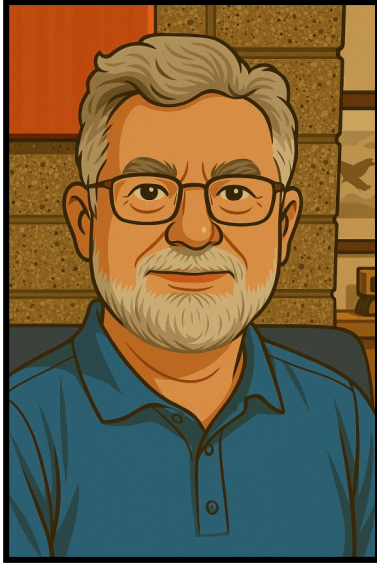




Dean Preising | Elder of Administration



About a year ago, my wife Twyla and I first attended Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church. We were quickly welcomed by a loving congregation and realized that this would be our new church home. We wanted to serve the Lord through the church and had no intentions of only

attending services on Sunday morning.

Opportunities to serve came quickly, and we are now fully involved serving the Lord through church activities. In January, I was honored to be elected as an elder. I am now the lead elder in administration.

A main function of my position is communications. We are attempting to improve how we reach our church community and beyond.

We all want a quality worship experience. One of the first items I undertook was to improve our proof-reading of church bulletins and worship slides.

Recently, wi-fi in the church has been troublesome. With a committee of church members, we have sought answers to our problems. We have been working with companies that can provide our church with the

proper wi-fi equipment. I am confident that our wi-fi situation will soon greatly improve.

Our church website is complex and needs revision. We are gradually working through the website, revising things to make it current. People wanting more information about a church regularly turn to their website. We want a quality website that is informative, up to date, and easily readable.

We are looking into sound improvements in the sanctuary. Sound for our online worship services especially, could be improved. There is a study in progress for various sound improvements. With the results of this study, we can make decisions as to what can be done.

I had a nice meeting with Brent Cruikshank, publisher of the Fountain Hills Independent newspaper. I learned a great deal about advertising, and about submitting photographs or stories concerning our church activities to the newspaper.

With the Lord's help, we will continue to provide quality communications for our church. We are a great, loving church family, and we always want a welcoming experience for visitors and possible new members.

Dean Preising
Elder of Administration

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Focus on Finance | 2026

April Income	\$ 33,103	Budget	\$ 37,949
April Expenses	\$ 34,009	Budget	\$ 38,206
YTD Income	\$ 139,005	YTD Budget	\$ 151,796
YTD Expense	\$ 133,557	YTD Budget	\$ 154,824

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



Year-to-date our finances remain in a positive position through April. Currently, expenses are below budget, as some budgeted items may vary from month to month. We expect monthly expenses to be between \$36,000 and \$38,000. Now that we are heading into the summer months, donations tend to go down, which will affect the operating reserves that are available to pay the expenditures. We appreciate your continuing to send your pledges and contributions during the summer months and look forward to our winter residents returning in the fall. Have a wonderful, safe summer.

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.



During the summer months, our church office hours will be **Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

Have a wonderful summer—God bless!



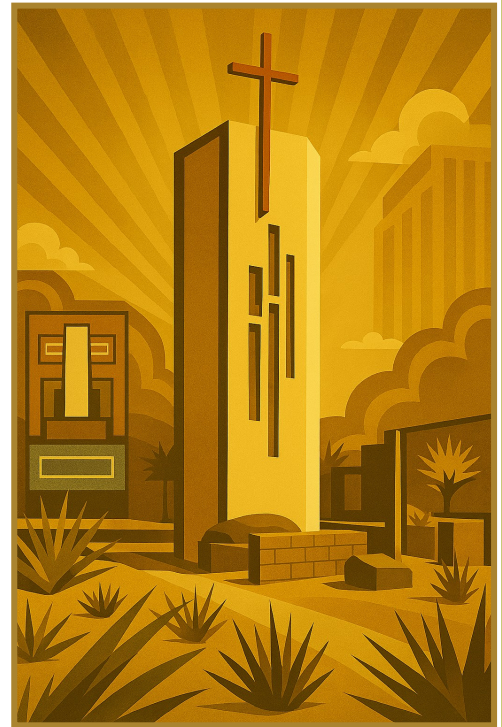
Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



