



In Touch

December 2023



FHPC Vision & Mission Statements

Our Vision:

Growing in love for God and others, we make disciples for Jesus.

Our Mission:

Love God—Love People—Make Disciples

Bob Cowden, Elder



Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to our Lord for His many blessings. We at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church have much to be thankful for. First, we are blessed with not one but two spirit filled leaders -- Pastor Bob Simmons and Lisa McFarland. Both Pastor Bob and Lisa are feeding their sheep with Spirit inspired preaching and weekly Bible study. I encourage everyone to participate in the Bible studies in order to walk closer with the Lord. I encourage everyone to thank Pastor Bob and Lisa for their efforts in presenting God's Word. Both invest countless hours in feeding us, their flock. As an aside, men, there is a weekly Bible study of the Book

of Acts on Monday mornings.

Second, we are blessed with a vibrant music program that is a key element of our weekly worship. Psalm 149 directs us to "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing His praises in the assembly of the faithful." Similar to Pastor Bob and Lisa, Debbie Fisher and our choir invest many "unseen" hours to aid us in our worship and praise of our Lord. Please take a moment to thank Debbie and each choir member for their efforts to enhance our spiritual experience during worship.

Lastly, I would be remiss as Co-Finance Chair to overlook our Lord's overflowing financial blessings upon our church. God has provided us with a wonderful facility

located at a breathtaking location. One look toward sunset over the mountains leaves little doubt of God's love for His creation. The Lord has blessed FHPC during 2023. The Lord has provided us with resources beyond our plans and budgets. At this blessed time, I encourage everyone to consider our Lord's love and blessing and commit to a tithe of your time and money to spread God's love and Word to our fellow man. In Matthew 28, Jesus commands us, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Jesus is not making a suggestion. He is telling us what we are to do as faithful believers. All thanks be to God! Amen.

*May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace
this Christmas and throughout the New Year.*



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Focus on Finance

October Income	\$ 36,174	Budget	\$ 31,387
October Expenses	\$ 27,832	Budget	\$ 28,431
YTD Income	\$ 339,155	YTD Budget	\$ 313,870
YTD Expense	\$ 301,779	YTD Budget	\$ 312,398



Now that the 2023 summer is behind us, we are back to a positive financial position. We are happy to see our Winter Residents back in church. We look forward to celebrating the holidays and especially the birth of our Lord and Savior. We appreciate your keeping up with your pledges and contributions in support of FHPC operating expenses, projects and missions.

Respectfully,

Linda Lull, Treasurer

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Outreach Ministry



Jackie Miles

Stroll in the Glow | Saturday, December 2nd from 5—8 p.m.

Let's welcome the holiday spirit to Fountain Hills at the annual *Stroll in the Glow*! This traditional local event is the perfect place to celebrate the festivities of the holidays. Do not miss our very own *Live Nativity* on the Avenue across from Chase Bank.

The Outreach Ministry are kindly asking folks who can donate lanterns. They are needing at least a half dozen battery operated camping lanterns for this event. Please contact Jackie Miles at 480-518-5182, or email at jackiemiles@aol.com. You can also drop them off at the church office.



Communications Ministry

Preparing for the New Year If your ministry or committee has made plans for 2024, share them with the Communications Team so that we can get them on our calendar. This allows us to plan in advance so that we can publicize your article effectively.

Email ALL communications submissions to:
news@fhpresby.org

Interested in Joining Our Team? We offer several opportunities to serve:

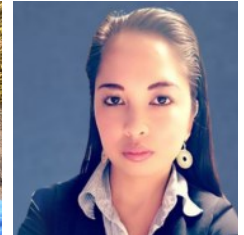
- Editor: Add content to media.
- Writer: Draft articles and press releases.
- Social Media: Monitor Facebook activity.
- Webmaster: Oversee, manage, and develop structure and content of website.
- Sound Booth/Audio-Visual Tech

Contact the Communications Team:

Elder Kathy Cole | 860-884-5008

Elder Jeff Rand | 480-547-9580

Adm. Coord. Johannah Fernandez | 480-837-1763



December Calendar

Saturday, December 2nd	8 a.m.—3 p.m.	Presby Pickins' Flea Market
	5 p.m.—8 p.m.	Stroll in the Glow Live Nativity & Petting Zoo
Sunday, December 3rd	9 a.m.	1st Sunday of Advent Communion
Sunday, December 10th	9 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting Election of Officers
Sunday, December 17th	9 a.m.	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24th	9 a.m.	4th Sunday of Advent
	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 31st	9 a.m.	Worship Service

The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day and New Years Day.



