



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Arlene Stewart, Stewardship Ministry



Arlene Stewart, Elder

“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” (Phil. 4:13)

The Apostle Paul, even though he was in prison, was content. He could see life from God’s point of view.

But, can we really do everything? The power we receive in union with Jesus Christ is sufficient to do his will and to face the challenges that arise from our commitment to doing it.

He gives us gifts of the Holy Spirit. He walks with us as we progress through our days and duties.

When we use our gifts of Time: volunteering, serving on a committee, visiting others, participating in a bible class, cooking, serving and praying. Christ Jesus is there, giving you his strength to do what you can. Pray for his strength to help you do all things!

When we use our Talents: God has given us many gifts. We can sew, sing, play musical instruments, be a ministry leader, decorate the Fellowship Hall, take photos, organize events, maintain our computers, do the many outreach events, care for our buildings and landscape, provide for our video ministry. Jesus Christ is there giving you his strength to use your gifts. Pray for his strength to help you do all things!

When we use our Treasures: All we have by way of money and what it can buy, comes from God. We have been gifted by God to the measure he sees as our worth. How much are you willing to return to God? For this His church, missions, the hungry or the poor? Children in Haiti? War torn nations? How much of God’s bounty are you willing to return? Pray. Jesus Christ is there to give you his strength in time of decisions. Even giving money.

As we look into the future of our church, we will face many opportunities to use our Time, Talents and Treasures: the 50th Anniversary celebration of our church, outreach to the unchurched in Fountain Hills, ministry expansion, support for our Church Plant in Scotland, (Rev. Caleb Shockley) and for the process of calling a new Pastor to our pulpit.

Pray, Pray and Pray some more!

We can do all these things and MORE through Christ Jesus who gives us His Strength!

Your Sister in Christ,
Arlene Stewart, Elder

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Focus on Finance

February Income	\$ 43,802	Budget	\$ 34,062
February Expenses	\$ 29,839	Budget	\$ 31,968
YTD Income	\$ 85,883	YTD Budget	\$ 68,124
YTD Expense	\$ 56,764	YTD Budget	\$ 62,661

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



We continue to see positive results in our finances, and we manage to keep our expenses below budget when we can. We appreciate your keeping up your pledges and contributions in support of FHPC missions and ministry.

Linda Lull, Treasurer

FHPC eGiving is Safe and Easy



FHPC provides a means for church members and supporters to express their generosity online via our eGiving portal on our website.

Sign up today at www.fhpresbyterian.info; look for the Giving Box image at the top right. Or, click Giving in the top menu. You can also add Vanco Mobile app to give from your phone. See eGiving Help for instructions.



New Donation Depository

For your convenience, a locked drop box has been installed in the church office door to deposit all after hour donations. It is imperative that our USPS mailbox not be used for monetary donations or mailable matter without postage. This new box is secured with a lock on the inside of the door.



Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



Fountain Hills Days | Jackie Miles



FHPC participated in Fountain Hills Day on Saturday, March 24. Jeff Rand rigged up a golf game challenge that was a hit with all the kids!

Thanks goes out to Jeff Rand, George Holtan, Jean Linzer and Kathy Cole for their help setting up and manning the booth!



The Sonoran Quintet Concert



The Sonoran Quintet presented a free concert on Sunday, March 10th in the sanctuary. Free-will donations of \$552.00 were received to benefit the instrumental music programs at Fountain Hills High School and Middle School.

Thanks go out to the Quintet for their wonderful performance! Members include Flutist Dianne Winsor, Oboist Patti Backes, Clarinetist Chris “Doc” Stewart, Bassoonist Marty Haub, and French horn player Stacey D’Abate.

Church Men Support Rotary Charity Golf Tournament

On Monday, March 25th several men of FHPC teamed together to play golf for charity in the Rotary tournament.

Picture 1 (L-R) Perry Trout, Larry Cole, Bob Titus, Tim Halchuck, and Julie Ewald, Rotary President. Picture 2 (L-R) Jim Stewart, Kent Martinson, Bill Matty, Larry Roland, and Julie Ewald.



