

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fountain Hills, AZ

August 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

María Berry, Elder



During the summer of 2021 my Bible Study Fellowship friends and I met each week to study the 23rd Psalm in depth using a guide book “A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd

Psalm” by Phillip Keller. Most of this writing is therefore Mr. Keller’s view sometimes put in my words. I will briefly recap my learning:

When King David penned this 23rd Psalm, he was King of Israel. He was looking back at his life with God. We must remember that David was a shepherd. When Samuel wanted to see him, they had to send for him which means that he was probably at summer pasture with his flock of sheep. Phillip Keller spent 8 years as a sheep owner and sheep rancher. He grew up in East Africa and had a good understanding of the nature surrounding sheep ranching. He states that it is no accident that God has chosen to call us sheep, because the behavior of sheep and humans is similar in many ways: mass mind, mob mentality, fears, ti-

midity, stubbornness, stupidity and perverse habits are parallels of profound importance. He lays out the good shepherd’s continual work and sacrifice for his sheep.

1. In “**The Lord Is My Shepherd**” David referred to the Lord God of Israel and Christ confirmed this statement when He declared “I Am The Good Shepherd. This implies a profound yet practical working relationship between humans, God the Father and Christ Jesus.

In the 23rd Psalm David is speaking not as a shepherd but as a sheep. God created humans, but the relationship was repeatedly breached. Jesus absorbed the penalty for we, like sheep have gone astray. He paid the price and, since we have been bought, we are not our own, we belong to the shepherd. Sheep do not take care of themselves. They require more care than any other life stock plus endless attention.

2. “**I shall not want**” means being utterly content in the Good Shepherd’s care. David had been hounded repeatedly by Saul’s forces and later on by his own son Absalom. He knew priva-

tions and being constantly on the run, but, David was always under the expert care of his master, the God of Israel.

3. “**He Maketh Me Lie Down In Green Pastures**” conveys the meaning of being without needs and fears in the Good Shepherd’s care. Sheep will not lie down if they are not free from friction with their own kind, free from tormenting flies and other pests, free from hunger and fear of predators. Nothing quiets sheep more than seeing the good shepherd. A glimpse of a perceived predator, no matter how insignificant, makes them run since they cannot defend themselves.

“In the Christian’s life there is no substitute for the keen awareness that my Shepherd is nearby. There is nothing like Christ’s presence to dispel the fear, the panic, the terror of the unknown. See the parallels? Because of our own perverseness, we often prefer to feed on the barren ground of the world around us.” **The grass is never greener on the other side of the fence but always on God’s side of the fence.**

4. “**He Leadeth Me Beside The Still Waters**”. Sheep require water even though they thrive in semi-arid sur-

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Summer Hours for the Church Office

Church Office will be open Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 2 pm.
June-July-August-September until Labor Day

Worship Services

Sundays 9:00 am in Sanctuary; Refreshments in Fellowship Center afterwards. Live streaming each Sunday on Web and Facebook

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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Focus on Finance

June Income	\$ 20,812	Budget	\$ 32,154
June Expenses	\$ 31,614	Budget	\$ 34,090
Yr to date Income	\$ 182,890	YTD Budget	\$ 190,424
Yr to date Expense	\$ 191,585	YTD Budget	\$ 196,680

We managed to keep the June expenses below budget, however income is not keeping pace with the expenditures. Summer months are sometimes difficult to get through, monthly expenses continue. Pray that the air conditioners keep working, as we still have a couple that need to be replaced eventually. Thank you for keeping up with your commitments. They are very much appreciated in keeping our church and programs running.
Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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Psalm 23

roundings. Phillip Keller points out that the human body needs water and the human soul needs the water of the spirit of God. We need to believe in Christ, accept Him and make Him part of our lives. Christ is the Living Water that never gives out.

