

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN TOUCH

Fountain Hills, AZ

June/July 2023



FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision: Growing in love for God and others,
we make disciples for Jesus

Calls us to...

Our Mission: Love God—Love People—Make Disciples

Rev. May 7, 2023

Bob Lull, Elder



We first attended FHPC in 1981 when we moved one of my co-workers

here. My buddy said, "Bob, you should buy here." In

1998 we purchased a lot and started building in 2004. Our son Andrey and I started attending church in 2005, while Linda continued to work in Chicago until 2006.

I got involved in Building & Grounds in the early 2000's and have been ever since. B&G is a unique committee with the team doing what they prefer such as Keith Coultrap painting, Bill Matty irrigation, George Holtan landscaping, Larry Cole liaison between Paige Productions and B&G, Frank DeGroot Sexton, and additional helping hands Bob Titus, Jim Stewart, Arlene Stewart and Dieter Ludwig. For years B&G was a one-man operation calling for volunteers when needed. The previous chair created this structure and it

works well. We also assist other committees. If a committee wants to do something either inside or out, they need B&G approval if it applies to the campus.

B&G has accomplished much in less than a year: our parking lot was redone, a few new curbs installed and painted, grinding down of sidewalks to alleviate tripping hazards, removal of trees, installation of a new panic bar and door closure in the Narthex, sealing of many exterior walls, new parking signs installed, seal replaced in Fellowship Center. There is more that has been accomplished and we appreciate when someone brings a concern to us. We are working on lighting in the sanctuary, sound system, and bridge repair to mention a few. Much goes on behind the scenes.

Our committee is comprised of ten, and they enjoy the interaction between one another. They do not hesitate to repair something when discovered or communicate the need. We have a good chain of communication which is very important. It is definitely a pleasure to work with all of the members of B&G.

Our congregation has been through many good times and a few difficult times. The FHPC family has persevered and I believe we are a much healthier congregation. As we all have noticed there has been an increase in our worship attendance as well as contributions and an overall excitement in our future. We are blessed to have Pastor Bob & Jeanette here at FHPC. All their knowledge and enthusiasm has made a dramatic impact on all of us. This is a partnership needed very much at FHPC. Also, Lisa our Pastoral Intern is doing a terrific job. We are taking this opportunity in helping her to become an ordained pastor as she is taking this opportunity in helping us. We wish Lisa the best in her endeavors.

I love FHPC and those who participate in all that we offer. We have many programs to accommodate many schedules, get involved, who knows, it could be life changing.

Remember our Mission Statement:

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples. Growing in love for God and others we make disciples for Jesus."

- Bob Lull



Summer Hours for the Church Office

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

Worship Services

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

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons
Transitional Pastor

Lisa Carrington
Pastoral Intern

Marta Ludwig
Administrative Coordinator

Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministry

Dorothy Parris
Pianist

Frank DeGroot
Custodian

Contact Church Staff
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CHURCH TREASURER
Linda Lull

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CHURCH SESSION
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Class of 2023
Kathy Cole—Tech Support
Terri Schmidt—Missions

Class of 2024
Ilene Berg—Worship & Music
Arlene Stewart—Administration
Personnel

Class of 2025
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Formation
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Bob Lull-Bldg & Grounds
Jackie Miles-Outreach
Jeff Rand-Communications
Jim Stewart-Finance

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BOARD OF DEACONS
Moderator: Phil Katz

Class of 2024
Phil Katz
Jean Linzer

Class of 2025
Barbara Hoverland
Matt Jefferson

Care Committee
Linda Kester
Leslie Hermansen
Tyson Robinson
Susan Titus

Focus on Finance

April Income	\$ 51,262	Budget	\$ 31,387
April Expenses	\$ 30,841	Budget	\$ 30,832
Yr to date Income	\$ 163,795	YTD Budget	\$ 125,548
Yr to date Expense	\$ 123,971	YTD Budget	\$ 132,554

Due to a wonderful, generous congregation our finances have improved considerably, making it easier not only to support missions and projects but to plan improvements necessary for an aging campus.

We have managed to build our operating reserve to a comfort level in anticipation of the summer months when air conditioners fail and roofs may leak during the monsoon season. Thank you for your generous support and for keeping up with your pledges and contributions.

Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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Upcoming Events

Code Red

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church will once again collect water for the Phoenix Rescue Mission Code Red project. We will be collecting cases of water for those homeless and those down on their luck in downtown Phoenix.

We will be the drop off for anyone in the Fountain Hills area, wishing to donate water for this very important mission. We begin pushing this project in June and July. Please help us help those in need. You can drop off the cases of water at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church 13001 Fountain Hills Blvd.



Fourth of July Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4

Hilltop Hospitality would like to invite everyone to view the Fireworks in air conditioned comfort in our Fellowship Center. Our doors will open at 8:00 pm. We will provide snacks.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In July we will begin collecting School Supplies for our local schools. This includes: pencils, notebook paper, pens, colored pencils, rulers, erasers, notebooks, and Kleenex. These are a few of the things we have collected in the past. There are many in the school in need, and we want to continue helping in anyway we can. So if you feel you can contribute, we have a place in the Narthex you can leave the supplies or you can leave them with Marta in the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.



FHPC was entertained by the Paige Beckman Youth Theater Group on May 21, 2023 during fellowship! What talented young people! Thank YOU!

The engine of marriage

Being in love is a good thing, but it is not the best thing. Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God. On this love the engine of marriage is run; being in love was the explosion that started it.

—C.S. Lewis

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Mission Ministry



I want to welcome you to the Mission part of our monthly newsletter. It is that time of year when we start hiding indoors or run up to the mountains. We are still trying to help others, even in these coming days to high temperatures.

Hebrews 13:16 *"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices."*

Here are a few of the projects we wish to update you on and some we will have for the summer months.

Reigning Grace Ranch

Thank You to all who made this project such a success!

We were able to write a check to Reigning Grace Ranch for over \$4500.00. We collected from various projects. They are as follows:

Maundy Thursday (Hilltop) meal and offering--\$570.30

Sunday free will offering--\$445.51

Online offering--\$198.76

Sonoran Quintet Concert offering-- \$1811.00

Mission Committee--\$514.43

Total of \$3540.00 from Missions

Presby Pickins--\$ 279.00

Individual donation— \$ 700.00

This money will be used for scholarships for Fountain Hills kids to attend.



Amanda Moore, Founder; Patti Backes; Kathy Cole & Mary Holtan

Code Red

This is a project we help with the Phoenix Rescue Mission. We purchase cases of water and they deliver to the homeless and those individuals who are down on their luck on the streets in downtown Phoenix. We will once again be the drop off for those in Fountain

Hills who would like to donate cases of water. We will be collecting water the months of June and July. If you are unable to purchase water yourself, you can send a check to FHPC and we will purchase for you. With our extremely hot temps in the summer months, this water is a vital part of survival for many.

Project C.U.R.E.

This is a new project for us. It was submitted to us by some friends of Pastor Bob who are in Cameroon. We are sending money to help out with Medical resources. This organization helps a hospital there with between 150 and 200 beds. They are in dire need of staff as well as supplies. We here in our Mission Committee felt the need to reach out and help with a monetary donation of \$500.00. This area is a low income area with very poor health care. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Extended Hands Food Bank

This is our on going project that helps our local people down on their luck. We will continue to collect canned and non perishable food items. The shopping cart is out every Sunday morning.

Veterans

We are collecting summer items for the Veterans downtown who are down on their luck. Please read Donna Sims's part of this newsletter.

The Mission Committee will not meet in the months of June and July. But we will continue to do our part and help others as we can. We will meet again on August 14th at 4:00pm.

Our first project will be our **School Supply Drive**. See page 3.

Romans 12:13

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality!

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Schmidt, Mission Elder



Support Our Troops



I want to thank each and every one of you who were willing to help the Month of May Mission Committee's project of collecting new t-shirts, socks, hats, and toiletries for our Veterans. Many items were brought in and by the time you read this, the collection pick-up from my garage by CBI should have already happened. Again, thank you.

With the summer months upon us, we continue to collect items suitable all summer long, and in fact, all year long, 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. The Mission Committee is always happy to see members placing items in our collection box, which is now 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



SHARING ONE'S GIFTS

I have become aware of how in need some in our society are and that many of us have things we no longer need or use. Some are still packed in boxes or others collecting dust. You and I have enjoyed these treasures and now, it is time to share them.

