






# Mustard Seed

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## Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to our Transitional Pastor Greg Emery and his wife, the Honorably Retired Reverend Anne Emery, who have moved from their home in Brownsville, Tennessee to join our Faith Family in Sun City!

Pastor Greg comes to us well prepared. He completed the PCUSA's *Art of Transitional Ministry*, holds a Master's degree in *Theology and Christian Leadership* from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Master's degree in *Business Administration* from Arizona State University.

Pastor Greg recently concluded two-years' service as a CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder) for a congregation in West Tennessee (Mid-South Presbytery). His church experience includes several years as full-time pastoral staff for three PCUSA churches that he co-guided through a process to form a parish and eventually merge. The new church formed a New Worshipping Community under his leadership.

Pastor Greg also served as chaplain at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Scholar-in-Residence for Innovation at an Historically Black College University (HBCU), volunteered in a South African orphanage, and is a cancer survivor.

Recently, Pastor Greg played a unique two-year role as Transitional Pastor to churches in the John Calvin Presbytery (Southern Missouri and Kansas) where he led six churches simultaneously, but individually, through a "visioning" process and, in most cases, preparation to call an installed pastor. This was a one-of-a-kind experiment to serve churches in a focused way where full-time interim/transitional pastors are in short supply.

A business career in the technology industry with companies such as IBM, Sony and Ampex, as well as numerous start-up ventures, equipped Pastor Greg to address strategic and long-term challenges. Serving primarily as VP of business development or marketing, visiting forty countries, and living in Silicon Valley and numerous spots around the world, has given our Transitional Pastor a wide breadth of exposure to visioning processes and innovative thinking.

These rich and varied experiences allow Pastor Greg to bring real-life stories into his preaching, keeping the message on a spiritual level, addressing our individual roles as Christians and applying the Word to our church and to our lives.

Greg's mother lives in Prescott and daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live in Phoenix. We welcome Greg and Anne Emery to Faith Presbyterian Church and look forward to meeting members of their family.



FAITH

May Newsletter

Written April 18, 2024

*Greetings new friends in Christ,*

I write this elbow deep in boxes, preparing to leave Tennessee and join *y'all* (get used to that) in Arizona, which I consider to be my "home" state. My wife, Anne (she is truly Southern), and I will make the three-day drive and hope our furniture shows up somewhere near Sun City. We were fortunate to find a place to live not far from the church.

Our thanks to the Search Committee, Pastors Mike and Sheryl, MaryJo, and Executive Presbyter Brad Munroe for making us already feel welcomed.

We will follow several themes during this time of "transition." However, know that every church is in transition amidst the fast-changing culture around us, as well as changes within.

As Pastor Mike asked in his first newsletter article this year: "As we begin the year 2024, we face quite a different future than our predecessors. The future they planned for in 1973 came as they had hoped and planned for but that future has come and gone and a new future will be taking its place. Can we as a congregation continue the excitement, hopefulness, dedication and faithfulness that provided much of what we enjoy in our church today?"

I perceive that we are starting this "next 50 years" from a place of strength and a very active congregation. I do not arrive with any assumptions about what the future holds. As

Presbyterians, all of you have a say in this matter, and I will endeavor to guide us through a process of exploration and visioning, an area in which I have specialized.

That said, Sun City is a unique environment. What I have learned and experienced pastoring in the Northeast, Midwest and South will be helpful, but we will develop a plan that is tailored specifically to Faith Presbyterian ... and input from all is welcomed!

One theme will be "trust" ... in God and one another. And while we have strategic work ahead, nothing is more important to me than being your pastor. I ain't much, but I am yours. I aim to serve you in all aspects of everyday life and to love you as brothers and sisters in Christ. Trust must be earned and I very much look forward to knowing each of you.

You will very much enjoy meeting Anne. She is an Honorably Retired PCUSA pastor, and she is retired. However, I will list her contact info in the weekly bulletin and encourage you to have conversations with her. Church "business" is my domain, but you will have a wonderful pastoral friend in Christ in Anne.

Well, the boxes are calling my name. Nothing more fun than moving! Please pray for our transition as we pray daily for Faith Presbyterian Church.

