

November 1, 2024

### Notes from the pastor:

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. *Numbers 11:16-17*

Moses is toast. He has been carrying the burdens of his tribe/congregation pretty much alone. Aaron has been some help, but Moses is just overwhelmed. He is so angry that he asks God to kill him now, rather than make him continue. (Numbers 11:14-15). God has a better idea. He summons the other leaders of the Israelites and gives them some of the spirit that is on Moses so they can assist. This is the earliest reference to elders in scripture. From the elders who work right a long side of Moses to the disciples of Jesus, no leader goes it alone. Nor should they.

I am meeting with your church officer Nominating Committee this week. They will take time in prayer and discernment to listen to God's leading as to who God has called to be the elders and deacons at Holy Way. It is important work. The elders and deacons of Holy Way will set the stage for the mission and ministry that God calls you to here in Tucson. They work with the pastor, but ultimately the vision comes through them. I have been very impressed with the leadership and look forward to continuing to walk alongside them. This can be a very exciting time for all of you. I ask for prayers for Jeannie, Bill, MaryAnn and Dearwyn as they undertake this work. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you into the ministry of elder or deacon and let Jeannie know.

It has been a busy first month for me here at Holy Way. I feel very welcomed and supported in my work. I have met with most committees and am very impressed on what you all accomplish with a smaller group of folks. I have

(pastor's letter continued)

been enjoying the lively conversations at Bible Study and the great conversations and food in the lunch gathering after. It has been a honor to work with both Kathy and Larry who have been patiently showing me the ropes. Thanks to Jeannie for driving me around and showing me the area as well as her support as the chair of Personnel. Thanks to all who came out to support our community through Trunk or Treat, It was a great outreach.

This is my tenth interim call. I will tell you that Holy Way is a healthy church that has been hurt. It is our responsibility to acknowledge our part in Tina's abrupt leaving, but more importantly move forward in faith together, listening for the still small voice of God. We will do this in many ways. From formal mission studies to informal conversations. From the study of scripture to times of prayer. God is in the midst of all of you here and now. As I preached last week, Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today and forever. We move forward together.

In Christ,

*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 Holy Way and find ways to show it. Gifts of time, of prayer, of support and of your wealth. We will be talking more about the nature of generosity during the month of November and exploring ways to keep moving forward in ministry and mission.

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*All Saints Sunday*

**Special Service this Sunday – All Saints Sunday Celebration.**

We celebrate all those saints who we have known and loved in our lives. We will lift up those who have passed recently during communion and then have a time to celebrate all our loved ones by bringing in pictures to share on a memory table. Please join us for this meaningful day and bring pictures of loved ones that are now part of the heavenly "communion of saints."

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Kathy & Raul  
Americano 11/12*

*Willie & Wendy  
Mattias 11/30*



# Happy Birthday!

*Lyman Prettyman 11/6*

*Wayne McKee 11/18*

*Marcus Mattias 11/20*

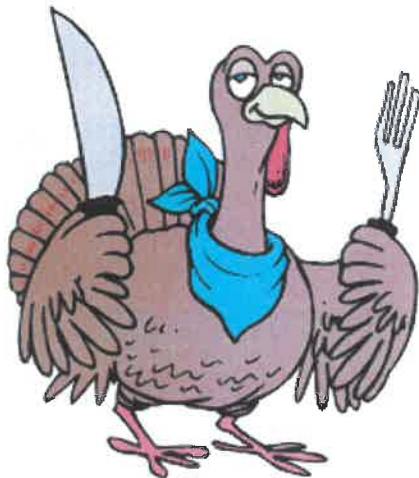
*Barbara Duquette-  
Weathers 11/26*



Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing from the Newsletter? If so, be sure to let the church office know or email [Kathy@holywaytucson.org](mailto:Kathy@holywaytucson.org)

## Can You Find It?

There is a hidden object in this Newsletter. If you find the image of the turkey you might win a small prize. Tell either Kathy or Dee before 11/20 if you find it and where in the newsletter it was located. If there is more than one winner, we will hold a drawing.



*Find Me!*

The 🍰 icon in the Newsletter was located by only two individuals: Marilyn Hilliard, and Jackie Riegert. As promised the names were put in a jar and one drawn out. The November winner for the hidden icon is:

Marilyn Hilliard!



