



# In Touch

## Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

### Jim Stewart | Buildings & Grounds Elder



Jim Stewart, Elder

#### “The Importance of Values ”

Values are at the root of everything we do. Good values, held deeply in each of our hearts, are what transform our church and community.

Values matter and so does loyalty. Loyalty is believing in and devoting oneself to God.

Within our church, our values and loyalty manifest through a

commitment to the love, care and support of our fellow church members and their families.

The church should be determined to fulfill our duties and obligations to those whom we serve. We should work as a team, doing our part with a spirit of excellence to ensure care for everyone involved. We fulfill our obligations with respect and appreciation. We seek to find the best in other people without judging them.

Our selfless service consists of adding value to others by putting their needs first. Living according to what we value in another person’s life, causes our walk to match our talk.

The value of having integrity is living an authentic lifestyle and being a person who doesn’t deceive or intentionally mislead others. The foundation of truth is the foundation of our church.

The value of courage allows us to stand up for what we believe is right and good. Let us continue to have the courage to act in the face of fear and uncertainty.

There is a difference in purpose and calling. Your purpose is your “why”- the reason for your life. It’s expressed through your calling- the work of your life. There is much work left for us to do in serving our fellow man. Hold to your values, continue to be a part of our church, and make each day continue to count for meaning.

Yours in Christ,  
*Jim Stewart*

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Celebration Week  
October 20 –27!



Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



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## Focus on Finance | 2024

April Income	\$ 28,933	Budget	\$ 34,062
April Expenses	\$ 48,193	Budget	\$ 30,469
YTD Income	\$ 161,353	YTD Budget	\$ 136,248
YTD Expense	\$ 136,467	YTD Budget	\$ 126,650

## Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



April expenses exceeded income as a result of making a significant principal reduction on the parking lot loan. This will result in paying off the loan by September of this year. Year to date we have a surplus of \$23,800, a good position to be in as we move into the summer months when giving tends to slow down.

Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions for the ministry, missions and operation of our church. Have a great summer.

**Linda Lull**, Treasurer

## 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](http://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.

## Homebound Communion



A team of Elders and Deacons are available to bring the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* to those unable to attend worship on the first Sunday of every month. Our communion team will arrive at your location on that Sunday at about 10:45-11:00 AM.

If you are interested, call the office at 480-837-1763 to be included in this special ministry.

## Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



At its May 21st meeting, Session accepted Custodian Frank DeGroot's resignation with his intent to retire, effective Friday, May 24, 2024. Session thanked Frank for his service to FHPC on the past two and a half years. His jovial personality and enthusiasm toward the job will be missed. We all wish him the best.

In very short order, the Personnel Committee received an application for employment from an experienced candidate, Steve Trommer. Elder Arlene motioned that we hire Steve as contractor (1099) for 20 hours/week which was unanimous.

Steve, the son of Helen Roesch, recently moved to Fountain Hills from Illinois where he worked as a school custodian. In June and July, Steve will work Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00- 5:00 p.m. and Friday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. His hours may be revised at the end of July.

## Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

**Men's Fellowship**  
Bill Matty

*Our Fellowship groups will resume meetings in the Fall.*

**Women's Fellowship**  
M. Holtan & S. Titus

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

**Hilltop Hospitality**  
Joyce Leo



**Every Tuesday | 10 a.m. | Fireside Room**  
All ladies are invited to *drop-in* for fellowship, games, puzzles, and conversation.



Hilltop Hospitality reminds everyone that during June and July, you are invited to bring **2 dozen cookies** for our coffee hours after Worship. Your delicious contributions are much appreciated!

## Out 'n About for Lunch | Continuing a Legacy

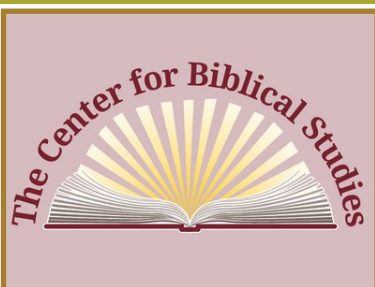


Let's go **Out n' About on Wednesday, June 19th at noon in Que Bueno.** Nancy Wulfmeier selected this restaurant and it will be an opportunity to share stories and a meal in her honor. The restaurant is located at 13207 N La Montana Dr .