*Peace and blessings, Pastor Greg*



## **YOU ARE A BLESSING! Thank you!**

Allow us to adapt part of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, chapter 1:

We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6 (*We actually suggest you look up and enjoy reading the whole chapter!*)

We have been touched once again by your kindness, joy and generosity as we celebrated together Sunday, April 7 through worship and music, and then at the luncheon following. What a tremendous day! And what tremendous people you are! We thank you for your Faith-full-ness always, to our Lord, and to this lovely church. We are so glad to have received the call to come in 2017, and now for your blessing to leave in retirement from full-time ministry.

We received so many cards, in a beautiful handmade basket (some in the mail and delivered to us in various ways), and we are reading them all one by one, praying for you, and preparing words to send to you in response. We are clearing everything out of our offices and singing praises to God for so many good things the future holds!

We rejoice that Pastor Greg Emery is coming soon. We continue to pray for great chemistry between you all and a tremendous and positive outlook—for the Lord's inspiration and guidance—how in the short and long range future God is continuing to call you to be the most wonderful church possible for the glory of Jesus Christ here in Sun City!

Thank you for your love, care, involvement, service, prayers, and more as we were able to worship and to serve in Christ's name together.

Rev. Mike Campbell, Rev. Sheryl Campbell

April 2024



CELEBRATING RETIRED PASTORS  
MIKE AND SHERYL CAMPBELL

On Sunday, April 7, 2024, over 160 Faith Presbyterian Church members, community guests and family members celebrated the retirement of Reverend Mike Campbell and Reverend Sheryl Campbell. Pastors Mike and Sheryl began their ministry at Faith Church on October 9, 2017, Pastor Sheryl as Associate Pastor and Director of Music, and Pastor Mike as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. During their nearly seven years of service, they welcomed 150 new members to the Faith Family.

Their remarkable musical talents enhanced worship services with choir, bell choir, piano and flute, keyboard and combos. Occasionally they entertained audiences with Thursdays at Faith concerts at the church.

Pastors Mike and Sheryl led Sunday worship in the Faith Presbyterian Church sanctuary every Sunday during the trying time of the Covid pandemic, utilizing in-person and on-line services.

As a result of their compassionate leadership, Faith Presbyterian Church flourishes in love and kindness and energy and hope. The Campbells lovingly shared the spirit of God through their unwavering dedication to prayerful worship featuring inspiring sermons and glorious music. The extended Faith Family is thankful for the memorable impact the Campbells made, touching the Faith community as pastors, teachers, and friends.



Pastor Sheryl, Evie Guthrie, Linda Pasquarell, & Sue Larson  
mother and sisters



**Susan Arnold**  
**Recipient of Senior Service Award**  
**of the Grand Canyon Presbytery 2024**

Susan Arnold received the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon Senior Service Award representing Faith Presbyterian Church. Each year churches in the Synod are asked to nominate one individual for this very special honor of long, faithful service to the church and the community. The awards luncheon and ceremony were recently held at the Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West. Susan was joined there by her friend Mary Autio, her brother, Kelly Arnold, and sister-in-law Diane.

Although born in Lewiston, ID she and older brother, Kelley, grew up across the river in Clarkston, Washington attending Clarkston High School. Her mother was a librarian and father an attorney. Susan taught swimming lessons and was a lifeguard in the community for several years.

She attended the University of Idaho receiving a degree in Elementary Education with minors in psychology and history. Her initial years of teaching were in Salem, OR and then she headed north to Redmond, WA, where she taught second and third grades for 31 years. Upon leaving Audubon Elementary a retirement celebration was held with former students, parents, and friends in attendance.

Employing her scholarly talents, Susan spent several years ordering brochures from various retirement areas. She was encouraged to check out Sun City, AZ, did so, and soon bought a home on the golf course.

Shortly after moving to Sun City a neighbor told Susan about the Sun City Visitor Center. Soon she was learning all about her new community. She became an Ambassador, volunteering weekly. She was elected to The Sun City Visitor's Center Board of Directors and served several years in advertising for the Sun City Volunteers. In 2002, she was awarded volunteer of the year.

Living on the golf course encouraged Susan to return to the game. She had been on her high school golf team. Not only did she play golf with the Lakes East Niners, but she also held various volunteer positions in the club. When it came time for tournaments, Susan

was tapped 5 times as volunteer in charge of scorers, scorekeeping, and tournament winners. To this day she remains a member of the Golf Club and twice a year takes part in the service and donations to the Valley View Community Food Bank. In addition, in 2022 Susan was awarded for 20 years of supporting the Sun Health Foundation and the remodeling of the Banner Boswell Emergency Department. Another area of volunteer involvement was with the first Habitat for Humanity Women's Build in El Mirage.

