



# In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

## Maryann O'Connor | Elder, Worship & Music



I was chosen and ordained as an Elder in January of this year, and I continue to feel deeply honored and blessed to serve the members of FHPC as a member of Session and as the Elder responsible for Worship and Music. Over these months, I have come to understand just how significant this mission is to the spiritual life of our congregation, and I am committed to faithfully

meeting the challenges and responsibilities it brings.

The Worship and Music Committee oversees the care and arrangement of the Sanctuary and Narthex. This includes paraments, decorations, and creating an atmosphere that reflects both reverence and welcome. Recently, we have displayed artwork created by our own members in the Narthex, which has added a personal and meaningful touch to our space.

Our responsibilities also include scheduling greeters, preparing the elements for Communion, and arranging memorial flowers

to adorn the Table. Each of these tasks, though practical in nature, is ultimately about preparing the way for worship—so that every person who enters feels welcomed, and every detail points toward the glory of God.

We believe our Sanctuary should be a place of authentic worship experiences that inspire spiritual growth. Our aim is to cultivate an atmosphere of praise and adoration where hearts and minds can focus on God's presence.

During the first part of this year, our attention was on the Narthex, ensuring that it presents a beautiful and welcoming atmosphere. We decorated the Sanctuary for Easter and assisted with the special services of Lent. Looking ahead, we are excited about updating our Christmas décor to help celebrate the birth of our Lord. While decorations are part of our work, they are never about abundance or display for its own sake. Instead, we strive to use meaningful objects that point to the life and presence of Jesus.

As we continue forward, our committee will focus not only on what is seen—such as banners, flowers, or artwork—but also on what is lived out through our actions as a congregation. We hope to embody the words of our Lord in all that we do, so that our worship reflects not only beauty and reverence but also faith in action.

-Maryann O'Connor

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**Focus on Finance | 2025**

August Income	\$ 33,914	Budget	\$ 38,417
August Expenses	\$ 40,748	Budget	\$ 39,405
YTD Income	\$ 289,994	YTD Budget	\$ 307,336
YTD Expense	\$ 282,338	YTD Budget	\$ 316,742

**Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer**

August expenses exceeded August income by \$6,833 as a result of catching up with budgeted expenses, mainly due to expected expenditures from the Pastoral Nominating Committee, and donations made by the Missions Committee. Also, as mentioned in the past, giving tends to be lower during the summer months. Thank you for your continued commitment to the operations of the church, its projects and missions. We appreciate your keeping up with your pledges and contributions.

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



## From the Pastor's Pen | Pastor Jim Rizer



### “SO THAT YOU MAY”

As we begin October, we are greeted with the return of pumpkin spice everything and decorations to remind us that Autumn has come, even if our leaves don't change color locally. October is also the time that we consider Biblical stewardship. Although more than four letters, for a portion of the church our guard goes up and the volume goes down when we hear the word **“stewardship.”** Yet, I wonder if that is not because we have missed the heart of the matter.

One of the great texts on stewardship is 2 Corinthians 9:7-8: 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Verse 7 reminds us of the heart with which we are to give. Notice that we decide in our hearts, not our heads, and that the motivation isn't duty or extraction. It is intended to be done in joy and with cheer, giving back part of our time, talent, and treasure to the One who so richly has blessed us. Our heart matters.

Verse 8 gives us a glimpse of God's heart for us. In essence what it says is God is choosing to bless you more than amply so that you can not only participate but abound in every good work. The verse stresses the completeness of Godly provision: in all things, at all times, for every good work. If we read on to verse 11, we hear that God is giving to us so that we may experience a generosity that reflects His generosity. God's heart is that we might get to participate, abound, and be generous.

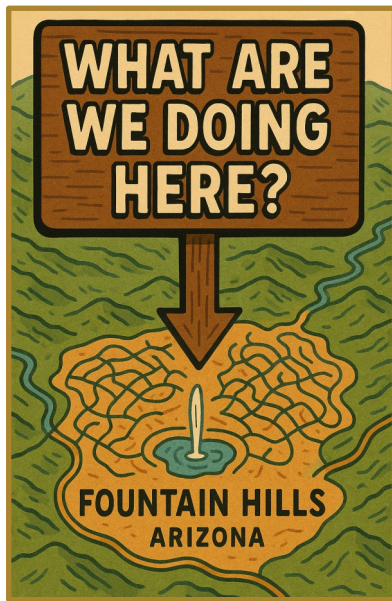
When I was young my grandfather invited us grandkids to join in a game of Tripoley. He got out the game mat and explained the game including the need to have a decent number of pennies to play. Knowing we had none, he produced cups of coins so we could participate and enjoy the game together. I wonder if this is not like our Heavenly Father's heart, generously giving so that His children can joyfully and willingly participate in every good work and be generous in every way.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Rizer





## What Are We Doing Here?



The October sermon series will explore this question in several ways. We will begin by considering what we are doing in worship, then turn to what God wants for us individually and collectively.

