

In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Jeff Rand | Communications Ministry



Sharing information is always evolving, both for society and the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church. FHPC, established 50 years ago, continuously adapts to new methods to fulfill its mission.

The United States has existed for nearly 250 years and has experienced even more

change, with many "new" inventions having ancient roots. For instance, which president first used a document copying device?

Here are some key dates in the development of communications:

Paper	105	Ball point pen	1935
Printing press	1440	Photocopier	1938
First postal service	1505	Computer	1942
First megaphone	1665	Mobile phone	1947

Telegraph	1831	Internet	1969
First fax	1843	Videocassette	1969
Pony Express	1861	Email	1971
Typewriter	1867	Cell phone	1971
Telephone	1876	Web page	1991
Mimeograph	1876	Texting	1992
Fountain pen	1884	Bluetooth	1994
Radio	1890	Social media	1997
Microphone	1897	Streaming	2005
TV broadcast	1927	Smart speakers	2016

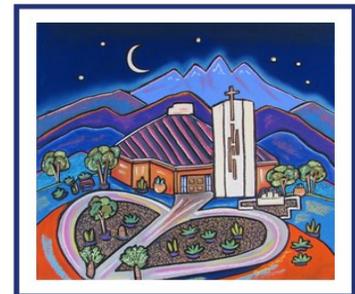
None of these were available in Jesus' time, but he did speak to a crowd of more than 5,000 during the Sermon on the Mount. Even then, courier services existed, and there was no better way to spread the news to a wider audience than by word of mouth.

In FHPC, we know that a personal contact remains a most effective way to serve our congregation. That is why attending worship service with an inspiring sermon, live music, and human fellowship is important.

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Focus on Finance | 2024

December Income	\$ 35,508	Budget	\$ 34,078
December Expenses	\$ 54,154	Budget	\$ 36,896
YTD Income	\$ 454,895	YTD Budget	\$ 408,760
YTD Expense	\$ 428,498	YTD Budget	\$ 392,361

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



Although the month of December may show a deficit, we are actually in an excellent financial position at year end. The December deficit includes a transfer of \$9,600 to a reserve account to provide additional funds if necessary for the Pastor hiring in 2025. In addition, we received a donation of \$10,000 to reduce the principal on the mortgage, which we paid in December. Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions towards the ministry and missions of our church. You can still send in your pledge for 2025 and consider using Required Minimum Distributions to offset taxable income. Check with your Financial Advisor or Tax Accountant.

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Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



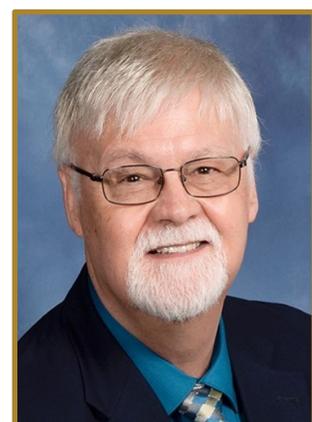
One of the highlights of the church year is the ordination and installation of new officers. At worship on January 19, Jack Morris and MaryAnn O'Connor were accepted as Elders in the class of 2027. Jack will be Personnel Elder, and MaryAnn has accepted the role of Elder of Worship & Music.

Also at that service, Ilene Berg, Suzanne Ottoson, and Susan Titus were ordained and installed as members of the class of 2027 on the Board of Deacons.

The following week, on January 26, the congregation received and welcomed new members Dewey Anderson & Sue Anderson (IL & WI), Clif Backes & Patti Backes (CT), Christine Colley (Germany & NJ), Walt Franklin & Nancy Franklin (OH & IN), Karl Haviland (MI & AZ), and Steve Hoffman (NY & CT) as Covenant Partners.

