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Dear Family in Christ,



During my Elementary and High School days, Labor Day was considered the last day of summer in which the school year would begin the very next day. I can't say that I was always enthused about going back to school, depending on the kind of summer I had.

One particular summer, we moved from the city of Chicago to Wisconsin Dells where my parents ran a Ma and Pa Motel just outside of town. What a great summer that was! But Labor Day came and the tourists stopped coming, and the business failed. We moved back to Chicago to begin again. That Labor Day was not a pleasant holiday for me.

When I began serving churches, the days after Labor Day were met with anticipation and enthusiasm for startup days for Sunday School with a special Sunday called "Rally Day" to gather all the children back from the summer. Labor Day ended summer and the beginning of planning for the church annual fall activities and attending local school sports events. So, for me, the day after Labor Day signified getting back to school, back to work, back to routines and schedules with joy and expectation.

Here at Faith Presbyterian Church the change from summer to fall occurs a little later than right after Labor Day but there is a sense that a new season is about to begin. We anticipate seeing in worship those who have been away for the summer. We look forward to our yearly events of worship and fellowship, but this coming year our 50th Anniversary celebrations will be an added joy.

There is a rhythm to life, seasons come and go, and as the writer of Ecclesiastes said "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven."

As our activities increase and as the work of the church increases, we still need and depend on volunteers to fulfill our mission, goals and plans we believe we are called by God to achieve. We need servants who are willing to be Deacons and care for the members of the church. We need servants willing to bring their time and talents to various committees, some that require special gifts and dedication that requires more time and effort than some other work of the church.

We praise God for the faithfulness of all those who have worshipped in our church for the past 50 years, and for all those who have helped in various ways of support and service for the sake of the church of Jesus Christ that have brought us to where we are today. The Apostle Paul's advice is as valid today as it was over 2000 years ago in 1 Corinthians 15:58: →

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Jesus announced his message of salvation in terms drawn from the work world. He said a sower begins to plant seed, a merchant discovers a valuable pearl, a woman mixes yeast with a bushel of flour, fishermen cast out their nets and draw them in. Jesus used those images to refer to a life laboring for God's purposes and mission.

What are we really laboring for in this world which is not always in terms of employment? Jesus once said "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish his work." A theologian defined what it means to be a laborer for God: "The expenditure of energy, manual, mental and spiritual in the service of others, which brings fulfillment to the worker and benefit to the community and glory to God."

No matter what the economy is doing, no matter how high or low the unemployment rate is, Jesus taught that God is always in the hiring business. And what business is God in? The business of salvation, the business of reconciliation, the business of restoration, the business of recreation, the business of eternal life.

Jesus said the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. God through Jesus Christ founded the best business on earth – the caring, loving and nurture of one another worshipping, serving and in fellowship with others gathered together in a community of faith, the church. And to be hired by Christ is an act of grace, to be laboring for Christ is an act of grace, and the wages paid for such work is also in the form of grace. Jesus said "My father is always at work to this very day and I too am working." Let us consider working with and for the Lord in all of our daily activities, all of our hopes and goals, all our joys and all our disappointments and all those within our circle of influence. May the words of the Apostle Paul speak words of encouragement to you: *"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:3"*

Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Pastor Mike

From the Associate Pastor

Sheryl Campbell



On August 27 our Grand Canyon Presbytery sponsored a Big Event done in a way it had never been done before. It featured a speaker who some of us had heard before. It dealt with things we all thought were a good idea, but maybe weren't so sure we needed another "class" or "lecture" on it. We had put out the notice of it happening, and it wasn't a very good time for a lot of Faith Sun City Presbyterian people—the last Saturday of August—several still on vacation, dealing with schedule issues, health issues and more. Not "ready" to think about autumn months, 2023 and beyond planning, or really anything else right-that-week. When we put it in a previous newsletter, sent out emails, and brought it up at Session; **we could hear the crickets**. And so the pastors said "if you're in, we're in; and if you're not we're not." Rev. Mike and I thought we might have the last Saturday of the month as a day off!

HOWEVER, it turned out to be a day ON, and TURNED ON TO GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

About a week before, one person registered, then another, then another. Those who did so offered rides to one another. One agreed to attend by Zoom (on computer, from a distance). So, with those four, the pastors signed up also, got the lunches reserved, and took one of our nearby sister Presbyterian churches up on their offer to be a "hub" location (have food and drink available, and put it on their big screen). And we're glad we did! Here is some of what we learned:

The inspirational opening message (and other well-prepared messages throughout the day) included not just thinking about what we as a church wished we had that we don't have. We were reminded that God calls us to live with the abundance we already have been given. And that maybe we need to consider that we might not be fully using the blessings we already have! That considering Psalm 23:1, we as a church might not have all we imagine we want, but we shall not be "in want." We have everything we need in order to live into what God is calling us to do.