**10/5 What Are We Doing Here?** | Made Different to Make a Difference | Matthew 5:13-16

**10/12 What Are We Doing Here?** | Blest to be a Blessing  
Genesis 12:1-3

**10/19 Stewardship #1** | Forensic Christianity  
Matthew 6:19-21

**10/26 Stewardship #2** | What Costs Us Nothing  
2 Samuel 24:24

## Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount *continues*



*“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.” – Matthew 5:1-2*

As we continue our walk through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), we are reminded of the depth and beauty of Jesus’ teaching. These chapters reveal the heart of the kingdom—one that turns the values of the world upside down. Jesus calls us to go beyond external behavior and examine the condition of our hearts. He teaches us how to live, how to pray, and how to trust in the Father.

Biblical scholar Dale Bruner puts it this way: “To read the Sermon on the Mount is to discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus; to read it with faith is to receive the power to be a disciple.”

We invite you to join us on Wednesdays—morning or evening—as we continue exploring this rich passage together. Bring your Bible, an open heart, and a desire to grow in Christ.

### October Bible Study Schedule

October 1 – Matthew 5:27–30

October 8 – Matthew 5:31–32

October 15 – Matthew 5:33–37

October 22 – Matthew 5:38–42

October 29 – Matthew 5:43–48



## Men's Bible Study

### Don Carillo

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**Men's Bible Study Group Resumes Monday, October 13!** Join us as we restart our Men's Bible Study Group, October 13 at **9:00 AM in the Fireside Room**. After that, we'll continue meetings every other Monday at 9AM. Together, we'll explore the New Testament and seek to apply its teachings to our daily lives.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Carillo at 480-694-3025 or [carillofamily8@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Janet Scaggs



**Dig into the word!** We're called to gather, connect, and be involved. Join us in our ladies' Bible study: studying God's Word, connecting with other women, enjoying fellowship and sharing. The Evening Women's Bible study will focus on women in the Bible. Each study is a stand-alone study so if you miss one, no worries, you will not be lost. We'll start on **October 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in the **FHPC Fireside Room**. We'll be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 6:00-7:15 PM.

For more information or questions, please contact Janet Scaggs [janetscaggs@gmail.com](mailto:janetscaggs@gmail.com)

## Ladies' Drop-In

### L. Katz & M. Berry



**Every Tuesday | 10 AM  
Fireside Room**

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

## Lunch & Lecture

### Maria Berry



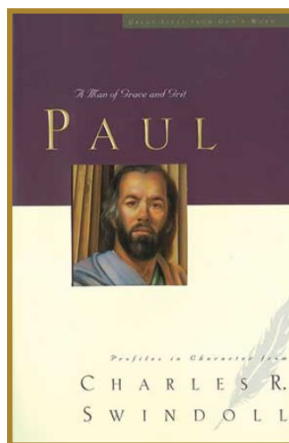
**Saturday, October 25  
12 PM | Fireside Room**

#### Genesis

by Professor Gary Rendsburg, PHD  
For any questions, you may contact Maria Berry 602-799-9982.

## Women's Morning Bible Study

### Monique Reynolds



**Thursday, October 9  
9:30 AM  
Fireside Room**

After a quick review of Chapters 1 to 16, we will discuss Chapters 17 and 18 from our book Paul: a Man of Grit and Grace by Charles Swindoll. These two chapters speak to what is happening today all over the world.

For information please call Monique 336-382-8733.

