



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Jack Morris | Elder of Personnel



It was exciting to host our first ever art show at the Presbyterian Church. We look forward to expanding it next February.

Thanks to Pastor Bob who wanted this art show to happen. Thanks as well to Jackie Miles, Debbie Fisher, Eric Williamson, Nancy

Grahlman and Brendan Wagner for helping me.

I have been a member of our church for about 30 years. During this time, I have been a Deacon for four terms, a new Elder as of this year, a member of the Celebration Singers, Serve on the Columbarium Trustee Committee, and on the committee take care of the fountain located in the Columbarium.

My friend, George, and I, started the first garden at

our church and it is growing beautifully. It is located on the north side of our church.

The church, and friends in the church, make me feel needed. I thank you for everything in life.

Jack Morris
Elder of Personnel



Artwork by Jack Morris in the FHPC Office

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Focus on Finance | 2025

April Income	\$ 35,755	Budget	\$ 38,417
April Expenses	\$ 34,851	Budget	\$ 39,405
YTD Income	\$ 156,658	YTD Budget	\$ 153,668
YTD Expense	\$ 153,668	YTD Budget	\$ 159,121

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer

Our finances continue to be in a positive position. We are ahead of budget in income and have managed to stay below budget in expenses. We have been preparing for the hot summer months. Giving tends to slow down in the summer, but the operating expenses to keep the church's ministry and missions active still continue. We appreciate your keeping up with your pledges and contributions. Have a great summer.

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Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds

As we enter our “summer season” it’s important to remember that activities at FHPC continue. Session and Deacons don’t officially meet in June and July, but they can be called together if necessary. The next In-Touch will be in August but The Weekly will continue to be published.

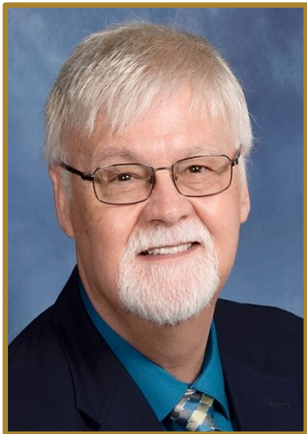
The spring gathering of Hope Presbytery will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 7. All covenant partners (members) are invited and, as the host church, we encourage your attendance. It starts at 9:00 with a short worship service followed by business and other matters. Coffee and refreshments available at 8:30.

The Pangaea Schoolhouse will be holding a story time and reading program for their students in our Education Room during the week of June 16th for two hours each morning. Twenty children will be attending. The regular school session will commence on Thursday, July 31 with a two day orientation before the fall semester starts the next week.

Jack Reynolds—Clerk of Session



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



“THE VALUES THAT SHAPE US”

I will begin a seven-part series of sermons for the spring dealing with those things that we cherish and value that also shape and form us into the person God is calling us to be. The series will begin on Mother’s Day and the topic we will investigate that day will be the family.

Plan to join us each Sunday as we learn how God uses these special gifts that God uses to bless us and make us the kind of person we were created to be.

SPRING SERMON SERIES

May 11	“The Family”	Ephesians 5:21-6:1-4
May 18	“Prayer”	Luke 11:1-13
May 25	“Scripture”	2 Timothy 3:10-17
June 1	“Friends”	Acts 15:36-40
June 15	“The Church”	John 4:1-26
June 22	“Worship”	Acts 2 42:47
June 29	“Work”	Genesis 2:15-18; 3:17-19

Men's Bible Study

Don Carillo

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

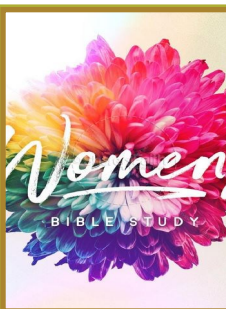


Men's Bible Study Group continues weekly every **Monday at 8:30am** in the Fireside Room. We hope to learn and gain a greater understanding of the New Testament and apply it to our daily lives.

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

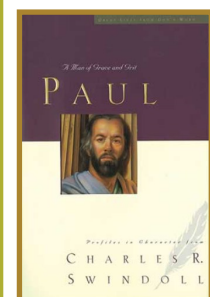
Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs



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, June 3 & 17 at 6:00 p.m. The group meets at 17152 Kensington Place in Fountain Hills. On hiatus in July.**

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

Women's Morning Bible Study



—POSTPONED—

Women's Morning Bible Study is on hold until October 2025.