When she moved to Sun City, Susan visited several local churches continuously returning to Faith Presbyterian. She became a member 20 years ago and continues to serve enthusiastically. She has served as a Deacon. For the past 12 years she has been active on the Church Growth and Evangelism committee. She has chaired the committee for the past 8 years. In her role as coordinator of New Member Sunday she organizes the details of that important time in the life of the congregation and members, even arranging for the "line up" as members and sponsors enter the sanctuary! Along with the Pastors, she keeps up with visitors and potential new members. Her committee is also responsible for arranging for volunteers at the Welcome Center and the Greeters at the front door. Each Sunday morning Susan can be seen in the Narthex greeting visitors and members with a welcoming smile. Responsibilities of the chair of the Evangelism Ministry are complex and time consuming!

Congratulations and Thank You!!

Submitted by Judi Jensen with input from Mary Autio



Susan with brother Kelley and Sister-in-Law Diane Arnold



**Happy 65th Wedding  
Anniversary  
Ron and Joyce Currier**

**65 years a time to celebrate what  
has been achieved in life, plan for  
the future, and most  
importantly- have fun!  
May God bless you both!  
Congratulations!**

### **Worship and Music Committee Ministry**

1. Please note that Ushers are trained for emergencies. If you have one or someone around you is having one, please check for an usher and they will find the head usher, either Judi Jensen or Geni Olson.
2. Thanks to all of you who donated vases, we have plenty now.

Any question please call.

Geni Olson

Worship and Music Committee Ministry

### **Best Library Ever Book Club**

**The Best Library Ever Book Club will take a break until the fall, the Library remains open during its normal hours for your own self-exploration and enrichment.**





*Father God, We thank You for all the amazing mothers around the world who have shown unconditional love and sacrifice. They have brought all of us into this world and cared for us with the most purest love. We thank You for the precious gift of motherhood that is perfectly designed to bring out the best in each child. Bless every mother abundantly with good health and protection from harm. Fill them with Your peace and joy. Provide them with strength when they are weary. Heal them from any pain or sickness. Lead them in paths of righteousness that lead to blessing after blessing, all the days of their lives.*

*Amen.*



## News from The Christian Education Ministry (CEM) ....



## Presbyterian Women (PW) Priscilla Hoskins-Publicity

May Gathering 2024

The Phoenix Summer heat is here. Snowbirds are transitioning away ... We continue to have great learning opportunities in May. Always check the Sunday Announcement sheet for the absolute latest developments, but here is what we know for **May, 2024**.

**Tuesday @ 10 program** continues its video series "Great Figures of the New Testament" by highly acclaimed Professor Amy-Jill Levine. This study shares insights about some of the New Testament Bible Figures that will be new and impactful to even the most knowledgeable Bible scholar. All are welcome to sample this learning opportunity, joining us in cookies, refreshments, fellowship, and meaningful discussions. We will have a special program on May 21 on American Patriotic Music with Gretchen Siekmann Dempsey, known to us for her fine organ music. While being held during our traditional Tuesday @ 10 time slot, it will be extended to 90 minutes and will include a lunch – a "don't want to miss this" program!

The Book Club has concluded its spring program and will be on hiatus until October.

However, the FPC Library remains open during its regular hours. Always feel welcome to check out wonderful books and materials during the week and on Sunday. This is a learning resource that is truly a treasure of our church.

Additionally, other groups and church committees offer learning and support options:

Ladies, please come for May **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** which is the **FIRST** Thursday of each month. (Yes, men are welcome also.)

**Sun Health** will be providing great programs throughout our area in May, although none are planned at our church. Check out their website for details (<https://www.sunhealthwellness.org/in-person-classes/>).

FPC also supports **The Low Vision Support Group** meeting once a month (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).

Finally, if you have a great learning opportunity you would like to help bring to fruition, consider joining us on the CEM! Contact *Dana Kovach* for how to get involved in this wonderful ministry!

Have you had your car and / or golf cart batteries checked? With the Phoenix heat coming on strong, batteries fade fast! Blessings to one and all!