To continue Nancy's legacy of promoting fellowship among the women of our church through this long standing event, there are plans afoot to continue our monthly luncheons. Stay tuned—more to follow!

## Christian Education

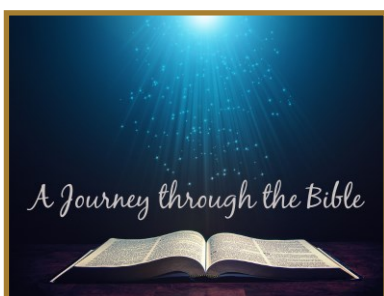
### Center for Biblical Study



**Wednesdays | 10 a.m. in Fireside Rm | 6 p.m. in FC**

Our current course, "*How to Have Spiritual Conversations*," will continue through the summer. This course teaches us how to engage persons in non-offensive conversations about the Christian Faith. It will teach us how to share our faith with others in ways that are casual and respectful. Unfortunately, we are out of books; however, if you have interest in the subject, please contact Pastor Bob.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

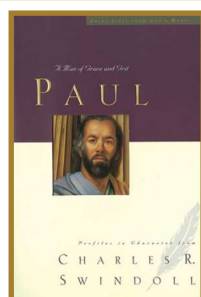


**Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Fireside Room | Through June**

*A Journey through the Bible* ends in June

Pastor Bob will conclude this journey of the 66 books of the Bible at the end of June. This study will be on hiatus through the summer and return in the Fall.

### Women's Morning Bible Study Monique Reynolds

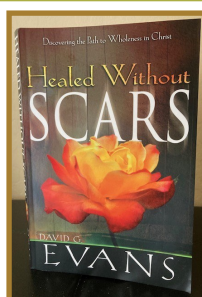


***Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit***  
Charles R. Swindoll

**Next Meeting | 2nd Thursday  
October 10 | 9:30 a.m.**

**Fireside Room  
Monique 336-382-8733**

### Women's Afternoon Circle Jane Allen



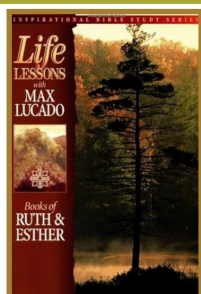
***Healed Without Scars* (Chs. 5-6)**  
David G. Evans

**Next Meeting | 1st Tuesday  
September 3 | 1 p.m.**

**Fireside Room  
Jane 907-538-3223**

### Women's Evening Circle Judy Hamouda

### Other Studies



**Life Lessons with Max Lucado:  
Books of Ruth & Esther**

**Next Meeting | 3rd Monday  
October 10 | 4:00 p.m.**

**Fireside Room  
Judy 480-215-0827**

**Men's Bible Study:** Don Carillo will begin a new bible study for men in the fall.

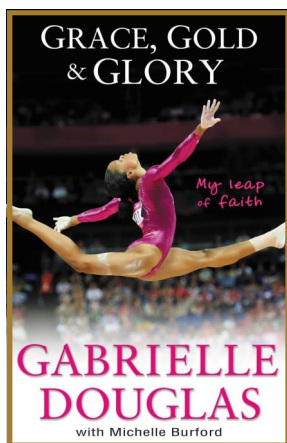
**Lunch & Lecture:** Maria Berry will host monthly L&L at her home during the summer, finishing Sproul's "Angels & Demons." "Luther & the Reformation" will begin in September.

## Christian Education

### Library Footnotes | Barbara Oakeson

This summer, the 2024 Olympics will be taking place in Paris, France. One of the more popular and anticipated events will again be women’s gymnastics. In 2022, Gabrielle Douglas announced that she was working on a comeback for the upcoming Olympics after not training following the Rio games. She was a two time gold medalist from the 2012 London games and became the first African-American to win the individual all-around.

learned that if she wanted her dreams to become reality, she would need support and an immense trust in God. Then came the strain her training placed on the household budget, the feeling she didn’t always belong, multiple injuries, and questions that led her to consider leaving gymnastics forever. The only thing pulling her through was the knowledge God had a plan, and her family was there to help her execute it-whatever that plan might contain.