For information please call Monique 336-382-8733.

Women's Fellowship

M. Holtan & S. Titus



—POSTPONED—

Women's Fellowship is on hold until September 2025. For any questions, you may contact Susan at SLTitus@gmail.com.

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



—POSTPONED—

Lunch & Lecture is on hold until September 2025.

For any questions, you may contact Maria Berry 602-799-9982

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty



Gentlemen: As you may know Men's Fellowship will not meet this summer, but our next meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 20 (yes it's the third

Saturday), so our winter visitors can make their plans. Also, we have scheduled our all church picnic for Saturday, Oct. 25 at Golden Eagle Park behind the high school, and we will plan for the picnic at our Sept. 13 meeting. Have a good and safe summer guys, and blessings to all.

Bill Matty | 815-282-6024
bmatty67@gmail.com

Out n' About Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will be having their June luncheon at **noon** on **Wednesday, June 18**. We will be gathering at the **Grill at Eagle Mountain Golf Course** at **14915 East Eagle Mountain Parkway** in Fountain Hills.

Joyce Leo | 803-522-2889 or
Bonnie Matty | 815-260-5031 to RSVP.

2025 Pie & The Sky on the 4th of July

For the third year in a row, Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church will celebrate **Independence Day in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 4, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.** with a variety of pies, coffee, iced tea or water, and a great view of the Fountain Park fireworks, on comfortable chairs in an air-conditioned room.



Attendees must make reservations at the church office no later than June 30th, either by phone, 480-837-1763, or by e-mail to jackiemles@aol.com. Before the fireworks begin, attendees will have the opportunity



to join in singing together a variety of patriotic songs.

All are welcome.

Library Footnotes | Barbara Oakeson

June 2025 In Touch Newsletter Library Footnotes

St. Francis of Assisi was an Italian friar who lived in Italy in the 13th century. He lived a life of ascetic poverty and was dedicated to Christian charity. His prayer for peace is well known for its inspiring message:

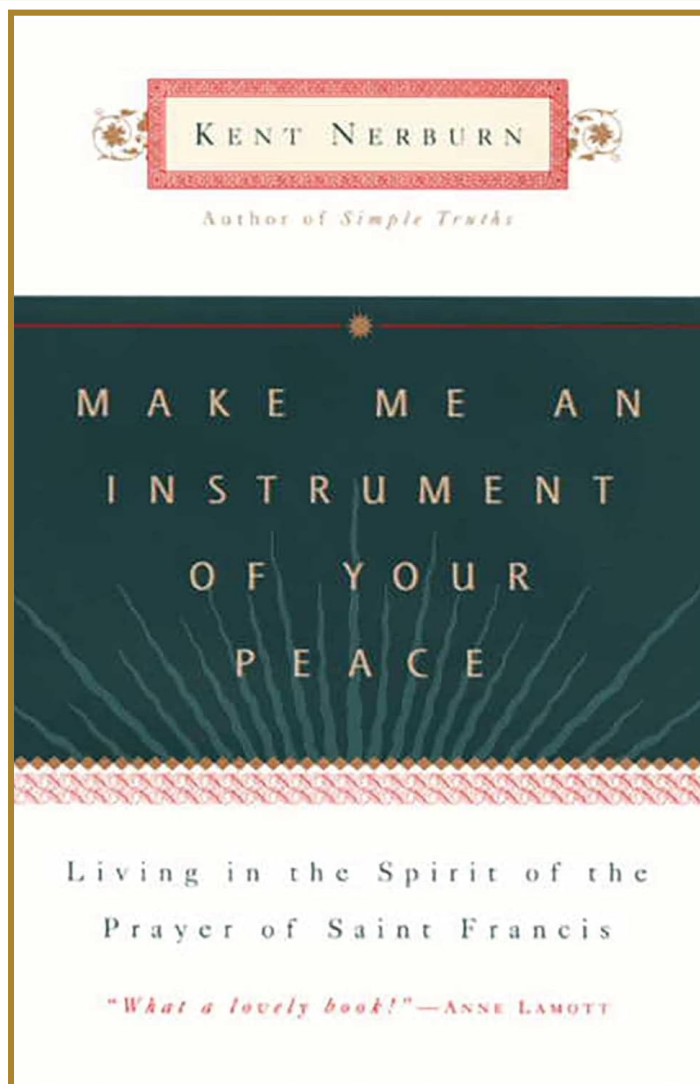
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is injury let me sow pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master
Grant that I may not seek so much to be
consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Author Kent Nerburn has written a lovely little book ***Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: Living in the Spirit of the Prayer of St. Francis***. Expanding upon each line of the prayer, he shares touching, inspiring stories from his own experience and that of others and reveals how each of us can make a difference for good in ordinary ways without being heroes or saints. Struggling to help a young son comfort his best friend when his mother dies; moved by the courage of war, enemies who reconcile; being wrenched out of self-absorbed depression by responding to someone else's tragedy; taking a spirited old lady on a farewell taxi ride through her town – these are the kinds of everyday moments in which Nerburn finds we can live out the spirit of Saint Francis. It is a true spiritual gem!

