

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fountain Hills, AZ

April 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

Terri Schmidt, Elder

The year was 1990, and I started attending Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church with my folks Ray and Helen Schmidt. Pastor Glen Atchinson was the Pastor at this time. The Church was pretty much full most of the time. I enjoyed Glen's sermons immensely. One day as I was leaving he asked me if I would attend his class for new members. I told him I was unsure if I belonged in this Church or not. He said, "what would it hurt to just listen."

You see, I had attended at least 6 different denominational Churches over my life at this point and no longer did I fit into any particular mold, other than being a Christian and a follower of Jesus. I was so confused on the differences. As I attended Glen's first class, the first words out of his mouth were: "If you are here strictly because we are Presbyterian, you will be sadly disappointed." He said we were made up by Christians. There were many who were Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans

and many others, not just Presbyterians, I felt like I was at home.

He went on to tell us that this Church's main goal was to teach God's word as well as practice it. He had such a wonderful way of making us feel welcomed. At the end of this first class, I was convinced this was to be my new home.

I have enjoyed all of the Pastors that followed him. Some more than others, but enjoyed them all. And I want to stress that I learned something from each of them. I had no trouble accepting the role of being a Presbyterian.

I will admit I became more committed and felt more at home when I decided to become involved with the Church. There is a member in our Church who was on the committee seeking new Elders and Deacons. As she approached me to become one, she explained the differences and told me when they met. I gave it some thought and decided it was time for me to become more committed to our Church. That is when I decided to become an Elder of our Church. I thank Ilene Berg every day for her thinking of me and having the confidence in me to be an Elder.

Once I became an Elder and got more involved in our Church, I met more of our congregation. I love meeting all of our visitors and our members. Both full time members and part-time members. I love when we have children running around on our campus. I pray that a day in the near future we will have this again.

The reason I am relating my story, is hopefully to inspire others to get involved. FHPC means so much to me and I can not imagine not being here. When I say get involved, I am not necessarily saying you have to be an Elder or a Deacon. I am saying get involved. We have many Bible Study Groups, Women's Groups, Hilltop Hospitality, Mission Ministry, Grounds maintenance, Men's Groups, Music Ministry just to name a few. We always need new ideas for so many of these groups, including Deacons and Elders. So PLEASE STEP UP and get involved. I promise you that if you are anything like me, you will feel so fulfilled. You will wonder why you didn't join in on these activities sooner.

As our Vision and Mission Statements say:

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.

Please join me and many others in our Church and get involved with some part of us. I promise you, it will make you shine. If you are anything like me you will feel so fulfilled.

- Terri Schmidt



OUR CHURCH STAFF

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Matt Jefferson

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Leslie Hermansen
Tyson Robinson
Susan Titus

Focus on Finance

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| Feb Income | \$ 39,927 | Budget | \$ 31,387 |
| Feb Expenses | \$ 32,803 | Budget | \$ 32,332 |
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| Yr to date Income | \$ 76,072 | YTD Budget | \$ 62,774 |
| Yr to date Expense | \$ 68,259 | YTD Budget | \$ 68,664 |
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We continue to see positive results through February with income exceeding expenses year to date. We have not had any unusual expenses occur which gives us the opportunity to prepare for the summer months. Many donors have chosen to pay their pledges using the Qualified Charitable donations from their IRA accounts which in turn alleviates their taxable dollars. These charitable donations can be set up monthly, quarterly or annually through the financial institution managing your IRA account. Thank you for continuing to keep up with your pledges and contributions.

Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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Upcoming Events

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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| April 2 | Palm Sunday | 9:00 am | Communion Sunday |
| April 6 | Maundy Thursday | 5:30 pm | Sacrificial meal of beans and rice in Fellowship Ctr "In the Upper Room with Jesus" Meditation Message by Lisa Carrington Pastoral Intern |
| April 7 | Good Friday | 12:00 noon | Hymns, Scripture, Prayers Focusing on the Words of Christ from the Cross |
| April 9 | EASTER | 9:00 am | "Good News from the Graveyard!" Pastor Bob Simmons |

Concert at FHPC

SONORAN QUINTET

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM
In the Sanctuary

Enjoy a varied selection of music from classical to show tunes, including pieces by W.A. Mozart, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, and Scott Joplin.