5. **“He Restoreth My Soul”**, David’s soul was cast down according to Psalm 42:11. A cast sheep is a pathetic sight. It is usually on its back thrashing his legs about in the air and cannot get up. That puts it into a very precarious situation as predators soon find out. Shepherds must always be on the lookout for cast sheep. Sheep can become cast in soft hollows, when pregnant, with too much wool and stuff that attaches to wool, or, when too fat. The shepherd must take corrective action. Christ, the Good Shepherd always had concern and compassion for cast men and women. He did not come to save the righteous, he came to save the sinners, the cast souls. We, like sheep, look for the soft spots, the easy life where we encounter the greatest danger to our souls. It is precisely at the point where we have made it, we have arrived, that we are in mortal danger. That is when we need corrective action, perhaps the discipline of hardship to gain endurance and restoration for our souls.
6. **“He Leadeth Me In The Paths Of Righteousness For His Name’s Sake”**. Sheep are creatures of habit and will destroy good pasture by overgrazing unless being led by a caring and attentive shepherd. David, as a shepherd, must have been very much aware of this and probably had a good rotation plan for his flocks. In our behavior we are very much like sheep, stubborn and stiff necked. “There is something almost terrifying about the destructive self-determination of a human being”. We know what is best for us, of course. We don’t want to be led in the paths of righteousness. **Greed and selfishness lead to ruin. How many of the former great nations are still great? Selfless Christian love is not our forte, self-importance is and history proves that we have not learned the lessons.**

There are 7 fresh attitudes that need to be acquired:

1. Instead of loving myself most, I am willing to love Christ best and others more than myself.
2. Instead of being one of the crowd, I am willing to be singled out, set apart from the gang.
3. Instead of insisting on my rights, I am willing to forgo them in favor of others.
4. Instead of being boss, I am willing to be at the bottom of the heap. (top ram vs tailender).
5. Instead of finding fault with life and always asking ‘why’, I am willing to accept every circumstance of life in an attitude of gratitude.
6. Instead of exercising and asserting my will, I learn to cooperate with His wishes and comply with His will.
7. Instead of choosing my own way, I am willing to choose to follow in Christ’s way: simply to do what He asks me to do, to walk with Him.
8. **“Yea, Though I walk Through the Valley ...”**. This refers to getting to the summer pastures in the Highlands,

the ample grazing areas that shepherds lead their flocks to. They stayed there till the end of autumn. To get there sheep must be herded through valleys and difficult terrain with dangers and predators lurking everywhere. The shepherd normally scouts out the summer pasture and the way to get there ahead of the move up and down again. Again, David was familiar with the shepherd’s kind of life. It is interesting to see that we also walk **through** the valley like sheep, we do not remain there. The Good Shepherd will be with us even there. Getting to a Higher Ground with God will take us through the valleys but not alone. **We walk through with Him, we do not stay.**

9. **“Thy Rod and Thy Staff They Comfort Me”**. The rod was a weapon of defense, power and authority. It is a comfort to know that your shepherd is armed. Also, with it the shepherd can control his sheep by touching them and leading them gently. Christ’s rod is the Word of God which leads us and comforts us. It is also symbolic of the Spirit of God. **The rod/staff will guide the sheep.** The Holy Spirit will guide us. Sensing the Spirit on our side is of great comfort to us. Being stubborn creatures like sheep, we often get into dilemmas that we alone cannot extricate ourselves from. We need a Good Shepherd to save us.
10. **“Thou Preparest a Table Before Me...”** The Highlands are known as the tablelands, the Alplands very much sought after by sheepmen. David probably referred to the high summer grazing range. Even there, the sheep were never without danger from predators and also poisonous plants. A wandering sheep or lamb will most definitely fall prey to predators. In the Christian life there are mountains and valleys. Jesus could fully identify with humanity. **Our predator, Satan, is always on the lookout for errant sheep. Our way to Heaven leads through the garden of Gethsemane and Calgary.**
11. **“Thou Anointeth My Head with Oil...”** Summer time is fly/scab time and many pests time. The shepherd must pay special attention to his sheep and take remedial action (anointing their heads with a special ointment that repels the sheep pests). The pests can irritate an entire flock and lead to blindness or even death. We have a lot of irritations in our own lives. **We need the daily anointing by the Holy Spirit to save us and forestall us falling deeper into sin or being lost altogether.** Again, Satan is ever on the lookout for wandering sheep. Our mass media makes poison look acceptable and we must be alert to not fall into the trap of political correctness. Sin is Sin! We should be the most contented people as Christians, but we do fall for having more and more is better and even better. We are truly not content in our contentment. We need to learn to say with David “my cup runneth over and be truly content as Christians knowing that the cup of grief also comes from God.

