



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Arlene Stewart | Elder 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION / STEWARDSHIP 2024-25



Arlene Stewart

HONOR the past. LIVE in the present. Build for the future.

Continuing to Give Your Time, Talents, and Treasures

HONOR THE PAST:

October is here! We are in a hive of activity and welcome the return of many of our members and friends. We hope you will join in our 50th Anniversary Celebration activities to honor our past. Your invitation is in the mail!

The history celebration of our church will be filled with activities. On **Sunday, October 20th**, we will celebrate past pastors, long-standing members, and enjoy music from earlier days. The service will also reflect the past as we begin worship at 10 a.m. The “stool,” the quilt, and the shovel will be displayed.

Thursday, October 24th, will be an evening at the FHPC Corral with games, prizes, and food!

Sunday, October 27th, will feature a very special worship celebration for our Covenant Partners, Affiliate Members, and Friends. Your invitation is in the mail.

As good Presbyterians, we celebrate with food! We will have a catered brunch after worship on October 20th and October 27th, and the Fellowship Hall will offer good old chow the evening of October 24th.

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY AS SEATING IS

LIMITED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

It’s best to reserve at: www.fhpresbyterian.info/rsvp or by emailing the office or calling Eric.

LIVE IN THE PRESENT:

This is a time called the “Fertile Void”—that moment when we learn from the past, consider where we need to go, and make plans. It’s a time for thinking, doing, planning, praying, and listening to what God says to us in Scripture, Bible study, and through sermons.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE:

Now is the time to consider what our future pastor should be like to meet our needs and help our church grow. Your Pastor Nominating Committee will provide you with the opportunity to share your thoughts regarding our next pastor. Please respond to and return the survey that will be mailed to you.

We should balance trusting God for the future with seeking His will and planning what He would have us do. Preparing for the future of our church begins now in the present. We need to continue our work of providing safe and updated facilities, and we must also ensure a financially sound budget to support a new pastor and their family.

Please continue to support **Stewardship 2024-25** with your time, talents, and treasures.



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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

August Income	\$ 42,390	Budget	\$ 34,062
August Expenses	\$ 37,364	Budget	\$ 32,135
YTD Income	\$ 304,722	YTD Budget	\$ 272,496
YTD Expense	\$ 258,482	YTD Budget	\$ 254,907

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer



Year-to-date income exceeds YTD expenses by \$46,240. We are in a good financial position coming out of the lean summer months. Air conditioners continue to be a problem off and on. Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions for the ministry, missions, and operations of our church.

Linda Lull, Treasurer

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You can also use the Vanco Mobile app to give directly from your phone. For instructions, please refer to the eGiving Help section.



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Love God – Love People – Make Disciples



Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



Clerk Jack reminds all members that the minutes of the Session meetings are available in the Church office for review.

At the Congregational meeting of September 29, a vote was held and the members of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) were approved. The committee consists of Ilene Berg, Larry Cole, Matt Jefferson, Jeff Rand, Monique Reynolds, Melinda Stanton, Brendan Wagner. No nominations from the floor were received. Pastor Bob stressed to the congregation that because of the sensitivity of this important task, strict confidentiality must be maintained by the PNC members. Please do not approach them with questions as they will be giving periodic general, non-specific updates.

In recognition of our 50th anniversary, we have a gift for members and friends. We have a supply of logoed coffee mugs available at no cost. They will be distributed at our celebration meals following worship later in October as well as at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, October 24th. Following that they will be on the table in the Narthex after worship on Sundays as well as in the office during the week. Please help yourself and enjoy.

A Special Thank You Message

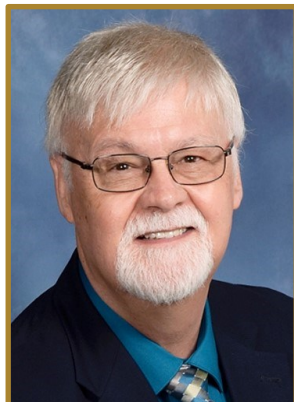


Thank You for Joining Us: Continuing the Spirit of Unity

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's Community Prayer Gathering for the Will Graham "Look Up Celebration." Your prayers and presence made it a meaningful evening! As we approach the event, let's keep the momentum going by inviting friends and family to experience the love of Christ and deepen their faith.

