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## ~ Fabulous February ~

Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Louis  
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Office Hours: 9 am - 2 pm Mon-Fri  
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 February  
for love and inspiration.**



# ~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

## FEBRUARY

### 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### Faith Presbyterian Church Sierra Vista, Arizona



*"Love Grows Here"*

#### 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....



*January 26, 2025  
Worship, Communion,  
Amazing Graze Potluck,  
Annual Meeting*



**Thanks be  
to God!**

## PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Members and Friends,

At my recent week-long intensive course at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the course we took was titled, "Storytelling in Times Like These." It was an amazing week with my cohort in the Doctor of Ministry program where we discussed just about everything related to storytelling. Storytelling is foundational to our faith. The foundation of our faith are the stories of Jesus, his teachings, his healing miracles, and his resurrection. It makes me wonder, what is the story of Faith Presbyterian going to be in 2025?

Thanks to everyone who made the Amazing Graze after the annual congregational meeting so great on Jan. 26. It was wonderful. My prayer and hope for the coming year is that we can do more to be of service in the community. We already have a Nursing Home Ministry. What else can we do? Where else can we be more involved in the community as the hands and feet of Christ? Put your thinking caps on and get involved in the Mission and Stewardship Committee!

Get ready for Cowboy Sunday on Feb. 9 when country-western music singer Joni Harms will be our guest musician at worship. It will surely be a great service of praise to God!

One of the traditions of our church has been the Dixieland Devotionals concerts in February, March, and April, that raise money for local charities, including the Sierra Vista Community Band, which performs each year. This year it appears the concerts will not be happening. The community band leader has been unable to find a banjo player to take the place of their longstanding banjo player. If this changes, I will let you know.

Want to take over arranging places to go for the monthly Lovely Ladies' Lunch? Let me or Office Manager Judy Mayhew know. We need someone to take that over. There has been good attendance at the lunches and it would be great to keep that going.

After worship on Feb. 16, please stick around in the sanctuary because we are going to do a brief training session on ushering and doing the offering collection; and some communion training for elders and deacons (both past and present). We will have some refresher training on preparing, serving and cleaning up after communion. We've had some new folks joining the church and some new deacons installed recently who may not be familiar with the procedures, so we want to educate everyone. My hope is getting more people trained and aware of how to do things will help them feel more comfortable in helping and make it easier to get involved.

Finally, please pray for those in the church who are sick and ailing. Praying for others is good for those who are prayed for and for those who do the praying!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

# FAITH STEPPING STONES



## ~ Happy February Birthday ~

Kay McCleary	4
Tom Mathias	9
Linda Perkins-Murray	12
Lakshmi Garcia	15
Dori Richard	16
Sonny Smith	17
Jim Louzy	18
Sonny Coble	22
Suzanne Johnson	24
Ruth Van Otten	24



Phil & Kathy Crawford 12



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE January 2025

January 05	82
January 12	91
January 19	70
January 26	85
Average	82



## SAVE THE DATE!

Faith Presbyterian is going to the Gaslight Theater, Tucson, Arizona!  
Don't miss this chance for some great fun and laughs.

### "CRONAN THE BARBARIAN"

Sunday, 23 February 2025, 3:00 PM

66 seats have been reserved.



In January we welcomed our new Deacons: Kathy Crawford, Heather Mayhew, Ruth and George Van Otten. We are looking forward to Cowboy Sunday on February 9th and are planning a slightly larger snack time after church. If you would like to bring something, feel free to do so. The next big event will be the Gaslight Theatre on February 23rd. We hope you can attend this fun comedy.

In the future, we also hope to have a new kitchen sink and faucet.  
God is Good!! Sharon Raymond, Deacon

# ~ February 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Men's Lunch 11:30 Tombstone Brewing	5  Choir 6:00	6 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place"	7	8
9  	10	11 Men's Lunch, 11:30 Tombstone Brewing  Finance 2:30 pm Music & Worship 6:00 pm	12  Choir 6:00	13	14	15
16  COMMUNION	17 	18 Men's Lunch 11:30 Tombstone Brewing 3:00 Deacons 6:00 Session	19  Choir 6:00	20	21	22
23 	24	25 Men's Lunch 11:30 Tombstone Brewing	26 Game Day 2:00 pm SH  Choir 6:00	27	28	



# WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Join Game Day  
Wednesday,  
February 26.  
2:00 pm

**The Ladies Lunch is always fun!  
A leader is needed to organize the lunches for  
2025. Are you willing?**



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in February at the Tombstone Brewing Company, N. Garden Ave.

**FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**  
Thursday, February 6  
*My Place at 8:30 am*  
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



**Souper Bowl of Caring**  
Sunday, February 9  
Bring canned goods and non-perishables!



**"Cowboy Sunday" February 9**

*Join your Faith family and wear your western clothes! Special music and hymns!*



**"Sunday School"**  
9:15 am every Sunday morning!  
Bring the youth to learn about the Bible and have fellowship.



# *“Epiphany”*

*Celebrated January 5*

*Follow your Star!*



*The Wisemen followed  
the star to the baby  
Jesus.* 

*Let us do the same!*

*Did you receive your  
star word for 2025?*

*Pick a star word in  
the sanctuary or call  
the church for one to  
be mailed to you.*



# *"Baptism of the Lord"*

*Sunday, January 12*



*Brenton Silva was baptized when he became a new member of Faith! Welcome, Brenton, to your new family!!*



## *Welcome new Deacons and Elder!!*



Kathy Crawford



Heather Mayhew



George Van Otten



Ruth Van Otten



Elder Gene Raymond



Laying on of hands



And then it snowed at Faith.....January 7, 2025



Acorn Woodpecker

These pictures were submitted by Jeff Durham. Do you have any pictures you would like to see in the monthly newsletter? Send pictures to: [faithsecsv@gmail.com](mailto:faithsecsv@gmail.com).



Gould Turkey



Volunteers to be Ushers and Greeters are needed every Sunday before and during worship. The updated brochure with all the instructions is available in the narthex.

Please feel free to sign up and be blessed by sharing your smile and handshake with others!

## Do you enjoy fellowship following worship each Sunday?

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments to serve during fellowship.

Cookies, small desserts or fruits are all that is required. Coffee will be made prior to worship. Clean up in the kitchen is needed. It's fun and it's fellowship!

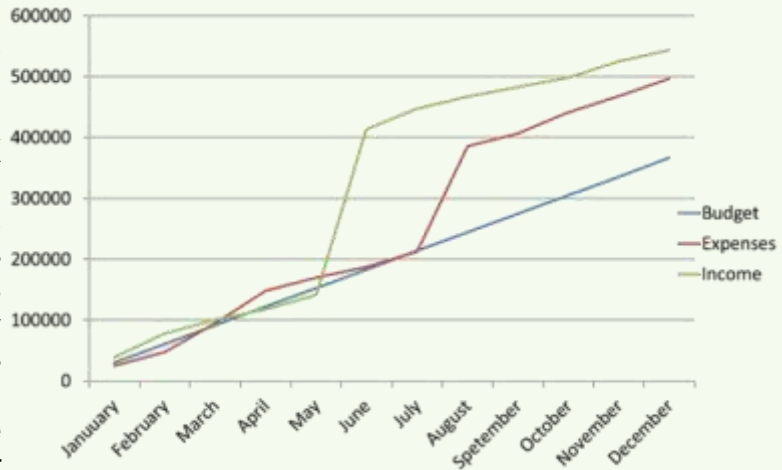
Sign up in the narthex.



