

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fountain Hills, AZ

October 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

Larry Cole, Elder Building & Grounds



Building My Faith

When I began to attend services at FHPC, I was quite content to sit in pew and listen to Pastor preach. Each one of his sermons touched me personally, as though he was speaking directly to me. I found this to be engaging and it seemed to fulfill my need for spirituality. When we decided to join FHPC, Pastor explained that being a church member was far more than sitting in a pew and listening to his sermon. He spoke of giving to the church, but not just by providing financially, but by doing and giving of oneself. That's not exactly what I initially had in mind, but it has been through giving of myself that I have discovered a deeper faith and a profound sense of belonging to something larger than myself.

Becoming Clerk of Session took a leap of faith being a novice to church government. My business leadership skills supported me in that role where I

gained a great appreciation for our leadership and the challenges they face. When I decided to move on from that role, my plan was to take time to pray for the Lord's direction for where I could best serve. The answer came quickly when Pastor expressed the pressing need for more congregants to become involved in our church.

I was already a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, so moving into the Elder position was a likely next step. The responsibility for caring for our campus is no easy feat; the blessing comes in the opportunity to work with a great group of devoted men of our church-- George Holtan, Bob Lull, Bill Matty, Jim Stewart and Bob Titus.

Along with our outstanding sexton, Frank DeGroot, these men spend countless volunteer hours each week - pulling weeds, fixing irrigation leaks, making roof repairs and doing whatever is needed to maintain our 230,389 square foot campus. Through the generosity of their time and willingness of their spirit, they save our church thousands of dollars every year in lieu of hiring contractors and vendors to do the work.

Beyond general maintenance, we have completed several notable projects, the most significant being the resurfacing of the parking lot and the subsequent sealing. Our parking lot now shouts with glee to welcome family and friends to our church.

Other accomplishments include:

The atrium wall of the sanctuary was painted to accent the chancel.

The narthex walls and narthex furniture were freshened with a coat of paint.

The icons were relocated to the Narthex and accented with new handmade frames.

Undeniably, our campus is aging and as much as we attempt to plan for replacements and improvement, there is usually something that crops up to put a major ding in our budget. Recently we had to deal with replacement of the air conditioning unit in the Adult Center - an unplanned expenditure of \$9,500.

Each and every week we hear Pastor speak of responding in commitment. Without question the gentlemen of the Buildings and Grounds Committee continue to respond in whatever way necessary. Plus, we make time to laugh and joke! We are also grateful to members of our church family who have donated to the parking lot fund as well as other gifts towards maintenance.

The lesson has become clear to me. Each of us has been given gifts and it is by sharing those gifts that we give thanks to the Lord for the abundance He has given us, the sacrifices He has made for us. Living a life of devotion is not gained from what I get mentally sitting in a pew on Sunday, but what I can give of myself in glory and praise. My life is richer because God led me to serve and to understand that my commitment to be a church member goes far beyond signing the pew pad.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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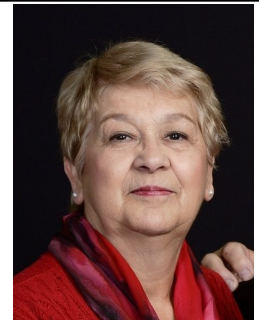
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Phil Katz
Jean Linzer

Focus on Finance

Aug. Income	\$ 24,095	Budget	\$ 31,654
Aug. Expenses	\$ 35,316	Budget	\$ 34,076
Yr to date Income	\$ 244,225	YTD Budget	\$ 255,232
Yr to date Expense	\$ 259,107	YTD Budget	\$ 264,843

Year to date expenses exceeded YTD income by \$14,882, as opposed to budget expected deficit of \$9,611. YTD we have managed to keep expenses below budget, however income tends to fall short during the summer months. We have had to make some improvements such as tree trimming on the campus, replacing an air conditioner in the Adult Center, and repairs to several sprinkler heads that had been painted over. Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer, welcome back winter residents.

Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: 2023 “I AM A CHURCH MEMBER.”*

Looking back on spending this year, we had many big-ticket items like landscape needs, air conditioner replacement and water leaks. The parking lot renewal has been like a shining star leading the way to our church building. So many Thank You's to so many who have worked to create and maintain our facilities!

In the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday, November 20, 2023, we will look at what is expected of those who join a body of believers and what we need be as a “church member.”

