

FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN TOUCH

Fountain Hills, AZ

August 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

Jim Stewart, Elder



CAN YOU FEEL IT?

I can. There is a certain vibe surrounding our church these days. I have

had a number of members approach me to indicate how appreciative they are that the Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons and his wife Jeanette have come to us in their transitional role. However, I want to point out that Pastor Bob has greater qualities than you may think. Last March was Arlene's and my 10th wedding anniversary.

Having been a bachelor for almost 40 years, she had her work cut out for her.

She realized early on I was a lost cause. So I decided she deserved a Viking Ocean Cruise from Venice to Athens. The Sunday prior to our departure, Arlene asked Pastor Bob to pray for our trip. He obliged, but instead of praying for our safety, he prayed that our luggage would arrive with us. He is obviously an experienced traveler.

On our departure day, everything went wrong. We were to fly to Newark, then to Frankfurt and then to Venice. Newark was snowed in, so we flew to San Francisco. There were 50 mph winds which closed the airport for hours. We finally left that evening for Frankfurt, but had missed our connecting flight to Venice. They put us on a flight to

Zurich where we got another flight to Venice. So, we finally made it, about 15 hours late.

We had not taken a single flight or airline that was on our itinerary and we are standing in the baggage area waiting for our luggage. I looked at Arlene and said, "you know that there is no way our luggage made it".

About the third suitcase down was ours. We just looked at each other and both said, "Wow, Pastor Bob is good!"

With Gratitude,
Jim Stewart, Elder



Church Office Hours

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.
View the service online, live and replay, on our website, YouTube and Facebook.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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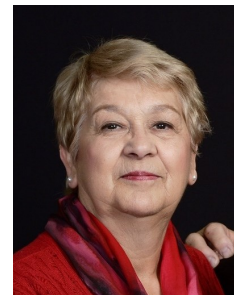
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Focus on Finance

June Income	\$ 29,084	Budget	\$ 31,387
June Expenses	\$ 29,998	Budget	\$ 33,058
YTD Income	\$ 218,983	YTD Budget	\$ 188,322
YTD Expense	\$ 184,499	YTD Budget	\$ 196,444

Year to date Income exceeded YTD expenses by \$34,484. We have managed to keep operating expenses below budget, but are already experiencing air conditioner issues in various buildings. The summer months are always a concern with the heat and monsoons. We appreciate your keeping up with your pledges and contributions. They are necessary in keeping up with our operating expenses and also allowing the church to continue various missions and programs.



Respectfully,
Linda Lull, Treasurer



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Mission Ministry



WHEW!!!

Summer finally hit and it hit hard! Well I am here to inform you of our Mission activities. Even though some of our committee members leave for cooler areas this time of year, we still try to be stewards for those less fortunate.

Matthew 25:14 "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods."

Code Red With this intense summer heat, we need to be good stewards and try to help those less fortunate. Thank you to all who helped with this project. As of this writing we have collected over 75 cases of water and plan to have more before we are done. We also have received monetary contributions, so we were able to send Phoenix Rescue Mission \$1,000 to help purchase more water for those in need. As we wind down on this project I will get you the final tally.



School Supplies With School starting the first part of August, we decided to start collecting school supplies throughout the year. Some of the things we are asking for are: #2 pencils, pens, crayons, markers, loose leaf and tablets of paper, rulers,

erasers, and 3 ring binders. We also are asking for individual packages of Kleenex and anti-bacteria wipes. We will get this to McDowell Mountain School as soon as we can. I will keep you updated on what we have collected. Thank you for your continued help.

Extended Hands Food Bank We continue to collect for EHFB each Sunday. We collect canned and non perishable food items. Chicken noodle soup and pastas are big tickets items for the food bank. But any kind of canned fruit, vegetables, rice or pastas are great items. Once again, if you are unable to get out and shop yourself, you can give directly to EHFB or to the Church and put EHFB on the memo line.



Thank you in advance for your help.

Veterans We continue to collect for our Veterans. Donna Sims is our go to person for this project. We continue to ask to for new T-Shirts sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. We also are asking for both men and women's underwear and socks and we do collect used articles of clothing that are in good shape as well. A lot of these articles go to the homeless Vets in downtown Phoenix, although those in need can also get what they need. Once again if you can not shop yourself, you can send to the Church and make a note on the memo line "VETS" and we will get the money or more supplies to them. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.



Does this seem like a committee you would be interested in joining? We would love to have you join us and give us your ideas.

