

BY THE WAY ...

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From the Pastor...

Happy New Year!

And welcome to 2021!

I have a handful of New Year's prayers I'd like for you to join me in. First, I pray that we are seeing the beginning of the end of Covid. We need to continue to pray for all who work in the health field, and all others who are exposed to the virus. We pray that the vaccines will be successful and that people will be wise in their choices and that we may soon learn what the new normal will be.

Related to that, I pray that soon we will be able to gather once again for worship. It's entirely possible that, when we do return to gathered worship, the worship service won't look or feel the same as it used to, but we can't wait until we can be together and praise God together.

Further, I want you to join me in praying for the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have already begun reviewing applications (called

Personal Information Forms, or PIF's) from people who are interested in serving as your next pastor. Please pray for their work, their wisdom, and their stamina in this vitally important work.

And finally, I ask you to pray for one another, for all the members and friends of this church. The past nine months or so have been so hard for so many of us. God has created us as a family, and we are blessed by that, so please hold one another close to your hearts and lift one another up to God Almighty.

My dear friends, richest new year's blessings,

Pastor John

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May we all have a Healthy and Happy 2021!

Thank you for returning your Estimate of Giving for 2021. The sharing of your treasure develops The Holy Way budget. If you haven't had a chance to return yours, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our budget is finalized in early January before the Congregational Meeting.

Blessings to all in 2021

—*Sharon Groves, Treasurer*



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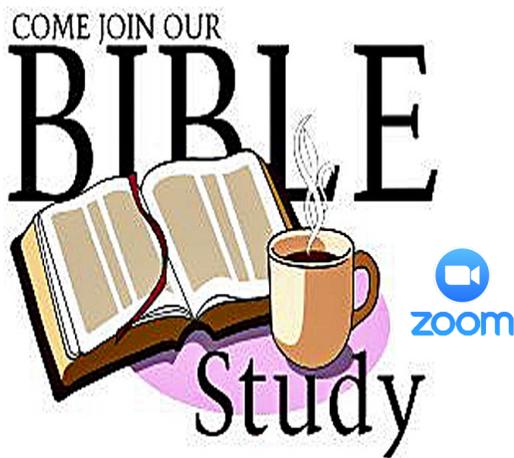
What's Happening at Holy Way....

COVID-19 UPDATE:

GATHERED WORSHIP IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED. DURING THIS TIME OF PHYSICAL SEPARATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THE SERMONS POSTED AND ENJOY THE VIDEOS WE WILL SHARE FOR REFLECTION AND WORSHIP ON OUR 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 John at: (John@holywaytucson.org) for the Invite ID or phone number to call and let's get into the word of God!

Pastor John Cheek is usually in the office:
Tuesdays-Fridays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
and Sundays 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

The narthex is open during these times to purchase coffee and drop off/pick-up any printed materials. Please call the church ahead of time in case Pastor John has had to step out of the office temporarily.
520-883-9417.

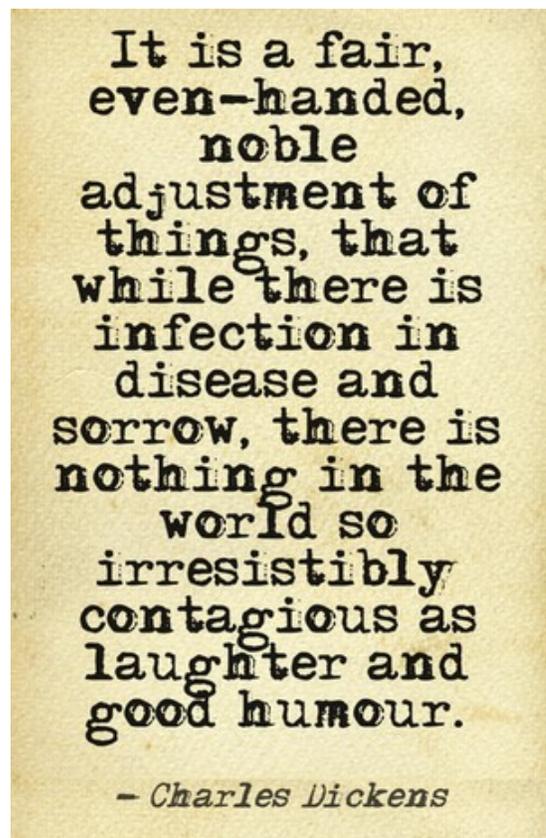
per capita

At the beginning of the year, each Presbyterian Church within our geographical area, called the Presbytery de Cristo, is requested to pay a certain amount per active member to help cover the administrative costs of the presbytery, the synod (we belong to the Synod of the Southwest, covering AZ & NM), and the General Assembly (the nation-wide council).

The per capita amount for 2021 has been set at \$41.50 per active member. This is down from last year's per capita. All active members of Holy Way are invited to contribute this amount to help cover this once-a-year expense we pay in February. For those active members who can contribute above the \$41.50, it is appreciated to help cover active members who are not able to contribute this extra. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.



The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation for Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. by Zoom meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports, receive the church budget, and attend to any other matters that may properly come before the meeting. All are invited to attend the Zoom meeting. The meeting ID and further information will go out as the date approaches.