It is, again this year, my humble responsibility to lead you into your consideration of how you will share your gifts for Stewardship 2023.

Blessings,
Arlene Stewart,
Elder



Sunday, October 30
Fellowship Center
10:15 am – 12:00 noon
Sponsored by Women's Fellowship



*“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20*

Mission Ministry

Here we are getting into our Fall months and cooler temperatures. We here in the Mission Committee are busy planning our fall and winter projects. Here are a few of our projects that we look forward to. We **LOVE** all the generous gifts you have given to us. So we then as a Church can give to our community and others. Thank you!!

Extended Hands Food Bank

This is one of our long and on going projects. In these tough times, this project is one of our top priorities. With so many people having their lives turned upside down with lay offs and cut backs, EHFB has been overwhelmed with need. As of now they have over 300 families getting help, this is over the 1000 people they help on a regular bases. This includes a few homeless people in our area as well as families. The Food Bank caters to people in Fountain Hills, The Verdes, Fort McDowell Reservation and parts of Scottsdale. The Food Bank has over 50 volunteers that help stack shelves as well as bag groceries for those people coming in for food. They even try to have food for those who may have diabetes and have special needs. If this is something you think you want to help volunteer for, you can call EHFB at 480/837-0303 and get more information. We still collect canned and non perishable food every Sunday morning in the grocery cart in front of the Narthex or you can drop off items at the church office Monday thru Thursday. We have even made it available to contribute monetarily on our web site. Thank you for all your generosity to this project.



School Supplies

I was able to take all the school supplies over to the school. Unfortunately I did not get a picture taken, but the young man that helped me unload the supplies was very curious as to who was donating these supplies. He was very impressed that we as a church were able to collect and donate these supplies to the school, Again, I say **"Thank you"** to all who helped with this project.

Project Coming Soon

In the next couple of months you will be hearing about our **Christmas Box** project. We try and get these things collected before Thanksgiving. We need to get them to another group here in town so they can distribute. This project can be done in two ways: The first you can go out and purchase yourself from the list of suggestions for the child's age and sex. When doing this, you need to add some additional money for the cost of shipping. The second way is just to send money to the Church with CHRISTMAS BOX on the memo line. This is the easiest way and you don't have to worry about anything. I will get more information to you next month.



Veterans

We are still helping Donna Sims with her project to send Christmas cards and gifts to our Veterans. We are so proud of all our service men and women, but we want to be sure and acknowledge those who are related to members of our congregation. So be ready to give Donna your handwritten notes wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

These are just a few of our projects and I hope you are pleased with what we here in our Mission Committee are doing. If you feel this is something you may want to be involved with, we meet once a month. We have changed our meeting day to the first Monday of the month at 4:00 pm. We usually meet in the conference room in the office, but if we grow we can change locations.



***2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he pur-
poseth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or
of necessity: for God Loveth a cheerful giver.***

Thank you,
Terri Schmidt, Mission Elder

Taking awe breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—Gunilla Norris, Weavings, July/August 2008

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Worship by Giving...Time, Talents & Treasure



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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



I have been very busy, with some help from others, with our ministry to help veterans, homeless veterans and any and all who is in need of help, with our donations of gently used clothing shoes, jackets, t-shirts, bedding, some toiletries and even a number of furniture items, all in just the last month. Community Bridges has made several trips out here to Fountain Hills to pick up these items and currently, I am waiting to hear back from them as to when they will be back to my garage to pick up another large load, 20 huge bags of clothing items. This week they already had a full schedule. But I will post a picture of all these bags and I thank Matt Jefferson with picking up the items and bringing them to my garage.

October again is the month where I need to have contact with all of our Church connected military families for any and all updated information as to the mailing address and any rank change for our Christmas

Card project for our active-duty Troops. This information is needed as soon as possible because the cards get mailed mid-November for any stationed overseas and stateside cards get mailed early December. These cards are each filled with handwritten notes from all of you who volunteer to write a short note to each of the names on our Military List that is always shown in The Weekly. I will supply the little note pads and the cards. Believe me when I say these hand written notes are very much appreciated. I cannot express enough how important that these little notes are for our Military members.