We were encouraged to consider our neighbors and neighborhood right where we already are (this would include those of you who live at a distance). We are to note that "neighborhood" and "active membership" may even be considerably different now than it was even two years ago—hmmm changes since Covid? We were asked if we are "bothered" by some of the things that we see in the world. Hmmm. And so??

We were reminded that the spirit of adventure must be part of our church's process and progress; and to bless burgeoning ideas, and find what (without pressure) each of us *individually* and *we as a church* ARE willing to commit to (and don't worry about the

things we aren't). We learned that some of our church family was planning to Zoom at least part of the meeting, but just didn't want to absolutely make the date firm—but they still were interested. We learned we could accomplish even more with a funny little combination of Zoom, phone texting, and the good-old-fashioned phone-call (including speaker-phone). We ended up with FIVE of our church gang on Zoom, and met another person who was put together with us from another town, and we all combined with the ones I already mentioned were attending in-person. (Ha, only those of us attending in-person got to eat the good food being served!)

We practiced, and found that Zoom can be done even in a room-or-group within-a-room, with a combination of people in attendance physically AND at a distance—and with people enjoying it!

We have some more to learn about the specifics of Zoom, but don't toss those tablets and cell phones... if they can get on wi-fi, they can be used to enhance our next meeting—we'll be in touch about that! And if you're not sure, bring your tablets and laptops to the next meeting and we'll work on it.

Want to know more? For a start, put these things on your calendar:

1. Pray daily for our church, and the people of our church. Pray daily for your/our community, and the very real PEOPLE in it.
2. Invite and bring others to this wonderful church—considering Sunday worship, but also the other events, programs, studies, PW, and more. Share what we love so much!
3. Plan to attend (preferably in person, but we'll see if we can ADD Zoom...) the Focus On Faith 50th meeting in Illingworth Hall Tuesday, October 18, 10am with lunch following (read about it elsewhere in this Mustard Seed—from Maria Sinley).
4. Plan to attend, and to invite and bring others, to the Sun City Celebrating Community Festival & Business Expo on Wednesday, November 9, 9am to 1pm, in Faith Church's very own parking lot.
5. Remember that Faith Presbyterian Church's 50th Anniversary will be celebrated throughout 2023, with special events Saturday February 4 at 4pm, and Sunday February 5 during and after worship.
6. If you only quickly skimmed this article, consider reading it out loud to yourself or someone else.

In Christ,

Pastor Sheryl

Tuesdays@10 Study

Education Program Restarts in September. We will begin our fall Tuesday @ 10AM program on **September 13, 2022** in the Council Room. We will continue our interesting, educational and informative series entitled "The Holy Land Revealed" by Professor Jodi Magness from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Come learn about the historical Holy Lands in word and video. We are presently near the time of Christ. Looking forward to having you join us! Any questions, kindly contact Dana Kovach at 623.258.9122 or dpkovach@gmail.com

Library Sunday

On the **SECOND Sunday of each month** book selections from Calvin Library will be available in Illingworth Hall during Chat 'n Coffee. Just choose a book to take home. Write your name and the date on the card and place it in the basket.



Food Bank Donations

Please remember those in the area who are dependent on the food banks for assistance. If you are clearing our cupboards and wish to donate items, just remember to check the expiration dates. The food barrel will be in the breezeway as usual and we thank you ahead of time for your generosity. **AND ABOUT THOSE CENTS-A-BILITY CANS?** Just keep them coming! Our congregation has donated about \$75.00 a month to the two food banks since last January. If you are returning from your summer break please turn in the cans you took with you!



Presbyterian Women

Our new Bible study begins on **Thursday September 1, 2022 at 10am** in the Council Room. The topic is Celebrating Sabbath: *Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel.

In the nine lessons of this Bible study with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- As a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- As God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- As one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- As a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- As a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- As a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Mark your Calendars



**FAITH@50, FOCUS
ON THE FUTURE
SAVE THE DATES!**

Faith Presbyterian Church celebrates 50 years of ministry, music, and mission in 2023. The *Long Range Planning Committee* invites everyone to join them on **Tuesday Oct. 18 10am-12pm** who cares about Faith to join us as we look at where we are now and where we want to be in the future. A light lunch will be served. Reservation slips will be in the bulletin, or can be made by calling the church office. Come, and help us focus on Faith's future!

