

BY THE WAY ...

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From the Pastor...

I want you all to know how very happy and pleased I am to be able to serve you as Interim Pastor. This will be, I believe, a good and healthy adventure for all of us.

It might be helpful for you to know how I view the role of Interim Pastor. I understand that I have several functions. One thing an Interim is expected to do is to assure that the congregation has a continuity of pastoral leadership. This is not a problem for The Holy Way, because of the excellent continuing leadership of Pastor Elizabeth, and I'm honored to join her in leading this wonderful family of faith.

A second role of an Interim is to examine the processes and systems at work in the congregation. Particularly in situations in which a called Pastor has served for a long time, systems can outlive their usefulness, and preferences can become rules. A good Interim will look at these systems, learn how the system came to be in place, and facilitate the process of evaluating whether or not this system is the best one for the church moving forward.

Because of this role, I'll be spending a fair amount of time asking questions like, "Why do we do it this way?" or "Is there a different or better way of accomplishing this task?" When you hear me asking these kinds of questions, please don't hear them as criticisms. I'm just going to be helping the congregation discover what is being done because it best meets our needs and what is being done because we've just always done it.

A third role of the Interim is to celebrate the past of the congregation and to prepare for an exciting future with a called Pastor. I will be serving here for a limited period of time, and I'll do my best to accomplish the work I was called here to do. While I'm here I'll commit to being the very best Interim Pastor I'm capable of being, and I'd welcome your prayers.

Richest blessings,

Pastor John



Thank you good and faithful servants.

Pastor Elizabeth, thank you for your service as Acting Head of Staff. Thank you, Interim Pastor Search Committee, for all your hard work. Pastor John, Thank you for accepting the call to shepherd us. Congregation, thank you for your continued support during our time of transition.

-Gerry Pearson, Treasurer



July Birthdays:

Bella Hamamoto (12 yrs)	7-4
Lynn Allen	7-8
Rev. John Cheek	7-11
Edith Lockard	7-16
Marcia Boyd	7-24
Gerri Barney	7-25
Marcella Eldert (94 yrs)	7-31

August Birthdays:

Marianne Hamilton	8-3
Sharon Groves	8-8
Chris Bernardo	8-10
Willis Irons	8-10
Wyatt Diggs (14 yrs)	8-12
George Hearn	8-21
Judy Miller	8-24
Britney Thomas	8-25
Ray Groves	8-31
Martha Maddox	8-31



July Anniversaries:

Lynn & Karl Allen	7-1
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August Anniversaries:

Sue & Jim Rollins	8-4
Jeannie & Phil Hollis	8-16
Dearwyn & Marv Knittel	8-21



What's Happening at Holy Way....

- ♦ **Bible Study** meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.
(There will not be Bible Study on Tuesday, July 2 & July 16).
- ♦ **Chancel Choir** is off for the Summer.
- ♦ **Summer Singers** meet every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Ranch House.
- **The Church office will be closed** on Thursday, July 4, in observance of the holiday.
- **The Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, July 23, and August 27, at 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **Session** will meet on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Summer Supper Out** will be on Thursday, July 25 and Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m.
(Watch the weekly bulletin for more info).
- ♦ **Stephen Minister Peer Supervision Group** will meet on Wednesday, July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21, at 9:00 a.m.



JULY

in other languages:



Greenlandic = Juli



Tuvaluan = Lulai



Sicilia = Giugnettu



Albanian = Korrik



Afrikaans = Julie

AUGUST

in other languages:

Corish = Mys Est



Galician = Agosto



Welsh = (mis) Awst



Haitian Creole = Out



Vietnamese = tháng tám (躺慘)





Congratulations!



Sunday, June 23 was a joy-filled day as we welcomed our new Interim Pastor, Rev. John Cheek, and his wife, Lou!



Congratulations to our two newly commissioned Stephen Ministers; Barbara Armbruster and Mary Scillieri, who have finished their 50 hours of training, and our new Stephen Leader, Rev. Elizabeth Smith.

Pastor Elizabeth was trained alongside 181 other individuals from 29 states and 4 Canadian provinces, representing 125 congregations. The days were full of information and ideas to nurture meaningful ministry back home.

Need to reach Pastor John?



