

June 2021



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The power of a Dad in a child's life is unmatched.

Justin Ricklefs



Happy 100th Birthday to Irene Neldon on **July 13**.
You are **truly blessed**.

The church is doing a card shower. Her address is: 5401 W.
Dailey Dr. Apt 1029 Glendale, AZ. 85306



Irene Neldon

On May 18th we received a letter from DSW Conference with recommendations for less restrictive Covid-19 protocols. Temperature checks will be eliminated and singing (with masks) will be allowed! But, is the responsibility of each church to plan for the safety of the congregation. While fully vaccinated (required doses plus two weeks) numbers are increasing, there are those unable to take vaccines because of medical treatment, some medications, recovering from Covid, or immune issues. To be safe, we move forward with caution. Only you know what is safe for you! Please, allow for personal choices about mask wearing!

Shepherd of the Valley UMC Phase Two 2.1 Plan:

- People who have **not** been fully vaccinated should wear masks at all times while on campus.
- Regardless of vaccinations status, masks will continue to be required inside the sanctuary during the Sunday in person worship service, or in person church meetings of ten or more attendees, until further direction from the Leadership Board.
- Social distancing will continue to be encouraged.
- Singing and liturgy to resume (with masks) along with self-served beverages or food service.
- Temperature checks will be discontinued.
- Hand sanitizer will remain inside each room.
- Signage is at switch plates and handles, reminding to disinfect before/after use in all rooms.
- A room maintenance record is on a door in each room/area to log a disinfection process after use. Pages are collected and kept in a binder in the office.
- Small group attendance number will be based on DSW, CDC, and local Government guidelines.
- Non-member groups must read and agree in writing (revised third party waiver) to abide by church procedures regarding masks, social distancing, disinfection, and keep a dated list of attendees (in case contact tracing needed). The small group must have a designated person to disinfect tables, chairs, restrooms, door handles, and any surface used with an EPA approved Covid-19 disinfecting product.
- Indoor weddings/ funerals/ events must follow current state and local guidelines for Covid protocols.
- Tech booth, video equipment, and microphones will be the responsibility of trained Tech volunteers.

Submitted by the Shepherd of the United Methodist church Covid-19 Planning Team:

Pastor Janet Culbertson	Jack Schraven	Don Boucher	Trina Smith
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Student Hunger

2021 Annual Conference Mission Project



You can donate on line at <https://dscumc.org/secure/payments/> or mark your donation for Mission Project in the memo line on the check or envelope.

Please donate by June 6.



Tinu Babarinde	June 2	Eric Patarozzi	June 12
Art Coughanour	June 2	Sally Coughanour	June 3
Logan Affeldt	June 25	Martin Halley	June 8
Rhonda Cheetham	June 10	Tom Shaw	June 27

Margaret and Larry Dow	June 8
Don and Virginia Boucher	June 28





See Visions, Dream Dreams

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Friends,

On the day of Pentecost after the coming of the Holy Spirit, Peter, with the other disciples by his side, addressed the crowd. He reminded the people of what the prophet Joel had said.

¹⁷ In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

Not unlike Peter and the disciples, here at Shepherd of the Valley, we find ourselves in a season of new beginnings. The Covid19 pandemic has proven to be a catalyst for change. Let's look at that as a positive side effect of all we've been through. So, where do we go from here? That is for you as a congregation to decide.

As your pastor, it is my job to help cast a vision for the church. Notice, I said, "... help cast a vision." My job is not to determine the vision, but to help the congregation to discern where God is leading and to help develop a plan to get there. We are embarking on a journey together. We must pray, listen for God's voice, and listen to each other to determine where Shepherd of the Valley is going. This can be both an exciting and challenging process. We will begin to share our dreams and visions, look at our resources, and develop an action plan that the congregation can become invested in. The reality of our itinerant system is that pastors come and go. The vision and mission of the church must belong to the body. The people must take ownership of the vision so that they are able to follow it through.

We begin with prayer. I ask all of you to please participate in our visioning process. Everyone who can read this newsletter can pray. Prayer is the first level of participation. When we have our visioning event, please come share your ideas and listen to others.

I am also looking for people to join our visioning team to do some groundwork and help plan the event which will take place this fall.

May the Spirit of the Lord be poured out upon us as we embark on this journey together.

Many Blessings to You,
Pastor Janet



	April 2021	Jan-Apr 2021
Expense:	\$ 6,447.47	\$ 29,655.03
Income:	\$ 10,129.66	\$ 28,031.60
Total:	\$ 3,682.19	\$ (1,623.43)

Comment: Higher income in April due to realizing online Contributions and Easter.

I urge you to include the prayer below in your daily prayer practice:

O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to enkindle the zeal of Christ's followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift.

Pour the same inspiration on the people of Shepherd of the Valley, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world.

Revive the power of the gospel in our hearts, that it may be to us a sacred trust for the blessing of all creation.

Enable your Church to spread the good news of salvation, so that all nations may hear it in their own tongues, and welcome it into their own lives.

Protect, encourage, and bless all ministers of the cross, and prosper their words and works, so that Jesus, being lifted up, may draw all people unto him, and the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. Amen.

June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time	31	1 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm	3 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	4	5
6 Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time	7	8 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm	10 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	11 Pastor and Suzanne to Annual Conference	12 Pastor and Suzanne to Annual Conference
13 Worship in Song In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time Pastor and Suzanne to Annual Conf.	14	15 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm	17 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	18	19
20 Father's Day Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time	21	22 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm	24 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	25	26
27 Worship In-Person 10:30 am On-Line Any Time Admin Board Meeting 12:30	28	29 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm	1 Office Hrs noon - 4 pm 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	2	3
4	5	NOTES			

Worship has now restarted in the Sanctuary as well as outside.
Masking and Social Distancing are required.
Please bring your own chair for outside seating.
We hope to see YOU soon!

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