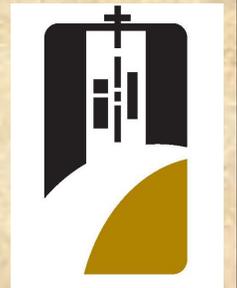


# FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# IN TOUCH



Fountain Hills, AZ

February 2022



## FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

**Our Vision:** To be missionaries bearing the Gospel into the world.  
*Calls us to...*

**Our Mission:** Growing as devoted followers of Jesus Christ by making disciples for our Lord and Savior.

*Rev. August 25, 2020*

*Pastor Bill Good*



## DOING and BEING

*“What are you doing here, Elijah?”*

That’s the question God asks the exhausted prophet who has just spent 40 days ceaselessly running the length of Israel seeking a place to hide. No sooner does he set weary foot in his wilderness cave than YHWH shows up and confronts him with it.

We’ve been talking a lot lately about what we’re *doing* here at FHPC – all the shared work that we think of as essential to support the ongoing life of our church. In fact, I spent most of January preaching about how important it was for everyone to claim their place in order for our various ministries to have vitality. There’s much to do. And the church can only be the church when it exists as an active community of Christ followers.

True enough. . .

But I want to change up that discussion here. I want to talk about something more important than what we DO: I want to talk about who we BE. You see, Christ didn’t surrender to the cross to teach us how to be better DO-ers of religion. The Old Testament law had

already covered that territory. Christ sacrificed his precious life so that we might BEcome more like him. The truest expression of our faith in him is not about what we DO. It’s about who we BE.

Our resurrected Lord mystically now “*abides*” within us (see Jn 15 & 17), transforming us through his presence with each passing day. In words hard to wrap our minds around, the apostle Paul tells the Colossians, that our life is now “*hidden with Christ in God*” (3:3). And he refers lovingly to the Galatians, saying he is pained “*until Christ is formed in you*” (4:19). We open ourselves to this process through participation in the church, the fellowship of other Christ-BEcomers – in worship, in prayer, in submitting ourselves to his Word.

God seeks us out and asks us the same question he once asked the prophet: “*What are you doing here, (enter your name here)?*”

How do you answer? Who are you Being today? How are you showing up in the world? Who do those with whom you interact experience you as? Does your presence manifest His?

Again, it’s not nearly so much about what you DO as who you ARE. I pray God continues to bless our BE-ing!

Grace and Peace,

## DO YOU KNOW WHO?

Did you ever wonder who takes care of getting everything ready for worship each Sunday morning, making sure there is a friendly face at the door to greet you and a curbside angel waiting to assist those who appreciate a helping hand getting from their parked car to the sanctuary? What about scheduling communion servers and ushers, changing paraments according to the Christian calendar and what about the beautiful wreaths that are displayed for each season? What about preparing and serving for special services during Holy Week and decorating for Christmas?

The above tasks are just some of the responsibilities of the Worship & Music Committee of 17 members. Sounds like a lot of people for one committee, but we all manage to be busy taking care of one task or another. Many of our projects include assistance from Buildings & Grounds members who always so graciously help us by climbing ladders, pounding nails, etc.

One of our most recent special projects was the addition of our small Chapel which is open to anyone during FHPC office hours. Another special project was updating the narthex a few years ago.

Our most valuable asset is that we enjoy working together, and we are always happy to welcome new members. If you want to be more involved in your Church, call W & M Chair Ilene Berg (480-684-0344) to let her know you are interested in joining us, and we will happily welcome you at our next meeting.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Bill Good**  
Pastor/Head of Staff

**Marta Ludwig**  
Administrative Coordinator

**Debbie Fisher**  
Director of Music Ministry

**Dorothy Parris**  
Pianist

**Frank DeGroot**  
Custodian

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Linda Lull

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Jack Reynolds

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Ilene Berg—Worship & Music  
Jack Reynolds—Missions  
Arlene Stewart—Administration  
Stewardship

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Interim Hospitality  
John Scaggs-Communications