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Mission Ministry

Here we are in the heat of the summer and I want to fill you in on what is going on in our Mission Committee. We want to Thank all of you who have so devotedly helped with our programs. I ask that you continue to help in whatever ways you can.

Code Red

Our Code Red Project was a great success. We collected 77 cases of water and the money we collected was approximately \$2260.69. Which we figured would buy close to another 950 cases of water. That is huge!!! Thank you so much and there are a lot of homeless people downtown we were able to help keep hydrated. God Bless you all for your gifts.



Rummage Sale Money

Here is a break down of where we have so far spent the Rummage monies.

a.) Here We Grow-- We have helped this local Day Care/Preschool before. We gave them a Check for \$1000.00 to be used as scholarships for those families who are struggling. 40% of their children are being subsidized, right now, with at least 1 family more than a \$1000.00 behind in their tuition.

b.) Boys & Girls Club-- We have helped this local program out before also. We gave them \$1000.00 also to be used for scholarships for those in need. Again there are many families in town who depend on this Club to watch over their children while parents are working.

c.) Fountain Hills Foster City Program--We gave this program \$2000.00. this money was a \$1000.00 from our Mission and \$1000.00 from donation from our congregation. This money is to be used for helping the Ukraine people on the Poland Border.

d.) Foster Your Future--We gave this local organization \$500.00. This organization helps with the needs of young people who are exiting the Foster Care System here in the Valley. It is a 501(c) volunteer based charity.

e.) Arizona Brain Foods--This is a charity we have helped in the past. We will give them \$500.00 this fall when the programs starts packing backpacks again. Again, these backpacks will come back to Fountain Hills students in need of food over the week-ends.

f.) Fountain Hills PTO—We will give this school based program \$500.00 to be used by the Teachers to help with supplies for the kids who do not have them.

This will leave \$500.00 to be spent at a later date on a project to be determined.

School Supplies

August has been designated as School Supplies Month, here in our Mission Committee. We will be collecting notebooks, pen, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, and individual packs of Kleenex. This is just to name a few things, if you want to donate something else that school kids need that is fine.



Veterans

We are still collecting for our Veterans. We collect water for those on the street and in need. We also collect new socks and t-shirts. Our member Donna Sims has headed up this part of Mission for a long time. She has her own part of this newsletter you can check out.

Extended Hands

We still have the shopping cart out front of the Narthex on Sunday mornings for canned goods and non-perishable food staples. This local Charity has many families here in Fountain Hills depending on their services.

Please help us help our neighbors and friends. Again **Thank You** to the Men's Group who so graciously take these supplies to the Food Bank for us.



This is what we have going on now at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Mission Committee. I want to say a **Big THANK YOU** to all who so generously help with our projects.

Matthew 5:42 "Give to those who ask, and don't refuse those who wish to borrow from you."

There are many times we can not afford to help monetarily, but we can help with prayers.

Terri Schmidt
Mission Elder



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Worship by Giving...



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**.



Lockboxes for Seniors

This program provides lockboxes to Senior Citizens and homebound individuals that can be used by first responders to gain access to their home in the event of an emergency.