- First: Ask your family if they want them. If they do not want them, why not let someone else enjoy them. Donations to "Presby Pickens," Goodwill and other charities are always welcome. You may wish to photograph these objects, so you have a record of the item and how it was finally disposed of.
- Second: Think of the wonderful gift you will be giving your children when you are gone. They will not have to get rid of it and it will have a new home.
- Last: I grantee that you will feel good to know you have made another person "Happy" while helping your family in the future.

This is a wonderful way to spend some of those hot days this Summer!

Marilyn Humes

Sunday Fellowship We need your help!

Hilltop Hospitality is asking for donations of cookies, brownies or your favorite dessert from the congregation for fellowship after worship on Sundays.

Just bring in your sweet donation on Sunday morning before 9am.



Worship & Music Ministry

Responding to God's Gracious Love

Each Sunday Pastor Bob invites us to consider how we might respond to God's gracious love by offering our tithes and our time in service to him. We know our financial offerings are imperative for the work of our church and we must be faithful to our commitment.

I want to offer a suggestion for ways you can offer your time in service to God.

- You can be a Greeter at the entry doors to the church and prepare the sanctuary for worship.
- You can greet folks at the parking lot on Sunday mornings and assist those with wheel chairs or offer other assistance, if needed.
- You can prepare the elements for communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. Instructions are available for these acts of service and any questions you have will be addressed.

If you have a heart to serve God in any of these ways, please contact Elder Ilene Berg.
Her email address is 61bergri@gmail.com, telephone 480-684-0344.

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.



Ladies Drop In

Ladies Drop In have finished another puzzle. What fun!

Tuesdays at 10am TO NOON
Fireside Room
Throughout the summer!!
All ladies are welcome!



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 | 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! **On Hiatus June and July!**

NOT

By Erin Hanson

You are not your age,
Nor the size of clothes you wear,
You are not a weight,
Or the color of your hair.
You are not your name,
Or the dimples in your cheeks,
You are all the books you read,
And all the words you speak,
You are your croaky morning voice,
And the smiles you try to hide,
You're the sweetness in your laughter,
And every tear you've cried,
You're the songs you sing so loudly,
When you know you're all alone,
You're the places you've been to,
And the one you call home,
You're the things you believe in,
And the people that you love,
You're the photos in your bedroom,
And the future you dream of,
You're made of so much beauty,
But it seems that you forgot,
When you decided that you were defined,
By all the things you're not.

Out 'n About—Out to Lunch

Wednesday | June 21 | 12 noon | DC Grill

The lunch group will be enjoying our June meal at noon on Wed., June 21st at the Desert Canyon Golf Courses' DC Bar & Grill.

Enjoy the new décor and grand views, along with fellowship and fun.

Contact Nancy at 480-837-3021 for reservations.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

2nd Thursday | 9:30AM | Fireside Room

We are presently on hiatus. We will return in the fall. Our new book will be The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. For information call Monique 336-382-8733.

Have a wonderful summer!



AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Next meeting: 1st Tuesday | 1:00 pm | September 5 | Library
The Genius of Jesus by Erwin R McManus
Jane Allen 907-538-3223

*When Jesus said to love your neighbor,
He knew your neighbor would
act, look, believe, and love differently than you.
It's kind of the whole point.*

EVENING CIRCLE

3rd Monday | 6:00 pm | Adult Center

Judy Hamouda, Leader 480-215-0827

On Hiatus until September



Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

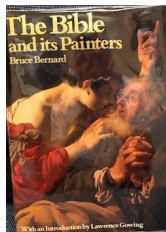
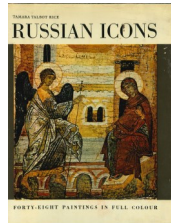
—Monica L. Wilkinson

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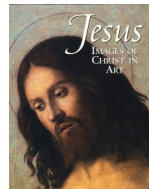
After one of our Sunday morning church services in May, there was a dedication of the set of Russian icons that are displayed on the wall of the narthex over the windows looking in to the sanctuary. It reminded me that our church Library has some good books relating to religious art. They include:

- *Russian Icons* by Tamara T. Rice – this collection of forty-eight paintings in full color range from the 12th through the 18th century. Our set that was donated by Marilyn Humes is included.

