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~ Marvelous March ~

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

**Join us during Lent to find out more about our
"Awesome God!"**

~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

March
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....



Ash Wednesday Worship



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Friends,

February was quite a month at Faith! We hosted the Dixieland Devotionals and the Tucson Highlanders, both new celebrations for me. As the relatively new pastor here, journeying through these two traditions were a delight for me as I get to know the congregation better and better. The Gaslight theater outing, another Faith tradition, was a blast as well. I look forward to this month's Dixieland Devotionals performance. I hope you can all join us!

I am happy to report that attendance at worship on Sunday has been increasing, praise be to God! It has been such a blessing seeing more and more folks in the sanctuary. I want to thank the deacons and everyone who has sponsored coffee hour for all their hard work to make ours so special and fun!

As March unfolds, we will walk farther along on our Lenten journey. I hope part of that journey for you all will be joining me for our brown-bag small-group discussion of Rev. Rachel Srubas' book, *The Desert of Compassion* on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. I look forward to getting to know you all better in this time together!

We have a lot of positive things going on in the congregation, and with your help and God's continued blessings on us, we can keep this solid momentum going!

To that end, I am hoping, praying, and expecting that part of that momentum will be finding new and creative uses for the education wing of our campus. Unfortunately, right now it is underutilized. We have many great facilities here at Faith that I think would benefit the community. I would love to have members of our congregation and the community utilize this building. At the February Session meeting, we did some brainstorming, and some interesting ideas were floated. We are in the idea phase right now, so please contact me or our Office Manager Judy Mayhew with your ideas! The more ideas the merrier. Think big! As our mission statement says, "we serve an awesome God." God is awesome and the only limits we have are what we put on our imaginations.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that Session has also approved naming the education building in honor of Faith's former pastor, Rev. Virginia Studer. Pastor Virginia was a beloved leader of this congregation for years, and she is missed by many. I applaud Session's decision and I look forward to the time when all the details of this memorial tribute and service to thank her are finalized.

I look forward to prayerfully spending the Lenten season together, worshipping and serving God, and building up God's church!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy March Birthday ~

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|-----------------------|----|
| David Rutgers | 02 |
| Aya Diekema | 03 |
| Sharon Crouse-Matlock | 04 |
| Paul Smith | 05 |
| Sharon Raymond | 07 |
| Leroy Faulkner | 08 |
| Susan Roetcisoender | 13 |
| Johnnie Travis | 13 |
| Jesse and Rio Cordova | 14 |
| Jeff Durham | 14 |
| Casey Jones | 15 |
| Clark Bloom | 16 |
| George Vander Meulen | 16 |
| Vi Faulkner | 19 |
| Jane Bourne | 21 |
| Sandy Brown | 23 |
| Sharon Townsend | 27 |
| Earl Pike | 30 |



~ Happy March Anniversary ~

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| Randy & Kathy Richard | 09 |
| Gene & Sharon Raymond | 09 |
| Larry & Bridget Diekema | 14 |
| Bob & Barb Kepple | 20 |
| Leroy & Vi Faulkner | 30 |



Sunday, March 12 is the 111th Birthday of the Girl Scouts USA and is the beginning of Girl Scout week!

Wear something appropriate to church on March 12 if you were a Girl Scout and would like to be recognized.



Thank you for buying Girl Scout Cookies from me. Because of what my Faith Family purchased, I sold over 500 boxes!! I really appreciate it!
Bryanna Townsend




Ruling Elders for 2023:

Bill Akins, Treasurer
 Heather Carter, Christian Ed Chair
 Sonny Coble, Personnel Chair
 Sharon Townsend, Christian Ed
 Johnnie Travis, Mission & Stewardship Chair
 Ruth Van Otten, Worship & Music Chair
 George Wheat, Building & Grounds Chair
 Charles Wilkes, Finance Chair

Deacons for 2023:

Diane Derr - Meals
 Patrick Jones - Food Bank
 Marti Louzy - Peach's Pantry
 Carolyn Malik—Moderator
 Tom Mathias
 Kay McCleary - Birthday cards
 Dustin Paige
 Sharon Raymond - Secretary - Greeting cards

~ March 2023 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study 11:30 am SH Stephen Ministry 1:00 pm Library Choir 6:00 pm | 2 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i> Tone Chimes 6:00 pm | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Special Congregational Meeting  | 6 | 7 Men's Lunch 11:30 am | 8 Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study 11:30 am SH Deacons 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm | 9 Tone Chimes 6:00 pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Men's Lunch 11:30 am 2:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Worship & Music | 15 Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study 11:30 am SH Choir 6:00 pm | 16 Dixieland Devotionals 6:30 pm Tone Chimes 6:00 pm | 17  | 18 |
| 19  Communion | 20 | 21 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Session 6:00 pm | 22 Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study 11:30 am SH Choir 6:00 pm | 23 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm <i>Pizza Hut Bistro</i> Tone Chimes 6:00 pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Men's Lunch 11:30 am | | | | |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, March 29
Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!



"Souper Bowl of Caring"
278.5 pounds of soup and other canned goods was collected on February 12. Thanks to all who donated to the Food Bank! And thank you, Patrick Jones, for delivering the food.



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~
All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in March

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Thursday, March 2
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



"DIXIELAND DEVOTIONALS"

Join your Faith Family on March 16 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary for some toe-tapping music and singing of gospel hymns!



Free will offering will go to NAMI, Peach's Pantry, and the band.



Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 5

at the end of the worship service to elect one Elder and one Deacon.



All past and present Elders and Deacons are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the communion server training immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 5.

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.



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

Pictures from the Texas Roadhouse on February 23. Men were invited. The next Lovely Ladies Lunch will be on Thursday, March 23, 12:30 pm at Pizza Hut Bistro. All ladies are invited!



What Fun!!

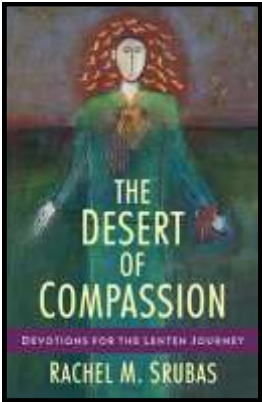
37 Attended

Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums - February 19



~ Lenten Brown Bag Lunch!! ~

Feed your Body and Soul on Wednesdays this Lent!!



Join Pastor Brian starting Wednesday, March 1 through April 5 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for a study group discussing "The Desert of Compassion", a Lenten devotional book written by Rev. Rachel Srubas, the pastor of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in Tucson.

Bring a lunch and discuss ways we can grow in our faith and get closer to God this Lenten season! We have books available. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like one. The second batch of books ordered are now \$18.00 each.



Audio Visual Technician Assistant position at Faith

This person would be trained by the Audio Visual Technician and be able to take over when the AV Tech is not available on Sunday morning. It is a part-time position with 2-3 hours on Sunday.

If you are interested or know someone qualified, please contact the church office at 520-378-9400.



Thank you!
Pam, Mike, and Margaret Jo for sharing your love

with the residents at Lifecare on the once-a-month "Donut Day!"



Mark your Lenten Calendar and beyond

- Sunday, March 19 - Communion
- Sunday, April 02 - Palm Sunday - Cantata
- Thursday, April 06 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm Worship and Communion
- Friday, April 07 - Good Friday - The sanctuary will be open for prayer
- Sunday, April 09 - Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 16 - Communion and Bright Sunday
- Thursday, April 20 - Dixieland Devotionals