



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

April

2024 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'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY

Make This Sunday Bright!

Traditionally, the Sunday after Easter (this year April 7) is known as Bright Sunday. We decorate the Sanctuary pews with colorful quilts. It is a gorgeous sight! If you have a quilt to lend, please contact Bridget Diekema. Thank you!



Meals Delivery Ministry Needs a Hand

One of the important ministries that happens here at Faith is providing meals to folks who are going through a difficult time caring for a loved one or are sick or having trouble getting around and can't cook or don't have the time to cook. Please sign up to help! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to help. You can cook meals, or purchase a ready-to-eat meal, whichever you prefer! Contact Diane Derr at 520-378-7022 for more information! And please continue to bring your non-perishable donations for the Food Bank.

Game Day, at 2:00 pm
April 24, Stevenson Hall.

Come and have fun in the afternoon with your Faith buddies!



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 4
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



APRIL STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Casa De La Paz, a local hospice health partner, will present a workshop on the "5 Wishes / Advance Directive Planning." Alex Guerra will be the presenter. The date will be April 15, 2024, from 1-2:30 pm in Stevenson Hall.

Please RSVP by April 8 to Pam Winters, Stephen Ministry Moderator, at 419-707-2908. A notary will be present and provide her services at no cost for notarizing these documents. Please share this information with others on such a useful program !



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Members and Friends,

Big changes are coming to Faith! At the March 19 Session meeting, Session voted to replace our heating and air conditioning system that controls the sanctuary. The system we have is over 20 years old and is starting to show its age and we have been having some trouble with it. By buying a new system now we can lock in the price and be assured of having it installed and up and running long before summer is here. This new Trane system will serve our sanctuary and church quite well for another 20-plus years!

DIXIELAND DEVOTIONALS! Come on out and support local charities and hear some great Dixieland jazz on Thursday, April 18 in the Sanctuary at Faith! Faith is proud to host this gathering for the community and at the April concert Rev. Peggy Christensen from First Presbyterian Church in Douglas will speak about the church's efforts to relieve humanitarian suffering along the border.

Thanks to everyone who put in so much hard work during Lent and Easter! Thanks especially to all who helped decorate and make the sanctuary so beautiful and to our amazing musicians and choir who filled the church with such amazing music. Thank you!

The Sunday after Easter, which is Bright Sunday, April 7, the Nominating Committee will be meeting after worship to go over lists of people to speak to about service as Deacons and Ruling Elders. If you do feel called to serve and want to help the church in this way, feel free to volunteer! You can approach me, or Nominating Committee Chairwoman Judy Pike, to throw your hat in the ring to be considered. The congregation voted to expand the size of the Board of Deacons and Session, and now it is your chance to step up and serve!



Looking ahead, I'll be out of town for over a week in May to visit family and friends in the Midwest, and then in June I'll be gone for a week as I start my Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Thanks everyone for your support and I'm curious to see what God has in store for me in this program!

Please continue to pray for our fellow church members who are sick and suffering from ill health. Remember to send a card or make a phone call to check in with them, and let them feel the love of Christ that is in this congregation. It means a lot to people!

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy April Birthday ~

Paul Lewis	01
Bob Thompson	01
Monica Russell	03
Bridget Diekema	10
Gene Raymond	12
Dave Rockwell	13
Ed Keene	13
Bianca Garcia	16
Joan Lopshire	16
Tonia Swarner	16
Hudson Rutgers	18
Jack Pitzel	19
Ruth Akins	22
Debi Godwin	28
Bob Kepple	30



~ Happy April Anniversary ~

Gary & Joy Church	01
Mike & Joann Mitchell	01
Earl & Judy Pike	02
Bill & Ruth Akins	12
Bob & Barb Schratz	22
Doug & Eleanor Templeman	27

Please send any future submissions of items for upcoming newsletters directly to Paul Lewis, palewis99@hotmail.com. Please attach your article to your email as a Word document. Thank you.

Ruling Elders for 2024:

Heather Carter, Christian Ed Chair
 John Gulde, Worship & Music
 Susan Powers, Worship & Music Chair
 Judy Pike, Finance
 Rhonda Unicume, Mission & Stewardship
 Chair
 Jamie Rutgers, Worship & Music
 George Wheat, Building & Grounds Chair
 Charles Wilkes, Finance Chair

Deacons for 2024:

Diane Derr - Meals
 Patrick Jones - Food Bank
 Marti Louzy
 Carolyn Malik - Moderator
 Tom Mathias
 Joann Mitchell—Secretary and birthday cards
 Randy Mitchell
 Dustin Paige
 Sharon Raymond - anniversary & welcome cards

DIXIELAND DEVOTIONALS

Come join in the spiritual singing and Dixieland music in the Sanctuary, Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm. Come for the spirited foot tapping and singing to the joyful sounds of the Dixieland Band! A free will offering will benefit Good Neighbor Alliance, Humanitarian Aid on the Border and the Sierra Vista Community Band. This is our last Dixieland Devotional for the year, so don't miss out!



Thanks for Your Support for "The Living Last Supper," Pastor Brian Louis

Thank you to everyone who came to the performances of "The Living Last Supper" before Maundy Thursday at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church! It was a joy and challenge for me to perform in a play dramatizing the Last Supper. Having the cast of apostles frozen in place like in the Leonardo da Vinci painting of the Last Supper while the apostles went one by one in their speeches was a challenge, but a rewarding one which added a captivating element. Susan Harty of SV UMC, the director, and I have talked about doing more productions in the future, including holding some at Faith. If you have a bug to get into acting, let me know and I'll pass your name on to Susan!



*Wine glass decoration class
Friday, April 19, Time TBA,
Stevenson Hall, Contact Diane
Derr for more information*

Calling All Men to Lunch!

Each Tuesday in April at Chili's, 11:30 am. All men are invited to join in the fellowship and good food and drink. Y'all come, now!



Speaking of Lunch!

Remember what a good time we had sharing a meal with our Korean Presbyterian friends across the street last November? If you don't, the photo to the lower right might jog your memory. Well, guess what? We're going to do it again! But this time, we will be the hosts. Pastor Brian, Carolyn Malik and Tom Mathias have volunteered to coordinate the lunch April 28 at noon. They need help! Please contact one of these three people to share your ideas, suggestions and time to make this event an enjoyable success. What a great way to share once again with our neighbors!



~ April 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	3 Choir 6:00 pm	4 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am <i>My Place</i>  Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	5	6
7 Bright Sunday 	8	9 Men's Lunch 11:30 am 2:30 pm Finance 6:00 Worship & Music	10 Choir 6:00 pm	11 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Men's Lunch 11:30 am Session 6:00 pm	17 Stephen Ministry 1:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	18 Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm Tone Chimes 6:45 pm Dixieland Devotionals 6:30 pm	19	20
21 Communion 	22	23 Men's Lunch 11:30 am	24 Game Day 2:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	25 Tone Chimes 6:45 pm	26	27
28 Lunch at Faith Church with Korean Presbyterian Church Noon	29	30 Men's Lunch 11:30 am				



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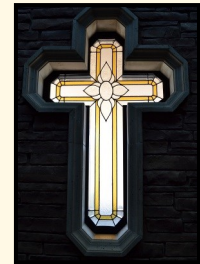
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~ Springtime April ~

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

**Join your Faith Family during the
Spring Season!**