What a wonderful way to end our gatherings with a wonderful Birthday Party! The packing party with Jo Grant, Director of Women4Women was really fun and rewarding, along with some of the heartbreaking stories she shared with us. If you missed any of our gatherings this past year plan on being with us in October. It was sad to tell our friends goodbye for the summer but we will keep everyone in our prayers for a safe journey home and to return safely back to Faith in the Fall.

Our newly installed 2024-2025 board has already started working on our gatherings for next Fall.

From what little I have heard we are going to have a fun year! Our Moderator P.J. Pawlowski with twinkling eyes and a smile, told me that I will not want to miss any of the gatherings next Fall.

This summer if you enjoy reading do not forget to visit Faith's Library. There are several selections to enlighten our minds, nourish our spirits, challenge our consciences and entertain us. It is a nice quiet place where you can just sit and relax for a spell on a warm summer day.

Ladies our last Bible Study before we break for the summer is Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 10:00AM. Our lesson will be from Acts 9: 36-43 People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples. Come and learn of a woman with two names and is the only woman in the New Testament to be designated a disciple. It reflects an understanding how the Holy Spirit's power was present in the apostles. Come early and join us for coffee and cookies at 10:30 AM.

We look forward in seeing you again on Thursday, September 5, 2024 when we start our new Presbyterian Women Bible Study. Now is the time to see Barbara Munn to order your new Bible Study Book, the cost is \$10.00. Her phone number is 602-321-6642.

To all of our Presbyterian Women at Faith Presbyterian Church we hope that you enjoy your visits with your families and friends this summer. Safe Travels to everyone.

*The Lord bless thee and keep thee:*

*The Lord make His face to shine upon  
thee and be gracious unto thee:*

*The Lord left His countenance upon Thee,  
And give Thee peace now and forever more.*

## VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Did you know Mother's Day is just around the corner? Want to make some mom's day a little lighter or less stressful? It can be as easy as donating a package of diapers, baby formula, wipes, Pedialyte, animal crackers, fruit cups or infant cereal. It can be gently used clothing or a toy that your child or grandchild has outgrown. Sometimes, something that basic can be a real gift during difficult times.

The food bank has seen an increase of almost 65% of new families and individuals looking for resources and assistance. With the elimination of many feeding programs, and the cost of staple food items doubling or even tripling, many people are scrambling to provide basic needs for their families.

The Food Bank Committee will be collecting items for babies, toddlers, and new moms through the month of May. Donations may be dropped off in the Narthex at the Food Bank Table. Lists are also available on the table for ongoing needs.

We gratefully appreciate your continued support and generosity. We are all in this together and helping one another makes us a stronger community.

Peace/Justice/Mission Committee Ministry



THANK  
YOU  
FOR  
YOUR  
HELP



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 with an email to MaryJo at [office@scfaith.org](mailto: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!

## PENTECOST OFFERING

"I Am Coming To You"

The book of John tells us that Jesus promised he would come to us. We need only to open our hearts to Him.

This year's Pentecost offering will be invested in the youth and children of the Presbyterian Church.

Sixty percent of our offering will go to the Presbyterian USA headquarters to distribute to the youth and children as they see fit, guiding them to open their hearts to Christ as He is revealed to them.

Our own 40% will go to help Camp Montlure in the White Mountains where great memories and lifetime decisions are made.

As we invest our funds and our prayers in our youth, the leaders of tomorrow, their foundations will be based on the word of God. The decisions they make will be trustworthy and right.

Ask the Lord how He wants you to respond to the Pentecost offering this year.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Jean Flower

Peace Justice Mission Committee Ministry



# Thursdays@Faith

Looking Ahead  
Thursday June 13, 2024  
Summer Cinema Presents

# CINEMA

“Lars and the Real Girl”

Movie & Popcorn @ 4 pm

Thank You

Thank you and much appreciation to  
Pat Redden  
for her dedicated work as chair  
of the Congregational Life Ministry Mission of  
Faith Presbyterian Church.  
Thank you also to the Redden family for all of  
the help they provided.



I was wearing a freshly laundered light colored shirt, and the very dirty little homeless boy was jumping on me begging for money or food. He was only trying to survive. But he was getting me dirty.

I recoiled at his touch and pushed him away. As he ran away, hot shame welled up in my heart. I had rejected a child in need because he was getting my shirt dirty.

*...And I vowed to never again close my heart to a needy child.*

Submitted by Jean Flower

## Hand and Foot

See you in the Fall!



The Men's Fellowship Ministry continues to engage all men of the parish.

