



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Phyliss Kern | Elder Celebrating Our Music Ministry: A Testament to Talent and Tradition



Phyliss Kern

music ministry.

When my family and I first joined FHPC, under the pastoral guidance of Glen Atchinson, we gathered in a modest building east of the HOA Chinese restaurant. From those early days, one aspect that has consistently stood out is the exceptional musical talent within our congregation. Our music ministry has been a beacon of beauty and worship, enriching our services and uplifting our spirits.

Dorothy Parris has been a cornerstone of our music program for as long as I can remember. Her skillful piano performances have always been a source of spiritual enrichment, showcasing her remarkable ability to bring out the full beauty and emotional depth of the instrument. Her dedication and talent

My name is Phyliss Kern, and it has been my honor to be part of the FHPC community for nearly 47 years. As a current Elder and former Deacon, I have had the privilege of witnessing our church’s journey through numerous changes and milestones. Through it all, one enduring source of inspiration and joy has been our extraordinary

have been a gift to all who have heard her play.

Additionally, Debbie Fisher, whom I have known for over 25 years, has played a pivotal role in our music ministry. Her background as a music teacher at the Charter School and her impressive versatility with a range of instruments have greatly enriched our choir’s performances. Under her direction, our choir achieves a level of harmony and excellence that is truly inspiring, transforming our worship experience into something truly memorable.

When asked about what makes FHPC special to me, I always point to our outstanding music department. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented musicians whose commitment to their craft has maintained a high standard of musical excellence throughout the years. Their contributions help make our worship services deeply meaningful and spiritually fulfilling.

Despite the many changes we have experienced, our music ministry has remained a steadfast and cherished part of our worship experience. I invite you to join us for a service and immerse yourself in the beauty of our music, which continues to be a testament to the enduring spirit and talent within our church family.

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**FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
The Heart of Fountain Hills for 50 Years

**Celebration Week
October 20 –27!**

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Focus on Finance | 2024

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| July Income | \$ 23,078 | Budget | \$ 34,062 |
| July Expenses | \$ 26,814 | Budget | \$ 32,133 |
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| YTD Income | \$ 262,732 | YTD Budget | \$ 238,434 |
| YTD Expense | \$ 221,518 | YTD Budget | \$ 222,772 |

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



Year-to-date income exceeds YTD expenses by \$41,213. We have managed to stay within budget on the expense side. We had two air conditioners needing repair due to a power surge, which is always a concern during the hot summer months. Fortunately, this was covered under the church's property insurance policy. We were reimbursed \$10,045, net of our deductible. These funds were returned to the capital reserve account to be used for any future major capital repairs or purchases. Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions for the ministry, missions, and operation of our church.

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Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



Because of the full schedule surrounding the 50th anniversary celebration, the Session has approved postponing the annual "Kick Off" event, which showcases each FHPC committee and educational opportunities, from October to March. The **Will Graham Look Up Celebration** will be held at the Fountain on Saturday, March 22. We will include information on this at a table along with FHPC committee updates and opportunities after worship in the Fellowship Center on March 9, 2025.

Pastor Bob will be on a well-deserved vacation from September 2 through the 9th and will return to the office on Tuesday, the 10th.

Comms Courier | Jeff Rand



The **Will Graham Look Up Celebration** at The Fountain is a free, family-friendly event coming to Fountain Park in Fountain Hills on **March 22, 2025**. It will feature music from award-winning Christian bands and a message

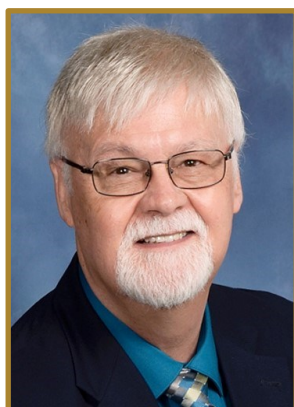
of hope from evangelist Will Graham. It is open to everyone, and all are welcome to attend.

A *prayer gathering* will be held at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, **September 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** You are invited to join fellow believers in praying for our community and the upcoming Will Graham Look Up Celebration at The Fountain. During the prayer gathering, we will ask God to call men, women, and children from across this region into a relationship with His Son.



Christian Education

Bible Study | Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons



THE CENTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES will be back with a new study, "A Hop, Skip, and a Jump Through the Bible," starting Wednesday, September 18. Please stop by the office when you have an opportunity and pick up a book if you would like to join the study. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday in the Fireside Room or at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.