We meet the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Church Conference room. So our August meeting will be on the 14th at 4:00pm. Please stop by and see what we are all about. Hebrews 13:16 says "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Schmidt, Mission Elder

"Make the world a better place one person at a time. Start with yourself."

— Linda Poindexter

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

— Miles Kington

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

— attributed to Vincent Van Gogh

"Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."
— Rainer Maria Rilke

Support Our Troops



I want to thank each and every one of you who were willing to participate in the Mission Committee's "Help our Vets" month in May. Many brand new t-shirts, socks, ballcaps, toiletries were donated along with a number of gently used items. All items collected for this particular Mission Committee project have been picked up by Com-

munity Bridges (CBI), see picture. Because most of the items collected were in bags and small boxes, this picture does not show them because they were packed into the back seat of the truck, allowing only the 2 big boxes of donated women's clothing in the back of the truck.

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



Daily Reasons to Celebrate

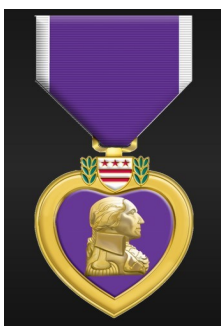
Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

August 2023

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27	28	29	30	31		



Some of the special days celebrated in August are:

• Purple Heart Day — August 7, 2023

Worship & Music Ministry

Gift from Pastor Bill Good

The strikingly beautiful candleholder that rests on the Communion Table in the sanctuary at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church was placed there in 2010 upon the arrival of Pastor Bill Good and remains there as his gift to FHPC.

The piece weighs about eleven pounds. It combines grace with strength and durability, so there are both masculine and feminine features as was intended and designed to be, according to the artist C. D. Weaver. The Rev. Dr. Clarence DeLeon (C. D.) Weaver retired in 1999 from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was subsequently named artist-in-residence at the seminary. His art and liturgical pieces can be seen in churches, seminaries, and private collections.

The piece is made of steel (with some hammer blows visible) indicative of the durable ancient church tradition and the strength of faith which has survived many blows and the fires of oppression; but it is the Rev. Dr. DeLeon's contemporary design which reflects our belief that this historic faith is also for modern persons.

Rev. Dr. DeLeon states "the flames look like they are dancing around the light in celebration of something really, really joyful and full of delight."

Rev. Dr. DeLeon was commissioned by Mountain View Presbyterian Church to create the artwork for Pastor Good as a retirement gift. He states: "It was a labor of love and things done with love always turn out better."

Pastor Bill would want us to remember his love for this church family as the candle burns during our worship services.



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 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 | 9 am | Fireside Room

All ladies of the church are welcome to our meetings, starting on September 15 where we plan future events of interest and fellowship. We love new ideas! We will see you all.

Out 'n About — Out to Lunch 3rd Wednesdays | 12 noon |

The lunch group will be enjoying our August meal at noon on Wednesday, August 16th at the **Parkview Taphouse** located at 16828 E Parkview Avenue Fountain Hills 85268.

Call Nancy for reservations at 480-837-3021.



Morning Bible Study

2nd Thursday | 9:30 am | Fireside Rm
We are presently on hiatus. We will return on October 12. Our new book will be The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. For information call Monique 336-382-8733.



Afternoon Circle

1st Tuesday | 1:00 pm | Library
On September 5th we will resume our study of The Genius of Jesus (the man who changed everything) by Erwin R McManus. For information call Jane Allen 907-538-3223.



*When Jesus said to love your neighbor,
He knew your neighbor would.*

Ladies Drop In

Tuesdays | 10 am | Fireside Room

Join us for fellowship, board games, puzzles, cards and conversation in the Fireside Room every Tuesday!

Evening Circle

3rd Monday | 6 pm | Adult Center

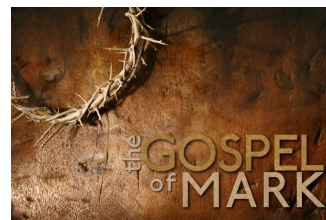
We will return on October 16, meeting in the Adult Center. Our new book is Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus. For information call Judy Hamouda, Leader 480-215-0827.



Christian Formation

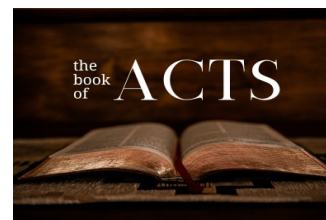
Adult Bible Study
Sundays | After Worship | Fireside Room
"Book of Mark"

Led by Pastor Bob Simmons and &
Pastoral Intern Lisa McFarland



Men's Bible Study
Mondays | 8:30 am | Fireside Room
"Book of Acts"

Beginning in October
Led by Bob Cowden



The Center for Biblical Studies

The Contemporary Christian

Instructor – Dr. Bob Simmons, Pastor

“The Contemporary Christian” is a series of seven courses most of which are 6 or 7 weeks in length. The purpose of these studies to be build a strong and firm foundation for understanding and living the Christian life, and to be better equipped to serve Christ and His Church.