NEXT EVENT: March 22 @ 6pm - The Will Graham Look Up Celebration at The Fountain is a free, family-friendly event coming to Fountain Park in Fountain Hills, Arizona, in March 2025. It will feature music from award-winning Christian bands and a message of hope from evangelist Will Graham. It is open to everybody and all are welcome to attend.

Bible Study | Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons

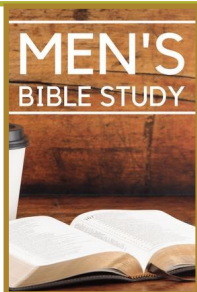


THE CENTER FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES is meeting each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room and at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. We are working our way through the excellent survey of the Bible with the use of the book, "A Hop, Skip, and a Jump Through the Bible."

AFTER WORSHIP ADULT CLASS will not meet Sunday, September 29, due to the Congregational Meeting, and we will not be meeting Sunday, October 20 or 27 due to our special celebration of our 50th anniversary. Everyone is welcome to drop in and be blessed by the lectures of R. C. Sproul as we make our way through the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study

Don Carillo



We are resuming the **Men's Bible Study Group** starting **Monday, October 7th at 8:30am** in the Fireside Room. The Bible Study will be most Mondays in the Fall through the Spring and all men of faith are invited to participate! We hope to learn and gain a greater understanding of the New Testament and apply it to our daily lives. We will start with 1 John chapters 1 through 3 and continue with the Epistles. If you have any questions, please contact Don Carillo at 480-694-3025 or carillofamily8@gmail.com We would like to see our small but steady group grow and all are welcome to attend! Thanks, Don

Women's Bible Study

Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs



Are You Connected?

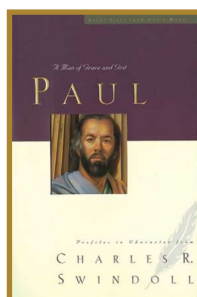
Are you currently involved in a Women's Bible Study? If not, we have exciting news for you. We offer several Women's Bible Studies (Morning, Afternoon, and Early Evening), but if you are still working or unavailable at the times offered, we have added a new session! **We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays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

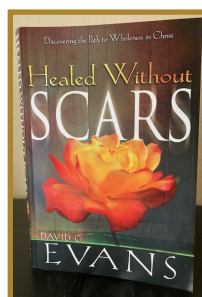


Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit
Charles R. Swindoll

Next Meeting | 2nd Thursday
October 10 | 9:30 a.m.
Fireside Room
Monique 336-382-8733

Women's Afternoon Circle

Jane Allen

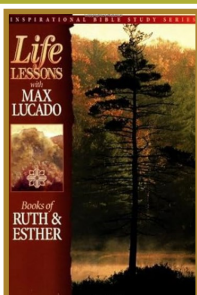


Healed Without Scars (Chp 6-7)
David G. Evans

1st Tuesday | October 1
1:00pm | Library
Jane Allen, Leader
907-538-3223

Women's Evening Circle

Judy Hamouda



Life Lessons with Max Lucado:
Books of Ruth & Esther

Next Meeting | 3rd Monday
October 21 | 4:00 p.m.
Fireside Room
Judy 480-215-0827

Lunch & Lecture

Maria Berry



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

Next Meeting | Saturday
October 12
12:00 p.m.
Fireside Room

Assimilation & Fellowship Ministry

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty



Men's Fellowship will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Center. 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



Women's Fellowship will be held on Friday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. For any questions, you may contact Susan at SLTitus@gmail.com.

Out n' About Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will meet on **Wednesday, October 16 at noon** in **Streets of New York**. 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

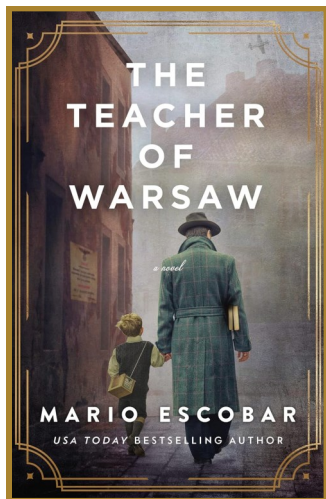
“The church is a community of believers called to bear one another’s burdens, share in each other’s joys, and grow together in faith. In this sacred space, we find support and encouragement as we seek to reflect Christ’s love to the world, living out our faith in service, compassion, and unity.”