The 50th birthday is on **February 4, 2023**. Plans are already underway for an Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, February 4 at 4:00. Mark your calendars for this festive event.

To include your group or committee on the calendar and/or in the bulletin, we ask the chair/leader to submit the time, date, location (whether it is in-person, Zoom or Phone Conference) to **Amy** at office@scfaith.org by **no later than the Wednesday before at 10 a.m.** to be put on the calendar or included in the Thursday emails and/or Sunday bulletin. Thank you!



Faith Presbyterian Church

HONORING THE PAST. LIVING THE PRESENT. SECURING THE FUTURE.

There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving

Acts 20: 35

Contact Vern Meury, 480-466-4826 for information on Leaving a Legacy and the Faith Foundation.

Peace/Justice/Mission On-A-Mission-For-God!

The Peace/Justice/Mission Committee is currently scheduled for 10am the second Wednesdays of each month, Conference Room, starting again September 14. We keep before the congregation several very important, pertinent, and do-able local, national and international missions. We communicate needs, and help facilitate participation, giving, prayer and celebration in Christ's name. We try not to overwhelm.

Recent actions? In May, the PJM hosted a meeting and dinner to share with our Faith Church family what was being done by Presbyterians and others for humanitarian relief in Ukraine—and it's probably time for an update. Last winter, spring, and even into the summer we helped the West Valley Presbyterian Coalition of Central Arizona Habitat for Humanity start, finish and bless a home (meet the family AT Faith Church Sunday October 23). Now a new Habitat Home is scheduled to start in September (Wall Signing party tentatively Saturday September 24 in Peoria -you're invited-see bulletins).

We keep our congregation informed as to the Four Special Offerings through the PCUSA (including One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Disaster Response, and others). PJM is responsible to distribute monies from what is called "The Springfield Fund," given to Faith several years ago and designated "only" for agreed-upon mission/s. The Presbyterian Women have mission projects going on as well, and the Congregational Life Committee is already working on the "Giving Tree" upcoming in the Advent season.

One of the PJM project goals is to make a new color booklet this year, highlighting and describing the missions and justice and peace projects we feel called to together as a church.

Doesn't this sound like an exciting committee? See chairperson Karen Wahlund, or any of the members: Marsha Malsack, Jan Mattson, Helen Lee, Sang Lee, Kelley Arnold, Paul Epperson, Shirley Barr, Betty Forsberg, Rev. Gloria Sannermark, and Faith pastoral liaison Rev. Sheryl Campbell, to hear more about how you can join in the fun and purpose of PJM at Faith.



PEACE
BEGINS
WITH EACH
OF US.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

9/4-
10/2
2022

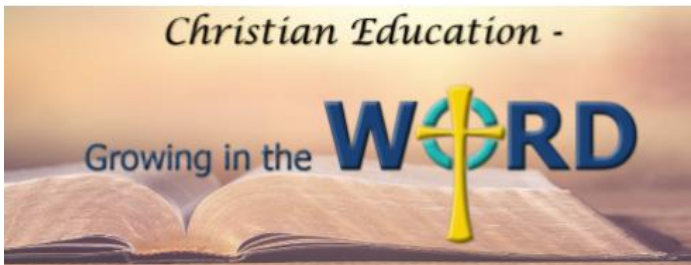
A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. **The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received October 2, 2022.**



Summer Cinema Thursday September 8, 2022

The movie is **The Shack** with Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer and Tim McGraw. It is about a man after suffering a family tragedy, spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of

faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Movie starts at 4pm and is free. Tickets for dinner afterwards are \$10. You may purchase tickets after church or at the front desk. Cut-off is noon on Tuesday Sept. 6. The movie is FREE if you don't want dinner and all are welcome.



The Christian Education committee is seeking new members: If you would like to serve the Lord by strategizing, creating, communicating and / or implementing God-honoring education content, feel free to stop by the CEC meeting this next Wednesday, September 7, at 12:00 PM and "sample" our Committee fellowship. Feel free to call or email Dana Kovach at 623.258.9122 or dpkovach@gmail.com if you have questions. THANK YOU!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Pastor Mike will host a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 17th at 8am in Illingworth Hall. This is a good time to invite a neighbor or friend who may not be familiar with our church. He will lead a brief devotion. Jane Coughlin will cater the meal. You can email him at revmikecampbell@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There will also be a "You Can Count on Me" slip in the Sunday bulletin to sign up. Hope to see you there! Free will offering.

