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~ Outstanding October ~

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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!**

**Join your Faith Family in October
as fall brings cooler temperatures
and warm fellowship!**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~
OCTOBER
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....



~ FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY ~

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PASTOR'S POST

Dear Friends,

World Communion Sunday is upon us and that is also the first anniversary of my "tryout" for the congregation. Thank you for your patience with me as I learned a new job and new area. Thank you for all your kindness and hospitality! Now that a year has passed and I feel like I've got somewhat of a grounding here, I think it's time for us to think about the future more intentionally. It is time to get our thinking caps on.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, for the first time since 2017, we will be holding "The Gathering," after worship, sponsored and led by Mission and Stewardship. This will be like what has been done in past years. We will gather in small groups, we will order sandwiches from a local sub sandwich shop, and we will talk about what we want the church to be. What I want are specifics about what we want the church to be. Everyone can say "we need more kids," and that's great and I agree. But how do we get them? What do you have in mind?

At the last Finance committee meeting, Treasurer Gene Raymond asked what the vision was for the church as we were going through budget proposals for next year. What our vision is, is something I want to uncover from the perspective of the congregation. I have my ideas, but I want to see what you think as well. I want us to think of things that have not been considered before. The old way of doing things is not going to carry us forward. Here are some questions I would like all of you to consider before the 15th:

What do we want to be known for in the community? Who are we? Who do we want to be? What is going to set Faith apart in the future? Is there a specific ministry where we could really make a difference? What can we do that no one else can with a limited volunteer base?

When I tell people in the community that I'm the pastor at Faith, the first question they have is, where is your church? I want us to be known for something where that isn't the response I get. I want them to know who we are. I want people to say, "Oh yeah, the church out on Choctaw that has the big veterans ministry." Or, "the church on Choctaw that has a great ministry for older adults." Or, "that's the church that has speakers coming in all the time." You get the idea.

All of this will be helpful to your Session as we chart a path forward. Let me or someone on Session know what you think if you can't make it on the 15th. Thank you for letting me be your pastor!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FREE COFFEE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Know any folks in their 30s or 40s who don't go to church anymore? Rev. Allison Cornell of St. Stephens Episcopal Church and Pastor Brian want to hear their stories and why church is not part of their lives. Join Rev. Cornell and Pastor Brian on Oct. 14 at 9 am at Livia's Coffee at 2480 E. Wilcox Dr. for free coffee and conversation.

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy October Birthday ~

Tom Spering	01
Lisa Marable	02
Lily Smith	05
Laura Wheat	06
Chuck Fortner	12
Margie Riley	13
Mario Gonzales	14
Joie Heeter	14
Benjamin Gulde	17
Huck Rutgers	19
Joy Church	22
Debbie Wood	22
Betty Spering	23
Martha Betancourt	24
Doug Templeman	24
Diane Derr	25
Barbara Heinrich	25
Karen Thompson	29
Kathy Crawford	30
Randy Mitchell	31



~ Happy October Anniversary ~

Dick & Jane Riester	05
Bill & Shirley Brouwer	08
James & Aya Diekema	13
George & Janis Wheat	22

Pastor Brian will be on Study Leave from October 2 thru 7.



Please contact Johnnie Travis with any emergencies: johnt011@sbcglobal.net



Sunday, October 1 WORLD COMMUNION

Join Faith and other churches around the world as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together.



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

~ October 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Men's Lunch 11:30 - Country Club 1 pm WACS Conf Rm 4:00 - 6:00 pm Scouts - Conf. Rm	4	5 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i> Tone Chimes 6:40 pm	6	7
8	9	10 Men's Lunch 11:30 Country Club Finance 2:30 pm Music & Worship 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17 Men's Lunch 11:30 - Country Club Deacons 3:00 pm SH 4:00 - 6:00 pm Scouts - Conf. Rm Session 6:00 pm	18	19 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm Vinny's Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Men's Lunch 11:30 - Country Club	25	26	27	28
29 	30	31 Men's Lunch 11:30 - Country Club				

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, October 25 at 2:00 pm Stevenson Hall
Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!



Please continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank. Non-parishables are needed.



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in October at Pueblo Del Sol Country Club.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Thursday, October 5
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



~ STEPHEN MINISTERS ~

By Pam Winters

Stephen Ministers met on September 7, 2023. Pam Winters will be taking the Stephen Ministry leadership training. This will allow the team to continue, since Pastor Kay is concentrating her efforts on her church in Bisbee and it's community.

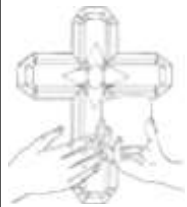
Our next meeting will be October 21. We will discuss getting ready for Blue Christmas, December 21, 2023. Faith will be hosting this event this year.

We welcome any member of the church interested in Stephen Ministry to contact Pastor Brian or myself.