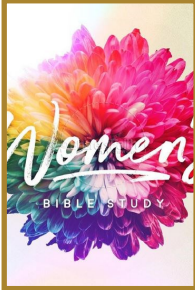
I will be giving a special series of sermons during the month of September following the theme: "Can We Trust the Bible?" Please plan to join us for worship as I share these important sermons with you:

- September 1** - "How Do We View the Bible?"
- September 8** - Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Joe Surin
- September 15** - "The Reasons for Trusting the Bible" - Part 1
- September 22** - "The Reasons for Trusting the Bible" - Part 2
- September 29** - "What Did Jesus Believe About the Bible?"

AFTER WORSHIP ADULT CLASS will begin on Sunday, September 15, immediately following worship, in the Fireside Room. Join us as we continue our journey through the Bible with R.C. Sproul. We will start with Sproul's study of "From Dust to Glory." See you on the 15th!

Christian Education

Women's Bible Study Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs



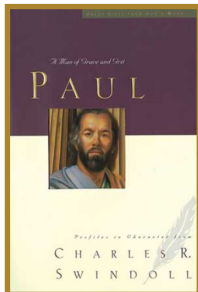
Are You Connected?

Are you currently involved in a Women's Bible Study? If not, we have exciting news for you. We offer several Women's Bible Studies (Morning, Afternoon, and Early Evening), but if you are still working or unavailable at the times offered, we have added a new session! **Starting September 12, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. The new group will convene at 17152 Kensington Place in Fountain Hills.**

For more information or any questions, please contact Jeanette Simmons or Janet Scaggs. Additionally, if you need a ride, no problem—we've got you covered! *Join us as we gather to learn, seek understanding, and find encouragement* in our Christian journey as women of faith.

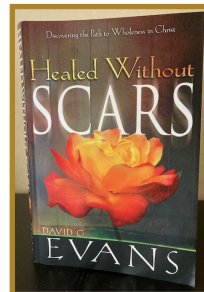
Women's Morning Bible Study Monique Reynolds

Women's Afternoon Circle Jane Allen



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**

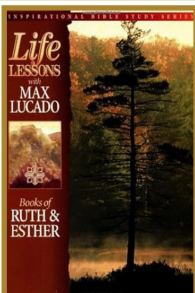


Healed Without Scars (Chs. 5-6)
David G. Evans

**Next Meeting | 1st Tuesday
September 3 | 1 p.m.
Library
Jane 907-538-3223**

Women's Evening Circle Judy Hamouda

Lunch & Lecture Maria Berry



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

**Next Meeting | 3rd Monday
September 16 | 4:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Judy 480-215-0827**



**Sproul's "Angels & Demons."
"Luther & the Reformation"**

**Next Meeting | 2nd Saturday
September 14 | 12:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Maria Berry 602-799-9982**

Men's Bible Study Don Carillo

Save the Date: New Study Starting October! We're excited to announce our Men's Bible Study will kick off a new series. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and engage in meaningful discussions. For information, contact Don Carillo at 480-837-6889.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

Men's Fellowship
Bill Matty



Men's Fellowship will resume on September 21 at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Center. Please refer to the weekly for updates, For any questions, you may call Bill Matty at 815-282-6024 or email at bbmatty67@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship
M. Holtan & S. Titus



FHPC Women's Fellowship invites all women to a Friendship Potluck Brunch on Friday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. RSVP to Susan at SLTitus@gmail.com.

Out n' About
Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will meet on **Wednesday, September 18 at noon** in **Euro Pizza Cafe**. Please come and join the ladies and you may bring a friend or two to join us. You may call Joyce Leo at 803-522-2889 or Bonnie Matty at 815-260-5031 to make reservations.

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



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



The Power of Community in Faith

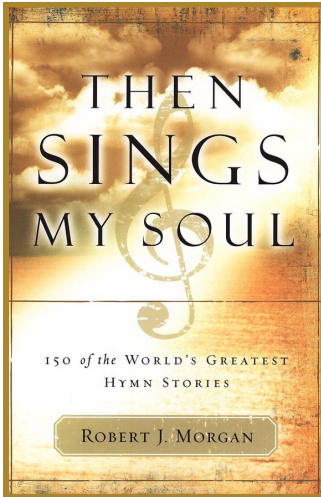
“The church is not a social club for the saints, but a hospital for sinners. Our community should be a living demonstration of grace and compassion, where we find healing and support in our shared journey of faith. In this place, we are called to bear one another’s burdens, celebrate each other’s victories, and grow together in the knowledge and love of Christ”