Mission Ministry



As we approach our Savior's Birthday, we have so much to be "thankful" for. We all love to receive and give gifts this time of year, as we try and remember why we have this wonderful tradition. We here in Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church's Mission Ministry do our best to show our LOVE for our LORD as well as others. Here are a few of our projects.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

As of this writing we collected 8 filled boxes from some of our Church members. We also collected over \$2,200 to fill boxes. Our Mission Committee was so pleased with this response we decided to donate another \$250 to make it enough money to fill 100 shoe boxes. This is a project brought together by Samaritan's Purse. They distribute close to 1 ½ million boxes around the world. These gifts help spread God's word to more than 17 countries

Extended Hands

We are still collecting frozen turkeys and ingredients for holiday meals for Extended Hands. We will continue to have shopping carts in front of the Narthex on Sunday morning or you can bring it to the office during the week. There are many people in our Fountain Hills area who depend on the Food Bank. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who came out and contributed to the Food Bank at our November Presby Pickens. Lots of food, as well as money, was collected to help restock the Food Bank. They were so grateful and sent us a thank you letter for our help.

Phoenix Rescue

The Phoenix Rescue Mission was so happy with our contribution to help with their Thanksgiving meals that they sent us a written thank you. We decided we could help again with the Christmas dinner. There are so many people in need of assistance and food that we feel honored to be able to help in any way we can.

Arizona Brainfood

This is an organization we have helped in the past. Many of our Church members even went and helped fill backpacks for needy kids to have food for the weekends. Some of these backpacks go back to Fountain Hills children. We decided that we would help this organization with a donation to help provide food for these children.

Veterans

Thank you to all who helped Donna Sims with her Christmas for our veterans. The Christmas cards have been sent out. The t-shirts, sweat shirts, underwear, socks and gloves have all been sent. Donna has more info in her part of the newsletter.

Once again, I want to thank all of you who so generously help us with our projects, either with your time or money. We are so pleased when we can show God's Love through our caring and help to others. Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

If you would like to join our Mission Committee or just see what we do, please join us. Our next meeting will be Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 3:00 in the Church Conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Schmidt, Mission Elder

*When the kids ask you what you want for Christmas,
suggest they donate to your favorite FHPC mission!*



Support Our Troops



Community Bridges (CBI) was more than thrilled with all the donations from FHPC that they picked up since my last newsletter report, a total of 3 times. Thank you to one and all and please continue with your donations.

The Mission Committee was more than surprised and thankful this week for the donation of new t-shirts from Presby Pickins Flea Market. What a wonderful surprise.

I have been extremely busy this month getting the Christmas cards with all your notes to our Church connected military ready to be mailed and very thankful to those of you who were willing to write one of the notes.

Also, I have been very busy out shopping for the new items to be sent to the deployed Troops, such as Michaels, Walmart, JoAnn's and the Dollar Store. All of these items will be taken to Packages From Home in Glendale in a couple of days to be packaged and shipped. Just picturing in my mind the smiles on so many of our military members faces when they open up their cards or packages just gives me the chills. So again, thank you one and all.

Our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, never stops. We continue to collect gently used clothing, bedding, socks, shoes, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, long pants, and most of all, toiletries for the homeless veterans in the Phoenix and surrounding areas. These items get picked up by CBI when I have enough donations collected to schedule a truck. We are always happy to see members and friends 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



CBI Pick-Up Crew



T-Shirts Donated by Presby Pickins'

Operation Christmas Child

A very big THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box drive this year. FHPC has put a smile on many children's faces all over the world. We collected \$3027.32 and Missions donated \$250 which brings the total to \$3277.32. Also, there were 8 boxes filled by members.

In total, FHPC contributed 142 shoeboxes to needy children. They will not only receive gifts inside their shoebox but the wonderful message of Jesus Christ. Again, thanks for your generosity.



New Christmas Tradition



Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the Gospel According to Luke in the Bible each evening.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!



