

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fountain Hills, AZ

March 2023



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

Jeff Rand, Elder

"To be missionaries carrying the Gospel into the world." The Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church adopted a vision statement a few years ago to reflect its ongoing purpose. But what does that mean?

Missionaries engage others to promote faith and service.

The Gospel is the good news of Jesus.

This vision statement is not one simply of resting comfortably on the pews but reaching out. One can focus that broad vision and see a future that may not be exactly as it is now. Certainly, that was the case when the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church was founded in the early days of the town. The town is much different now, having grown and attracted a population from a multitude of places and backgrounds.

In the early days of the Church, folks wrote beautiful letters with cursive script (some probably still had fountain pens.) Yet telephones were common, though expensive for long distance calls. Some folks in central Idaho were still using crank phones with an operator until 1990. Computers became less expensive and available as electronic mail (e-mail) took hold. Then the stationary phones were replaced with cell phones, texting, and ever-expanding functions. The electronic gadgets allowed for social media to facilitate communication between like-minded individuals.

As the forms of communication expanded, their use tended to stratify according to particular age groups. That

presents a challenge to the Church's vision, but it's communication channels will continue to expand if it is the reach out to the community.

This third decade of the 21st century has presented certain obstacles to many organizations, including the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church. Covid took its toll, not only regarding the physical health of some people, but in social gatherings, such as church services. Yet, it also fostered new opportunities through live broadcasts of the services on various platforms. For our Church, with its many traveling members and friends, this continues to be a valuable service.

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To extend the vision into the future to focus on the state of the Church in 10 years or 20 years, what can one see?

- Will the various missions be reaching out in ever greater ways to the community?
- Will the church be a welcoming family for new people, especially young ones?
- Will there be programs for youth?
- Will facilities seem overcrowded at times?

The communications committee is committed to answers in the affirmative and will work to both support effective exchanges internally, but to spread the good news of Jesus to the community. Your feedback is always welcome. We want to continue to affect others in a positive direction.

Communications Ministry

At FHPC, the Communications Ministry reaches the congregation and our community by using a variety of tools to inspire, inform, and invite participation in the life, mission, and purposes of the Church. Effective communication is accomplished through the following avenues:

Internal Communications

Order of Worship
Visual Support
Church eNews
In Touch Newsletter

External Communications

Press Releases
Advertising & Graphic Design
Website
Remote Services
Social Media



Jeff Rand

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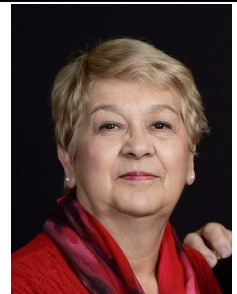
Jan Income	\$ 36,145	Budget	\$ 31,387
Jan Expenses	\$ 35,455	Budget	\$ 36,332
Yr to date Income	\$ 36,145	YTD Budget	\$ 31,387
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We have a good start to the new year, with income exceeding budget as well as expenses below budget. We received a great response of commitments to our Pledge drive for 2023. We will continue to monitor expenses through the year.

Thank you for your faithful commitments to the church and its programs.

We look forward to a great year.

Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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Upcoming Events



Ladies Tea and Luncheon

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Join us and bring a friend for delicious tea and finger foods and an exciting program!

Barbara Hoverland, Women's Fellowship.



Men's Sunday March 19th!

All men are invited to participate in the Men's Glee Club Choir. "Remember, everyone can sing, only some are better than others."

One rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

If you wish to participate, please call Roy Nickel at 480-688-8392.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

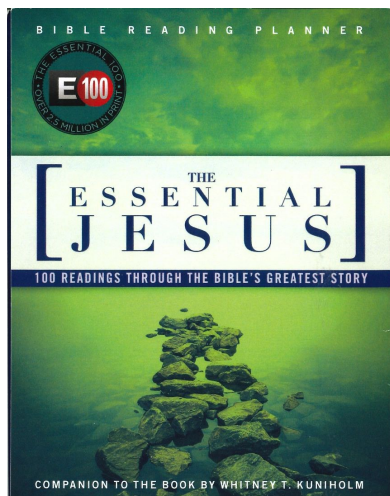
**VESPERS with Pastor Bob
(in person or live stream)
on Wednesdays, at 5:30 pm
in the Sanctuary
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Men's Bible Study | Mondays | 7:30 am
Fireside Room
Led by Bob Cowden**

**Sunday Adult Bible Study | After worship
Fireside Room
(starting March 19)
With Pastor Bob and Lisa**

Calling for EASTER BASKETS FOR DEVEREUX

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The ESSENTIAL JESUS

Bible Reading program begins February 27! Plan to join the entire congregation as we read the 100 passages in the Bible about Jesus Christ. We have a Bible reading guide that will be available at worship on February 26. This will provide our entire congregation the exciting opportunity to be reading the same passages together. Once a month we will have an opportunity to gather to discuss what we are reading. These small groups will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 4:30 pm. Pick the best time that works for you!

Let's read the Bible together!
Pastor Bob



Mission Ministry



As we begin a new month, those of us on the Mission Committee are excited to tell you of the things we are involved with. We are always looking for new members to join our committee and give us new ideas and inspirations. If you feel this is something that may interest you, we meet once a month on the second Monday of the month at 4:00pm. We generally meet in the Office Conference Room, but we would gladly meet in the Fire-side room, if we outgrew the Conference Room.

Souper Bowl

Thank You to Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church



members who brought in canned soup for Souper Bowl Sunday. We predicted the WINNER once again, Yea Kansas City Chiefs! We took over 207 cans of soup and \$30.00 to Extended Hands for Souper Bowl Collection.

Over 110 cans for The Chiefs and over 90 for the Eagles. But the big winners were the people we were able to help at Extended Hands. **THANK YOU** for your help with this project. **Thank You to Susan Titus for heading this project.**

Blanket The World

A BIG THANK YOU to Jill Gregory and Mary Holtan who stepped up and took over this project from the Oakesons. As you may recall Gary and Barbara headed this project for many years. We send out our heart felt THANKS to them for all the work they put into this project over the years. The Oakesons are the ones who brought this project to our Church many years ago. We will let you know the final donation numbers next month. Thank you to all who helped us with this project.

Helping our Neighbors

A member of our Church brought to our attention a need at the Presbyterian Church at Fort McDowell. A list of many cleaning and maintenance things that were needed at

their Church. With their Church just recently being reopened due to Covid, they were in need of help. Since this is one of God's wishes for us to help our neighbors, we were glad to help out in this small way.

Samaritans Purse

As of this printing, we have been collecting money to send to help with the devastation in the War and Earthquake hit countries of Turkey and Syria. The thousands of people who have had to leave their homes or their homes were destroyed need our help. We are always more than



happy to help those in need, as long as we can. We always appreciate all the donations and support that you give us. We give you the total amount we were able to send in the next newsletter. If you would like to help, you can make checks payable to FHPC and put Samaritans Purse on the memo line.

March Mission Project

Our March project will be assisting the Women's Fellowship with their Easter Baskets for the Devereaux House. They will soon be in the Narthex with names, ages, and the sex of the child for you to shop for. Please help us help them with this project. If you are unable to shop for these Easter Baskets yourself, you can donate money. Make checks payable to FHPC and put Easter Baskets on the memo line.

These are some of the things we are helping with at this time. If you have a concern or a possible project we may be interested in, come to a meeting and talk to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Schmidt
Mission Elder

Proverbs 22:9 says "The generous themselves will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

SHAMROCK

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



Support Our Troops



We had hoped for our planned pick-up by CBI in late January would have occurred but something bad had happened to their truck, so it took them a couple of weeks to get it all fixed and now our scheduled pick-up date is day after tomorrow. So now you see why you are looking at all the boxed items that are waiting to be picked up instead of the usual picture of their truck with the driver(s).