Welcome all, and thank you.
-Jack Reynolds, Clerk of Session

From the Pastor's Pen | Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons



As we move into a February I will continue with my series of sermons on the life of Jesus. Plan to join us each Sunday as we **“Meet Jesus: The Greatest Life Ever Lived.”**

-Pastor Bob

Sermon Series Schedule

FEBRUARY:

- 2 - “The Uniqueness of Jesus” - *John 8:48-59; 14:1-14*
- 9 - “Jesus the Great Teacher” - *Matthew 4:23-5:1-2; 7:28-29*
- 16 - “The Favorite Subject of Jesus” - *Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21*
- 23 - “MEN’S SUNDAY”

MARCH:

- 2 - “The Parables of Jesus” - *Matthew 13:10-17; 34-35*
- 9 - “The Miracles of Jesus” - *Matthew 16:1-4; John 20:20-31; Acts 2:22*
- 16 - “Jesus the Healer” - *Mark 1:40-45; 2:1-12*
- 23 - “The Prayer Life of Jesus” - *Mark 1:35-39; Luke*

5:16; Luke 6:12-16

APRIL:

- 6 - “The Arrest and Trial of Jesus” - *Luke 22:66-71; Luke 23:1-25*
- 13 - “The Passion of Jesus” - *Matthew 26-46; 27:27-44*
- 20 - “The Triumph of Jesus” - *John 20:1-18*
- 27 - “The Ascension of Jesus” - *Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11*

MAY:

- 5 - “The Promise of Christ’s Return” - *Matthew 25:1-13*

Dear Church Family,

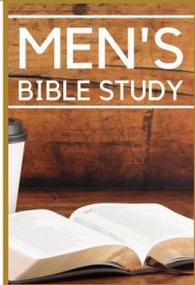
It has come to our attention that some members of our congregation have received fraudulent text messages and emails that appear to be from me, Pastor Bob, requesting money, help, or donations. Please know that I will never contact you in this manner. If you receive any such communication, these are **SPAM/SCAMS**, so please delete it immediately and consider blocking the sender for your safety.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the church office directly.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance.
Blessings, Pastor Bob

Men's Bible Study

Don Carillo



Men's Bible Study Group continues weekly every **Monday at 8:30am** in the Fireside Room. We hope to learn and gain a greater understanding of the New Testament and apply it to our daily lives.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Carillo at 480-694-3025 or carillofamily8@gmail.com We would like to see our small but steady group grow and all are welcome to attend! Thanks, Don

Women's Bible Study

Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs



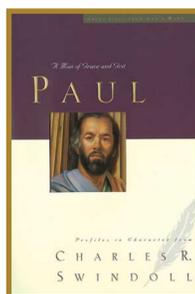
Are You Connected?

Are you currently involved in a Women's Bible Study? If not, we have exciting news for you. We offer several Women's Bible Studies (Morning, Afternoon, and Early Evening), but if you are still working or unavailable at the times offered, we have added a new session! **We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, February 4 & 18 at 6:00 p.m.** **The group meets at 17152 Kensington Place in Fountain Hills.**

For more information or any questions, please contact Jeanette Simmons (480-577-3162) or Janet Scaggs. Additionally, if you need a ride, no problem—we've got you covered! **Join us as we gather to learn, seek understanding, and find encouragement** in our Christian journey.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Monique Reynolds

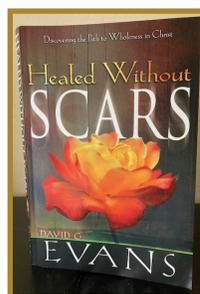


The Women's Bible Study will meet **Thursday, February 13, at 9:30 AM** in the **Fireside Room**. Please read Chapters 9 and 10 of our book, *Paul, a Man of Grace and Grit*.

For information call Monique 336-382-8733.