—Tim Keller, Presbyterian pastor and author

Library Footnotes

Book Review | Barbara Oakeson

The Story Behind "Amazing Grace"



Every week, millions of Christians around the world use hymns composed by believers from every era and branch of Christianity to join voices in praise—singing psalms and hymns and making melody in their hearts to praise the Lord. On a recent Sunday at FHPC, when we were singing the

beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," I wanted to revisit the circumstances of John Newton's composing this important message. In the church library, I located the book *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories* by Rev. Robert J. Morgan.

John Newton had been schooled in Christian beliefs by his mother, who unfortunately passed away when he was seven years old. After her death, he alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper into sin. He became involved in the slave trade. While on



a ship headed to England in 1748, a violent storm prompted him to change directions in his life and eventually change vocations to become a minister.

He became a successful preacher, wrote this autobiographical hymn in 1779, and went on to write a total of 349 hymns.

Each of the 150 hymns in this library book includes full sheet music and lyrics of the featured hymn on the left page, and on the opposite right page is the

story behind its origin and how God stirred the hearts of the writers. These devotional-style stories show the emotion and drama behind the hymns of faith that have changed many lives throughout history—from the people whose faith led them to write these wonderful hymns to the people whose faith was affected by reading, hearing, and singing them. There is a hymn index for easy reference.

—*"A reading Christian is a growing Christian"*



The Legacy of "Amazing Grace"

The enduring legacy of "Amazing Grace" extends far beyond John Newton's own life and times. Its message of redemption and hope has transcended denominational boundaries and cultural barriers, becoming a unifying anthem for Christians worldwide. The hymn's ability to resonate with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences underscores its timeless relevance.

As we continue to sing "Amazing Grace" in worship and reflection, it serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of God's love and mercy. Each note and lyric invites us to reflect on our own journey of faith and the grace that continually guides and sustains us. The hymn's universal appeal and profound message ensure that its impact will be felt for generations to come, reinforcing the enduring truth that God's grace truly knows no bounds.

50th Anniversary of FHPC

Mark your calendars for the week of October 20, 2024!

We are thrilled to announce a week-long celebration to commemorate "The Heart of Fountain Hills for 50 Years." This special event will include music, mementos, photos, videos, prayer, artifacts, and special guests.



Celebration Schedule:

Sunday, October 20th: We will kick off the week with a special service at 10:00 a.m. featuring music, guests, and remembrances. Following the service, there will be a catered brunch. RSVP required.

Monday, October 21st through Thursday, October 24th: Enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week, including campus tours and historical exhibits. On Thursday evening, join us for a special Western-themed event with visitors, town officials, and community members. An ice cream social and games will add to the fun!

Sunday, October 27th: The final celebration will be a special service at 10:00 a.m., featuring great remembrances, songs, and personal messages. A special brunch will follow the service. RSVP required.

Committee Chairs and Contacts:

- **Music:** Deb Fisher, Dorothy Parris
- **Communications:** Jeff Rand
- **Ice Cream Social:** Shawn Uphoff, Helen Quigley
- **Artifacts:** Jackie Miles
- **Decorations:** Mary Holtan
- **Food:** Arlene Stewart

Throughout the week, look out for special daily messages about our church history and the Town Proclamation.

Please save these dates and join us in celebrating this milestone!

—Arlene Stewart, Event Chair

Mission Messages

“Showing God's Love By Giving and Doing”

The Mission Committee met in August and donated money from the mission budget to the following projects:

Community House - The Mission Committee has voted to give \$325 to Community House for Monday meals in June, July, and August.

Reverend Howard - The Mission Committee voted to give another \$500 to Reverend Howard in Africa to support their congregation in rebuilding their church, which burned down.

Christ Community Church - Rev. Lisa McFarland - The Mission Committee voted to give \$1000 to support Lisa in starting her new church.

SAWs Southwest Inc. - Linda Lull requested \$1500 from the Mission Committee to donate to this project, which builds ramps for disabled people in our community.

Caleb Schoklie - ECO Missionary to Scotland - requested by Arlene Stewart
The Mission Committee voted to send \$750 to Caleb Schoklie to support his work in Scotland.

International Overture - Haiti - The Mission Committee voted to give \$1000 to International Overture to cover the cost for 2 children to attend school, including housing and lunch for a year.