**Class of 2023**  
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Mary Martinson

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Dawn Lau  
Jim Stewart

**Class of 2023**  
Linda Kester  
Mary Lee Lehigh  
Tyson Robinson  
Bob & Susan Titus

## Focus on Finance

Dec. Income	\$ 36,796	Budget	\$ 28,777
Dec. Expenses	\$ 28,991	Budget	\$ 28,858
Yr to date Income	\$ 412,858	YTD Budget	\$ 345,320
Yr to date Expense	\$ 339,342	YTD Budget	\$ 346,298

When we started out the year 2021 we expected to end the year with a deficit. Due to your generous giving during the year we have managed to end 2021 with a significant surplus. Thank you for your continued support of our Church's operations and its missions. This surplus will be needed in 2022 as we expect to see more maintenance issues as our church property ages.

Respectfully,  
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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# Upcoming Events

## The 2022 Sweethearts Brunch Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM Tickets: \$13.00 each

The Men’s Fellowship will once again provide the men of FHPC a chance to show the women in their lives just how much they mean to us. Of course, we are talking about the annual Sweethearts Brunch, which consists of a catered brunch and some wonderful entertainment. It all takes place on February 12 in the friendly confines of our Fellowship Center.

This event is being planned and orchestrated by the very talented duo of Bob Titus and Bill Matty. Considering past performances, you just have to know this will also be a memorable experience.

Don’t miss it!!

Tickets for you and your sweetheart will be available on Sunday mornings before and after worship service. You can also buy tickets during normal business hours at the Church office from through February 8.



The Communications Ministry, led by Elders John Scaggs and Kathy Cole, needs volunteers to serve on their Ministry’s committees. Individuals who are willing to share a new and fresh perspective, to improve our methods of communication, to help us reach new members – are encouraged to “heed the call.”

**Communications Committee** identifies possible articles, event notifications, and other newsworthy subjects to promote internally and externally through various communications mediums; provides input to maximize the effectiveness of the website and social media; produces graphics and other materials to support worship services and other events.

**Audio Visual Committee:** continually evaluates the A/V needs of the church to insure quality productions both inside the church and online.

We welcome inspired minds to join either committee! Training will be provided as needed. To learn more, contact us at [news@fhpresbyterian.info](mailto:news@fhpresbyterian.info). Or, call us -- John Scaggs (937-510-7976), Kathy Cole (860-884-5008).

### ELDER FRAUD SEMINAR

Monday | February 28, 2022 | 6pm - 8pm |  
FH Community Center  
16810 Ave of the Fountains

The NPOA (Neighborhood Property Owners Association) office is sponsoring a presentation on the subject of Elder Fraud in conjunction with the FBI Phoenix and the FBI Phoenix Citizens Academy Alumni Association.



Bank Scams-Phone Scams, Romance Scams, Healthcare Scams, Online Scams, Credit-card Scams

Reservations required 480-837-5317  
or [info@npoafh.org](mailto:info@npoafh.org)  
Refreshments will be served.

## FH Community Band Concert Sunday, February 20 4:00 PM FH Community Center



**Mission Ministry**

Welcome to the Mission part of our newsletter. We are excited to tell you what we have planned for February. Our Committee has been busy trying to put forth a calendar of events for the year. We are naming February **“Blankets Plus Month.”** But we will share part of the month our **“Souper Bowl.”**

**“Souper Bowl”**

As we have done in the past, we collect cans of soup and other non perishable food items for Extended Hands Food Bank. We will have 2 shopping carts out front as you enter the Narthex, marked with the two Souper Bowl teams. You place your items in the cart for the team you would like to or think will win the Super Bowl. Now let me tell you, we have picked the winner of the Super Bowl all but one year!!! So this is a win-win. We get to help out Extended Hands as we have fun picking the winner of the Super Bowl. Be sure and bring your food items and place in your choice of food cart, the **first two Sundays in February.**



**“Blankets Plus”**

This is one of our projects that is with Church World Service. We will be sharing with the congregation the information on Sunday February 20. Our Famous Blanket Plus couple, Barbara and Gary Oakeson, has given this project over to our newest member of the Mission Committee, Mary Holtan. She will be sharing some video and pamphlets with everyone so you can understand what this project is. Let me just tell you it entails more than just providing blankets. This organization goes wherever there is a natural catastrophe and in need of all kinds of help. Your generous offerings have helped a lot of people in the past, and I am confident in the future as well.



