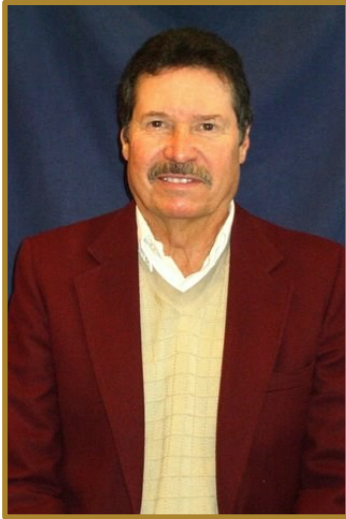




In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Jim Stewart | Elder of Buildings & Grounds



RESTARTING

At one point or another, we have all fallen short of a goal or missed an opportunity. In those moments, when it seems life has too many disappointments, it is easy to give up.

But I encourage you to keep trying. Many great opportunities still lie

ahead. We must face the challenges to restart, learn from past mistakes and look forward with the hope and mindset of better things to come.

There can be excitement about a restart. The challenges, experiences, unexpected opportunities and encounters that come with new perspectives and ideas.

As exciting as it can be, a restart takes willingness and courage. Each path is its own new beginning and a way to demonstrate what we are made

of. The journey can unlock inspiration and offer hope that life is full of opportunities and satisfaction.

Restarts can also be daunting. It may be helpful to write down the ideas and goals you'd like to accomplish. You can lean on those ideas for encouragement or to explore possibilities to do something different.

It also helps to know that you are affiliated with a church, this church, that will support you and aid you in your time of need. I encourage you to seek ways to be present, physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually alongside other people in our congregation. Everyone's experiences are different, and wisdom can be found by sharing your stories and learning from others.

Many things in life will not remain the same and you may miss the mark. That is alright. Nothing will ever be perfect! Don't give up. It's just a new opportunity to restart. "We can do all things through Jesus Christ!"

- Jim Stewart, Elder of B&G

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January Income	\$ 26,545	Budget	\$ 38,417
January Expenses	\$ 34,753	Budget	\$ 39,405
YTD Income	\$ 26,545	YTD Budget	\$ 38,417
YTD Expense	\$ 34,753	YTD Budget	\$ 39,405

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer

The month of January is always difficult to predict.

Although we are showing a deficit for the month, this is not unusual at the end of a holiday season.

The church's finances are in good shape because we have generous donors. We appreciate your keeping up with your pledges and contributions to the missions and ministry of our church.

Don't forget, there are tax advantages to using Qualified Charitable Distributions for donations. If you are thinking of this option, your financial advisor can help.

FHPC eGiving is Safe and Easy

FHPC offers church members and supporters a convenient way to express their generosity online through our eGiving portal. To get started, 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 use the Vanco Mobile app to give directly from your phone. For instructions, please refer to the eGiving Help section.

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**Love God – Love People – Make Disciples**

Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



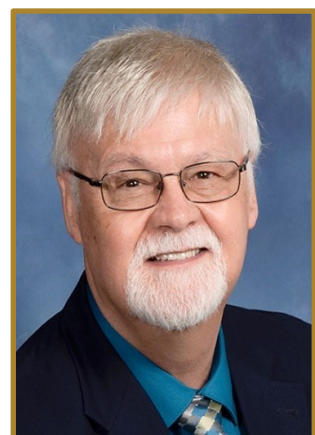
As we journey through Lent, it's a time to reflect on our faith and the many blessings we share as a congregation. This season offers us the opportunity to deepen our connections with one another and with God, as we walk together through the challenges and triumphs of life.

I'm grateful for the leadership of our elders and deacons, whose faithful service helps guide us in our mission. I also want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to our church community—your involvement and support make all the difference.

As we move through this season of reflection and renewal, let us remember to embrace the opportunities to serve and grow together in faith.

