

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2020



FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

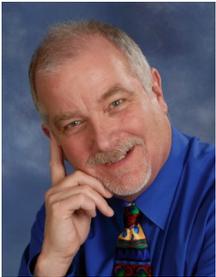
Our Vision:

Living God's love. *calls us to . . .*

Our Mission:

Reach out to all with faith and love.

Pastor Bill Good



RETHINKING EASTER

Easter will be different this year. What we've done in the past just won't work in our present circumstances.

So. . . things won't look the same. We won't be gathered in our sanctuary sharing our joy with one another amidst the fragrance and bright beauty of the Spring flowers glowing in the fresh sunlight spilling through the Atrium windows. We'll miss the infectious enthusiasm of raising our voices together in song and liturgy. Perhaps more than ever, we'll long for those Easter smiles, those Easter hugs.

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But, as Paul assures his Corinthian brother and sisters, "*though absent in the body, I am present in spirit*" (1 Cor. 5:3). So it will be with us as we gather to do electronically what we wish we could do physically. Nothing about the real nature of our fellowship will be diminished.

Yes, we will be forced to re-think Easter this year – to imagine new ways to celebrate Christ's unimaginable victory over sin and death. Yes, much will be changed.

But, maybe that's not such a bad thing. Maybe, undistracted by our dearest traditions, the exigencies of this Coronavirus era will give each of us the time, space and solitude to reflect more on the meaning of Easter than on its trappings. Maybe we will be led to ponder yet more deeply the miraculous nature of Christ's accomplishment and what it demands of us -- "*All people will know that you are my disciples,*" the Savior tells us, "*if you have love for one another.*"

Cameron Wiggins Bellm helps us consider what that might call us to in this year of pandemic.

Prayer for a Pandemic

By Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor. Amen.

Yes, some of our traditions will be missing this year. But the truth of that empty tomb and the raw beauty of those nail-scarred hands will endure. As do the promises of the God who brought Jesus into our midst: "*My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest*" (Exod 33:14). As well as the promises of his Son who walked out of that tomb on Easter morning: "*Remember, I am with you to the end of the age.*" (Mt 28:20).

Easter may look different this year. But the reality remains the same – He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Till we meet again,

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Bill Good
Pastor/Head of Staff

Tim & Christina Schlum
Youth Directors

Marta Ludwig
Administrative Coordinator

Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministry

Dorothy Parris
Pianist

John Gallagher
Custodian

CHURCH TREASURER

Linda Lull

CHURCH SESSION

Clerk of Session

John Skewes

Class of 2020

Joyce Leo

Kristi Robinson

Ron Waldo

Class of 2021

Ilene Berg

Yvonne Ellingson

Jack Reynolds

Arlene Stewart

Class of 2022

Maria Berry

Todd Corsello

Tim Halchuck

George Holtan

John Scaggs

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Linda Warren

Class of 2020

Mary Lee Lehigh

Bonnie Matty

Diane Runfola

Linda Warren

Class of 2021

Carol Hencz

Phil Katz

Mary Martinson

Class of 2022

Leslie Hermansen

Matt Jefferson

Dawn Lau

Jim Stewart

Focus on Finance

Feb. Income	\$ 40,964	Budget	\$ 36,691
Feb. Expenses	\$ 49,471	Budget	\$ 39,960
Yr to date Income	\$ 83,042	YTD Budget	\$ 68,382
Yr to date Expense	\$ 80,680	YTD Budget	\$ 72,793

February expenses exceeded February income, using up most of the surplus we had in January. Now more than ever we need your support in keeping the operations of the church stable, as the pandemic continues. Please continue to send in your pledges and contributions, and be safe.

Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Pastor Bill will lead us in a LIVE online Bible study titled *Songs for the Journey*, focusing on the Psalms of Ascent. Israel traditionally sang these “songs” as they incrementally gathered, traveling the roads to Jerusalem at the three holy seasons when they worshiped as a People in the Temple.