**“Veterans”**

We continue to collect items for our homeless vets as well as active duty troops. There is a box marked **“Veterans”** in the Narthex, where you can place things or you can leave them in the Office with Marta. We are always collecting things such as: socks, white T-Shirts, new underwear, slightly used shoes, sweatshirts (both jacket type and shirt

type), gloves magazines, books. These are just a few suggestions. If you wish a more detailed list you can check Donna Sims’s part of this newsletter.

**Extended Hands Food Bank**

We continue to collect non perishable items for the Food Bank. You can find a shopping cart in front of Narthex each Sunday. If you can not get out to the grocery store, but still wish to donate, you can do so. You can make a check to Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church and mark on memo line EHFB.



We on the Mission Committee appreciate all the help you give us with your time and gifts. You help make the Presbyterian Church known as a very giving Church. God will be very pleased with us, I am sure of it.

For 2 Corinthians 8-9 says

**“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver”**

Elder  
Terri Schmidt



***No regrets!***

If you’ve ever regretted a big purchase and wondered if you could return it, you’re familiar with the nagging feeling of buyer’s remorse. Thankfully, our Redeemer never experienced that. As a church sign proclaims, **“When Jesus bought you, he never had buyer’s remorse. And he never will!”** To Jesus, the payment of suffering and death was well worth the payoff. **“For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”** (Hebrews 12:2, NIV).

# Worship by Giving...Time, Talents & Treasure



## GIVING IS SAFE AND EASY WITH FHPC eGiving

### Sign up today!

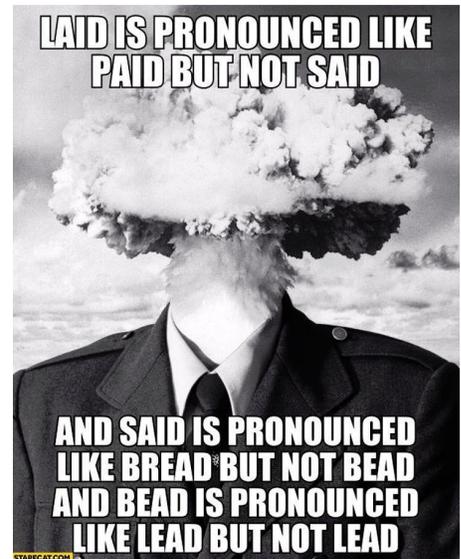
FHPC has established a way for church members and supporters to express their generosity electronically! An online donation platform, GivePlus, is now on our website. Look for the GIVING menu at the top right on our **Home** page.

## Support Our Troops

The Mission Committee is always happy to see many members and friends placing donations in our collection box located in the Narthex or in the Church office (gently used clothing, bedding, socks, jackets, toiletries and water). If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation and indicate on your check that you wish your funds be given to the Mission Committee for the purchase of these items. Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.



Donna Sims, Mission Committee



There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." *C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce*

Submitted by Bob Petersen

## Lunch & Lecture Series

### LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES... SAVE THE DATES

Fireside Room 12 noon

Subsequent *Lunch & Lectures* will be held as follows:

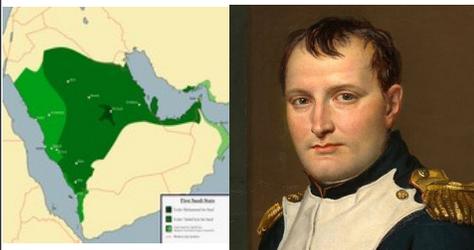


*From Turning Points in Middle Eastern History*

- **Saladin: Chivalry and Conquest (1187)**

- **Mongols Sack Baghdad (1258)**

**February 5, 2022**



*From Turning Points in Middle Eastern History*

- **The Saud-Wahhab Pact (1744)**

- **Napoleon Invades Egypt (1798)**

**February 26, 2022**

Each lecture which runs 30 minutes, will begin at noon followed by lunch with discussion. A second lecture will be offered to those who wish to stay. Please RSVP to church office at 480-837-1763 or by email to [fhpc.marta@gmail.com](mailto:fhpc.marta@gmail.com)

- "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."
- "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement."