Thank you for all you do to make Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church a place of love, fellowship, and hope.
God bless,
Jack Reynolds—Clerk of Session

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



As we move into March, 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

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*

Attention: It has come to our attention that some members have received fraudulent texts and emails appearing to be from Pastor Bob, requesting money, help, or donations. Please know that I will never contact you in this manner. If you receive such communication, it is a scam—please delete it immediately and consider blocking the sender for your safety. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to the church office directly. *Thank you.*

After Worship Bible Class

Join us every Sunday after services as we continue our study on **"Who is the Holy Spirit?"** Enjoy a 25-minute video presentation by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, followed by discussion. Grab some coffee and head to the Fireside Room at 10:20 AM—we'd love for you to be part of this time of learning and fellowship!

Lenten Vespers Services

Mark your calendars for these special Lenten services:

• **Ash Wednesday Communion with Ashes – March 5, 5:30-7:00 PM.** Join us for scripture readings, prayers, and the opportunity to receive Communion and Ashes.

• **Midweek Lenten Vespers – Wednesdays during Lent, 6:00-7:00 PM.** This year's theme is The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross.

We hope you'll join us for these meaningful services!

Men's Bible Study

Don Carillo

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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

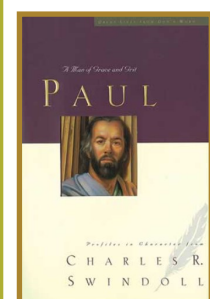
Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs



Dig Into The Word! It is so important to get involved in a ladies bible study; to study God's Word, to connect with other women, and to enjoy fellowship and sharing. We offer several Women's Bible Studies—Morning, Afternoon, and Evening. The evening Women's Bible study will begin a brand new study of the Women of the Old Testament. Each study is a stand-alone study so if you miss one you will not be lost. **We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, March 4 & 18 at 6:00 p.m.** The group meets at 17152 Kensington Place in Fountain Hills.

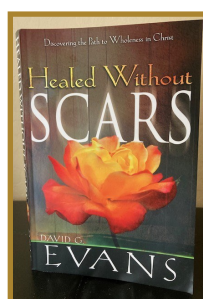
For more information or any questions, please contact Jeanette Simmons (480-577-3162) or Janet Scaggs.

Women's Morning Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study will meet **Thursday, March 13, at 9:30 AM** in the **Fireside Room**. Please read Chapters 11 and 12 of our book, *Paul, a Man of Grace and Grit*. For information call Monique 336-382-8733.

Women's Afternoon Circle



Healed Without Scars (Chp 13-End),
David G. Evans
1st Tuesday | March 4
1:00pm | Library
Jane Allen, Leader
907-538-3223

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.

Lunch & Lecture

Maria Berry



"Jesus & the End Times
by RC Sproul"

Next Meetings | Saturday
March 15 & 22 | 12:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Maria Berry 602-799-9982

Fellowship Ministry & More

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty

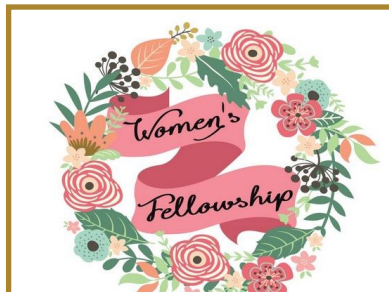


Gentlemen: Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast meeting will be on **Saturday, March 8, in the Fellowship Center**, starting

at 8:00 am. We will have a financial update from the Sweetheart Brunch and discuss any possible financial donations from our account, so please bring your ideas. Thanks and blessings to all.

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

Women's Fellowship M. Holtan & S. Titus



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

Susan at SLTitus@gmail.com.

March 29—Spring Event

Our Women's Fellowship Spring event is titled: Women's Merriment Tea - an event to celebrate special women in our lives. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **March 29th at 11:00 AM** so Save the Date! Tickets will be on sale Sunday, March 9th and 16th in the Narthex for \$15. The price of the ticket will include a donation to a mission project to be determined. Buy a ticket for yourself and buy a ticket to bring a friend. Plenty of food, tea, conversation, and special moments celebrating special women in our lives.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of women at FHPC!