On each Wednesday, *Songs of the Journey* will be available for viewing on **Facebook LIVE** at 11 am or by video playback as a recorded video on our **FHPC website** any time after 12 noon.

Our schedule will be as follows:

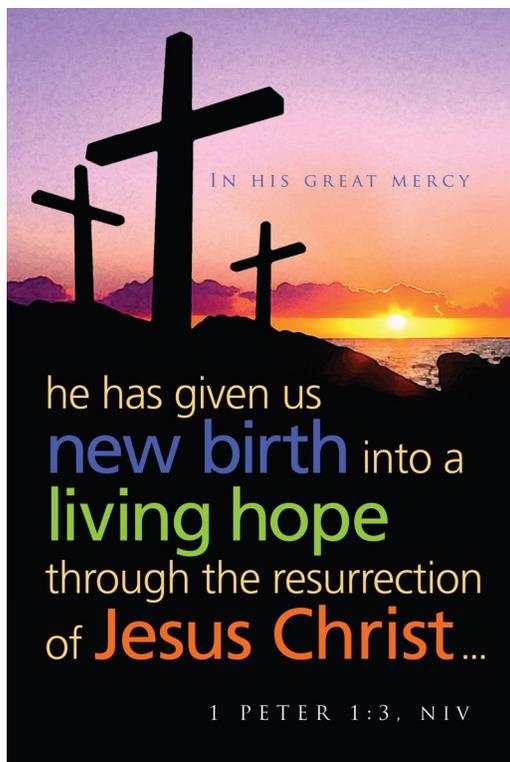
3/25: Psalm 124

4/1: Psalm 126

4/8: Psalm 130

4/15: Psalms 133/134

We hope you will join us on this meaningful Lenten Journey.



Thursday, April 9

MAUNDY THURSDAY | Special Drama
 LIVE 6 pm | Video Replay 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 12

EASTER SUNDAY | Worship & Celebration
 LIVE 9 am | Video Replay 10:30 am

Visit us at www.fhpresbyterian.info/Holy-Week

MISSION MINISTRY



Jack Reynolds, Elder

The annual Food For Kidz food packing event scheduled for March 19 has been postponed. A rescheduled date has not been determined. FHPC has ten volunteers signed up to help with the food packing when the event is held. Susan Titus is our coordinator and will be keeping everyone advised. Her contact number is: 608-332-1265.

The annual collection for Blanket Sunday resulted in donations of \$ 2761.00. This is the amount that we have sent to Church World Service. Thank you for another successful drive.

The Mission Committee is collecting prescription pill bottles for a new project. The project is to raise small change that can add up quickly to benefit a veteran's project to be determined. It will be one that we are not currently supporting such as US Vets or Victory Place. We will be asking members to fill the pill bottles with quarters. The bottles can be supplied by the Mission Committee or members can fill their own bottles. A final decision will be made at the April meeting to implement this project.



A message from Jack Reynolds, Free The Kids, Haiti

I would like to thank all the FHPC members and church groups who have given support to the children of Haiti via Free The Kids (Pwoje Espwa in Haiti) of which I am the co-founder back in 1999, past President and current Board member – Donor Relations. The Board and staff of FTK will be undergoing a restructuring and seeking a partner organization which also works in Haiti. The duties of the Board will be expanding during this time and I don't feel that I have the energy or expertise to handle these assignments. Hence, since my brother-in-law (Fr. Marc) retired last year due to health concerns, I too have decided to retire at this time from the Board. I will continue to be an advocate for the children but will have no official duties with FTK. I will not have access to donor information but will still be available to expedite questions and concerns about FTK / Espwa with the staff.

Thank you all once more for your support and I hope that your interest in caring for the poorest of the poor will continue. My commitment to FTK and the children in Haiti remains intact as does my faith in God. I will keep you updated on events and circumstances at the FTK / Espwa as they arise. Blessings.

-God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

CAN YOU SPARE \$1 PER WEEK?