Submitted by Yvonne Ellingson



### U.S. Military Medallions for our Veterans

for our Columbarium niches are now available.  
Please call or stop by the church office for more information.



# Women's Ministry

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Friday | February 18 | 9 am | Fireside Room

**Monthly Meeting Reminder:** On Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room, Women's Fellowship will hold its monthly meeting and continue to discuss events for 2022. We invite all women to bring forth the energy which overflow from our sacred halls last Sunday to this meeting to plan equally dynamic events for the upcoming year.

## Women's Sunday

Women's Fellowship thanks our FHPC family and friends for attending Women's Sunday! Special appreciation goes out to the many women who contributed to its success. It is through the grace of God that we have a strong and willing body of women to serve Him and His Church. The robust voices of speech and song, along with melodious music and joyful dancing, enthusiastically honored all women of FHPC – past, present and future, in a wonderful celebration. The video and slide montage, the parting gift, and the outstanding Fellowship brunch brought the service together into a masterpiece worthy of God's praise. More photos on page 11.



## Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | February 16 | Noon | Euro Pizza Cafe

Euro Pizza Cafe' will be our February luncheon site. Enjoy an array of pasta, pizza, salads and much more. Please contact Nancy at 480-837-3021 for reservations and questions.



## MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday | February 10 | 9:30 AM | Fireside Room



Mary Magdalene is the subject of our next meeting. In all the Gospels we learn of her devotion and dedication to Jesus. She is a witness to His Crucifixion and first witness to the miracle of His Resurrection. Read about her in the tenth chapter of our study book *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur. For information call Monique 336-382-8733.

## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

1st | Tuesday | 1:00 pm | FC

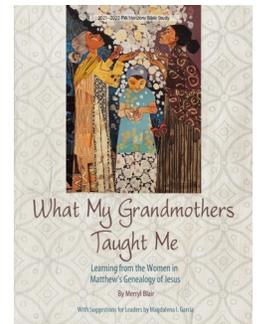
Due to circumstances beyond their control, Afternoon Circle is suspended for several months until further notice.



## EVENING CIRCLE

3rd | Monday | Feb 21 | 4:00 pm | Fireside Room

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, February 21 in the Fireside Room from 4:00 to 6:15 as Arlene Stewart leads us in our study of Bathsheba found in Lesson Six of our study book entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.* Carol Sandum-Hodgson will be our Co-Hostess. Please join us as we discuss the many aspects of the life and character of Bathsheba aka "wife of Uriah," "David's wife," "mother of Solomon." There is much more to this woman than meets the eye. Please feel free to contact Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827 if you would like to learn more about the Evening Circle. We are currently brainstorming ideas for a Spring mission project and would love to have you join us!



# COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

## Communication Ministry – Committee Members Sought

Session's Communications Ministry is seeking volunteers to serve on one of its subcommittees -- the Communications Committee and/or the Audiovisual Committee -- to support ministry efforts. Our FHPC family and friends are encouraged to read on to learn more about opportunities to promote and grow FHPC.

**Overview:** The Communications Ministry absorbed additional roles and responsibilities in 2020-2021, in part due to COVID-19. Essentially, we're now responsible for the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary and all of the equipment in the booth, as well as ensuring adequate staff are available to operate the technology need to livestream Sunday services and other special events, such as funerals. We also produce the slides projected on screens during services.