-Barbara Oakeson



Accepting Donations

Presby Pickins' FLEA MARKET

Household items, tools, children's toys
& games, electronics, etc.
No furniture or clothing, please.

Drop off at Church Office
Monday - Thursday (9am-2pm)
or by appointment (480-837-1763)

Next Market - November 1st
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church
13001 N Fountain Hills Blvd
www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



I was finally fortunate enough to schedule a pickup of our donations from Community Bridges (CBI) a couple of weeks ago. They were thrilled with all the boxes stuffed with clothing, bedding, shoes, hats, small kitchen items and belts. They couldn't wait to hit the road going to a number of

their facilities to distribute all of the donations. They always express their appreciation and thankfulness each and every time that they come here. With the warm and hot months upon us, I am asking for warm weather wear of t-shirts, cargo pants, socks, hats, and toiletries. I am always happy when I can make a call for a pick-up because I know how important it is to our veterans to receive these items.



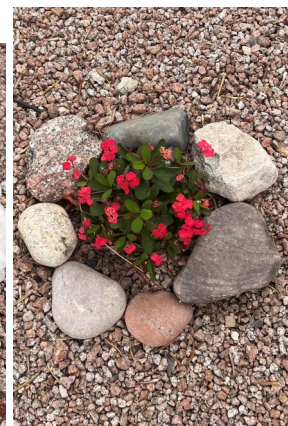
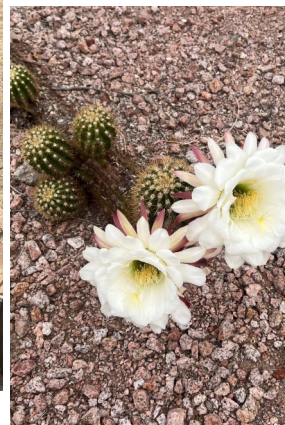
Please remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, it never stops. We are always happy to see Church members and friends from our community placing items in our collection box, located in the Narthex on the East side, in the basket out front as you enter the

Church and in the Church office. Thanks again to all of you who bring donations to help make our military ministry a great success.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee

Landscape of Grace | George Holtan

God's beauty surrounds us in the plants and landscape of our church. As Brad Chapman said so well: ***"The landscape is living art. It constantly evolves as we live in it and experience it."***



Mission Messages | Mary Holtan

“Showing God's Love By Giving and Doing”

Mission Committee Sponsored Activities in May:

The Code Red Summer Heat Relief Campaign by the Phoenix Rescue Mission is a program designed to help prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths among homeless individuals in Phoenix during the summer months. The mission provides life-saving resources like water, shelter, and hygiene kits to those experiencing homelessness. Phoenix summers can be extremely hot, and homeless individuals are at a higher risk of heat-related illnesses and death. By providing essential resources and connecting individuals with support, the Code Red campaign helps prevent tragedies and improve the lives of vulnerable people.

The **Code Red** water drive has started at FHPC and will continue until August. This is an extremely

important mission with the heat in Arizona. FHPC will once again serve as the town-wide

donation center for the Code Red Summer Heat Relief. The Mission Committee will collect 24-pack bottled water or you can contribute money to buy water. If you give a check, write “Code Red” on the memo. Drop your check or cash in the offering box or bring it to the church office. Give generously!



Veterans:

Donna Sims is collecting summer clothes for Veterans in May. Place your items in the Veteran Cart on Sundays or bring them to the church office.