This past fall, the Thursday morning Men's Bible Study Group decided to pick a mission program to support. The program chosen was FREE THE KIDS, a program that was already ongoing and designed to help children and their families in Haiti. Our local connection is Jack Reynolds. We agreed to each voluntarily donate \$1 (or more) per week. Is this a lot? No it is not, but over time, it adds up.

Now, we would like to extend two invitations. The first is for each person in the congregation to set aside \$1 per week and give it to this program. You can give weekly or when the chance arises. Put your dollars in an envelope marked "Free the Kids" and put it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the program or how you can help, contact the church office or Jack Reynolds. Also look for the brochures in the Narthex.

The second invitation is for the men of the church to come to the Men's Bible Study Group. We meet at 7:00AM on Thursday mornings in the Adult Center in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall. You will get coffee, donuts, and a chance to exchange your view of what the scripture says, with the others in the group. Don't be shy or think you have to be a Bible scholar to attend. Many times we have opposing views, but that is how we learn.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Hopefully by the time you read this, all of our note-filled Easter cards sent to our Church-connected military will have been mailed out and received. We can only hope for the best since addresses get changed frequent and sometimes families are one of the last to be informed. Anyway, I will let

you know if and when I receive word that a card has been received and I wish to again thank all who volunteered to write personal notes.

At this time, I would like to thank all Church members and friends who have made donations for our Veterans at the Phoenix Veterans Hospital/Home facility. I am again currently preparing for a pick-up and delivery of a load of books, magazines, cd's, puzzle books and more, to be delivered to that facility where they are always grateful for any and all donations. And at the same time, I am in the final stages of sorting and preparing many boxes to be picked up by Community Bridges, (CBI), of cloth-

ing, bedding, jackets, toiletries, shoes, and more, to be delivered to one of their facilities where veterans and homeless veterans can come to make selections of whatever they are in need of.

The Mission Committee is always happy to see many members placing items in our collection box located in the Narthex. Throughout the year, the signs may change depending on which Mission project is being worked on, but the one project that never stops and never changes throughout the entire year is our Mission Project for our Military and Veterans. The other locations for you to place your donations are the Fellowship Center on the left side as you enter and in the Church office. Gently used clothing, bedding, small household items, books, magazines, CD's, DVD's, puzzle books, calendars and toiletries are always needed. If you have any questions, just ask me. Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee

HOLY WEEK

With Arizona Governor Ducey's executive order earlier this week along with the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 virus, Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church will continue to offer worship services online only until further notice.

Services will continue to stream live on FHPC's [Facebook](#) page beginning at 9 a.m. on Sundays, with those services subsequently added to the FHPC [website](#) under the 'Worship & Study' tab at the top of the page. Services will feature Scripture readings, music and a message from Pastor Bill.

Holy Week begins with an online Palm Sunday service April 5. FHPC plans to hold a special online service on Maundy Thursday (April 9). This service will begin at 6pm and include a few members from the congregation acting out the roles of key participants in the unfolding story of Jesus' fateful night in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Pastor Bill notes that 'while Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, 'Maundy' is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to 'Love one another as I have loved you.' That is a powerful, relevant message given our current environment.

"I look forward to sharing the good news with you in upcoming weeks, including our Easter online service on April 12," Pastor bill added. "I'd like to leave you with the following quote from a more modern philosopher...Winnie the Pooh: 'I'm never afraid with you.'"



Maundy Thursday

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Psalm 23

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

MORNING CIRCLE

Morning Circle | 9:30 AM | Thursday, April 9 | Adult Center

If the corona virus situation allows:

We will be starting our new book “Twelve Extraordinary Women” by John MacArthur. We will learn how God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with us. Please read the Preface, Introduction and Chapter 1: Eve, Mother of All Living. If possible answer the corresponding questions at the back of the book. See you then!
 For information call Monique 336-382-8733.



-The most valuable antiques are old friends.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

canceled until further notice Fountain View Village, Assisted Living Activity Room
Believe our country's currency motto: IN GOD WE TRUST.
Continue in His Word daily and share our God's love.