William Graham - Lift Up - The Mission Committee voted to send \$1000 to William Graham - Lift Up.

CODE RED

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated to Code Red this summer. By the end of August, FHPC contributed \$3,232 to the Phoenix Rescue Code Red drive and collected approximately 75 cases of water. The Mission Committee deeply appreciates your generosity and commitment to supporting our neighbors in need.

FHPC Mission Committee: *Brendan Wagner, Terri Schmidt, Susan Titus, Donna Sims, Jack Reynolds, Jane Allen, Martha Carillo, Susan Owens, Christine Colley, Mary Holtan*

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims

I want to thank everyone who made donations to our ministry supporting veterans and homeless veterans throughout the Phoenix area these past few months. Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) was thrilled and speechless when they arrived at my garage. After loading their big truck, they headed straight to one of their shelters on the west side. I can't truly describe the looks on their faces when they realized what they were receiving, which included clothing (both men's and women's), lots of shoes, belts, towels, bedding, and, for the first time, a big bag of toiletries—a great surprise for the drivers.



Beginning next month (October), I will shift to collecting winter clothing, as we hope cooler weather will have arrived by then. At that time, I will also start distributing envelopes with a notepad and a list of our current military members, so everyone can write a

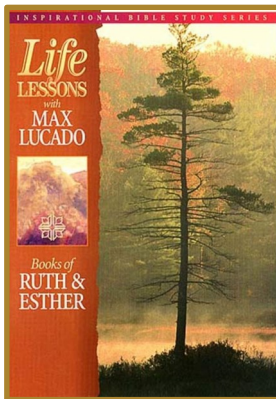
Christmas greeting note. Yes, that time of year has arrived.

Please remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round—we never stop. We continue to collect gently used clothing, bedding, socks, shoes, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, long pants, small household items, and, most of all, toiletries. 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

Evening Circle | Judy Hamouda



Evening Circle will kick off the new season on September 16 with our study of Ruth and Esther. We will be using Max Lucado's study book entitled *Life Lessons with Max Lucado: Books of Ruth & Esther*. This study offers profound insights into these two influential Biblical figures, encouraging deep reflection and spiritual growth.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of every month in the Fireside Room from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We engage in deep Biblical discussions and welcome all women from the congregation to join us. Whether you are a seasoned scholar or new to Bible study, our group provides a supportive environment for exploring faith together. We will have extra copies of the study book available at the meeting.

The Evening Circle also takes on various mission projects throughout the year, fostering a spirit of service

and community. We will be discussing new ideas for 2024-2025 when we meet. Last year, we began a call for donations of back-to-work clothing for women veterans, which has continued to be a huge success, providing valuable support to those in need.

If you would like to learn more about the Evening Circle or how you can get involved, please call Judy Hamouda at (480) 215-0827. We look forward to growing in faith and fellowship with you!



Evening Circle at the Sugar Bowl in Old Town Scottsdale

Meet Our Musicians | Debbie Fisher & Dorraine Aggen

My mother, Dorraine, has been playing the church organ and piano for fifty years and singing in church and choral ensembles all her life. All of her



Norwegian/German family sang in church, filling the pews of the little Presbyterian Church behind her parents' home in a small town on the plains of South Dakota where they farmed and ran a garage that sold and repaired farming implements. Mom's beautiful mother sang soprano and her father was a bass. Mom and her two

brothers were happily raised playing and studying several different instruments to fill out the band and orchestra as very accomplished musicians, just as their parents did. There are several organists and pianists in Mom's family, including a brother, uncles and cousins, some university trained, some carrying on from the lessons they received in their youth and others playing by their natural ear. God spread the talents throughout the whole family.

Mom continued studying piano at Northern State while she also worked as a paralegal. Mom met my father, Charles, who was enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in England. She took passage on the SS United States and began her life in England with my father. They had five children and traveled back to the states, then to Germany and back to the states again And they didn't lose any of us!

After my dad retired, we lived in Mountain Home, Idaho. We joined the church where Mom played the Allen Organ. She joined the Boise Master Chorale and treasures her memories of the hard work and many hours driving to Boise to sing the music of the masters. We always attended church, we always sang, we always played instruments as we learned them in school. A couple of us studied at University, another has become a legend in Idaho, traveling and singing his western songs.