It won't be long before clothing items will be needed for the upcoming warmer weather so please remember this as you go through your closets getting yourselves ready clothing-wise for the summer months. Short sleeved t-shirts, socks, lightweight pants, blankets, and most of all,

much needed toiletries.

I am already thinking of Easter and getting ready for gathering notes from as many of you as possible who are willing to write a note for our annual Easter card mailing to our active-duty military members. Am hoping to be as successful for Easter as we were for Christmas. I need all of our military connected families to verify mailing address updates and/or changes to me as soon as possible.

The Mission Committee is always happy to see many members placing items in our collection box located in the Narthex on the East side and in the Church office. Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee



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.



Blanket Sunday

Blanket the World with Love

A BIG thank you to all the members and friends of FHPC that have already shared their love with people in need by donating to the CWS Blanket Drive. Jill Gregory and I are happy to report that we have surpassed \$3000 for blankets as of 2/21. This also includes friends who have contributed through Facebook. We still have until February 26th to contribute.



Last year FHPC collected over \$2200. In these final days of the Blanket Drive, let's come together and exceed that amount! Remember, \$10 provides one blanket for a person in need and \$50 provides blankets for an entire family. A small donation makes a great impact.

Gary and Barbara Oakeson spent many years leading this wonderful mission drive for FHPC. I know they are so pleased that you are continuing to support their efforts. Place your donation in a Blanket envelope, drop off a check at the church with the word "Blankets" in the memo, or give online through eGiving or on Facebook.

May you spread this love! Thank you.

Mary Holtan, Mission Committee

We Welcome Our New Members

Lou & Paula Meeuwenberg

Paula grew up on a farm in Fremont, Michigan, a small town in western Michigan. Home of the Gerber Baby Foods. Until the summer of 2022 both Paula and Lou lived their entire lives there.

Lou and Paula were high school sweethearts and were married on July 15, 1966 in the Gerber Hospital Maternity Ward since Lou was a patient there! The news headlines read "Couple Hitched-Groom Stitched." since Lou had an appendectomy on their wedding day. Paula worked as a Medical Assistant for 10 years before their daughter, Priscilla was born. They have one daughter and a son-in-law and four grandchildren. Last summer they moved from Fremont to Grand Rapids to be closer to their daughter and her family.

They became Winter Visitors after they purchased their first home in Fountain Hills in December of 1998. They have been coming to FHPC since 2009.

Paula was a Sunday school teacher for many years and a Calvinette Counselor for 15 years in their previous

church. She hopes to be helpful here in any way she feels qualified.



Lou likes to travel, read books, manage stock securities and spending time with family and friends. Except for 6 years of teaching, he has been involved with a variety of businesses and non-profits. He has served on many, many boards. He has retired 5 times. His father called him "Luke the Drifter" at a very young age. He just never knew exactly how much drifting he would do. His email is ltdrifter for that reason. Lou retired finally in August of 2022! Paula loves to sew and be a homemaker.

Attending church was always an important part of their life and they attended several churches here in Fountain Hills before they found FHPC as their best fit. They are not disappointed in their choice.

Being here in Fountain Hills now for half of the year will give them the opportunity to get to know more of our church members.

Paula says, 'This is a friendly, welcoming church and the type of worship is very much like our Christian Reformed roots.

We welcome them to our church family!

SURRENDER

What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope — not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run.

When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul.

—Max Anders

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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 | March 17 | 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!

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Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | March 15 | 12 noon | OKA Sushi

All Ladies are welcome to join together for a noon luncheon at OKA Sushi, on March 15th.

The restaurant is located at 16725 Ave. of Fountains. There are dishes for everyone, even if Sushi is not your choice.