Presby Pickins’ Flea Market | Kathy Cole

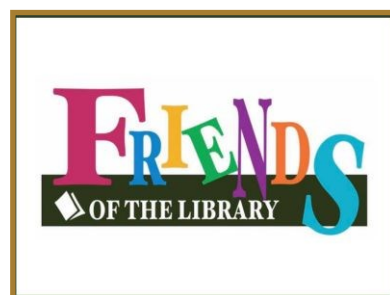


There’s Something for Everyone!

Our final market of the ‘23-’24 season is happening on April 6th from 8a.m—3p.m. We have sold out our initial 50 spaces and expanded to accommodate additional vendors. Chef Arlene will be serving up her yummy treats while FH Food Cart will have lunch. FX Entertainment will be spinning tunes and then Jim Landau and his friends will be jamming beginning at 2p.m.

Supporting Friends of the Library

Each month proceeds from our markets sponsors a community cause. For April we are supporting the FH Friends of the Library. In addition to receiving a \$250 cash award, all book sale proceeds will be donated to the FHFL. Volunteers will be at Presby Pickins’ selling books and answering any questions about FHFL programs. **Bring book donations to the church before April 6th.**



Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds

Farewell to Bob and Karen Cowden

Session has received notification from Bob and Karen Cowden that they have decided to relocate to Columbus, Ohio to be closer to family and their newly arrived grandchild.

We thank them both for their active participation at FHPC and Bob for his Chairmanship of the Finance Committee and leading the Monday morning Men's Bible Study.

We wish them safe travels in early April and blessings from all of us in reuniting with family and any new endeavors on which they embark. They will be missed.



Session Meeting Highlights, March 18, 2024



Last December, Brilliant LED Sign Company gave a presentation to Session with a proposal to design and install a LED sign on top of our ECO wall on Fountain Hills Blvd. At that time Session approved the company to issue us a quote which was received in February. After some "negotiations" the final price was just shy of \$60,000. Ses-

sion discussed the cost/reward of that investment. Recognizing that 80% of new attendees to a church come from personal invitations and the financing quote from the company reflected an interest rate of 1% above current mortgage rates, Session voted not to move forward with this project.

Happy 50th Anniversary FHPC | Jackie Miles



The Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church's Council of Women's Ministries was established in 1988. It included Bible study, Book Discussions, a Hiking Group, and a

Missions Committee.

The church celebrated its 17th birthday in 1990 with a pig roast, a talent show, and Scottish bagpipers during worship service.

In 1991 a Steinway grand piano was given to the church by winter visitors in honor of the church pianist Dorothy Parris. Dorothy has been the church pianist for 44 consecutive years. She also serves as pianist for the Ft. McDowell Presbyterian Church.

Associate Pastor Leonard Engstrom served from 1993-1997. During this time the congregation celebrated its 20th anniversary, additional parking was added, and a new Allan organ was purchased with a \$50,000 gift from a non-member in memory of his sisters. Also, the children of the church led a

Heiffer International mission project that raised \$8,000.00.

When Rev. Atchinson retired in 1997, Rev. Gary Kush became the interim Pastor until the year 2000. The Dr. T. Ewen Holmes led the congregation until 2008 while Jane Wilson served as Interim Associate from 2000-2002, and Rev. Benjamin Keller served as Associate Pastor 2002-2004. In 2003 Marta Ludwig was hired as administrative coordinator. She retired in 2023 after 20 years of service.

Rev. Stan Jones was Parish Associate from 2005 until 2015, and Dr. Paul Soderquist served as Interim Pastor from 2008 until 2010.

Rev. Bill Good was appointed as Pastor in 2010, and Rev. Ken Brown served as his Associate Pastor from 2014 until 2019. Rev. Good retired in 2022 and is now teaching at Grand Canyon University.

The Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons is currently the FHPC Transitional Pastor at Fountain Hills Presbyterian, and Lisa McFarland has just completed her service as Pastoral Intern under his guidance. Rev. Simmons' wife Jeanette heads the Sunday School program.

Proclamation Recognizing FHPC's 50th Anniversary



At the March 19th meeting of the Fountain Hills Town Council, Mayor Ginny Dickey presented Elder Jackie Miles, Pastor Bob Simmons, and Clerk of Session Jack Reynolds with a Proclamation recognizing FHPC as a beacon of faith and community, joyously celebrating its 50th anniversary on March 31, 2024.