Presby Pickins': A Catalyst for Growth

What is Presby Pickins'?

Presby Pickins' is more than just a market; it serves as a vital connection point between FHPC and our community, driven by three fundamental goals:

Raise Community Awareness:

- Presby Pickins' invites the community to our beautiful campus, attracting hundreds of people each month.
- Active promotion of Presby Pickins' through various media channels enhances FHPC's name recognition.
- Support for community initiatives reinforces FHPC's reputation for generosity.
- Presby Pickins' generates a positive buzz, making it synonymous with FHPC in the eyes of the community.

Provide Opportunities for Interaction:

- Acts as a platform for making disciples, with shoppers open to conversation, inquiring about our church.
- Volunteers, visible and welcoming ambassadors, play a crucial role in outreach efforts.
- Family-friendly activities like Explore-A-Truck and Storytime draw families to our campus.
- Mission projects and initiatives, such as CWS Blanket the World and EHFB Thanksgiving Food Drive, engage community supporters.

Raise Funds to Support Initiatives:

- Since its inception in September 2022, Presby Pickins' has grossed nearly **\$19,000**.
- Financial support includes \$2,513 for ministry initiatives, \$2,500 toward parking lot improvements, and \$1,371 back to the church.
- \$1,800 has been donated to community non-profit groups.
- Balance as of 11/11 stands at \$6,300, available for project funding.

More Than a Market

Presby Pickins' has grown into a significant endeavor and stands as a financially self-sufficient outreach initiative with a surplus of funds. Yet, its real value extends beyond finances. This event provides intrinsic benefits and a unique opportunity to nurture the growth of our church.

Funded Ministry Projects

- W&M - Christmas Garland, Member Nametags, Narthex decorations, Chancel Flowers, LED Candles for Christmas Eve.
- Evening Circle - Blessing Bags
- Hospitality - Coffee Urn, Coffee Service.
- Outreach - FH Days Event Registration/Giveaways
- B&G - Guest Parking Signs
- Music - Benches for Bell Ringers
- Missions - Veterans T-Shirts

Obtaining Funds

Presby Pickins' proceeds are available for FHPC ministries' projects and initiatives which have not been funded through their expense budgets. The target award value is \$250; other amounts will be considered on an individual basis. Any FHPC ministries may apply. Capital expenditures will not be considered at this time. To request funds, complete the form at www.fhpresbyterian.info/ppfundrequest/ or ask for a form in the office.

Kathy Cole & Shawn Uphoff, Co-Chairs

Presby Pickins' FLEA MARKET

Saturday
December 2nd
8am - 3pm

Join Us -

**A SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA
40+ VENDORS
& MUCH MORE!**

- Children's Storytime & craft activity with author Debi Novotny.
- Breakfast treats and lunch by Swettē & Fountain Hills Cart.
- Festive shopping tunes by FX Entertainment DJ.

www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket | 480-779-8115



Women's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship Meeting

3rd Friday | 9 a.m. | Fireside Rm

All ladies of the church are welcome to our meetings, where we plan future events of interest and fellowship. We love new ideas! For more information:

Mary Holtan | mcarolyn1@yahoo.com | 612-382-8824 or Susan Titus | sltitus@gmail.com | 608-332-1265

Out 'n About—All Ladies Welcome! Wednesday | December 20 | Noon

Out n' About ladies will meet for lunch at noon on December 20th at our hometown Italian restaurant, Arrivederci, in the Town Plaza, 12645 N. Saguaro Blvd. Call Nancy Wulfmeier for reservations or cancelations at 480-837-3021.



Ladies Drop In Tuesdays | 10 a.m. | Fireside Room



Join us for fellowship, board games, puzzles, cards and conversation in the Fireside Room every Tuesday! For any questions please contact: Linda Katz |

lwarrenaz@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship



Saturday | December 9, 2023 | 7:45 a.m. | Fellowship Center

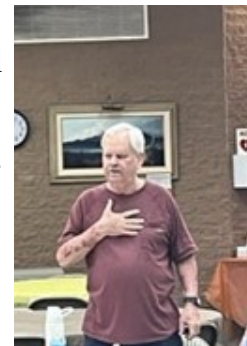
Among many things that Men's Fellowship does around the Church and in our community, we meet the 2nd Saturday of the month from October through May for our Business Meeting, Breakfast and Fellowship.