- BE KIND.
- WORK HARD.
- STAY HUMBLE.
- SMILE OFTEN.
- STAY LOYAL.
- KEEP HONEST.
- NEVER STOP LEARNING.
- BE A HELPER.
- GIVE THANKS TODAY.
- KNOW HIS LOVE.



Jane Allen, Leader 907-538-3223

EVENING CIRCLE

Monday | April 20 | 7:00 pm

If the corona virus situation allows:

Donna Yordy
 480-837-6169
dyordy3@yahoo.com



Out 'n About—Out to Lunch April 15 | 12 noon | Red Robin

If the corona virus situation allows:

Join the group for a burger, milk shake and more! Red Robin is located on Shea just before the 101 Pima freeway.



Call Nancy Wulfmeier at 480-837-3021

HOOKED ON BOOKS

April 15 | 10:00 am |

If the corona virus situation allows:



at the home of Jo-Ann Spalding. Carol Fuls and Elsie Hoffarber will be reviewing “Daughters of the Night Sky” together. It is the story of a little known group of astonishingly brave and accomplished women, Russian fighter pilots during WWII. The time frame is early 1941 to mid 1945. We also learn so much about Russia and the Russian people.
 If you have any questions, please call Elsie Hoffarber – 480-837-4518 or Carol Fuls – 480-836-2346.

THANK YOU NOTE



I want to thank you Church, for your good wishes, your cards, your calls, your visits, your generosity, your love, and most of all, your prayers. You behaved as Paul urged his Church when he said: "Be joyful in hope,

patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people in need. Practice hospitality" Rom 12:12-13 NIV

Our constant prayers have been heard by the LORD, and he has rewarded our faith!

As you may recall, I went in for Reverse Total Shoulder Replacement surgery on Monday, November 4th, and 3 days later the complications began. You prayed for me to recover from the infection and with God guiding the doctors, I did. Then the joint became dislocated and the real problems began. You all remained faithful and continued to pray through another 90 days, and 3 more surgeries.

After every surgery you kept praying for me, and some of you came to the house with smiles, prayers, and food! And I was grateful. You see, nobody ever gave up on me: not you, not my surgeon, and of course, not God!

I knew it was all going to work out fine. As we pray every Sunday.... "THY will be done on earth....". I knew that whatever happened, it would be God's will, and that's been



enough for me. Every time I was in the hospital, I met new nurses and technicians. They helped me, and on occasion, God gave me the opportunity to minister to them as well.

You partnered with me and with our LORD with constant intercessory prayer, and on March 12th, I was released from my sling and given some simple exercises to begin getting my right arm back into shape. The first thing I did when I got home from the surgeon's office was take out my sax and see if I could still play it!! Praise and Glory to HIM! I can play again!

I still have a long way to go, with exercises at home, hopefully some physical therapy, and perhaps one day I'll regain the range of motion I had when I went in..

I don't know what will happen or when, but I know that God is "...my Rock and my redeemer!" Ps 19:14 NIV

Thank you again for your unceasing prayers!!

- Phil Katz



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

9th Year!

DEVEREUX EASTER BASKETS

Your generosity has blessed 55 girls and boys!

Women's Fellowship of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church asks for your generosity in filling Easter Baskets for young ones, ages 8 to 17, who are residents of Devereux Residential Treatment Center, Scottsdale AZ. They are developmentally and/or behaviorally challenged, and cannot live at home; some have never received an Easter Basket.



REMEMBER SUNDAY, MARCH 15



As COVID-19 continues to spread, the CDC has recommended that groups of 10+ should not meet for the next 2 months, social distancing is a primary line of defense.

No handshakes or hugs, but smiles and elbow bumps.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH...looking back

“God’s Kingdom is the place of abundance
where every generous act overflows
its original bounds and becomes part of
the unbounded Grace of God at work in the world.”