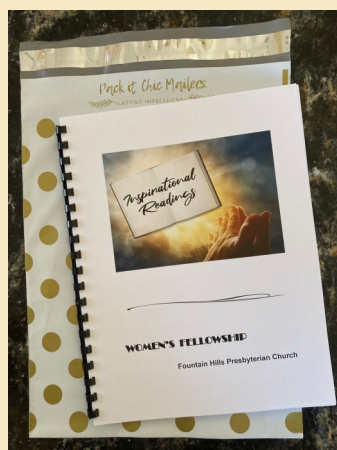
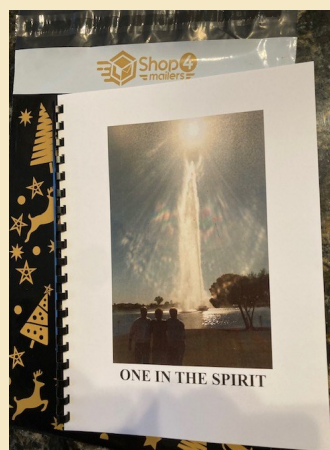
WANT A FINE, INSPIRATIONAL GIFT?

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.

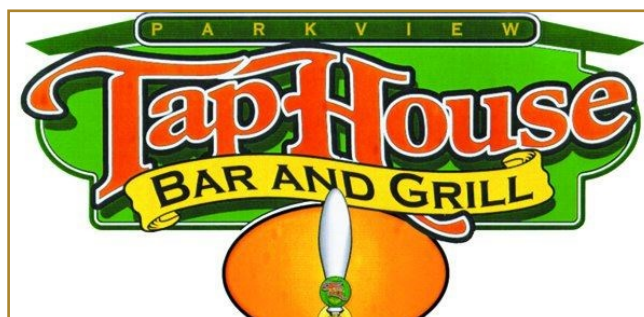
INSPIRATIONAL READINGS (2022, First Printing) for \$15, featuring 74 pages in color and diverse, uplifting readings,

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.



Out n' About Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will be meeting at **noon** on **March 19th at Parkview Tap House** at 16828 E. Parkview Ave here in Fountain Hills. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Please contact Joyce Leo at 803-522-2889 or Bonnie Matty at 815-260-5031.

Library Footnotes | Monique Reynolds

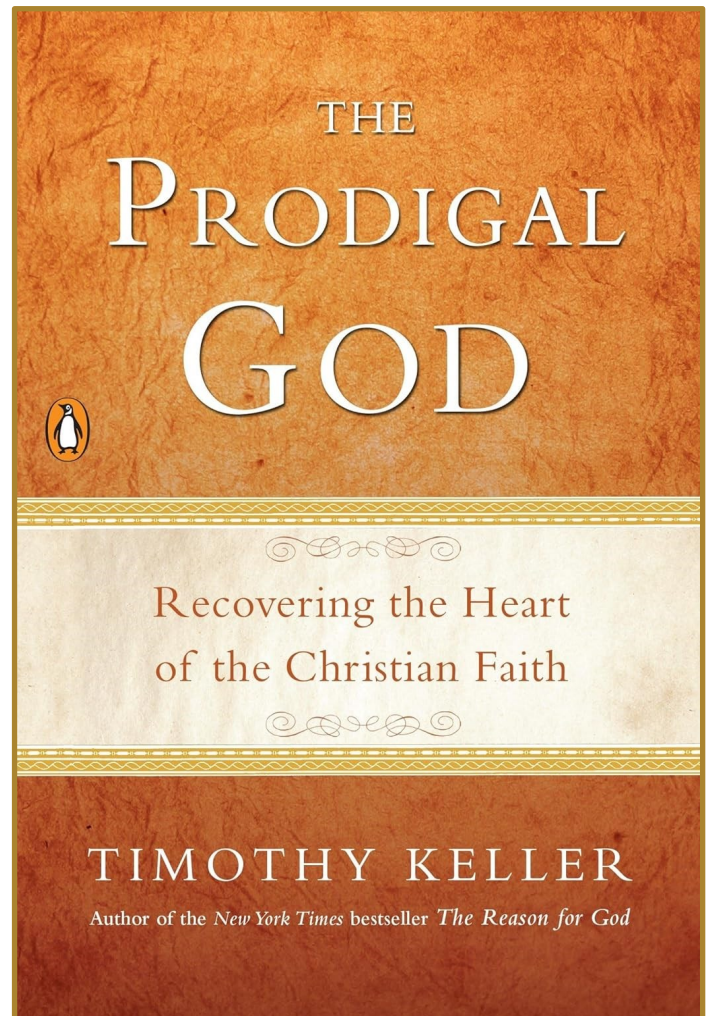

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

Surely the title of this book is wrong. Should it not be the Prodigal Son? Or perhaps The Two Lost Sons as it is as much about the elder brother as the younger? And why prodigal? The word does not mean wayward but rather “to spend until you have

nothing left” which both father and younger son do. The father’s effusive welcome of his errant son shows us God’s reckless grace is “our greatest hope and the subject of this book”.