See bios of the musicians on page 15

**Free will donations accepted to benefit
Fountain Hills Students at
Reigning Grace Ranch**



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

On this Easter Sunday, forgive someone, tell your loved ones that you love them and let your light shine. —Anon.



EASTER FLOWERS

Members and friends of FHPC once again have the opportunity to purchase flowers for display at our EASTER worship service to honor a loved one or to remember a special event. This holiday tradition provides the beautiful chancel displays we all enjoy.

Forms for ordering Easter lilies and/or spring plants are available on the offering table in the narthex. The cost for each is **\$15**. Place your completed form and payment in the offering box (or bring your check to the church office). Mark your check "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. All orders must be placed by **April 3, 2023**. Please make your check payable to *Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church*.

Mission Ministry



As we get closer to Easter Sunday, we think more and more of the Ultimate Sacrifice our Lord and God made for us. As we contemplate the true meaning of Easter, we here in the Mission committee try our best to follow our Lords desires to help those in need. We can't come close to his ultimate sacrifice, but we can do our best to share his words by our actions. Here is what we are currently involved with.

Blankets Plus

I wanted to start off this part of the newsletter with the good news. We finished this year collecting \$3300.00 for this project. This money goes to the Samaritans Purse. As you know it goes to buy Blankets, both heavy wool for the cold winter conditions as well as lighter ones for the warmer weather. This money also goes to many other things that devastated areas that are affected by war or natural disasters, may need. We here in the Mission Committee want to say THANK YOU!

Easter Baskets

We have until Palm Sunday to get your Easter Baskets for the Devereux House in to the Church. Or if it is easier to donate money we are asking for \$25.00 to complete each Basket. This is one of our missions that we help the Women's groups of our Church with. Please join us in helping them with this project.

Extended Hands

We continue to collect canned food and non perishable things for Extended Hands Food Bank each Sunday. If you do not wish to bring in these food items on Sunday, we collect throughout the week in the office. Or you can donate money to this project directly to the Extended Hands Food Bank or write checks to the Church with EHFB on the memo line, or go to our Web site and donate. Again we send out a BIG THANK YOU to all who help with this project.

April Mission Project

We decided for our April Mission we would help out a local Business, that helps others. We chose **Reigning Grace Ranch**. This is a ranch out past Rio Verde that helps kids that are in trouble or have different issues in their lives that they have difficulty dealing with. They have horses and they teach the kids to ride and take care of the animals as well as teach from the Bible. Many of us have been out to this facility and seen this beautiful facility. One of our Church Members Patti Backus, approached us with a plan. She is part of a quartet that will be playing here at our Church. They will be taking a Goodwill offering and donating this money to Reigning Grace Ranch. So we decided we would help by collecting money all month for this project.



Easter Cards

We are helping Donna Sims with this project. She is collecting notes to be sent to our Vets related to our Church members. She is sending Easter Cards with notes from people in our congregation wishing them a Happy Easter.

These are a few of the projects we have going on at this time. We want to say a big Thank You to all who so generously contribute to our projects. You really put the giving in to our projects and we appreciate you for this. God has asked us to help those less fortunate than us and we try to that here in our Mission Committee. We meet the second Monday of the month in the Office Conference room at 4:00pm. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you.

Proverbs 22:9 says

"the generous themselves will be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor."

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Schmidt
Mission Elder

WHAT!

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you catch them. That is trust.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

- submitted by Nancy Wulfmeier

Support Our Troops



The picture you see in this issue is the one taken at our last pick-up last month that occurred two days after the In Touch deadline, so now here it is. We had a nice collection of items ranging in a large variety of items and for this the Mission Committee is very grateful. However, since that time, very few donations have come in and so therefore, it appears that it may be some time before I will be able to schedule another donation

pick-up with CBI.

With the warmer months soon upon us, we are asking for items suitable such as short sleeved t-shirts, shorts if possible, and even jeans are ok. Other items needed are socks, summer hats, shoes, blankets, towels, and of course the most important items needed are toiletries.

As of now, I am in the middle of collecting the handwritten notes for our Easter Card project for our Church-connected military. By the time you read this newsletter, I should be able to be the point of mailing out the cards. Am hoping to be as successful for Easter with the total number of notes as we were for the Christmas cards.

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



Blanket Sunday



FHPC family and friends has done it again! Our mission project for CWS Blankets exceeded \$3300. That is over 330 blankets that will keep our friends in need warm and more comfortable.