Women's Afternoon Circle

Jane Allen



Healed Without Scars (Chp11-12)
David G. Evans

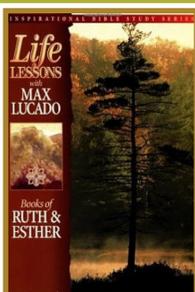
1st Tuesday | February 4
1:00pm | Library
Jane Allen, Leader
907-538-3223

Women's Evening Circle

Judy Hamouda

Lunch & Lecture

Maria Berry



Life Lessons with Max Lucado:
Books of Ruth & Esther

Next Meeting | 3rd Monday
February 17 | 4:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Judy 480-215-0827



"Parable of the Hidden Treasure"
to "Parable of the Pharisee & the Publican"

Next Meetings | Saturday
February 8 & 22 | 12:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Maria Berry 602-799-9982

Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty



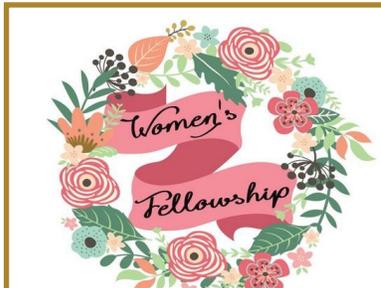
Gentlemen: Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast meeting will be on **Saturday, Feb. 8,** in the Fellowship Center, starting at 8:00 am. We will finalize our plans

for the **Sweetheart Brunch on Saturday, Feb. 15,** and for **Men's Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 23.** This will be an important meeting so please try to attend.

Thanks guys!

Bill Matty | 815-282-6024 | bbmatty67@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship M. Holtan & S. Titus



Women's Fellowship will be held on **Friday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Fireside Room.** For any questions, you may contact Susan at

SLTitus@gmail.com.

Women's Fellowship - Save the Dates

- Friday, February 14 - Decorate for Sweetheart Brunch
- Saturday, February 15 - Sweetheart Brunch - 11:00 AM
- February 21 - WF Board Meeting - 10:00 AM *(All women are welcome)*
- March 29 - Women's Luncheon and Tea

Come and enjoy the fellowship of women at FHPC!

Out n' About Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will be meeting at noon on **February 19th at Phil's Filling Station Grill** at 16852 E Parkview Ave in Fountain Hills.

Please contact Joyce Leo at 803-522-2889 or Bonnie Matty at 815-260-5031.

Hoping to see many of you.

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



Every Tuesday | 10 a.m. | Fireside Room

All ladies are invited to *drop-in* for fellowship, games, puzzles, and conversation.



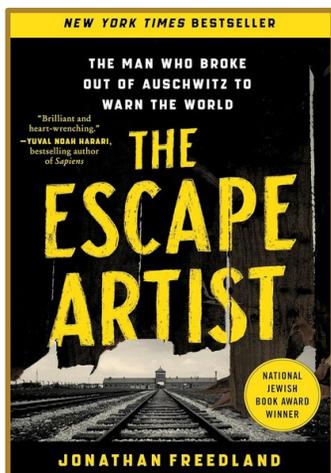
WANT A FINE, INSPIRATION GIFT? Choose from two beautiful FHPC books, produced by Women's Fellowship with contributions from the FHPC family. Each book comes with a festive gift bag, making it easy to mail with reasonable postage. Consider **INSPIRATIONAL READINGS** (2022, First Printing) for \$15, featuring 74 pages in color and diverse, uplifting readings, or **ONE IN THE SPIRIT** (2010, Second Printing) for \$10, with 58 pages and several meaningful readings.

You can pay and pick up your book at the FHPC office, or contact Jane Allen at 907-538-3223 for more details.



Library Footnotes | Donna Yordy

Mission Messages



February Book Review The Escape Artist by Jonathan Freedland

In 1944 Rudolf Vrba was one of the very first Jews to escape Auschwitz. Rudolf wanted to escape so he could warn the world of the death camp and to warn rest of the European Jews not to get on the train.

After his escape Rudolf wrote a report, which the allied leaders received, that contained direct information of the Nazis' war on the Jews. Unfortunately, the officials who were informed about Auschwitz, did nothing about what they knew. Rudolf learned the necessity of truth in this life and that facts are not enough because people must also believe them.