## Men's Fellowship

### Bill Matty



**Gentlemen:** It's October! Please note an important change of dates.

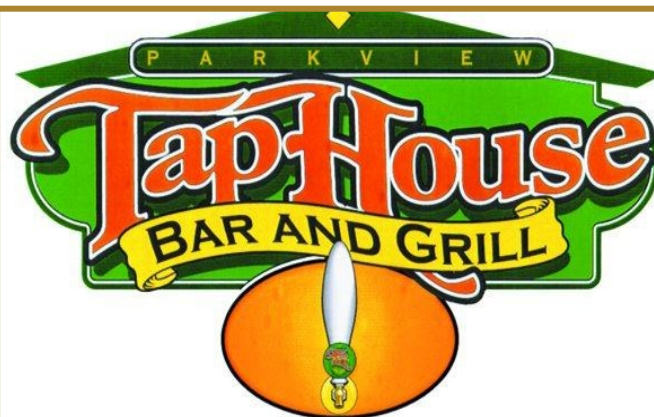
Our church picnic will be moved to **Saturday, Nov. 8** due to overcrowding and parking issues on Oct. 25, but will still be at the Golden Eagle Park Ramada. **We will start at 11:00 am**, serve a picnic lunch at 12 noon, and finish at 3:00 pm.

**Our next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 11**, when we will finalize plans for the picnic. Hope to see everyone at the October meeting for some good fellowship. Blessings to all.

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

## Out n' About

### Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will be having their October luncheon at **noon** on **Wednesday, October 15**.

We will be gathering at **Parkview TapHouse at 16828 E Parkview Ave.**

For reservations contact :  
Joyce Leo | 803-522-2889 or  
Bonnie Matty | 815-260-5031

## Women's Fellowship

### Susan Titus & Claudia Slone

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Women's Fellowship Potluck Luncheon**  
**Friday, October 17**  
**11:00 AM – 1:30 PM | Fellowship Center**

Ladies, mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special time of fellowship, laughter, and delicious food! On **Friday, October 17th**, we'll gather from **11:00 AM to 1:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Center** for a **Women's Potluck Luncheon** featuring an array of salads, casseroles, desserts, and more.

Mary Lee Lehrich will serve as our emcee, guiding us through an afternoon of connection and encouragement.

A sign-up sheet for attendance and dish contributions will be available **starting at the end of September**... keep an eye out! Bring a friend (or two!) and come enjoy a warm, welcoming time together. *We can't wait to see you there!*





## Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



How time goes by fast when one has so much happening all at the same time and that is where I seem to find myself these days. I am thankful for the help I have received when needed and all the good thoughts and prayers.

Believe it or not, I am right on time where I need to

be with the upcoming Christmas projects for our Troops and for our local homeless veterans. If you are reading this monthly report, then that means that it is October when I begin to pass out the envelopes that have the names of our Church-connected military and the note pad in it for all who are willing, to take an envelope to write a note to be placed inside the individual Christmas cards which will be mailed to those deployed by mid-November and stateside will be mailed mid-December.

Also planned for this month, as soon as I can get scheduled, is a pickup of all the donations that have come in this past month. I have been in contact with CBI (Community Bridges, Inc.) and just need to select a mutual date and time for them to come to my garage. I am also respectfully asking for much needed donations of toiletries which are desperately in need. Items needed are tooth brushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, hand-sanitizers, shampoo, combs and brushes, deodorants, packages of wet-wipes, and lotions. The next part of my mission project will be the purchase of winter wear like sweat pants and shirts and long-sleeved t-shirts, socks, etc. Once these items have been purchased, they will be taken to Packages from Home, which is located in Glendale, and they will do the packaging and shipping.

The next part of this project is the Christmas cards. I will ask again from all of our Church-

connected military families to confirm current ranks and addresses so I can begin the process of making the mailing labels to be placed on each Christmas card. I love stuffing the cards with the notes and believe me when I say that these notes are so meaningful to each one who has received a card. Joy and smiles are very important and meaningful.

During all of this Christmas card preparation time, donations still need to be collected to help our local homeless military and veterans. Please remember donations of toiletries are our most



needed items along with cold weather clothing, like long sleeved t-shirts, pants, jackets, hats, socks, shoes, bedding, and calendars, too.

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 cart out front as you enter the Church and in the Church office. Thanks again to all of you who bring in donations to help make our military ministry a complete success.

Donna Sims,  
Mission Committee

## The Chosen, a Review | Monique Reynolds



The Chosen is a historical drama about Jesus of Nazareth as seen through the eyes of the people who interacted with Him. It was created, directed and co-written by Dallas Jenkins as a streaming series planned for seven seasons—five have been released. Watched by millions worldwide, it is award winning. All of the past seasons were supported by crowdfunding. In fact many of the extras in the crowd scenes are unpaid supporters of the project. They wanted to participate in this

wonderful production. It stars Jonathan Roumie as Jesus who in Season 1 begins His ministry by inviting fishermen to study with Him. It is through them and others that we rediscover Jesus's humanity/divinity and His impact on their lives. Filmed in Utah and Texas the biblical setting is dry, dusty and desolate, but this series is not. It is a rich retelling of Christ's short time here, the people He knew and His teachings.