Pastor John's Phone #:
520-349-3719

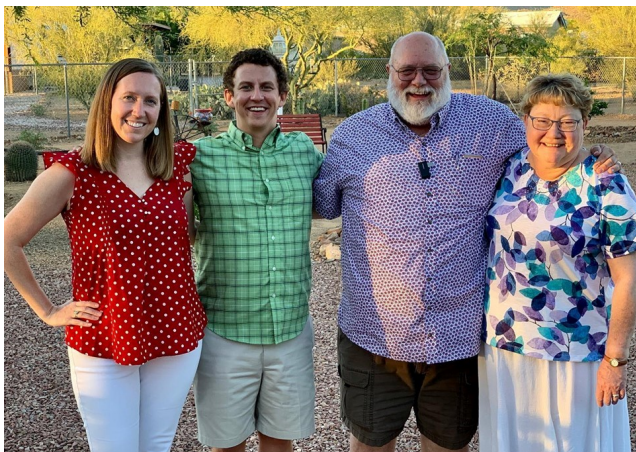


Pastor John's email:
John@holywaytucson.org





We are grateful to Ray and Sharon Groves for hosting an evening gathering to celebrate the hard work of the Interim Pastor Search Committee! Committee members, staff and spouses were eager to get to know John and Lou better and the Groves' hospitality made that possible.



Please join us in thanking the members of the Interim Pastor Search Committee for their hard and faithful work these past few months!

Karl Allen

Sharon Groves

Carol Hearn

Jeannie Hollis

Marv Knittel

Wendy Mattias

Joan Valenzuela





Alyssa Americano attended Montlure Presbyterian Junior High camp in Lakeside from June 23–June 28. She made new friends, did lot's of activities, and developed a new relationship with God. Join us on Sunday, July 7th to hear a little more about her great adventure!



Every Sunday, and every day the church office is open during the week, bags of delicious Café Justo coffee are available for purchase, \$10 a pound. Pick your favorite coffee blend from the coffee cart and please pay Don Kimball or you can pay in the church office.

Food Bank Sundays

Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

July's theme:

Pasta & Sauce

August's theme:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

September's theme:

Paper Products like napkins, plates, tissues, TP, & paper towels



Summer does seem to go fast. We are already half-way through and the kids may be dreading the start of school again, but it will be here soon. In fact, the first week of August is back-to-school already! With your donations, Altar Valley Middle School, in Three Points, west of Holy Way, can not only prepare for the new school year, but we can hopefully inspire the kids to want to do well in school. Our teachers greatly appreciate your generous donations, and our kids are thrilled to begin the school year with new supplies. Here is a list of the items most needed. Please bring any supplies you would like to donate and place them in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for making this year a successful one!

Supplies Needed:

Notebooks

Pencils

Kleenex

Hand sanitizer

Crayola crayons

Colored pencils

2 pocket folders

Filler paper

Pencil sharpeners (with catchers)

Expo dry erase markers

Colored Xerox paper

Backpacks



Name Tags

Now that our Interim Pastor John is here, it would be helpful to wear our name tags so he can become familiarized with our names and faces. If you need one, there is a form hanging in the cabinet in the narthex. Please print your name clearly and one will be ordered for you. Thank you.



Last year the board of Deacons sponsored a toy drive and partnered with Drexel Heights Fire Department in providing toys for many children in our community who would not otherwise receive much at Christmas. It was a huge success. The fire department was able to provide five toys to each child for whom they had a name. Meanwhile, just down the road a bit the Three Points Fire Department was unable to provide one toy for every child they had identified. For that reason we have decided that this year we will work with Three Points. So as you shop, start picking up toys and stashing them under your beds or in your spare closets. When Marilyn Plitnik returns from Alaska in the fall, she will give you the details of how the collection will go this year. In the mean time, if you have questions, please call Jeannie Hollis at 578-7850.

Session Highlights for May 21, 2019

Alyssa Americano will be going to Montlure Camp this summer, expenses to be paid from our Camp Fund.


We encourage anyone who wants to sing or play an instrument during the summer. Anyone interested contact Phil Hollis.

Summer Suppers will begin June 27 at 5:30 p.m. and every fourth Thursday through August. First one will be at Tiny's, so please sign up.

A big thank you to our Interim Pastor Search Committee who has been hard at work! They hope to have a candidate to be voted on soon.

Session Minutes in their entirety are posted in the Ranch House.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30 pm Al-anon	2 No Bible Study	3	4 	5	6
7 9:20 am Hymnsing 9:30 am Worship, SS, Communion, & FB 6 pm Alateen & Al-anon	8 6:30 pm Al-anon	9 9:00 am Bible Study	10 9:00 am SM Peer Group	11 5:30 pm AA	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship & SS	15	16 No Bible Study	17	18 5:30 pm AA	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship & SS	22	23 9:00 am Bible Study 10:15 am Finance	24 9:00 am SM Peer Group	25 5:30 pm Summer Supper Out	26	27
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August



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