It is also the time of year where we switch to collecting cold weather items of clothing, etc. Any items that are gently used will be sent to our local veterans and if you are willing to send any clothing items to our active-duty Troops overseas, they need to be new. Items that we send are dark colored long-sleeved t-shirts, long sleeved sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, gloves, and toiletries are needed badly. I even throw in some much appreciated snack items too. All items to be sent overseas will need to be in my hands by the 3rd Sunday in November for shipping in time for Christmas.

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, jackets, shirts and toiletries). Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.

Donna Sims, Mission Committee



Pastor's Appreciation

WE APPRECIATE OUR PASTOR

October 9th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The Worship and Music Committee has planned a special celebration for our pastor, Bill Good, to show him our appreciation for all the wonderful blessings he has given us. There will be a surprise or two during the church service and a brunch following in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a basket in the narthex for you to bring cards or notes of appreciation for Bill.

Please mark your calendars for October 9th and join in Pastor Appreciation Sunday.



No lone-ranger Christians

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "As Christians we're called to belong, not just to believe," writes Rick Warren. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."

After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!

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FHPC Friends,

It has been so nice hearing from so many friends. The warm thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and gifts to Jim's memorial fund have been very meaningful.

Our Fountain Hills friends will always have a special place in our hearts.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Warm Regards,

Mary Jo Roy



U.S. Military Medallions for our Veterans

Medallions 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 | Oct 21 | 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!



Nice veggie tray! Feel free to copy!

Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | Oct 19 | 12 noon | Vicinos

Our lunch group will again be trying a new, out of town restaurant on Wednesday, October 19 at noon. It's Vicinos in the same building where Vetos used to be on Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. Vicinos Local Italian at 10999 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. Check out the menu on line to find your favorite item! Please contact Nancy at 480-837-3021 for reservations.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | Oct 13 | 9:30 AM | Fireside Room



We will quickly review the first two chapters of our book: Esther, a Woman of Strength and Dignity by Charles Swindoll. Please read Chapter 3 as it will be the subject of our main discussion. If you would like to join us the book is available on Amazon.

For more information call Monique 336-382-8733. See you there!

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

1st Tuesday | Oct 4 | 1:00 pm | Fellowship Center

study: RECIPES FOR A SACRED LIFE by Rivvy Neshama, p 173-198

recipe: Evelyn Vernon (via Barbara Hoverland)

Rituals & Celebrations: Birth to Death and In-Between awaken us to join families across cultures and to create ties. Simply, it's in prayer that we talk to God and in meditation that we listen to His answer. When troubled, Neshama urges us to invite light into our mind (faith), into our mouth (hope), and into our heart (love). Truly "feel grace" in whatever you do; it's the essence of love.



Jane Allen, Leader 907-538-3223

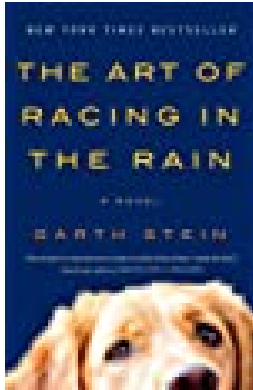
EVENING CIRCLE

3rd Monday | October 17 | 4:00 pm | Fireside Room

The Evening Circle has launched their new Priscilla Shirer study entitled "*The Armor of God*." We gather on the third Monday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Fireside Room where we enjoy delicious refreshments as we watch a video and discuss what we are learning from our individual at-home study of the workbook. Priscilla reminds us that the enemy is most definitely at work in the world today, and each of us must realize that we are equipped with God's "armor" as described in Ephesians 6:10-19. We currently have 11 members in our Circle and we would love for you to join us for this powerful study. Please contact Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827 to obtain a book or for more information.



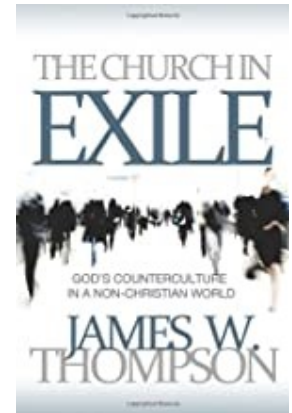
Library Footnotes



Many of the resources in our church Library Resource Center intentionally tie in with events and happenings in our country and world as well as study topics currently being emphasized on our church campus. A few days ago (Sept 9) we were treated to a viewing of the film *The Art of Racing in the Rain* accompanied by tasty food provided by Hilltop Hospitality.

