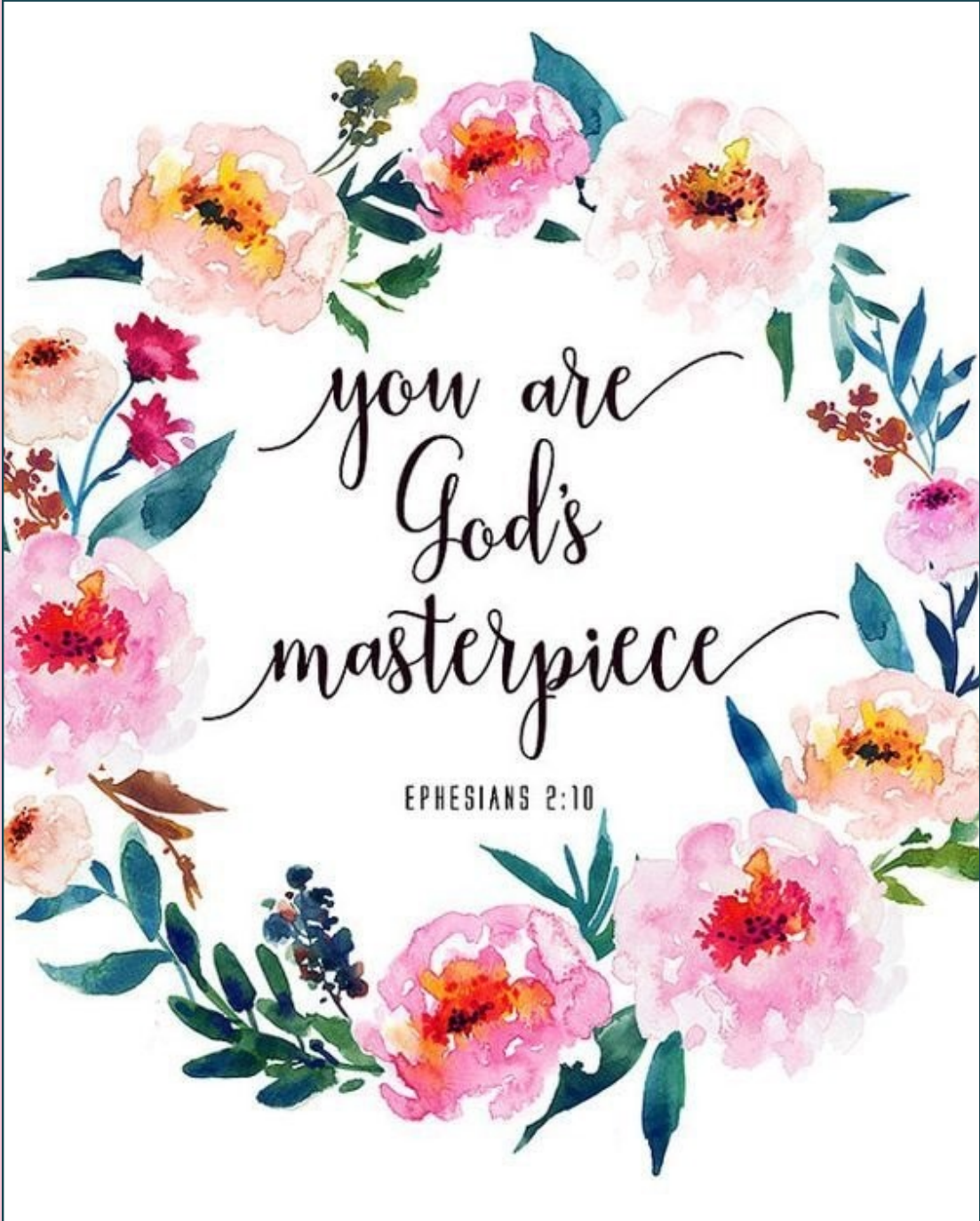


United Methodist Church of Green Valley

Methodist Messenger



May 2024



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I write this the 2020 General Conference, although delayed due to the pandemic, is now fully underway in Charlotte North Carolina. In Charlotte, the people called United Methodists from around the world are gathered together celebrating a historic faith and creating together a future of hope. The Methodist movement is a long and beautiful history going back to 18th century England where John Wesley, a then priest in the church of England was born. Raised by a very methodical mother, Susanna, John sought renewal of his own life and church for all of his days. John never planned on creating a new church, only that the church he knew would be vibrant and renewed.