The Proclamation is on display in the Narthex and in the Office.

Town of Fountain Hills
Proclamation

50th Anniversary of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

WHEREAS, the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, a beacon of faith and community, is joyously celebrating its 50th year anniversary; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 1974, the congregation held its very first service at Little John's restaurant and bar, with founding pastor Rev. Glenn Atchinson preaching from a bar stool to an audience of 60 people; and

WHEREAS, this historic bar stool, now residing in the River of Time Museum, symbolizes the humble beginnings and steadfast commitment of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church to its congregation and community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Glenn Atchinson, the brother-in-law of Sally Atchinson, the first official resident of Fountain Hills, has played a significant role in shaping the spiritual and communal landscape of our town; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Glenn Atchinson not only served as a dedicated pastor from 1974 to 1998 but also contributed significantly to the growth and development of Fountain Hills by serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church has thrived over the past five decades, fostering a sense of community, compassion, and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, a special service to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church will be held later in the year with transitional pastor Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons presiding, continuing the legacy of faith and community established by Rev. Glenn Atchinson.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Ginny Dickey of the Town of Fountain Hills, do hereby recognize and proclaim March 31, 2024, as the

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

and encourage all citizens to join in the celebration and recognize the remarkable achievements, enduring spirit, and unwavering commitment of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church to the betterment of our community.

Proclaimed this 19th day of March 2024.



Ginny Dickey

Ginny Dickey, Mayor

ATTEST:
Linda Mendenhall

Linda Mendenhall, Town Clerk

From the Pastor's Desk | New Spring/Summer Sermon Series



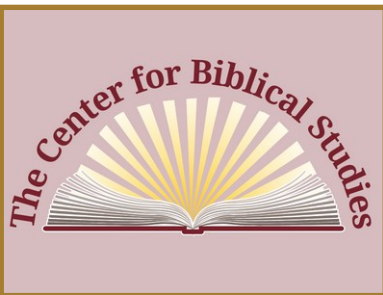
The Church in Action: Called, Empowered Sent

Plan to be with us each Sunday this Spring and Summer for worship! My new sermon series is titled: "THE CHURCH IN ACTION: CALLED, EMPOWERED, SENT." This series will take us through the exciting book of Acts in our New Testament. This is a perfect follow-up to Lent and Easter as we find Jesus commissioning His people, the Church, to continue the work that Jesus started.

I will present an introduction to this series on April 7, and then we will begin our journey through Acts on April 21 (the Sunday after "Men's Sunday")!

Christian Education

Center for Biblical Study



April 3rd | Wednesdays | 10 a.m. in Fireside Rm | 6 p.m. in FC

NEW Who is Jesus?

Plan to join us on April 3 for our next study in "The Contemporary Christian" course. The class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room and 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. On April 3 we will begin a study of *Who is Jesus?* There is still room and time for you to join us in this discussion. Thanks to generous donors, there is no charge for this book, and there are a few books available (I can always order next day delivery from Amazon if we need). Select the time that best fits your schedule and join us for an hour of learning and growing in discipleship!

Sunday Morning Bible Study | Pastor Bob



Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Fireside Rm

No Bible Study on April 7th

A Journey through the Bible

Pastor Bob will lead us through a journey of the 66 books of the Bible on Sundays after worship. We will view a brief 20-minute video presentation by Dr. R. C. Sproul, followed by a discussion.

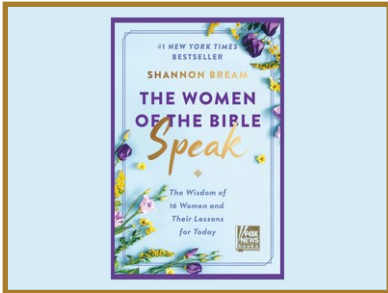
Men's Bible Study

Returning in the Fall

The men of FHPC thank Bob Cowden for leading the Men's Bible over the past months. The men's study will reconvene in the fall. Stay-tuned for more information.

Christian Education

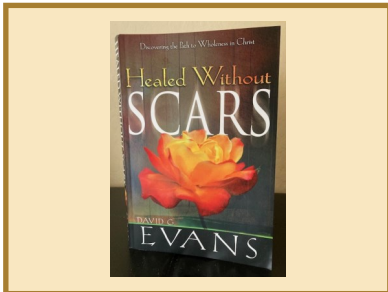
Women’s Morning Bible Study | Monique Reynolds



Thurs, April 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Fireside Rm
The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream.