Available to Fountain Hills & Scottsdale residents

Please call: Sheri Patton at 480-836-8600 to arrange delivery of a lockbox \$25 donation



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Support Our Troops



A couple of weeks ago CBI (Community Bridges) came to my garage to pick up a really large amount of donations from so many of you and they were really excited to see such an assortment of items, from luggage to blankets to shoes and more. This always makes me so happy to know that we are trying our best to help those in need. In addition to this pick up, they then drove to another address and picked up a bed and a couch along with a few other household items. Then as luck would have it, another trip was made by them to come back out to Fountain Hills and pick up more household items from another donor which included two beds, a desk, a dining room table and chairs, a TV and more. Needless to say, CBI was nearly speechless with all of these donations, just knowing how much each and every item is needed.

Hot weather is here and I again ask you to please remember to place clothing items you are donating to our veterans and homeless to be for summer temperatures. Socks, t-shirts, shorts, and the like. Please just remember that any items that you wish to be sent specifically to the Troops must be new. The Mission Committee is always happy to see many members placing donations in our collection boxes located in the Narthex and in the Church office (gently used clothing, bedding, socks, t-shirts, shorts, shirts and toiletries). Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee



Code:Red



FHPC WATER DRIVE

Thank you for making this project so successful. The dollar tally WAS \$2260.69! Your gift supports a variety of heat relief efforts and is equivalent to 15,000 bottles of water.” Way to go!



A living mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L’Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: “To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.”

What would it look like in your life to be “a living mystery” — to live in a way that wouldn’t make sense if not for God’s existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What “fruits” might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God’s love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!

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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 MEETING

3rd Friday | August 19 | 9 am | Fireside Room

All ladies of the church are welcome to our meetings, where we plan future events of interest and fellowship. We love new ideas!

Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | August 17 | 12 noon | Chompies

The "Presby Lunch Ladies" will meet at Chompies on Shea Blvd. The address is 9301 E. Shea. We have fun conversation, fellowship, plus a huge menu to choose from. Think of mile-high sandwiches, latkes, Matzo Ball soup, plus much more. If you have questions or need reservations, call Nancy at 480-837-3021.



WOMENS BIBLE STUDIES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday | September 8 | 9:30 AM | Fireside Room
Leader: Monique Reynolds 336-382-8733

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

1st Tuesday | Sept 6 | 1:00 pm | Fellowship Center
Leader: Jane Allen 907-538-3223

EVENING CIRCLE

3rd Monday | Sept 19 | 4:00 pm | Fireside Room
Leader: Judy Hamouda 480-215-0827

God among the rubble

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings. When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood. In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

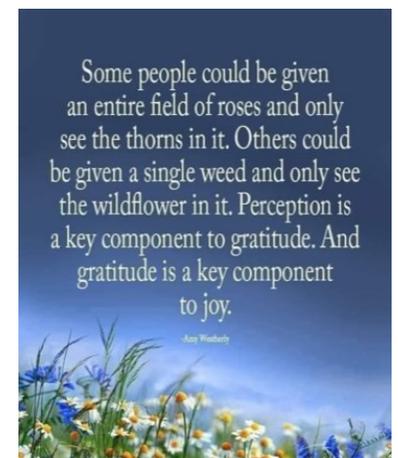
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Next year's car show due to gas prices.



The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.



PSALM 23

12. “Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me...”

It is reassuring for sheep to be ever under sound, sympathetic and intelligent ownership. Sheep will receive goodness and mercy from the loving master’s hands. How many of us Christians truly think and feel that way?

Christ’s goodness and mercy and compassion are given to us every day anew. His mercy is justice plus. We do not deserve it but it is given to us. Christ paid for it. “I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep.” Just as goodness and mercy flow out from Christ, the same should flow out from me. I should ask myself the following:

- Do I leave behind peace in lives – or turmoil?
- Do I leave behind forgiveness – or bitterness?
- Do I leave behind contentment – or conflict?
- Do I leave behind love – or rancor?

A Christian legacy should be uplifting, encouraging and inspiring. We owe that to Christ who gave so much and keeps on giving. If we do that, we also give back to Him.