Treasurer's Update  
By Elder Gene Raymond  
Faith Treasurer

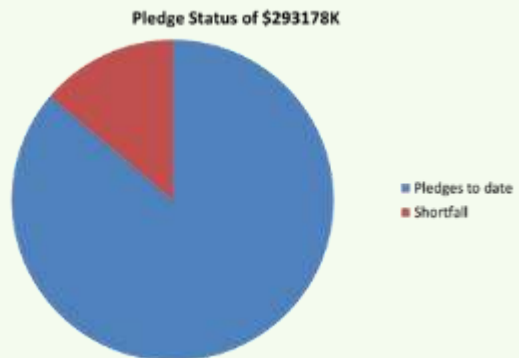


**HAPPY FISCAL NEW YEAR!** As those of you who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting heard, and as you can see by the chart, 2024 was an unusual, even a “crazy” budget year. We were on track, thanks to your continued generosity, to balance income versus expenses, then we had a couple of things happen. We needed to replace the HVAC system in the sanctuary which could have had an impact on our savings, but then we got two wonderful gifts of grace. Margie Riley and Betty Olsen left substantial bequests to the church. Margie (a charter member) and Betty were special members of Faith. Their generosity and expression of gratitude for what Faith meant in their lives are an example to all of us. These gifts not only covered the HVAC replacement but allowed us to pay off the mortgage on our sanctuary. So, when all the ink dried on the checks and in the ledger, Faith ended the budget year about \$47K to the good! We also ended the year with \$200K in reserves in addition to our normal savings and checking balances. This enviable and blessed financial position was helped greatly by your continued contributions, which basically covered our “normal” budget expenses, thus preserving our newly expanded reserves. I, the Finance Committee, the Session, and Pastor Brian want to thank everyone for their generous support of Faith’s Ministries last year.



**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN STATUS.**

Thank you to everyone who renewed or increased their pledge to support Faith’s ministries for this year. As of the end of January we were at 86% of what we need for next year’s ministries. This is great! This time last year, we were only at 68% of our budget needs. Special thanks to those who have paid their Per Capita, doing so makes our regular budget go farther.



*~ Welcome Faith's New Members ~*  
*Bruce and Linda Perkins-Murray*



Both Bruce and Linda having been widowed for some time, Bruce and Linda finally found each other on February 9, 2020. After talking for 10 hours straight, oblivious to the time, they discovered that they shared a common mentor, almost endless “near misses” for finding each other over the past 4 decades, and rabid common interest in the helping professions, they mutually and joyously decided not to commit another “near miss.”

Linda was born in the “Boot Heel” of SE Missouri. She graduated with a BA in psych and an MSW from University of Missouri Medical Center. She left her promising career to raise two adopted children. Much of her adult life (30 years) was spent living and working in Alaska. She retired as an Army civilian employee at almost 74 years of age and moved to the Pacific northwest with her deceased husband and two additional children she had adopted at age 56. Being “solar powered” (having inherited severe Seasonal Affective Disorder) she and her new husband, Bruce, moved to Sierra Vista in August 2024.

Born and raised in Prune country (California), Bruce graduated from San Jose Christian College (where he also trained for the ministry). He completed graduate work at Southern Oregon University, Pepperdine University and USC in humanities and psychology. Following part time pastorships in Mt. Pleasant, MO, Town and Country Church of Christ, and University Christ Church (both in California) Bruce worked as a clinician in a hospital setting; as research staff at Claremont Graduate School; as Director of Corrections for the state of Wyoming; as an organization psychologist for a national consulting firm headquartered in Washington; and a few years before retirement, as a management trainer/overseer in “Silicon Valley.”



*Welcome new  
Members!  
January 12, 2025*

~ Welcome Faith's New Members ~

Brenton Silva



Brenton was born in San Diego, California on March 27, 1990. His father's job brought his family to Arizona in 1997 and they have been here ever since. He has been working as a pool cleaner for more than 7 plus years.

Brenton loves his two cats: Osiris and Horus. He hangs out with his friends and animals: two goats, a dog, and soon the horse. Brenton is a gamer.

Faith loves young people! Welcome!!

Dezarae Crumpton



Dezarae was born July 23, 1989. She enjoyed the Presbyterian Church in Arkansas and when she moved to Arizona she felt that Faith Presbyterian was so similar and she wanted to join.

Dezarae has a dog, one horse, two goats and two cats. She loves being outdoors and wants to work around animals.

Welcome to your new church family!



*Joann Mitchell, a faithful servant of the Lord and a faithful member of Faith, made her heavenly ascension on January 14.*

*Condolences to Joann's husband, Mike, and her extended family.*

*No memorial service is planned, but a special memory of Joann will take place during a worship service in the future.*