In her personal autobiography, *Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith*, Gabrielle looks beyond the lessons she has learned at the gym and shares the leaps of faith she has needed to make throughout her life. She tells the incredible true story of a girl who overcame tremendous odds to bring glory to her team, her country, and her Creator.

Will Gabby make it back to the Olympics this summer? At the end of April, she successfully qualified for the US Gymnastics Championships at the end of May. By the time this is published, we will know the outcome. Winning that competition would set her up for a trip to the Olympic trials in June – and potentially the 2024 Summer games.

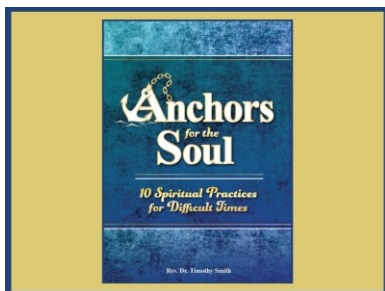
This book is very engaging and hard to put down – it is a quick read because you want to find out what happens next and are drawn back to it!

**Barbara Oakeson**



Almost no one would have guessed that this child born with a rare blood disorder would go on to make Olympic history and earn the nickname “the flying squirrel”. Growing up in a family with tight financial constraints but a wealth of faith and love, she quickly

### Anchors for the Soul | Timothy Smith



What helps you get through difficult times? Have you found that which helps you to not only survive them, but to thrive spiritually through them?

This devotional is unique from previous ones in that its emphasis is on 10 spiritual practices to scripturally anchor our lives in God when facing testing times as individuals, families, churches and, as well, as a nation.

The Smiths have provided FHPC with a supply of books which are available at the Connect desk on Sundays or in the office during business hours. You may also order them directly from Water from Rock at [www.waterfromrock.org/order-form/](http://www.waterfromrock.org/order-form/). There is no charge for the books; however, donations are always appreciated and welcome.

Water from Rock’s *Anchors for the Soul: 10 Spiritual Practices for Difficult Times*, is a small, easy-to-carry handbook, introducing 10 Scriptural practices for anchoring you in God’s love and care in pursuing the Psalmist David’s prayer to keep the “One thing...” (Psalm 27:4), the main thing!"

## Mission Messages | Mary Holtan

### “Showing God’s Love By Giving and Doing”

#### Recent Projects FHPC Missions Funded To Share God’s Love

##### Church in Sierra Leone

Pastor Simmons asked the Missions Committee to support a church that had been destroyed in Sierra Leone. The pastor of this church is Reverend Edmond Howard, who describes Pastor Bob as the “strong bone” behind him and a father to his family. The Mission Committee voted to give \$500 from our budget to support the rebuilding of this church. Pray for this church as they struggle to rebuild.

##### Community House



At our May Mission Committee meeting, Lila Kirsh presented information about Community House and the needs that FHPC might want to support.

On Mondays, dinner is served by various churches and organizations to about 80-90 people at 5PM. Churches can bring the food and volunteers will serve it or they can stay to serve and talk with the guests. The meal provided consists of an entree, rice or potato dish, bread, salad, and dessert. Community House provides the plates, etc., and setup. There is a kitchen with 3 stoves to heat food up.

The Mission committee voted to donate \$325 monthly to get food for the 3rd Monday in June, July, and August. Members will talk to other church people to see

if we can get a group together to bring the food to Community House and help serve. Matha Carillo has agreed to head up the first dinner on June 17th.

##### Code Red

Code:Red Water Drive sponsored by Phoenix Rescue Mission will run through the end of July. Their goal is to send out 1,000,000 water bottles this summer.

Last summer 645 lives were lost due to the extreme heat which is 52% over the year before.

Lives are at risk

this summer! No one is in more danger than our homeless neighbors. Together we can help save lives.

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church is the drop off place for our town wide water drive

There are three ways to support Code Red:

1. You can bring water to the church and it will be picked up by Phoenix Rescue Mission. They prefer the case of 24-16 ounce bottles.
2. You can also give directly to FHPC and put Code Red on the memo of your check or give online via FHPC eGiving.

##### FHPC Mission Committee:

Brendan Wagner, Elder, Terri Schmidt, Susan Titus, Donna Sims, Jack Reynolds, Jane Allen, Martha Carillo, Susan Owens, and Mary Holtan.