Could he have ever imagined that there would be over 35,000 now United Methodist Congregations around the world of which we here in Green Valley, AZ are one.

This year we are celebrating our 60th year of ministry here in Southern Arizona. Our work here has been a fulfilling one that has manifested great missions and life transformation here, and around the globe.

Just as John Wesley had no idea that this movement of Methodism would stretch this far and wide, I don't think we can even imagine what the church will look like 30, 50, or 100 years from now. I do believe that there will be some expression of church that looks very different than today. I do also believe that people called Methodists will still be at work in some way here and around the world.

On Sunday May 19th we, along with other United Methodists around the world, will recognize Heritage Sunday. Observed on the Third Sunday of May (to correspond with Aldersgate Day, May 24), this day calls The United Methodist Church to honor its heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God known and spread by Charles and John Wesley.

May 19th is also Pentecost, the day that Christians worldwide celebrate the birth of the church at Pentecost as told in Acts 1. This year I would like to invite you to consider making a gift to the future of the church. Prayerfully consider the following:

A gift to the endowment of the church. This endowment is currently a restricted fund that goes toward the church facilities maintenance and improvements. In order to do our work now and in the future, this is an important fund that helps insure our work together in the future.

Perhaps you would consider a gift to the GVCC Foundation that supports local students with academic scholarships. The GVCC Foundation has for 40 years given scholarships to students from Sahuarita, and Walden Grove High Schools. These transformational gifts have made it possible for dozens of students to achieve their dreams of going to college, trade school or seminary.

Perhaps you are not in a place to make a gift, consider making a gift in your estate. A simple adjustment to your will or estate plan can make a gift to help shape the future the UMC of Green Valley. I give thanks to God for our history, the lives we share together and the future that God holds for us.



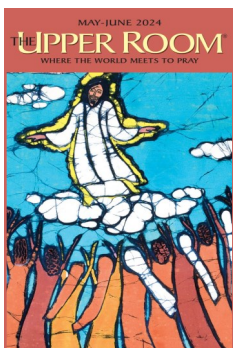
Pastor Doug

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

May - September

9:30 am

In Person and
Online at umcgv.org



May/June Upper Rooms

The new Upper Rooms are now available in the Narthex, Church Office or at our Communications Corner.

The suggested donation is \$1.00 for the regular size and \$2.00 for the large print.

Thank you!

Learn About Our Church

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Join Pastor Doug in the Fireside Room
(off of the Narthex)
following the Worship Service



JUST COFFEE (Café Justo)

\$10 to \$12 a pound, whole bean or ground.



We are a caring congregation that affirms all of God's children regardless of age, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, political persuasion; or anything else that might separate us from one another.

We work to ensure an environment of safety and trust, where spiritual journeys can be shared, and each person is treated with dignity and respect. All are invited to participate fully in the life of our church as we walk with Christ in the light of God's unconditional love.

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Doug Handlong* | Associate Pastor: *Rev. Ken Bensen*
Spiritual Formation and Social Justice: *Rev. Jerry Haas*



Kino Border Initiative
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

Kino Border Initiative Collection

KBI is collecting items for men, women, boys and girls in all sizes.

The clothing items are
underwear, socks, shorts, T-Shirts, joggers, jeans, and polos.

They are also collecting
cookies
small packaged candy and snacks
small stuffed toys for girls
matchbox type toys for boys
personal hygiene items
for men and women for kits to hand out.

We will collecting these items for them between now and May 5.



GVCC Foundation
College Scholarships

The Foundation would like to congratulate our scholarship recipients who will graduate this Spring and we wish them continued success!

Mariah Farmer and Taylor Lansky from the University of Arizona and Amaya Barnes from American Military College in West Virginia.

We also give thanks the UMCV family for their continued support of, and investment in, our youth. If you would like to learn more about and/or make a donation to our Foundation, pamphlets are available in the church office or you can download it from our church website. www.umcgv.org/gcvv-foundation



Celebrating 2024 UMW Virtual Thrift

We raised \$12,000 this year!

