



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Jeff Rand, Communications Ministry Committee



Jeff Rand, Elder

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During 2023, the FHPC Session updated the church’s mission statement – “Love God-Love People-Make Disciples.” Coupled with that, its vision was also revised – “Growing in Love for God and Others we Make Disciples for Jesus.”

Perhaps these statements are just a collection of words, and their meanings are open to one’s interpretation. So why change? It is about communications being a dynamic changing process. For example, few of us have the skills to read the Holy Bible in the original tongues. While some still prefer the King James version, we tend to be more informal in our language, using *You* rather than the more formal *Thou*. Besides English, the New Testament has been translated into more than 1,500 languages.

While effective communications meets the needs of change, it is also about preserving a meaningful historical narrative. That is especially true this year as Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church celebrates its 50th anniversary. The exact starting date may be open to interpretation, but the first worship service was held on Sunday, March 31, 1974. This year, as we recognize the 50th anniversary, it falls on Easter Sunday. Much more information about the church’s early history was written by Founding Pastor Glenn Atchinson and is

available on the FHPC website at <https://www.fhpresbyterian.info/as-glenn-sees-it/>.

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 Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church. 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 members of the congregation to share that message with the community.



Growing in love for God and others, we make disciples for Jesus.

Love God—Love People—Make Disciples



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Focus on Finance

December Income	\$ 48,094	Budget	\$ 31,395
December Expenses	\$ 47,001	Budget	\$ 32,332
YTD Income	\$ 421,773	YTD Budget	\$ 376,652
YTD Expense	\$ 378,045	YTD Budget	\$ 374,262

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



December income exceeded December budgeted income by \$16,699. Session made the decision to transfer \$15,000 of the surplus to the Capital Reserve fund, which resulted in lowering the difference between the December income vs December expense, but still ending with a surplus. YTD we ended 2023 with a surplus of \$43,728. Thank you for your continuing support of FHPC ministries and missions. Wishing you a Happy, Healthy 2024.

FHPC eGiving is Safe and Easy



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

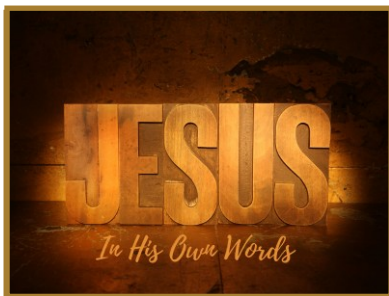
Sign up today at www.fhpresbyterian.info; look for the Giving Box image at the top right. Or, click Giving in the top menu. You can also add Vanco Mobile app to give from your phone. See eGiving Help for instructions.

February Special Dates

- ◆ African American History Month
- ◆ Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb 11, 2024
- ◆ Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- ◆ Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024
- ◆ Presidents Day, February 19, 2024
- ◆ Leap Day, February 29, 2024



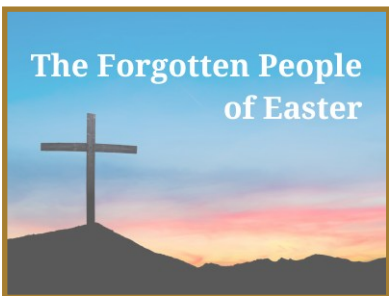
Lenten Services



Lenten Vespers

Feb 14 (Ash Wednesday)|, Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary each Wednesday evening of Lent for a special Lenten Journey that points us to the cross. This year's theme, "*Jesus in His Own Words*" will be taken from the Gospel of John where we will examine the great "I AM" Statements of Jesus. Like last year, we will have a few guest preachers participate. Invite a family member or friend to come.



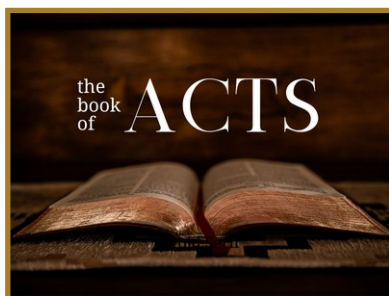
Sunday Morning Worship

Lenten Sermon Series: "*The Forgotten People of Easter.*"

These sermons will take us on a journey through the Gospels stopping each Sunday to highlight a person(s) that played a very important role in the life of Jesus' last days on earth. Most of these folk are forgotten or overlooked, but there are some surprising lessons for us that you don't want to miss! Plan to worship with us every Sunday during Lent!