## Women Veterans Clothing Drive



The Evening Circle’s mission project continues through the summer. You can help by donating any new or gently-used women’s clothing items suitable for women veterans preparing to enter the work force.

Check your closet or even Goodwill to help these former service women make a difference in their new careers.

## Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



**Clothing needed for HOT summer months** – The warm and hot summer weather are upon us and it most certainly impacts our homeless veterans who are in need of suitable clothing so they can remain as comfortable as possible under their dire circumstances. T-shirts, shorts, cargo pants, hats, socks and toiletries are most of what are needed this

time of year. Please if your heart so desires, help me to help those in need, our homeless veterans, both male and female.

Because of fewer donations, I did not have a pickup last month. However, as you can tell from the attached picture, I have now made the call to arrange a date and time for a pickup this month. And I want to let you know that at least half of what you are looking at in the picture are the donations from the Ladies Afternoon Circle that have been collecting clothing for

our women’s veterans that they not only need on a daily basis but also hopefully for a job interview if they are lucky enough to get one. So thank you one and all for helping out our female homeless veterans.

Please remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, it never stops. We continue to collect gently used clothing, bedding, socks, shoes, hats, jackets, sweat-shirts, long pants, small household items and most of all, toiletries. These items are collected for the homeless veterans in Phoenix and surrounding areas. 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 and in the Church office. Thank you again for remembering our Veterans and our Troops.



*Donna Sims, Mission Committee*

## New Author *Rising* | JT Skewes

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church member John T. (JT) Skewes recently completed his first novel, "Solaris Rising," a thriller about a fictional future where two world powers have overtaken American soil.



The premise: Beginning in the year 2034, "Solaris Rising" follows the non-nuclear aftermath of World War III when world superpowers China and Russia have conquered North America, splitting the continent along the Rocky Mountains. China

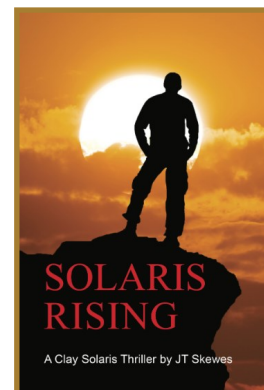
has taken over the West with what it calls Pacifica and Russia has taken over the East, calling their territorial possession Petrovistan. As land battles ensue, a hero is born, abandoned at the doorstep of an orphanage and grows to become a military wunderkind. As the future of North America lies in uncertainty, the nation looks to this unlikely young man as their only hope. Will he rise to the challenge

or are the hopes of this new nation misplaced?

A few years ago, Skewes was asked by author and former Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church member Jerry Maples to read one of his latest drafts. Enjoying the banter and gaining insight into Maple's work, Skewes decided it was time to finally try his hand in writing his own novel. So, after his retirement, Skewes took the majority of 2023 to write "Solaris Rising."

"I think this is an interesting, fun and entertaining book for someone who wants to forget about their troubles for the day and just read," Skewes said.

"This is a perfect book for people who want something to read over the summer."



Learn more about JT and his book on his website at [www.JTSkewes.com](http://www.JTSkewes.com).

## Looking Back 50 Years | Jackie Miles

In going through some Sunday worship programs and monthly newsletters that are in our archives, I came across some things I would like to share with you as we celebrate our 50th year of existence.

**Dorothy Parris**, our pianist, was the founding musician of our congregation beginning in 1979, with Rev. Glenn Atchinson. Raised in Haskell, Oklahoma, she began piano lessons at age 6. When she later moved to Tulsa, she played for Sunday school and church services, and performed for hospital and service clubs.

**Debbie Fisher** started working with kids and singing in the choir in 1991. She was hired by Rev. Atchinson in 1993.

**December 1974**, there were 62 charter members of our church. By **1992** there were 493 members.

The 1992 Financial Plan, "**Can Do!**" in which the distribution of the funds was divided into 8 parts: Administration, Debt Service, Worship, Education, Pastoral Care, Evangelism, Missions, and Facilities. The goal was \$324,963, to be raised through pledges (\$250,000) and other sources within the congregation.

The "**Can Do**" Challenge for 1992 had four objectives:

1. Attract new persons through Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service.
2. Increase programs for small children and older adults.
3. Maintain high quality of staff, Clergy and volunteers.
4. Maintain excellence in the beautiful campus.