Please contact Nancy for reservations at 480-837-3021.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday | March 9 | 9:30AM | Fireside Room

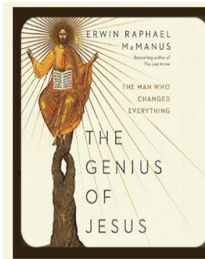


Do we want revenge? There is a secret to holding back. Self-control is the key. Read Chapter 10 "The Limitations of Retaliation" in our book Esther: a Woman of Strength and Dignity by Charles Swindoll. Join us for a discussion. Call Monique 336-382-8733 for information.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

1st Tuesday | March 7 | 1:00 pm | Fellowship Center

study: THE GENIUS OF JESUS (the man who changed everything) by Erwin R McManus. CH 2 - *The Prodigy* Prodigy is explained in the works of Mozart, Picasso, Pascal etc and of Jesus, just 12, in the Temple dissecting the Torah



and the Law of the Prophets. He was a phenomenon. Is it less that a prodigy has a talent starting at a young age but more that one has a calling? Jesus' calling was to embrace bringing together divinity and humanity. If we can recognize His interactions in our going-ons, we find Him -our prodigy and genius. Jane Allen, Leader 907-538-3223



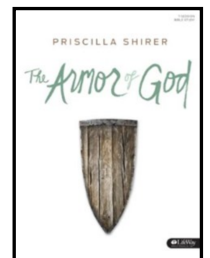
EVENING CIRCLE

3rd Monday | March 20 | 4:00 pm | Fireside Room



The Evening Circle would like to thank all of you for your uplifting response to our Blessing Bag project. All of our first 20 bags were given out. We will continue to produce 20 bags each month between now and the end of May. Our next batch will be

available for pick-up in the Narthex on Sunday, February 26. We were blessed with a \$250 donation in January from the Presby Pickins proceeds. This money assists the ladies in purchasing the necessary items for the bags. During the month of March, the Evening Circle will be studying Lesson 6 "The Helmet of Salvation" in Priscilla Shirer's book "Armor of God." Please join us, and if you would like more information about Evening Circle, feel free to contact Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827.



Library Footnotes

Waldo Macabees – In the Footsteps of Christ

By Tom Jones

“What if Jesus Had a Dog?” begins the description of this charming book. Waldo is a stray dog who trots alongside his beloved Jesus from the beginning of His ministry to His crucifixion and the first days of His resurrection.



The story is told from Waldo’s perspective. When Waldo sees Jesus’s many miracles, the dog mirrors the same thoughts and feelings expressed by the disci-

ples – fear, confusion, trust, and love.

In the beginning of the book, we find a young Waldo wandering the streets of Capernaum in search of scraps of food. One day a huge load of fish shows up at the waterfront and Waldo manages to grab a big one! But he is stopped in his tracks by his nemesis Simon (Peter).

Through a series of hilarious events, Waldo lands in Jesus’s lap and Jesus tenderly gives the dog a bath with NO help from Simon. Thus begins Waldo’s journeys with Jesus.

The bible stories, as described in the Gospels, begin with Jesus’s travels in Galilee, teaching, healing, and pouring out His love to His lost and broken people (Matthew 4:23). In one early encounter, a leper approaches Jesus. Waldo is upset because everyone knows that lepers are unclean! But Jesus takes pity on the man and, to Waldo’s surprise, cures him of his leprosy (Matthew 8:2).

After a while, Jesus is approached by a centurion whose servant is paralyzed (Matthew 8:8).

Waldo senses instant danger because, again, everyone knows that the Romans are dangerous! Waldo steps in front of Jesus, determined to protect his Master. To Waldo’s amazement, Jesus heals the servant. The crowds are astounded; someone exclaims “He actually helped a Roman!”; Jesus shakes his head and quietly tells Waldo that it is time to take a walk.

We feel Waldo’s terror when the disciples and the little dog try to cross the Sea of Galilee while Jesus sleeps in the boat and a squall almost swamps the boat (Luke 8:22-23). Waldo and the disciples are astonished and fearful when Jesus calms the waters.

Later, Jesus learns about the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:17, 11:40). As He approaches the tomb, Waldo sees Jesus cry. Waldo whines in sympathy “I’m sorry, Jesus”. But then Waldo looks in the tomb and, amazed, finds that Lazarus is alive.