We will be completing the first course, “**What is the Gospel?**” on August 9. There will be a two-week break (August 16 and 23) and then second course, “**What is a Disciple?**” will begin on August 30, at 10:00 am in the Fire-side Room and 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. The two sessions are identical; allowing flexibility for attendees.

The books for the second course will be available on August 9. Those completing the first course will be automatically registered for the second course unless they choose otherwise. The class is open to anyone. Completing the first course is not a pre-requisite to attend the 2nd course.

Pre-Registration is extremely helpful to ensure we have enough textbooks ordered. You can register by:

- Completing the form below and drop it in the collection box on Sunday;
- Stop by the Office to to complete registration;
- Register online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-studies/
- Call the office at 480-837-1763.

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

The following courses will be offered:

1. What is the Gospel?
(Course completed on August 9)
2. What is a Disciple
(Course begins August 30)
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

Please print

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Starts August 30, 2023

Course #2 What is a Disciple?

Textbook \$12/each

Wednesdays 10am _____

6pm _____

You can also register online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-studies/

Library Footnotes



Our church library has some good resources about the Sermon on the Mount for you to check out. One of them is a book titled *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was a German Protestant theologian who became involved in a plot to overthrow Adolf Hitler that led to his imprisonment and execution near the end of World War 2.

Another author Timothy Keller comments in one of his books that “Bonhoeffer warns about the dangers of what he called “cheap grace”, the teaching that stresses only that grace is free, so it doesn’t really matter how we live. The solution,

he said, was not to return to legalism, but to focus on how seriously God takes sin and on how he could only save us from it at infinite cost to himself. Understanding this must and will profoundly reshape our lives. We will not be able to live in a selfish, cowardly way. We will stand up for justice and sacrifice for our neighbor. And we won’t mind the cost of following after Christ when we compare it to the price he paid to rescue us”.

- Barbara Oakeson



A Hunger for the Heights

In a sermon titled “Sky Hunger,” Stan Purdum explores Ephesians 1:3, where Paul writes about God blessing us “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (ESV). The expression “sky hunger,” says the pastor, “suggests that to be the best earthbound people we can be, we need to lift our eyes to a higher place — the *highest* place.”

While on a mission trip in Kentucky, Purdum discovered that many residents refer to pastors as sky pilots. “What better role can a pastor have,” he asks, “than to point people to the skies, to the God Most High?”

The Easter anthem “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” which celebrates our ultimate destination, sums up another definition of sky hunger:

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, *the skies*, alleluia!

“That to which our holy restlessness, our inner discontent, our sky hunger points us is Christ,” Purdum concludes. “Sky hunger is a blessing from God, Paul tells us, to bring us into Christ, to fullness of life and to life eternal.”



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God’s amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God’s what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _

The heave_s declare the _lory _f _od;
the ski_s _roc_aim the wo_k of his ha_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

Communications Ministry



The Communications Team seeks to support our church and it's ministries by sharing information within the congregation and out into the Fountain Hills community. We use 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 & Newsletters

External Communications:

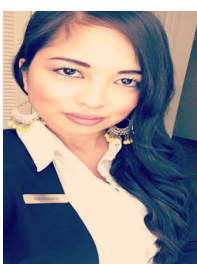
Press Releases
Advertising
Graphic Design



Kathy Cole



Jeff Rand



Johannah Fernandez

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Contact the Communications Team:

Elder Kathy Cole (860-884-5008)
Elder Jeff Rand (480-547-9580)
Adm. Coord. Johannah Fernandez (480-837-1763)

Covenant Partnership



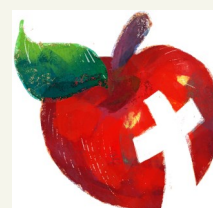
Are You a Partner in FHPC?

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.

Going to school with Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."



-The Newsletter Newsletter
by Communication Resources, Inc

Thanks and Appreciation



Jay & Lisa's Wedding — June 23

We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to making our wedding so beautifully memorable. Our wedding was truly such a special day for us and was made even more so by all of you who attended, sent cards, and gifts. We would especially like to thank all who participated in the setup and cleanup, to Hilltop Hospitality for managing the preparation and service of the meal and reception, to Kathy Cole for running sound while Jay was otherwise occupied, to Jeanette Simmons for the stunning and delicious wedding cake, and to Pastor Bob for officiating.