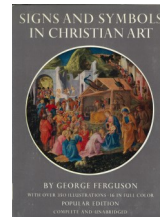


- *The Bible and its Painters* by Bruce Barnard – a collection of two hundred pictures from the Old and New Testaments that confirms most of the greatest painters in history were deeply involved with the Bible, and that it inspired their finest works.

- *Jesus: Images of Christ in Art* by Marion Wheeler - a unique pictorial narrative that portrays the life of Jesus Christ through ninety-five color reproductions of his face.



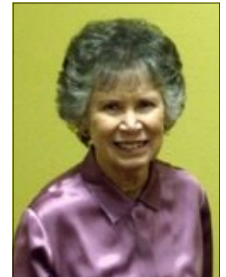
From century to century, from country to country, we see the fascinating way each of the artists' representations of Jesus reflects the values of their time and society.



- *Signs and Symbols in Christian Art* by George Ferguson – a fresh and unique presentation of the story of symbolism used in Christian art from the Renaissance. The author was the founding pastor of St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson.

"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world". Napoleon Bonapart

- Barbara Oakeson



Living as poetry of God

For Christians, the Scriptures are our first source of guidance for how to live, and within them, Jesus is primary. But God speaks through nonbiblical voices too: preachers and teachers not found in the Bible, and even literature that isn't directly Christian. God, who used King Cyrus of Persia to free the exiled Israelites, can use *anyone* to call us to right living. Take, for example, Walt Whitman's description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as "the greatest poet":

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse." (From the preface to *Leaves of Grass*, 1855)

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CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Harris
Sound Booth Assistant



High School Graduate!

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:

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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



Summer Solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

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FHPC BUILT IN 1983



The 5 acre property was purchased in June 1978. Fountain Hills Blvd was only a narrow two lane country road. From 1978 to 1983 when building started, there were many celebrations held on the property by the congregation. There were outside Sunday services with a cookout or potluck picnic immediately afterwards. The church property was a social center for the 60-70 families that were the charter members at the time.

View: Priceless



The sanctuary was situated in its current location because it was the only flat area and because of the saguaro in the above photo. Ultimately the saguaro could not be saved and bit the dust. FHPC lives on.



The sanctuary was also known as the Celebration Center.



All photos courtesy of Goldie Demeter.

Re-dedication of Icons



Re-dedication of Icons

May 7, 2023

Thank you to Marilyn Humes for the amazing gift of authentic Russian icons that she and her husband gifted to FHPC several years ago.

The icons were moved from the back of the sanctuary to the narthex to a more prominent location.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



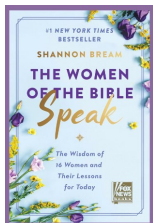
Sunday Adult Bible Study
After worship
Fireside Room
With
Pastor Bob and Lisa
“Book of Mark”

SUMMER HIATUS

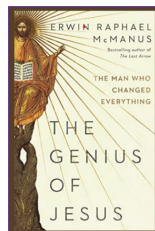
- **Men’s Bible Study**
Mondays at 8:30 am
Fireside Room

Will go on summer Hiatus until October 2!
Led by Bob Cowden

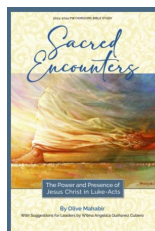
- **Women’s Three Bible Circles**



Morning
New Book



Afternoon



Evening
New Book

- **Lunch & Lecture Series**
Will be on hiatus from June to September



- **Children’s Sunday School**
Will continue thru the summer

- **Children’s Music and Movement**
Will continue thru the summer



Just like Dad

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

“I didn’t think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange,” Steen recalls. “He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants.” Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. “I want to be dusty like you, Dad!” his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. “I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father,” he says, “a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything.” What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?

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Center for Biblical Studies

INTRODUCING...

**The Center
for Biblical Studies**
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church
Instructor – Dr. Bob Simmons, Pastor

WHEN – Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:00 PM. You can choose the time that works best for your schedule. The same material will be covered at both hours. This makes the classes flexible so that if you can't come in the evening, come for the morning class. **The first course, "What is the Gospel?" will be offered starting June 21.** The textbook will be available starting June 12 in the Church Office.