Rudolf had a remarkable memory. He could remember every transport of Jews who had arrived in Auschwitz that he had witnessed. He spent the rest of his life helping in the preparation of trials for dozens of SS men who had served at Auschwitz. He testified at many trials as a witness.

Rudolf lived a full life. He became a scientist and scholar, a husband, a father and a grandfather. By his escaping he saved 200,000 Jewish lives. Rudolf died in March 2006.

This book is based on testimonies from survivors of the Holocaust, documents and a memoir written by Rudolf himself. Many of his writings and letters can be found today at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in New York.

This book is a story that males and females will both enjoy reading. The part of the story involving the escape is fascinating. Rudolf never considered himself a hero but he could take his place alongside individuals such as Anne Frank.

I hope you enjoy reading this book.

-Donna Yordy

The Mission Committee would like to thank the FHPC family for your generous giving to mission projects to support people in need throughout 2024. With our 2024 Mission budget, we donated \$25,000 to various organizations in Fountain Hills, Phoenix area, the United States, and around the world. FHPC has also been generous in giving beyond the money budgeted to projects such as Blankets, Christmas Shoe Boxes, Reigning Grace Ranch, Extended Hands Food Bank, and others. God has blessed us and we thank you for "Showing God's Love By Giving and Doing".

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Susan Titus headed up the Christmas Shoe Box project again for 2024. It was a big success and \$3700 was donated to fill 180 boxes for needy children to open on Christmas.

Boys and Girls Club

Our last mission project for 2024 was a donation of \$600 to Boys and Girls Club in Fountain Hills for scholarships. Leslie Hermansen took the check to Boys and Girls Club and our generosity paid for 3 children to continue to get child care.

Susan Titus

A sad goodbye to Susan Titus, member of the Mission Committee for over 10 years to take on other leadership roles at FHPC. She worked tirelessly to promote mission projects and share God's love on our committee. We will miss her. We have three new members who have joined our committee this year - Leslie Hermansen, Christine Colley, and Kim Caputo. Welcome and thanks for supporting Missions.

Again, a big thank you to FHPC for your generosity to spread God's love to those in need in 2024.

With our new budget for Missions for 2025, the committee will continue to fund projects that meet the needs of those in our community, state, and country, and around the world. This month we supported:

Community House

The committee approved giving \$2000 to the Community House in Scottsdale for buying an icemaker for their meals and warm jackets, socks, and other cool weather clothing needed.

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Support Our Troops | Donna Sims

The real busy season is over and I am truly grateful to all who helped me make this the most successful season in many years. It was great to hear from a few of our Church connected military upon their receiving their package of a Christmas card, Christmas handwritten notes and a brand new, New Testament. I always love receiving comments.



With the beginning of the new year, I am about half ready with donated clothing and a variety of items to make a call for a pick up in the very near future. We are also working

on a furniture donation that is in the works and I hope all that will turn out to be successful.

And again, I kindly ask that everyone remember 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. 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, in the basket out front as you enter the Church and in the Church office. Thank you

again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops. I truly hope that this new year will be as successful as last year. Remember, it takes a lot of people to make our military ministry a wonderful success.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee



Tackle Hunger

Join us for the annual FHPC Souper Bowl and Tackle Hunger. Bring your cans of soup to Presby Pickins February 1st or to



church February 2nd and 9th and place them in the cart of the team you want to win the Super Bowl. This Mission effort will support our Extended Hands Food Bank and those in need. If you wish to give a cash or check donation to Extended Hands, please write Soup on the check or the envelope with the cash. *Ba a winner! Tackle Hunger!*

Women's Sunday

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in Women's Sunday. The FHPC women, adorned with their beautiful hats and fascinators, were truly a blessing to witness.

The choir, under the superb direction of Debbie and Dorothy, delivered an inspiring performance. Their music selection was both powerful and moving, perfectly capturing the strength, wisdom, and love of women in faith. It was wonderful to see so many women join the choir for this special occasion.