— Timothy Keller, Presbyterian pastor and author

Library Footnotes

Book Review | Donna Yordy

The Teacher of Warsaw by Mario Escobar



I have read many books about the war but “The Teacher of Warsaw” was the first book I had read concerning the Jewish children that lived in the orphanage in Warsaw. The teacher, Janusz Korczak, was a real person and the facts in the book are true.

Janusz Korczak was Jewish. He had a medical degree and worked at the

Children’s Hospital in Warsaw. He later founded and was the head of the Jewish orphanage. He was considered Poland’s greatest teacher and was known and loved by many.

In 1940 the Germans had all of the Jewish people, including the children in the orphanage, move into the ghetto. Janusz was devoted to the children and as conditions worsened he found food for them and even tried to help some of them escape. He made sure that each day the children lived as normal a life as was possible.

Janusz was concerned about the children and the conditions they were having to live in. At some point during this time he, along with the children, adopted a set of laws that acknowledged the rights of children. His set of laws was later recognized and inspired the Declaration of the Rights of the Child which was adopted by the United Nations in 1959.

Janusz kept a manuscript of what was happening and he hid it in the orphanage before everyone was deported in 1942. He told several of the teachers where the manuscript was hidden and after the war

one of the teachers had escaped and survived. This teacher went back and retrieved the manuscript from its hiding place and gave it to an editor.

This book touched me deeply. It was about doing the right thing and about caring and being dedicated to the work that you are doing. It is about hope and that good does triumph over evil. It was written for the person who loves truth and dreams of a better world and life.

Happy reading!

—“A reading Christian is a growing Christian”

Read.
Learn.
Grow.

The Power of Compassion in Our Communities

Compassion is a vital force that binds us together, especially in times of crisis. In *The Teacher of Warsaw*, Janusz Korczak’s unwavering care for the children in his orphanage exemplifies how one person can profoundly impact many lives. His dedication during the Holocaust serves as a powerful reminder of the strength of compassion in adversity.

In our communities, small acts of kindness can foster resilience and hope. Whether through volunteering or simply offering support, each gesture can uplift those around us. As we reflect on Korczak’s legacy, let us embrace the call to act with compassion, contributing to a more caring world. Love and empathy can truly triumph over challenges.

50th Anniversary of FHPC RSVP at: www.fhpresbyterian.info/rsvp

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

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

Sunday, October 20: 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.

Thursday, October 24: 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 27: The final celebration will be a special service at 10:00 a.m., featuring memorable moments, songs, and personal messages. A special brunch will follow the service.

RSVP today online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/rsvp

—Arlene Stewart, Event Chair

Presby Pickins' Returns for a 3rd Season



We're excited to announce that Presby Pickins' Flea Market will kick off its third season on Saturday, November 2nd! This year will skip October and January, and instead run during November and

December, followed by February, March, and April. The market will take place on the first Saturday of each of these months, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our flea market has blossomed into a lively community event, benefiting both the church and our local community. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, engage, and share in fellowship—where we truly love people!

Last year, the Flea Market's proceeds made a significant impact, supporting several church ministries and activities, including an ice machine for the kitchen, tablecloths for the Deacons, landscaping projects around our campus and our new Connect Center.

This year, ministries are again invited to request funding for projects and activities not covered by their budgets.

In addition to supporting church ministries, Presby Pickins' contributed to local youth and community programs, such as Young Minds Initiative, Fountain Hills Drug Coalition, Extended Hands Food Bank, Good Samaritan

Fund, Dark Skies Festival, Friends of the Library, Four Peaks DAR/Honor Flight and Fountain Hills Leadership Academy.

We are committed to continuing our support for these and other community causes this season. Additionally, we offer volunteer opportunities for teens looking to fulfill community service hours.

We are accepting donations of household items, tools, children's toys & games, electronics, etc., for sale at our church tables. *No furniture or clothing, please.* Drop items at the church during office hours.

We welcome everyone to attend the Market—whether to sell, shop, volunteer or simply enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. Your presence helps us embody the warmth and welcoming spirit of FHPC.



For more information, visit www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket or contact Kathy Cole & Shawn Uphoff at ppfleamarket@gmail.com or 480-779-8115.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Support Our Troops | Donna Sims

This past week marked the second time within just over a month that Community Bridges (CBI) came to pick up not only a load of items from my garage, but also from two other stops within the community that had offered to make a rather large collection of items, which included several donations of furniture and appliances. With those items, and the clothing, shoes and dress men’s and ladies clothing I had gathered from many of you, CBI was not only thrilled, but by the end of the day, they had delivered everything to various locations. When I received word later that day that all had been delivered to those in need, I was the one speechless. I do



indeed thank all of you who made said donations.