What was the role of women in Jesus’s life and ministry in the early Church? What does it tell us about our lives today and our own relationship with Jesus? Please read “Mary and Martha of Bethany” in our book *The Women of the Bible Speak*. For information call Monique Reynolds 336-382-8733.

Women’s Afternoon Circle | Jane Allen

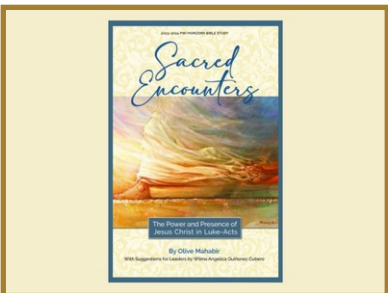


Friday, April 5 | 1 p.m. | Library Note Date Change for April ONLY
Healed Without Scars by David G. Evans.
 Chapters 3-4 pages 39-63: The Causes of Our Pain and Removing the Mask.

In life, we encounter difficult times (whether tests of character, of love and faithfulness, or of trust) AND we encounter trials as in biblical trials. Their difference lies in the focus: a test reveals the true heart and motives of a person; whereas, a trial reveals the true nature and character of God. Many hide their pain/scars behind a mask. It gives the pretense of "having it all together" or

"meeting others' expectations". Evans wants for us to drop the mask, the denial controlling our lives, and to pick up genuine confession to God, our Healer, in finding our true selves. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7 KJV) For more information, contact Jane Allen, Leader, 907-538-3223.

Women’s Evening Circle | Judy Hamouda



Monday, April 15 | 4 p.m. | Fireside Rm
Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir

At their next meeting in April, the Evening Circle will be finishing up their study of Sa-

cred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. They are excited to be studying the books of Ruth and Esther during the 2024-2025 season, and they welcome any and all women from the congregation to join them on the third Monday of each month from 4-6 p.m.

In an effort to squeeze in one more Evening Circle mission project this year, the ladies are donating gift cards to help support Phoenix Children’s Crews’n Healthmobile. This program has been providing medi-

cal examinations, immunizations, medications and health education to homeless and at-risk children in the Phoenix area since 2000. Thousands of children have been served, and they continue to need financial support in order to provide much-needed care to those who would not otherwise be able to receive it.

Our collection of back-to-work clothing for Women Veterans has been a HUGE success and will continue throughout the summer so continue to donate your items to the labeled box in the Narthex.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Evening Circle next year as they explore the lives of Ruth and Esther.

The ladies always plan an outing to a movie and/or restaurant during the summer, and this would be a great time for you to join them and learn more about their group. If you ever have any questions, please call Judy Hamouda at 480-215-0827.

Christian Education

Lunch & Lecture | Maria Berry



Lunch & Lecture will continue into April. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the lectures, and then discussion.

Refer to *The Weekly* for the topic of the week.

Upcoming 2024 Dates:

- April 13 & 27
- May 11 & 24

Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry | Sandi Thompson

Women's Fellowship Luncheon | Claudia Slone

Howdy y'all! We had a wonderful gathering at our Women's Fellowship Luncheon on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Speaker Nancy Kreuder from AZ Game and Fish shared information on co-existing with wildlife. The atmosphere was casual with great food from Mountain View Kitchen.



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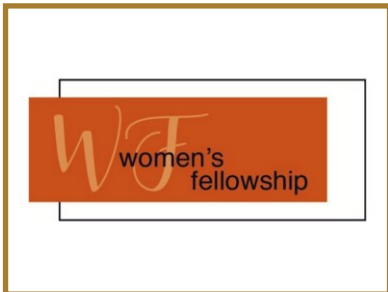
Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

Men's Fellowship | Bill Matty



Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, April 13 | 8 a.m.
Fellowship Center

Women's Fellowship | M. Holtan & S. Titus



Meeting
Friday, March 15 | 9 a.m.
Fireside Room

Ladies' Drop-In | L. Katz & M. Berry



Fun & Fellowship
Every Tuesday | 10 a.m.
Fireside Room

Out n' About | Nancy Wulfmeier



Out n' About lunch ladies will be gathering at S&V Urban Italian, located at 94 Hundred Corporate Center, 9343 E. Shea Blvd. #100, Scottsdale, at noon on Wednesday, April 17th.