Christian Education

Men's Bible Study Bob Cowden



Mondays | 8:30 a.m. | Fireside Rm

Book of Acts

Men's Bible study will meet until the *Book Of Acts* is completed.

Please notify Bob Cowden, rscowdenjr@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any question about the study.

Sunday Morning Pastor Bob



NEW Sunday, Feb 11 | 10:15 a.m. | Fireside Rm

A Journey through the Bible

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

Center for Biblical Study



**NEW April 3rd
Wednesdays**

**10 a.m. | Fireside Rm
6 p.m. | Fellowship Ctr**

Focus on Christ

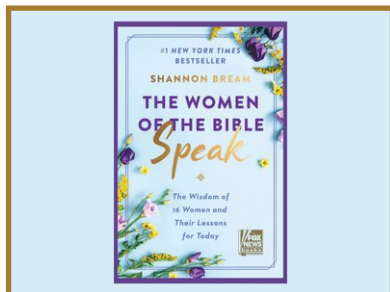
Pastor Bob Simmons will begin a new weekly study after Easter on April 3rd at the respective times.

The Realm of the Impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

Christian Education

Women's Morning Bible Study | Monique Reynolds



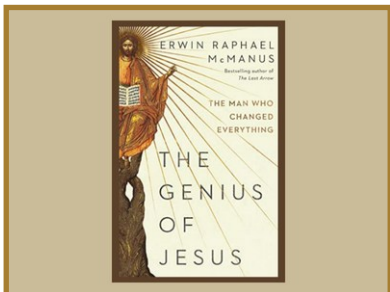
Thurs, Feb 8 | 9:30 a.m. | Fireside Rm

The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. Chapter 5: Hannah and Miriam

God urges us to speak out when he reaches into our lives to tell other people what we have experienced and learned about God, specific things we have seen and what they have taught us. May we be as open to sharing our joy as Hannah and Miriam modeled for us centuries ago.

For more information, contact Monique Reynolds 336-382-8733.

Women's Afternoon Circle | Jane Allen



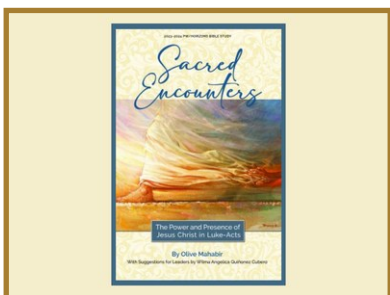
Tuesday, Feb 6 | 1 p.m. | Library

The Genius of Jesus by Erwin R McManus.
Chapter 8: The Genius of the Beautiful.

We are now in the final chapter and we've learned "genius" leaves a mark; it not only changes the way we see the world, it changes us. Yes, Jesus is the greatest genius ever known. The cross is his masterpiece (a singular event that transcends time & space and still resonates today). In Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon poetically declares that God makes everything beautiful in its time. McManus points out that tragedy and beauty are two writers of our lives, much like the cross that interwove death and salvation. Does it take a genius to see beauty? Or is it the genius of Jesus within us that we then see beauty?

For more information, contact Jane Allen, Leader, 907-538-3223.

Women's Evening Circle | Judy Hamouda



Monday, Feb 19 | 4 p.m. | Fireside Rm

Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir Lesson 6: Acts 3:1-10;
The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

We will see how apostles Peter and John healed a disabled beggar in the name of Jesus Christ at the gate of the Temple. Unable to walk since birth and well-known to the community, this man's immediate healing demonstrated the power of ordinary people when acting in Jesus' name.

Please feel free to call Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827 if you think you would like to become a part of Evening Circle.

Christian Education

Lunch & Lecture | Maria Berry



Lunch & Lecture will continue into 2024. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the lectures, and then discussion.