The story proceeds throughout the events in Jesus’s ministry as described in the Gospels, all told from Waldo’s point of view. The stories are told with gentleness, pathos, and humor as Waldo repeatedly is amazed at the events in his Master’s life.

At the end of Jesus’s ministry, we see Waldo’s panic and utter dismay when his beloved Master is captured, suffers, and is crucified. The book does have a happy ending for the dog and also for all of us who believe.

Barbara Hoverland



Gift of Women's Sunday

After the Gift of Women's service, members of our congregation contributed almost \$1500 to the Children's Cancer Network's "Dinner Out" program. I want to thank each of you for donating to this worthy project. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated by CCN. It is wonderful to be a member of such a caring church community.

Donna



Communications



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications team strives to foster and increase awareness and understanding of FHPC's vision and mission, thereby stimulating commitment to FHPC.

- Internally. The team produces an email newsletter, The Weekly, and a monthly newsletter, In Touch, which is printed and also available digitally on our website. Both of these promote activities, upcoming events, and ways for people to connect.
- Externally. We write and distribute press releases to the Fountain Hills Times and the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce to promote FHPC activities and events as well our support



Kathy Cole



Jeff Rand

in the community

- We also manage and update content for the church's website and Facebook page.
- In addition, we develop media support, such as slides and videos, and produce the live stream of worship and memorial services.

All Communications Submissions should be emailed to news@fhpresbyterian.info.

Contact our Elders on the Communications team:

Kathy Cole (webmaster@fhpresbyterian.info/860-884-5008) Jeff Rand (jeffrand@cox.net/480-547-9580)

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 Bob or the church office at 480-837-1763. We welcome our Outreach Elder, Jackie Miles; you may call her with questions at 480-518-5182.



LADIES Drop IN Every Tuesday 10am to 12 noon Fireside Room

Great conversation
Great snacks
Great puzzles
Get to know different people!
All are welcome!

Pictured: Maria Berry, Nancy Wulfmeier, Peg Inglis, Edee Grider and Vi Levens



OUR NEW PASTOR



Belated Welcome to Pastor Bob and Jeanette Simmons! We are so blessed to have you both here in our church family.

Facing the future

Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.

—François Fenelon

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Bill Covault in his little buggy. He used to have a Smart Car.



We welcome Lisa Carrington to FHPC along with her fiancée Jay McFarland.

Ladies Out 'n About Luncheon



Meet Our Musicians

I was born into a musical family. My parents met at Eastman School of Music. My mom was a String Bass major and my dad majored in trumpet, so I grew up attending lots of rehearsals, concerts and musicals. Mom started giving me piano lessons when I was 4 years old and I'm pretty sure that I learned to read music before I learned to read books. I also learned a lot about reading music from the hymnals while standing next to family members in church. With my mom, dad, brother and grandfather all singing, we had four parts covered!

After playing the flute in elementary school and junior high school, I switched to the oboe in high school. After tolerating the first few months of horrible squawking noises coming from my bedroom as I practiced, my big brother actually started to compliment me on my playing. I attended New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and majored in oboe and music education. I performed in orchestras and musicals in Connecticut for several years, but life changed when twins arrived!

My oboe never went completely on the shelf, but it took a back seat for lots of years. I taught public school music in Connecticut for 37 years, where I started our sons on their instruments. Pete received his Masters Degree in Jazz Performance on trombone from Rutgers University, and has continued into a career in banking. Christian received his Doctorate

of Trumpet Performance and then a Masters in Divinity. He is now Minister of Creative Arts at a church in Raleigh, NC. I always enjoyed seeing my students continue in music, but it is a special joy to see our sons—and grandchildren—carry on the family tradition.



Patti Backes

Once the kids were grown, I had a little extra time, so with my roadie, Clif's encouragement, I picked up an instrument that I'd always wanted to play: the harp. I took lessons for a few years and I'm grateful that I did. It was impossible to move our piano from Connecticut, but my two lever harps (along with two cats!) were able to make the cross-country drive with us in 2020 when we moved to Fountain Hills full time.