WHERE – The 10 am class is currently scheduled to meet in the Chapel with the 6 pm class meeting in the Fellowship Center.

EACH COURSE will be about 6 to 8 weeks, with the exception of the course, "Basic Christianity" which is an 11-week course. The only cost for each course is to purchase the textbook which is normally around \$15 to \$18.

REGISTRATION FORMS will be available at the Church and in the Office on May 21. Pre-registration is extremely helpful!

A CERTIFICATE will be awarded to each one completing the seven courses. These courses are designed for every Christian but will be especially helpful to Church Leaders (Elders/Deacons).

THE COURSES

1. What is the Gospel?
2. What is a Disciple?
3. Who is Jesus?
4. Understanding the Bible
5. What is the Church?
6. Understanding Our World
7. Basic Christianity

The Center for Biblical Studies REGISTRATION

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Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Starts June 21, 2023

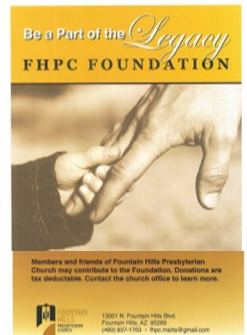
Course #1 What is the Gospel? _____ Textbook \$12.00ea

Wednesdays 10am _____

FH Presbyterian Church Foundation



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



Gifts given to the Memorial Fund are used by the church for current needs or special items. Many times these donations are in lieu of flowers at a Memorial Service. The Foundation receives cash gifts at any time or bequests through wills or trusts at the time of death of the person wishing to insure the future prosperity and continuation of the church.

Any member of the Foundation board can answer questions you might have about setting up your final documents and you are always welcome to attend any Foundation Board meetings.

Foundation Trustees

Jean Ipema, Secretary, 480-652-0188
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Mary Holtan, 612-382-8824
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Linda Lull, Treasurer

The FHPC Foundation is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
 Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.
 The Foundation’s tax ID number is
 46-2970452



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



Submitted by Bob Petersen

Meet Our Musicians



JIM LINDAU

My enjoyment of music began with singing in the church choir as a teenager and playing clarinet in the high school band. I did nothing with music for several years, but after settling into my medical practice in Wayne, Nebraska, my interest was rekindled.

I've sung in choirs for many years. I sang bass in a mixed gospel quartet called "Keep the Faith," then played guitar and sang in a duo named "the Front Porch Pickers." We played a variety of Bluegrass, Country, Folk, and gospel tunes. I resumed playing clarinet as well and played in the Wayne State College Symphonic Band, and with a clarinet ensemble called Clarinet Spectrum. I participated in several Wayne Community Theater productions, both as an actor and singer, and in the pit orchestra.

All of these groups were amateur in nature, but we did perform in churches, nursing homes and various community festivals and concerts. I am pleased to be able to play clarinet in the Fountain Hills Community Band and feel especially blessed to join the musicians at FHPC.

-Jim Lindau



Presby Pickins Musicians

One of my neighbors in our condo complex is George Pylypchuk. He is from Canada and like me is a retired physician and amateur guitarist. We started playing together and eventually developed a repertoire. We've entertained our neighbors, played at Fountain View Village, and played the November Art Fair. We call ourselves "pairadocs."

While playing at the Presby Pickins flea market in March, we were approached by a man and his wife who asked if they could join us. Their names are Jerry and Liz Levine. It turns out that he is an accomplished violinist who is also a retired physician from Canada, and she is a percussionist and singer. They joined us for several numbers, and since George wasn't available for the April flea market, they played with me that day as well. Another example of music bringing people together!



Jim Lindau, Jerry and Liz Levine entertaining folks at the April Presby Pickins Flea market

Music Ministry Appreciation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, We, the congregation of FHPC wishes to recognize the invaluable influence of our musicians and that through leadership and servitude, they lead us into deeper worship of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and


WHEREAS, We recognize the role of "Director of Music Ministry" calls for much more than a mere knowledge of music theory, but also an understanding of how music affects the mind and the soul of individuals and the wisdom to use this understanding to create an atmosphere of worship; and

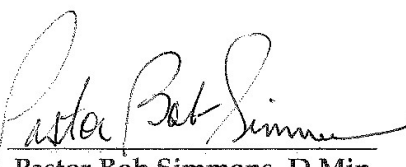
WHEREAS, We recognize the effort and quality put forth by our pianist, organist, choir and varied and talented instrumentalists, the time and effort hidden from sight, the hours of practice, the days of preparation, and the moments where improvisation is the only option;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be known, that FHPC hereby declares April 16, 2023, to be a Music Ministry Appreciation Day.