Right now, we are making plans to deliver and set up the Nativity Scene for Stroll in the Glow, decorate the outside of the Church for Christmas and put together and host the Annual Sweetheart Brunch.

Guest Speaker : Tom Taylor

At our November meeting member Mr. Tom Taylor was our guest speaker. Tom spent over 30 years as a federal agent in the US Postal Investigations Division. He shared his experience to a very attentive group in a witty and informative way. We all learned a great deal about a 'secret' branch of law enforcement and enjoyed his story telling. Thanks for your service and willingness to share Tom.

Interested in Men's Fellowship If you would like more information about Men's Fellowship and activities that which we are involved, please reach out to Bill Matty at 815 282-6024.





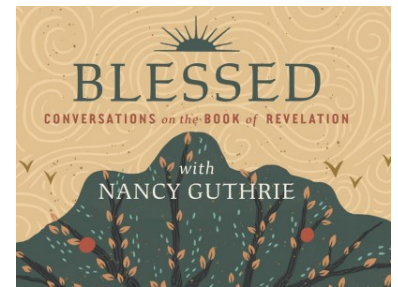
Christian Education

Adult Bible Study

Sundays | After Worship | Fireside Room | Ends December 24th

Pastoral Intern Lisa McFarland will be concluding the study on the Book of Revelation "Blessed" by Nancy Guthrie.

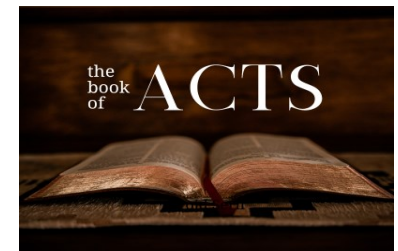
,Please note that on Sunday, December 3rd the bible study will be in the Adult Center.



Men's Bible Study

Mondays | 8:30 a.m. | Fireside Room

The weekly Men's Bible study will meet on December 4th until the study for Book of Acts is completed. Contact Bob Cowden at rscowdenjr@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any questions about the study.



Women's Morning Bible Study: December 14th | 9:30 a.m. | Fireside Room

The stories of Tamar and Ruth both have to do with intermarrying, the marriage of a Jew to a non-Jew. Given what we know about the history of the people of Israel as the Bible tells it to us, why was marrying outside of Israel seen as bad? Read Chapter 3 of our book *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream.

For information call Monique Reynolds 336-382-8733.



Afternoon Circle: December 5th | 1:00 p.m. | Library

Join us in retelling the ageless story of The Birth of Baby Jesus. We all participate in the playscript while placing figures in our humble stable and singing familiar, beloved carols. Jane Allen, Leader 907-538-3223

May you find calm in the Christmas Light, our Christ Child.

He's the Star of Wonder in our darkness

and the Whispering Hope in our despair.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OUR JESUS! A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

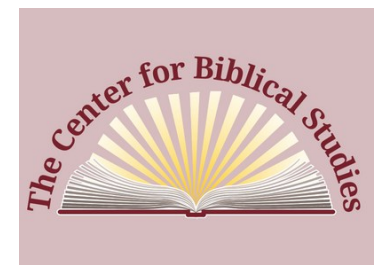
The Center for Biblical Studies

The Contemporary Christian

Wednesdays | 10 a.m. Fireside Room | 6 p.m. Fellowship Center

Pastor Bob Simmons is currently on the fourth course, "Understanding the World." Please mark your calendar for the continuation of the bible study scheduled on December 6 and 13. We will take a break for the holidays and the next course will resume on January 3, 2024.

Go to www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-studies for more information.





Advent\Christmas Services



New Sermon Series

We enter the Advent Season on Sunday, December 3. The theme for our Advent/Christmas sermon series will be "Back to Bethlehem". Plan to join us each

week where we will also feature the lighting of the Advent Candles, wonderful Christmas music, and sermons that will help us prepare for Christmas. Advent is an excellent time to invite any neighbors or friends that you know are not attending any church. Invite them to come worship with us and let them know you will save them a seat. Pastor Bob's sermon title for December 3 will be, "At Just the Right Time." On Sunday, December 10, Pastor Bob's sermon title will be, "The Most Forgotten Person at Christmas."