The Communications Ministry continues to foster and increase awareness and understanding of FHPC's vision and mission, thereby stimulating commitment to FHPC. We do so in 2 ways:

- **Internally.** The team produces products for the church. Examples are *The Weekly* email and the *In Touch* monthly newsletter. These products promote recurring church activities and ways for people to connect, promote upcoming events at FHPC and inform the congregation of FHPC's involvement within neighboring communities.
- **Externally.** We write and distribute press releases to the FH Times (newspaper and online website) and FH Chamber of Commerce and also strategizing FHPC involvement in community events.

The ministry also manages and updates content for the church's website and Facebook page.

The Communications Ministry is lead by Elders John Scaggs and Kathy Cole. The Ministry is supported by two committees described below.

**Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee currently includes John Scaggs, Kathy Cole, and Marta Ludwig. This committee is responsible for supporting the development of the communications products described previously. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- A. Work cooperatively with FHPC staff, other Session ministries and the congregation to identify possible articles, event notifications, and other newsworthy subjects internally and externally through various communications mediums.
- B. Assist in managing the church's website and Facebook page, providing input to maximize their effectiveness.
- C. Produce graphics and other materials to support worship services and other events.

**Audiovisual Committee:** The newly organized A/V Committee currently includes Kathy Cole, Sean Hart and Ilene Berg (Worship & Music). This committee is responsible for continually evaluating the A/V needs of the church to ensure quality productions inside the church and online. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Work cooperatively with the Church staff, the Communications Committee and the Worship & Music Ministry/Committee.
2. Maintain and recommend changes to audiovisual production.
3. Research and recommend appropriate audio-visual equipment as needed, including seeking proposals for equipment and sourcing funding.
4. Consider policies and procedures for the use of equipment by members and nonmembers, including the use of equipment for non-church functions.

We welcome inspired minds to join either committee! Training will be provided as needed. To learn more, contact us at [news@fhpresbyterian.info](mailto:news@fhpresbyterian.info).

Kathy Cole and John Scaggs

## Communications



### COMMUNICATIONS

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- ◆ We also manage and update content for the church's website and Facebook page, in addition to producing the live stream of weekly worship.

All content intended for internal or external distribution should be emailed to [news@fhpresbyterian.info](mailto:news@fhpresbyterian.info).

If you wish to speak directly with a church Elder on the Communications team, contact John Scaggs at [john.scaggs64@gmail.com](mailto:john.scaggs64@gmail.com) or Kathy Cole at [webmaster@fhpresbyterian.info](mailto:webmaster@fhpresbyterian.info).



Kathy Cole



John Scaggs

## Covenant Partnership

### Are You a Partner in FHPC?

Most of us know about "Covenant Partners" – these are folks who have made the decision to call FHPC their "home church" and have formally entered into a commitment which grants them full rights of membership – including the ability to speak *and* vote in formal church meetings.

But did you know that ECO also affords us the opportunity to enlist "Affiliate Partners" in our congregation? This acknowledges that a special relationship exists between you and your FHPC family, *in addition to* your primary membership, which remains at another "home church" – back in Minnesota, for example. Becoming an Affiliate Partner witnesses to your engagement in life at FHPC, allows you to participate in church meetings and speak to the issue(s) at hand, while lacking only the right to vote.

Is FHPC your church "home away from home"? Consider "Affiliate Partnership" as a way to say so. Interested? Contact Pastor Bill or the church office at 480-837-1763.



### Congregational Meeting to Elect Church officers for Class of 2024

Sunday, February 6, 2022

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### Annual Congregational Meeting Called for

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Immediately after the Worship Service

Annual Report for 2021 will be ready by February 13

# CHRISTMAS EVE 2021



Aurora and Eloise Robinson as Mary & Joseph; Debbie Fisher, Music Director; George Holtan; Tenor; Ilene Berg and Pastor Bill Good