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to "BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE".

Remember the words of our Lord Jesus himself in Psalm 35:10: "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Thank You,
Mary Holtan, Mission Committee



FHPC supported Extended Hands Food Pantry with the PB & J program, Souper Bowl Sunday and member donations for \$ 750.00 to keep their food shelves filled .

Thank You from your Mission committee.

Women's Fellowship Annual Tea



What's wrong with this picture?

Renew Refresh Reconnect

Women's History Month
Annual Tea & Luncheon
March 11, 2023
More photos on page 11



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**.



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 | April 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!

Rally for EASTER BASKETS FOR DEVEREUX

Yes! in our 14th year, the residents, ages 10-17, medically and/or behaviorally challenged await our fun Easter Baskets! FHPC, via Women's Fellowship, is the sole provider. Their thank-you cards are precious. We'll deliver 49 baskets this Easter 2023! Gift HOPE - choose to fill a basket or give a \$25 donation per basket.

Sign-up in the narthex on Sundays Mar 19 and 26 or in the church office during the week. All Easter Baskets are due by Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Jane Allen, Co-ordinator 907-538-3223 / Martha, Office 907-837-1763



Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | April 19 | 12 noon | Wicked 6

Come have a satisfying lunch along with pleasant views. We will meet at Wicked 6 Bar & Grill on April 19th at noon. This is at the SunRidge Canyon Golf Course, 13100 N. SunRidge Dr. In order for us to have separate checks, they will add the gratuity to our bills. Let's hope for a little warmer weather enabling us to sit outside. Please call Nancy at 480-837-3021 for reservations.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday | April 13 | 9:30AM | Fireside Room



Why do so many of us find ourselves more comfortable mourning and fretting than rejoicing and celebrating?

Fortunately, God has given us a magnificent solution that can make a difference. Read Chapters 11 and 12 from our book, *Esther: a Woman of Strength and Destiny* by Charles Swindoll. Join us as we discuss. Call Monique 336-382-8733 for information. See you there!

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

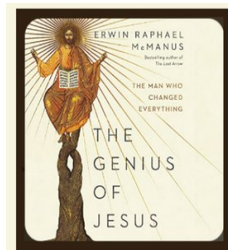
1st Tuesday | April 4 | 1:00 pm | Library

study: THE GENIUS OF JESUS (the man who changed everything) by Erwin R McManus. CH 3 - *The Genius of Empathy* Do we offer HOPE? McManus defines empathy as emotional intelligence. Not only did Jesus come to earth to ensure that we understand



God but also, that we would know God understands us. As a human, Jesus Christ was our model for love and compassion. Much as He recognized his sheep and shepherded us, we, too, can be attentive to sheep without a shepherd using his teachings.

He is the Good Shepherd, the "I am". Jane Allen, Leader 907-538-3223



EVENING CIRCLE

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

The Evening Circle will be finishing this year's study of Ephesians 6:10-19 using Priscilla Shirer's book *"The Armor of God."* We will watch the final video in the series entitled "The Sword of the Spirit" at our April meeting. If at any time you would like to embark upon this study on your own, the DVDs and study book are available in the church Conference Room. You just need to sign out for them. If you would like to order your own study book that you can write in and highlight, please contact Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827 who can assist you with that. The Evening Circle is currently discussing what they would like to study next year, and we will pass that information along to you as soon as it is available.



Library Footnotes

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

In 1971 at the age of 79, Corrie wrote her famous book the *Hiding Place* about her life story during World War II.

Reading her book, I learned important lessons of **trust, hope, obedience, service and forgiveness, and what it means to walk as a child of the light.** I discovered the heart of a woman who gave herself wholly to Jesus, and when you read her story, you can find the strength and encouragement to live your own life with Corrie's brand of faith and love.

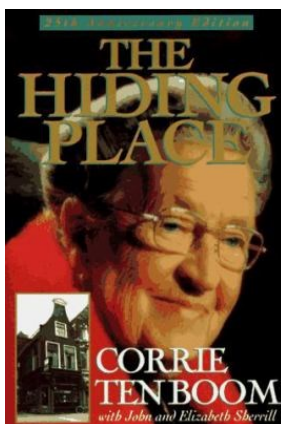
Corrie ten Boom was born on April 15, 1892 in Haarlem, Netherlands. She was the youngest child of Casper ten Boom a jeweler and watch maker. The family lived in the apartment above her father's little shop. Corrie trained to be a watchmaker and in 1922 at the age of 30 she became the first woman to be licensed as a watchmaker in the Netherlands. She was always busy; she started a youth club for disabled girls, which provided religious instruction and classes in the performing arts, sewing and handcrafts. She and her family were Calvinist Christians in the Dutch Reformed Church and their faith inspired them to serve their society which they did by offering shelter, food and money to those who were in need. They were not well off by any means.