June Sermon Schedule

Our upcoming Worship Schedule for June will be:

- 6/07/26 What Are Words For?**
Ephesians 4:15, 25-32
Pastor: Jim Rizer
- 6/14/26 The Kind of Worshippers God Seeks**
John 4:19-26
Pastor: Bob Simmons
- 6/21/26 Bear With One Another**
Ephesians 4:1-16
Pastor: Brant Baker
- 6/28/26 What Do You Know For Sure?**
I John 1:5-10
Pastor: Bob Simmon



Wrap-Up — Devereux 2026 — 54 Easter Baskets

We, Women's Fellowship, thank all for your incredible support for our mission event. Participation ranged from cash donations for purchasing basket items, to 9 sign-ups for assembling baskets, to Jane's party of 11 ladies who assembled the remaining 45 baskets.

- **Total cash donations:** \$1,105.69 (includes e-Giving from the FHPC website)
- **Total expenses:** \$788.46 for baskets + \$317.23 Amazon order to residents

You are a generous group of supporters. FHPC is a giving church.

Jane Allen, Coordinator



Clerk's Corner | Maryann O'Connor



As we move into the summer months, one of the greatest blessings in the life of the church is the reminder that God continues to call people into fellowship, discipleship, and community. Recently, we had the joy of welcoming new members into our congregation, and it was a meaningful moment for all of us.

Receiving new members is more than simply adding names to a roll. It is a reminder that the Church is alive and growing through relationships, shared faith, worship, and service together. Each new member brings unique gifts, experiences, and perspectives that strengthen the life of our congregation.

As a church family, we are all called to help create a welcoming and caring community where people feel seen, valued, and encouraged in their walk with Christ. Sometimes that begins with something as simple as introducing yourself, sharing a conversation after worship, or inviting someone to become involved in the life of the church. Small acts of kindness often become the foundation for lasting connections.

Session remains grateful for the spirit of unity and faithfulness within our congregation. We continue to focus not only on the work of the church, but on nurturing a community centered on Christ's love, grace, and service to others.

Summer often brings changes in routines and schedules, but it can also provide opportunities for renewal — time to reconnect with God, with one another, and with the mission we share as a church family.

On behalf of Session, thank you for the many ways you continue to support and care for this congregation. Please join us in warmly welcoming our newest members as we continue growing together in faith and fellowship.

Maryann O'Connor
Clerk of Session



Hilltop Hospitality would like to inform everyone that a new Moderator will be needed by **August 1, 2026**, as Joyce Leo will be leaving her position.

Hilltop Hospitality also wants to make everyone aware that there is currently a significant shortage of volunteers. We are eager to recruit others to step forward and join us in serving fellowship to others.

Please contact Hilltop Hospitality if you are willing to join our committee. *Thank you very much.*

Pastor's Pen | Jim Rizer



18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

-Matthew 28

Go therefore. These are Jesus' first words following the proclamation about the completeness of His authority. One of Jesus' closing commands to the disciples is to go.

So, this begs the question where are you going? Often when we consider this question, we turn to the litany of things on our to do list. I am going to the gas station, the coffee shop and then work.

This doesn't really answer the actual intent of Jesus' command. The real question is, "Where are you going for Jesus?" Throughout the Bible we hear the command to go. Rarely is it to places of ease and comfort. It might be a far-off place like Canaan for Abraham. It might be to a non-desired location like Nineveh for Jonah. It might be into awkwardness of town like the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well.