We hope we have not forgotten anyone! You all are such a blessing to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With Love, Jay and Lisa McFarland



Andrey Lull — In Concert June 25

Before heading to the *Big Apple* to begin rehearsals for an Off-Broadway musical, Andrey came home to FHPC and performed a medley of classic tunes for the enjoyment of a filled sanctuary.

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Congregation

I have been singing at this church for many years and have received so much support from everyone. Thank you for having my concert and for the incredible turnout. I cannot tell you how much it means to have so much love from this church and community.

Andrey Lull

Thanks and Appreciation



*Dear Members of Session and My Church Family,
Words cannot adequately express my feelings of gratitude and love for the retirement open house you planned for me. I am so very blessed to have spent the past twenty years here among you. When one loves what they do then it is not work but a pleasure. I was so very privileged to be a part of this church family. Experiencing your kindness and generosity showed me the true Christian spirit. God's grace is at work here at FHPC.*



Your extremely generous gift of an original artwork by Sally Atchinson has overwhelmed me. It is so very special to me knowing that Sally, as a member of this church and a friend of mine, created the artwork. And I get to pick my favorite. As anyone knows who has been to my house...poppies it is!

I know that my special day took weeks of planning. I appreciate all the work and thoughtfulness that went into it. Special thanks to Kathy Cole for her planning that took in every detail to make the event the very amazing afternoon that it was from the wishing well, bucket list suggestions, decorations, to my tiara! There are days when I put on the 'retired' ribbon and my tiara and strut around the house. Special thanks to Arlene Stewart for the meal preparation. The buffet tables with their arrangements of food were stunning, beautiful, and delicious. I know it took quite a bit of time to prepare. Thank you to Hilltop Hospitality (Maria Berry, Joyce Leo, Connie and Tony Harris) for your assistance with the food prep and display and of course the cake! I hope that I have not forgotten anyone, my heart is so full and the day was so special. So many of you walked up to me for a hug and a word of appreciation. I could have spent hours talking with each one of you.

Thank you to the speakers, Larry Cole, Terri Schmidt, George Holtan, Frank DeGroot and Pastor Bob. Your words bespoke of the kindness and generosity of your hearts. You all gave me the opportunity to serve you and the pleasure was all mine.

To say "thank you" to you all is just not enough. You have a very special place in my heart and in my prayers always.

God bless you all! -Marta Ludwig



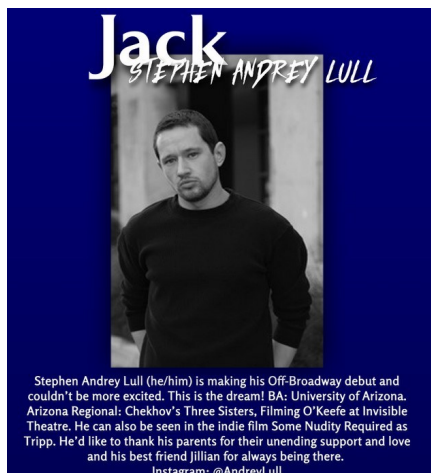
SCOUTS Opening Night

Starring Andrey Lull

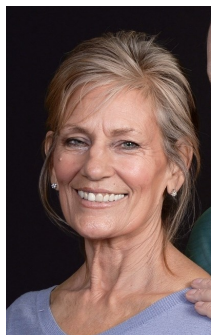
The new musical "SCOUTS" had its Off-Broadway debut on July 29 starring Andrey as **Jack** at Players Theatre in Greenwich Village, New York.

His #1 fans, proud parents Bob and Linda Lull were in the audience on opening night.

Follow Andrey on Instagram @AndreyLull.



Music Ministry



Summertime has brought a continual gathering of Believers into the Sanctuary, even on those hottest of days! Our Soloists and Ensembles have been engaging and upbeat, with new sounds interacting with traditional, contemporary mixed with the comfort of familiarity.

Add great sermons, and wonderful Christian fellowship, in-depth Bible Studies, and we survive the summer quite well. We always look forward to the return of those who've been away for a few months. We will look forward to the Celebration Singers beginning rehearsals, September 22, and a continuation of the Celebration Ringers who have been rehearsing and have played in Worship

throughout the summer. There are so many wonderful levels of musicians to work with that help build what is only the best experience in musical praise, a very necessary and vital part of our worship.