Will my legacy be “the evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones,” (Shakespeare) or “the good men do lives after them” (Tennison) ??

13. “I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord For Ever”. The Psalm opened with the statement “The Lord is my Shepherd and ends with the great

statement “And I shall Dwell in the House of the Lord for ever”. There is total contentment on the part of the sheep. The bonds between shepherd and sheep are rooted so deeply that they are forever. They have been from the home ranch to the High Alps and back.

What is referred to by “House of the Lord” in Christian terminology is the family, household, Church of the Good Shepherd. We, the sheep, are deeply satisfied and proud to belong. Satan cannot touch us. Satan is a heartless owner. Do those under Satan see how well the sheep do under Christ. Am I a role model to emulate? Will they see the ever present goodness of Christ, the Good Shepherd? Will His Spirit shine through me?

Linda Dillow rewrote the 23rd Psalm as follow:

The Lord is my peace. I shall not live in anxiety. He puts me under His wing of comfort and calms my spirit within me. He takes all my anxieties on Himself and helps me to focus on Him. Yes, though I walk through a time of great uncertainties and fierce anxieties, I will not fret – for You are my peace. Your Word and your presence calm me now. You soothe my anxious mind – You smooth my wrinkled brow. Surely serenity and trust in You shall fill me all the days of my life. And I shall keep my mind stayed on You forever.

Submitted by Maria Berry



Paige Productions Youth Theater housed here at FHPC recently joined the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Paige Beckman, Director and Producer cut the ribbon with Pastor Bill looking on.

The Youth Productions performed at FHPC are amazing. We invite you all to come and see for yourselves. Dates and times are always announced in the Weekly.

Communications



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications team strives 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 - The Weekly email and the In Touch monthly newsletter – to promote activities and ways for people to connect as well as upcoming events.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ We also manage and update content for the church's website and Facebook page, in addition to producing the live stream of weekly worship.



Kathy Cole



John Scaggs

All content intended for internal or external distribution should be emailed to 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 or Kathy Cole at webmaster@fhpresbyterian.info.

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.



The Water of Life

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

JULY 1 FIREWORKS CELEBRATION



Fountain Hills Community was invited by FHPC to watch fireworks in air conditioned comfort in the Fellowship Center.

What a successful evening. Thank you to Dorothy Parris for the piano entertainment and thank you to Kathy Cole for all the technical support.

Thank you to everyone who came for the snacks they shared!



WOMEN'S OUT 'N ABOUT MONTHLY LUNCHEON



In July the luncheon was caught in DC Grill! So many ladies came that they needed two tables! A great time was had by all.



Ladies Drop In: Nancy Wulfmeier, Linda Katz & Evelyn Hrunek completed their 20th puzzle?



Celebrating George Holtan's 80th Birthday with members of the Choir and special friends.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

DEVOTIONS & SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

Join Pastor Bill Good
Mondays & Fridays **LIVE at 10 am**
on our FHPC website or on our FHPC Facebook page.
fhpresbyterian.info

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



BIBLE STUDY "POSTCARDS FROM GOD"

WEDNESDAY EVENING Opportunity at 6 pm
With Pastor Bill Good & Pastor Bob Simmons
Live and in Person

You may know that the longest books in the Bible by word and chapter count are Psalms and Jeremiah. These are epic letters from God.

But did you know that there are 5 books that are comprised of just 1 chapter? From this perspective, Philemon, Jude, 2 & 3 John, and Obadiah are more like postcards from God.

Pastors Bob Simmons and Bill Good are going to lead us in reading these postcards on Wednesday nights in the **month of August (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st)** at 6pm in the Fellowship Center. Come join us as we discover again that good things really do come in small packages.