# Women's Sunday

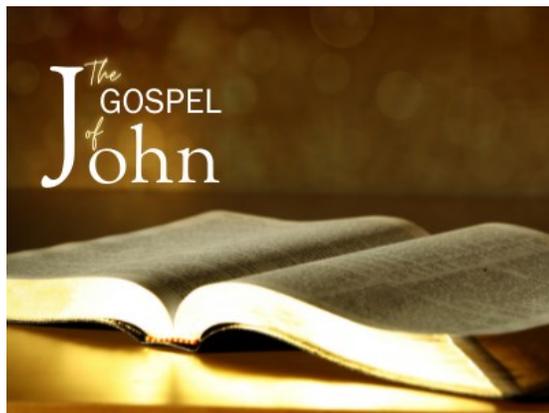


Women's Fellowship wishes to thank all the ladies who helped make Women's Sunday such a celebration to the Lord. The choir sang to the glory of God under the guidance of Debbi Fisher and Dorothy Parris. We are grateful to Mary Alice Bivins for her message and we celebrate our two young ladies, Eloise and Aurora Robinson.

Blessings,  
Arlene Stewart, WF Moderator



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**



**BIBLE STUDY**

*“And the Word became flesh”*

Thursdays **LIVE at 11 am**

With Pastor Bill Good

on our FHPC website or on our FHPC Facebook page.

**fhpresbyterian.info**

A replay of the study will be available shortly following the conclusion of the LIVE broadcast to watch at your convenience.

**DEVOTIONS & SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS**

Join Pastor Bill Good

Mondays & Fridays **LIVE at 10 am**

on our FHPC website or on our FHPC Facebook page.

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A replay of the reflections will be available shortly following the conclusion of the LIVE broadcast to watch at your convenience.



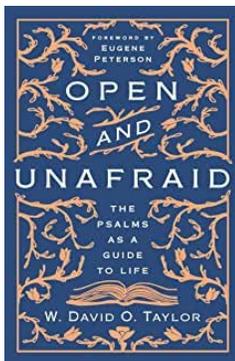
**Ready for In-Person Fellowship and Study?**

Join Pastors Bill and Bob for:

**“Open and Unafraid—The Psalms as a Guide to Life.”**

The Psalms are nothing if not lively and personal. . . so we’re approaching this study exactly that way – gathered together personally in real-life in our **Fellowship Center at 6pm on Wednesday evenings beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The psalms as prayer, song, guidance and inspiration have been central to God’s people for some 3,000 years. And these ancient poems are as relevant today as they were in King David’s time – exploring ageless themes such as joy and sorrow, justice, enemies, life and death, nations and communities with honest and transparent passion.



Our guide will be a brand new life-giving exploration of the Psalms by David O. Taylor in his book Open and Unafraid, available from Amazon.com. A limited number of copies will also be on hand in the church office.

Looking for an opportunity for connection with our community in this season of isolation? This is the perfect opportunity! Bring a friend and join us!

**A prayer to our omnipotent God**

Remind us, O God, that you are above us, watching over us as a good shepherd. You can see what we cannot see. Remind us that you are below us, ready to lift us up in our weakest moments. Remind us that you are behind us, to give us encouragement when we feel like giving up. Remind us that you are in front of us, calling us to move forward in faith, even when we can't see how things will work out. Remind us that you are beside us, holding our hands, no matter what we're going through. Remind us that you are within us, closer than each breath we take.

Jesus, thank you for being Emmanuel, God-with-us, and for not abandoning us. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, who comes alongside to help us, even when no one else can. As we remember you, O God, strengthen our hope and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen.

—Malcolm Marler, adapted

# Sound Booth 2021



We are eternally grateful to Kathy Cole and Sean Hart, our technical wizards who keep us live streaming and able to follow the worship service on the sanctuary screens EVERY SUNDAY!

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**



## The right words for victory in Jesus

My mom tells a story of me as a preschooler, swinging in our backyard and singing loudly (and off key, I'm sure): "Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He socked me and bopped me with his redeeming blood." Though that isn't an example of how to effectively share Jesus with your neighbors, the mistaken words might contain a nugget of truth.

In 1939, a stroke partially paralyzed hymnwriter Eugene Bartlett. Bedridden and unable to perform anymore, he penned his final, most beloved song, "Victory in Jesus." The actual lyrics read: "O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood."