~ NURSING HOME MINISTRIES ~

By Pam Winters



Nursing Home Ministries have been helping serve residents at Life Care on the second Friday of each month since spring. It is Donut Day and the residents love their sweets!! We have added two new volunteers: Barb Schratz and Gwen Smith! New Nursing Home Ministry name tags have been ordered for them. We are considering some type of shirt with the Nursing Home logo on the front for the future. The volunteer shirts we currently own have *LifeCare* on them. By using the Nursing Home logo we would be able to wear them no matter what facility we visited. There are sufficient funds in the Nursing Home Ministry budget for this future project. We will seek Session's approval before we proceed. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Pastor Brian or office manager, Judy Mayhew.

~ BACKPACK PROGRAM ~

By Pam Winters

Backpacks have arrived. Thanks to an anonymous donor there was no cost incurred by the church. All items will be sorted, remaining needed items purchased, and final packing of the backpacks will occur in late October. This time frame accommodates St. Vincent de Paul's needs and allows time for Rhonda Uicume to return from vacation. This will allow more than one person to see and participate in the whole process so next year multiple people have been exposed to how it works.



15th COMMUNITY HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29, 2023 2:00 pm
St. Andrew's Church, 800 Taylor Drive
Pastor Brian will be giving the invocation!

Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Gospel Concert

Friday, October 13 - 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church
1447 7th Street

~ ATTENTION LADIES ~



Do you like to read? Do you want to get to know each other better? Would you like to be involved in a quarterly book club meeting? Pastor Brian would like to know if you would like to be involved in a book club. The group would meet quarterly at someone's home for food, fellowship, and discussion of a book. Please let Office Manager Judy Mayhew or Pastor Brian know if you are interested!

9:15 am before worship, join with your friends in **Sunday Bible Fellowship** in the conference room as we read the Gospel of Mark together! While Mark may not be the most beloved gospel, it is a vital and important gospel because it is believed to be the oldest of the gospels, and many scholars view it as a crucial source of material for the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The reading will be led by Pastor Louis the first couple of weeks and thereafter by Sonny Coble and Gene Raymond. Join us as we read and discuss the Gospel of Mark together!



The Children and Youth are learning about the life of Christ each Sunday morning at 9:15 am.

All young people are invited to join the group and enjoy the fellowship.



Ladies lunch at Vinny's

Thursday, October 19 at 12:30 pm

*Come and enjoy fellowship with
your Faith gals!*



Pictures from September 21,
The Orient Express!
15 enjoyed lunch and fellowship!



Notes from the September Session meeting...

- A water leak from Virginia's Place that caused some inconveniences at church from last month has been resolved. Workers came out and fixed the leak and all is back to normal.
- The installation of photos of deacons, elders, and past installed pastors and the current installed pastor should be taking place in the coming weeks in the narthex.
- Session voted to return to the type of bread cut into pieces for communion that has been used in the past after running into some problems the last two communion Sundays.

~ NEW MEMBERS ~

Written by Marne Gulde



The Gulde Family
Marne, John, Bethany,
Kozlynn, Benjamin

John and I met in 1989 when he and his family moved from Queens, New York to North Charleston, SC. They moved in three doors down. Our families became friends and shared many holidays together until the Navy base was closed in 1995 and we moved to Japan. Although countries apart our families stayed in touch. Fast forward to 2008, I came home on R&R from deployment in Kuwait, John, my brother Tim, John's sister Kristle and I went out to dinner. Tim and Kristle nudged us to finally confess to each other how much we have liked each other for years. Thus we began dating. I had/have a career with AAFES which takes me all over the world and John had his house and job in Charleston. We dated long distance for 5 years. That was 3 PCS moves for me from Kuwait to Fort Hood, Texas to HQ in Dallas, TX then to Fort Riley, Kansas. In January of 2012 John made the leap and moved from Charleston to Fort Riley, Kansas. The summer of 2012 John proposed in his mother's living room. That following spring, March of 2013, we welcomed Kozlynn. We were then married in July of 2013. In 2014 we received orders to Moody AFB, GA. In 2016 we received orders to Tyndall AFB, FL and that October we welcomed Benjamin. In October of 2018 our family faced a big challenge as Hurricane Michael landed in Panama City, FL/Tyndall AFB and left devastation for all. We along with many others lost all of our belongings. John and I also were faced with a hard decision of sending the kids to stay with my brother and mother-in-law while I helped clean up my exchange and assist my employees. After a week it was deemed too much for my brother and mother-in-law so John left to go help with the kids.

We were apart for 5 weeks. In Nov 2016 when we were getting ready to fly our kids to my parents in Germany, I was given orders to Fort Stewart, GA. In 2021, due to issues with her own family and to keep her from going in the system, John and I welcomed my 15 year old God-daughter Bethany into our home. In 2022 we received orders to Fort Huachuca, AZ. We are all excited to become members of the Faith family in Sierra Vista.

~ WELCOME TO FALL! ~

We are almost at the end of another year and this one has just left us in the dust behind it, trying to catch up. This is also the time when most of the farmers are reaping their harvest. As with all things, the old is leaving and sooner than we expect, a new beginning.

As a member of the Stewardship Committee, it is time to ask for a new commitment of giving. Just as you and I must adjust our finances, so does the church. A pledge letter and pledge cards will be sent out this month. It helps when you make your pledges so the budget can plan for the coming year. Think about 2024. Thank you for all you do seems never to be enough, but we do thank you.

Johnnie Travis

Mission & Stewardship Chair