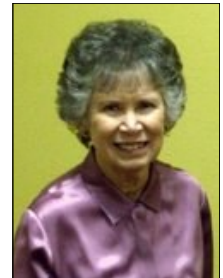
The film is based on the book written by Garth Stein with the same title. The story is narrated by Enzo, a philosophical dog who is very protective of his owner Denny and his family. Through Enzo's eyes we learn so much about human nature, how each individual deals with adversity and how focus, grit, and determination can ultimately triumph against apparently insurmountable odds, especially where love is involved as it is in many forms in this story. The author draws parallels between the skills and focus a racing driver needs to win the race, particularly when 'racing in the rain' and how those same skills and being focused on the outcome, can keep us from skidding out of control in real life. This is a story about love and the determination to succeed when the chips are down.

Our Wednesday night Bible study led by the dynamic duo, pastors Bill and Bob, is continuing this fall with a study about I Peter. In addition to the text for the course, *The Church in Exile* which is available from the church office for \$15, there are some commentaries available in the Library. One of the commentaries is *Early Christian Letters for Everyone: James, Peter, John, and Judah* by N.T. Wright. This author has a way of writing so anyone can understand and he paints a clear picture of how the scriptures written long ago parallel our world today and still apply. Very helpful for providing insight and background.



Both of these books are available for checkout from our church Library.

- Barbara Oakeson



You're made for faith



Contrary to popular opinion, faith and doubt aren't opposites. Instead, "doubt is a way station en route to faith," writes J. Ellsworth Kalas. "I can't imagine getting to faith at a grand level that raises the hair on your arms without passing through doubt to get there."

Switching metaphors, Kalas explains, "Faith is an edifice in which some of the grandest parts are the various stones and mortar of doubt." Christians need not worry about doubt, which is "the stuff that goes into the building of faith."

The *real* enemy of faith is unbelief, but it's not a fair fight, says Kalas. Because humans "are made for faith ... unbelief is always an intruder, always working against what is magnificently native to us."

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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 strategize 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

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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.



Cents-ible stewardship

During a children's sermon, the pastor gave each child two pennies and told them to put one in each hand. "With full hands," he asked, "how would you do other things, like drink a glass of juice?" They'd have to let go of one penny. (Likewise, adults must be willing to "let go" of material goods and desires to worship God alone.)

The pastor let the children keep the coins. When my 5-year-old returned to her seat, I suggested she could put them in the offering. Her quite loud response was, "NO! I need more money!" (Maybe my at-home talks about generosity — not to mention the kids message — hadn't sunk in?) Granted, giving is a tough concept, even for grown-ups. But adults would gladly give away "worthless" pennies.

When the offering plate came by, my daughter put in her pennies all by herself. "Now maybe some little girl can eat tonight," she said. God's prompting may take some time to change our hearts. But may we all give so freely and give up what seems important at the time.

—Julie Lee

LETTER FROM DEVEREUX ARIZONA

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September 14, 2022

Mrs. Jane Allen
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry
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Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Dear Jane,

On behalf of Devereux Arizona and the youth at our Residential Treatment Center, thank you so much for your generous recent donation of \$563.21. This donation was used to purchase much-needed recreation items for the RTC. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, off-campus outings have been severely limited for more than two years. This makes it even more important for us to find fun, safe activities for the youth to engage in while on campus. Your donation bought:

- Soccer balls, basketballs, and volleyballs
- Art supplies to stock our newly renovated art room: paint, markers, lots of paper, crayons, and safety scissors
- Several Lego kits
- Board games (such as Candyland and Battleship) and playing cards

As you know, Devereux's mission is to change lives by unlocking and nurturing human potential for people with emotional, behavioral or cognitive differences. The support of the FHPC Women's Ministry has brought joy to hundreds of vulnerable children over the years. These recreation items not only help with their treatment, but give them the freedom to enjoy their childhood, regardless of their circumstances. We are truly honored by your support and partnership, and look forward to working together for many more years. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,



Monica Chapman
Development and Grants Manager

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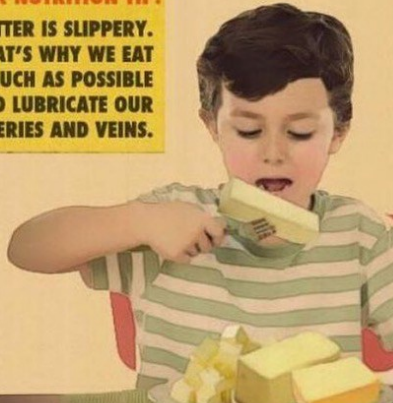
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Motorola TELEVISION