- Henri Nouwen



Celebration Singers



Men’s Fellowship



Worshipping Together



Worship & Music Ministry



Youth Groups



Building & Grounds



Mission Projects

SESSION MINUTES

**FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
5:00 PM – February 18, 2020 – Fellowship
Center**

Present: Pastor Bill Good, Clerk of Session John Skewes, Elders Joyce Leo, Ron Waldo, Ilene Berg, Jack Reynolds, Arlene Stewart, Maria Berry, Todd Corsello, Tim Halchuck, George Holtan and John Scaggs.

Absent: Elder Yvonne Ellingson and Elder Kristi Robinson
The Session Meeting was called to order with a prayer by Pastor Bill Good at 5:00 pm. A quorum was established.

Treasurer’s Report - Elder of Finance Tim Halchuck presented the *Treasurer’s Report* as FHPC Treasurer Linda Lull was unavailable for the Session Meeting. The Treasurer’s Report is attached.

Introduction of Guests & Speak-Out Time – Ben Fast presented the Session with a brief history of the *Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation* (the “Foundation”). The Foundation was started in 1998 by Jerry Miles and Jim Bates. The Foundation has reconstituted itself several times in order to remain in full compliance with Internal Revenue rules and regulations. Its current By-Laws state its purpose is to “provide the members and friends of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church a charitable way to leave the donor’s mark and create an everlasting testimony of faith and value to our Church.” The Foundation is “free will”, meaning donors are not contractually bound by their commitment, but the Foundation notes “gifts will help ensure the future needs and ministries of the Church for years to come.” Grants from the Foundation are via application, to be used for specific projects only, and not to be used in the general operations of the Church. Mr. Fast stated it is the intent of the Foundation to eventually be in a position to create an annual “stream” of cash into the Church, with targets of \$25,000 by 2025 and \$50,000 by 2035. Mr. Fast asks all FHPC congregants and friends to consider participating in the Foundation. Session greatly endorses and appreciates the work of the Foundation and thanks everyone involved for their efforts. It was suggested information on the Foundation be highlighted in FHPC weekly and monthly articles.

Devotional – Pastor Good inspired the Session with devotional readings.

Approval of Minutes from previous Session Meeting – The minutes from the January 21, 2020 Session Meeting were approved as presented.

Presbytery Report – Pastor Bill Good and Elder of Mission Outreach Jack Reynolds attended the ECO National Gathering which started on February 4, 2020 in Dallas, Texas. Both reported a moving and rewarding experience, including the ordination of a young Pastor (Luke Parker) and the “planting” of a new Presbyterian Church. The National Gathering has grown as ECO has grown, as there were 1,300 attendees this year compared to 400 attendees just a few years ago. This growth has presented some challenges on selecting a cost-conscious

venue to hold the event, as resorts typically have the facilities to sponsor large groups. Nine of the eleven churches in *Presbytery of Hope* attended the gathering, and during the course of the Gathering, Pastor Bill Good completed his 2-year tenure as Moderator of *Presbytery of Hope* – handing the reins to Laurie Johnson. Pastor Good told Session the Moderator position alternates between a Pastor for 2 years, then an Elder for 2 years. Pastor Good and Jack Reynolds both believe FHPC participation in National Gatherings is essential. The next National Gathering will be in San Antonio.

Clerk’s Report – Clerk of Session presented the Session with the following:

Communion on February 2, 2020: At FHPC - 160/38

At Home Communion – 4

Baptisms – 1 , Memorials – 1 , Weddings - 0

Worship Attendance – 1/26: 164 (Women’s Sunday)

2/2: 160/38 2/9: 190/24 2/16: 156/32

Housekeeping Items – It was moved/seconded/carried to regretfully accept the resignations of Nancy Grahlmann as an Elder and Chris Young as a Deacon. Session then moved/seconded/carried to elect Ron Waldo for the Elder position on the *Church Officer Nominating Committee*. The *Church Officer Nominating Committee* is now fully staffed and is comprised of the following individuals:

- Committee Elder & Chairperson.....Arlene Stewart
- Elder.....Ron Waldo
- Deacon..... Phil Katz
- Women’s Ministry Representative..... Nancy Wulfmeier
- Men’s Fellowship Rep.....Bill Matty
- Celebration Singers Rep..... Terri Schmidt
- Member at Large.....Greg Fisher