After retiring from teaching in 2017 and becoming an Arizona snowbird, I joined the Fountain Hills Community

Band. It felt good to start playing

again. Through connections in the band, I was asked to join the Sonoran Wind Quartet. The five of us meet regularly for rehearsals and are hoping to perform at FHPC soon. I'm also a member of the Alleluia Orchestra. You might remember that we performed last March at FHPC.

It has been an honor and privilege to join Debbie and the Celebration Singers here as they share their musical gifts in service to God.

A God who knows

It is easy to dismiss or ridicule the idea of God on a cross. But I would have a hard time following a philosophical abstraction. At some points in our lives, we may need a God who has entered our darkest places of uncertainty and depression. A God who can comprehend the fear of a death without significance. A God who knows the silence of God.

—Michael Gerson

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THIS AND THAT

Ponderisms:

1. Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke?
2. Go ahead and try it...
I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
3. How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered??
4. Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going? (taxes)
5. Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
6. What disease did cured ham actually have?
7. How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
8. Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
9. If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
10. Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
11. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
12. Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
14. Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?
15. Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
16. Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
17. If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
18. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
19. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

20. Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

21. Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

22. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

23. HOW DID THE MAN who MADE the FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS?

Submitted by Bob Petersen



Eating in the Fifties

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
Curry was a surname.
A take-away was a mathematical problem.
Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
All chips were plain.
Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.
None of us had ever heard of yogurt.
Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
Cooking outside was called camping.
Seaweed was not a recognized food.
'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold.
Prunes were medicinal.
Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.
Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
Water came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughingstock.
The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties.... was elbows, hats, and cell phones.

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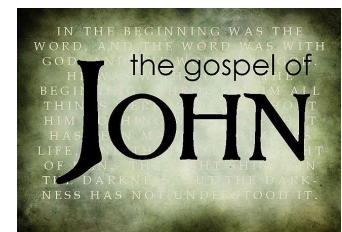
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March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Sunday Adult Bible Study
After worship
Fireside Room
With
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"Book of Mark"
Starting March 19



Men's Bible Study
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Fireside Room

Led by Bob Cowden

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS **Lunch & Lecture Series from the Great Courses** 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room



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:

Date Saturday Course ***The Making of the new Testament Canon by Professor Bart D. Ehrman***

March 18 The Beginnings of the Gospel Traditions

Save the date! 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

Sweetheart Brunch 2023



Master of Ceremonies Brendon Wagner



Servers: Jack Morris, Pastor Bob, George Holtan, Bill Matty and Joe Gregory



February/March weather sometimes requires special treatment!

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March rain storm brought snow to Four

Resurrection faith

In spring 2020, while Manhattan pastor Timothy Keller was writing a new book about Easter, the world — and his world — stopped. The coronavirus pandemic ravaged New York City, and Keller received a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Suddenly the theologian had to confront death head-on and reassess his views on eternal life.

"I realized I only half-believed I was going to die," he tells *The Christian Post*. "In some ways, I also only half-believed in the Resurrection — not intellectually so much, but all the way down deep in my heart. I realized I needed to have a greater, a deeper faith in the Resurrection, both intellectually and mentally."

While undergoing cancer treatments, Keller took a deep dive into historical and scriptural evidence for Easter's main event. He also prayed that the Holy Spirit would make the Resurrection, which can seem abstract, real to his heart.

Facing your own mortality puts earthly things into clear perspective, says the pastor, and it's a wake-up call for Jesus' followers to act.

"The Resurrection means that God has not at all given up on the world," Keller writes in *Hope in Times of Fear*. "But beyond that, it gives meaning to suffering and gives hope that through the suffering will come healing. The Resurrection guarantees that this renewal is certain and is also a call for Christians to work now against what is wrong and unjust."