There is an array of authentic Italian dishes to choose from such as soup, salad, paninis, pasta, and food fired pizza. Sofia Loren once said "Everything you see I owe to Spaghetti." Come and see what she did. For reservation or questions call Nancy at 480-837-3021.

Men's Sunday | April 14

We are looking forward to a wonderful service led by the men of our church. Jim Stewart will deliver an inspiring message and Phil Katz will be leading our men in musical praise and prayer.

All men are invited to participate in the Men's Choir. One rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please contact Phil at 630-297-3494 if you are interested in joining the choir for this special day. Thanks, *Bill Matty*



After Easter Brunch | April 7

Hilltop Hospitality is excited to announce our annual *After Easter Brunch!* Join us for this cherished tradition following worship in the Fellowship Center.

We welcome everyone to join us for this special event!

Joyce Leo, Hilltop Hospitality



Mission Messages | Mary Holtan

“Showing God’s Love By Giving and Doing”

Cruzando Fronteras

Pastor Adele Resmer, a retired pastor in Fountain Hills, works with a shelter in Nogales, MX, assisting women and children awaiting approval to enter the



United States. This shelter, supported by the Lutheran Church, provides essential support. Pastor Resmer gathers food staples such as beans, rice, and flour for the shelter and engages in meaningful interaction with its residents. The Mission Committee has unanimously voted to allocate \$500 to Pastor Resmer to aid the shelter, embodying our commitment to share God’s love by providing sustenance to the needy.

Extended Hands

FHPC Missions is contributing \$200 to purchase peanut butter and jelly for Extended Hands. Jack Reynolds will procure these items from Safeway, with assistance from Susan Titus in delivering them to Extended Hands. The ongoing need for PB and J underscores the importance of aiding our neighbors in need.

Overture International

Overture International is facing a crisis in Haiti, where children in an orphanage lack adequate food, clothing, and bedding. In response, FHPC Missions is extending support by donating \$3,377.19 to Overture International to address this urgent situation.

Fountain Oasis Preschool

Fountain Oasis Preschool, a newcomer to Fountain Hills, has appealed for start-up supplies as conveyed



by Director Julie Jefferson. FHPC Missions is pleased to contribute \$500 towards these supplies, underscoring our commitment to support local educational institu-

tions that nurture and educate our community’s young children.

FHPC Mission Committee:

Brendan Wagner, Elder, Terri Schmidt, Susan Titus, Donna Sims, Jack Reynolds, Jane Allen, Martha Carrillo, Susan Owens, Mary Holtan

Women Veterans Clothing Drive

**Women Veterans
Back-To-Work
Clothes**

Please help support the Evening Circle’s mission project by donating any new or gently-used women’s clothing items suitable for women veterans preparing to enter the work force.

Check your closet or even Goodwill to help these former service women make a difference in their new careers.

Questions? Contact *Judy Hamouda* at 480-215-0827.

Devereux Easter Baskets 2024



From a resident, this says it all ---- Thank You!!

55 Easter baskets — 11 filled baskets and 44 to-fill — will hop their way to the residents at Devereux. We collected an all-time record high of \$1,369.38 in cash donations.

Thank you to all who contributed, bringing joy to the young residents at Devereux! Happy Easter!

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



The month of March was certainly a very busy time for the Troops ministry project of obtaining hand-written notes from Church members and friends to place in individual Easter cards for each of our Church-connected active-duty military members. A total of 53 envelopes were passed out to those who were willing to write notes and a total of 48

notes were returned. Needless to say, I was very happy with the outcome and only wish I could have seen the looks on the faces of the recipients when they opened up their Easter cards. Many thanks to those of you who participated. This makes me feel so happy to know how much this project means to our Church-connected military when they receive our cards.