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church


Ilene Berg, Elder
Worship & Music


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FHPC


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Transitional Pastor

Music Ministry Appreciation



Music Appreciation Sunday April 16, 2023

Debbie Fisher, Director,
Doraine Aggen, Organist,
Dorothy Parris, Pianist and
Celebration Singers!



Thank you
Servers:

Jay and Linda
Moyer,

Pat Willigrod,

Ruby Pearson

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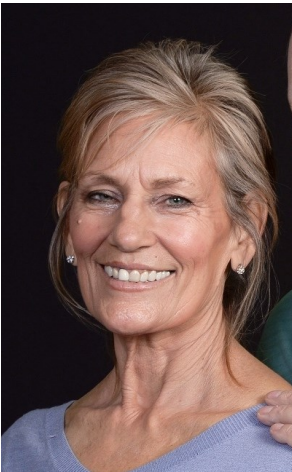


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Music Ministry



Debbie Fisher, Director of Music

What a wonderful season we had together, with all the winter residents helping to fill the Sanctuary, and Celebration Singers singing with full voice. It's always good! See you when you return!

Some of you may wonder, at the end of our worship service where Dorothy goes, as she scoots out and I fill in on the piano. She leaves to get to another service she plays for out at Fort McDowell at the Presbyterian Church out there. The church has stood on that ground for over 100 years. There has also a Camp Meeting on the first weekend in May for the last 94 years, with Native

Choirs from all over Arizona gathering, and preaching by some wonderful Pastors for the 3 day event. Dorothy has played for them since 1984. She is well known and loved by all that attend these services, and was given recognition at this last one by those who appreciate her dependability and great ability to play anything they need. She was given precious gifts by some who have been in attendance and have known Dorothy all their lives. It was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful person. So, if on a Sunday you realize she has slipped out on us, it's all good, we know where she is!

Our summer music style will return for the next couple of months, with glorious solos, duets, trios and ensembles. It is always good to hear who the individuals are that make our by Music Ministry so wonderful. I look forward to each Sunday having Special Music pieces added into our musical mix during our worship services. We are a blessed church! Look forward to learning a few new hymns through the summer, as well. There is always something new to bring forth.

"Praise ye the Lord! Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of Saints! "

Psalm 149:1

Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministry
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO



Happy Birthday to...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/02 Sally Atchinson
6/02 Dick Lau
6/04 Alan Pape
6/06 Lee Petersen
6/06 Ellie Ruiz

6/06 Sandy Smith
6/09 Jerry Cain
6/09 Perry Trout
6/10 Nancy Grahlmann
6/14 Janet Scaggs

6/21 Anne Graves
6/22 Carol Hodgson
6/28 Susan Titus
6/29 Joyce Babaian
6/29 Ruby Pearson



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

Yvonne Ellingson
Lois Medley
Kurt Ahrens
Sunniva Graves
Heather Greco
Carol Hencz

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

Matthew 25:21



Manhattan in 1851 and today

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.



It's so easy to order flowers...

You can request flowers for upcoming Sundays' worship at

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Happy Birthday to...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01 George Holtan
7/02 Susan Pizzuto
7/03 Bill Covault
7/03 Jean Ipema
7/05 Dorraine Aggen
7/09 Colleen Taylor
7/10 Mary Lee Lehigh

7/13 Ron Waldo
7/14 Evelyn Hrunek
7/14 Dawn Lau
7/16 Violet Wieder
7/19 Nancy Saine
7/20 Linda Moyer
7/25 Keith Coultrap

7/26 Paul Brannon
7/27 Jean Linzer
7/28 Ramona Moore
7/29 Debbie Fisher
7/29 Dorothy Parris
7/30 Susan Owens



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God remembers

It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. ... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children.

—J. Hudson Taylor

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