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## ~ **Marvelous May** ~

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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!**

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

# ~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

May  
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....



Reflections of Holy Week!

## PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the glory of this Eastertide season as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and the spring here in Sierra Vista. For me, my first Lent and Easter as a minister and as pastor here could not have gone any better. Maundy Thursday was an emotional service, and the celebratory feeling of Easter Sunday worship was so uplifting and filled me with so much hope for our congregation.

I was happy to take some time away to northern Arizona for a week to rest and enjoy the glories of our state. Coming back, I felt energized and ready for the rest of the spring.

For my time preaching so far here, I have focused on using the lectionary, which is the church's guide to weekly scripture readings for worship. I have started to switch things up and roam outside the lectionary (with some exceptions of course, such as Pentecost and the major holidays and seasons of the church). For example, the last Sunday of April saw my inaugural "Stump the Pastor" Sunday, and May 21 will be "Revival Sunday," with some classic revival hymns and what I hope will be a rousing worship service!

I recently started holding a worship service at Life Care Center here in Sierra Vista on Mondays at 10 a.m. This has been the only religious or worship activity at Life Care since the pandemic, and I'm grateful to help lead it and thanks to Margaret Jo Cogswell-Vaughn for approaching me with the idea! My prayer is that more and more residents will come out for worship to join the group that already attends. In the fall, our goal is to ramp up our nursing home ministry. If you want to get involved, just let me know!

It's been great seeing good attendance for worship on Sundays. There are plenty of opportunities for service in our faith community. If you want to get involved just let me know! Serving is a great way to give back to God and to deepen your connection with the church and Christ.

Congratulations to Pastor Kay on being called to serve as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Bisbee! While she will be busy with her new responsibilities, thankfully she will still be part of the Faith family.

Finally, I want to say thank you to Ruth and Bill Akins who have been an integral part of this congregation from the beginning. They are moving out of the area, and I can't say thank you enough to them for all they've done for me and Faith from the start. While you will be greatly missed, we wish you both much joy in this new chapter in your lives!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

# FAITH STEPPING STONES



## ~ Happy May Birthday ~

Richard Riester	01
Barbara Schratz	06
James Diekema	06
Hunter Rutgers	07
Reina Prescott	08
Shirley Brouwer	09
Matt McHale	10
Lisa Tuttle	12
Ed Keene	13
Dustin Paige	14
Bryanna Townsend	16
Richard Carter	19
Rich Klucsarits	20
Pat Saitama	23
Kathy Swackhamer	23
Patrick Jones	25
Brian Louis	25
J.T. Swackhamer	26
Harry Bergtholdt	29



## ~ Happy May Anniversary ~

Don and Sharon Townsend	06
Bill and Nancy Falconer	10
Jeff and Tina Durham	16
Dave and Cathy Rockwell	22



Thanks to everyone who joined the Lenten Study!

Plan to be part of another Bible study in the fall.

Need meals during an illness or recovery from surgery? Please contact Diane Derr for help: 520-378-7022



**Sierra Vista Gives** is a local 501C3 nonprofit organization having a unique fundraiser. They are looking for donations of shoes, almost any kind, size and shape as long as not torn apart.

They are trying to fill 100 bags - each with 25 pair of shoes. **The deadline is May 15.** You can bring your donated shoes to church, or call Sierra Vista Gives 315 Bartow Dr. at 520-699-5225 for other drop off locations.

### Ruling Elders for 2023:

Heather Carter, Christian Ed Chair  
 Sonny Coble, Personnel Chair  
 Judy Pike, Finance  
 Sharon Townsend, Christian Ed  
 Johnnie Travis, Mission & Stewardship Chair  
 Ruth Van Otten, Worship & Music Chair  
 George Wheat, Building & Grounds Chair  
 Charles Wilkes, Finance Chair  
 Fred Whitley, Clerk of Session

### Deacons for 2023:

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

# ~ May 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Lunch Taco Giro 11:30 am	3 3:30 pm SM Library  Choir 6:00 pm Tone Chimes 6:30	4 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i>	5 Cochise College Nuevo Mundo Concert 7:00 pm	6 Cochise College Jazz Band and Orchestra 7:00 pm  Presbytery Meeting Gilbert, AZ 9:00 am
7	8	9 Men's Lunch Taco Giro 11:30 am  2:30 pm Finance  6:00 pm Worship & Music	10  Choir 6:00 pm Tone Chimes 6:30	11	12	13
14 	15	16 Men's Lunch Taco Giro 11:30 am  3:00 pm Deacons	17 SM LaCasita  Choir 6:00 pm Tone Chimes 6:30	18	19	20
21 	22	23 Men's Lunch Taco Giro 11:30 am  Session 6:00 pm	24  Tone Chimes 6:30 pm	25 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm Texas Roadhouse	26	27
28  PENTECOST Wear Red! Communion	29  Office Closed.	30 Men's Lunch Taco Giro 11:30 am	31 Game Day 2:00 pm			

# WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



**Game Day, May 31**  
2:00 pm Stevenson Hall  
Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!



Thank you, Patrick, for delivering the donations to the Food Bank!