To those who might be new to us, please know that the door is always open for you to join us, no matter your skill level. We can work together with each other in providing a musical experience within a live, very active ministry. We would love to have you!

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2

Debbie Fisher
Director, Music Ministries

Meet Our Musicians



Mike Pizzuto

My father was a professional musician, so I grew up with music in the house. I idolized my dad and have been playing ever since I could reach the piano keys. My dad taught me a lot of things and then sent me for formal lessons when I was about 9 years old. I began playing professionally when I was 15 with a Rock Group called the Rhythm Kings in Rockford, Illinois. I also played in a jazz quartet, and played guitar and sang in a folk trio. When I was 17, I went with the trio to California, and stayed there 2 years. While we had occasional gigs in some of the coffee houses in and around Los Angeles, it wasn't enough to sustain myself. I spent my days there working in a wood shop to put food on the table. When I was 19, I decided to return to Rockford and found a job playing 5 nights a week at a restaurant called the Saddle and Cycle. From that time on I was a full-time working musician.

I moved to Chicago in 1965, landing a job at the Ambassador East Hotel, the home of most visiting celebrities. After two years there, I moved to the Flame Restaurant in Countryside, Illinois until 1973 when I returned to Rockford. All that time I was going to the Chicago Conservatory College on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago while working full time in the evenings. I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees there. I've performed every kind of music you can imagine, playing with symphony orchestras, concert bands, jazz trios and other groups. In 1966 I moved to Arizona and, after freelancing for a year or so, landed a wonderful job performing in the Terrace Dining Room at the Phoenician resort. That lasted for 8 years, when the Phoenician decided to move away from live music for the most part. Since then, I've "semi-retired," although I still spend a couple of hours every day on the piano, and still pick up some professional gigs now and then. As the old joke went, "Old musicians never die, they just go from "bar" to "bar."

I remember as a young boy thinking how much I loved to play, and wouldn't it be nice if I could make a living with my music. To have that dream come true is absolutely thrilling. I've taught privately and in institutions throughout my career and am blessed to have had so many students, some of whom are also enjoying careers in music. I am so blessed to have been able to pursue the profession that God has given me.

The best gift of all is my wife, Sue. She loves listening to me play and has filled up all the empty places in my heart and soul. Doug Katonak introduced us to each other some years ago. At that time, I lived in Scottsdale and Sue and I began dating. Eventually I sold my house and moved to Sue's lovely house. Shortly after that we were married by Pastor Bill Good. We have a wonderfully solid and good marriage and are also best friends on top of that. I couldn't be happier I'm also pleased to be a part of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church and want to thank all the members of the church for their support and love. They are all such wonderful people! Sue and I both "Thank God" every day for the great life that we are living.



God Bless You All. *Mike Pizzuto*

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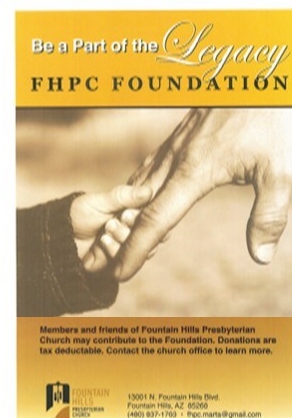


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sympathy we list
those members who
have passed away in
2023

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Lois Medley
Kurt Ahrens
Sunniva Graves
Heather Greco
Carol Hencz
Phyllis Rapp
Jane Haynes

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

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 in honor or in memory of someone dear, or in celebration of a special event. The flowers will be placed on the communion table for all to enjoy during Sunday worship. To arrange, call the church office 480-837-1763.



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8/01 Diane Runfola
8/06 Myron Shogren
8/08 Ken Brown
8/09 Letha Neely
8/13 Pat Ahrens

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

8/26 Maria Berry
8/26 Kent Martinson
8/27 Richard Uphoff
8/29 Ty Knoy
8/30 Margie Brown
8/31 Joyce Reeg



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If you're not yet a member of our Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church family, but have been attending for a while, we want you to know that we value each and every one of you and we are very happy to have you with us. We periodically have Inquiry meetings for those interested in becoming members.

*If you are attending our church and don't have membership in another church, you can join our church by profession of faith and receiving the Sacrament of Baptism or, if you've already been baptized, you can join by reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ.

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*If you are a winter visitor and are an active member of another church "back home", you can become an affiliate member at our church here and maintain your full active membership there. An affiliate member is entitled to all of the rights and privileges of active members with the exception of the right to vote and hold office.

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