**Ken Martinson**, a along-time member of FHPC first served as a Deacon in 1990. Musician **Jeff Dayton**, a resident of Fountain Hills at that time, was a soloist on December 16, 1990. Also that year, our church hosted a **Choir Fest** in November. Participating choirs were from FHPC, Rio Verde Community Church, Congregational Church of the Valley, and the Lutheran Church, and it was emceed by Bill Quigley. At the end, Pastor Glenn's wife, Joan Atchinson, directed all the choirs together as they sang Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

The **Columbarium** waterfall was dedicated on November 11, 1990.

In 1991 a service, **Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**, was held on Sunday, January 13. **AA** was meeting weekly in the conference room, and we had a dedication of our new **Steinway piano** on Sunday, April 28, 1991.

On February 16, 1992, Pastor Glenn bade farewell to our **Associate Pastor Steve Frazier**, who was on his way to Africa, and **Leonard Engstrom** was his replacement. In 1992 we were entertained by our men's instrumental group called **The Retreads**. On May 24, 1992, the **Biblical Garden**, surrounding the Columbarium was dedicated. The garden was a gift to our church by **Roy Wulfmeier** in memory of his wife, Helen Wulfmeier (1920-1991).

When Pastor Glenn retired in 1999, **Gary Kush** became our interim pastor, assisted by **Stan Jones**. At that time **Barb Wyman** was choir director, **Caryl Bates** was organist, and **Dorothy Parris** was the pianist. We were blessed with a brass Quartet thanks to **Al Roselieb, Roy Nickel, Roger Shepherd, and Bill Covault**. **Emily Young** frequently played the flute.

On January 29, 1999, FHPC hosted the **FH Community Choral Fest**, where each choir sang 1 or 2 songs and then all joined together at the end in Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Participating choirs were from the FHPC, Rio Verde Community Church, Congregational Church of the Valley, Ft. McDowell Presbyterian Church, CG's of St. Anthony's, Christ's Church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, and the FH Community Chorus.

**Donna Hansen** led our Hiking Group. **Jim and Becky Witherspoon** put together our Yellow Pages (a list of members who had gifts or talents they were willing to share to help other church members). **Bill Quigley** was chef for the October 17 **Pig Roast**. And we collected cans of soup for **Souper Bowl Sunday**.

In 2002, **Ewen Holmes** was our pastor, assisted by associate pastor **Benjamin Keller**. In February, Session established a fund for the purchase of hand bells (the cost was \$180.00 each).



## Looking Back 50 Years | Continued from Page 8

**Helen Quigley** was Clerk of Session, **Barb Wyman** celebrated her retirement as choir director after 17 years, and **Al Roselieb** was named her replacement. The church's January utility bill was published (electricity \$787.00, phone \$323.57, water & sewer \$14.55, trash \$122.24, and pest control \$40.00. ) And most importantly, plans were begun for the building of the **Fellowship Center**. **Ben Fast** was chair of this project. I'll wind up this article with items from 2003. **Mary Alice Bivens** served as Clerk of Session. We bought a new **computer** and developed a fully functional **website** ([www.fhpresbyterian.org](http://www.fhpresbyterian.org)), developed a **"tape ministry"** where a tape of the Sunday service, and a tape recorder if needed, were taken to those unable to attend church because of poor health. The Deacons and Men's Group also provided

transportation, when needed, to church and to medical appointments.

In May, **Marta Ludwig** became the new administrative coordinator. An All Church Rummage Sale was held Sat. Oct. 25 from 7a.m. to 2 p.m. to help pay for the new Fellowship Center. Sales netted \$12,000 and **Jean Ipema** was very involved with this. Sept. 21 saw the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fellowship Hall, and costs for this project were published, only to be revised again and again. But this was a very important project when you realize that up to this point, there was no church kitchen or large area for fellowship activities (other than outside ).

*Jackie Miles, Artifacts and History Committee*

## Portrait of Jesus | Jackie Miles

The Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, now celebrating its 50th year, has a portrait of Jesus of Nazareth on Arizona flagstone adorning the front wall of its sanctuary.