Mark Your Calendars For Dec 24th Services!

We will gather for worship at our normal 9:00 am time and then our candle lighting Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30 p.m.. You will want to especially invite as many people as possible for our Christmas

Eve Service! Pastor Bob's sermon title for the Christmas Eve Morning Service will be "*Heaven's Christmas Carol*," and his title for Christmas Eve will be "*Away in a Manger*."



Pastor Bob will preach on December 3, 10, 24 (both services) and Lisa will be preaching December 17 and 31.

Reception Honoring Lisa & Jay McFarland

Mark your calendar to attend the after-service coffee hour on Dec 17 as we honor and give thanks to Lisa for her ministry among us for the past year. We also want to express our thanks to Jay for his service to us in the Sound Booth each Sunday as well as in other important ways!

Library Footnotes

Hidden Christmas

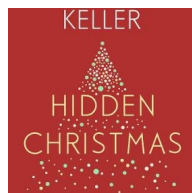
By Timothy Keller

As we approach the Advent Season, we again turn our attention to the Biblical Christmas Story.

Author Timothy Keller, an ordained pastor, points out that we uniquely have both a religious as well as a secular Celebration at the same time. We hear cheery tunes as well as traditional Carols on a daily basis to fill our holiday thoughts and preparations. While many modern secular Christmas themes follow a "Fairy Tale" story line, which people know are not true, the Biblical story has always been accepted as true by Christians.

Keller explores the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus as well as Old Testament prophecies.

He notes the genealogy of Jesus recorded in Mathew to provide a historic connection.

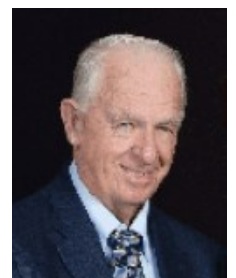


He goes on to focus on the major characters in the story in separate short chapters to broaden the reality of knowing them as ordinary people caught up in extraordinary events. Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds all had Angelic encounters and the records of their responses to the Angelic messages were one of human awe and humble obedience.

Throughout the book, Keller uses the metaphor of light and darkness. The darkness in the world can never be overcome by human efforts and only the divine light that came at Christmas can save the world.

In writing this book, Keller hopes to make the truth of Christmas less hidden in the maze of our modern secular celebrations.

By: Bud Fuls





Meet Our Musicians



Margie Brown

All my life I have loved music! From my earliest memories as a child to today, I have been surrounded by music and musical people. My mother and father were musical. My dad played the harmonica, accordion, and Hawaiian guitar. My mother played the piano and organ. Of my

seven siblings, my oldest brother was very gifted musically, as he could hear a song once and then play it on the piano perfectly! He could play anything by ear, and eventually he learned to read music and served in his church as organist for several years.

As a little girl, my mother taught a "Good News Club" in our home with flannelgraph Bible stories and we sang lots of children's songs. In church, ever since I can remember, we sang songs in Children's Church. When I was in Jr. High and High School, I took organ lessons for five years. During my school years, one of my favorite things was when our church would have a "Hymn Sing" at someone's home after Sunday night service. We would go there and have snacks, and then sing hymns. As a result, I learn most hymns by heart – usually all four or five verses!

When I was a teenager, I joined a large, teen choir with 60 or so members from our church denomination from all over the State of Michigan, called "Teens for Christ;" and we traveled to other churches within our denomination to put on Christian concerts. When I turned sixteen, I joined our church adult choir and sang in it until I went away to college a couple of years later.

I like music from most musical genres, and enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainers. With the exception of my college years and early married life, I have always sung in a church choir. Big choirs,

small choirs, medium-size choirs, and I have even been on a couple of Worship Teams leading congregational music. At Ken's first church, I helped by playing the organ during congregational singing. In later years, I helped to develop a Children's Choir at our church, and we put on a Christmas Musical Play for the congregation.

I sang my first solo at the age of 30, when I was asked to fill in at a Sunday night service for another soloist who had come down sick. I sang the song, "El Shaddai" by Amy Grant. Since then I have been invited to sing solos at church, at weddings, and funerals. I sang at both my father's and mother's funerals, and I also sang at the funeral of one of my brothers. I once sang "The Lord's Prayer," at a funeral service in our first church, for a baby who died at birth. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do!!