Clerk of Session John Skewes then charged the *Church Officer Nominating Committee* with recommending individuals to fill two open Elder positions (Phyliss Kern, Nancy Grahlmann) and one open Deacon position (Chris Young). Arlene Stewart noted there is not a seated Elder in charge of Stewardship, and Pastor Good responded by saying he may have an individual to undertake that position. He will get back to Ms. Stewart shortly. Session then reviewed a listing of individuals who may no longer belong on the active Membership List due to moving, health conditions, etc. After a discussion of each individual, Session made a determination to either retain or remove the individual from the active Membership List.

Moderator’s Report - Pastor Good once again detailed all his pastoral activities since the last Session Meeting. The number of activities he undertakes continues to astound the Session. Pastor Good will be away the last week of February when he travels to Houston, Texas to attend a seminar on (a) resolving conflicts and (b) training in conciliation of parties in conflict.

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He is attending the seminar at the recommendation of Elder of Personnel Arlene Stewart.

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Pastor Good encouraged Elders to lead by example and attend FHPC fund-raising events. A recent Sunday afternoon concert at FHPC to raise money for the Capital Campaign had disappointing attendance. Pastor Good said about 70 FHPC congregants/friends are still not involved in the Capital Campaign. Elder George Holtan reported progress in addressing the problem of Arrive Apartments tenants using the FHPC parking lot without permission. Art Spalding and George talked with the Manager of the apartment complex, who said there is plenty of parking available on the Arrive Apartment's own premises. The Manager then sent out email blast warnings to their tenants – with good results. The signs Bob Lull purchased say “No Overnight Parking” so Elder Holtan is ordering three new signs with appropriate restrictive language.

Elder George Holtan reported a new problem – outside individuals using FHPC garbage dumpsters for their large trash items (carpeting, artificial Christmas trees, etc.) After discussing several possible solutions, it was decided to purchase and install motion detectors which will illuminate the dumpster area at night – when most of the unauthorized dumping occurs. Pastor Good has installed bright pink tape in several locations on the steps leading up to/down from the Sanctuary chancel. It is hoped this will further assist individuals when navigating the steps. Pastor Good also always reminds people of the steps and assists them whenever possible. A suggestion to install another railing was considered unnecessary at this time. Collections during the 5th Sunday in March will be directed to VBS.

COUNCIL REPORTS: ACTION REQUIRED

Building and Grounds – Elder George Holtan recommended installing lighting for the sidewalk on west side of the Church facing the Arrive Apartments, both for safety and to present a welcoming atmosphere to visitors. It was decided to install solar lights along the ground, as they are easy to install and inexpensive.

Separately, Elder Holtan recommended a review of the FHPC facility rental rates, as they may be too low – even for community-related organizations – and the rate charged for the same room may be inconsistent amongst different renters. Arlene Stewart recalls reviewing and adjusting rental rates in 2015, along with the creation of a new rental rate schedule. Whether this schedule has been utilized in FHPC operations since its creation appears to be in question. Regardless, a search will be undertaken to find this schedule to determine if this addresses George's concerns.

Technical Support – Ron Waldo, as Chair of the *Design Committee*, stated the Committee will be comprised of Pastor Good, Debbie Fisher, Carol Skewes, Jon Trautman and himself. The goal is to renovate the Fellowship Center stage using a \$1,000 grant from the FHPC Foundation. The top 3 or 4 selections will be presented for consideration.

The app intended to control several FHPC thermostats via designated cellphones does not appear to function properly. The app was free from APS. Someone stated “we may have gotten

what we paid for.”

There were two items placed in the *Suggestion Box*, the first a self-reflection on the individual's perceived hypocrisy and the second requesting Session help in quieting those individuals who talk during communion and/or the sermon. Many Elders believed this is best handled by the person asking politely that the talkative individual refrain from speaking. Finally, Elder Waldo stated (a) there is a good audience on *Facebook* during services; (b) there have been 9 geocaching visits to the FHPC campus since January 1, 2020 (the site is next to the 10 Commandments tablet) and (c) to date \$4,200 has been raised towards the \$7,100 needed for the Youth Retreat. Elder Halchuck confirmed that money raised for the Youth Retreat is maintained in a Restricted Account. The deadline for raising the funds is March 5, 2020.