There were two groups of people listening to Jesus the day he presented this parable: tax collectors and sinners, and Pharisees and lawyers. The first had left traditional morality, and the second studied and obeyed the scriptures. Jesus was speaking directly to them as they were spiritually lost—the religious and the irreligious. They represent the two sons who in this parable are alienated from the father: the younger son disrespects him by wanting out of the family and the elder son is furious because his brother has taken much of his inheritance. He has stayed in place, doing the “right” things and resents not getting his due. The younger brother’s undisciplined and self-indulgent life collapses while his brother’s calculated control of his environment falls apart. Both are on self salvation projects. What do they need to escape this loss? The father expresses love to both, cares for both.

Jesus challenges both groups and their ideas of sin and salvation. He is the radical alternative. He pleads in love with His enemies, for the prerequisite for receiving the grace of God is to know you need it. The choice is theirs to make. He retells the story of the human race in this parable. We see the sweeping theme of biblical exile and homecoming. We suffer spiritual homesickness because we long to be reunited with something in the universe from which we feel cut off. We were meant to live in His presence not in brokenness and conflict. He came to



bring the feast of homecoming. How?

Jesus Christ is the true elder brother who seeks out the younger and pays the infinite cost of His life to bring us all into God’s family. Forgiveness always involves a price. Our true elder brother paid our debt on the cross in our place. He experienced the exile we deserved, took on the full curse of human rebellion. Selfless love, reckless grace. It destroys the mistrust in our hearts toward God that makes us either younger brothers or elder brothers. Home again.

This might be a short book but it is rich in depth, context, and instruction. Highly recommended.

Review by Monique Reynolds

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims

Thanks to many of you, I was able to schedule a pickup from Community Bridges (CBI) to come out to Fountain Hills to make a stop to pick up a piece of furniture and quite a bit of clothing before heading to my garage to load all of the donations that had come in since the 10th of December. They were thrilled with so many warm weather items plus a lot of men's wear. So of course, I was happy to take a picture of their happy faces.

As most of you can guess, I will be working on getting everything ready and done for the Easter Card notes, so be ready to grab your envelope so our Church-connected military can feel the Easter season no matter where they are located.

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 really lacking in gathering 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 and don't forget that Easter will soon be upon us and we need to remember "our Church-



connected military". Remember, it takes more than one person to make our military ministry a fabulous success.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee

Women's Fellowship | Mary Holtan

The Sweetheart Brunch was a tremendous success! This year, the Women's Fellowship partnered with the Men's Fellowship to host this wonderful event. The women took charge of the decorating, while the men planned and prepared the meal. Brendan Wagner did a fantastic job as our MC, and everyone enjoyed playing Name That Tune. A special thank you to Susan Titius for leading the planning and decorations for the women and to Bill Matty for his outstanding leadership with the men. It was a memorable event, and a great time was had by all.



Presby Pickins' Flea Market | Kathy Cole



A Ministry of Generosity and Community Impact

Presby Pickins' Flea Market is more than just a marketplace—it is a benevolent outreach ministry of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church (FHPC). Every purchase made helps fund vital church initiatives and supports meaningful programs within the Fountain Hills community and beyond.

Supporting FHPC Ministries

Proceeds from the flea market help sustain and enhance FHPC's ministries by funding projects and initiatives that fall outside the church's regular budget. These contributions allow us to expand our mission, serve our congregation more effectively, and continue our work of faith in action.

Investing in the Fountain Hills Community

Beyond supporting FHPC, a portion of the market's proceeds is dedicated to local programs and causes that strengthen and uplift our community. At times, this support extends beyond our immediate area, reflecting our commitment to broader humanitarian efforts and community well-being.