In addition to our Troops Easter Card Project, we also had one pick-up from Community Bridges (CBI) last week. They were absolutely thrilled to see all the



Evening Circle's Judy Hamouda

stacks of donations, from a table, to the collection of women's wear supported by the Evening Circle, to many clothing items, a few toiletries, jackets and hats, to a very nice framed picture. And

as a surprise to me, one of my neighbors told me she had a friend who was looking for a place to take donations and of course I said "I am your person". So, the pick-up crew headed to a second area here in Fountain Hills and was very happy to load onto the truck, 2 hide-a-beds, and a patio set of furniture and a few other miscellaneous items. Yahoo, fabulous, because we have not had enough donations for CBI to come out since the 1st of December.

I would graciously again remind you that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, it never stops. We continue to collect gently used clothing, bedding, socks, shoes, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, long pants, small household items and most of all, toiletries, for the homeless veterans in the Phoenix and surrounding areas. And with the warmer months around the corner, I would like to emphasize that donations of clothing reflect use for warm/hot weather. We are always happy to see Church members and friends from our community 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

Donation of AED Machine



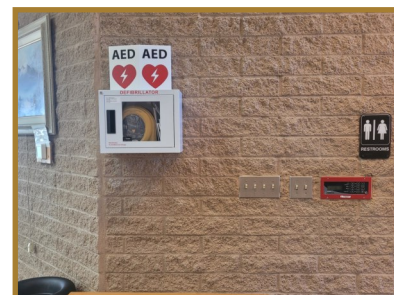
New AED Machine Installed in the Narthex

Located near the drinking fountains in the Narthex, this device is an automated EMERGENCY life saving devise designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver a shock to restore normal heart rhythm.

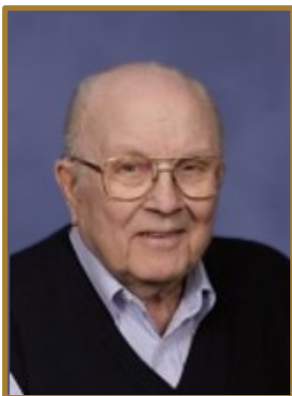
Fellowship Center Another AED is located in the Fellowship Center on the outside wall of the men's restroom. Both are the type recommended

by the Fountain Hills Fire Chief.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor for funds to purchase the new unit. Also, thanks to Buildings & Grounds for mounting it!



Meet Our Musicians | Bill Covault



Bill Covault

As with most people, my musical life started in grade school. In my hometown of Greenville, Ohio, we had one band director for all grade schools. I received instruction from the director on clarinet. In Junior High, I was selected to play in the high school marching band on the clarinet. I was one of three advanced students. I began to play piano

in first grade and took lessons until my junior year in high school. I played both instruments through high school. My arrangements of the piano selections from my teacher were not always the same as hers! I wanted to do more improvisational jazz arrangements and she wanted me to play as it was written in a more classical style. That created problems and she didn't want me as a student anymore so I quit piano lessons.

After graduation from high school, I decided I wanted to be a band director so I entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio in their music program. While there I was in the marching band on the clarinet or bass drum. I also sang in the Glee Club at Miami University and directed the Dorm Men's Chorus, since nobody else would. In the spring of the first year, my idea of what I wanted to pursue changed so I left Miami University and entered Embry-Riddle Flight School, University of Miami in Miami, Florida.

After flight school I was drafted in the Korean War. At that time the Army needed band members, so I took the test and scored 100% and was assigned to band training school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. There was a snafu -- my MOS was 013 which designated me as a clarinet player. At the end of band training when time came to go to my next assignment I sat down with the Army clerk. He was going to send me to Korea. I looked down at his notes which had me down as MOS 014 which was a trumpet player. I brought that error to his attention and told him I was already an 013. He thanked me and assigned me to the correct MOS. He went down to the next man on the list and sent him to Korea. I was sent to Ft. Campbell as a trumpet player.

I was at Ft. Campbell Army Post, Kentucky, which was attached to Ft. Campbell Air Force Base, for two years. I played for parades and for jump school graduation, which included the 101 Airborne Division -- (Battle of Bulge in WWII). While waiting, there was nothing to do except rehearse, practice your instrument and wait for assignment; therefore, I learned to play the baritone horn. The last year I was there I joined another dance band and played four nights a week, making lots of money for a young man. We played at venues like the NCO Club, Officers Club and a couple of military clubs in Clarksville, Tennessee.