A gift from the Prescott artist, Earl MacPherson in 1976, it was his 97th "Christone", using techniques that go back 200 centuries in the history of art. All with the same interpretation of Christ, many of these portraits are exhibited in churches in Arizona and California.

In 1967, Rev. Conrad Braaten of Ascension Lutheran Church in Scottsdale

commissioned MacPherson to paint a portrait of Christ. The artist began to study and reflect, and developed his interpretation of Jesus, which included reddish hair and blue eyes. This supported a description of Christ by a clerk in Pontious Pilate's court in the Archeo Volumes, and a description in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The artist said he wanted to use something of the earth, so he chose Arizona flagstone, which comes out in layers and has a smooth surface. The technique of painting on stone goes back to cave paintings, where artists used charcoal from their fires.

MacPherson used charcoal, as well as Italian crayon and Conte crayon – permanent colors that he rubbed into the stone with his fingers.

*By Jackie Miles, based on an article in the May 22,*

### SEEKING CHURCH MEMORABILIA

Help us take a trip down memory lane! As we prepare for our 50th Anniversary celebration, we are looking for pictures and other items that portray our church history.

Please search your archives and photo albums. Bring them by the office to be scanned or email them to [office@fhpresby.org](mailto:office@fhpresby.org).

*Picture courtesy of Joyce Hartley*



## Music Ministry | Deb Fisher



Summer months bring a different *tune* within our Music Ministry. We have said good-bye to so many as folks as they travel off on to their summer destinations. It always takes a bit of getting used to not seeing them.

Summer is always a wonderful time to hear the individual musicians as they present special music within our worship. We have so many wonderful and accomplished people who work so well with each other. It is often fun to hear them as they share individually, or within a mix. We all express such love and are truly gratified by this expression. This is why summer is always a wonderful time of year. It sure does get hot, though. We all look forward to seeing you each Sunday, and the days between!

“Yes, joyful are those who live like this! Joyful indeed are those whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 144:15 — **Debbie Fisher, Music Director**

## Our Church's Miracle | Beverly Mills

*On Sunday, June 2, 2024, Beverly Mills returned as a featured soloist to sing “Goodness of God,” receiving a standing ovation by the congregation. Before she began, she recounted the previous 21 months in this personal testimony.*

This song is a testimony of God's goodness and grace. On September 2, 2022, I found myself face



down in the parking lot outside. I have no recollection of what happened leading up to the fall, but I got up with a large blood filled bruise over the right side of my

forehead. I called my daughter and she and my son-in-law came to get me. I have no recollections of the ensuing 6 months after the fall. I was told that I was rushed into surgery because of a severe bleed inside my brain. I was given a 50% chance of survival.

Due to God's grace, I made it through surgery but that was the easy part. For the next 3 months, I was unconscious and oblivious to the world around me. I was in the ICU on a ventilator for weeks, followed by a tracheostomy and a feeding tube. My eyes opened for less than 1 hour a day, but I had no idea where I was or what was happening.

I spent the next 3 months in 3 hospitals until they said there was nothing more they could do for me. I could not move except for some minor movements in my left arm. My body was immobilized and I was dependent on 24/7 care. I could do nothing for myself.

Against the advice of the social worker, my family took me home to care for me themselves. My home became Beverly's Bootcamp where I was taken through rigorous therapy at home and eventually was able to go to outpatient rehab. I still could not move or do anything for myself. I relied on a lift that transported me from one room to the next around the house. I called it “the contraption” and I hated that thing. I spent the next several months in a fog, not fully aware of what was happening or what had happened.

Through the loving care of my family and God's Grace, I am here to sing this song. I will be eternally grateful to Debbie Fisher and Dorothy Parris who have been instrumental in getting me close to my pre-accident soprano voice. Debbie encouraged me to continue to be part of the choir even though I could not carry a note. My voice would not hold the soprano notes. Dorothy was incredibly patient while we practiced and never seemed bothered by my slow progress.

Many thanks also to Susan Harding who was happy to take me to choir practice every Thursday. Many thanks to Pastor Bob and my church family who prayed and supported me through these most difficult times. You have lovingly called me the “Church's Miracle” and “Hop along Beverly.” I love all of you dearly; I pray God's Blessing on you all.