Engaging with Local Organizations and Church Ministries

Presby Pickins' is not just about giving financially—it's about creating connections. We invite both local organizations and FHPC ministries to participate in our market by providing them with a dedicated space, including a table and chairs, where they can share information about their programs. This opportunity allows community organizations to promote their initiatives while also enabling FHPC ministries to share their purpose and engage with visitors.

Through this engagement, we actively promote our church's mission:

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples."

Additionally, we help amplify awareness of these organizations and ministries through promotional efforts leading up to each market, ensuring a greater impact within our community.

Get Involved

If you are interested in participating or being considered as a ministry or non-profit, contact the **Bee-Team** at ppfleamarket@gmail.com or call **480-779-8115**.

Through **Presby Pickins' Flea Market** we turn generosity into action, fostering a spirit of service, support, and community engagement.



PresBee Picker wagging with our volunteers Mary Holton and Jay Moyer at the Feb. 1st market.



PresBee Picker hanging in the hive!

**Next Market: April 5th.
Bee there!**



Jim Lindau jamming with Mystic Five

Mission Ministry | Mary Holtan



Showing God's Love By Giving and Doing

Mission Committee
Sponsored Activities in
February:

Souper Bowl - FHPC Tackled Hunger

Thank you to everyone who supported the Souper Bowl to Tackle Hunger. We donated 316 cans of SOUP plus \$143 in monetary

donations to help Extended Hands Food bank feed people in need. Presby Pickins also supported the Souper Bowl with another \$166 donation of canned goods. What a Blessing! As far as the Super Bowl, sorry to say we did not pick the team that won. 172 cans of Soup were counted in the Chief's cart and 144 cans of soup in the Eagles Cart. A fun contest with great results for Extended Hands.

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday kicked off February 9th with an inspiring Minute for Mission talk by Jill Gregory. A huge thank you to Jill Gregory for her wonderful breakfast goodies that she baked and brought for the fellowship Hour to support donations for the Blanket Mission. As of February 23rd, FHPC has donated over \$3100 to the Church World Service

Blanket Mission. That is 310 blankets donated to those in need. We will collect donations through the end of February. \$10 to Church World Service for a blanket is a gift of love and warmth to those who have nothing.



Food For Kidz Update: Christine Colley

Christine Colley sent an update about Food for Kidz on February 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Community Center. FHPC volunteers to help pack food include: Brendan Wagner, Christine Colley, Terri Schmidt, Leslie Hermanson, Susan Owens, and Keith and Kay Spicer. Thank you volunteers!

Devereux Easter Baskets 2025 | Jane Allen

It's a "go"! FHPC Women's Fellowship is excited to celebrate its 15th year of filling 50+ Easter baskets with candy, fun items, and special surprises for the residents at Devereux. These children, ages 8-17, are medically and/or behaviorally challenged, and they love our Easter Baskets!

How You Can Help:

- **Sign-ups:** Sundays, March 23, 30, & April 6
- **Basket/Cash Donations:** Due by Palm Sunday, April 13
- **Easter Sunday:** April 20

Would you like to fill a basket or donate \$25 to sponsor one?

We need your support! Thank you, FHPC, for your continued belief in these kids and our Easter Basket tradition!



Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



Music Ministry

As we enter the Lenten season, we begin to embrace Lenten music, which blends sorrow and love—the love that led Jesus to the cross for our sake. This music reflects the strength found in reflection, reminding us of the stark reality of Jesus walking toward the cross and His

victory over death through the resurrection.

During this season, we will have additional Wednesday Evening Services, focusing on the Gift and Sacrifice of pure love. These services invite introspection, helping us reflect on our own lives as the undeserving, yet blessed, recipients of His grace.

The Wednesday services enhance our Lenten journey, weaving together scripture, sermons, liturgy, and music to deepen our understanding of Jesus—His teachings, His purpose, His relationship with the Father, and His followers—while we sing our way toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

I am grateful for this uninterrupted journey. As we gather to listen and sing, let our hearts reflect on this humbling experience with introspection, reflection, harmony, love, and gratitude.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you will have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

— John 16:33

Debbie Fisher

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& MUCH MORE!**

*April 5th
8am-2pm*

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FLEA MARKET**

- Eats by FH Food Cart & Lumpia Queen of AZ.
- Shopping tunes by FX Entertainment DJ.
- Special performance by the Fountain Mistics!