After leaving Boise State I came to Arizona to continue my education at ASU for Music Therapy. While awaiting residency, I was employed as an

Associate teaching music all over the valley. For 14 years I taught in 10 schools a week. They were small and private schools and I loved it! I met my husband, Greg and we moved to Fountain Hills. Finally, I was back in a small town where everyone waved while driving! I began attending FHPC and decided fairly quickly that this was the place I wanted to be. I

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began working with the youth and singing in the choir under Barb Wyman's direction and added instrumentation here and there. Pastor Glenn hired

me. Mom and Dad built a winter home here and we resumed small town living. Mom and I played in the FH Community Band together and played several ensembles together in church. I assumed the position of Director of Music Ministries in 2008. I have loved working in this church, with Dorothy Parris and several other folks who have been here just as long. I



play Taps for the Veterans and play at Memorial Day events, as I did as a teenager.

As a musician, I perform in several different ways in Fountain Hills. I have been on staff at our beautiful church for 31 years. Mom has been here 28 years. We both have been blessed with beautiful musical

upbringings in beautiful musical families. We have both been members of several performing groups that help to satisfy that musical passion we were born with. God has truly been directing our lives and the lives of all our family. He has blessed us with becoming a part of Fountain Hills.

— ***Debbie Fisher, Music Director***

The Heart of Our Faith: Community, Fellowship, and Grace



FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, we believe that our faith journey is not meant to be walked alone. The strength of our congregation lies in the bonds we forge with one another, the support we offer in times of need, and the joy we share in moments of celebration. This sense of community is not just a nice addition to our church life—it's at

the very core of how we live out our faith.

The Importance of Community

In the book of Acts, we see the early Christian church gathering regularly, sharing meals, and supporting one another. This model of communal faith is one we strive to emulate at FHPC. Whether it's through our Sunday services, Bible study groups, or fellowship events, we create spaces for meaningful connections to flourish.

Our community extends beyond the walls of our church. We're called to be the hands and feet of Christ in Fountain Hills and beyond. Through our outreach programs and mission work, we put our faith into action, serving those in need and spreading God's love in tangible ways.

Fellowship: More Than Just Social Gatherings

While we certainly enjoy our potlucks and social events, fellowship at FHPC goes deeper. True Christian fellowship, or *koinonia* in Greek, involves sharing our lives with one another. It's about being there for each other in times of joy and sorrow, challenging each other to grow in faith, and working together to further God's kingdom.

We encourage all members to find ways to connect beyond Sunday mornings. Whether it's joining a small group, volunteering for a ministry, or simply reaching out to a fellow member in need, these acts of fellowship strengthen our church family and deepen our individual faith walks.

A Core Presbyterian Belief: Grace Alone

As we build our community and deepen our fellowship, we're guided by core Presbyterian beliefs. One of the most fundamental is the concept of "Grace Alone" or "*Sola Gratia*" in Latin. This doctrine teaches that our salvation comes solely through God's grace, not through any merit of our own.

This belief in God's overwhelming grace shapes how we view ourselves and others. We recognize that we are all equal recipients of God's unearned favor. This humbling truth fosters an atmosphere of acceptance and love within our church community. We don't have to prove our worth or compete for God's love—it's freely given to all.

Understanding grace helps us extend grace to others. When conflicts arise or mistakes are made, we're reminded of the immense grace we've received from God. This motivates us to forgive, to show compassion, and to welcome all people into our fellowship, just as Christ welcomes us.

Living Out Community, Fellowship, and Grace

As we continue to grow as a church family, let's remember the importance of community and fellowship, always grounded in the amazing grace of God. Here are a few ways you can engage more deeply:

- Attend a small group or Bible study
- Volunteer for one of our ministries
- Reach out to someone you don't know well after Sunday service
- Pray for our church community regularly

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:24-25

At Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, we're not just a collection of individuals—we're a family, united by God's grace and called to live out our faith together. As we do so, may we continually grow in love for God and for one another.

Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



Celebration Singers, start your humming! We resume choir rehearsal on:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 4:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY.