**Worship Service is Sundays  
at 9:30 a.m.**

And you can access the Order  
of Worship at:

**[www.HolyWayTucson.org](http://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=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2ujd  
pB4HTaEhZm.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89894298024?pwd=jCrRhRWcbbw81KGI2ujdpB4HTaEhZm.1)**

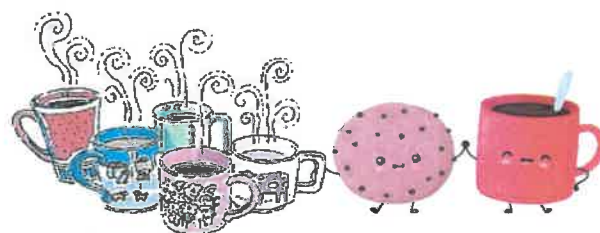
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Sermons are now available online  
anytime! Check out  
the latest Sermon or even  
past Sermons.

- 1. Go to:** [www.holywaytucson.org](http://www.holywaytucson.org)
- 2. Click** on the "Worship" tab.
- 3. Then, click** on "**Sermons**" from  
the drop-down menu.



*Coffee Fellowship*

*Join us after Worship on the  
scheduled Sunday for some  
great fellowship time!*

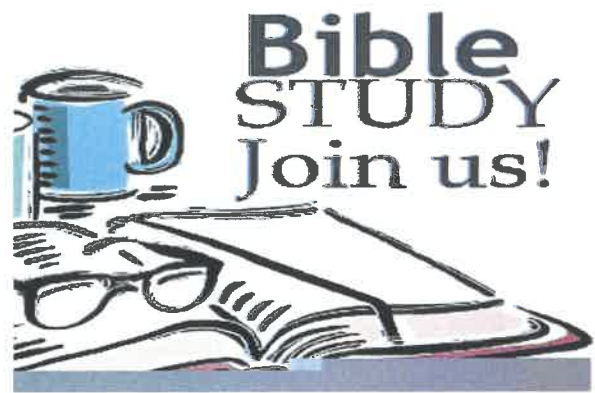
**Here's the Schedule for  
Novembr**

**1st Sunday, November 3:**  
Refreshments in Sanctuary

**2nd Sunday, November 10:**  
Little Mexico Steak House

**3rd Sunday, November 17:**  
Refreshments in Sanctuary

**4th Sunday, November 24:**  
Fellowship on your own



### **Knitting/Hand Crafts**

Mondays  
10:00 a.—Noon, Conference Room

### **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursdays  
10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### **Congregational Life Committee**

Sunday, November 3, 2024  
10:45 a.m., Conference Room  
(First Sunday each month)

### **Worship & Music Committee**

Monday, November 4, 2024  
1:00 p.m., Conference Room  
(First Monday each month)

### **Deacons**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
3:00 p.m., Conference Room  
(First Wednesday each month)

### **Session**

Tuesday, November 12 2024  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room  
(Second Tuesday each month)

### **Outreach/Mission Committee**

Sunday, November 17, 2024  
10:45 a.m., Conference Room  
(Third Sunday each month)

### **Finance Committee**

Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Conference Room  
(Fourth Wednesday each month)

### **Worship Service Committee**

Thursday, November 21, 2024  
2 p.m. Conference Room  
(Third Thursday each month)

### **Buildings & Grounds Committee**

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
10:45 a.m. Conference Room  
(Last Sunday each month)

## **Bible Study**

Tuesdays at  
10:00 a.m.

Come and meet in the  
Conference Room.

### **Bible Study Sessions for November are:**

November 5, 2024  
November 12, 2024  
November 19, 2024  
November 26, 2024

## **A Note About Fellowship**



Have you noticed the **small jars** on the tables during **Fellowship time**? These are intended to collect pocket change so that we can continue to provide items needed for your fellowship enjoyment such as: napkins, coffee, cups, plates, condiments. We appreciate all the change you can spare so we can continue purchasing these items **for you!** Also, please leave the tops on the jars!

**In September our  
Contributions totaled  
\$10,442.09**

**Our Expenses totaled  
\$16,334.62**

**\$5,892.53  
was taken out of the  
Church's General Fund.**

**As of September 30, the  
Church bank account  
had a balance of  
\$47,933.64**



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:

thanksgiving  
gather  
thankful family  
blessed grateful  
together  
blessings  
november





Put November 9 at 2:30 p.m. on your calendars! Bring games to play. We will meet in the Sanctuary for play time!! Bring your own drinks and snacks!



## Donating IRA Assets to Charity

Turn your required distributions into charitable donations.

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 1/2 and older take RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a contribution from your IRA to the church or other charity, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don't need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to a charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill.