Buzz Over!!

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



At FHPC, we are continually inspired by the ways our congregation shares their God-given gifts—our talents, time, and treasure—to advance God’s work and spread His love. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” Every act of generosity, no matter the size, enriches our church community and demonstrates our shared commitment to making a meaningful difference.

We want to hear your stories about how you or others are sharing these gifts. Whether it’s through volunteering, supporting church initiatives, or making an impact in the community, your experiences can inspire and uplift others. Please email your stories to office@fhpresby.org to be featured in our upcoming In Touch newsletter.

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.



March Birthdays

7–March De Amend
 7–March Kathy Cole
 9–March Paula Meeuwenberg
 11–March Jay Moyer
 12–March Mike Pizzuto
 20–March Judy Hamouda
 22–March Len Modder
 24–March Helen Quigley
 26–March Phil Katz
 29–March Donna Lyons
 29–March Terri Schmidt
 31–March Dallas Amend
 31–March Matt Jefferson

2025 Necrology

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Evelyn Hronek

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation



Are You Looking for a Way to Do Good?

The FHPC Foundation solicits, invests and subsequently disburses planned gifts from members and friends to ensure the future needs of the church and its ministries.

FHPC Foundation NEEDS your pledges, bequests, cash or check donations, endorsed stocks and bonds, IRA transfers, Qualified Minimum Distributions, real estate proceeds, trust fund designation, and why not tithe your insurance policy or estate???

Whatever you can give will be gratefully accepted. We can help you with the pledge form – call today!

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Biblical Garden



Visit our Biblical Garden, located at the very heart of our campus. Before embarking on your tour, explore the fascinating variety of plants featured in the Garden.

Learn about their significance and historical context online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden or pick up a brochure in the office for more information.

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.





2025 ECO Gathering

By Jeff Rand, Elder

After a prayerful study in 2016, FHPC joined ECO: A covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. As a Presbyterian denomination, ECO adheres to a Reformed theology and Presbyterian Polity. Its mission is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

In January, ECO had its national gathering in Dallas, Texas. I had the privilege to attend representing our church, along with Pastor Bob and Jeanette

Simmons. Over 1,300 people attended from all over the US to enjoy Christian fellowship and exchange ideas to help their churches flourish in the 21st century. The theme for the gathering as expressed in John 15:4-5, English Standard Version, focused on *ABIDE*: “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

As expected, gatherings of 1,300 Presbyterians were not only informative but inspiring. I was most impressed by the worship service and the energy of the group. Besides the general sessions, there were display booths and an opportunity to engage with various vendors of related services.

As a delegate, you could select from about three dozen breakout sessions. I was particularly interested in the one on Pastoral Search and Transition, which included a great presentation and exchange with others in the search phase. The session on Cultivating Flourishing Congregations provided some good ideas on the various elements of success, as symbolized by a growing tree. I also participated in a session on communication, which continues to be important to FHPC. While I am not sure we are going to rent out our closets as office space, the breakout on building utilization emphasized using church facilities for outreach to the community.

Each presbytery had a meeting over a box lunch. When our Hope Presbytery found a space to meet, we shared our successes and welcomed some new members. During this meeting, Pastor Bob was elected as vice moderator for the next year. When I went to the ECO website and clicked on the Hope Presbytery, I saw a familiar picture.

Presbytery of Hope

AZ

Moderated By: Kirk Sexton

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LIVE MUSIC AND A MESSAGE OF HOPE

FOUNTAIN PARK

12925 N Saguaro Blvd
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

The Will Graham Look Up Celebration at The Fountain is a free, family-friendly event coming to Fountain Park in Fountain Hills, Arizona, in March 2025. It will feature music from award-winning Christian bands and a message of hope from evangelist Will Graham. It is open to everybody and all are welcome to attend.

Bring your own lawn chair. Live Spanish interpretation available.

MARCH 22

SAT. 6 p.m.



