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~ Awesome August ~

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Worship Service: 10:30 am



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

**Faith does not go on vacation!
We look forward to seeing you in August!**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

AUGUST

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....



Aloha 'Oe
until we meet again

PASTOR'S POST

Dear Friends,

As you all know, our congregation did not take a vacation this summer! And it won't be taking a vacation in August either!

The biggest event we have in August is "The Big Event," which is put on by our presbytery, Presbytery de Cristo. Like last year, we will serve as a hub for other Presbyterian churches in the county in addition to a host of people from our congregation. The theme of the event this year is "Eradicating Systemic Poverty." The keynote speaker for the all-day event is the Rev. Dr. Bill Brown from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. I invite you all to attend and learn more about what we can do to fight poverty and economic hardship both locally and elsewhere. Also, if you can help with setting up Stevenson Hall, serving food and refreshments, and greeting people, please sign up in the narthex or call me or Office Manager Judy Mayhew. I look forward to seeing you at "The Big Event!"

This month marks the return of the backpack program, where we assemble backpacks with essential goods and toiletries for homeless residents. We will be packing more than 70 backpacks, so toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and other items are needed. There will be a black tote box in the narthex to place your donated items. Thank you for your generosity! This is a great mission effort in the community and brings some comfort to those who need a helping hand.

I received some good feedback for the mini-sermon series on women in the Bible, and I plan on bringing that back periodically. On Aug. 27, I am bringing back "Stump the Pastor" instead of the usual sermon that day. I hope it is engaging and educational and that I don't embarrass myself too much.

Thank you to everyone who made the dedication and celebration in honor of Rev. Virginia Studer a success on July 22. I am grateful that so many of you came out to have the chance to celebrate Rev. Studer's ministry and to remember all she did for the congregation and community. Virginia's Place will be a wonderful monument to her as a person and as a minister who touched so many lives. Now, let's make Rev. Studer proud and start filling up Virginia's Place with activity!

We had a great response to the sale of Faith-branded T-shirts and polo shirts! Thank you to Kathy and Rick Barr for spearheading the effort to make that happen. Thank you to everyone who bought shirts for this fundraising effort.

Please continue to pray for those in our congregation who are ill and undergoing treatment for various maladies. May the Lord bless them and all who care for them!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy August Birthday ~

Tony Wyatt	02
Larry Lambert	03
Judy Pike	03
Tessa Carr-Studer	05
Bill Brouwer	07
Deborah Wyatt	11
Betty Olson	12
Heather Carter	13
Gwen Smith	14
Albert Reine	16
Lezlee Smith	16
Robert Schratz	18
Jamie Rutgers	20
Tina Durham	23
Connie Pitzel	24
John Osborne	26



~ Happy August Anniversary ~

Jim & Martha Graham	16
Rick & Kathy Barr	18
Larry & Jane Bourne	18
Mike & Pam Winters	18
David & Margaret Lenning	29



Rekeying the Church Campus

In May 2023, the Session approved a change of access to all the church facilities. As a result, on July 31st all of the door locks on all of the church buildings will be rekeyed. Any Elder, Deacon, church employee, or other member of the congregation that currently has a key to the facilities and needs to continue to have access must arrange to exchange your key for a new one. If you have a key and no longer need unaccompanied access, please turn-in your key to the church office as soon as possible. If you need to have unaccompanied access to perform your church responsibilities, please coordinate with Elder George Wheat to sign for a new key.

Phone: (520) 508-9359, or send George an email at buckwheat4@cox.net.



*Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday,
August 30, 6:00 pm*

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
 Rhonda Unicume, Mission & Stewardship
 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

~ August 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i>	4	5
6	7	8 Men's Lunch 11:30 am 2:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Music & Worship	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Deacons 3:00 pm Conference Room	16	17 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm Olive Garden	18	19
20 COMMUNION 	21	22 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	23	24	25 Memorial Lillian White 10:00 am	26 The "BIG EVENT" 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Stevenson Hall
27	28	29 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	30 Game Day 2:00 pm	31		

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, August 30
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 August.