Russian Icons in the Narthex

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday | September 9 | 6 pm

Hot Dogs-Chili-Chips-Ice Cream Bars for Movie Night

Sponsored by Hilltop Hospitality

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church-----Fellowship Center
Reservations required & Seating will be Limited to 60 guests

Call FHPC 480-837-1763 (office) or email connietony@cox.net, no later than Monday, September 5th

THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

Denny Swift is a Formula One race car driver who understands that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate everyday life. Besides his career, Denny has three loves of his life -- his beautiful wife, their young daughter and his best friend, which is a dog that wants to be reincarnated into a human.



Building & Grounds

Building and Grounds Monthly Report:

1. A Brand New Narthex:

- A. Larry Cole painted the entire Narthex a pale blue color. He was assisted by the rest of the Building and Grounds Crew.
- B. Larry also painted the Aqua furniture a Navy-Blue Color.
- C. Larry rehung the Russian Icons donated to us by the Hume's Family. They are now hanging on the wall in the Narthex where they look stunning. Larry also outlined them with domed frames.
- D. Worship and Music added the rest of the adornments and voila we have a brand - new looking Narthex!
- E. Teamwork is just the best!

2. Our landscaping crew is now in the process of trimming and pruning the trees on the entire campus. We wanted to get this completed before the Monsoon Season really kicks in.

3. We have had to irrigate in the Biblical Garden, and other areas, more than usual because of our extremely hot weather. We water 3 times a week, 30 minutes per zone. More news forthcoming about adding Saturday to the mix. Other areas on the campus also go on 3 times a week, 30 minutes a time. Bill Matty has worked very hard on getting the irrigation throughout the entire campus to work efficiently.

4. Affordable Fire and Safety will be coming to our church sometime in August to do their yearly check up on all fire extinguishers and Exit lights to ensure that all are of them are working properly.

5. On August 17th, our rear parking lot will be re-sealed. Our front parking lot will also be resealed again to match the color of the back lot. Restriping will be redone in the front parking lot. We may have to have the lots closed both the 17th and 18th, but we will let everybody know in advance if that occurs.

6. Our handicap ramp by the office seems to be working very well. We haven't had any negative comments regarding this ramp. We always look to you for suggestions or concerns.

Our committee has had a bit of relaxation the past few weeks – a time for reflection, regrouping, and planning ahead for various projects that are on the horizon. As always, we will get in touch with you regarding projects that will be coming up.

Building and Grounds Committee:
Larry Cole – Chairperson; Frank DeGroot, George Holtan, Bob Lull, Bill Matty, Jim Stewart, Bob Titus.

Respectfully submitted,

George

Written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words; Rooney has passed away but he used to be on CBS's 60 Minute TV show.

I've learned...

That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned...

That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...

That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....

That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...

That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUNDATION MAY BE USED TO...

- † Pay tribute to loved ones through a Memorial Gift
- † Invest in our community through local mission programs
- † Perpetuate the life of the church by investing in youth and education programs
- † Sponsor a unique project in the name of the church
- ‡ Support continued successes in church programs and activities

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION IN ANY NUMBER OF WAYS...

- ‡ Through a cash gift or check
- † Endorsing stock over to the church
- † Donating some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution to the church
- † Designating the Foundation in a trust fund
- † Pledging a future bequest
- † Name the Foundation as a beneficiary under your will
- † Contribute a life insurance policy that is no longer a part of your estate plans
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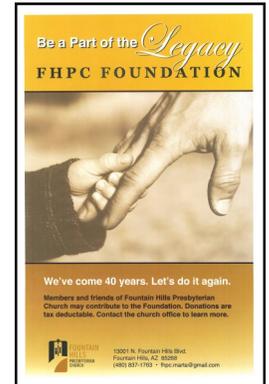
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Library Footnotes

West with Giraffes

By Lynda Rutledge



Lynda Rutledge spins a fascinating tale of a most unusual journey of two giraffes that arrive in New York harbor in 1938 from Africa, after surviving a horrendous hurricane in the Atlantic.

The San Diego Zoo had commissioned the purchase of the animals.