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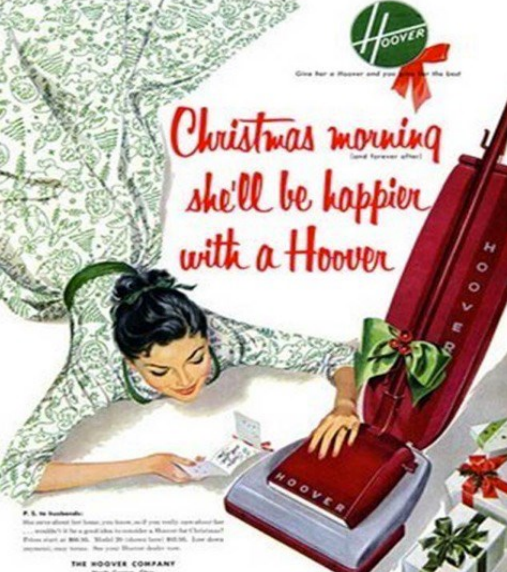
GOOD AND GOOD FOR YOU

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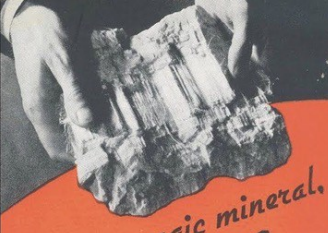
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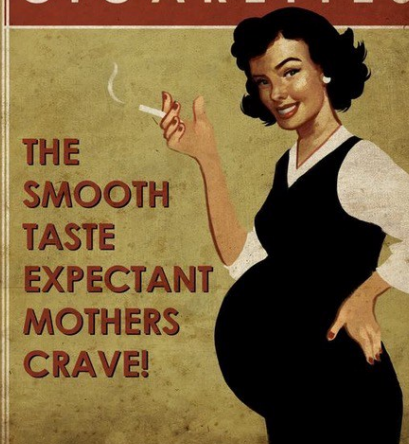
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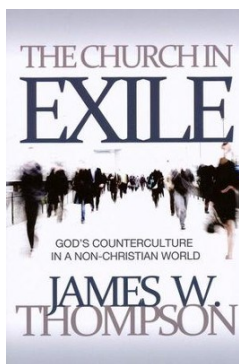


CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Pastor Bill's New Ministry "Uncommon Community"

Join Pastor Bill Good
Mondays & Fridays **at 11 am**
Starting October 17

There will be a link on our website...fhpresbyterian.info
Don't miss the opportunity to support this Ministry -
Search "Uncommon Community" on Facebook and
click on the "like" button



BIBLE STUDY

With Pastors Bill & Bob

Live on Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center

THE CHURCH IN EXILE

This study draws upon the epistle of 1 Peter, which was written to "exiles," to help us learn how to live faithfully when many around us do not share Christian values. This will be a 10 week course.

LUNCH & LECTURES SERIES

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

Lunch & Lecture Series from the **Great Courses** in October

12:00 noon

We start with a lecture at noon followed by lunch with discussion. A second lecture will be offered to those who want to stay. Each lecture is 30 minutes. See schedule below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<i>The Lives of Great Christians</i> <i>Professor William R. Cook</i>
Oct. 15	Thomas Moore Martin Luther
	<i>The History and Archaeology of the Bible</i> <i>By Jean-Pierre Isbouts</i>
Oct. 29	The Empire of Alexander the Great The Kingdom of Herod the Great

Save the dates! Hope to see you there. Let the church office (480-837-1763) know if you are coming. This helps us prepare for the number of ladies and gentlemen for lunch.

- Maria Berry

Building & Grounds



It's October! We had a very busy summer at the church. Everyday lots of children in the Fellowship Center enjoying their time together and rehearsing for plays and just having fun. I was amazed how well behaved and polite they were.

I was kept busy with cleaning and repairs. The monsoon was quite active this summer, and we had an almost Biblical plague of black beetles that invaded every building for several weeks. We had a pet chuckwalla lizard, "Earl" in the Adult Center who feasted on the beetles. He helped keep the pests under control, what a helper! I never had to dispose of beetles in that room.