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

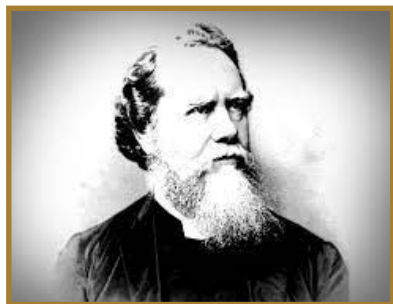
Upcoming 2024 Dates:

- February 17 & 24
- March 23
- April 13 & 27
- May 11 & 25

Library Footnotes | Monique Reynolds

The Autobiography of Hudson Taylor (originally published in 1894 as A Retrospect by China Inland Mission)

Hudson Taylor (1832-1905) gave his life to Christ at the age of 16 shortly after his conversion for which his mother had long prayed. Silent with unspeakable joy, he was assured by God that his offering was accepted and that he would be “called” in due time. His parents advised him to develop the resources of body, mind



and soul and to wait prayerfully. He exercised more, decluttered his life, ate less and prayed. When he was called to mission in China, he added learning Chinese and studying medicine to

an already full schedule. He was a physician’s assistant to earn money for room and board and he tithed prodigiously. He was accustoming himself to endure hardship and deprivation; the more he prepared the fuller was his happiness. His goal was to have a strong enough faith for the enterprise of missionary work. He plainly trusted God to give him the necessities for success; failing to trust Him would be dishonoring Him.

When the day came to leave England he was ready. It took five months to get to China by ship. His early experiences there strengthened his purpose which was to bear witness and teach the Word. However, the native Chinese were not always receptive. Undaunted, he promoted the idea of wearing native dress and hair: their reception improved. Taylor used his medical skills often and enjoyed preaching while standing on a bamboo stool telling his listeners about Jesus and His love for them. He converted many.

While in England in 1865 recuperating from an illness, he received his medical degree, trained in midwifery, and started the China Inland Mission. This organization was non-denominational and solely dependent on God financially. He assiduously recruited missionary workers and returned to China again and again. Hudson spent over fifty years in mission in China and was buried there in 1905.

This autobiography is a testament to Taylor’s humility. His writing is conversational, elegant, and informational. It exhibits “the calm repose of trust in the shepherd of Israel.” Highly recommended.



A Prayer for Lent Season

Dear Christ, hasten to me. Release me from my sins. Free my arms from the chains of evil, that I may embrace you. Lift the scales of ignorance from my eyes that I may see you. Why do you delay? What are you waiting for? You are my God and my Lord, you are my refuge and strength, you are my glory and my hope. In you I put my trust. Dear Christ, hasten to me.

Happy 50th Anniversary FHPC | Jackie Miles



Fountain Hills Presbyterian church is coming up on it's 50th Anniversary. It's founding pastor, Glenn A. Atchinson, made his first visit to Arizona in 1972 in order to perform the wedding of his brother Tony Atchinson and his bride Sally Ballee. Sally and her two children were the first permanent residents to move to Fountain Hills.

Rev. Atchinson then moved to Apache Junction where he worked with youth and young families at the John Calvin Presbyterian Church. He made a request to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon that he be allowed to spend time in the new community of Fountain Hills to see if a new congregation could be started there. In 1974 he was allowed three months to do so, with the promise that if the result was positive, he would be allowed to be interviewed for the position of pastor there.

After talking to people in restaurants and businesses, in February he met with 12 people in the home of Dick and Joyce Hartly where all twelve committed to help Atchinson if the Presbytery approved. The Presbytery allotted \$18,000 for the project and hired Atchinson as New church Development Pastor.

However, no buildings were available for a new meeting place, so Tom Colosimo, the owner of Little John's bar and restaurant (which later became Que Bueno) agreed to let them meet in his building on Sunday mornings, rent free and including coffee. Sixty people were at the first service on March 31, 1974. The congregation were seated at tables of four or eight, and music was played from tapes made at various Valley churches



By September that same year, there were too many people attending Sunday services to continue meeting in this place, so a lease was obtained for the use of a 2,500 square foot building on Enterprise Drive.