Christian Formation – It was moved/seconded/carried to permit a fundraising event for VBS by selling lemon pies and lemon bars -- if the funds collected during the 5th Sunday in March leaves a need for additional money.

Outreach & Communications – The *National Performing Artists* have yet to release the slate of performers for a 2021 Concert Series. Typically, Session is asked to approve the continuation of the Concert Series by this date. Pastor Good informed Session that Chris and Jen Young have stated this is their last year to spearhead the refreshments served during the concerts.

COUNCIL REPORTS – CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made/seconded/carried accept the Council Reports as follows:

Finance	Tim Halchuck
Mission	Jack Reynolds
Personnel	Arlene Stewart
Worship & Music	Ilene Berg
Hilltop Hospitality	J. Leo /M. Berry
Deacons	
Safety	
Stewardship	

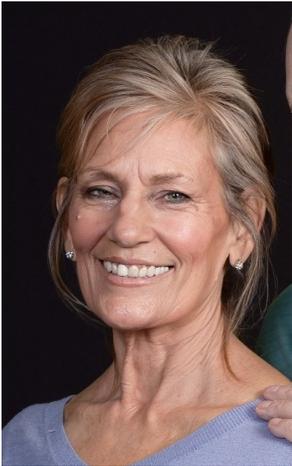
BRIEF STORY OF FAITH – Elder Jack Reynolds provided the *Brief Story of Faith* by reflecting on his attendance at the ECO National Gathering. He clearly was moved by the event and will be describing his experience by writing the cover article for the next *In Touch* publication.

The Session Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Skewes, Clerk of Session

MUSIC MINISTRY



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

“Every Morning is Easter Morning, from now on, every day’s a resurrection day, the past is over and gone. Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance. Hello, Lord, hello sun, I am one of the Easter People, my new life has begun! Every morning is Easter morning!”

We have found our value in Christ. Our love for one another that surpasses understanding! Thank you all for being a part of God’s church, His family, our family.

*“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Everybody give God Praise! “
Psalm 150:6*

Deborah Fisher
Director of Music Ministry
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO



I walked upon
a hill to-day
and saw a tree
that stands
with gaunt dead
arms stretched east and west. It took my
thoughts to lands across the sea where once
there stood upon a hill like this another tree
with arms stretched out. Because a traitor’s
kiss had nailed upon the rugged beams
the gentle hands
and feet of one
who walked the
dusty roads and
braved the
desert heat to
comfort hearts
sore with dis-
tress and raise
the very dead.
To touch the
sickened bodies
and to give new
life instead. A
man in whom no
fault was found
but that the
paths He trod
were guarded by
His Father and

His Father’s name was God.

I walked upon a hill today and stood beside
the tree and thought of how those hands and feet
were nailed up there for me.

EMC

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...DID YOU KNOW?

Janice Rebecca Redeman was born in Southern Illinois and has been a resident of Arizona for 40 years. Rebecca and her deceased husband, Jack, sold their Cadillac car dealership in 1979 and moved to Tucson Arizona. Rebecca worked with her daughter Janice in their Interior design studio in Tucson. Rebecca moved to Ft Hills in 2001, and has been the "unofficial" meeter and greeter at the Fountain Hills Park. A daily walker, if you walk the park, you have seen Rebecca, with her sweet smile and friendly, "hello." Rebecca loves to sing. She sang in the Fountain Hills chorus for over 10 years, And is very happy to be joining the Celebration Singers.