**Beverley Mills, Soprano**

## Meet Our Musicians | Nancy Grahlmann



There was something magical about going to Grandma's house in Simcoe, Ontario. It was more than her little wire fenced garden that was lined with hollyhocks. On the side of the wire fence was a quaint little walkway that led to the massive front porch, a square wrought iron sign read 'Conservatory of Music'.

The house was yellow, two story and had white trim. The massive entryway door had the most ornate doorbell in the center of it. Turn the key and it would ring the silliest ring for such a magnificent door, I giggled and rang it continuously until Grandma showed up hushing me into silence until we were upstairs. Grandma lived on the upper floor, downstairs from her place was where the Bartholimue sisters lived. The sisters were piano teachers. Before I was hurried up the stairs, I would peer beyond the entryway where I could see beyond the glass panes on the French doors that secluded the rooms where the lesson pianos were. Upstairs, I was mesmerized by the music notes that seemed to float out of the rooms up to my ears and beyond. I would imagine the thrill of being able to play the piano so beautifully.

My piano skills were far below what I heard coming from the conservatory. I imagined what it would be like to play music that sounded like that. It wasn't until I attended boarding school in Whillouby, Ohio that my piano skills began to sound like music. In a room quite like one of the rooms at my grandmother's house, I would sit at the piano to play my assignments for the instructor. He would tap his baton for rhythm as opposed to using a metronome. Studying was sometimes grueling, but I was determined. I loved classical piano. My first goal was to play Fur Elise, a Ludwig Beethoven classic. I moved on to Sonatas and learned

Sonata by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; still my favorite piece to play today. When I could finally play Moonlight Sonata, my dreams of long ago were becoming a reality. Whenever I flew home for family visits, I would sit at the piano and pound the keyboard to play as loudly as I could. Maybe my playing wasn't as welcome as I thought it should be, I determined that from my father knocking loudly on the wall between us.

While in boarding school, I also joined the chorus. Tryouts made me a nervous wreck, but once I was accepted, I enjoyed every harmonious moment of our "glee club", although I don't think at an all girls boarding school it was really a typical glee club.

I found that I enjoyed entertaining. Learning music to Peter and the Wolf, I did some stints of Story Telling while babysitting during the summer months. I studied piano for twelve years.

Perhaps my interest in music stemmed from family. My mother was a piano player. She always hoped for a classical piano player. Each child I brought into this world, she scrutinized their hands and finger length and dreamed that one day she would have a famous classical piano player. Her father was a band leader in Hamilton, Ontario.

My father's mother's parents sent my grandmother off to make a living by playing the piano. She played at different pubs in London. A scout from Saskatchewan heard of her and sent for her to join him. On the way to Canada, she and her driver fell in love and instead she married him. Eventually they opened their own pub.

Today, I enjoy being in the choir for FHPC. Debbie Fisher has an amazing way of bringing out my voice. Dorothy Parris is an amazing piano player. I could not ask for a better group of choir members either.

**Nancy Grahlmann**



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**Have you changed your email address?** Please let us know so you don't miss important and timely information from the church.

## Pie & the Sky | 4th of July Event



On Thursday, July 4, there will again be fireworks at Fountain Park. If you would be more comfortable sitting at a table in air-conditioned comfort, please join us for “Pie and The Sky” from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