It's beautiful to realize that Jesus did indeed seek me out and pay the ultimate price for me. But sometimes I forget — and that's when he "socks me" and "bops me." Jesus loves me too much to let life's chaos and struggles distract me from him and what he's done. Let's all remember to celebrate our victory in Jesus!

—Janna Firestone

*-The Newsletter Newsletter  
by Communication Resources, Inc*

A woman was surprised to find an old picture of herself, younger, slimmer and falling in love with her future husband. When she showed him the picture he said, "WOW, look at that..."



"That's my old Impala!"

## Custodial News

Hello, for all who I have yet to meet, my name is Frank and I am the new custodian here at the church. I started my position in mid-December.



My first task was to begin learning about the campus. I was so fortunate to have lots of help from your devoted volunteers, especially George Holtan who is happily mentoring me on the needs of the facility.

My early days were spent cleaning and re-arranging some of the storage rooms, taking inventory of supplies and stocking.

I assisted in helping put up the outside Christmas displays and lighting. I do daily building rounds: checking

restrooms, restocking the paper products, removing trash, and checking that doors are locked.

As of January 13 I was assigned to do the weekly cleaning of the sanctuary and all facility buildings that were formerly cleaned by the contracted cleaning company.

Next month's news will be focused on some of the maintenance being done on the church campus.

-Frank DeGroot

# **FH Presbyterian Church Foundation**

“Our purpose is to endow and support the future needs of FHPC’s missions by encouraging our members to include the Foundation in their planned giving.”

**The goal of the FHPC Foundation Trustees is to educate and engage with the congregation in order to build a sound and sustainable non-profit enterprise to help ensure the future growth of the church. The Board is committed to developing a dynamic source of funds benefiting the church and the local community.**

Listed below are some charitable goals and the common-sense solutions that support the FHPC Foundation while giving you an income tax deduction.

**IF THE GOAL OF YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING IS TO:**

*Have your monetary gift qualify for an income tax deduction...*

**>The solution is to give cash or a check to the FHPC Foundation**

*Avoid taxes on earned income or capital gains and receive a tax deduction...*

**>The solution is to make a gift of a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution on your IRA, appreciated stock to the FHPC Foundation**

*Defer a gift until after your death and avoid the possibility of estate taxes...*

**>The solution is to name the FHPC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will**

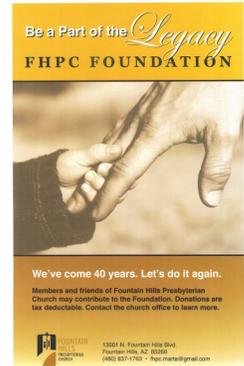
*Donate a gift that might have little or no current cost to you...*

**>The solution is to contribute a life insurance policy that is no longer a part of your estate plans**

*Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated real estate and receive an income tax deduction...*

**>The solution is to donate the property to the Foundation instead of entering into a sales contract**

**\*\*\* AS ALWAYS, TO ENSURE YOUR DONATIONS ARE DONE PROPERLY, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR FINANCIAL AND OR TAX ADVISOR.**



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## Library Footnotes

### What's New?

The question: "What's new?" is frequently asked in all kinds of circumstances. Our FHPC library is no different. We are blessed with a large collection of old and new books and other resources maintained by Barbara Oakeson and other friends of the library. Please take advantage of our library!

This is the announcement of a new and powerful resource addition to our outstanding FHPC library.

We have received a gift of two of The Great Courses DVDs Series containing Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures. Along With their guidebooks each DVD includes 24 lectures; each 30 minutes long. Review and/or study the material of each lecture. The guidebook parallel's each DVD lecture. Various FHPC groups may wish to study segments of the series for prime interest. Other people have given their evaluation of the series:

"Passionate, erudite, living legend lectures. Academia's best lecturers are being captured on tape."

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The Old Testament is written and lectured by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. She is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

The New Testament is written and lectured by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Professor Bart D. Ehrman is currently the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

You will learn a great deal from any of these lectures. I strongly recommend them for your mental and spiritual stimulation.



- John Bivens



### Beyond Candy Hearts and Roses

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as "Dr. Love" for writing about the topic, said, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine's Day is as good a reminder as any.