But needed some way to get them from New York to California by overland route. The Zoo Director, Mrs. Belle Benchley, one of the first female directors ever to run a zoo, had arranged with a cantankerous character named Riley Jones to have a specially designed van to transport the giraffes safely cross country.

The main character of the story is a down and out kid named Woodrow Wilson Nickel. Who has left the Oklahoma Dust Bowl in search of a better life in New York City. He finds himself at the same dock where the giraffes have landed and is mesmerized by them and the Old man Riley with an unusual van that has loaded them on for the overland journey. Woody manages to inveigle his way to help the old man and becomes his driver. Also at this dock scene is a reporter and red headed photographer named Red who smells a major interest story. And decides to follow along. She provides the love intertwined in all the overland adventures. What follows for this trio is a series of troubles with the giraffes as they crisscross the country on rural highways and small towns. After twelve days on the road, they finally reach their destination in San Diego and, of course, become a major sensation for the Zoo.

Woody finds a job at the Zoo and continues his life there until he reaches old age and finds himself in a home. He senses he is nearing the end of his days, and writes down his recollection of his famous adventures with his friends and the giraffes that he came to fervently love and help successfully deliver.

Bud Fuls

Worship & Music

From the Worship & Music Committee:

Our president/moderator is Ilene Berg and our secretary is Jean Ipema. We meet once a month on the third Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. As of this writing we now have 15 members.

We open these meetings with a prayer and scripture reading from one of our members. In these meetings we hear from Pastor Bill regarding his upcoming sermons, as well as other information pertaining to the ministry of our Church. Any information pertaining to the music is given to Debbie Fisher from a selected member of this committee.

Following are the number of duties that this committee is responsible for:

- Greeters each Sunday
- Christmas decorations
- Easter decorations
- Changing of the paraments
- Upkeep of the Narthex and Sanctuary
- Scheduling communion preparation & servers
- Select someone to assist those members or guests who need help as they exit their autos (Curb Angel)
- The wreath above the Choir Loft is kept up to date Season-wise by 2 of our members
- A storage room was turned into a Chapel with the guidance of the members

-submitted by Letha Neely



Social Media



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www.facebook.com/fhpresbyterianchurch/

Go to our website, at the bottom of our Home page, click on the Facebook icon. View Sunday worship and read current posts about FHPC. Be sure to "Like" our page to get posts directly in your Newsfeed.

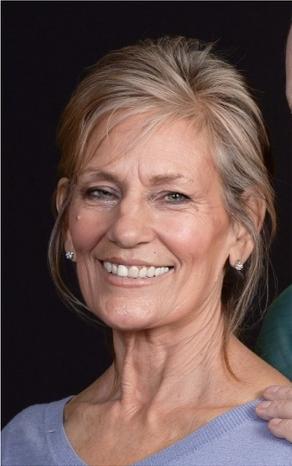


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 YouTube Channel**

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



It's wonderful to hear the voices that make up our choir sing individually. Such a grateful experience! It's wonderful to hear instrumentalists as they play and enhance our worship experience. We will continue providing music throughout the summer in this way. Thank you musicians! You bring hope and courage, love, mercy, and comfort to the soul of those who come into God's Sanctuary.

"Sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works."

1 Chronicles 16:9

Deborah Fisher
Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO

Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

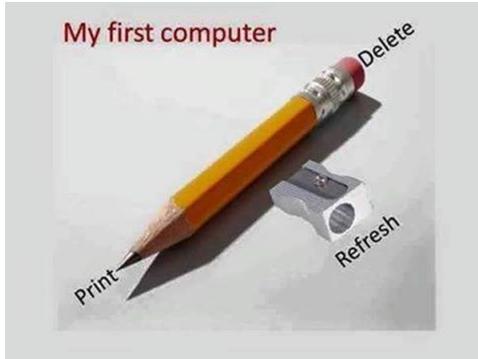


CHILDRENS MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4pm in the Education Rooms. Will be moving to Wednesdays in August.