This is where the congregation met on the first Sunday in October, 1974. And that is when Tom Colosimo presented a gift to Atchinson—the bar stool from which he had conducted services in Little John's

Today the bar stool is on display at the River of Time Museum.

Outreach Ministry | Jackie Miles



EXPO 2024

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, FHPC manned two tables at the Fountain Hills Expo in the Community Center. The Outreach table displayed 50th anniversary balloons, and volunteers Joyce Leo, Jeff Rand, Sandi Thompson and Jackie Miles handed out colored church brochures to visitors. The next table, also decorated with balloons, employed volunteers George Holtan and Larry and Kathy Cole who handed out lollipops and

printed information regarding the remaining three Presby Pickins flea markets.

There were a great number of visitors to the expo, several of whom we engaged in conversation, and hopefully there will be a few new faces visiting our Sunday morning worship services.



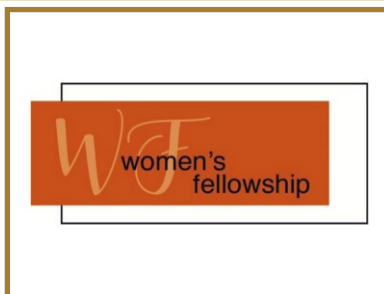
Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty



**No Breakfast Meeting
In Lieu of Sweetheart Brunch**

Women's Fellowship M. Holtan & S. Titus



**Meeting
Friday, February 16 | 9 a.m.
Fireside Room**

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



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

Out n' About | Nancy Wulfmeier



It's time to get out of the cold and enjoy conversation and a tasty Asian lunch with friends.

We are meeting at the Blossom Kitchen on Wed., February 21st at noon. This restaurant is located at 14835 E. Shea Blvd. in the Fry's area. Let's do it!

Call Nancy for reservations & questions. 480-837-3021

Sweetheart Brunch



**Saturday, Feb 17 |
11 a.m. | Fellowship
Center**

It's time once again to honor our ladies at FHPC with our Sweetheart Brunch hosted by Men's Fel-

lowship. The Brunch will be on Saturday, Feb. 17, starting at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Tickets will be \$15 except for single ladies, who are welcome for no charge. Mike Pizzuto will serenade the ladies at the piano and Brendan Wagner will be our emcee. Of course the Men will have a delicious meal and some delectable desserts for our ladies, and a fun program. We're looking forward to treating our ladies, so please save the date and join us.

Living with our Native Southwest Desert Wildlife Dwellers



**Saturday, March 9 |
11 a.m. | Fellowship
Center**

Women, dust off your boots and cowgirl hats and join us for an interesting and fun afternoon sponsored by

Women's Fellowship. The Chuckwagon will be open for a great western lunch. A wonderful speaker on living with our desert wildlife. Casual attire or western wear. Sign up in the narthex will begin February 4th. More information to come. Save the date!



Mission Ministry | Terri Schmidt



As an outgoing elder, I am writing about our ministry before we hear from our new Mission Elder Brandon Wagner. Last month I listed the organizations we helped in the year 2023. I did not tell you, that with your help we were able to support these organizations with close to \$20,000. This total does not include the food in the food carts for Ex-

tended Hands Food Bank, the Easter Baskets, or the water for Code Red. You the People of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church are such Loving and Giving people. THANK YOU!

Souper Bowl

By now you should know who is in the Super Bowl. Don't forget to bring a can or cans of soup to vote for your favored team. In all the years since I have been involved with this project we have missed picking the winning team once or twice. But the real winner is Ex-



tended Hands Food Bank and the people they are able to help with these cans of soup. It is a great way to have fun while we are helping others.

Community House

This is one of our new projects that we learned about from Pastor Jackie Parks on Women's Sunday. The South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church serves the homelessness with a place to rest,

physical resources, clothing, food, showers, and helps them get connected to other services.

Make a Donation Today

Join us in helping people
experience community, dignity and
hope!

Veterans



Don't forget to Support our Troops who protect and serve our country. Donna Sims leads this important mission from the FHPC family throughout the year.