The call to go includes the question "Where are you going expressly for the purpose of making disciples?" Where are the places that you are to investing in others, building relationships, and sharing your hope in Jesus? It could be the gas station, the coffee shop or work, but this going looks a lot different than quickly getting gas, a rapid caffeine refill or being a hyper-task-oriented employee. This type of going is marked by lingering and listening, sharing and shepherding.

Where are you going for Jesus today?

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jim Rizer

Lunch & Lecture



**Saturday, June 13 & 27
12 PM | Fireside Room**

Tocqueville and the American Experiment by Prof. William R. Cook. For any questions, you may contact Maria Berry 602-799-9982.

Ladies' Drop-In



**Every Tuesday | 10 AM
Fireside Room**

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

Out n' About

Out and About will be meeting on **Wednesday, June 17th**, at **noon** at **DC Grill** at **10440 N Indian Wells Drive**.

For reservations, please call:
Joyce Leo at 803-522-2889 or
Bonnie Matty at 815-260-5031



Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



Donations for the warm summer months are coming in, a lot, and I want to thank one and all who are making the donations. Just picture the person who is receiving a much needed blanket, light clothing, having toiletries to use, shoes, socks,

towels, and so forth. Smiles for receiving what is needed, several items just to get through the day and night. So please, continue to submit your donations.

The date of our next donation pickup is, as of the writing of this article, tomorrow. I can hardly wait to see the smiles on the faces of those from Community Bridges (CBI) who come to my garage and fill their vans with box and bag loads of donations. They can hardly wait to drive to their numerous destinations to distribute our local homeless veterans and others in need. I love to just imagine those smiles. If you happen to be wondering what items are needed, we need: warm weather clothing, shirts, t-shirts, pants, cargo pants, shorts, shoes, socks, caps, hats, towels, blankets, bedding, and most of all, toiletries. Again, I thank you and our veterans thank you.

Please remember our military ministry never stops. The Mission Committee is 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 or in the Church office. I thank you for continuing to help make our military ministry a success.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee



Book Review | Barbara Oakeson

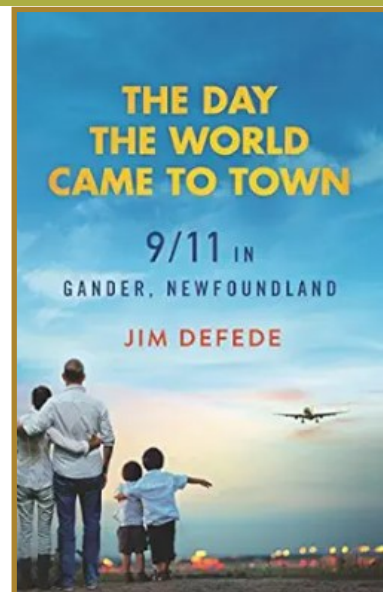
The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland by Jim Defede

When 38 jetliners bound for the United States from Europe were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, 2001, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers and crew members with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill.

When the town's officials and citizens realized that soon a lot of people would be arriving very shortly and could easily be there for a while, they rose to the occasion and sprang in to action. Off duty air traffic controllers voluntarily showed up for work to help guide all the incoming aircraft to a safe, orderly landing and parking. Extra security was needed in the airport to process passengers and their carryon luggage when they deplaned – more terrorists might have been airborne when the US air space was closed. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers from the airport to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches in Gander and neighboring towns. When the exhausted, hungry passengers finally were able to leave their planes, processed, and transported in to town, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.

The writing for this story is warm, lyrical, and focuses on people. It relates the story from about 20-30 individual perspectives. From pilots, to air traffic controllers, to Texans returning from Russia after adopting a little girl, to the CEO of Hugo Boss, to a family worried about the fate of their NYFD firefighter son, to the local residents who provide

everything they have to visitors, to the RSPCA inspectors who take care of the pets on the planes. The day also was a leveler – whether you arrived in your own private jet or in coach class on a jumbo jet, everyone was treated the same. No time for deference or preferential treatment here.