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

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, August 3
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



The **Faith Backpack program** was started in 2015 as a result of a "church has left the building" visit to St. Vincent de Paul. Sandy Brown, a deacon at the time, saw an opportunity. Years later, the need is still as critical as ever! From **August 1 through August 31** we will be collecting the requested items and/or funds to fill 72 backpacks. A donation bin is in the narthex for your donated items. All funds collected will be used to purchase items that were not donated. The backpacks themselves, have been donated by an anonymous giver. Any remaining cash balance will be presented to St Vincent De Paul in the form of a check. St Vincent de Paul is always appreciative of our "Faith"

backpacks as are the people receiving them. If you have any questions please contact Johnnie Travis - johnt011@sbcglobal.net or 870-820-4110, Rhonda Unicume - golfladym@hotmail.com or 520-236-5047, or Pam Winters - pwinn308@yahoo.com or 419-707-2908.

BACKPACK ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

- Shirts, T-Shirts (short or long sleeve) sweat shirts
- Baseball caps, sun hats, knit hats
- NO socks needed this year!

** The above items are really needed and can be new or gently used*

- Hand wipes, skin lotion, sun screen, lip balm, chap stick
- Washcloths, hand sanitizer, bar soap & holder
- Deodorant, tooth paste/tooth brushes, tooth brush holders
- Toilet tissue, feminine products, combs, small pkgs kleenex
- Can opener, pocket flashlight, flashlight batteries, deck of cards
- Small writing pads & pens
- Bottled water, ziplock gallon storage bags

Faith is collecting for men, women, and children.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase items not received.

If donating by check, mark "Backpack Program" in the memo line.



Christian Education

Sunday School teachers are needed to teach once a month starting this fall. Please contact Heather Carter at heatherwsings@gmail.com if interested.

Here are a few of the items Session approved at its July 18 meeting...

- Placing photos of deacons and elders in the narthex; this project should be completed by the end of August.
- Donating youth choir robes to Center for Academic Success.
- Creation of "Jack the Rabbit" Faith Presbyterian calendar in time for 2024.
- Campus to be re-keyed and locks changed around turn of the month.



"Star-Spangled Potluck & Patriotic Sing-Along!"

Attention Ladies!

"Happy Hat Day" Sunday, August 13 - Wear your fun hat to church!
"Ladies Lunch" Thursday, August 17 - Olive Garden 12:30 pm

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Lillian White, a member of Faith for 34 years, passed away on May 2, 2023 at the age of 96. Many of you may not have known Lillian, but she was force to be reckoned with.

She came to Sierra Vista in 1989 and soon after, joined the church. She was elected as an Elder in 1990 and in the early 90's she also served as Moderator of Presbyterian Women. She made things happen. And, as an interesting aside, she was one of our first black members.

A memorial service for her will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 25th, her birthday and the day Lillian would have turned 97. Come honor her memory and join in the celebration of her life. A reception will be held following the service in Stevenson Hall.



Howard and Nancy Slater have moved. Their new address is:
13007 Castlebar Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375



Amanda J.W. Wheat
111-C Atlantic Avenue
Hampton, VA 23664



~ FAITH NEEDS YOUR HELP ~

Would YOU like to have an opportunity to design the bulletin boards in Stevenson Hall? They can be very simple with pictures from events.

Pictures will be provided.

Contact Judy if interested.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 25, 2024 3:00 pm

"Curse of the Pirates Gold"

(Pirates of the Caribbean)

66 tickets will be available for Faith Presbyterian



GRAND CANYON AND DE CRISTO
PRESENT

BIG EVENT
ERADICATING
SYSTEMIC POVERTY

AUGUST 26, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church will, as last year, be a host church and act as a Zoom hub for the other churches in Cochise County. Douglas, Bisbee, and Benson will be our guests.

Activities during the event include a worship service, workshops, videos, and small group discussion.

As a hub church host, we will prepare our Stevenson Fellowship Hall to receive and properly host our anticipated guests. This means we have a lot of work to do, which in turn requires volunteers to help us get ready.

We will need volunteers to prepare food for the potluck lunch. Several people will be needed to help with final setup the afternoon before the event. On the morning of the event, we will need greeters and ushers, as well as help for the preparation and serving of a light breakfast.

And our Deacons will need assistance in setting up and serving the potluck lunch. And, of course, after the event we will need a clean up team.

Sign-up sheets for these volunteer opportunities will be available in the Narthex by the first week of August.

For questions or additional information contact Elder Sonny Coble, ccoble1@cox.net or Elder George Wheat, buckwheat4@cox.net.