Her father was the most important person in her life and his love and guidance helped her through many a hard time. She never married but did have a boyfriend who jilted her. She was devastated. But her father gave her this advice...

"Do you know what hurts so very much? Its love. Love is the strongest force in the world and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill the love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel. Whenever we cannot love in the old human way, God gives us the perfect way..."

Her father told her, "Some knowledge is too heavy...you cannot bear it...your Father in heaven will carry it until you are able." All his guidance prepared Corrie for what was to come.

In May 1940 when Corrie was 48 years old, the Germans invaded the Netherlands. One of their restrictions was the banning of Corrie's youth club. Then a woman came to their home asking for help. There was no choice for them and they said of course even though the police headquarters was only half a block away. Corrie's father said, "in this household, God's people are always welcome." The family then became very active in the Dutch underground, hiding refugees and honoring the Jewish Sabbath.



The refugee work that Corrie and her sister did brought them to the attention of the Dutch Resistance and so they sent an architect to their home to build a secret room with an alert buzzer to warn the refugees to get into the room as quickly as possible. The tiny, secret room was in Corrie's bedroom behind a false wall and could hold 6 people. There were regular security sweeps through the neighborhood, and everyone knew what to do in mere seconds.

Because of wartime shortages food was scarce and every non-Jewish Dutch person received a ration card, the requirement for obtaining weekly food rations. Through her charitable work, Corrie knew a man, a civil servant who was now in charge of the local ration card office. She went to his house one evening and when he asked how many ration cards she needed, instead of saying five for the members of her family, astonishingly, she said one hundred! He gave them to her and she provided cards to every Jewish person she met. She

became more active in the resistance movement overseeing a network for smuggling Jews to safe places. It is estimated that around 800 Jews were saved by Corrie's efforts.

On Feb 28, 1944 when Corrie was 52, a Dutch informant told the Nazis about the ten Boom's work. The entire family was arrested with about 30 other people who were in the house that day! But 6 people managed to get into the secret room that was not found. Because Resistance materials and extra ration cards were found in the home, the family...Corrie, her sister Betsie and father Casper were sent to prison. Fortunately, the people in the secret room were released after 3 days and sent on in the safe network. Her father Casper, aged 84 at that time, died in prison 10 days later. Corrie was initially in solitary confinement and after 3 months, she was taken to her first hearing. At her trial Corrie spoke about her work with mental disabilities. The Nazi lieutenant scoffed at her work, and she said, "in the eyes of God, a mentally disabled person might be more valuable than a watchmaker or a lieutenant."

Ultimately, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbrueck concentration camp in Germany. There they held worship services using a Bible they had smuggled in. The two sisters started discussing plans for founding a place of healing after the war. Unfortunately, Betsie died on Dec 16, 1944 at the age of 59. Before she died she told Corrie, "there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still." Twelve days later Corrie was released because of a clerical error and a week later all the women in her age group were sent to the gas chambers. ...Continued on page 17...

Communications



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



Kathy Cole



Jeff Rand

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



Miles; you may call her with questions at 480-518-5182.

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



Come as you are

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they’d have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he’d be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: “Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, ‘Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.’”

We’re all unworthy to receive Jesus’ body and blood, but that’s exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

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DRONE PHOTOS OF CAMPUS



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL TEA



PROGRAM: STITCHES IN TIME
Special Women in History



MEET OUR MUSICIANS



Letha Neeley

I was born into a family of musicians. Dad and Mother were members of a Baptist Church in Coatsville, MO. Within the church Dad directed the choir and sang bass within a quartet. Mother played the piano and after brothers Lowell and Lyle were born, they both sat on the piano bench one on each side of Mother.