With the month of October upon us, as most of you know, this begins my busiest time of the year with the passing out of the envelopes filled with the note pads and lists of our Church-connected military, for each of you who are willing to write a short Christmas greeting. I will be handing out the envelopes a little earlier this year because of the special 50th celebration of our Church that falls right on top of the time that I usually pass them around, so I thought I better start earlier than usual. And

the best part of these few changes, is that you have more time to do your notes before the deadline which is the 2nd Sunday of November.

And I kindly ask that one and all to remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round, it never stops. With the colder months coming upon us, we ask for items that are more suitable for cold weather and will be more than welcomed by those in need. 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

Pastor Appreciation Day | Ilene Berg



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 13 2024

In 1994, the Christian organization Focus on the Family began promoting Pastor Appreciation observance and from that grew the idea of emphasizing one specific day – the 2nd Sunday in October - to nationally pay tribute to our clergy.

On this Pastor Appreciation Day, we recognize the blessing God has given us with Pastor Bob and Jeannette leading our congregation.

We appreciate Pastor Bob’s ability to convey complex spiritual truths in a relatable and accessible manner and his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to guiding us toward a future filled with promise, purpose and hope.

We appreciate the many and varied opportunities for Bible study. Among them are video recordings and Biblical Study Guides where Biblical theology and interpretation,

as well as personal sharing and storytelling help us to gain a better understanding of the scriptures.

We appreciate the way Pastor Bob leads us in prayer with sincerity, reverence, and faith, and for helping us deepen our relationship with God through prayer.

We appreciate the way Bob and Jeannette lead by example, demonstrating humility, integrity, and a genuine love for God and His people.

Thank you, Bob and Jeannette, for challenging us to become a church that Loves God – Loves People – Makes Disciples.

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” 1 Timothy



Look Up Prayer Gathering
9/10/24

Meet Our Musicians | Dorothy Parris

My piano lessons began prior to first grade in Haskell, Oklahoma. My second teacher, who was also my second-grade teacher, Wilma Allen, gave me



a strong, solid music foundation. I taught myself to play by ear and sight-read during this period.

Following fifth grade, we lived outside Tulsa on an oil lease property prior to and during World War II. We became farmers with all the chores. Gas rationing and other circumstances made further piano lessons impractical.

Bacone College, as it was then known, was the only institution for higher learning strictly for Indian students anywhere in the country. It was fostered by the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society. An orphanage was attached to the school, so the grades included first through two years of junior college. I completed two years of high school and, with a scholarship, two years of junior college. This was a work-study program, and all students were required to work twenty hours a week.

My two years of piano study with June Lillibridge really got me on track! I performed shows at nearby Camp Gruber and with the USO and DAR downtown in Muskogee and Tulsa. The shows included Indian music of the period in tribal dress, and Indian sign language was also incorporated. My two years of junior college were funded by Mrs. James Kraft, wife of the Kraft Cheese guy.

I did one year of piano study with Wilma Belvin. That summer, our girls' trio was asked to do a six-week promotional tour for the school. This was a road trip through the Midwest with no air conditioning! We performed in small and large churches along the way. I sang and did piano solo numbers. My next teacher was Nina St. John. School programs and piano work continued, but on a lesser scale.

Following graduation, music became a hobby. Marriage, raising a family, and following my

husband's job took precedence. My husband was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Education. We had assignments on several different Indian reservations, and all mission churches needed a piano player, so I was available. There were large gaps of time when I had no piano and no access to one, but I continued to play whenever I could.

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In the late '50s, I contracted TB and was hospitalized for 5 1/2 months. This was prior to our assignment in Richfield, Utah.

Richfield proved to be a very busy five-year music period. I accompanied a local women's sextet and performed at many Mormon venues. I also accompanied the Community Chorus for the Messiah and The Creation, even though I had no knowledge of either work at the time.

In 1967, Bowie, Maryland, became our home. We attended the Presbyterian Church there, and I took on the responsibility of music for the early contemporary service. This required total music development from scratch! Music was learned by rote, and I had to learn to play from a lead line. We were required to fill seven music slots each week. At the end of seven years, there were 35-40 singers

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ready to sing at 8 A.M. each Sunday. The singers ranged from seventh grade on up. They

had their 50th-year reunion seven years ago, which I was able to attend. We did our regular Sunday service, and many of the original singers were there.