A few of my favorite scenes were: the joyous wedding at Cana; the Samaritan woman at the well; the Sermon on the Mount; the feeding of the 5000; the healing of the crippled man at the pool of Bethesda; Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There were so many more.

At first the twelve are confused. There are questions, doubts, misunderstandings aplenty but also a willingness to follow, listen and learn. After three years they remain with Him. He is their exemplar. These chosen disciples share their lives with us—their fears, their joys, their love for Him, their sorrows. They are like us. We are chosen too. As we sometimes struggle to understand, we come together for worship and celebration as they did. We are a family as they became one.

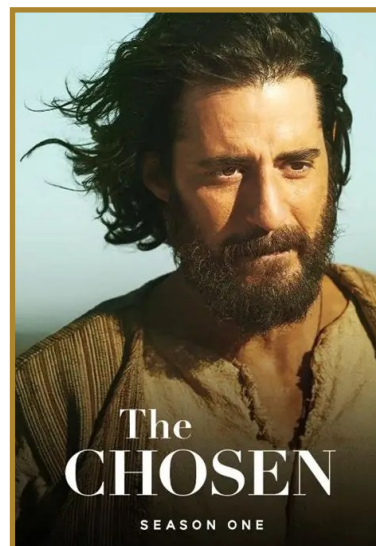
To make their accounts more compelling the writers give us backstories for the characters, fleshing out what we already know, filling in the blanks, connecting the dots. Food for thought, fodder for self reflection. Noted in the opening credits of the first episode is the following disclaimer:

"The Chosen is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. However, all biblical and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the gospels."

You will learn more about the Romans, the Zealots, the Sanhedrin, or about what the disciples ate, what they wore and that they walked and camped out a lot. But nothing is without controversy these days. Some may think that this added information though done in historical context is artistic liberty gone too far. That is a decision for viewers to make. I see it as a challenge, an encouragement to read or reread the Bible, to think, to discuss. Jesus speaks to us in many ways. This viewer waits in anticipation of the next two seasons.

The Chosen, Seasons 1-5 on DVD is available in our own library. Recommended. It is also available to be streamed on Prime.

-Monique Reynolds



## FHPC Outreach Report | Jackie Miles



Since fall officially begins on the 22nd of this month, it is time to start noting things on our calendars regarding the upcoming holiday season. As in the past several years, FHPC will be taking part in the annual Stroll in the Glow on the Avenue of the Fountains, which is sponsored by the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce. It will occur on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m.

We will once again provide a live manger scene with an adjoining fenced area containing live animals from Carter's Farm, and Christmas music by our Celebration Singers under the direction of Debbie Fisher.

Christine Colley's granddaughter Kate will represent Mary, and her boyfriend Joe will appear as Joseph. We are still looking for volunteers to play an angel and two shepherds. The church helps with costuming. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Miles at 480-518-5182.



## Mission Messages | Mary Holtan



**“Showing God's Love by Giving and Doing”**

**Mission Committee  
Sponsored Activities**

**Code Red Water Drive –  
Thank You!**

The Code Red water drive at Fountain Hills Presbyterian

Church (FHPC) has officially wrapped up. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we collected approximately \$3,400 and 1,207 bottles of water (50 cases) for those in need during the summer heat.

Thank you for your support and compassion!

**Community House Meals – Volunteers  
Needed**

On August 4, a team from the Mission Committee, led by Christine Colley, served a warm meal to the unhoused at Community House in Scottsdale. It was a rewarding experience for all involved.

Two more opportunities are scheduled:

- Monday, September 29 (led by Kim Caputo)
- Monday, December 29 (led by Debbie Olson)

We need volunteers to help prepare food and serve at Community House. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 per meal, with any unused funds going directly to Community House.

Let's continue to support our neighbors in need. Please sign up to help!

**Boys and Girls Club Scholarships**

Leslie Hermansen spoke with the director of the Boys and Girls Club about the need for scholarships for before- and after-school care. In response, the Mission Committee voted to give \$3,000 to support children in our community.

Thank you for helping us invest in the next generation.

**Veterans and Military Outreach**

Starting in October, Donna Sims will begin collecting warm clothing and toiletries for military members and veterans. She will also begin her annual Christmas card project for our military church family members.

