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## ~ Marvelous March ~

Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Louis  
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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!**

**Join your Faith Family in March  
for love and inspiration  
and the beginning of Lent.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~  
MARCH  
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....



*Joni Harms and Jeff Rose*

*Joni Harms shared her musical ministry during worship on February 9.*

*Thank you, Joni, for your inspiration!*



*Thank you, George & Janis, for asking Joni to sing at Faith!*

## PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Members and Friends,

February was action-packed, and March will be the same!

One of the highlights of February was Cowboy Sunday. Thanks to our Music Director Janis Wheat and Elder George Wheat for their work in landing the amazing recording artist and all-around wonderful human being Joni Harms to play for us on Cowboy Sunday. I thought it was a great celebration! And of course, the Gaslight Theater outing for Faith was once again an amazing experience of fun and laughter and fellowship. Thank you, Janis, for organizing that as well! Who says Presbyterians are the "Frozen Chosen"?

As we turn the calendar over to March, we enter the time of preparation and reflection for Lent. Please join us for soup and bread on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 5 pm, followed by worship and imposition of ashes at 6:15 pm. Ash Wednesday is a solemn service where we officially begin the Lenten season. In the ancient days of the church, the time of Lent was a time where people would study and prepare to be baptized on Easter. My prayer for all of us is that Lent is a time of prayer, meditation, and study, to become better Christians and to grow closer to God. Recently, I watched a segment from a few years ago that aired on *60 Minutes* about the Eastern Orthodox monks in Greece at Mount Athos whose sole mission in living their life there is get closer to God. What a wonderful mission, and one we can consider and live into this Lent.

I started my spring semester online course over Zoom for my Doctor of Ministry program. Classes are on Mondays from 4 pm to 7 pm and I will be unavailable at those times except for emergencies. The course is on spiritual writing, and I am looking forward to it!

Although we will not be holding Dixieland Devotionals this year, we are trying to get a couple of concerts at church this spring to benefit local charities. I am working on recruiting a gospel group from Bisbee that has played for Pastor Kay Travis at Covenant Presbyterian Church. I saw the gospel group perform on Feb. 16 and they are world class. They are all professional musicians, and they were amazing, lively, and everyone seemed to have a blast. There is also an effort to get a bluegrass band to play here as well. If anyone has any other musical acts who would be willing to perform, let me know!

Please remember to keep our members who are sick and recovering from illness in your prayers. In recent weeks there have been many people who have spent some time in the hospital. We pray that God will comfort them and bring them back to health.

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

# FAITH STEPPING STONES



## ~ Happy March Birthday ~

David Rutgers	02
Aya Diekema	03
Sharon Crouse-Matlock	04
Sharon Raymond	07
Leroy Faulkner	08
Susan Roetcisoender	13
Jeff Durham	14
Casey Jones	15
Susan Powers	15
Joanie Heiserman	17
Vi Faulkner	19
Sandy Brown	23
Kozlynn Gulde	25
Dezarae Crumpton	27
Charlotte Osborne	27
Sharon Townsend	27

## ~ Happy March Anniversary ~

Randy & Kathy Richard	09
Gene & Sharon Raymond	09
Larry & Bridget Diekema	14
Bruce & Linda Perkins-Murray	26
Leroy & Vi Faulkner	30



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### February 2025

February 02	78
February 09	93
February 16	88
February 23	<u>89</u>
Average	87

## “Donut Day”

### LifeCare Center

If you are interested in helping to make the residents smile, contact Margaret Jo at 520-236-9056 by phone or text.

Enjoy those donuts!



## Do you enjoy fellowship following worship each Sunday?

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments to serve during fellowship hour. Cookies, small desserts or fruits are all that is required. Coffee will be made prior to worship. Clean up in the kitchen would also be appreciated. It's fun and it's fellowship!

Sign up in the narthex.



If you would like to be a Fellowship Hour Host, but are worried about paying for the snacks, don't worry. A special fund has been set up to cover expenses. If you think you might need a little financial help in hosing, please contact Randy Mitchell - 432-386-2952 or Marne Gulde - 843-773-1480 for more information. You can also contact them if you would like to contribute to this fund to help others be Fellowship Hour Hosts.

# ~ March 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Men's Lunch 11:30 Chili's	5  ASH WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Soup 6:15 Worship	6 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place"	7	8
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23	24	25 Men's Lunch 11:30 Chili's	26 Game Day 2:00 pm SH Choir 6:00	27	28 Sierra Vista Sings Concert 7:00 pm	29 Sierra Vista Sings Concert 7:00 pm
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



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

*The "Ladies Luncheon" will start again on Wednesday, April 16 at 11:30 am. Watch for more information in April.*



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in March at Chili's Restaurant.

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, March 6  
My Place at 8:30 am  
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



"Souper Sunday", February 9.

Faith filled the wagon to help St. Vincent de Paul help others!!



9:15 am every Sunday morning!

Bring the youth to learn about the Bible and have fellowship.



*What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship,  
so is prayer to the soul. ~ Corrie Ten Boom*



*Faith members wear different shoes,  
but we all follow in Jesus' footsteps!*



*Thank you, Michael!  
If you have a "Pocket Jesus"  
you will never be alone and  
you will always have a  
friend!*

*Prayers as you return  
to snowy country with  
your "Pocket Jesus".*



*"Happy Trails to you!"*  
Cowboy Sunday, February 9







## Spring Concert at Faith Presbyterian Church

*Salute to the WWII Generation  
and decades of love songs!*



*When: Friday, March 28 and  
Saturday, March 29*

*Time: 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm*

*Tickets: \$10.00 (children under 10 are free)*

*Call Deb at 520-895-9645 to reserve your tickets.*

*Limited availability at the door.*

### **KITCHEN PRAYER TO GO WITH THE DEACON'S CORNER**

Lord of all pots and pans and things  
since I've not time to be

A saint by doing lovely things  
Or watching late with Thee

Or dreaming in the dawn light

Or storming Heaven's gates

Make me a saint by getting meals

And washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands,  
I have a Mary mind

And when I black the boots and shoes  
Thy sandals, Lord I find.