Rebecca Redeman

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

As I am writing this article in the middle of March for the April newsletter, many closures and cancellations are taking place in our town as the number of coronavirus patients in this country rises. This means we will have some spare time we hadn't counted on before we started deleting commitments on our calendars. What a great time to check out a book from our church Library Resource Center and do some reading in the safety of our own home! Just get a key from the office and serve yourself from our collections of books and DVDs. (*Unfortunately at this time, the FHPC campus is closed except for the church office.*)

Our journey through Lent will soon be culminating with the celebration of Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus is not simply proof of his divinity, nor is the event something Christians should celebrate on one day of the liturgical year and then forget. The resurrection has crucial relevance for our spiritual formation every day.

The book *Living the Resurrection: the risen Christ in everyday life* immerses you in the life-changing experience of this biblical event. Join author and pastor Eugene Peterson as he reflects on three aspects of Christ's resurrection that define our lives and energize our faith:

1. Resurrection Wonder as the central focus of our life in Christ
2. Resurrection Meals as the invitation to spiritual formation in our most common daily experiences
3. Resurrection Friends as the intimate fellowship in whose midst the risen Jesus makes his joyful home

This is a short book and you will be rewarded by Peterson's insights.

In the words of Max Lucado, "Thanks to Eugene Peterson's pen, not even a day passes that I don't read and sigh, 'I never thought of it that way.'"



Barbara Oakeson



Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and shelf centered;
 Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
 Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
 Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
 Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
 Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
 Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
 Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
 Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
 It is never between you and them anyway.

-Mother Teresa

Thank YOU!

I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make the **Pat Covault Memorial Concert Series** a success this year! It does take many hands to keep this program running smoothly. Thanks to National Performing Artists, Linda and Bill Covault, the set up crews, the ushers, the ticket takers, the ticket sales ladies, Marta Ludwig, the Hilltop Hospitality Crew and to each and everyone who bought tickets for the concerts. We are looking forward to another great entertainment in 2021!!! Again a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who purchased tickets!!! - Mary Ann Nickel



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ANNUAL MEETING OF FHPC FOUNDATION

Fellowship Center

All FHPC members and friends are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Foundation.

We will discuss the Foundation annual financial report and have election of the Trustees.

Guest speaker: Rachel Egoro, Philanthropic Advisor, AZ Community Foundation.

Arlene Stewart will be preparing a luncheon for this event.

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER UPDATES!

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With deepest sympathy we list those members who have passed away in 2020.

Don Stark
Bernie Christenson
Rose Marie Kramer
Jeanene Schopbach

*Well done, Thou good and faithful servant...
Enter thou into the joy Of thy Lord."*

Matthew 25:21

Hospitalized? Call the church!

If you are sick, hospitalized or home recovering from illness, we want you to call the church and let us know! In a congregation like ours where people leave in droves for extended summer months, it is easy for the staff, elders and deacons to assume, when we don't see someone, that they are simply "vacationing away." The truth is that some of you are sick and we are not aware of it. You can help us by simply letting one of the staff know of your situation. We have an excellent support system in place due to the diligent efforts of our deacons. Help us serve you by communicating your situation.

From Death to Life

Any life is like a faded leaf,
Any harvest dwindled to a husk:
Truly my life is void and brief
And tedious in the barren dusk;
My life is like a frozen thing,
No bud nor greenness can I see?
Yet rise it shall — the sap of Spring;
O Jesus, rise in me.

Christina Rossetti

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All Things in Common

Just as the bread out of many grains ground and mixed together, and out of the bodies of many grains there comes the body of one bread, in which each grain loses its form and body and takes upon itself the common body of the bread; and just as the drops of wine, in losing their own form, become the body of one common wine and drink — so it is and should be with us.

Through the interchange of (Christ's) blessings and our misfortunes, we become one loaf, one bread, one body, one drink, and have all things in common.

Martin Luther
Treatise on the Blessed Sacrament

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HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

4/1 Gary Oakeson
4/3 Jane Allen
4/4 Helen Roesch
4/5 Kristi Robinson

4/6 John Scaggs
4/8 Jo Strehlow
4/10 Peg Inglis
4/19 Pat Tuttle
4/20 Irene Cain

4/23 Althea Halchuck
4/25 Bob Titus
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