During this time, I became affiliated with the Christian Women's Club and served as resident pianist for the luncheon, plus accompanist for all guest vocalists.

September 2024 marks the beginning of my 45th consecutive season with FHPC. I started in the "Store Front" with Mary Gillespie and Barbara Wyman. When they left, I became the lone musician.

Meet Our Musicians | Dorothy Parris *(continued)*



FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interestingly, the congregation was singing from song sheets, and a lot of the music was music I had used in Bowie. When we moved to our current location, we had no regular organist or choir director. It was fun to work with fill-in choir directors. Whenever the need arose, we had an organist in the community to fill in for

us. When Caryl Bates arrived, it was fun and a real challenge that required many hours of work each week to develop our piano/organ duet program. I felt it was unique!

I became a charter member of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale in September 1979. It was a great experience singing with an orchestra, nationally and internationally, with big-time orchestras and directors. Skitch Henderson, of the Tonight Show, had formed the NYC Pops Orchestra, and at his request, we did three different performances at Carnegie Hall. I resigned at the beginning of their 2022 season. This marked the beginning of my 43rd consecutive season with AMC.

I was fortunate to have fifteen to eighteen piano students during the '80s and early '90s, who were presented in recitals here in the sanctuary. Several students performed during regular church worship services. It was a great honor to have the Steinway piano given to the church for me. Many of these students had the opportunity to perform on it.

One A'Chord was a group of six ladies and four men that I performed with. We did an hour-long show at retirement homes and nursing homes valley-wide and

in Prescott. We did Christmas shows and, in the spring, Broadway musical-type shows. At the end of our sixteen-year run, we had done 330 performances.

My work with the Yavapai People of Fort McDowell began in 1984 when I did my first Camp Meeting. Interestingly, my dear friend and fellow tribal

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member and minister of my home church was doing street ministries in Phoenix and

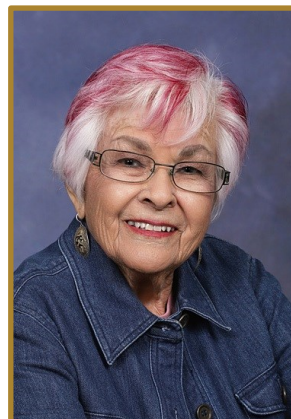
participated in some of the early gatherings. My fellow tribal people have also sung for different occasions.

This brings my church music career full circle in that my first musical memories are of going to sleep in my grandmother's camp house while listening to the Mvskoke people singing in their native language outside the church under the arbor, deep in the woods of Oklahoma. God is good!!

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— ***Dorothy***

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Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



Finally, it's October! The weather is always a great break, and people get out more. We have wonderful days and evenings to look forward to. We have a regrouping of friends joining back into the fold. We have stories to hear and a few to tell.

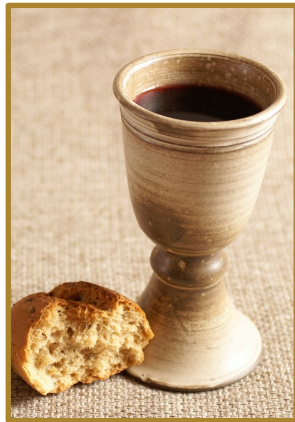
It has always been a great time of year! This season, as the choir comes together and re-establishes itself within the Worship Experience, we also have a fun concert to prepare for—a concert for our 50-year celebration.

We will have an afternoon of music and stories as we bring reason into our blessings. Reasons we all know to be attributed to God, guiding us along through traditional services, contemporary services, Christmas Eve services, memorial services, Easter services, weddings, and special community experiences of

worship. That's around 15,000 hymns, 4,000 preludes, postludes, offertories, and doxology. That's roughly 1,000 communion services, with 1,000 "Alleluia" and "Shalom." God loves this sanctuary being filled with reverent Christians, joyful Christians, and truly grateful Christians. He has helped us this far; He will help us always. See you for the 50th celebrations!

— *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 continually inspired by the ways our congregation shares their God-given gifts—our talents, time, and treasure—to advance God’s work and spread His love. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” Every act of generosity, no matter the size, enriches our church community and demonstrates our shared commitment to making a meaningful difference.

We want to hear your stories about how you or others are sharing these gifts. Whether it’s through volunteering, supporting church initiatives, or making an impact in the community, your experiences can inspire and uplift others. Please email your stories to office@fhpresby.org to be featured in our upcoming In Touch newsletter.