Fall is here, holidays are coming, lots to look forward to!

Frank DeGroot, Custodian



The rope inside our flagpole deteriorated and needed to be replaced. Lucky for us the FH Fire Department was on the scene with their ladder truck! What a sight to behold.



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This and That

So That's Why We call That That

In 1997, two smarty-pants, needing a name for their new data-index website, came up with “googol,” which is the number one followed by a hundred zeroes. Perfect! But as they typed *Googol* into a domain-name search engine, they committed a critical typo. And the mistake stuck. Don't believe us? Google it. Meanwhile, here are the stories behind other brand names.

Haagen-Dazs

Haagen-Dazs is short for... absolutely nothing. Reuben Mattus, who moved to Brooklyn from Poland, created the ice cream company in 1959. A Jew, he wanted to give his company a Danish-sounding name in tribute to Denmark's reputation for saving Jews during WW II and settled on this nonsense phrase.

AHIPS! (Acronyms Hidden In Plain Sight)

From a casual LOL (Laugh Out Loud) to your bank card PIN (Personal Identification Number), acronyms infuse our lives now more than ever. Sometimes, you might not even realize you're using one. For example:

Did you know that **laser** is the lazy way of saying **Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation**?

Taser might shock you even more. That's the **Tom A. Swift Electric Rifle**, named after a 1911 young adult adventure novel that was much beloved by NASA researcher Jack Cover, who invented the Taser in 1974.

Scuba diving? Hope your **Self-Contained Underwater Displacement Breathing Apparatus** is working.

Lube a greasy wheel with **WD-40** – that's **Water Displacement, 40th** formula – a name straight out of the lab book of the chemist who invented the stuff in 1953, after 39 failed attempts.

Shop at **IKEA**? Thank founder **Ingvar Kamprad**, who grew up on the farm of **Elmtaryd** near **Agunnaryd**, a town in Sweden.

When in Sweden, listen to plenty of **ABBA**. The famous pop quartet was named after its members: **Ag**netha, **Bj**orn, **B**enny, and **An**ni-Frid.

- from Reader's Digest



Linda Katz and Nancy Wulfmeier, are having too much fun. Come join the **Ladies Drop In** on Tuesdays at 10am.

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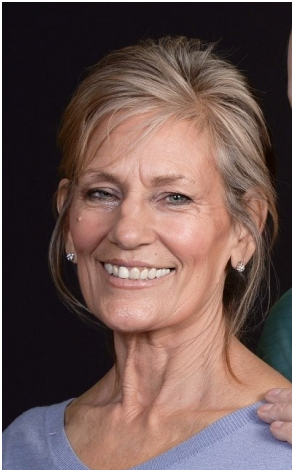


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Music Ministry



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

What a wonderful time of year, with cooler mornings, people returning to town, and our church welcomes back so many friends! Our church is a great place to worship! We have such a solid group of people who love each other and love our town! You can see them about town, and they are just as friendly as when you see them in our Sanctuary. You can see them in different organizations about town, and they are still just as friendly. They are people that take their friendliness across the nation as they return back to their other communities, and, you can feel the love they bring to

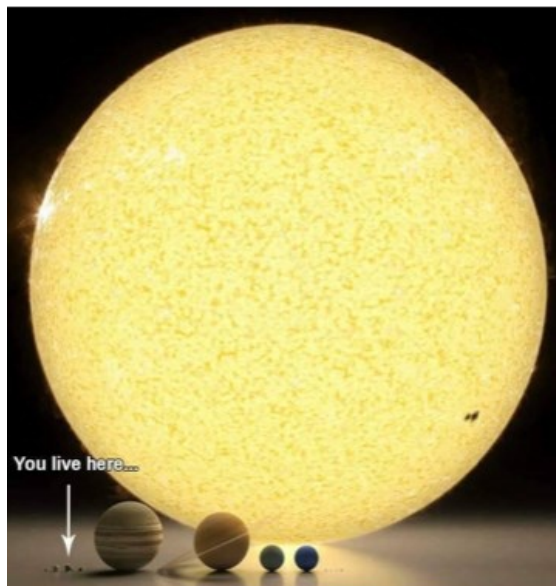
us from the places they are returning to us from. I am pleased to be a part of such a Community, one who cares for people that are both in our Sanctuary every Sunday, and, for some reason may not be in our Sanctuary each and every Sunday. We are allowed to love, to care, to pray for each other, and pray for the strength to continue doing so each and every day. I am so fond of those who make up our Music Ministry. We share so much together in putting our music together for the worship service every Sunday. It would be very remiss of me, though, not to take into account those who keep our music going through the summer with their contribution of solos, duets and ensembles,