The following missions and ministries received a \$1000 each: McCurdy School, He Intends Victory, Valley Assistance Services, Red Bird Mission, Arizona Justice for our Neighbors UMCOR and Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Center.

Refugee Resettlement Ministry received \$1,600, Youth on Their Own received \$1850 and St. Andrews Children's Clinic received \$1,550.

Thank you for all the donations given this year for our Virtual Thrift!



From The Leadership Team



Here are some of the latest Leadership Team discussions items:

- Facilities/Energy Audit – The Leadership Team voted and approved a facility/energy audit that will give us details on our energy usage. This information will help us improve our efficiency and save money spent on energy utilities.
- Solar Update – We have received a quote for the repairs to the damage caused by the Republic garbage truck. Republic will be covering the cost of the repairs. ABCO Solar is to complete their work on the system by June 5.
- Facility Task Force – The Leadership Team approved the creation of a facility evaluation committee that will look at our current usage of our facilities to find ways make improve/ organize storage areas, refresh public areas and entrances, and improve the overall look of our church. More to come!!
- Communication Survey – Also, be watching for a communication survey. We feel it would help us improve the ways we connect with the congregation, visitors, and prospective members if knew how you get your information about the church.

Thanks for your support and dedication to our church and its role in our community and the world!

God Bless You,
Guy Jackson, Leadership Team



A few photos from our Cross Border Tour in March. If you are interested in participating in a cross border tour in the future, let Pastor Doug or Rev. Jerry Haas know.



CHAIR EXERCISE TO PREVENT FALLING

MONDAYS AND
THURSDAYS

10:00 - 10:30 AM
IN JOHNSON HALL



“Monday Funday”

Every Monday
1:00 to 3:30

Join us in Johnson Hall to play
your favorite table games.

Open to everyone in the
community!

Light refreshments are served.



Knit and Sew & Prayer Shawl Teddy Bears Too!

Come Join Us Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Some of us Knit and Crochet
Some of us Sew

We *all* eat cookies, drink coffee and have fun!!

Join us in the Narthex and Johnson Hall

Women's Bible Discussion Group

Tuesdays at 1:00
In the Fireside Room



There is no book to buy and no homework but please
bring your favorite translation of the Bible.

Each week will focus on its own scripture, so if you
miss a week or two, you can't fall behind.

If you have any questions,
please contact Christine Maglott.



Bible Study & Breakfast for Men

The men of UMCGV meet on
Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am
for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible Study at
Manuel's Restaurant in Green Valley.

We promise good food, good study,
and a lively conversation.



Office Hours for Financial Education are Wednesdays 9:00 to 11:30

Free and confidential, financial coaching

Learn to make a budget • Learn about resources

Come by on Wednesday mornings or contact our
church office if you are interested in
learning more.

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Handbell Practice meets regularly on
Wednesdays at 1:00 in Johnson Hall.

Chancel Choir Practice meets regularly on
Wednesdays at 2:00 in the Choir Room.

We always welcome new members and we would
love to have you join us. Just come to rehearsal on
Wednesday afternoons. We sing at the 10:15 worship
service on Sundays. Hope to see you there.

Linda Truesdell, Music Director





United Methodist Women

UMW Unit Meeting

May 8 at 9:30 am
in Johnson Hall

Valley Assistant Services
helping so many in need

Presented by
May Ann Dobson, Grant Writer



Lydia Circle

May 22 at 9:30 am
in the Fireside Room

“Volunteering”
Presented by Janice



We will also be discussing the
future of Lydia Circle



Teddy Bears!

Our Teddy Bear Ladies
received a beautiful
thank you letter from
St. Andrews Children's
Clinic along with this
beautiful photo for the
Teddy Bears and
Rabbits they recently
donated.



Prayer Shawls Available

Blessed Prayer Shawls
are available
anytime during
office hours.

If you know someone who would be
blessed by a handmade prayer shawl,
please stop by and take one.

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

This month will be on May 19

In April we donated 220 pounds of food and \$221.00

Thank you for supporting our local Food Bank and Community.

Our Shopping Cart is in the Narthex for food donations. You may also leave
monetary donations in the Shoe Box in the Shopping Cart.

Please make checks payable to *the Community Food Bank*.



The Penny Project

Thank you to all who help us support the **Gospel Rescue Mission**
with your donations through the Penny Project.

