

Welcome to Skykomish Community Church

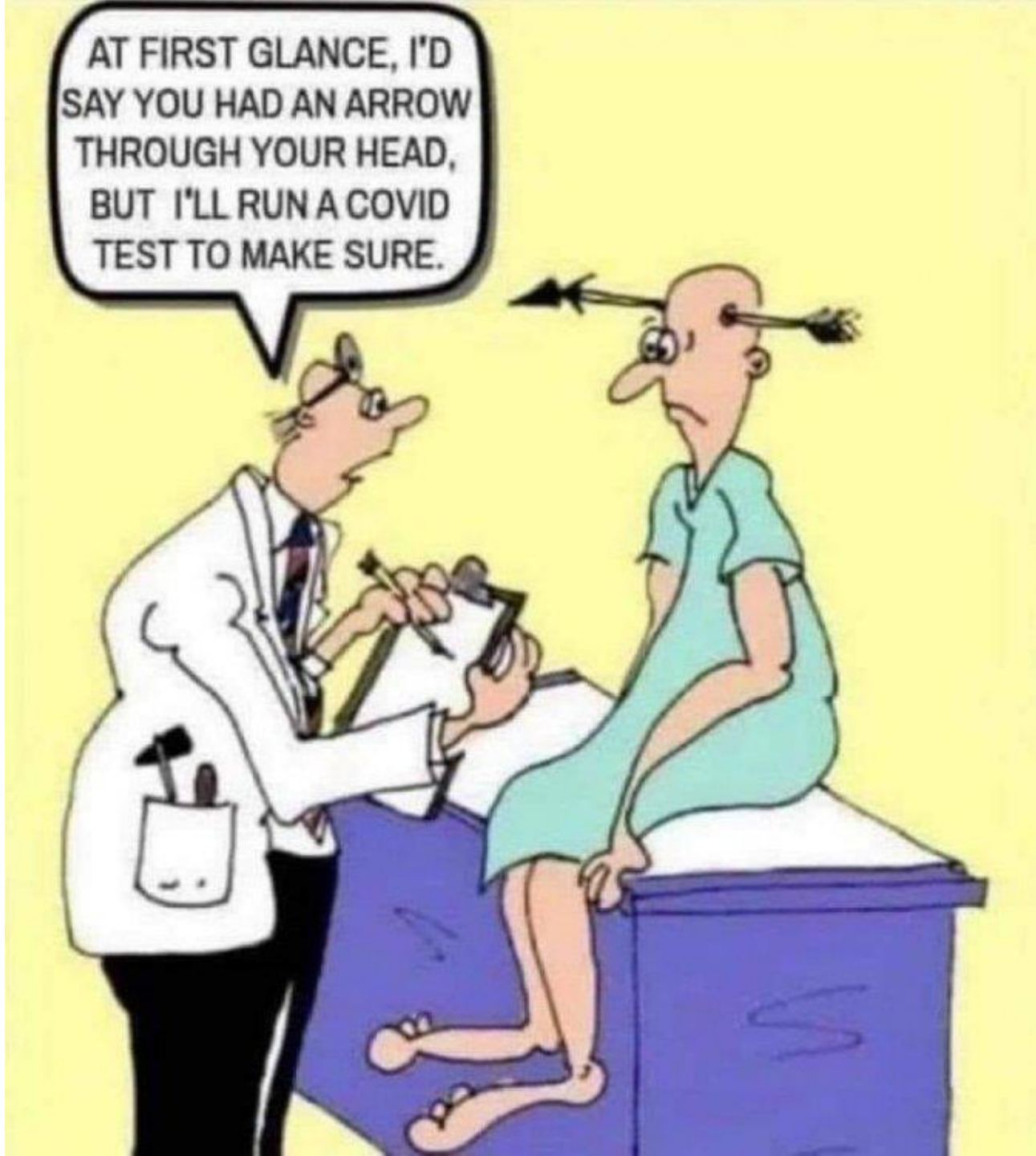
a Word preaching, people loving community



COVID-19 Update

Date	September 16	January 5
% of total population fully vaccinated	62%	68.6%
% of total population with at least one dose	70.1%	76.6%
% of adults fully vaccinated (18+)	74.2%	79.3%
% of seniors fully vaccinated (65+)	89.3%	91.8%

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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Next Communion: February 6

Next Potluck: TBD

**Board Meeting: Today, after church;
everyone is welcome**

Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use PayPal donate button on website, or mail to:

Skykomish Community Church

PO Box 56

Skykomish, WA 98288



Prayer Spotlight

Joe & Jenny Murrell; Pine Valley, CA
Pine Valley Community Church

Pine Valley is located in the mountains directly east of San Diego at about 4,000 ft above sea level. Our community of 1,500 people is surrounded by Cleveland National Forest. People here like to live in a small, quiet place. The town includes horseback riding and stables,



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a couple of restaurants, a Bible camp, and a popular mountain bike area. The church is made up of a diversity of people and backgrounds.

PRAYER REQUESTS: In this new year, please pray for wisdom for our leadership as we navigate the challenges and changes taking place in our nation and the world.



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The Lord is bringing new families to our church! We need more workers in the Sunday School and Children's ministry as we seek to reboot from the effects of COVID-19. Please pray for more people to serve in the nursery and children's classes.

Please ask the Lord to help us assimilate newcomers and to build our discipleship ministries in our church body.



e Missions

Keeping Country Churches Alive

Open Field Spotlight

Sandy Valley Community Church

Sandy Valley, NV

Please pray for the people of Sandy Valley Community Church as they wait for their next full-time Village Missions pastor.

Also pray for the 17 other churches in the U.S. and Canada that are waiting for a Village Missions pastor.

Exodus 13:17-22

God Led the People

Exodus 13:17-22 (NIV)

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

Exodus 13:17-22 (NIV)

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.”

Exodus 13:17-22 (NIV)

After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

Then he gave them these instructions: “I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite, the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre in Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried, and

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

there I buried Leah. The field and the cave in it were bought from the Hittites.”

When Jacob had finished giving instructions to his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him. Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, 'My father made me swear an oath and said, "I am about to die; bury me in the

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.”
Now let me go up and bury my father; then I
will return.””

Pharaoh said, “Go up and bury your father, as
he made you swear to do.”

So Joseph went up to bury his father. All
Pharaoh’s officials accompanied him—the
dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of
Egypt—besides all the members of Joseph’s

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

household and his brothers and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company.

When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father.

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

When the Canaanites who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “The Egyptians are holding a solemn ceremony of mourning.” That is why that place near the Jordan is called Abel Mizraim.

So Jacob’s sons did as he had commanded them: They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)

Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he

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promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.”

So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Hebrews 11:22 (NIV)

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you; the
LORD turn his face toward you and
give you peace.