Our amazing speaker, Jeanette Simmons, shared a powerful and uplifting message through her story. Her gift for inspiring others shines brightly, and the love of Jesus radiates through her words. In honor of Jeanette, Women's Fellowship is donating \$500 to Maggie's Place in Phoenix. Maggie's Place provides a

nurturing and stable home to women experiencing homelessness during pregnancy and the baby's first year including food, infant supplies and medical care.



To everyone who gave their time and talents in preparation, greeting, speaking, and serving—thank you. It was a Sunday filled with God's love and presence.

Jeff Rand | Communications Ministry *(continued)*

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However, some folks are unable to attend worship, and streaming the services offers an alternative. Beyond that, the church uses all manner of modern communications to keep people informed and spread the Word.

Communicating the vision for the future is not one simply of resting comfortably on the pews but reaching out. One can focus that broad vision and see a future that may not be exactly as it is now. Certainly, that was the case when the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church was founded in the early days of the town. The town is much different now, having grown and attracted a population from a multitude of places and backgrounds.

To realize the vision of a dynamic growing church, it is helpful to understand what attracts folks to FHPC. It could be location (beautiful spot on the hill) or denomination (a reformed Christian faith). But more likely, it will be a welcoming congregation with effective communications that helps families grow in their faith. Establishing communications as a church ministry, FHPC continues to embrace the changing technologies which bring the messages of the local church and the saving grace of Christ to the congregation. It is equally important for the congregation to share that message with the community.

Incidentally, George Washington used a Copy Press, invented by James Watt in 1780, to duplicate important documents. These devices were in use in some legal offices until the 1950s.

Communications Ministry

At FHPC, the Communications Ministry reaches the congregation and our community by using a variety of tools to inspire, inform, and invite participation in the life, mission, and purposes of the Church. Effective communication is accomplished through the following avenues:

Internal Communications

Order of Worship

Audio/visual Support

Church eNews

In Touch Newsletter

External Communications

Press Releases

Advertising & Graphic Design

Website

Remote Services

Social Media

Tree of Life



Our church has been blessed by the addition of a beautiful piece of artwork created by local artist (and choir member) **Nancy Grahlmann** now on display in the narthex.

Nancy's insatiable interest of art forms recently led her to a combination class in Hot Glass and Welding. **The Tree of Life** began as a straight strip of steel formed into a circle and welded closed. Bending rebar to form the trunk of the tree and branches was as much a physical effort as an art form. The leaves were cut from a sheet of steel using a Plasma Cutter and hammered on the reverse side to develop shape and texture. Welding skills were used to mount the rebar and texture it to resemble the bark of a tree and to form smaller branches.

The artwork is displayed in the narthex on the north facing wall between the windows.

Thank you, Nancy, for sharing your creative talent of art, one of God's greatest gifts.

Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher

We are into a wonderful season of musical fellowship. So many fine voices are blending together on anthems of praise and worship, uniting our spirits as we gather to work out the rhythms and pitches, lyrics and vowels. When you hear the beauty in a chord of human voices, there is such a powerful resonance that occurs. Our voices have this adjustable space around our glottis by which we can adjust to bring our cords into harmonious chords. Sometimes, as



the Director, I may choose to hold the chord just a bit longer to enjoy the resonant blend, or cut it off quickly if the blend isn't solid. We, as singers, hear and feel the blend, and enjoy it so much that we do not mind a bit of modification to bring that beautiful chord into its fullness.

We have room for more voices in our choir that may find singing with this passion something they understand and could pursue. It's

funny how much normal breathing can be expanded and manipulated to hold out a given pitch just in case one of these good chords comes along. We breathe together in synchrony that supplies the support while pursuing these wonderful experiences that come about predictably if we all work it together. I know that is what I can look forward to each rehearsal, and each time we share our music within our worship experience. Please know that any person may join us and experience it, too.

I would like to compliment the "Celebration Women's Choir" for their beautiful singing. I absolutely loved the rehearsals and the worship experience combining their music with the wonderful message that Jeannette provided. Nice job, ladies! I look forward to next year!

"Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant."

— Psalm 135:3

Debbie Fisher
 Director of Music Ministries
 Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO

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& MUCH MORE!**

February 1st
8am-2pm

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Buzz Over!!

- Morning Wake-up by Yumi's Coffee.
- Eats by FH Food Cart & Lumpia Queen of AZ
- Shopping tunes by FX Entertainment DJ.
- Special performance by The Fountain Mistics!
- Drop-off canned goods for Souper Bowl

Extended Communion



Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church is offering **Extended Communion** at the homes of interested congregants following the regular Communion service on the first Sunday of each month.

If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion at home, simply call the church office at (480) 837-1763 and ask to be added to the Extended Communion list.

Please call no later than the Monday prior to the first Sunday of the month.

A Deacon will call you a couple of days prior to the service to confirm that you still want to receive Communion on that Sunday, and an Elder, Deacon, or both will visit you following the regular 9 a.m. service to serve Communion.

—The FHPC Board of Deacons

Sharing Our Gifts



1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

George Holtan shares his gift of a joyful spirit and positive attitude wherever he finds an opportunity. His gift of time and toil has enhanced our church campus grounds with the addition of healthy plants and attractive pots. He shares his wonderful tenor voice with the choir on Sunday mornings. In spite of a compromised shoulder, George has spent hours in the basement storage room cleaning and organizing – and now we can quickly identify and access stored items.

Thank you, George, for your positive attitude, kind words and hard work – your gifts bring glory to God!

Celebrate with Flowers: Honor, Memorialize, and Cherish



Honor your loved ones or celebrate special occasions by dedicating flowers in the Sanctuary. Each week, beautiful arrangements are created and available for a fee of \$35, which can be taken home after Sunday Worship.

When you dedicate flowers to honor or memorialize someone, or to celebrate a significant event, your dedication will be announced during the Welcome portion of the service and included in The Weekly. To order flowers, simply sign up in the book located in the narthex or call the church office.

The \$35 fee covers the cost of flowers, which are thoughtfully purchased and arranged by our dedicated volunteers—no commercial florist could provide such generous support. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service, allowing you to cherish these special moments.

February Birthdays

- 1-Feb Ward MacKenzie
- 3-Feb Rebecca Redeman
- 6-Feb Roy Nickel
- 10-Feb Linda Kester
- 12-Feb Melinda Stanton
- 17-Feb John Bacher
- 18-Feb Tim Halchuck
- 23-Feb Shawn Uphoff
- 25-Feb Jackie Miles
- 25-Feb Jay McFarland
- 26-Feb Barbara Oakeson
- 26-Feb Tyson Robinson
- 29-Feb Kitty Youngquist

Sweetheart Brunch

**Saturday,
February 15
@ 11 AM
Fellowship Center**

Tickets are available now in the church offices or in the Narthex on Sundays. Tickets are **\$15 per person**. Seating limited so pickup your tickets asap!

Please join us for a delicious and fun event. Celebrate your special sweetheart!

Blessings to all.

-Bill Matty



FHPC's Marvelous Musical Duo

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church (FHPC) is in good hands when it comes to providing music for its congregation.

Dorothy Parris and Debbie Fisher are both accomplished musicians who enjoy working in tandem to bring joy to FHPC every Sunday at 9 a.m.

"It's been almost 30 years that we've been working together," Fisher says, who is the choir and music director at FHPC while Parris serves as the church pianist and librarian.

"My story is that I started as a cocktail pianist on Noah's Ark," Parris joked, who started playing piano at the age of six and has kept it up ever since. Parris moved to Fountain Hills in January of 1979 when the drive to Fort McDowell consisted of, "two stop signs and a coyote," she added. Back then, she worked at the Fort McDowell Presbyterian Church with her husband.

Fisher has been a music educator for the better part of 40 years and began working at FHPC as the children's music director. From there, she began leading the bell choir and has served as director of music for the past 13 years.