and, with our new realm of “on-line” support to help strengthen the sound for those listening who are across the nation, or, at home watching the service. It is a constant in our service. We are continually looking to improve sound to the satisfaction of those who are not in this beautiful Sanctuary. I am told, continually, by those who return to service in the Sanctuary that there is no comparison as to the on-line and the actual service in the Sanctuary, due to the beautiful acoustics of our church. So glad to hear that! The actual fact being the vibrations passing through the room resonate completely different than one experienced on a computer system. I sure appreciate those that are trying to do so, and, it isn’t for lack of trying. However, our Sanctuary has been architecturally structured for great acoustics, and I sure enjoy utilizing them with our great Music Ministry. If you are considering helping our Music Ministry to be a more full experience for all involved, join us! You can contact me anytime personally, after church, or through the church office.

*“Let us come into His presence
with thanksgiving, and
make a joyful noise unto Him.”*

Psalm 95:2

Debbie Fisher, Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church
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The Sun and the Planets



Sonora Borealis

Sunset through the contrail of a rocket launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base near Los Angeles as viewed from a mountain ridge in Tucson, AZ

The Importance of One Vote

The most often heard excuse for not voting in an election is “my one little vote won’t make a difference.” Yet history is full of instances proving the enormous power of one single vote. In many cases, the course of nations has been changed because one individual ballot was cast — or not cast — depending upon your point of view.

If you think that your vote won’t make a difference, please consider the following:

1. In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
2. In 1649, one vote literally cost King Charles I of England his head. The vote to behead him was 67 against and 68 for — the ax fell thanks to one vote.
3. In 1714, one vote placed King George I on the throne of England and restored the monarchy.
4. In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German (at least according to folk lore.)
5. In 1800, the electoral college met in the respective states to cast their two votes for President. At that time, the U.S. Constitution provided the candidate receiving the most electoral votes would become President and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes would become Vice President. When the results of the electoral college votes were opened by both houses of Congress, there was a tie vote for President between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. That threw the election of President into the House of Representatives where Thomas Jefferson was elected our third president by a one vote margin.
6. In 1824, none of the four Presidential candidates received an electoral majority. The election was again thrown into the House of Representatives, where John Quincy Adams defeated front runner Andrew Jackson by one vote to become the nation’s 6th president. Andrew Jackson received the majority of the nation’s popular vote.
7. In 1844 in the backwoods area of Switzerland County, Indiana on election day, a farmer named Freeman Clark lay seriously ill in bed. He begged his sons to carry him to the county seat so he could vote for David Kelso to become a state senator. David Kelso had defended old Freeman Clark on a murder charge and obtained his acquittal. The old farmer Freeman Clark got to vote for Kelso but Clark died on his way back home. Kelso won the election by one vote. Both Freeman Clark and David Kelso were long-time Andrew Jackson supporters.
8. In 1844 when the new Indiana senate convened, Democrats had a majority of one — counting David Kelso. At that time, state senates had the task of electing the states’ United States Senator. The Indiana Senate Democrats held a caucus where it developed a majority of the party delegation favored a man who would vote against the annexation of Texas if elected to the U.S. Senate. David Kelso refused to vote for the Democratic Party choice and a deadlock resulted between the Democratic and Whig candidates. This continued for days. Finally, Kelso made his move. He proposed a new candidate: Edward A. Hannigan. In his party caucus, Kelso notified his Democratic associates he would bolt and vote with the Whigs — thus electing a Whig to the Senate — unless the Democrats supported Hannigan. The Democrats felt constrained to accept Hannigan who was then elected as Indiana’s U.S. Senator by one vote — that of David Kelso.
9. In 1845, Texas was admitted to the union as a state by one vote — that of Edward A. Hannigan from Indiana. The 1844 and 1845 excerpts on the series of single votes leading to Texas statehood are from the book *Magnificent Destiny*.
10. In 1846, a one vote margin in the U.S. Senate approved President Polk’s request for a Declaration of War against Mexico.
11. In 1850, California was admitted to the union by a margin of one vote.
12. In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the union by a margin of one vote.
13. The Alaska Purchase of 1867 was ratified by just one vote — paving the way for the eventual annexation of America’s largest state in 1958.
14. In 1868, one vote in the U.S. Senate saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
15. In 1875, a one vote margin changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
16. In 1875, Florida’s U.S. Senators were still elected by the state Legislature. Democrat Charles W. Jones of Pensacola was elected by the U.S. Senate by a majority of one vote.
17. In 1876, no presidential contender received a majority of electoral votes so the determination of the country’s president was again thrown into the U.S. House of Representatives. By a one vote margin, Rutherford B. Hayes became the new U.S. president. When Tilden’s party protested the tabulation and demanded a recount, Congress established a 15-member electoral commission to again count the electoral votes and declare the result. By an eight to seven margin — again, one vote — the commission affirmed the count and gave the election and presidency to Hayes.
18. In 1885, two members of the Florida House of Representatives waged a friendly but close contest for Speaker of the House. Robert W. Davis of Green Cove Springs defeated Gen. Ernest Yonge of Pensacola by one vote.
19. In 1889, by a one vote margin, Washington was admitted to statehood with the union.
20. In 1890, by a one vote margin, Idaho became a state.
21. In 1916, if presidential hopeful Charles E. Hughes had received one additional vote in each of California’s precincts, he would have defeated President Woodrow Wilson’s re-election bid.