We are grateful for everybody who continues to support this project
as little bits add up (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and paper money) and make a
BIG difference in other people's lives.

There are canisters in the narthex and also in the office for your donations.





*Thank you for
celebrating
Easter
with us!*



*Easter
Sunrise
Service*



Pastor Doug and Pastor Ken



**Easter Morning Breakfast
hosted by United Methodist Men**



HOPE Lunch

Our mission is to provide a nourishing meal and friendly fellowship in a pleasant environment to ALL in the community and church family.

Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship.
Everyone is welcome to this community event.
Bring your neighbors and friends!

On the Menu

May 3

Baked Spaghetti
Tossed green salad
Garlic bread
Dessert

May 17

BBQ Meatballs
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit Plate
Dessert

**PLAN TO JOIN US
HOPE Lunch**

**1ST & 3RD
FRIDAYS
11:00 - 12:30**



Borderlands Produce 

May 4
7:00 to 10:00

\$15 for 70 Pounds of Produce

UMCGV Parking Lot



Rock Painting

Join GV Rocks on

May 9
1:00 - 3:00

in the
Sunday School Room.

Enjoy painting rocks together along with enjoying some fun and laughter!

Everyone is welcome.

Esperanza Memory Café May 9 at 2:00 pm

An innovative program of support for caregivers and those experiencing memory loss, memory café provides a safe place for socializing and fun.

Our theme for May is "May Flowers: What else?"

Date and time: Thursday, May 9, at 2:00 pm in Johnson Hall.

It helps our planning if you can let the office know you're coming
– call 520.625.4712.

I'll be a flowered Hawaiian shirt; how about you? *Jerry Haas*



DEMENTIA CARES MINISTRY

**JOIN US AT OUR FORUM
THE 4TH THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 2:00 PM**

Dementia Care Forum May 23 at 2:00 pm

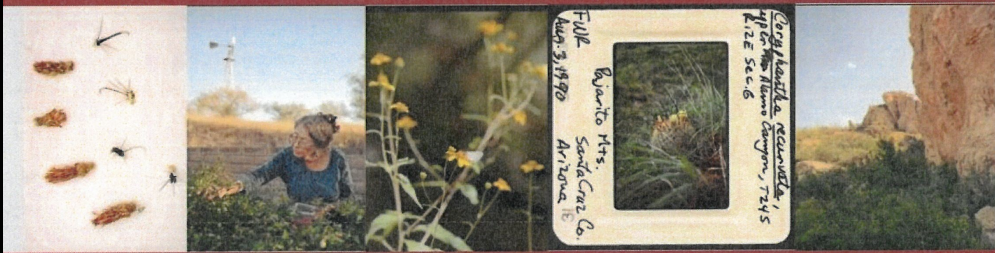
Dementia Cares...these monthly education forums are offered to the community, with a wide-ranging variety of topics. These forums are free, and they're scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm in Johnson Hall. Join us May 23rd at 2:00 pm for input and discussion.
Jerry Haas

THE
BORDERLANDS
FORUM

Atascosa
BORDERLANDS

**VISUAL
STORYTELLING
PROJECT**
WITH LUKE SWENSON
& JACK DASH

THURSDAY, MAY 2 • 6:00PM
BCA OFFICE • FREE EVENT - DONATIONS WELCOME



Atascosa Borderlands is a long-term visual storytelling project by Luke Swenson (Documentary Photographer) and Jack Dash (Naturalist and Writer). Since 2017, they have been working to better understand the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands alongside ecologists, cattle ranchers, humanitarian aid workers, migrants, hunters, ex-border patrol agents, and indigenous community members. This project will ultimately bring together hundreds of original film photographs, oral history interviews, botanical specimens, historical images, and found objects; creating a living archive dedicated to this remote 42-mile section of the US-Mexico border. Location: BCA Office, 8 Burruel Street, Tubac.

Sponsored in part by a grant from the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area.