After I was discharged I went home to Greenville, Ohio and worked for General Athletic Company, my father's company, for six or seven years. I continued playing in dance bands in Greenville and finally worked my way up to the best band around. I was there until I went into flight training. I increased my flight training which led to a career with the airlines. First I was hired by Lake Central Airlines in January 1966 flying a DC 3. After two years Lake Central merged with Allegany Airlines. I was employed by them as First Officer flying the Convair 580. Later Allegany merged with US Air Lines. I flew as Captain for Allegany and US Air. It was during this time that we were awarded a route to Phoenix and that prompted my move to Phoenix in 1986.

My family joined Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church shortly after our move here. I was based in Pittsburgh and living in Phoenix. Both my daughters had joined the choir and told me if I didn't take over the choir, it would disband. I went in to see Pastor Glenn Atchison and he explained the situation. Now I'm back in the music business! We arranged things so Dorothy Parris would pull the music that we were going to sing that Sunday and I would be ready to conduct at choir practice on Thursdays. On Sunday mornings after church, I would go back to Pittsburgh to fly again.

After moving to Phoenix, I discovered a wonderful trumpet player in the choir named Jack Morris, Sr. I talked him into getting back on his horn and that turned into forming a band called the "Retreads". We played at Rio Verde Golf Club, The Club of Fountain Hills, the Village Pub and other places around town.

Meet Our Musicians | Bill Covault *(Continued)*

Around that time a member of the band that I played with in Greenville, Ohio, Roger Shepard had moved to Phoenix and he joined our band as our trombone player. Barb Wyman, a former choir director at FHPC, played bass and later, Retired General Bud Farrington of Fountain Hills played drums. We talked Mert Daniels, a tenor sax player into joining our band. He had been associated with a lot of great musicians. Everyone laughed at the name “Retreads” but we decided to keep it.

In the summers when the choir was not in session and Dorothy needed a day off, I would play piano in church along with Carol Bates on the organ. When Mert decided to retire, we changed the band name to the Sassy Brass because all the instruments were brass instruments. I guess my one claim to fame was that I was on the same bill as Jeff Dayton at the church when his daughter was baptized and I played the piano on that occasion. Jeff recommended me to a guy in L.A. who was one of Glenn Campbell’s arrangers by the name of Jim Wisehite. I purchased some arrangements from him for the band and for the choir.

One Sunday morning after the band had played, I was approached by Paul Lennon, a professional entertainer.

He would later become my business partner. We formed a business called National Performing Artists. The business grew quite rapidly producing shows for the church and other venues in Arizona, California and Texas. I became acquainted with entertainers including The Four Lads, The Diamonds, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, and The Oakridge Boys. Jimmy Fortune, guitar player and high tenor for The Statler Brothers also performed at the church several times. I became good friends with pianist Mac Frampton and Dwane Allen of The Oakridge Boys. The last year we were in business our biggest name was The Texas Tenors who are extremely well known today.



Bill in the Sound Booth

As you can see, from the time I was in grade school, music was a constant part of my life but not always the most important. Around 1994, I retired from flying and as I got off my last trip into Phoenix, quite a few good friends from the church were there to greet me. Between music and flying, I’ve had a wonderful life!

Music Ministry | Deb Fisher



What a wonderful Lenten Season leading us toward Easter. Thank you, musicians, for all of your beautiful work in assuring that the focus of Christ was, and still is, at the forefront of our worship and music ministry. Thank you for your commitment to bring good music into our Sanctuary, and, into our hearts. For those of you leaving for the summer, please know that you have been a part of Gods’ beautiful work with every piece. Thank you. “Thy way, O God, is in the Sanctuary: who is so great a God like our God?” Psalm 77:13

Debbie Fisher
Director of Musician Ministries

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Biblical Garden & Columbarium



Visit 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.

Effective March 1, 2024, the trustees unanimously agreed to increase the subscription fee for a Columbarium niche and nameplate to \$1,250.00 due to rising cost.

Covenant Partnership

Are You a Partner in FHPC?

Many of us are familiar with the concept of "Covenant Partners" at FHPC—individuals who have chosen FHPC as their "home church" and have formalized their commitment, granting them full membership rights, including the ability to speak and vote in formal church meetings.