During our years in Ohio, Ken was very involved not only in our church, but within our community serving for a couple of years as Executive Director of Development for the town we lived in. During this time, our town put on some fund raisers and community events. At one such event, I was in a "barbershop-type" quartet, and we sang songs to all the people passing by. It was a lot of fun.

Music is in great part how I express my love and worship to God. I love the hymns because they have such depth of meaning in the lyrics, and such lovely tones and harmonies in the musical scores. My favorite song of all-time is "The Hallelujah Chorus," from "The Messiah" composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel. I love it so much, that it is even the ringtone on my cell phone! I imagine THIS IS THE SONG we will ALL be singing in Heaven on that glorious day when we are all reunited with Christ and our loved ones!

Hallelujah!!



EVERGREEN—These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.

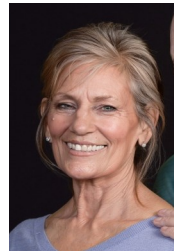


Music Ministry

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" to all of you from the Music Ministry! We will be presenting seasonal music each Sunday of December with Singing, ringing, and the playing of our instruments. You will hear music that leads us to the birth of Jesus, and, what a gift He is. You will hear solos, beautiful choral harmonies and instrumental blends each Sunday, intertwined with Scripture and rich Sermons of Christ's birth. I hope all who attend our services through this time are able to open their hearts and embrace the beautiful experience of Christmas with peace, laughter and love.

"And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises to the Lord"

- Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO



Poinsettia Orders



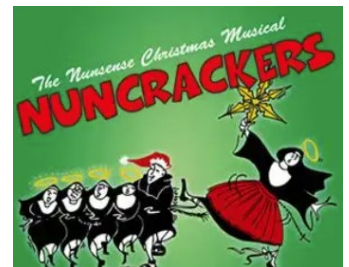
Members and friends of FHPC once again have the opportunity to purchase poinsettias for display at our CHRISTMAS EVE worship service to honor a loved one or to remember a special event. This holiday tradition provides the beautiful chancel display we all enjoy. You may take your flower home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettias are available for \$15 each. You will find order forms on the offering table in the narthex to place in the offering plate with your payment (or bring to the church office). Please make your check payable to FHPC and include "Poinsettia" on the memo line.

All orders must be placed by December 15, 2023.

Nuncrackers at FH Theater

Hilltop Hospitality invites FHPC family and friends to the Fountain Hills Theater presentation of Nuncrackers, the Nonsense Christmas Musical. It is the first TV Special taped by the "sisters" in the convent's basement studio for Cable Access starring the nuns that you will love plus Father Virgil. The show is playfully filled with "nonsense" humor and some tugs at your heartstrings. Such a fun, loving entrance to your holiday season with its merry & bright comedy!



Show Time: Sunday Matinee December 17th at 2 pm to 4 pm.

Ticket Price: \$30 per person. Pay in advance /Choose your seat in the Narthex on Sundays Dec 3rd and 10th.

Pick up tickets: Narthex on Sundays December 10th, 17th or at the Theater on December 17th.

For more information, please contact Jane Allen 907-538-3223, Scheduler.



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.

Affiliate Partners 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.

Are you are interested in becoming a Covenant Partner with full rights of membership, or an Affiliate Partner, making FHPC your “home away from home”? Contact Pastor Bob Simmons or call the church office at 480-837-1763 to attend an upcoming informational meeting.

Worship by Giving... Talents & Treasure



FHPC eGiving is Safe and Easy!

FHPC provides a means for church members and supporters to express their generosity electronically!

Sign up today! Go to www.fhpresbyterian.info and look for the **Giving Box** image at the top right. Or, click **Giving** in the top menu.

Paige Productions



Peter Pan Jr.

December 2, 2023 | 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Peter Pan Jr. is a magical, 60-minute musical featuring the iconic songs, "I'm Flying," "I've Gotta Crow," "I Won't Grow Up" and "Never Never Land," and a rousing book full of magic, warmth and adventure, Peter Pan JR. is the perfect show for the child in all of us... who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up.