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(520)398-3229



Border Community Alliance

**NOGALES CROSS BORDER
TOUR...**

On March 25, twelve of us journeyed to Nogales, Sonora, to visit El Divino Redentor, the Methodist Church there along with several other nonprofits. When we de-briefed the tour last week, many were surprised at how relaxed they felt, traveling throughout the city, visiting migrant shelters, and having lunch at a local burrito cafe. A high point was visiting ARSOBO, a nonprofit that makes durable wheelchairs for the rugged Nogales streets, as well as prostheses and hearing aids. If you are interested in going on a future tour to Nogales, call 520.398.3229 to let them know of your interest, or see me.
Jerry Haas

**DOUGLAS/AGUA PRIETA
TOUR...**

BCA's first tour to this binational city in southeast Arizona included four persons from UMC-GV: Dick and Becky Keidel, Jack Hewatt, and Jerry Haas. After learning some of the history of the region at the Williams-Douglas Historical Museum, we stayed overnight at the famous Gadsden Hotel before crossing into Mexico the next day. Among the highlights – a migrant shelter, a housing project, and a visit to Café Justo, the nonprofit that roasts the coffee we sell on Sunday mornings! Future tours are anticipated to this region beginning in the fall.
Jerry Haas



You Can Make a Difference!

This summer youth from all across our annual conference will have the opportunity to come to camp. Some for the first time, and for others it is cherished ritual they look forward to every summer.

This year camp will cost \$494 a week for young person. For young families, this can be particularly challenging. If you want to help send a young person to camp, and to change a life, consider making a gift of a scholarship or partial scholarship. You may make a donation through the church or directly to the camp at www.mingusmountaincamp.org/events/camperships/

You will indeed help make memories for a lifetime.

For more information about Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Center, you can always visit their website at www.mingusmountaincamp.org/

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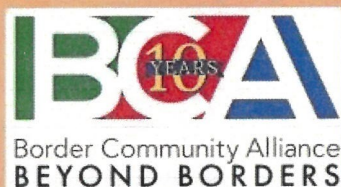
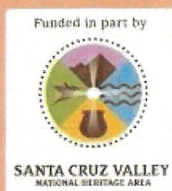
with Jeff Babson of Sky Island Tours

Hummingbirds of the Borderlands

May 23, 2024 10:00am via ZOOM
Free Event • \$10 Suggested Donation



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Info/Register:
BorderCommunityAlliance.org
(520)398-3229

BORDER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO BRIDGING THE BORDER AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION, COLLABORATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

PRAYER LIST

Donna and Aiden Ablastmeir
Mike and Marilyn Carlson
Judy Downing
Arlene "Griz" Griswold
Donita Gross
Virginia Harper
Melissa Hulland
Kyle LaFollette
Karen LaFrance-Ball
Janet Logan

Lee Love
Judy Lyle
Margaret McBride
Morales Family
Moya Family
Phyllis Neer
Terri Reed
Val Wiethorn
Eloise Wilson
Lorain Zimmerman

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand
and angels watch over you.*

I Believe

Wednesday came on a Wednesday this week just like it did last week and the week before and I *believe* it will come on a Wednesday next week, I believe. I cannot see it nor hear it but I have faith that Wednesday will come on a Wednesday. I *believe* the sun will rise tomorrow, I have faith. At midnight I cannot see it nor hear it but I believe it will happen just as it has so very many times before. I have faith. Faith is believing in something or someone although you cannot see nor hear them. I believe in God. Why? I cannot see Him nor hear Him but I believe in him because there is so much of His presence in *my* life; in the lives of others and in His creations. I have faith in God.

Cal Lambert

UMCGV Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a group of church members dedicated to praying. All the prayer requests are confidential and are not published. **You can activate the prayer chain by calling Lorna Peck at 520-625-2053.**

Desert Southwest Annual Conference *Pray with others around our district...*

May Prayer Focus

Grace UMC, Douglas
Huachuca UMC
Menlo Park UMC, Tucson

In Remembrance



*We honor the lives and memories of
our church members who have
recently passed...*

*Robert Bishope
Joyce Anderson
Ken Hartz*



5/2 Stephen Turner
5/4 Elizabeth Myers
5/7 Amy Carlisle
5/7 Jeanne Damitio
5/9 Joann Reedy
5/9 Brenda Kierstenson
5/9 Denny Fost
5/12 Patty Stenz
5/14 Joyce Beason
5/16 Paul Potterton

