doors to open. We miss seeing our church friends. We miss worshipping together. We miss gathering for coffee after church.

We have so much to look forward to. We have a new pastor.

Fortunately, the pandemic is slowing down and we are beginning to move out of our homes and feel somewhat normal. We are still cautious, but we need to be ready for the day the doors are open.

Our church Session has approved forming a Men's Ministry and a Women's Ministry. We are looking for one or more coordinators for each ministry. The coordinators will begin by developing activities for the summer and fall.

Please consider being a coordinator.

Rosalie Baumrucker, Congregational Life
520-730-7422.



Save Those Cans!!



Just a note from your mission committee to let everyone know we are still accepting your aluminum cans to recycle. If during the past year you have been saving and storing your aluminum cans, we will be happy to take them off your hands! You can drop them off in the narthex anytime during regular hours. Give the church a quick call if you want to be sure someone is in the office. The money from the cans collected goes to help the Mission Committee fund projects.

Thank you for your cans!!

Update from the Building and Grounds Committee

May 2021 Newsletter

There are two major projects underway:

1. Upgrading the audio/visual technology in the sanctuary to live streaming

We met with Sheila, our consultant, twice at The Holy Way this last month. We were able to set up live streaming from our Sanctuary with our own equipment and the services of BoxCast. We added a new entry under the Worship tab on The Holy Way web site titled "Live Streaming". Currently, you will see a window there with the photo of a cross and a possible start date, although we expect to be up and running even sooner. The streamed video will be available on any device like TV, laptop, tablet, or smart phone on our web site, Facebook page, and eventually YouTube.

WE DO HAVE AN URGENT REQUEST!. We need a permanent camcorder operator and a backup for that person. We can provide the necessary training. We just need a commitment to attend regular worship services on Sunday morning. Please contact Terry Saxton or Pastor Tina if you know of anyone (does not have to be a current Holy Way attendee), or if you just have some ideas of where to look.

2. Complete repairs on external signage facing Ajo

We are evaluating estimates to replace the plexiglass and yellowed panels with supports for the block letters in the monument sign. The session also requested that we get a proposal to add the church name to the monument sign for better recognition/visibility of who we are – The Holy Way Presbyterian Church – that would be visible from Ajo. We would also like to put the name of our new pastor, Rev. Tina Salvaneschi, on the monument sign. We are currently waiting for a second estimate and proposal before proceeding with the repairs and enhancements.

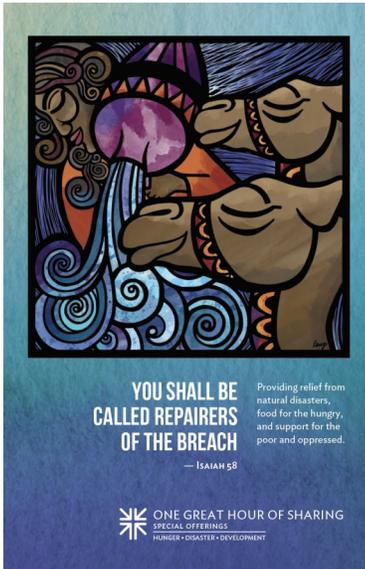
If anyone would like to be a part of this effort and the other responsibilities of the Building and Grounds Committee, please contact either Terry Saxton or Larry Rawlings.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Every year, The Holy Way supports One Great Hour of Sharing. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to OGHS helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life saving programs:



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**



**PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE
Self-Development**



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

You can help. Mark "OGHS" in the note section of your check.

Updated CDC recommendations published April 27, 2021 (www.CDC.gov)

Activities:

1. Fully vaccinated: you can start doing many things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic
2. Consider
 - a. How COVID-19 is spreading in your community.
 - b. Number of people participating in the activity.
 - c. The location of the activity.
 - i. Outdoor visits and activities are safer than indoor activities.
3. Fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely without much risk.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People	Unvaccinated People
Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household.	Safest (w/o mask)	Safest (w/o mask)
Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends.	Safest (w/o mask)	Safest (w/o mask)
Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people.	Safest (w/o mask)	Safest (with mask)
Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households.	Safest (w/o mask)	Less Safe (with mask)
Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event.	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)

Indoor Activities:

<u>Your Activity</u>	<u>Fully Vaccinated People</u>	<u>Unvaccinated People</u>
Visit a barber or hair salon.	Safest (with mask)	Less Safe (with mask)
Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum.	Safest (with mask)	Less Safe (with mask)
Ride public transport with limited occupancy.	Safest (with mask)	Less Safe (with mask)
Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households.	Safest (with mask)	Less Safe (with mask)
Go to an indoor movie theater	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)
Attend a full-capacity worship service.	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)
Sing in an indoor chorus.	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)
Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar.	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)
Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class.	Safest (with mask)	Least Safe (with mask)

Prevention measures:

Fully Vaccinated People: Wear a mask.

Unvaccinated People: Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety Levels assume the recommended prevention measure are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Happy May Day!
2	3	4  Cinco de Mayo	5	6 10:00 am Thoughtful Thursdays	7	8
9  Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 10:00 am Thoughtful Thursdays	14	15
16	17	18 5:00 pm Session Meeting	19	20 10:00 am Thoughtful Thursdays	21	22
23  Pasos de Pasos Snow	24	25	26	27 10:00 am Thoughtful Thursdays	28	29
30	31  MEMORIAL DAY					