We are all looking forward to being together, creating beautiful music in our Sanctuary during each worship service. You are such

a great choir to work with! There are so many pieces of music to sing that bring our hearts and voices together. As everyone starts to return and as some get healed up strong enough to sing, we will do just that. We will also be preparing music for the concert on October 20 at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary, which celebrates “Flourishing for 50 Years at FHPC.” There are so many memories to go through as we focus on this church, our founding, and our foundation. We are a Christ-centered church. God has always been what

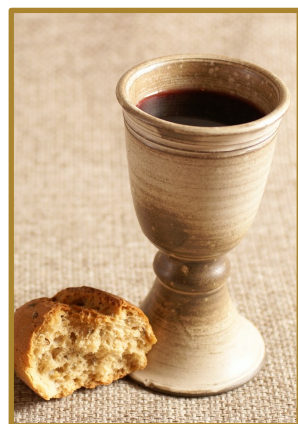
has held this church together. As the memories highlight how many have toiled, how many have nurtured the Believing, and how God, Jesus Christ, His Son, and the Holy Spirit have kept our souls afloat, we get to sing about this, play our instruments, shake our tambourines, and hear the word of the Lord, knowing how blessed we are to have this beautiful church, ready for any Believer to walk in and join the crowd.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

— Galatians 5:22-26

— Debbie Fisher, Music Director

Extended Communion



Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church is offering **Extended Communion** at the homes of interested congregants following the regular Communion service on the first Sunday of each month.

If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion at home, simply call the church office at (480) 837-1763 and ask to be added to the Extended Communion list.

Please call no later than the Monday prior to the first Sunday of the month.

A Deacon will call you a couple of days prior to the service to confirm that you still want to receive Communion on that Sunday, and an Elder, Deacon, or both will visit you following the regular 9 a.m. service to serve Communion.

—The FHPC Board of Deacons

On Communion

“In the sacrament of Communion, we are not merely recalling a historical event but participating in the ongoing reality of Christ’s redemptive work. This sacrament binds us together in a spiritual unity, reminding us that through Christ’s sacrifice, we are joined not only to Him but also to each other in a covenant of grace.”



Sharing Our Gifts



At FHPC, we are inspired by how our congregation shares their God-given gifts—our talents, time, and treasure—to further God’s work and spread His love. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, “*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.*” Every act of generosity, big or small, enriches our church community and reflects our collective commitment to making a difference.

We want to hear your stories of how you or others are sharing their gifts. Whether through volunteering, supporting church initiatives, or making an impact in the community, your experiences can inspire and encourage others. Email your stories to office@fhpresby.org to be featured in our upcoming In Touch newsletter. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us build a stronger, more connected community through your acts of service.



Celebrate with Flowers: Honor, Memorialize, and Cherish

To dedicate flowers in the Sanctuary for your loved ones or a special occasion, please select from the available dates. Each week, the flowers are elegantly arranged and can be taken home after Sunday Worship for a fee of \$35.

If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by placing a floral arrangement on the chancel during our worship service, your dedication will be announced during Sunday’s Welcome and published in *The Weekly*. To order flowers, please sign up in the book located in the narthex or call the office.

The cost of \$35 per arrangement is made possible because the flowers are purchased separately and arranged by dedicated volunteers—no commercial florist could offer such generous support. You may take the flowers home after the service.

September Birthdays

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| 2-September | Beverley Mills |
| 3-September | Marilyn Humes |
| 4-September | Greg Fisher |
| 4-September | William Quigley |
| 9-September | Bradley Kern |
| 10-September | Barbara Hoverland |
| 12-September | Bonnie Matty |
| 14-September | Louis Meeuwenberg |
| 15-September | Leslie Hermansen |
| 15-September | Jeanette Simmons |
| 21-September | Alane Parris |
| 22-September | Susan Ray |
| 28-September | Tom Taylor |

2024 Necrology

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Andy Hasley

Nancy Wulfmeier

Carole Sandrock

Orene Hinkley

Dallas Amend

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation



Are You Looking for a Way to Do Good?

The FHPC Foundation solicits, invests and subsequently disburses planned gifts from members and friends to ensure the future needs of the church and its ministries.

FHPC Foundation NEEDS your pledges, bequests, cash or check donations, endorsed stocks and bonds, IRA transfers, Qualified Minimum Distributions, real estate proceeds, trust fund designation, and why not tithe your insurance policy or estate???

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

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Biblical Garden



Visit our Biblical Garden, located at the very heart of our campus. Before embarking on your tour, explore the fascinating variety of plants featured in the Garden.

Learn about their significance and historical context online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden or pick up a brochure in the office for more information.

Columbarium



The Columbarium provides a final resting place for the mortal remains of members and friends. Along with the urn niches, there is a Wall of Remembrance, a waterfall and memorial benches, providing a lovely place for prayer and meditation. It is managed by the Columbarium Trustees, a committee of our church corporation. A trust fund insures proper maintenance and perpetual care of the area.