Over the course of those four days, many of the passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that they expect to last a lifetime. As a show of thanks, scholarship funds for the children of Gander have been formed and donations have been made to provide new computers for the schools. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill.

I read this book as many things were shutting down here in the USA from the Covid-19 virus. I marveled at the way both townspeople and travelers in this captivating book worked together to figure out how to make the best of a bad situation suddenly thrust upon them. It is so inspiring that I highly recommend that you read it. It will bring a smile to your lips, a tear to your eye, and warm your heart!

Eventually a stage production titled *Come From Away* was created based on the story, earning Tony awards on Broadway, and will be performed at our local Fountain Hills Theater this fall from September 11 – October 4.

Barbara Oakeson

Greeters Wanted!



A giant thank you to Helen Quigley and Pat Willigrod for scheduling **Sunday Morning Greeters** for so many years! Helen and Pat have stepped down, so Linda Moyer and Kay Spicer will attempt to fill their shoes in scheduling smiling folks to greet and welcome members and visitors to our wonderful Church!

As Greeters, we have an opportunity to accomplish something great for God every time someone walks through the doors of our Church!

If you are interested in being an ambassador for the Lord by being a Greeter, or would like more information, please call Linda at 602-980-6829.

Thank you for your consideration!

June & July Birthdays

2-June Sally Atchinson

2-June Richard Lau

6-June Lee Petersen

6-June Elvira Ruiz

6-June Sandy Smith

9-June Jerry Cain

9-June Perry Trout

10-June Nancy Grahlmann

11-June Dewey Anderson

14-June Janet Scaggs

28-June Susan Titus

29-June Ruby Pearson

1-July George Holtan

1-July Kay Spicer

2-July Susan Pizzuto

3-July Jean Ipema

9-July Rebecca McNair

10-July Mary Lee Lehrich

14-July Dawn Lau

16-July Violet Wieder

19-July Nancy Saine

20-July Linda Moyer

22-July Claudia Slone

27-July Jean Linzer

29-July Deborah Fisher

29-July Dorothy Parris

30-July Susan Owens

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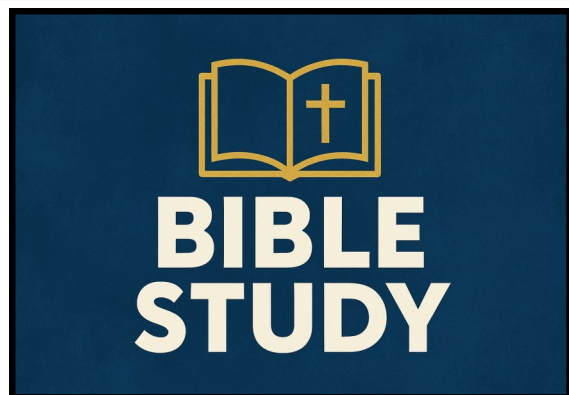
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June Weekly Bible Study



A Bible Study on the Book of Corinthians will continue throughout June. These letters to the early church offer rich teaching on unity, spiritual gifts, love, and living faithfully in a challenging world. Come rediscover the depth and practical wisdom found in Paul's message to the Corinthians.

BIBLE STUDIES are held on **Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireside Room & 6pm in the Fellowship Center.**

June Church Schedule

Our worship schedule for May will be:

**5/3/26 UNDERSTANDING
RESURRECTION**

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Communion

5/10/26 THE IDENTITY WE NEED

John 1:9-14

Fellowship Hour Presentation

by Paige Productions

5/17/26 THE RESUME THAT MATTERS

Philippians 3:3-11

5/24/26 THE CONVICTING SPIRIT

John 16:4b-14

Pentecost-Wear Red

5/31/26 THIS IS A TEST

Genesis 22:1-13