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~ Thankful November ~

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

**Join your Faith Family in November
and be thankful.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

NOVEMBER

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....

What are YOU Thankful For?



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Friends,

A flurry of activity is coming up this month and next month at church. By the time you read this, I will have passed my one-year anniversary as your pastor! It's hard to believe; the year flew by, that's for sure.

I've experimented with new ideas to add to worship, bringing back some activities we've done in the past, and other things that haven't been tried before over the past year. Some have worked; some haven't. Rest assured, I'm going to keep trying new and different things to do my part to make this congregation as successful and healthy as I can make it. I can't do it alone, that is for sure. I need your help, and I have faith you will come through!

One of the new things I have tried is being more active on social media. So, I have started a Tik Tok account for Faith (@faithpresbyterian), along with an Instagram account (@faithsierravista), and a public Facebook page in addition to the Faith Presbyterian group on Facebook. The impetus for me to be more intentional about social media is a comment that was offered at The Gathering a few weeks ago that we don't have enough of a social media presence. After that, I opened the Tik Tok account for the church and I'm trying to post something each day so the algorithm that runs these things will find us easier and get the Faith name out there more and more. To reach younger adults, this is where they live, on social media. Namely, Tik Tok and Instagram.

In recent weeks I have conducted some new member classes with folks seeking to join the church. I anticipate the Session's approval of these new members at the Nov. 21 meeting, and my hope is that we will have several new members to be welcomed into the congregation on Dec. 3.

Starting Wednesday, November 29 from 12 noon to 1:15 pm, I'll be holding a brown bag lunch program on Prophets and Prophecy. It will run for four weeks culminating in the week before Christmas.

Another suggestion I have received is the possibility of an evening Bible study during the week. This will be on Monday evening at 6:00 pm starting in 2024. The starting date has not yet been determined.

It has been a great year! Thank you all for your prayers and support along the way. You have sustained me on the difficult days and brought me great joy on so many more days! Thank you for that, and I am grateful you called me here to beautiful Sierra Vista!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy November Birthday ~

Gertrude Balentine	01
Eleanor Templeman	01
Bill Falconer	02
Bobbie Hanson	04
Rose Marie Dokken	11
Mike Winters	12
Rick Barr	14
Howard Slater	20
Fred Whitley	25
Martha Louzy	29
George Van Otten	30



~ Happy November Anniversary ~

Jack & Connie Pitzel	07
Howard & Nancy Slater	29

CONDOLENCES



Margie Riley was a charter member and was very active at Faith Presbyterian. She made her heavenly ascension on October 2.

Any remembrance notes can be sent to her sister:

Sharon Deist
725 W. Utopia Road
Phoenix, AZ 85027

A memorial service will be held at Faith on Saturday, November 18 at 10 AM. Reception following in Stevenson Hall.



Caroling to the homebound after worship on December 3. It's fun and heart-warming! Watch for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Santa hats and bells are provided.



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

~ November 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 6:00 pm	2 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i> Tone Chimes 6:45 pm Sky Island 7:30 pm	3	4
5  Girl Scouts 4:00 pm Conf Rm.	6	7 Men's Lunch 11:30 <i>Urbano Bistro</i>	8 Choir 6:00 pm	9 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm Sky Island 7:30 pm	10	11 
12  	13	14 Men's Lunch 11:30 - <i>Urbano Bistro</i> Finance 2:30 pm Music & Worship 6:00 pm	15 Choir 6:00 pm	16 Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm <i>Chilli's</i> Tone Chimes 6:45 pm Sky Island 7:30 pm	17	18 Memorial Service Margie Riley 10:00 am
19 COMMUNION  Congregational Mtg.	20	21 Men's Lunch 11:30 - <i>Urbano Bistro</i> Deacons 3:00 pm Session 6:00 pm	22 Choir 6:00 pm	23 	24 	25
26	27	28 Men's Lunch 11:30 - <i>Urbano Bistro</i> Girl Scouts 4-6 pm Conf. Rm	29 Advent Prophetic Brown Bag Lunch 12 noon Game Day 2:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	30 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm Sky Island 7:30 pm		

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Game Day, November 29 at 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 at 11:30 am each Tuesday in November at Urbano Bar & Bistro, on Route 92.



