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~ Joyous June ~

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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 June 2026 for
worship and fellowship.**

~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

June 2026

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....

*~ Welcome Monica Russell,
Faith's Permanent Pastor! ~*



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Family and Friends,

The Long and Winding Road, written by Paul McCartney in 1968, was a bittersweet reflection on the unreachability of certain goals, the pain of distance, and the slow, inevitable end of the band. I can relate to much of that, except that my long and winding road has not come to a slow end. There will likely be more twists and turns, but for me the road goes on. Being with all of you at Faith is a new beginning for me, and I am happy to be walking that road with all of you.

It is exciting to be with this Faith family, who has been and continues to be ready, willing and to varying degrees able to support one another. I sense an openness and willingness within this congregation to explore where God is calling us. Remember, Jesus told Peter to put down the nets in the deep water. We are not going to *dive* into the deep water, so don't be afraid that we will be signing up for diving lessons.

The disciples were blessed when they were willing to take a risk. We may be also called to do some risk taking – the Spirit will guide us and equip us for what lies ahead just as the Spirit has done for many years with this congregation. We truly did get this far by faith!

Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to look around us. Creation becomes background, not focus. But Psalm 104:24-25 invites us to stop and look. God's Spirit is present in everything created, and the Spirit constantly surrounds us. I used to just jump into the business of the day first thing in the morning, but walks with Teddy (my now 1-year old poodle mix) has been a blessing because I have begun to pay attention and notice God's presence all around. The birds singing sweetly with other birds sounding like they are arguing. The dew on the grass. The mountains set off by a beautiful sky or covered by clouds of various types. The father coaching his daughter at the basketball court. The beautiful roses planted in a common area for all to enjoy. I often didn't take time to smell the roses or even notice the roses. I have become more aware of God's presence through my puppy walks. As I become more aware of God's presence, I feel my faith becoming deeper and stronger.

I pray that we all become more aware of God's presence. Knowing that God is with us will empower us go out into the community with care and courage. May we be comforted that God's Spirit goes with us, guiding our steps and working through our lives to bring love, justice, and hope.

I am so thankful and touched by the encouragement and support so many of you have shown me. I thank all of you who helped make the installation service so meaningful to me and my family. You are a special group of people, and I am excited beyond words that you called me as your Pastor. What a day of rejoicing it was! Thank you.

May God bless us with new risks, new opportunities to love, and new blessings,

Pastor Monica

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy June Birthday ~

Jane Riester	02
Barbara Sifton	02
Pat Wettack	03
Ron Mayhew	04
Scott Bird	10
Larry Diekema	22
Tina Prescott	25
John Wettack	25
Randi Williams	30

~ Happy June Anniversaries ~

John & Judy Stevenson	04
Jim & Martha Louzy	16
Richard & Heather Carter	17
John & Charlotte Osborne	18
Casey & Kathy Jones	20
Larry & Joanie Heiserman	22



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 2026

May 3	82
May 10	102
May 17	93
May 24	65

Average weekly attendance

86

*“Let the peace of God
rule in your hearts.”*

Colossians 3:15

~ MARK YOUR JUNE CALENDAR ~



Sunday, June 14

“Amazing Graze” potluck

Bring items for a salad bar!



Sunday, June 21

Communion

Father’s Day



~ June 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Men's Lunch German Café	3 11:00 am Conf Rm Brn Bag Bible Study	4 GriefShare 2:00 pm Conf Rm	5	6
7	8	9 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Men's Lunch German Café Finance 2:30 pm Worship Music 6 pm	10 11:00 am Conf Rm Brn Bag Bible Study	11 NO GriefShare	12	13
14 "Amazing Graze" 	15	16 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Men's Lunch German Cafe Deacons 4:00 pm Session 6:00 pm	17 Ladies Lunch 11:30 Guadalajara Grill	18 GriefShare 2:00 pm Conf Rm	19 	20
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WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



**Game Day
Wednesday,
June 24, 2:00 pm**

Please remember those in need. Bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Place it in the wagon in the narthex.

**FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST
Thurs, June 4**

My Place, 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in June at The German Café on Fry Blvd.



GriefShare will not meet on Thursday, June 11, but WILL meet on June 4, 18 and 25 at 2:00 pm



There has been no new schedule set following June at this time.