Blankets

February is the month we collect money for Church World Services. The money goes to buy blankets and other things that are needed in areas hit by disasters all over the world. Most recently support went to Maui, Haiti, and Israel as well other areas in the United States. This helps areas ravaged by floods and hurricanes.



Church World Services also helps countries affected by wars, as God's people acting with love, food and medicine. At FHPC, we are pleased to offer our support to this important mission.

If you have an interest in helping others and would like to join our committee, please reach out to any of us. Some of those on this committee are: *Elder Brendan Wagner, Susan Titus, Mary Holtan, Jane Allen, Donna Sims, Susan Owens, Jack Reynolds, Martha Carillo and Terri Schmidt.*

Remember 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schmidt

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims, Mission Committee



A short recap of how our end of year went in our Military Ministry. We had a total of 10 pick-ups from Community Bridges to gather up all our donations from members, friends and neighbors. Thanks to all who were part of this monumental happening. For our Easter Cards mailed out to our Church-connected active-duty military, there were 49

handwritten notes from Church members and friends in each card. For our Christmas cards mailed out, there were 32 handwritten notes in each card. Remember, the cards to deployed military must be mailed at least 2 weeks before the stateside military, and even then, some could arrive late. Many thanks to all who were willing to take a moment to write these notes that are so meaningful to all of the recipients, a very important personal moment.

And speaking of cards, I am now in the beginning of my Easter card project already since Easter is upon us nearly a month early. I plan on beginning to pass out the envelopes with the note pads by the last 2 Sundays of January. Notes will need to be written and turned in to me directly or in at the Office by February 18th.

This time period is for 3 weeks, a little shorter than my usual limit, but again, it is because of Easter coming earlier than usual.

Donations have been a little slower now than towards the end of the year, and that does happen now and then. I am awaiting on a large donation right now before making a scheduled pick-up. I do not want to make them come out to FH twice within a short period of time.



Please do remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, never stops. We continue to collect gently used clothing, bedding, socks, shoes, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, long pants, and most of all, toiletries for the homeless veterans in the Phoenix and surrounding areas. We are always happy to see members and friends placing items in our collection box, located in the Narthex on the East side and in the Church office. Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.

Covenant Partnership

Are You a Partner in FHPC?

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

Affiliate Partners: We welcome "*Affiliate Partners*" in our congregation. This acknowledges a special relationship between you and your FHPC family, supplementing your primary membership at another "home church," perhaps in another state. By becoming an *Affiliate Partner*, you affirm your active involvement in the life of FHPC. This status allows you to participate

in church meetings, speak on relevant issues, with the only limitation being the right to vote.

If you're interested in becoming a *Covenant Partner* with full membership rights or an *Affiliate Partner*, please reach out to Pastor Bob Simmons or contact the church office at 480-837-1763 to attend an upcoming informational meeting.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to deepen your connection with FHPC.



Music Ministry | Deb Fisher



Our beautiful congregation is preparing to move through Lent toward Easter. I look so forward to the Vesper Services each Wednesday Evening. There will be thought provoking Sermons, and music that brings our hearts and souls together through this journey toward the cross.

Our Music for our Sunday Services through this Lenten

season will search the same truth toward realizing our desires to know and love Christ, knowing that though we are undeserving, we are covered, we are God's people. We are grateful. The Lenten/ Easter season is one of the most reflective seasons as we develop our relationship with the one and only truth that saves

our lives. Let our music reflect this.

As always, the invitation to be a part of our Music Ministry is always open to not only musicians, but, those who would like to develop their music, and prayer life in a musical style. Just come.

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

Debbie Fisher Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO

Meet Our Musicians | Byron Hodgson



My Odyssey into music started when I was seven years old. My parents enrolled me in a ukulele band. That progressed to playing the mandolin, which had frets and the same tuning as a violin, so I branched out to the violin.