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

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Thursday, November 2
My Place at 8:30 am
 1081 E. Fry Blvd.



After being shut down for COVID, the **Life Care Store** will be reopening soon. The store stocks donated items where the residents can use their Life Care Funny Money to purchase. The residents earn their Funny Money by participating in events, winning at various games and helping. **The store is in need of gently used clothing, jewelry, knick-knacks, throw pillows, and small stuffed animals.** There is a collection box in the narthex if you would like to donate gently used items.



Mike, Barb, Pam, and Margaret Jo are helping a resident at Life Care on "Donut Day."

Let Pam Winters know if you are interested in being part of the Nursing Home Ministry.



"BACKPACK PROGRAM"

By Pam Winters



Shopping has begun to purchase the additional items needed to complete the backpacks. The congregation was very generous in providing the preliminary donations and now it's time to put the monetary donations to use.

We spent \$514.00 at the Dollar Tree last Saturday afternoon. We had a great bunch of women sorting and counting donations. It was a fun time!

We hope to meet the first Wednesday of November to do a final sort and count. If you would like to help then or when we fill the back packs please let Rhonda Uicume or Pam Winters know.

"STEPHEN MINISTRY"

By Pam Winters



The Stephen Ministers met October 21. We are planning the Blue Christmas service for Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 4:30 pm. It is our turn to host this event.

A Presbyterian church in South Carolina emailed Judy after seeing one of our past articles on the internet. They would like to have information about our service to see if it's something they would like to do. We will be contacting this church and helping in any way possible. How exciting they learned about us through an internet search!! God works in mysterious ways!!



Pastor Brian will be out of the office from Monday, October 30 - Saturday, October 4.

Please contact Elder Johnnie Travis with any emergencies:

870-820-4110 - johnt011@sbcglobal.net

THE NARTHEX HAS A NEW LOOK!

Pastors



Elders



Deacons



Come and see the pictures in person to find out who is who at Faith!



Children's Time during worship!

Bring the children to learn and have fellowship!



No one leaves church unnoticed! You will be given a smile and handshake!



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.



Join Faith on Sunday, December 3 for the children/youth pageant during worship.



*Ladies lunch at Chili's
Thursday, November 16 at 12:30 pm
Come and enjoy fellowship with
your Faith gals!*

Picture from October 19 at Vinny's.
15 enjoyed lunch and fellowship!

Thank you to all who participated in "STUMP THE CONGREGATION!"

Several said they had lots of fun going through old pics to find just the right one. We hope you learned a little more about the Faith family you worship with and care about. Pam Winters





~ Mark your calendar for December Sierra Vista Concerts ~



- Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 - 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church - **“Sierra Vista Sings”** *Guided by the Star*
- Dec. 8 - Cochise Jazz & Orchestra - 6:30 pm - Faith Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 9 - Cochise Choirs - 6:30 pm - Faith Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 10 - Cantata - Combined Faith and UMC choirs at United Methodist Church
- Dec. 16 - Sky Island Chamber Choir - 6:30 pm - Faith Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 17 - Cantata - Combined Faith and UMC choirs at Faith Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

All Saints Sunday - November 5

Stewardship Sunday - November 12 - Bring Pledge Cards

Honor the Veterans - November 12

Communion Sunday - November 19

Congregational Meeting to elect Elders/Deacons/Financial Auditor - November 19



~ Jack Calendar ~

Order a 2024 calendar of “Jack” the rabbit. Help Faith raise money for the

general fund by purchasing a calendar. \$20.00 each prepaid. Delivery December 5.

Announcement!

Beginning January 1, 2024, Faith pays for the initial name badge for the members. After that, new name badges will be \$11.00 each.



~ Happy Thanksgiving! ~
The church office will be closed on Nov. 23 and 24.

Thanks to all who helped and decorated for the fabulous **Halloween fellowship** on October 29.



- Sharon Townsend
- Randi Williams
- Mike & Joann Mitchell
- Jane Riester



Thank you to the Rutgers family for sharing the fun!
Hunter, Hudson, Huck, David, Jamie