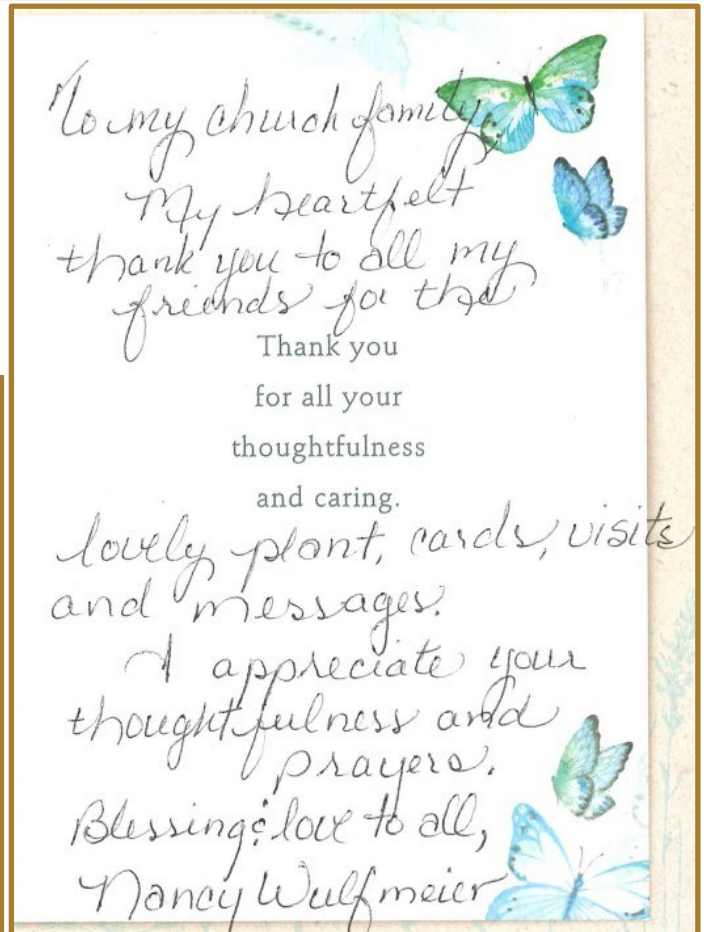
There will be music, friendship, pie and coffee or water, and a wonderful view of the fireworks through the windows overlooking that area. A variety of pies will be available, thanks to our local restaurants and bakeries. We’d love to have you join us!

**Reservations are required:** RSVP online at [www.fhpresbyterian.info/fireworks](http://www.fhpresbyterian.info/fireworks), or contact the office at 480-837-1763 or by email at [office@fhpresby.org](mailto:office@fhpresby.org).

## Sweet Memories | Special Thanks

Nancy Wulfmeier was indeed a special lady, faithful to her Lord and dedicated to her Church. Pictured below is her homemade pie that she made from Jane Allen’s Alaskan rhubarb. From her hospital bed she instructed her daughter Connie to bring it to the church for us to enjoy after worship.

Also pictured is a note that Nancy dictated to Connie to share with her church family.



## Chancel Flowers



Honor or memorialize someone dear or celebrate a special occasion or event by making a \$35 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.

# 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???

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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](http://www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden) or pick up a brochure in the office.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Birthdays | June & July

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  
 14-June Janet Scaggs  
 20-June Nancy Kreinbring  
 22-June Carol Hodgson  
 28-June Susan Titus  
 29-June Joyce Babaian

29-June Jane Fehr  
 29-June Ruby Pearson  
 1-July George Holtan  
 1-July Kay Spicer  
 2-July Susan Pizzuto  
 3-July Bill Covault  
 3-July Jean Ipema  
 5-July Dorraine Aggen  
 9-July Colleen Taylor  
 10-July Mary Lee Lehrich  
 11-July Kitty Youngquist  
 13-July Ron Waldo

14-July Evelyn Hrunek  
 14-July Dawn Lau  
 16-July Violet Wieder  
 19-July Nancy Saine  
 20-July Linda Moyer  
 22-July Claudia Slone  
 25-July Keith Coultrap  
 27-July Jean Linzer  
 28-July Ramona Moore  
 29-July Chris Carillo  
 29-July Deborah Fisher  
 29-July Dorothy Parris  
 30-July Susan Owens

# June/July 2024 | FHPC 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
<b>2 June</b> 8:00am Music Ministries Rehearsal (SA) <b>9:00am Worship (SA/Online)</b> 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR)	<b>3</b> 9:30am Event Meeting (FR) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) Youth Theater (9am-3pm)	<b>4</b> 8:00am FH Ministerial Assoc Meeting (FR) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) Youth Theater (9am-3pm)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Bible Study 4:15pm Childrens Music & Movement 6:00pm Bible Study Youth Theater (9am-3pm)	<b>6</b> 4:30pm Music Ministries Rehearsal (SA) Youth Theater (9am-3pm)	<b>7</b> Youth Theater (9am-3pm)	<b>8</b>
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CR =Conference Rm

ER =Education Rm  
FR =Fireside Rm

FC =Fellowship Ctr  
L = Library

NX=Narthex  
O =Office

S= Sanctuary



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