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~ Joyful July ~

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

**Join us on Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 am
for a memorial service and dedication of the
educational building for Faith's previous pastor,
Rev. Virginia Studer.**

~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

July
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....



*Summer
Blooms in
Cochise
County!*



PASTOR'S POST

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far and enjoying time with family and friends! I have enjoyed the heat of June and I'm acclimating to a summer in the high desert. I am blessed to be here and I thank God every day for that.

The church of course never takes a vacation and we are very busy so far this summer. The first major event of the summer is coming up this Sunday, July 2, with the "Star Spangled Potluck and Patriotic Sing-a-Long" after worship. It should be a fun time of food, fellowship, and a celebration of our nation's independence!

On Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m., we will be holding the dedication celebration service and unveiling of the plaque on the education wing for "Virginia's Place," in honor of Faith's former pastor Rev. Virginia Studer. She was a beloved pastor who particularly loved children and naming the education building in her name is a perfect way to honor her memory. Please contact Office Manager Judy Mayhew or me if you would like to help with putting on this event. We can always use a few more hands!

August will also be a busy month. Faith is going to be a satellite hub for the "Big Event" again this year that is put on by the Presbyteries of de Cristo and Grand Canyon. The focus of the event on Saturday, Aug. 26, is "Eradicating Systemic Poverty," featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Bill Brown of Columbia Theological Seminary. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please consider signing up to help put this event on to serve your church! Please contact me or Judy if you would like to help.

I encourage everyone to attend the "Big Event" because part of our mission statement is "outreach ministry." Part of outreach ministry is helping the poor in our community. The percentage of people in poverty in Cochise County was 17% according to the latest figures from the Census Bureau, compared with 12.8% in the state of Arizona, and 11.6% in the United States. The median household income in our county was about \$55,000, compared with almost \$66,000 in the state overall and \$70,784 for the country. There is a need in our area to help the poor and I want Faith to be a leader in the community in fighting poverty. Jesus highlighted the importance of helping the poor in his ministry. In Luke 14:13, Jesus says "when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" and in Luke 4:18 he says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." We at Faith have good news to share with the poor. We all have either time, talent, or treasure to help alleviate poverty. The "Big Event" I think will help us identify ways we can be good followers of Christ in helping the poor in our community.

Looking ahead to August, or perhaps September, I would like to see the congregation revive "The Gathering," a time after worship where we gather in small groups and discuss ways we can share our time, talent, and gifts. I want us to start thinking about how in our mission as Christians we can transform lives in our church and community. Stay tuned for more on "The Gathering" and I'll see you in worship!

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy July Birthday ~

<i>Shirley Portouw</i>	02
<i>Phil Crawford</i>	07
<i>Charles Lemley</i>	07
<i>James Louzy</i>	11
<i>Joann Mitchell</i>	18
<i>Mary Jane George</i>	20
<i>Richard Turke</i>	20
<i>Maria Isabel Quinones-Bird</i>	21
<i>Patricia Garcia</i>	22
<i>Amanda Wheat</i>	23
<i>Rick Hanson</i>	25
<i>Larry Bourne</i>	29

Per Capita is the mechanism for funding the "Greater Church".

Faith Presbyterian is a part of de Cristo Presbytery, the Synod of the Southwest, and the General Assembly of the PC(USA). Each of these three entities get their funding from "per capita". The amount - per member - is set by the entities annually and billed to each congregation. With approximately 160 members, this year our pro rata share is \$6640 (\$41.50 per member).

Each church must pay this. We ask members to consider paying for their family in addition to their annual pledge. **We have asked for only \$40 per year for the past two years.** In round numbers, \$9.85 goes to the national church (GA), \$5 goes to Synod and the rest goes to Presbytery de Cristo.

If you are a member and have not yet given your per capita, please consider doing so if you are able.



Faith Presbyterian sends condolences to Jill Witt with the passing of her husband, Perry. Memorial Service will be at Faith on Friday, July 7 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Cards may be sent to:

Jill Witt
4779 Chaparral Loop
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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

~ July 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Star Spangled Potluck and Patriotic Sing-a-long	3	4 Office Closed 	5	6 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i>	7 Memorial Service for Perry Witt 10:00 am	8
9	10	11 Men's Lunch 11:30 am 2:30 pm Finance	12 Ideas Group 10:00 am	13	14	15 Interment of Morris Eckhardt 10:00 am
16 COMMUNION 	17	18 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Session 6:00 pm	19	20	21	22 Memorial and Dedication for Virginia Studer 10:00 am
23	24	25 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	26 Game Day 2:00 pm	27	28	29
30	31					

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, July 26
2:00 pm Stevenson Hall
 Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!



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



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch - 11:30 am each Tuesday in July with the exception of the 4th.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, July 6
My Place at 8:30 am
 1081 E. Fry Blvd.



Fun with hats on "Hat Day" At Faith!



Thank you for your generous donations to help First Presbyterian Church in Douglas.
 Contributions will be received again on Sunday, July 2 if you would like to give a gift of love.



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

FAITH is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Welcome Elder
Rhonda Unicume!**

I grew up with parents being involved in the church. I remember my father being an elder while a member of the Presbyterian church in Yuma, Colorado then at First Presbyterian Church in Douglas, AZ.

Both my parents were charter members of Faith Presbyterian Church in Sierra Vista. Being an elder is an honor and part of my life growing up. Thank you for the opportunity.



**Welcome new members
John & Charlotte Osborne!**



We hail from northern Colorado where we permanently left our snow shovel in 2022. Now we live in Hereford with our Shetland Sheepdog and cat. In the summer months we can often be found traveling north in our RV. Though we'll miss our former church in Greeley, Colorado, we're grateful for Faith Presbyterian.



Pam, Margaret Jo, Brian, Gwen and Mike helping the residents with "Donut Day" at Lifecare.

**Memorial Service and Dedication
of the Educational Building
for Rev. Virginia Studer
Saturday, July 22, 2023 10:00 am
Fellowship following in Stevenson Hall**



**"Star-Spangled Potluck
and
Patriotic Sing-Along"**



July 2, 2023 after worship

Sign up in the narthex.



Shirley Portouw has moved to Mountain View Gardens Gracious Retirement Living, 3477 Rodeo Dr., Apt #317, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Barbara Heinrich has moved to Prestige Assisted Living, 4400 Avenida Cochise, Room #127, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



Cards and visitations would be appreciated!



~ 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.

Have you been traveling or will you be taking a vacation this summer? Please send postcards, so Faith knows where you are enjoying life. These can also be placed on the bulletin board for your Faith family to view.



Morris Robert Eckhardt passed away peacefully on April 30, 2023. This picture is from April 16. He will be interred in the Faith Presbyterian Columbarium at 10:00 am, July 15. This will be outside and is open to the public. Pastor Carlos and Pastor Brian will conduct the short service.

Morris was a faithful servant and a blessing to Faith!

GRAND CANYON AND DE CRISTO
PRESENT

BIG EVENT
ERADICATING
SYSTEMIC POVERTY

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

Please mark your calendar!

Faith will be a "Zoom Hub" for the "Big Event" with guests from Douglas, Bisbee, and Benson. The meeting will take place in Stevenson Hall.

Please ask yourself, "how can I help?" We need volunteers to greet, bring food, help in kitchen, etc. Please contact Pastor Brian or Judy if you can help.