### How it works:

The provision allows retirees age 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 tax

free from their IRA each year. Generally, when you take a distribution from your IRA, it is treated as taxable income. Under this provision, made permanent in the 2015 federal spending and tax package, those assets are excluded from income if the distribution is made directly to charity.

The distribution is not included in your income so you avoid the potential negative consequences that regular IRA withdrawals in retirement can create, including taxes on Social Security benefits. Normally, charitable contribution deductions are limited or are eliminated altogether for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions.

### Talk to your financial representative

It's important to consider your tax situation before deciding whether to make a charitable contribution from your IRA. Be sure to work closely with your financial advisor to determine whether this tax provision is right for you.

*This information is not meant as tax or legal advice. Tax laws are complex and subject to change. Please consult a professional tax advisor to determine how this tax law affects your situation.*





## Cleaning Crew Volunteers

**We need volunteers for the cleaning crew.**

If you are willing to spend an hour twice a month vacuuming, doing some light dusting, sanitizing the bathrooms and taking out the trash, please contact the office by phone or email and let us know. Join us on November 13 and 27 at 3 p.m. ***Your time and effort to keep the church clean for our church family is greatly appreciated!***

We have some very talented people working on our social media pages. Be sure to check out The Holy Way Facebook page. If you have any ideas and/or photos for items to include on the Facebook page, please let Carol Portillo know. She welcomes all input.



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If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



If you have trouble signing in, please contact our  
Office manager:

[Kathy@holywaytucson.org](mailto:Kathy@holywaytucson.org)

SUCCESS

# TRUNK FOR TREAT

FUN

We had 12 cars/trucks, and a lot of fun, although the weatherperson (i.e., weatherman!) didn't cooperate. Kathy provided iced juices and others had ice water to help all keep hydrated. It was HOT! Pastor Elizabeth was there to hand out church brochures and chat with the parents and children.







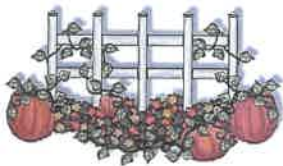
## FOOD PANTRY

### October Report

The Holy Way has been very generous!

During the month of October, 15 boxes of food were donated.

We accept all non-perishable food items, especially canned food, cereal, nonfat dry milk, peanut butter, and jelly. Please check the expiration dates. **We cannot accept expired food.** When selecting canned items, please try to select the cans with pull-tops. Many families do not have can openers.



### 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**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Mission  
5757 West Ajo Highway  
(529) 883-1234

#### **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.

## The Holy Way Hospitality Food Preparation Program

If you or someone you know at The Holy Way who may be seriously ill or incapacitated physically and needs meals prepared and delivered, please **contact your Deacon**, who will then reach out to the Summer or Winter coordinator to make the arrangements for meal delivery.

Coordinators are:

**Winter:** Marilyn Hilliard  
(763) 516-5716

**Summer:** Janet San Nicholas  
(520) 235-3769



**To all our veterans—  
Thank you for your service.  
We appreciate you!**

**Join us on Sunday,  
November 10, as we lift up  
our Veterans during service**

**Please note:  
The Church Office will be  
closed on Monday,  
November 11 & also  
Thursday, November 14 in  
observance.**





## Snacks

As you may know, twice a month (unless we have five Sundays), we meet at the back of the sanctuary for coffee, cookies, fruit, cheese snacks. This all depends on your generosity in donating these items. Without these donations, we would have no goodies to nosh on.



It would be a great help to the Congregational Life Committee if you would be so kind as to sign up on the clipboard on the table next to the refreshments, so we can have adequate goodies available.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TO SING!

The Holy Way is seeking to enlarge the choir which enriches our Sunday worship.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, from 10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.



**Anddddddddddddddd.....**

Volunteers are also needed each designated Fellowship Sunday to bring in coffee. There is a sign up sheet on the refreshment table. We need two Airpots filled each Fellowship Sunday. Each Airpot requires two regular coffee pots-worth of coffee. We have the coffee—just ask a Deacon how to obtain it.

### Here's the process:

- ◊ At the end of Fellowship hour, pick up the airpot, sign it out.

- ◊ The airpot will need to be emptied and cleaned.
- ◊ Make two pots of coffee for each airpot.
- ◊ When you bring the airpot back, please initial on the sign-in sheet next to your name where you signed the it out.
- ◊ The person who makes coffee after you will take the airpot home and start the process over!