Celebrate with Flowers: Honor, Memorialize, and Cherish



Honor your loved ones or celebrate special occasions by dedicating flowers in the Sanctuary. Each week, beautiful arrangements are created and available for a fee of \$35, which can be taken home after Sunday Worship.

When you dedicate flowers to honor or memorialize someone, or to celebrate a significant event, your dedication will be announced during the Welcome portion of the service and included in The Weekly. To order flowers, simply sign up in the book located in the narthex or call the church office.

The \$35 fee covers the cost of flowers, which are thoughtfully purchased and arranged by our dedicated volunteers—no commercial florist could provide such generous support. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service, allowing you to cherish these special moments.

October Birthdays

1-October	Mary Wernecke
2-October	Martha Carillo
2-October	Mary Edman
4-October	Suzanne Ottoson
7-October	Carol Skewes
8-October	Andrey Lull
10-October	Mary Martinson
10-October	Monique Reynolds
11-October	Diane Monas
11-October	Jessica Stanton
16-October	Donna Sims
18-October	Midge Trout
19-October	Lana Busche
20-October	Martha Baxter
24-October	Diana Olinger
25-October	Vi Levens
26-October	Doug Katonak
27-October	Mary Holtan
28-October	Larry Cole
30-October	Joyce Leo

2024 Necrology

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Andy Hasley

Nancy Wulfmeier

Carole Sandrock

Orene Hinkley

Dallas Amend

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The FHPC Foundation is dedicated to soliciting, investing, and disbursing planned gifts from our members and friends to ensure the future needs of our church and its ministries.

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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 offers a serene final resting place for the mortal remains of our members and friends. In addition to the urn niches, you’ll find a Wall of Remembrance, a tranquil waterfall, and memorial benches, creating a beautiful space for prayer and meditation. This area is managed by the Columbarium Trustees, a dedicated committee of our church corporation. A trust fund ensures the proper maintenance and perpetual care of this peaceful sanctuary.

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

As we welcome the fall season at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, we invite you to reflect on the beauty of change and renewal in our faith journey. This is a time for growth—both individually and as a community. Let's embrace the opportunity to deepen our relationships with God and one another through worship, fellowship, and service. We encourage you to participate in our upcoming events, Bible studies, and outreach programs, as each offers a chance to strengthen our bonds and spread God's love throughout our community.



A Presbyterian Prayer

In unity we gather, in hope we rise,
With open hearts, we seek the skies.
Together we serve, in love we share,
Reflecting Christ's grace everywhere.

As one, we journey, hand in hand,
In faith we stand, in joy we expand.
May our church be a welcoming place,
Embracing all with God's boundless grace.

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

— Martin

Luther King Jr.

Let's take time to appreciate the blessings in our lives. Consider reaching out to a fellow member, sharing a meal, or simply offering a word of encouragement. These small acts of kindness can make a big difference, fostering a spirit of unity and love within our church family. We look forward to growing in faith together.

"To be Presbyterian is to embrace the call to love, serve, and transform the world together, recognizing that each of us is a vital part of God's creation, working towards justice and peace for all."

October 2024 | FHPC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>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.</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>8:00am –9:30am FH Ministerial Assoc Meeting (FR)</p> <p>8:30am –3:00pm Youth Theater (FC)</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Ladies Drop In (FR)</p> <p>1:00pm –2:30pm Women's Afternoon Circle (L)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am –11:00am Bible Study (FR)</p> <p>4:15pm –5:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Bible Study (FC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00pm –6:00pm Youth Theater (FC)</p>
		<p>6</p> <p>COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00am –8:40am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (SA)</p> <p>9:00am –10:00am Worship (SA/Online)</p> <p>10:15am –11:15am Sunday Bible Study (FR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am –9:30am Men's Bible Study (FR)</p> <p>9:30am –10:30am Library Meeting (L)</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Bell Practice (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am –11:30am Columbarium Mtg (L)</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Ladies Drop In (FR)</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Staff Meeting (CR)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am –10:30am FHPC Foundation Mtg (FR)</p> <p>10:00am –11:00am Bible Study (FR)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Communications Mtg (CR)</p> <p>3:00pm –4:00pm Finance Mtg (L)</p> <p>4:15pm –5:15pm Children's Music & Movement (ER)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Bible Study (FC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am –10:30am Women's Bible Study (FR)</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal (SA)</p>
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