Affiliate Partners: We welcome "Affiliate Partners" in our congregation. This acknowledges a special relationship between you and your FHPC family, supplementing your primary membership at another "home church," perhaps in another state. By becoming an Affiliate Partner, you affirm your active involvement in the life of FHPC. This status allows you to participate in church meetings, speak on relevant issues, with the only limitation being the right to vote. If you're interested in becoming a Covenant Partner with full membership rights or an Affiliate Partner, please reach out to Pastor Bob Simmons or contact the church office at 480-837-1763 to attend an upcoming informational meeting.



Name Badges

Being a Welcoming Church

Wearing a name tag connects your name with your face and makes you seem more approachable and friendlier.

Please make a point to sport your name badge on days of worship. If you have misplaced it, please request a new one by emailing Johannah at office@fhpresby.org.

Birthdays | April

- 1-April Gary Oakeson
- 1-April Art Spalding
- 3-April Jane Allen
- 4-April Helen Roesch
- 5-April Kristie Robinson
- 6-April John Scaggs
- 8-April Jo Strehlow
- 10-April Peg Inglis
- 20-April Irene Cain
- 23-April Althea Halchuck
- 25-April Bob Titus
- 25-April Linda Katz
- 26-April Douglas Busche
- 30-April Susan Harding

In Memoriam



WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Andrew Hasley Jr.

AUGUST 17, 1939 - MARCH 7, 2024



The Power of Prayer

If you are ill or recovering, hospitalized or anticipating a procedure, or going through some difficult times, please let us know so that our church family can raise you in prayer.



We publish our *Prayer List* in The Weekly and include healing prayers during worship. If you prefer not to publicize it, we will respect your privacy.

We have an excellent support system in place due to the diligent efforts of our Pastor and our Deacons. Help us support you through difficult times by calling the office or filling out a prayer request online.

Chancel Flowers

Honor or memorialize someone dear or celebrate a special occasion or event by making a \$35 donation for flowers to adorn the communion table during Sunday worship. Your dedication will be published in *The Weekly* and announced during Sunday's *Welcome*.

There is a sign-up book in the Narthex or call the office with your request. You may take the flowers following service.



Special Note

My thanks and appreciation to all those who have kept me in their thoughts and prayers the last three months as I journeyed through my shoulder surgery and rehabilitation.



I'm doing very well and look forward to getting back out on the golf course! - Paulette Roland

April 2024 | FHPC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Check *The Weekly* or the online calendar for changes to date, time or location. Contact Johannah at 480-837-1763 or office@fhpresby.org with any calendar updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 9:30AM Building and Grounds Meeting (FC) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S)	2 8:00am FH Ministerial Assoc Meeting (FR) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 1:00pm Women's Afternoon Circle (L)	3 10:00am Wednesday Bible Study (FR) 1:00pm Columbarium Meeting (L) 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study (FC)	4 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	5	6 8:00am Presby Pickins' Flea Market 2:30pm **Youth Theater (FC) SHOW 4:30pm **Youth Theater (FC) SHOW
7 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am After Easter Brunch (FC) 1:00pm **Youth Theater (FC)	8 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 10:30am Deacon's Meeting (FR) 3:30pm Mission Ministry Mtg (CR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S)	9 9:30am Columbarium Mtg (L) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Staff Meeting (CR)	10 9:30am FHPC Foundation Mtg (FR) 10:00am Wednesday Bible Study (FR) 3:00pm Finance Mtg (L) 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study (FC)	11 9:30am Women's Bible Study (FR) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	12 9:00am Hilltop Hospitality Meeting (FC)	13 8:00am Men's Fellowship (FC) 12:00pm Lunch & Lecture (Fireside) 1:00pm **Youth Theater (FC)
14 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (In Person/Online)/Mens' Sunday 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR) 1:00pm **Youth Theater (FC)	15 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:00pm Women's Evening Circle (FR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S)	16 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Session Meeting (AC)	17 10:00am Wednesday Bible Study (FR) 11:00am Communications Meeting (CR) 12:00pm Out 'n About (FR) 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study (FC)	18 10:00am Worship & Music Ministry Mtg (Fireside) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	19 9:00am Women's Fellowship Mtg (FR)	20
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