I think of how they trod the earth,

What time I scrub the floor

Accept this mediation Lord,

I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,

And light it with Thy peace

Forgive me all my worrying

And make my grumbling cease.

Thou who didst love to give men food,

In room or by the sea

Accept this service that I do,

I do it unto Thee.



Written by Klara Munkres

Submitted by Barb Schratz

# Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5

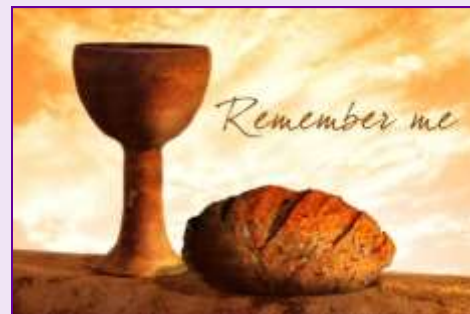


Join your Faith Family for a soup and bread supper at 5:00 pm and worship at 6:15 pm.

Mark your calendar . . . . .



Maundy Thursday, April 17,  
7:00 pm worship and  
communion





Dear Members of the Faith Presbyterian Church Congregation:

In January my term on the Montlure Council ended (although I continue to assist the Council as a member of the finance committee). When I joined the Council in 2020, Montlure was closed because of the Wallow fire and subsequent flooding. At that time, Council members and volunteers participated in numerous work camps to maintain and repair the facilities.

The Council also engaged in intensive fund-raising efforts to cover the costs of necessary repairs, rental of other camp facilities, and the operational costs of travelling day camps and on-site summer youth camps. Additionally, Council leaders worked with and encouraged the Forest Service to complete the studies and paperwork required to once again use the Greer facilities.

After a great deal of effort by the Council, the Forest Service finally provided Montlure Greer with a temporary permit to use the facilities for 2024 on-site summer youth camps. This made a great positive difference because for many years, the Council had been forced to rent facilities. The Council and the Forest Service are now working to facilitate a land exchange that would give Montlure ownership of the site upon which the Greer Camp is situated.

Making Montlure fully ready to accommodate youth camps and other similar activities for various Presbyterian and other Christian groups will require many volunteer hours and many dollars. The Council greatly appreciates your past support and hopes that you will support Montlure and its important mission in 2025.



***Camp Director, Kelly Von Borstel prepared an update on Montlure Greer that you can access at (camp@montlure). After gaining access to this site, click on Greer and then click on current progress. Here you will find contact information, ways you can support Montlure during the Forest Service public comment process and contact information for Senator Kelly should you be willing to ask him to help facilitate the Forest Service permit process.***

Many Blessings:

*George Van Otten*

Donations may be made by mailing a check to:

**Montlure Camp**

**6659 E. University Drive**

**Mesa, AZ 85205**

**\*Note "Friends of Montlure" in memo line**

## MONTLURE UPDATE

Greer

Since the Wallow Fire of 2011, we have had a unique opportunity to watch the rebirth of a forest at our home camp site in Greer. Please read below for a current update, and email [camp@montlure.org](mailto:camp@montlure.org) for further questions.

Thank you to the countless volunteer hours and gracious donors, past and present Council members, volunteers providing professional services, and our greater camp community for all the support over many years to help us make a return home a reality.

### Current Update

*Since being displaced by the 2011 Wallow Fire, Montlure hosted camp in Greer during the summer 2024 season, and our special use permit extends for the 2025 season!*

It is hard to believe the number of hurdles Montlure has faced with reopening our facilities in Greer, but we brought our campers home to our beloved site this past summer!

In late 2021, by request of the United States Forest Service, the Montlure Council applied to begin the lengthy National Environmental and Protection Agency (NEPA) approval process. As of the fall of 2023, the USFS and the Montlure Council came to a solution that allowed us back on the site as-is (pending some safety and environmental mitigations that were put into place) as we continue to go through the NEPA review which will last several years. With this agreement, we will be able to restore and renovate the current buildings and amenities which allows for proper accommodations for our campers and staff.

On March 21, 2024, Montlure received the final notification from the Forest Service regarding this agreement and the reinstatement of our Special Use Permit to use the facilities in Greer for our Summer 2024 program!

The Montlure Council and facilities team devised a comprehensive plan for the necessary cleaning, repairs, and renovations required to open our site for summer camp in 2024. With the outpouring support of the Montlure community through financial donations and countless volunteer Service Camp hours, we made reopening a reality.

Montlure continues to work with the USFS on long term strategies and mitigation plans as the NEPA process continues. We earnestly ask for continued prayers as we navigate through this lengthy process.

Currently, through **2/22/2025**, the USFS has opened the public comment phase of the NEPA review to gain a categorical exclusion for our restoration efforts, as well as a 20-year permit. (Our current permit is temporary through the end of 2025.)

In the meantime, as we continue to work on long term solutions, our site has a lot of work needed and we will resume a

robust Service Camp schedule in the Spring. In addition, we humbly ask for the ongoing financial support of our community to help with the current repair, renovation, general upkeep of maintenance, and proper insurance on our site through our **Friends of Montlure** giving fund.