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The Importance of One Vote (continued)

22. On November 8, 1923, members of the then recently-formed revolutionary political party met to elect a leader in a Munich, Germany beer hall. By a majority of one vote, they chose an ex-soldier named Adolph Hitler to become the NAZI Party leader.

23. In 1940, the vote taken by the French parliament to maintain its status as a republic failed by a margin of one vote.

24. In 1941, the Selective Service Act (the draft) was saved by a one vote margin — just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

25. In 1948, a Texas convention voted for Lyndon B. Johnson over ex-Governor Coke Stevens in a contested Senatorial election. Lyndon Johnson became U.S. Senator by a one vote margin.

26. In 1948, if Thomas E. Dewey had gotten one vote more per precinct in Ohio and California, the presidential election would have been thrown into the U.S. House of Representatives where Dewey enjoyed more support than his rival — incumbent Harry Truman. As it was Dewey was expected to win the general election by a landslide so most Republicans stayed home. Only 51.5 percent of the electorate voted. Truman defeated Dewey.

27. In a 1955 city election in Huron, Ohio, the mayor was elected to office by one vote.

28. In a 1959 city election, mayors of both Rose Creek and Odin, Minnesota were elected to their respective offices by one vote.

29. In the 1960 presidential election, an additional one vote per precinct in Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, and Texas may have altered the course of America's modern history by denying John F. Kennedy the presidency and placing Richard Nixon in the White House 8 years earlier.

30. In 1962, the governors of Maine, Rhode Island, and North Dakota were all elected by a margin of one vote per precinct.

31. In 1984, a Monroe County, Florida commissioner was elected by one vote.

32. In 1994, the U.S. House of Representatives enacted a law banning specific classes of assault weapons. The vote was initially tied but one member changed his vote to approve the ban.

33. Bills proposing amendment to the U. S. Constitution require a 2/3's vote of each House in order to be approved. When the balanced budget amendment bill came before the U.S. Senate in March, 1995, the measure failed by one vote — Mark Hatfield, Republican from Oregon, was the sole Republican failing to vote with other members of the Republican Party which was the majority party of the U.S. Senators. When it became apparent the measure would fail, Senate Republican Whip Bob Dole changed his vote to enable him to bring the matter back up under parliamentary rules for a vote in the future.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8!!

- submitted by Bob Petersen

Even in bad weather, our fountain looks amazing!





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

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

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



Inside a Hydrangea

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.



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10/02 Martha Carillo
10/02 Mary Edman
10/06 Orene Hinkley
10/07 Carol Skewes
10/10 Mary Martinson

10/10 Monique Reynolds
10/11 Diane Monas
10/16 Donna Sims
10/18 Midge Trump
10/19 Lana Busche
10/20 Martha Baxter

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Lower Antelope Canyon outside of Page, Arizona

Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be open enough to believe in miracles.
Be willing to share your joys.
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
Be loving to those who love you.
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.
Be yourself, above all.

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