Peter Pan Jr. performs at Paige Productions Youth Theater (PYT) on December 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.paigeproductionsAZ.com. All camps, classes, events and performances are at FHPC Church Fellowship Hall, 13001 N Fountain Hills Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Additional information can be found by calling Paige at (480)-375-8058 or email at paigeproductions123@gmail.com.



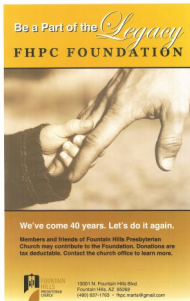
**Communal Dinner
November 11, 2023**



FH Presbyterian Church Foundation

“An Investment Today for the Life of Our Church Tomorrow”

The goal of the FHPC Foundation is to educate, inform and engage with the congregation to build the Foundation into a sound and sustainable non-profit enterprise to ensure the future growth of the church. The Board is committed to developing a dynamic source of funds to benefit the church and the local community. In order to meet the challenges of the present and future, here is how you can become an active part of this effort.



Listed below are some charitable goals and the common-sense solutions that support the FHPC Foundation while giving you an income tax deduction.

IF THE GOAL OF YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING IS TO:

1. *Have your monetary gift qualify for an income tax deduction...*
 > **The solution is to give cash or a check to the FHPC Foundation**
2. *Avoid taxes on capital gains and receive an income tax deduction...*
 > **The solution is to make a gift of appreciated stock or other securities to the FHPC Foundation**
3. *Defer a gift until after your death and avoid the possibility of estate taxes...*
 > **The solution is to name the FHPC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will**
4. *Donate a gift that might have little or no current cost to you...*
 > **The solution is to contribute a life insurance policy that is no longer a part of your estate plans**
5. *Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated real estate and receive an income tax deduction...*
 > **The solution is to donate the property to the Foundation instead of entering into a sales contract**

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**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**

Columbarium

The Columbarium provides a final resting place for the mortal remains of members and friends. Along with the urn niches, there is a Wall of Remembrance, a waterfall and memorial benches, providing a lovely place for prayer and meditation. It is managed by the Columbarium Trustees, a committee of our church corporation. A trust fund insures proper maintenance and perpetual care of the area.

U.S. Military Medallions are available for Veterans' columbarium niches. Please contact the church office for more information.



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

*Yvonne Ellingson
Lois Medley
Kurt Ahrens
Sunniva Graves
Heather Greco
Carol Hencz
Phyllis Rapp
Jane Haynes
Bill Lyon
Ben Fast
Jean Foster*

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

Matthew 25:21

Hospitalized? Ill? Having surgery?

If you are sick or home recovering from an illness, or , hospitalized or anticipating a procedure. We want you to call the church and let us know!

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 Pastor and our Deacons. Help us serve you by communicating your situation.



New Church Office Hours

Beginning January 2, 2024, the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with phone coverage on Fridays until noon.

You can reach Johannah by phone at 480-837-1763 or by email at office@fhpresby.org.



2-Dec Carole Sandrock
2-Dec Nancy Wulfmeier
3-Dec Larry Roland
8-Dec Bud Fuls
8-Dec Marianne Winchester
9-Dec Barbara Bowling
12-Dec Arlene Stewart
21-Dec Emerson Uphoff
23-Dec Jack Reynolds
25-Dec Edee Grider
26-Dec Ilene Berg

*"On your special day, may you have:
All the joy, your heart can hold;
All the smiles, a day can bring;
And all the blessings, a life can unfold.
May God bestow you with His bounties
and blessings! Happy Birthday!"*

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. Your dedication will be published, announced and the flowers will be placed on the communion table for all to enjoy during Sunday worship.



We have openings for January. To order, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at 480-837-1763.

Special Dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 3, 2023*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 10, 2023*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 17, 2023*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2023*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 24, 2023*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2023*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2023*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2023*



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Biblical Garden



Visit to our Biblical Garden, at the very *heart* of our campus. Before embarking on your tour, read about the numerous interesting plants that you will see in the Garden.

You can check it out by going online to www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden or pick up a brochure in the office.

Social Media — Live Streaming



Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/fhpresbyterianchurch/

View Sunday worship and read current posts about FHPC. Be sure to “Like” our page to get posts directly in your Newsfeed.



YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/@fhpresbyterianchurch

View Sunday worship here under “Live.” Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube

Channel to receive notifications of upcoming LIVE services.

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