"We cover about every style there is from traditional, contemporary, spiritual, gospel and the classics," says Fisher, who loves the acoustics that the FHPC sanctuary provides.

The two oversee the music ministry for Sunday Worship Service and everything in between including memorial services, weddings and special events like Easter and Christmas. They get help from members of the congregation, who volunteer to sing or play.

"We've have really great musicians within our congregation," says Parris. "They are a part of us and are free and giving of their talents."

In preparation for the weekly service, Parris takes time to meditate on what is happening within the church, the community and

the world, and pairs her music style with Fisher's choir. She and Fisher discuss repertoire and consult the church library for music selection.

"I'll have a certain arranger in my head that complements the choir and doesn't overwhelm them," Parris explains. With 43 years of playing piano for the church, she has a mental trick that helps her focus on her music.

"I like to think I'm playing for one person in this congregation because maybe there's one person that needs to hear something."

Fisher's and Parris' approach to music ministry is deliberate and particularly reverent, discernible in the way in which they communicate, either by word or through a simple glance. Like many accomplished musicians, Fisher and Parris can communicate across the room with a nod or a look, affirming a bond that has been reinforced through the power of music.

"We work together to try and complement each other... it's a unique thing," Parris added.

Over the years, Fisher has compiled an ensemble of musicians including an oboist, two clarinetists and a full brass section while Fisher switches between the keyboard, flute, cello and guitar.

"We have a lot of musicians that come and know they can be accompanied very well," Fisher said.

Not only do Fisher and Parris share a love for music, but they



Columbarium



The Columbarium offers a serene final resting place for the mortal remains of our members and friends. In addition to the urn niches, you'll find a Wall of Remembrance, a tranquil waterfall, and memorial benches, creating a beautiful space for prayer and meditation. This area is managed by the Columbarium Trustees, a dedicated committee of our church corporation. A trust fund ensures the proper maintenance and perpetual care of this peaceful sanctuary.

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



FHPC's Marvelous Musical Duo *(continued)*

also share a birthday on July 29, which they plan to celebrate together. Their friendship is tender and kind, each one complimenting the other's strengths.

"You're so capable," Fisher says to Parris thoughtfully. "You play so many styles and arrangers...you accept the challenges and do it with your tiny little fingers full of rings."

Now and again, the two will come together to discuss the week ahead and without knowing it, Fisher will pull out the same piece of music as Parris and laugh at the coincidence.

"We don't know what we're doing sometimes," admits

Fisher. "We have to complement the minister, the congregation and not give them the same stuff week after week. We have to be very flexible."

Fisher and Parris invite the community to come and listen to their music every Sunday at 9 a.m. They welcome anyone to stay for the service and make a new friend.

"You're not going to find anyone who thinks themselves better," Fisher said. "There is no judgment and it's not intimidating. We are Presbyterian for a reason."

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Lisa McFarland's Church Planting in Mesa

The committee approved a donation of \$2000 for sound equipment for Mesa Community Presbyterian Church.

LA Fires

Presby Pickins has offered to donate \$1,000

Mission Committee Sponsored Activities in February:

Presby Pickins is donating \$1000 to the LA Fires. The Mission Committee approved matching the \$1000 to be sent through Samaritan's Purse for the victims of the LA Fires. Brendan is looking into other possible organizations to support such as presbyterian churches that have been destroyed and Convoy of Hope.

Souper Bowl

Souper Bowl Drive will be February 2nd to the 9th. Please bring canned soups for Extended Hands Food Bank to the narthex and place in the cart of the Super Bowl Team you want to win. FHPC usually picks the winning team as well as donating many cans of soup for the needy in Fountain Hills.

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday will kick off February 9th. Jill Gregory, once again, will lead the drive. Jill has been busy baking as she and members of the Mission committee will host the Fellowship Breakfast after church, February 9th. Donations will be given to Church World Services Blanket Drive.

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