After my sister Lorene and I were old enough to do the "Supper" dishes (in those days the meals were referred to as Breakfast, Dinner and Supper) we would sing songs of the current day, such as Bing Crosby tunes, Lorene on the melody (she could always remember the words) and I would harmonize. All three brothers, Lowell, Lyle & Loran played the guitar plus other string instruments. Mother could also play the guitar. Lowell could play the piano "by ear." He did not need written music in front of him. I also play the piano but nothing like my mother or brother could play.

Loran has written and recorded a number of songs. All of us have sung in quartets, choruses, choirs, done solos, sung in groups and barbershop groups. Years ago, Mothers sister,



Brothers Lowell, Lyle and Loran

Ollie sang and played the guitar on the KMA Radio Station in Shenandoah, Iowa. I have formed several quartets during my musical journey.

Music has been a major part of my life. In high school I sang in a quartet, Girls Glee club and Mixed Chorus but the highlight of my musical career was singing with the Sweet Adelines. For 28 years I sang bass in Sweet Adelines group in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sweet Adelines is an international organization founded in 1945 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that started



Letha and Loren

as a small group of women who loved to sing. Since then, it has evolved into an organization that spans the globe and now consists of nearly 21,000 women.

Barbershop singing is a unique art form of unaccompanied vocal music created from four different voice parts that beautifully blend into one chord, one of the trickiest yet



Roger Essenburg, Tom Martin, Debbie Fisher and Letha Neely

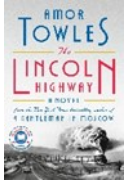
most rewarding accomplishments of a vocal ensemble. To this day, I miss this style of music. While in Sweet Adelines, my group of about 60 ladies competed and won regional competitions which allowed us to compete internationally. Places we competed were: Detroit, St. Louis,

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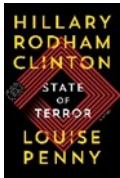
PWP Book Suggestions for 2023-2024

The criteria for the selection of the books are to enlighten our minds, to nourish our spirits, to challenge our consciences, and to entertain us. As you choose which ones you will read we hope we have met these goals, not all of them in one book, but in the whole of them.

Fiction



The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles. After serving fifteen months in a juvenile work farm for attempted manslaughter, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson finds that his parents are gone. He plans to take his little brother Billy to California to start a new life. Their journey is side-tracked by two friends from the work farm. They end up in New York City looking for that new life in various ways.



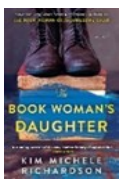
State of Terror, Hillary Clinton, Louise Penny. The newly sworn in president surprisingly appoints a political enemy for the vital position of secretary of state thus silencing one of his harshest critics. A series of warnings about terrorist attacks draws her into world travel and intrigue.



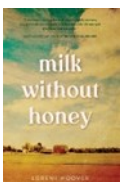
The Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict, Victoria Christopher Murray. In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world. However, she has a secret she must protect at all costs.



When Stars are Scattered, A Graphic Novel, Victoria Jamieson. Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there with very little food and no access to the medical care that Hassan needs.



The Book Woman's Daughter, Kim Richardson. The daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, she realizes she must fight to stay free. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia, braving the dangers and rejoicing with those who enjoy books.



Milk Without Honey, Lorene Hoover. Young Ruth Ann is bewildered when her parents lose their land and the bungalow she grew up in, sending her parents from one rented farmhouse to the next in hopes of finding a new home and work that sustains them. Her mother gets tired of the constant moving and poverty and moves to town taking the children with her.

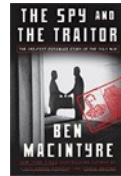
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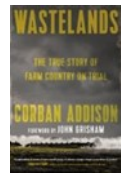
Braiding Sweet Grass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants, Robin Wall Kimmerer. A trained botanist and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kimmerer embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. She brings these two parts of her life together to acknowledge and celebrate our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.



H is for Hawk, Helen McDonald. The memoir of a woman who adopted and raised one of nature's most vicious predators is full of emotion and danger. Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel's temperament mirrors Helen's own state of grief after her father's death, and together raptor and human discover the pain and beauty of being alive.



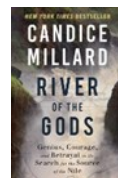
The Spy and the Traitor, Ben Macintyre. The spy is a Russian KGB officer who was stationed in Britain during the 1970's who then became a spy for Great Britain's M16. The British eventually evacuated him from Russia. The deceit and loyalty and bravery in living two lives, both of them deadly dangerous, is spellbinding.