The committee voted to provide \$1,200 to cover the cost of clothing, card materials, and postage.

Let's show love and gratitude to those who have served.

Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond.

*-The Mission Committee*



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## Presby Pickins' Flea Market

## JOIN THE HIVE!



**Presby Pickins' Flea Market seeks a few good worker bees for our upcoming 4th season!**

### Available Positions:

- Buzz around as a **Bee-yond Ambassador** – spread kindness and smiles.
- Sweeten sales as a **Hive Helper** – serve at our church tables.
- Tag treasures as a **Price Bee** – prepare donations for sale.
- Build the hive as a **Builder Bee** – set up, guide vendors, and clean up.
- Make the buzz as a **Buzz Maker** – promote the market near and far.

### Qualifications:

- Ready to share your time, talent, and treasures.
- Must enjoy puns, burgers, and people.
- Willing to work for pastries, coffee, or applause.
- No stingers allowed in disagreements.

### Perks:

- Joy of serving together in fellowship.
- Endless opportunities to be helpful and make a lasting impact.
- Free buzz from spreading kindness & good will.
- Wings not required, but a positive attitude will make you fly!

### Join us:

Kick-off the new season and learn more about how you can bee a part of the hive!

**Thursday, October 2nd | 5-7 pm**  
**Uphoff's @ 15340 E. Palamino Blvd.**

**Refreshments will be served**

**RSVP by 9/29/25**

**[www.fhpresbyterian.info/rsvp](http://www.fhpresbyterian.info/rsvp)**

## Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



Administrator Eric will be on vacation **Monday through Thursday during the weeks of October 6 and October 13**, as well as on **Monday, October 20**.

During this time, the church office will remain open with volunteer support, providing phone coverage and welcoming visitors as usual.

Please note that *The Weekly* will **not** be published while Eric is away. If you have an urgent announcement that needs to be shared with the congregation during this period, please contact **Clerk of Session, Jack Reynolds**.

The deadline for the **November edition of In-Touch** is **Tuesday, October 22**.

In observance of **Columbus Day**, the office will be **closed on Monday, October 13**. However, all regularly scheduled meetings will take place as planned.

Thank you for your understanding, - Jack Reynolds, Clerk of Session

## Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



### Welcome to October!

How wonderful it is to come into our Sanctuary each week for rehearsals, preparing for our next Worship Service. There is always a place for anyone willing to join us. We rehearse our voices on

Thursday afternoons @ 4:30 in the Sanctuary, and we will begin a new time for our bell ringing, which will be on Tuesdays @ 4:30 in the Sanctuary. If you are ready to rejuvenate your hand/eye coordination, refresh your music reading skills, and learn a musical language which uses words like Martellato, pluck, echo, gyro, or Laissez Vibrer, then please come join us. as Robert Browning once quoted; "One who hears music, feels their solitude peopled at once". It is fun and fulfilling!

I want to thank you, the congregation, for your willingness to sing new hymns, songs of praise and worship and for your support of our Music Ministry. We have such wonderful voices in the

choir, with so many still in the congregation. It sounds so powerful when we join our voices together, singing praise to God, stirring our souls into an uplifting and inspirational worship experience.

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

*For He is the king of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise."*

-Psalms 47:6-7

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



## Hilltop Hospitality | Joyce Leo



Hilltop Hospitality will be having our **annual Communal Dinner** on **Saturday, November the 15th, 2025 at 5:30 PM**. HH will be serving ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Hilltop Hospitality will have sign up sheets, for attendance, in the Narthex so everyone can choose a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to bring to the event. The dates for the Sign Up Sheets will be October 12th, 19th, 26th and November 2nd. We are looking forward to the Pilgrim woman who will be there to present the special program. This will be an evening for everyone to enjoy.

Hilltop Hospitality is wanting to know any of the women who would be interested in joining our group. It's not necessary to cook items for Fellowship and our Events if you're not comfortable doing that. Plenty of items can be purchased at stores or you can be there to help us set up tables for Fellowship, etc.

Please contact Joyce Leo at 803-522-2889 if you would be interested in being with us.



## 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](mailto: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.



## October Birthdays

1	Mary	18	Midge Trump
	Wernecke	20	Martha Baxter
2	Martha Carillo	24	Diana Olinger
4	Suzanne	25	Vi Levens
	Ottoson	26	Doug Katonak
10	Mary	27	Mary Holtan
	Martinson	28	Larry Cole
10	Monique	30	Joyce Leo
	Reynolds		
11	Diane Monas		
16	Donna Sims		

## 2025 Necrology

### With Heartfelt Sympathy

*Gerry Carroll*

*Evelyn Hranek*

## 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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**Linda Lull, Treasurer**

**Mary Holtan**  
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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](http://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.



