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## ~ Jubilant June ~

Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Louis Office Manager: Judy Mayhew Office Hours: 9 am - 2 pm Mon-Fri Worship Service: 10:30 am



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

Join us during the summer months to learn more about our "Awesome God!"

# ~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

# June 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....



#### PASTOR'S POST

Dear Friends,

I can testify that there has been no lull in activity around church after Easter! Here is an update on just some of the activities around the congregation lately and for some of the events coming up.

In mid-May I was in Minneapolis for the 31<sup>st</sup> Festival of Homiletics, a four-day Super Bowl of preaching. The conference featured many incredible scholars and preachers to help us attendees become better preachers. The conference was invigorating, challenging, and inspiring to me. I came away with a ton of ideas that you will be seeing in the coming months.

Speaking of preaching, the recent "Stump the Pastor" Sunday I thought came off well. I anticipate doing that a couple of times of year. I enjoyed it immensely and I think the congregation (for the most part) had fun with it too.

The informal Ideas Group has come up with a bunch of great – you guessed it – ideas! Member Jan Gray has been the driving force behind the group and we have had good participation from members of the congregation. Many proposals, some new, some to be revived from past days at Faith, have been put forward, including "The Gathering," which some members of the congregation will remember. If you can't make it to the meetings, please share your ideas with me! Ideally emailing them is best, that way I won't forget!

I'm pleased to report that Session has approved Saturday, July 22, as the date for the memorial service and dedication of the education wing as *Virginia's Place*, named in honor of the late Rev. Virginia Studer, who was pastor of Faith from March 1, 2009 through September 29, 2019. Pastor Virginia was a beloved leader of Faith for a long time and I know this gathering will mean a lot to her family, the Faith community and her friends in Sierra Vista.

Also in July, we will hold a patriotic, potluck celebration on July 2 after worship where we will enjoy food, fellowship, and song to observe Independence Day.

Finally, please pray for our brothers and sisters at First Presbyterian Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Douglas who saw their churches destroyed by fire late last month. Those sanctuaries have been their worshipping homes for over a century and are irreplaceable. I am sure in the coming days there will be opportunities for us to help our siblings in Christ, and we will be sure to pass those along to you all.

In Christ, Brian

# **FAITH STEPPING STONES**





## ~ Happy June Birthday ~

David Swarner	01
Jane Riester	02
Barbara Sifton	02
Pat Wettack	03
Ron Mayhew	04
Scott Bird	10
Larry Diekema	22
Tina Prescott	25
John Wettack	25
Jim Graham	26
Ashton Smith	30
Randi Williams	30



## ~ Happy June Anniversary ~

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





The Faith Audit Committee needs your help! We need one additional member. The Audit is a review of Church Policy and Procedures. Please contact Pastor Brian (312-502-7741) or Charles Wilkes (520-559-2031) if interested.



Thank you, John Wettack, for putting fabulous messages on the Faith Presbyterian Church sign!

This quiet ministry at Faith is very much appreciated.

#### **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

# ~ June 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				T Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am My Place	2	3
4	5	Men's Lunch 11:30 am Tombstone Brewing Co., Garden Ave. S.V.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13Men's Lunch 11:30 am Tombstone Brewing Co. Garden Ave, SV 2:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Worship & Music	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Tombstone Brewing Co. Garden Ave. SV Deacons 3:00 pm Session 6:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Tombstone Brewing Co., Garden Ave. SV	28 Ideas Group 10:00 am Game Day 2:00 pm	29	30	

# WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, June 28 2:00 pm Stevenson Hall Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!

~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch - 11:30 am each Tuesday in June at Tombstone Brewing Co., Garden Ave. Sierra Vista



Thank you to all who donated shoes for the Sierra Vista Gives program. Faith collected 141 pairs of shoes!!



#### The Money Jar is about giving.

More specifically about teaching young people

the importance of "giving"! The money collected will be used by our Church youth to fund some organization in need of help, for example Heifer International or perhaps a Church that has a particular need. It will be their choice of several options. Some time during the



fall during our Church funding campaign will be the best time as it may well encourage some "older youths" to give too.

> Don't ignore the coin jar. Drop in your pennies!



Impromptu birthday gathering at Texas Roadhouse for Joan Lopshire and other birthday people! Fun times!



Please continue to donate to the Food Bank during the summer months.

#### **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

Thursday, June 1 My Place at 8:30 am 1081 E. Fry Blvd.





Thank you Pam, Mike, Hunter, Margaret Jo, and Gwen for helping to make Mother's Day a little brighter at Life Care!

#### Ladies of Faith

Please join us for a Baby Shower honoring Christina Wyatt and her soon to be baby girl!

Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm

3623 S. Finch Circle. Sierra Vista

RSVP by June 10 419-707-2908

Christina is registered at Target and Babylist.



If you are interested in sharing your musical talent during worship this summer, contact Janis Wheat 520-417-0310 or buckwheat4@cox.net



The next Ladies Lunch will be in September! Watch for the announcement! Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!!



"Star-Spangled Potluck and Patriotic Sing-Along"



July 2, 2023 after worship

Sign up in the narthex.



**Ruth and Bill Akins** will truly be missed at Faith Presbyterian.

Their Faith family will always remember their smiles, friendliness, guidance, leadership and love of the church.

New Address:

819 N. Miranda Street Las Cruces, NM 88005 Phone: 520-559-0674 mrbillaz@gmail.com













Patrick Jones, a volunteer with the Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services Department, was recognized for his long-time support and dedication at a recent city council meeting.

Congratulations!!



Bryanna, Donald, Hudson, Hunter & Huck

"End of school year party" for the youth at the Carter home.

They had pizza and ice cream, played games and watched the "Cars" movie.

### **SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

Faith is taking orders for T-Shirts \$22.00 and Polo Shirts \$25.00
Plus sizes will be an extra \$2.00
Youth sizes may also be ordered.
Order forms, colors, and sizes are available in the narthex.
Please order by June 11.