5/19 Dawnie Cate
5/19 Judy Argetsinger
5/20 Jeffrey Handlong
5/22 Dan Patterson
5/22 Lorna Peck
5/23 JoAnn Jones
5/25 Cindy Gronlund
5/25 Robert Goodrich
5/26 Ruth Goodrich
5/27 Amy Dean
5/28 Pat Mitchell
5/28 Jane Flewellin
5/30 Nancy Znamierowski
5/31 Tom Milke
5/31 Barb Potterton

5/2 Kathy & Jon Wibbels
5/3 Christine & David Schmidt
5/3 Sherri & Lynn Lightner
5/3 Joyce & Ronald Beason
5/6 Becky & Dick Keidel
5/6 Ruth & Robert Goodrich
5/12 Carol Harris & Jack Coble
5/15 Tamra & Guy Jackson
5/16 Dolores & Jerry McCall
5/17 Estella & James Platt
5/23 Marda & Gordon Jensen
5/25 Nancy & Stan Znamierowski
5/31 Pam & David Hunt



Opportunities to Give Online

Visit our website at
umcgv.org/ways-to-give

Electronic giving is secure, quick and easy to set up using a debit or credit card or your bank account. You can give a one-time or recurring gift through our secure online giving platform. You can also scan below with your phone camera.



Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Phone: 520-625-4712
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**The Newsletter
Deadline**
for our June
edition is
May

Please send your articles and pictures to
office.umcgv@gmail.com

Thank you!

Register for the Fry's
Community Rewards Program



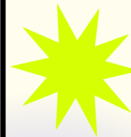
Fry's Community Rewards Program

It is free and easy to do to make our church your designated charity.

If you have not connected your card yet, you can link us to your personal rewards card by going to frysfood.com and searching for us by our full name or ID Number (QH797)

(there is also a direct link on our website.)

This donation to the church is in addition to the benefits you earn for yourself.



Join our Media Team!

They are looking for volunteers to help create the worship slides. They can teach you!

Contact [Chad or the Church Office](#)

Our Ministry Team

Rev. Douglas Handlong - *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Kenneth Bensen - *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Jerry Haas - *Spiritual Formation & Social Justice*
Linda Truesdell - *Music Director*
Doris Miller - *Song Leader*
Chad Eggen - *Facilities Manager*
Lou Schellhaas - *Finance Administrator*
Deanne Handlong - *Office Administrator*
Tom Bright, Chad Eggen, Jane Furtwangler,
Shirley Urquhart and Bill Voorhees- *Media Team Members*
Everyone - *Ministers*

2024 Leadership Team

Denny Fost, Guy Jackson, Penny Jansmann (chair), Doris Miller, Jean Neely, Don Scarlett, Mary Beth Stensgard, Gene Ulrich and Robin Wiebe

What's Happening

May

May 2	UMM Board Meeting
May 3	HOPE Lunch
May 4	Borderlands Produce in the parking lot
May 5	9:30 Worship Service Begins
May 7	UMW Board Meeting
May 8	UMW Unit Meeting
May 9	Esperanza Memory Café
May 21	GVCC Foundation Meeting
May 16	Church Leadership Team
May 17	HOPE Lunch
May 18	All Church Breakfast
May 19	Food Bank Sunday
May 19	“Learn About our Church” in Fireside Room
May 22	Lydia Circle
May 23	Dementia Cares Forum
June 13-16	Annual Conference in Tucson

Every Week at UMCGV

Mondays

Exercise Class
10:00 am
in Johnson Hall

Monday Funday
1:00 pm
in Johnson Hall

Tuesdays

Knit and Sew & Prayer Shawl
9:00 am
In Johnson Hall & Narthex

Women's Discussion Group
1:00 pm
Fireside Room

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
7:00 am
Manuals Restaurant

Financial Education Office Hours
9:00 - 11:30

Choir Practices
Handbell 1:00 pm
Chancel 2:00 pm

Thursdays

Exercise Class
10:00 am
in Johnson Hall

JOIN US

Check Out Our Website

It's full of all kinds of information and resource links. There's something for everyone!

umcgv.org

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Green Valley, AZ 85614**



**Beautiful Blooms
found in
front of our church
on April 15**



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays In-Person and Online at 9:30

Find our services on our website umcgv.org or on our YouTube channel.

You can also hear us at 8:00 am on KGVY 1080 am or 101.5 fm.

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