My first teacher of the violin was John Martin whose studio and living quarters was in

an industrial-type building in Battle Creek, Michigan. My parents had purchased six lessons, ugh! I told my mother after the first one I wasn't going back. She assured me she would find a different teacher after six lessons were completed. So, sure enough, she located George Buckley who had impressive credentials, having studied in Europe and having been an early conductor of the Kalamazoo Symphony. He gave lessons in his nicely furnished home in Battle Creek. This was a good match so my violin experience turned positive! I was also taught how to hold a golf club in the spring. A local music store ran a contest for young musicians. First prize was \$25 which I won; surprise, surprise!

There is a world famous music camp in Michigan called Interlochen near Traverse City. Since the band

equivalent of a violin is the clarinet, I took up the clarinet in 7th grade. By the 9th grade I am playing clarinet in Junior High School. I enrolled at Interlochen where the clarinet leader was Gustov Langenus.

I earned first chair at Interlochen. When I joined the Battle Creek High School band I asked the director where I should sit. He replied "first chair" which I managed to keep through high school.

When I completed high school in 1944 I went to University of Chicago where I played violin in the University Symphony. Then World War II was in the final stages but I was drafted and eventually wound up in General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the Philippines. Upon discharge, I applied to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Unfortunately, I did not join their band. Over the years I have played in various musical organizations with the American Legion band, a Dixieland group and the Battle Creek Kiwanis Club band. For several years I played in the Fountain Hills Community Band.

All in all, music has played an important role in my life. Among my prize possessions is a violin given to me by W. K. Kellogg when I was twelve years old.

Communications Ministry | Jeff Rand

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



The communications committee is committed to supporting a flourishing church and will work to provide effective exchanges internally and to spread the good news of Jesus to the community. Your feedback is always welcome. We want to continue to affect others in a positive direction.

Hilltop Hospitality



Seeking Volunteers

Hilltop Hospitality are in need of volunteers to join their wonderful committee. Anyone who is willing to donate their time and talents will keep our Sunday Fellowship and yearly events functioning successfully. There is a meeting every second Friday of each month in the Fellowship Center at 9:00 a.m. beginning in February. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to attend.

Presby Pickins'



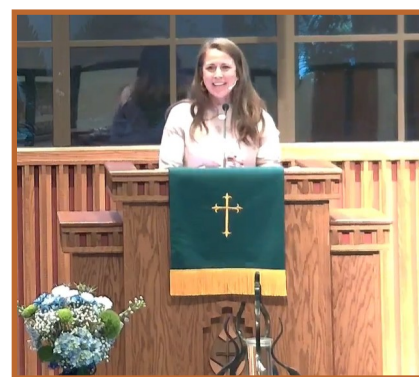
First Saturdays | **October - April**
 8:00am - 3:00pm *at* Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Ordination and Installation of Officers



On January 14, 2024, Pastor Bob Simmons conducted Ordination and Installation of the Elders and Deacon. (L-R) Deacon Jeanette Simmons; Elders Brendan Wagner (Mission Ministry); Sandi Thompson (Assimilation/Fellowship Ministry); Phyllis Kern (Finance Ministry)

Women's Sunday Success



A BIG Thank You to all the women who supported the Women's Sunday service. A special thank you to Pastor Jackie Parks, Lisa McFarland, Debbie Fisher, Dorothy Parris, Jeanette Simmons, Arlene Stewart, Nancy Franklin, and all the women who sang in the choir. The donations of items for Community House Ministry was greatly appreciated.

Susan Titus and Mary Holtan, Women's Fellowship Moderators

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???

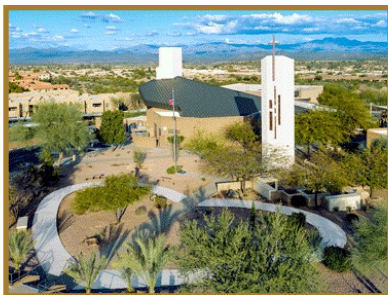
Whatever you can give will be gratefully accepted... We can help you with the pledge form – call today!

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Biblical Garden



Visit our Biblical Garden, at the very *heart* of our campus. Before embarking on your tour, read about the numerous interesting plants that you will see in the Garden.

You can check it out by going online to www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden or pick up a brochure in the office.

Columbarium



Special Announcement!!!

