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~ Joyful January ~

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Worship Service: 10:30 am



**Faith is so thankful that you are worshiping  
with us every Sunday at 10:30 am!**

**Come and find out more about our  
"Awesome God!"**

# ~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

January  
2023 NEWSLETTER



## Faith Presbyterian Church Sierra Vista, Arizona

### Faith Presbyterian's Mission Statement



We are Faith Presbyterian, and we seek to do God's work through Christian worship, education, fellowship, and outreach ministry as we serve an awesome God....



### *"Christmas Day"*

2022



## PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I pray that you and your families and our church will have a blessed and wonderful New Year! I am excited about the coming year and all that it holds for our community of faith.

You are all still getting to know me, and I'm just starting to get to know all of you. I've met so many of you, but there are still others I need to meet and spend time with. I'm getting there and working hard to make it happen.

I'm still learning a lot and it is taking me a while to get my feet firmly on the ground. Thank you for your patience with me and the encouragement and warm wishes you give me all the time. It helps me so much!

Faith went through a lot of change in 2022. You said farewell to an interim pastor and then greeted Kay as the new pastor early in the year. By the end of the year, you had called me and installed me as pastor, and I had the great blessing of being ordained in our beautiful sanctuary. That is a lot of change for one year for all of us!

And there is more change on the way. It is up to us whether that change is going to be positive or negative. We need help. I need help. We need people to step up or we run the risk of many of our current Elders, Deacons, and volunteers burning out. When that happens, things don't get done, and the church and our fellowship falters. I want everyone who comes to Faith – whether longtime members or visitors – to have a wonderful experience here that will enrich their lives. It takes all of us to make that happen!

I thank all of you who volunteer and those who have in the past to make this congregation as wonderful as it is. I know there are so many people here with so many different talents who can help. We do many great things here at Faith to glorify God; I want to make sure we keep doing those things and improve on what we already do here. I am encouraged by our new members and how they have gotten involved! As Christians we are called to serve. Helping in one of the areas of the church, whether education, or finance, or mission and stewardship, your talents and experience are welcome everywhere! Let me know what you would like to do, and we will get the ball rolling!

We have many things to look forward to in 2023. We will ordain and install new deacons and elders in January, and then on February 19, a church and community favorite, the Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums group, will be performing before and after worship. It is a good way to start out the year! Happy New Year!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

# FAITH STEPPING STONES



## ~ Happy January Birthday ~

Carolyn Malik	08
Sammy Diekema	13
Christina Wyatt	16
Margaret Lenning	17
Lauri Holmes	17
Margaret Cogswell-Vaughn	27
Judy Mayhew	28



## ~ Happy January Anniversary ~

Matt McHale and Debi Godwin	05
Larry & Rose Marie Dokken	15
George & Ruth Van Otten	28

*Congratulations Scott Bird!!*

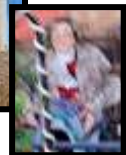
*on  
your  
retirement!*



**Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons will be on January 15. Watch for pictures, names, and committee chairs in the February newsletter.**



*Caroling*  
*We will go!*



Thanks to the carolers on a rainy Sunday afternoon in December.



**“Thank You”  
for your donations!  
From Child and Family Resources**

**Finance is hurting for folks.** Jane Bourne has moved to Casa Grande. We need folks to help with the Financial Secretary duties. It involves some computer work, but I can offer training. We are in the midst of the year end processing. This is one busy time for us. I expect to have 2022 Contribution Statements out in early January. We have to get the year completed first. Most of the statements will be sent by email. If we do not have a current email we will send it by snail mail.


Many thanks to all for your continued financial support throughout 2022!

Bill Akins





# ~ January 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> Men's Lunch <i>Chili's</i> 11:30 am	<b>4</b>  Choir 6:00 pm	<b>5</b> Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i>  Tone Chimes 6:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  Epiphany  Star Words	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Men's Lunch <i>Chili's</i> 11:30 am  2:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Worship & Music	<b>11</b>  Choir 6:00 pm	<b>12</b>  Stephen Ministry 4:00 pm Library  Tone Chimes 6:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons 	<b>16</b>  Office Closed	<b>17</b> Men's Lunch <i>Chili's</i> 11:30 am  Session 6:00 pm	<b>18</b>  Choir 6:00 pm	<b>19</b>  Tone Chimes 6:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Men's Lunch <i>Chili's</i> 11:30 am	<b>25</b>  Game Day 2:00 pm  Choir 6:00 pm	<b>26</b>  Tone Chimes 6:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  Annual Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Men's Lunch <i>Chili's</i> 11:30 am				

## WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY

The next Game Day will be January 25 at 2:00 pm in Stevenson Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and have some afternoon fun!



Reminder:  
February 12 -  
Bring  
canned soup.



### Message from the Deacons:

*When the flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change batteries.*

*When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.*

*Some need AAA....attention,  
affection, and acceptance;*

*Some need C...compassion;*

*Some need D...direction.*

*And if they still don't seem to shine...  
simply sit with them quietly and  
share your light.*

### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, January 5

**My Place at 8:30 am**

1081 E. Fry Blvd.



### A request from Gene Raymond:

As some of you may know, the furnace in our house "died" about two weeks ago (it must not have known Jesus because it could not be resurrected). We have been staying at some friend's house in Elgin, but will have to move out on January 2nd. We are looking for a place where we could stay for another two weeks until our new furnace is installed. We have two large dogs who we need to bring with us, so a fenced area would be helpful. If anyone has any suggestions or solutions, we would appreciate hearing for you. Faith has always been a helpful church, so hopefully it can help us now.

We are not in our home, but I can monitor this email address. Please call on my cell at (520) 604-6779.

Peace and blessing for the new year,

Gene & Sharon Raymond

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~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the  
Men's Lunch at 11:30 am  
each Tuesday in January  
at Chili's Restaurant.


## Sunday School for Youth 9:15 am

The youth Sunday School has finished working through their book on Salvation. They are now starting the next book on the "Life of Christ".



Also, the nursery will be open for infants through elementary school age during worship.

We said "goodbye" to Samantha Diekema in December. She moved to Japan with her family. We will miss her smiles each Sunday!



**Reminder:** Adult Sunday School each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend!

## REMINDER!

Faith Presbyterian is going to the Gaslight Theater, Tucson, Arizona! Don't miss this chance for some great fun and laughs.



### "TWO GUN MCGRAW"

Sunday, 26 February 2023, 3:00 PM

46 seats have been reserved.

Sign up in the Narthex starting January 8.



Pictures from Advent 2022.....





## Mark your new 2023 Calendar:

- January 08 - Epiphany, Star Words, Baptism of the Lord  
January 15 - Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons  
January 15 - Communion  
January 29 - Potluck and Annual Meeting after worship
- February 12 - "Souper Bowl" of Caring  
February 16 - "Dixieland Devotionals"  
February 19 - Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums  
February 19 - Communion  
February 22 - Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday Service  
February 26 - Gaslight Theater - Tucson - 3:00 pm

### Pastor Brian wants you to put your thinking caps on...

- What can we do to spark more participation in our church?
- How can we make ourselves a bigger part of the community?
- Please email him with your ideas and plans at [faithpastorsv@gmail.com](mailto:faithpastorsv@gmail.com)
- This is everyone's church!