A Heartfelt Thank You for a Joyful Devereux Easter Party!

We're thrilled to share the success of the **Devereux Easter Party**, and send a **BIG THANK YOU** to our FHPC family for your incredible generosity and enthusiasm!

Your support made this event truly special for the residents at Devereux, bringing joy, love, and a sense of community through your gifts and donations.

By the Numbers:

- **Total Easter Baskets Assembled & Delivered:** 52 (20 for boys, 29 for girls, plus 3 extras)
- **Total Donations Received:** \$1,540.69
- **Total Expenses:** \$734.07
- **Check Sent to Devereux for Resident Needs:** \$806.62

Thanks to your kindness, not only did every resident receive a fun, personalized Easter basket, but Devereux also received a generous donation to

continue supporting their young residents throughout the year.

Thank you again for being the hands and feet of Christ in action!

—FHPC Missions Team



Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



Summer music is here!

We will here the sounds that when joined together create the beautiful sound of the Celebration Singers. Separately, you hear touching, personal praise and prayer to God. God's Music has it's own key to

our soul, and melodies, lyrics and harmonies reveal that in tune experience. It's an experience that others can relate to. There's always a story behind these songs, one that we hear as though it could be our story, too. I look forward to the summer months, with a continued sermon series, Christian Ed. classes, individualized Music, fellowship and random gatherings. Oh, and, air conditioning!

Celebration Singers Rehearsal will resume September 18, 2025. Can you believe how time flies? Please enjoy every minute with your family, friends, your hobbies and interests that keep your mind And Spirit connected to the love, Spirit and

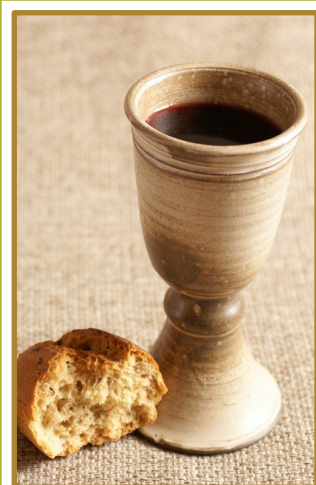
Grace of God our Father, Jesus, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit that Guides us in God's Will.

"Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord, the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His name."

Psalms 29:1-2

Blessings,
Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministry
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO

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.



June & July Birthdays

2-June Sally Atchinson	3-July Jean Ipema
2-June Richard Lau	9-July Colleen Taylor
6-June Lee Petersen	10-July Mary Lee Lehrich
6-June Elvira Ruiz	14-July Dawn Lau
6-June Sandy Smith	16-July Violet Wieder
9-June Jerry Cain	19-July Nancy Saine
10-June Nancy Grahlmann	20-July Linda Moyer
11-June Dewey Anderson	22-July Claudia Slone
14-June Janet Scaggs	27-July Jean Linzer
28-June Susan Titus	29-July Deborah Fisher
29-June Ruby Pearson	29-July Dorothy Parris
1-July George Holtan	30-July Susan Owens
1-July Kay Spicer	
2-July Susan Pizzuto	
3-July Bill Covault	

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.



Help Save Lives This Summer: Join the Code Red Heat Relief Drive

As summer heats up, our unhoused neighbors face extreme risk. This year, **Phoenix Rescue Mission** is aiming to distribute **1 million bottles of water** through their **Code Red: Heat Relief Drive**—and **you** can help.



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Thanks to community support, **heat-related deaths declined in 2024** for the first time on record. Let's keep that momentum going.

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church (FHPC) is once again the main drop-off point in Fountain Hills. Bring your bottled water donations Sunday mornings—leave them by your car or along the parking lot sidewalk and we'll take care of the rest.

Triple Your Impact in June!

A generous donor will **TRIPLE MATCH** all monetary donations up to **\$150,000** through June. Thanks to partnerships with suppliers like Costco, your dollars go even further—every **\$1 becomes 3x the water, hygiene kits, and heat relief.**

Donate here:

<https://donate.phoenixrescuemission.org/team/662555>

Or make checks payable to **FHPC**, with "Code Red" in the memo.

Let's set a record this year. **Spread the word. Give generously. Pray continually.**

Blessings,

Brendan Wagner

FHPC Elder of Missions

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