Wastelands, Corban Addison. The coastal plain of North Carolina is home to a close-knit, rural community that for more than a generation has battled the polluting practices of large-scale farming in its own backyard. Local residents, led by dedicated lawyers, filed a lawsuit against one of the world's most powerful companies and won.



The Puma Years, Laura Coleman. A young woman moves to a wild animal rescue in Bolivia where she is assigned to take care of a puma who has been rescued. It is astonishing how the two of them bond, spending time taking walks, sitting by a river and braving all the irritants and dangers in a deep jungle.

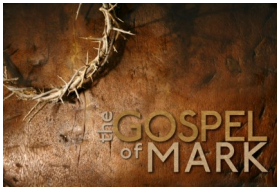


River of the Gods, Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile, Candace Mallard. Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke were sent by the Royal Geographical Society to find the source of the Nile. From the start the two men clashed. They would endure tremendous hardships, illness, and constant setbacks.

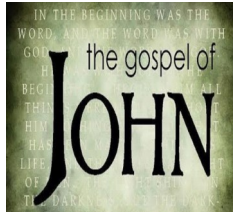


This is a pyroclastic surge, which can top out at 290mph, with a high temp. of 1,830 °F.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Sunday Adult Bible Study
After worship
Fireside Room
With
Pastor Bob and Lisa
“Book of Mark”



Men’s Bible Study
Mondays at 8:30 am
Fireside Room
Led by Bob Cowden

Children’s Music & Movement
Wednesdays
Sept-May
4:30 to 5:45 pm
Moderator: Debbie Fisher

Women:

Three Bible Study Circles:

-3rd Monday 4-6 pm

Moderator: Judy Hamouda

-1st Tuesday 1 pm

Moderator: Jane Allen

-1st Thursday 9:30 am

Moderator: Monique Reynolds

Childrens Ministries:

Nursery to High School
Education Wing

Sunday School 9:00—10:00 am

It’s relational and intentional time to engage the biblical stories and spiritual practices for formation.

Children will be given tools to explore scripture for themselves and encounter God to live a life with Him.

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 *History & Archeology of the Bible by Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts*

April 15

The Passover Events in Jerusalem
The Rise of Christianity

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

C.S.LEWIS QUOTES

The safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts. *C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters*

We keep on assuming that we know the play. We do not even know whether we are in Act I or Act V. We do not know who are the major and who the minor characters. The Author knows. *C. S. Lewis*

- Submitted by Bob Petersen

Sonoran Quintet

Sonoran Quintet Bios

Flutist Dianne Winsor holds degrees in Flute Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music and the Boston Conservatory of Music. She recently moved to Arizona from Spain, where she served as Principal Flute of the Orquesta Sinfonica de Castilla y Leon for 31 years. A longtime member of the National Flute Association, Ms. Winsor will be performing at the annual NFA Convention in Phoenix in August 2023.

Oboist Patti Backes holds a degree in Music Education/Oboe from the New England Conservatory of Music. Her studies continued as she received a Masters in Education from Connecticut College and a Masters in Oral Traditions from The Graduate Institute. Patti retired in 2017 after a 37 year long career teaching music and performing in chamber groups, orchestras, and pit orchestras in Connecticut. She and her husband moved to Arizona in 2018, first as “snowbirds,” and now as permanent residents.

Dr. Charles (Bud) Sessions, Clarinet, holds a Doctorate in Music Education from the University of Southern California. He holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Music from the University of Arizona; Professor Emeritus at Scottsdale Community College and retired founder/director of the Scottsdale Concert Band; Founder/Director of the Scottsdale Community College Summer Music Camp for middle school students; Elder of the Mountain View Presbyterian Church and member of the Sanctuary Choir. Bud taught high school bands for 10 years where his bands and orchestras received top honors. He has played professionally with the Phoenix and Mesa Symphonies and local dance/show bands and is also an active member of the Desert Sands Trio. Bud is also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Bassoonist Marty Haub is a retired math teacher and now plays in several orchestras in the East Valley. He also

has been a conductor of the Chandler Symphony and the Scottsdale Philharmonic. In his first two years of college he played in the Scottsdale Community College Band under the direction of our clarinet player, Bud Sessions.