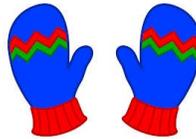


PNC Update

In early December we received approval of our Ministry Information Form (MIF) from our Presbytery de Cristo. This triggered the Presbytery's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) computer system/website to look for matches with all candidates who are looking for a new position and have submitted a Pastor Information Form (PIF) to the CLC. We received 26 matches, so most of December was spent reviewing and categorizing each one into one of three categories: Cat 3 – not a good match so no further interest, Cat 2 – set aside for now but may consider later, Cat 1 – a great match. We have 5 candidates in Cat 1 which we are now contacting to determine availability and interest. We also have received some self-referrals to consider.

Our goal is to narrow down the field to about 3 candidates we will interview and hopefully invite to visit Tucson to meet with our PNC and to check-out the area – notwithstanding COVID-19. Please pray for your PNC to achieve this goal by the end of January. We cannot do this without partnering closely with God to discern his will and his choice in the right person for Holy Way. What a fitting way to start 2021. Happy New Year everyone!

Warming Up Sells



“Burr!” It’s getting cold outside!

The month of January is when we start gathering warm clothes and blankets for the Presbyterian Church in Sells, Arizona. Their church will distribute our donations to the people who live in the Tohono O’odham Nation.

We call this project,
Warming Up Sells!

If you like to knit or crochet, you might be interested in making hats and scarves to donate. There are patterns in the church narthex. There is also a donation box in the narthex . Thank you!



Circle Talk

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, 2020, The Holy Way Circle Talk group, who have been reading and learning about Antiracism, were invited to join in a Zoom conversation. Alesha, who leads the Antiracism Group at Northminster Presbyterian Church, invited us.

Our recently elected District Attorney for Pima County, Laura Conover, was the speaker. It was a very interesting conversation with many from our community joining in the Zoom.

Laura explained a program of Restorative Justice as a more just way of dealing with minor offenses that cause cash bails. Many, especially low-income people, cannot afford a \$500 bail. They linger in custody while their family is often without the breadwinner. Thus, a minor problem grows. Restorative Justice can be worked out through an agreement of restitution between victim and defendant without a court trial. This can be done without custody or a cash bail.

Circle Talk looks forward to future joint conversations with the Northminster Antiracism Group learning more in the progress toward Antiracism among people.

(Another invitation from Alesha came to us as I was preparing to send this article to Kathy to include in our January Holy Way Newsletter!):

We would like to invite you to our first guest speaker session of the New Year on Zoom on **Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m.!** This will be a special session. We will be joined by the NEED Collaborative (Network for Equity and Education Development) - an incredible group working in Pima County. Natalie Clark, Lance Meeks, and Angie Lopez will be joining us to discuss their work in the community. Please bring your questions. Can't wait and hope to see you there!

Here is a preview of their work from the IMA criminal justice forum from last month:

IMA Criminal Justice Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/716155778478628/videos/411095203242369/>

Anyone who is interested in joining the above Zoom with Northminster and/or our Holy Way Circle Talk for Zoom conversations or in person with mask and 6' apart, please contact me:

Sharon Groves: quiltwood2@gmail.com or 520/395-1884



Dear Church Family,

Driving past our lonely looking Holy Way Presbyterian Church makes us sad and longing for the doors to open.

The coming of vaccine gives us hope; but, somehow, we need to enjoy fellowship with each other.

It is hoped that we can gather in small groups in the Ranch House, no more than 10 people at a time, beginning, towards the end of January.

Here is a suggestion: one day a week men gather in the morning for fellowship, women gather another day. Each person brings their own drink and treat.

In case we have a large number of people signing up, we might need to plan more meetings each week.

We will be observing Covid guide lines.

Are you interested? Please let us know by calling Janie Saxton (612-387-7756) or Rosalie Baumrucker (520-730-7422). Thanks! And Happy New Year!





What a year to express our gratitude for how The Holy Way Presbyterian Church has continued to serve our Lord in faithful outreach to others! Our mission projects are alive and well and will continue to grow through this new year. Due to the generosity of our church family, others are truly being blessed through our Mission Committee projects:

- The Arizona Diaper Bank of Southern AZ with adult products
- Café Justo/Frontera de Cristo
- Altar Valley Middle School
- Interfaith Community Services
- Warming Up Sells and
- The Navajo Nation.

Deacon Programs include: The Holy Way Food Pantry; the Prayer Shawl Ministry; and the Christmas Toy Drive.

The year of our Lord, 2020, has presented many worldly restrictions on our paths, but they have failed to separate us as we are continually blessed with the “Ties that Bind”. The Stephen Ministry; our Prayer Chain; weekly Zoom Bible Studies; the Pastor Nominating Committee; and all of our personal conversations and cards support and nurture the strength and health of our Holy Way Grape Vine as we glorify our Heavenly Father.



Our Prayer Chain is still going strong and active! Do you need prayer or know of someone that does? Our Prayer chain is always available. Contact Phyllis Crouthers at 520-578-8369 or Janie Saxton at 612-387-7756. Prayers are powerful and give the sustaining power to get through the most difficult times.

Estimate of Giving

Every year we collect Estimates of Giving to help plan the year’s church budget. If you haven’t sent yours in, you will find the form on the next page. You can drop it off at the church office when someone is available, email it back to: Kathy@holywaytucson.org or you can mail it back to:

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