Due to rising costs, as of March 1, 2024, the trustees unanimously agreed to increase the subscription fee for a Columbarium niche and nameplate to \$1,250.00

Subscribe by February 29 and save \$\$\$ (See Office for Details)

By: FHPC Columbarium Committee

In Memoriam | 2023

With our deepest sympathy we list those members who have passed away in 2023:

Yvonne Ellingson	Phyllis Rapp
Lois Medley	Jane Haynes
Kurt Ahrens	Bill Lyon
Sunniva Graves	Ben Fast
Heather Greco	Jean Foster
Carol Hencz	Ben Dresser

Birthdays | February

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 *Gerry Carroll*
23-Feb *Shawn Uphoff*
23-Feb *Johannah Fernandez*
25-Feb *Jackie Miles*
25-Feb *Jay McFarland*
26-Feb *Karen Cowden*
26-Feb *Barbara Oakeson*
26-Feb *Tyson Robinson*
29-Feb *Kitty Youngquist*

The Power of Prayer

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



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

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

A Special Thank-You

Linda and I would like to thank our entire Church Family for your love, prayers, and service to us as we have been recovering from our recent medical issues. You have our undying gratitude for bringing us food, going grocery shopping for us, sending cards, visiting us, and giving us rides when we couldn't get out by ourselves.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love you have shown us. We are blessed to be members of this loving church family.

With love and gratitude,
Phil & Linda Katz



Chancel Flowers



Honor or memorialize someone dear or celebrate a special occasion or event by making a \$30 donation for flowers to adorn the communion table during Sunday worship. Your dedication will be published in *The Weekly* and announced during Sunday's *Welcome*.

There is a sign-up book in the Narthex or call the office with your request. You may take the flowers following service or donate them to an ill or home-bound church family member.

February 2024 | Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	2	3 8:00am Presby Pickins' Flea Market
4 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 1:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study (FR) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) 4:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	6 8:00am FH Ministerial Assoc Meeting 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 1:00pm Women's Afternoon Circle (L)	7 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER)	8 Church Pictorial (Fireside/Library/Education Room) 9:30am Women's Morning Circle (Adult Center) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	9 Church Pictorial (Fireside/Library/Education Room) 9:00am Hilltop Hospitality Meeting (FC) 4:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	10 Church Pictorial (Fireside/Library/Education Room) 8:00am Men's Fellowship (FC) 2:00pm Youth Theater Show (FC)
11 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am New! Sunday Bible Study (FR) 1:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study (FR) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 10:30am Deacon's Meeting (FR) 4:00pm Mission Ministry Mtg (CR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) 4:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	13 9:30am Columbarium Mtg (L) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Staff Meeting (CR)	14 9:30am FHPC Foundation Mtg (FR) 11:00am Communications Meeting (CR) 1:30pm Finance Mtg (L) 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 5:30pm –6:30pm Ash Wednesday (S)	15 10:00am Worship & Music Ministry Mtg (Fireside) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	16 9:00am Women's Fellowship Mtg (FR) Sweetheart Brunch Setup (FC)	17 11:00am Sweetheart Brunch (FC) 6:00pm Youth Theater Show (FC)
18 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR) 6:00pm Youth Theater Show (FC)	19 8:30am Men's Bible Study (FR) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:00pm Women's Evening Circle (FR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S)	20 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Session Meeting (AC)	21 12:00pm Out 'n About (FR) 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 5:30pm –6:30pm Vespers Service (S)	22 9:00am FHPC Foundation Board Meeting (FR) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)	23	24 12:00pm Lunch & Lecture (Fireside)
25 8:00am Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR)	26 8:30am Men's Bible Study (FR) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) 4:00pm Youth Theater (FC)	27 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Staff Meeting (CR)	28 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement (ER) 5:30pm –6:30pm Vespers Service (S)	29 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)		

AC = Adult Center
CP = Chapel
CR = Conference Room

ER = Education Room
FR = Fireside Room
FC = Fellowship Center

L = Library
NU = Nursery
NX = Narthex

O = Office
SA = Sanctuary



God Shaped Hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher, observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!



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