The purpose of the Men's Group is:

1. Get men involved in Men's Fellowship
2. Instill pride in men belonging to a group
3. Raise money for fellowship and church activities

On Monday we do fun things like Darts, Billiards and Shuffleboard. Thursdays we play dominoes.

Upcoming Events:

Ice Cream Social - July 14

Pancake Breakfast - October

Chili Cook off - January

Hamburger Lunch - March

Watch the Bulletin for details.

Please call Frank Dias if you have any questions.

623-229-5105



If you are not receiving the Faith Church emails and would like weekly information, send an email to MaryJo at: [office@scfaith.org](mailto:office@scfaith.org)

Deadline for Mustard Seed newsletter is the 20th of each month. Send your information to MaryJo at [office@scfaith.org](mailto:office@scfaith.org).

### HERE'S THE DEAL!!

On break for the summer Bridge players and Foot players.



Call Ann Kennaly if you have any questions!

Contact Judie Ives because of the evolving schedule.

### Prayer Warriors 2nd & 4th Saturday of Every Month

We will meet by phone on May 11 & 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. conference number is 774-267-7989. Call or email Gerri Crothers 623-694-1656 or at [gcroaz@cox.net](mailto:gcroaz@cox.net), with your permission, these prayer requests and praises will be shared with the prayer team phone conference. If you are interested contact Gerri for information on participating.

### Low Vision Support Group

The Low Vision Support Group—Sun Sounds of AZ Mare Wright & Recreation Reading for the Blind. **Monday, May 13, 1-2pm** in Illingworth Hall. For more information contact Dr. Mary Ann by email at [makhoss777@gmail.com](mailto:makhoss777@gmail.com).

Two United States of America flags fly proudly on our campus. From time to time these need to be replaced. Members and friends are invited to donate a flag in honor of or in memory of a loved one. These are the specifications: The flag must have 50 stars and the size needs to be 5'X9.5'.

If you do not have access to a flag that size but still want to give one, a \$100 donation will cover the cost and Peter will order one in your name for the church.



### In Memoriam

Please keep the Blackmar family in your prayers. Betsy Blackmar passed away at home on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The family will hold a Celebration of Life on June 30, 2024 in Colorado.

Condolences may be sent to the family at:  
917 Tauy Woods Dr  
Baldwin City, KS 66006-7195

If you are not able to join Sunday worship in person, please join us Livestream

Sunday morning or view recordings on other days:  
[www.scfaith.org/video-center](http://www.scfaith.org/video-center)

If you miss us in the morning, check back Sunday afternoon, or any day following, to play the video recording on your computer.

# Happy Birthday to ALL celebrating a birthday in May

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth
John	Leyh	2
Harriet	Sadowski	2
Elly	Grosskleg	5
Jan	Mattson	8
Jerry	Burnett	15
Alexander	Waisbrot	17
Ben	Glassley	17
Lisa	Kovach	18
Carole	Severs	19
Barbara	Munn	21
Sang	Lee	21
Jay	Sipes	26
Jeanne	Miller	27
Esther	McKinney	28
Rev. Gloria	Sannermark Hatcher	31

## Faith Presbyterian E-mail Addresses

### Pastor/Head of Staff

**Greg Emery** ..... greg@scaith.org

### Office Administrator

**MaryJo Steger** ..... office@scaith.org

### Building Superintendent

**Peter Bugilan** ..... pbugilan@scaith.org


### 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.

**Church Phone** ..... **623-974-3611**

Greg Emery ..... ext. 104

**Cell Phone** ..... **731-345-6765**

Thank you for your generous giving to all good causes as the Spirit of God guides you. Faith Church offerings may be sent by mail, or use the drop-off mail slot at the south door. Visit our website and click on the  button on the Home Page with your charge card, debit card, or PayPal.

## CALENDAR INSTRUCTIONS

To get the most up-to-date calendar of church events go to [www.scaith.org](http://www.scaith.org). On the right hand side of the "home page" you will see the following information:



Faith Church Calendar

<https://74044268.view-events.com>

To return to the Faith Presbyterian Church web site click the "back arrow" in your web browser

Closing the calendar at the X will close the Faith Church web page

Just click on this button to get the latest calendar.



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## **Mustard Seed**

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Please remember Faith Church as a Beneficiary in your Will, Trust or IRA.

### **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 Office Administrator, MaryJo 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)*