U.S. Military Medallions are available for Veterans’ columbarium niches. Please contact the church office for more information.



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.

Special Messages

Save the Date: Community Prayer Gathering

Mark your calendars for a special Community Prayer Gathering on Tuesday, September 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the FHPC Sanctuary. Join fellow believers as we come together to pray for our community and the upcoming **Will Graham "Look Up Celebration" at The Fountain**. We'll be asking God to draw people from across our region into a relationship with His Son. This promises to be a meaningful evening of unity and spiritual focus. We encourage you to invite friends and family to participate in this important event.



A Presbyterian Prayer

In grace we stand, in faith we grow,
Our hearts aligned, God's love we show.
Community bound by sacred ties,
In service, our calling lies.

Together we walk, in Christ made strong,
In joy we raise our grateful song.
May our church, a beacon bright,
Guide souls to God's eternal light.



"Grace is not a doctrine. It is not a system. It is not a celestial phenomenon. It is a Person, and His name is Jesus."

— John MacArthur

"To be Presbyterian means to be connected - connected to God, to one another, and to the world God loves. It means to live out our faith not in isolation, but in community, guided by shared beliefs and practices that shape our understanding of who God is and who we are called to be."

— Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

September 2024 | FHPC Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) | 2 9:00am **Youth Theater (FC) 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) | 3 8:00am FH Ministerial Assoc Meeting (FR) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 1:00pm Women's Afternoon Circle (L) 8:30am Youth Theater (FC) | 4 4:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER) | 5 2:00pm 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting (FR) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) | 6 | 7 1:00pm Youth Theater (FC) |
| 8 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 1:00pm Youth Theater (FC) Dress Rehearsal (Required) | 9 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 10:30am Deacon's Meeting (FR) 3:30pm Mission Ministry Mtg (CR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) | 10 9:30am Columbarium Mtg (L) 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Staff Meeting (CR) 5:00pm Larry Cole Meeting (FR) 6:30pm Community Prayer Gathering (SA) 8:30am Youth Theater (FC) | 11 9:30am FHPC Foundation Mtg (FR) 3:00pm Finance Mtg (L) 4:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER) | 12 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 6:00pm Women's Bible Study | 13 9:00am Christian Writers Group (Fireside) 9:00am Hilltop Hospitality Meeting (FC) | 14 12:00pm Lunch and Lecture (FR) |
| 15 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR) 1:00pm Youth Theater (FC) | 16 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:00pm **Youth Theater (FC) 4:00pm Women's Evening Circle (FR) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) | 17 10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Session Meeting (AC) 8:30am Youth Theater (FC) | 18 10:00am Bible Study (FR) 11:00am Communications Meeting (CR) 12:00pm Out 'n About (FR) 4:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER) 6:00pm Bible Study (FC) | 19 9:00am FH Quilters (AC) 9:00am FHPC Foundation Board Meeting (FR) 10:00am Worship & Music Ministry Mtg (Fireside) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) | 20 | 21 8:00am Men's Fellowship (FC) |
| 22 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR) 4:30pm **Youth Theater (FC) SHOW #1 | 23 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) 6:30pm Christian Formation Mtg (CR) | 24 10:00am Ladies Drop In (FR) 4:30pm Staff Meeting (CR) 8:30am Youth Theater (FC) | 25 10:00am Bible Study (FR) 4:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER) 6:00pm Bible Study (FC) | 26 8:00am Women's Fellowship Prep (FC) 4:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA) 6:00pm Women's Bible Study | 27 9:00am Women's Fellowship Mtg (FC) 10:00am Women's Fellowship Friendship Potluck Brunch (FC) 6:00pm **Youth Theater (FC) SHOW #2 | 28 12:00pm Lunch and Lecture (FR) 6:00pm **Youth Theater (FC) SHOW #3 |
| 29 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA) 9:00am Worship (SA/Online) 10:15am Congregational Meeting (S) 1:00pm **Youth Theater (FC) | 30 9:30am Library Meeting (L) 4:30pm Bell Practice (S) 4:00pm **Youth Theater (FC) | | | | | |

AC =Adult Center
 CR =Conference Rm

ER =Education Rm
 FR =Fireside Rm

FC =Fellowship Ctr
 L = Library

NX=Narthex
 O =Office

S= Sanctuary



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