~ Ladies' Luncheon ~ Wednesday, June 17 - 11:30 am



*New Guadalajara Mexican Grill
99 AZ-92W, Sierra Vista (formerly Outback)*



*Pictures taken from Golden Dragon in May
and submitted by Judy Pike!*

Ladies, come and enjoy the fellowship and good food!



Every Tuesday morning: 10:00 am
Chair Yoga! Kathy Crawford is leader.
It's great exercise and fellowship time!!



Don't forget to hug yourself!!

FAITH HAS FRESH COFFEE FROM CAFÉ JUSTO!



Let's try to help the coffee growers
in Mexico by purchasing a pound
of coffee.

The cost is \$16.00 per pound. Check out the
books in the narthex that tell all about how
this special coffee is grown.



The Deacons are a wonderfully busy group!

In May a total of 23 cards were sent to those who had birthdays, anniversaries, surgeries, get well wishes and just plain thinking of you!!

They also make phone calls to folks who are lonely and need to talk.

Thank you to all who donated food for the Food Pantry at St. Vincent de Paul. 75 pounds of non-perishables were taken to them from Faith.



Thank you to the Deacons for helping in the kitchen for ALL of the Sunday fellowships - especially the "Amazing Graze" potlucks!!

Pictured above are Charlotte, Bethany, Kathy, Marne, Dori, Bob, Barb, George and Ruth. Heather, Holly, and Randy were not in the picture.

Mark your calendar for the next two "Amazing Graze" Fellowships:

June 14 - Salad Bar

July 5 - Patriotic Potluck

~ submitted by Heather Mayhew

Joanie Heiserman's last day of teaching Sunday School!



We are all different, but we are all connected!!

May 10, 2026



**Joanie is retiring from teaching!
Thank you for all the years with Faith's youth!**



**LifeCare Assisted Living
May 8, 2026**



“Donut Day!”



Thank you Barb, Bob, Margaret Jo, Jerry and Danette for sharing sweet treats with the residents at Life Care.

You are a blessing to Faith and Life Care!

Picture submitted by Margaret Cogswell-Vaughn.

Children's Church is available each Sunday during worship.

Bring your children or grandchildren!



Pictures submitted Lisa Tuttle



The choir is taking a break for the summer.
Thank you for your weekly messages in song!
Thank you Debi Godwin for leading the choir and
Janis Wheat, Music Director, organist and pianist.
Worship would not be the same without music!



"We've Come This Far by Faith"





A wind shear came through the back property of Faith on Thursday evening, May 7. A metal storage shed was flattened by the severe gust!



Thank you George Wheat, George Van Otten and Bob Schratz for cleaning up the debris in 95 degree temperature and hauling it away!

You are Building and Grounds angels at Faith!!



Treasurer's Update

By Elder Gene Raymond
Faith Treasurer

A GIFT OF FAITH, FOR FAITH. Back in the summer of 2024 you may remember that Margie Riley, a charter member of Faith, and Betty Olson, a long-time member, left substantial bequests from their estates to Faith. Betty's gift at that time was \$20,000. Well, this turned out to be only a "downpayment" from Betty. At the end of April, we received another check from Betty's estate representing the final settlement and distribution of all her assets. This final gift, along with her initial \$20,000 bequest, represented a total gift equal to twice the Church's annual budget! Since Betty's bequest listed no caveats or limitations, the Session will decide what the best use of Betty's gift should be in a way that will honor her spirit of generosity.



Although Betty was a long-time member and attended regularly as long as she was physically able, she was never an Elder or Deacon or Stephen Minister or even in the choir. Yet her generosity and expression of gratitude for what Faith meant in her life is an example to all of us. Faith, and especially its members, obviously meant something special to Betty. Your acceptance, friendship, and Christian Fellowship touched her deeply in ways we can only imagine.

Betty has joined several members of Faith now with the saints: Margie Riley, Fred Whitley, Virginia Gannon, and others whose generous bequests have not only put Faith on a firm financial foundation for the future but opened up exciting new ministry possibilities.

Thanks be to God for the blessing and generosity of members like Betty.



Virginia Gannon



Margie Riley



Fred Whitley

Pictures of some of Faith's
generous saints.






Pentecost Sunday
Wear **RED** on May 24th!

Picture by Rodney Seago



Welcome Faith's new permanent pastor — Monica Russell!



“Amazing Graze” celebration for Monica!



May 17, 2026

