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~ Spectacular September ~

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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!**

**Many things are happening in September
Please come and join us!**

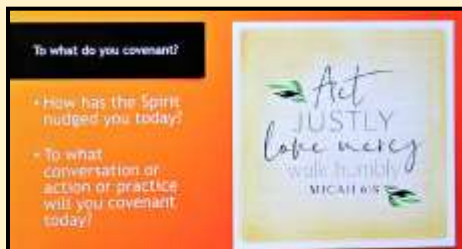


~ WALKING IN FAITH ~
 SEPTEMBER
 2023 NEWSLETTER
 Faith Presbyterian Church
 Sierra Vista, Arizona



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....



The "BIG EVENT"

August 26, 2023

PASTOR'S POST

Dear Friends,

Thanks for everyone's work this past month in the special events we've had at church, including the Big Event presented by Presbytery de Cristo on Aug. 26. That along with the memorial service for Lillian White and communion by intinction took a lot of work. Thank you to all who helped!

Thank you to Mike and Pam Winters for sharing their 50th Wedding Anniversary with us on Aug. 20! It was a great celebration for such a great couple who have done so much for so many. Happy anniversary Mike and Pam!

Looking ahead to the fall, we are going to get our adult education and children's programming kicked off. One of the ways we learn about discipleship and growing our faith is through education. Education was critical for me to rethink my faith and reimagine what Christianity was and could be for me. Through education and sharing with each other, we learn and deepen our understanding of Jesus the Christ and our Christian faith tradition. It was also through education that I learned the joys and wisdom of Presbyterianism. It's always important for me to be learning and growing. Keep an eye on the bulletin on Sundays and the monthly newsletter for more information!

I'm going to be on vacation from Aug. 30 through Sept. 9. I'll be visiting friends in North Carolina for a while and then I'll be on retreat in Tucson for a few days to rest, think, and write, and prepare spiritually and physically for the rest of the year.

A special thank you goes out to George Wheat and George Van Otten for all their help on our recent water leak issue in part of Virginia's Place. The last week of August has been interesting around here. I'm sure we will have more information on that repair and situation soon! Perhaps by the time you read this!

In the coming month we will have photos of our deacons and elders installed on the wall in the narthex so you know who many of the leaders in our church are. Thanks to Office Manager Judy Mayhew for all your hard work to get this project finished!

Please say a prayer for all our church members who are sick and suffering from various ailments. Please pray, visit, and call those in our congregation who are lonely and burdened with sadness. We can all bring the spirit of Christ's love to everyone we meet, and everyone we call. Please pray for the strength of our congregation to help us become more fruitful in all our ministries. Finally, please pray for our young people who are in school. Pray that they may learn many things and bring the spirit of Christ with them each day!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy September Birthday ~

David Lenning	02
Carol Wickham	02
Donald Townsend	03
Gary Church	04
John Gulde	05
Larry Dokken	08
Anita Huiatt	15
Marne Gulde	17
Nancy Falconer	18
Barb Kepple	18
Pam Winters	19
Kathy Barr	20
Janis Wheat	20
Randy Richard	22
John Stevenson	23
Yvonne Banducci	24
Lou Burleson	24
Diane Lemley	24
Mike Mitchell	24
Don Townsend	25



~ Happy September Anniversary ~

Tom & Betty Spering	02
David & Jamie Rutgers	02
Dick & Jan Laycock	11
Paul & Lezlee Smith	16
David & Tonia Swarner	18
Bob & Karen Thompson	20

Faith needs a hand to help with counting the offering on Sunday and for data entry. Please consider helping out the Finance Team at Faith! Contact Pastor Brian if you are interested in this opportunity to serve.



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

~ September 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 	4 	5 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Chili's 2:00 - 4:00 pm Janis - Conf. Rm 4:00 - 6:00 pm Scouts - Conf. Rm	6 Stephen Ministry 1:00 pm Library Choir 6:00 pm	7 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i> Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	8	9
10 	11	12 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Chili's 2:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Music & Worship	13 Choir 6:00 pm	14 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	15	16
17 COMMUNION 	18	19 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Chili's 3:00 pm - Deacons 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Scouts - Conf Rm 6:00 pm Session	20 Choir 6:00 pm	21 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm Orient Express Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Chili's	27 Game Day 2:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	28 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	29	30

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, September 27
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 September at Chili's.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, September 7
My Place at 8:30 am
 1081 E. Fry Blvd.



Thanks to all who have donated to the Backpack Program. Monetary donations are still being accepted.

More information about what all was received in the coming weeks.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase items not received.

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

"Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow."

- Helen Keller



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Christina Wyatt
 on the birth of
 Genavieve Angel
 Born August 24
 6.5 pounds 19 inches long



~ Spectacular September ~

- September 03 - Guest Pastor, Monica Russell
- September 04 - Labor Day Holiday
Office Closed
- September 10 - Family Fellowship
Choir Returns
Faith Family Photo
Potluck & Sing-a-Long
- September 17 - Communion
New Members
Tone Chimes

At the last Session meeting on Aug. 15, Session approved the following items:

* Mission and Stewardship proposed and Session approved donating \$1,500 to relief efforts in Hawaii and another allotment to Warrior Healing Center in Sierra Vista, a clearinghouse of services and support for veterans.

* It is almost budget time for next year and Session committee chairs will have their proposed budgets ready on Sept. 15 for review.

* Pastor Brian will be on study leave from Oct. 2-6.



~ 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!

Starting **Sept. 10 at 9:15 am** before worship, join with your friends in **Sunday Bible Fellowship** 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!



Children and Youth Sunday School will start on Sunday September 10 at 9:15 am.

They will be learning about the life of Christ.

If anyone would like to help by teaching once a month, please contact Heather Carter at: heatherwsings@gmail.com



Ladies Lunch! Pictures from August 17, 2023.

The next Ladies Lunch is scheduled on September 21, 12:30 pm at the Orient Express Restaurant inside the Sierra Suites, 391 E. Fry Blvd. Come and enjoy the fun!



If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for any of the Sunday worship services, please contact the office. 520-378-9400

Jill Witt has moved and would love to get cards from members of Faith.

Jill Witt
Palazzo Assisted Living
6250 N. 19th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015



Heartfelt **THANKS** to **ALL** who provided special music during the summer months!
Janis & Pastor Brian



Did you enjoy
"Stump the Pastor"

Sunday?

Let Pastor Brian know.
He may do it again!



We would love to thank the anonymous person who provided the most beautiful flowers for the sanctuary on August 20th. It was the day we celebrated our 50th anniversary with the congregation. The colors were perfect and the lantern has a permanent spot in our home! Judy Mayhew did an amazing job caring for the arrangements so they could be used at Lillian White's celebration of Life, as centerpieces for the Big Event and coffee hour on the 27th. A few roses went to Life Care for one of our members and the balance of the greenery is being cared for by Ruth Van Otten and her green thumb. Your generosity touched our hearts and those of your congregation.

Thank you to the Congregation of Faith for making our 50th Anniversary coffee hour so special. We hope you enjoyed the photos and learned a little more about us. We had such a wonderful time sharing our special day with all of you.

Mike and Pam Winters



~ Family Fellowship Sunday ~
September 10, 2023

Worship: "What does the Bible say about Family?"
Faith Family photo after worship in sanctuary!
Potluck and Sing-A-Long in Stevenson Hall!
Come and enjoy your Faith Family!!



Keep an eye out for the
2024 "Jack" Calendar!