All About Arizona

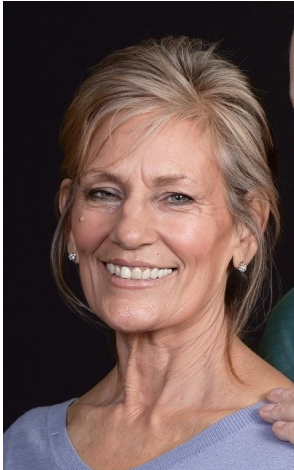
1. Arizona has 3,928 mountain peaks and summits—more mountains than any one of the other Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).
2. All New England, plus the state of Pennsylvania would fit inside Arizona.
3. Arizona became the 48th state and last of the contiguous states on February 14, 1912.
4. Arizona's disparate climate can yield both the highest temperature across the nation and the lowest temperature across the nation in the same day.
5. There are more wilderness areas in Arizona than in the entire Midwest. Arizona alone has 90 wilderness areas, while the Midwest has 50.
6. Arizona has 26 peaks that are more than 10,000 feet in elevation.
7. Arizona has the largest contiguous stand of Ponderosa pines in the world stretching from near Flagstaff along the Rim to the White Mountains region.
8. Yuma, Arizona is the country's highest producer of winter vegetables, especially lettuce.
9. Arizona is the 6th largest state in the nation, covering 113,909 square miles.
10. Out of all the states in the U.S., Arizona has the largest percentage of its land designated as Indian lands.

(to be continued)

- submitted by Helen Roesch

Handy Little Chart		
YOU SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
You say: "It's impossible"	God says: All things are possible	Luke 18:27
You say: "I'm too tired"	God says: I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God says: I love you	John 3:16
You say: "I can't go on"	God says: My grace is sufficient	11 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God says: I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
You say: "I can't do it"	God says: You can do all things through Jesus	Philippians 4:13
You say: "I am not able"	God says: I am able	11 Corinthians 9:8
You say: "It's not worth it"	God says: It will be worth it	Romans 8:28
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God says: I Forgive you	1 John 1:9
You say: "I can't manage"	God says: I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
You say: "I'm afraid"	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	11 Timothy 1:7
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	1 Peter 5:7
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God says: I give you wisdom	1 Corinthians 1:30
You say: "I feel all alone"	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	Hebrews 13:5

Music Ministry



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

I am so appreciative of the beautiful comments given regarding the Celebration Singers. How good it is to be among those who celebrate, worship and deeply praise God through the voice of singing.

As we move toward Easter by way of the Lenten Season, you will hear more of the music that lets us reveal to God our weary, yet, joyful souls as we attend worship on Wednesday evenings for the Vesper Services. This unique worship service offers such a quiet expressiveness, and the music reflects that which

brings our thoughts into prayer as the sun is setting, feeling the replenishment we only get from God.

We are entering the journey on which we work toward the acceptance of His love for us, and how He gave His only Son to die on the cross for us.

Let our music reflect such a journey. Thank you to the musicians who are helping to make this all happen.

*"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
with my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations."*
Psalm 89:1

Deborah Fisher
Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO



Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

THANK YOU



We would like to thank everyone at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church for your prayers, condolences and sympathy cards following the loss of our brother, Roger. Your thoughtfulness and kindness were much appreciated and we are blessed to be part of an uplifting church family.

Sincerely,

John and Janet Scaggs

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook it when something goes wrong through no fault of yours and those you love take it out on you,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, if you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,
Then, my friends, you are almost as good as your dog.

From Ann Landers



With deepest sympathy we list those members who have passed away in 2023

Yvonne Ellingson
Lois Medley
Kurt Ahrens

*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.



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03/22 Len Modder
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03/26 Phil Katz

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Our disarming God

We want the war horse. Jesus rides a donkey.
We want the eagle. The Holy Spirit descends as a dove.
We want to take up swords. Jesus takes up a cross.
We want the roaring lion. God comes as a slaughtered lamb.
We keep trying to arm God. God keeps trying to disarm us.

—Rev. Benjamin Cremer (via Twitter)

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