**Unfortunately, if no one volunteers to bring in coffee, there will be no caffeine available.**

# HandCraft Group

Now that the heat of summer is fading and some of our winter visitors are returning to Sunny Tucson, the HandCraft Group will once again meet every Monday, 10 am to Noon, in the Conference Room. Bring your hand crafts and join us. Or....just come to visit.



We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your **Congregational Life Committee** needs your help. We are a small committee and welcome members to help plan Fellowship activities. Our meetings are regularly on the first Sunday of each month after church service .

Come on over and see how you can help!

Bill Boals is our Moderator. Ask him [(520) 543-2119] or Dee Ellis [(520) 270-8367] for more information if needed.

*Psalms 95:1, 2, 6*

*O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a Joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

*O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD Our maker.*





# Thanksgiving Blessings

Once again the Outreach Committee is working with Vesey Elementary School to provide Thanksgiving food boxes for needy families. Ten families from four members to nine members have been identified.

We are asking for you to share the blessings God has given you to help us fill the boxes. In addition to the turkeys, each box will be approximately \$30 to fill. If you can sponsor a box, it would be wonderful. If you can only spare a few dollars, that would also be a blessing. **November 10** is the deadline to accept your *love donations* to help these families have a blessed Thanksgiving. If you write a check, make it out to The Holy Way Presbyterian Church and place it in the Tzedakah box or give to Kathy in the office.

### *Thanksgiving Prayer*

*This Thanksgiving, let those of us  
Who have much and those who have little  
Gather at the welcoming table of the Lord.*

*At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike  
Remember that we are called  
To serve one another and to walk together  
In God's gracious world.*

*With thankful hearts, we praise our God  
Who, like a loving parent,  
Denies us no good thing.*





## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Many of you are aware of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are to help people cope with many of life's struggles as well as the many life's blessings that come our way. The Deacons are aware of needs from their flock and let Dee Ellis [(520) 270-8367] know who needs a shawl. If you feel you would like to have a shawl, contact Dee.

Your **Outreach Committee** has been busy!

—The next project is providing **Thanksgiving Meals** for needy families in the Vesey Elementary School. We are planning on food boxes for ten families.

—Then the next project involves **Christmas**. We will once again be collecting **unwrapped toys** in which we will partner with Drexel Heights Fire Department for Distribution. We will also collect **children's books** which the First Responders hand out throughout the year to children involved in domestic violence.

When it gets closer to December, you will see a large decorated box in the Narthex where you can place unwrapped toys and books. We encourage you to begin purchasing these items anytime you shop between now and then.

The children thank you.



These shawls are always hand made (knit or crochet) while saying prayers for the recipients, never to be purchased, and donated by anyone who would like to keep our supply adequate to meet our needs.

Call Dee (520.270.8367) if you know of someone who would benefit from the spiritual comfort these shawls provide.

The Prayer Shawl squares remain in the basket in the Narthex. Anyone desiring one can take their choice of the many colors available. These serve the same purpose as the prayer shawls, only more portable.

## Newsletter Deadline

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, 2024**





## Scammers And Phishing

A scammer is one who deceives and defraud's someone. Unfortunately, there are many deceptive people who want your money! They are very convincing, and many very intelligent people have been scammed.

**Never, never give out any personal information over the phone** unless you know who you are talking to (i.e., your doctor's office).

Some scammers want to "give" you a prize or threaten you. Remember, federal agencies will not ask for your social security number or other personal information over the phone.

And, there are the scammers who want you to purchase gift cards or send them cash. Nope. Don't do it! No matter how convincing they are. They are very good at their craft.

Did you know that a scammer can get your credit card information, even if the card is in your purse or wallet? Be sure to have RFID cards to protect your credit card info.



Our friend, Mr. Webster, defines **Phishing** as: "The practice of tricking internet users (as through the use of deceptive email messages or websites) into revealing personal or confidential information which can then be used illicitly." A common way is to send you an email that looks strikingly similar to a real email. For example, the email address might be something like: "xxx@gmail.com." I have seen: Amazon@gmail.com.

Under **no** circumstances should you open this email. If it tells you that you are overdrawn and want permission to get into your bank account, **hang up and report them.**

1. If you get a suspicious email, report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at ***reportphishing@apwg.org***  
If you get a phishing text message on your phone, forward it to **SPAM (7726)**.
2. Report phishing attack to the FTC at ***ReportFraud.ftc.gov***

## SESSION at THE HOLY WAY Presbyterian Church

| <u>Committee Name</u>             | <u>Elder</u>                      | <u>E-Mail</u>                        | <u>Telephone</u> |
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## BOARD OF DEACONS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Prayer Chain

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