Winnie Wylde/Harris, Cameron Leary and Aurora Robinson



SO GLAD I GREW UP



DOING THIS



NOT THIS



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

Can't pray? First rest!

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. “We are a generation who doesn’t know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus.” The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. “God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze,” Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God’s voice, too. “When you find it’s hard to pray, don’t be afraid,” says Gray. “You’re standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You’re worth it.”

New seat, new perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its “owner” wasn’t present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshipers is familiar and comfortable.

Recently, our family was “bumped” back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I’m glad church seats don’t have nameplates. And I’m thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone

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My very first pure bread dog. He just loaf around the house all day. Maybe he has a yeast infection. I have no dough left to spend on him. At first I thought he was the greatest thing since sliced bread., but he's so kneady. Can't get him to rise in the morning. If he doesn't smarten up, he's toast.

Letter to the Editor

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I've been thinking a lot about the sermon I heard one Sunday about "BElonging ". It seems to me that there is a "tag" that comes with BElonging. That tag is BEhavior.

When one BELongs to another person or group their actions, attitudes, and reactions reflect the makeup of that other entity to which they BELong; hence their BEhaver. If a person BELongs to a rebellious gang, what they do and how they act is most likely based upon what is dictated by or the norms of that group. On the other hand, as suggested Sunday, we BELong to and with a fellowship or in a congregation of BELievers. This also means we BELong in the family whose Father is God.

Just BELonging falls short if we don't live up to the expectations of what this implies. If we truly BELieve we are the children of God, then we are/become responsible for living the life He has commanded us to live. BEhaving in such a way that is a reflection of the unconditional love and Father has for us.

So to BELieve that God is the Father of all means we BELong in and with His family and our BEhavior reflects this loving care. Therefore, we are to BE loving and caring of and to all others.

How we "BE" is measured by our BEing and BELonging though our BEhavior.

How BE you?

BE blessed,
Mary Alice Bivens
6/21/22

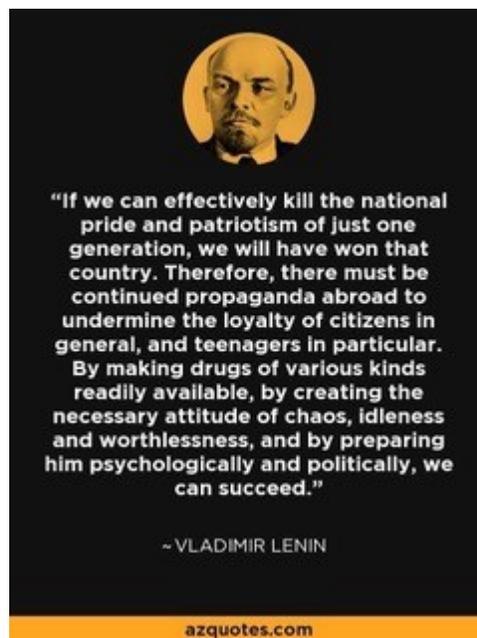


Nuptial LOLs

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

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With deepest sympathy we list those members who have passed away in 2022

- Michael O'Connor
- Virginia Nelson
- Tom Hencz
- Bernice VerHage
- Jim Roy

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.

The biggest difference between money and time: You always know how much money you have but you never know how much time you have. **Enjoy every moment of your life!**



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

Happy Birthday to...

- 8/1 Diane Runfola
- 8/3 Carol Hencz
- 8/6 Myron Shogren
- 8/9 Jim Carroll
- 8/9 Letha Neely

- 8/13 Pat Ahrens
- 8/15 Byron Hodgson
- 8/18 Mary Ann Nickel
- 8/21 Dennis Kester
- 8/22 Jo-Ann Spalding
- 8/23 JJ Prokupek

- 8/26 Maria Berry
- 8/26 Kent Martinson
- 8/27 Richard Uphoff
- 8/29 Ty Knoy
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Come, my Way

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

—George Herbert

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