Stacey D’Abate, French Horn, is a retired corporate director from the Revlon Corporation. She left her corporate life to pursue her love of music and currently plays in the Arizona Winds Band in the West Valley. She is actively involved in music ministries with the Alleluia Orchestra and Scottsdale Bible Church. Stacey spends her summer months in Montepulciano Italy with her husband and is now a member of the Poliziano Orchestra in Tuscany.



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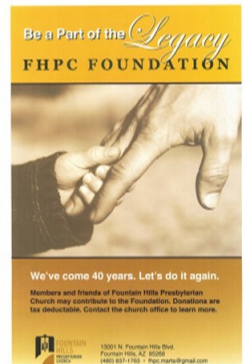
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Death doesn't win

In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."



-The Newsletter Newsletter
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*Are they
California
poppies?*

...Corrie Ten Boom continued from page 8

After the war Corrie returned to the Netherlands and set up a rehabilitation center. The refuge housed concentration camp survivors and until 1950 exclusively sheltered jobless Dutch who had collaborated with the Germans. Corrie went on to travel the world as a public speaker appearing in more than 60 countries. She wrote many books during this time. Her message was of forgiveness, hope, love and salvation through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

As a public speaker some of her famous quotes...

"...worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow but empties today of its strength..."

"Happiness isn't something that depends on our surroundings...It's something we make inside ourselves."

"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart."

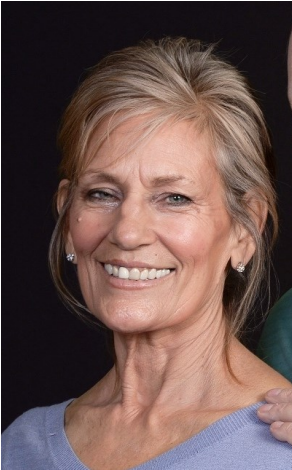
"The message that God forgives has a prior condition: **that we forgive those who have injured us.** 'If you do not forgive men their trespasses,' Jesus says, 'neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.' "

Corrie died on her birthday at age 91.



- Marta Ludwig

Music Ministry



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

Happy Easter to all of you! We come into the glorious day of resurrection with our hearts prepared, our joy engaged, our minds humbled by the glory and majesty of this remarkable act shown us by God. His Son sacrificed for the likes of you and I. We have followed in the Lenten journey as we do every year, with music that brings to mind the reality of our human souls, the struggles, the joys, and the pursuit of constant forgiveness for not knowing what we have done, and the music that sings of the acceptance given by God to live within His Kingdom, here on earth as it is in Heaven.

We have the glory of music that projects the word and sound throughout the whole sanctuary, touching us as music is known to do. We have the scent of the lilies, the gathering of Believers made closer to each other every time we come together. How glorious it is, and how grateful we are. Sometimes many and sometimes few, we are a body given the opportunity to do as Christ commanded by His presence

as He walked on this earth, and as His Spirit teaches us, leaning not on our own understanding, but, on the Word of our Father, Who art in Heaven. We pray, we sing, we cry, we work together and share our love with all that we can, and we are grateful to Him for it all. Happy Easter to everyone, He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

"Praise ye the Lord, praise God in His sanctuary, Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise ye the Lord!"

Psalm 150

Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministry
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church.
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...Letha Neely continued from page 12...

Hawaii, Las Vegas and Phoenix just to name a few. We also had the honor of competing on stage at Royal Albert Hall in London and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. When I moved from Iowa to Fountain Hills in 1998, I joined the FHPC choir and the Fountain Hills Community Chorus. With 28 years singing with Sweet Adelines and 24 years in Community Chorus, I figured out that I have practiced music every Monday night for 52 years!

Who knows what the future years will bring but at this time it has been one HAPPY, HAPPY RIDE. I will close with a wish that there will be many, many more happy times in music.



Sweet Adelines Inc. 31st Annual International Convention / Royal Albert Hall / London, England / Nov. 3rd, 1977



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

Yvonne Ellingson
Lois Medley
Kurt Ahrens
Sunniva Graves

*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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Happy Birthday to...

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4/01 Kathy Cole
4/03 Jane Allen
4/04 Helen Roesch
4/05 Kristi Robinson

4/06 John Scaggs
4/08 Jo Strehlow
4/10 Peg Inglis
4/15 Nan Sommer

4/23 Althea Halchuck
4/25 Linda Katz
4/25 Bob Titus
4/26 Doug Busche
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Men's Sunday, March 19, 2023

Thank you to all the men who participated and made it an extraordinary service.

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