SESSION NOTES

JULY

Session did not meet in July

AUGUST

Debbie Young gave a detailed explanation of what it necessary to program the church's electric sign. She is moving back to Indiana. Session expressed their appreciation for all Debbie has done in working with the sign for many years.

Property Committee reported that four security 4 cameras are installed and working. It was moved and seconded that funds from the Memorial Fund be used to cover the expense.

Finance Committee said that they will be handing out budget worksheets to every committee for preliminary budget numbers in preparation for the 2023 Faith church budget.

The 50th Anniversary committee said that there are former pastors who have already indicated that they will be coming for the celebration weekend, February 4th and 5th. Because the Super Bowl is the next weekend, hotel rooms are very expensive, so we will ask for hosts.

Questions? Concerns? Contact a Session Member. Names, E-mail addresses, and phone numbers are in the Church Directory.



We will be resuming Choir Practice starting Thursday Sept. 15, 3pm-4:15pm in Choir Room, Sanctuary Building. Auditions not required, just a love for singing and our Lord. Contact Pastor Sheryl, Director, to add your name for getting the Choir Emails! scampbell@scfaith.org.

Happy Birthday to ALL celebrating a birthday this month



NAME	DATE	DNA
Ron Sladek	9/2	13
Helen Garwood	9/3	4
Cecelia Segraves	9/5	18
Jerry Swofford	9/6	1
Eunice Howard	9/7	1
Jan Schultz	9/7	2
Mike O'Connor	9/8	18
Jim Jensen	9/9	16
Peggy Greenhalgh	9/10	2
Bert Blean	9/12	11
Greg Owens	9/12	13
Jim Balk	9/13	
Linda St. Pierre	9/13	2
Mary Autio	9/16	14
Paul Epperson	9/17	
Dean Robison (100th)	9/17	16
Walter Riordan	9/18	11
Donna Halasz	9/18	1
Jim Chapman	9/20	3
Jan Dias	9/22	
Gloria Bouckenoghe	9/22	
Nihla Harrell	9/22	17
Betty Haskell	9/23	16
Phil Heisner	9/25	15
Dottie Brower	9/25	16
Susan Radtke	9/29	16
Les Redden	9/30	
Karen Walker	9/30	

Best Library Ever Book Club

After a winter of interesting book club meetings, we are on pause until the fall. Reading, however, will continue! The following books were chosen for the next book club meetings:

- **October:** A Woman of No Importance, by Sonia Purnell
- **November:** The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict
- **December:** The Island of Missing Trees, by Elif Shafak



Low Vision Support Group

The Low Vision Support Group will continue to meet in the summer. Next meeting **Monday Sept. 12, 1-3 p.m.** in the Council Room.

Presentation will be by National Institute of Health and will meet in the Council Room. For more information contact Dr. Mary Ann by email at amakhoss777@gmail.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

For various reasons the Men's Bible Study that had met weekly for many years and had been very meaningful to those who attended in the past, could not be sustained when there were very few able to continue to attend. Some men have shown an interest in resuming some form of a Men's Bible Study gathering, whether it be weekly or monthly, in person or by Zoom or speaker phone, or a combination of all of these. I would like to hear from the men of our church if a Men's Bible group would be of interest, and what day or time would be most convenient. If not a study group, is there an interest in a monthly fellowship group? Please contact me with your thoughts. Pastor Mike revmikercampbell@gmail.com or call 319-240-7639.

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Pastor Contact Numbers

If you know of a member or friend of the church who is in the hospital or needs special attention, we ask that you call the church office at 623-974-3611 or one of the Pastors cell phones. We appreciate your help in obtaining this information.

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Please call the office:623-974-3611.

- When you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital or is otherwise injured or seriously ill.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When your class or group plans to meet so that a room can be reserved for you and placed on the church calendar.
- When your home address, or phone number, or email changes so the church records can be amended.
- When you are planning to move - either out of town or locally.
- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.



A Memorial Fund Reminder

When you lose a loved one, you grieve that loss in many ways. You want to remember each person with special memories of your lives together.

The Faith Church Memorial Fund is a prayerful way to honor loved ones. Donations can be made to the church in such areas as music, library, or worship - some area your loved one enjoyed. You can also let the Memorial Committee choose where your donation will most help the church.

The Committee meets regularly to review the funds and needs of the church.

Contact Barbara Benson or Pastor Mike for more information. Your generosity in memory of your loved one can be part of your grieving, showing your love for Faith Church.

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)