Just for Fun (and Faith!)

Daily Bible Readings  
Sunday: 1 Corinthians 1-4  
Monday: Ezekiel 22-24  
Tuesday: Ezekiel 25-27  
Wednesday: Ezekiel 28-30  
Thursday: Ezekiel 31-33  
Friday: Ezekiel 34-36  
Saturday: Psalms 109-111

*Verse to Remember*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

—Psalm 111:10

What happened and when it happened in U.S. history

**Directions:** At the bottom, fill in the letters that complete the sentences about these events in U.S. history begun in Group I. Take a letter from each group (II through IV) to complete the sentences.

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
A. Alaska joins	G. the 35 <sup>th</sup> President of the United States,	M. the first professional baseball league	S. on June 15, 1775
B. The National League	H. in the treatment	N. by opponents of Andrew Jackson	T. on April 14, 1834
C. The government approves AZT	I. the union	O. of AIDS patients	U. on Feb. 2, 1876
D. The Whig Party	J. is established	P. is born in Brookline, MA	V. on May 29, 1917
E. JFK,	K. becomes	Q. as the 49 <sup>th</sup> state	W. on Jan. 3, 1959
F. George Wash- ington is chosen	L. commander in chief	R. of the Continental Army	X. on March 20, 1987
A. _ _ _ _	B. _ _ _ _	C. _ _ _ _	D. _ _ _ _
E. _ _ _ _	F. _ _ _ _		

Answers to "What happened and when it happened in U.S. History": A. IQW, B. KMU, C. HOX, D. JNT, E. GPV, F. LRS.



*“Jesus Christ,  
who unites us  
and keeps us as  
one.”*

October 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# Heavenly Brain Break

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** 1 Corinthians 5-8

**Monday:** Ezekiel 37-39

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 40-42

**Wednesday:** Ezekiel 43-45

**Thursday:** Ezekiel 46-48

**Friday:** Daniel 1-6

**Saturday:** Psalms 112-118

## Crypto-mania!

Try to decode the message below before looking up the verse in the Bible.

Clues: W=O, I=N

JEA HWN DB HVEKXWTY SW TY EIN DCBYY TY EIN  
JEMB LXY QKKB SW YLXIB TZWI TY.

—Psalm 67:1

## WORD SEARCH

These words were taken from an early 20th-century, eighth-grade spelling primer.

Find them in the Word Search below.

N	O	I	T	C	U	R	T	S	N	O	C	E	R	T
L	Y	V	Q	R	E	M	A	R	K	A	B	L	Y	H
J	A	T	S	N	E	N	O	H	P	O	X	A	S	G
A	S	N	U	S	O	J	O	U	R	N	J	G	U	I
M	E	M	O	R	A	N	D	U	M	N	E	N	P	L
B	I	V	E	I	B	E	C	G	Z	J	S	I	P	I
B	R	S	N	T	T	U	K	H	F	S	R	T	L	W
Y	I	P	A	N	A	R	L	J	A	L	E	H	E	T
S	A	W	T	E	T	P	O	E	N	L	V	G	M	N
A	R	N	L	T	H	V	H	P	N	Q	A	I	E	U
S	P	T	U	O	H	J	H	O	O	T	R	N	N	C
W	H	I	M	P	E	R	E	D	R	R	T	D	T	L
L	A	C	I	S	M	I	H	W	D	A	P	W	G	E
P	Y	D	S	C	R	U	P	U	L	O	U	S	L	U
O	O	P	H	Q	T	Q	T	A	F	N	V	U	V	S

memorandum  
metaphor  
nightingale  
nonchalant  
nucleus  
potent  
prairies  
proportional  
reconstruction  
remarkably  
saxophone  
scrupulous  
simultaneous  
sojourn  
supplement  
traverse  
turbulent  
twilight  
whimpered  
whimsical

## Can you find a book of the Bible hidden in these sentences?

1. Piaget's theory proves there are four stages in the life of a child.
2. She sat in the snow by Muddy Creek numb with cold, barely able to feel her fingers.
3. Mother made us taste samples of gruel, otherwise known as porridge, and which we spit out on the sly.

### Answers

1. Esau
2. Numbers
3. Samuel

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—The FHPC Board of Deacons

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