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the  
Men's Lunch at Taco Giro - 11:30 am  
each Tuesday in May

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 4  
My Place at 8:30 am  
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



## "DIXIELAND DEVOTIONALS"

Thank you for your attendance  
and sharing with others!

Free will offering totaled \$2,332  
divided equally between

NAMI, Peach's Pantry, and the band.

Watch for our next concert in February 2024.



## ATTENTION CONGREGATION:

Your congregation needs your help. Have you ever known someone who could use one on one compassionate Christian attention? That's what we do! There are times life is just too difficult to go it alone. Please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We especially need men volunteers.

Training materials are provided and support is ongoing. Contact Pastor Brian, Judy our office manager or anyone wearing a blue Stephen Minister badge for more information.

Our current Stephen Ministers will be meeting May 3 and will have a pre-summer break luncheon at La Casita on May 17th.





The last day of Sunday School for Youth is May 21. Sunday School will resume in the early fall.

The nursery will be open for infants through elementary school age during worship through the summer months.

Adult Sunday School is now closed for the summer and will resume in the early fall. Consider joining this group for learning and fellowship.



Thursday, May 25  
12:30 pm  
Texas Roadhouse



Men are also invited to this last lunch of the season!

### “IT IS TIME!”



For every season there is a time and mine approaches. I have served as Finance Chair for many years. I recruited Cathy Rockwell (you just write a few checks), Ann Lorris, Jane Bourne, Monica Russell, Rick Barr, Judy Pike, Charles Wilkes and Barb Schratz.

Ruth and I have had some life changing events. As a result we are moving to Las Cruces to be closer to family support. It is also forcing us to down size our “stuff” now and we will not leave that task to our kids.

I will do what I can for Finance while we are still here. At this point that is until early to mid-May. It is possible that it will be a little longer than that. I will keep the committee informed as I know what is going on.

It has been a long road with many bumps, but I am proud to have served Faith as long as I have.

Elder Bill Akins

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### “PASSING THE CHECKBOOK”

The Finance Committee wishes to express **thanks to Elder Bill Akins** for his many years of service as a member of the Finance Committee and as treasurer. We wish Bill and Ruth Godspeed as they move to life’s next station.

Elder Gene Raymond has agreed to assume our position of treasurer. Gene is well qualified, having served previously as a member or chair of the Finance Committee for seven years and chair of the Mission and Stewardship committee for five years.

Our Faith Financial Team looks forward to a seamless transition.

Elder Charles Wilkes, Chair of Finance



## “Pentecost”

May 28

Wear **RED** and celebrate the birthday of the church with communion!

**CARD SHOWER!** Carolyn Lambie brought a breath of fresh air to Faith by the fund-raising efforts she orchestrated for our youth programs. Carolyn was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer and placed in hospice care at home. Only our Lord knows how much time each of us has, but Carolyn has been told her time may be as soon as two months. It would be wonderful if those of you who remember her send her a card. Her address is **6445 Stream Valley Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.**



The first fund-raising play she directed at Faith was *The Magic Cookie Jar* which showcased the talents of many in the Faith family and showed how much fun could be had by all. Other performances included the *1940's Radio Show* which highlighted the musical talents of many at Faith and also allowed our older population to share photos of them during the WWII years. Who can forget Sally McCormick in a bathing suit pose that rivaled any of Betty Grable's photos or Helen Himes in uniform standing alongside a plane she helped ferry for the war-effort? That radio show was so successful it spurred a second radio show evening with two mini-theatrical performances, *The Gundersons: "George Relaxes at Home"* and *"Annabel Buys a Computer."* Both were slapstick comedies providing much laughter. The mystery dinner theater extravaganza she orchestrated, *The Baron's Last Request*, brought in the largest cast of performers - perhaps because she even included Faith's older youth serving hors d'oeuvres in the Narthex as the story began. The play then moved into fellowship hall where a full dinner was served to a capacity audience. If you have any memories of these performances, share them with Carolyn in a short note expressing your appreciation for what she did. Now is the time for pleasant memories to be shared.



*Faith had a party during coffee hour!!  
Happy Birthday Joan Lopshire, Jan Gray,  
Ruth Akins and all the April birthdays!!*



Look what's growing in the parking lot!!!



**The Nursing Home Ministry** will be starting up again this fall. Please consider this opportunity to be a part of supporting our local nursing home residents. More information will be provided at a later date.

Join us and get a **FREE** Nursing Home Volunteer T-Shirt and donuts on Donut Day!!!!

If you have any questions please contact Mike or Pam Winters at 419-707-2909.