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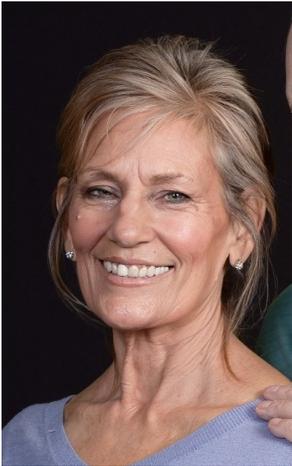


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Go to our website, at the bottom of our Home page, click on the YouTube icon. View Sunday worship here. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube Channel to receive notifications of LIVE services.

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# Music Ministry



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

Music Ministry is continuing to enjoy the benefits from making music with some very fine and dedicated musicians. There has become a strong bond between those of us who are able to come together to share in the energy and effort of music and song. We have such fun in trying to get our music cleaned up and ready for each Sunday. Some folks have had to be away for so long, and now I feel like we don't want to miss a moment to worship together in the Sanctuary. We do miss those who are currently away from the Congregation as we gather.

Have no doubt, we think about you and pray for you always, and, I know you pray for us, too!

Women's Sunday was particularly wonderful this past month. It was so effective. I loved hearing a message from our own Mary Alice Bivens, and I loved hearing the Ladies sing so beautiful and pure. The whole service flowed so well, as the ladies of our church always do. They are humble and efficient, and they do so much to inspire our Christian bonds.

We will continue to have a strong blend of music leading us into our Lenten season, a very special time of performance and presentation, and enjoying the healthy benefits of doing so. I enjoy working with these people, and I enjoy the Christian journey with them. Please know that to anyone who would like to join us, you probably will, too!

*"Sing aloud unto God our strength:  
make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob."  
Psalm 81:1*

Debbie Fisher  
Director of Music Ministries  
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO

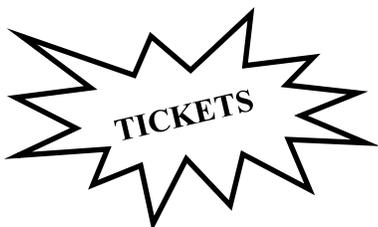
# Pat Covault Memorial Concert 2022

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The Ultimate Beach Boys Tribute  
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General Admission

# Snow People: Pick your favorite



*Something we need never do again!  
- Submitted by Helen Roesch*

## Faith

### Faith's Role in Love

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. "I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more." That "more," she explains, involves these paradoxes: "We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand."

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: "When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart."



### Jane Allen's Granddaughter: Kaia Lopez Update:



*Aug 2021: Kaia & Mama  
3 days after stem cell bone marrow transplant, Ronald McDonald House Seattle*

GRATEFUL! Thanks FHPC for the calls, cards, & on-going prayers. "My Presence" (Exodus 33:14) was with her throughout all 4 chemo treatments, radiation, & the transplant. Her body took on renewed strength (amazing the staff) in the final month of hospital regimen. We count our blessings! \*Believe and Hope\*



*Nov 2021: Kaia & Family  
Back home with restrictions and monitoring in her year of recovery. Portland OR*



With deepest sympathy we list those members who have passed away in 2021

- Linda Maples
Connie McCanless
Bob Thompson
Miriam Schuler
Jerry Miles
Pete Herguth
Ralph Splittberger
Bobbie Dangremond
John Bracher

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."



We would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who have prayed for us, called, sent cards, ran errands, and provided food during our recent illnesses. Your support was so helpful as we coped with various issues that kept arising.

Gary & Barbara Oakeson



It's so easy to order flowers...

You can request flowers for upcoming Sundays' worship at

www.fhpresbyterian.info/flowers

then click on the calendar

Or call church office 480-837-1763



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New paint on front walls of sanctuary. Who missed it?

### *Great escapes*

The goal of authentic Christianity is a love [that] escapes from a closed circle of spiritual self-indulgence, or even self-improvement, to become absorbed in the love of God and other [people].

—Richard Lovelace

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