



Mustard Seed

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New Member Sunday - 19 New Members & Affiliates



Senior Service Award

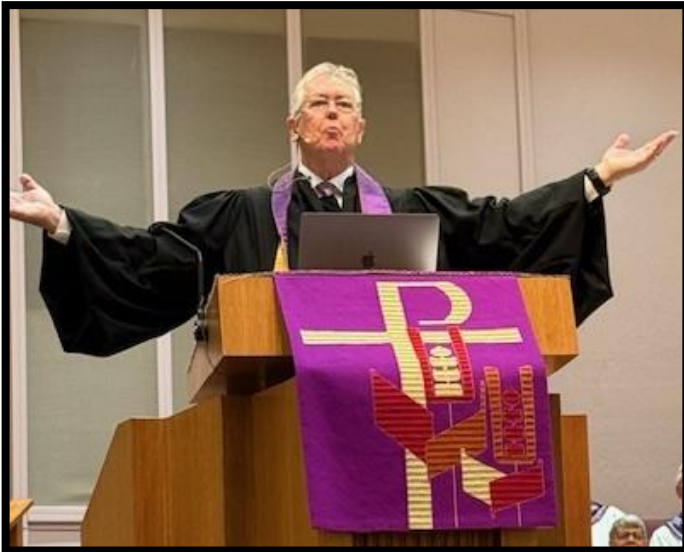


Faith Foundation



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Dear Members and Friends of Faith Presbyterian,

While we will continue to lose dear ones of the church family, just the nature of humanity, we continue to welcome new members and friends to this Body of Christ.

Today we are racing through Lent, and Easter will be upon us before we know it. We are not trying to race, it just seems like time flies by. Maybe not every day; some seem long. But we are flipping over the calendar pages ever so quickly. And even though I have heard that The Valley only has two seasons, hot and hotter, there is still a seasonality to our lives and in the life of the church.

I pray that we all have contemplative time built into our days. Retirement (which is most of you) does not give us any more actual hours to the day. Perhaps more choice in how we use them. We still have a say-so in how we spend those same twenty-four hours, other than the obligatory doctors appointments and, of course, going to church!

Speaking of which, I give thanks for the loyal attendance and financial giving of our congregation. Each Sunday has brought something different, such as preaching by Rev. Anne or Tom

Bougher, and a great variety of music. As the choir takes its summer break, Gretchen Dempsey will be arranging music and playing often herself come May. Debra Senelly will also be contributing throughout the summer, even though the choir is on hiatus. And, having pretty much mastered the cowbell, I am practicing diligently on the triangle in case my talents are called upon.

Let's continue to strongly support our events such as Thursdays @ Faith and opportunities to learn, create and play together.

It will be difficult to say "see ya later" to our snowbird friends, but with streaming and email, I hope we stay in touch throughout the summer. The church and its pastor are only a phone call away.

We will have finished up April by hearing Jesus speak through John 15:

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Now, there are many points to be made here. But the one that hits me today is Jesus saying that he chose us. For that we can be eternally grateful, as we can be for the church and one another.

Peace and blessings Greg

Mary Autio Receives the 2025 Senior Service Award

Mary Autio received this year's Senior Service Award for her long and outstanding service to Faith Presbyterian Church and the community.

Mary, a member since 2004, served on session for 6 years, church growth and evangelism committee for about 20 years, chaired personnel committee, and chaired the nominating committee. She and Susan Arnold organize new member Sundays.

Mary is on the front lines, making sure visitors get to the welcome center, and recognizing repeat visitors. Members say she was the first person they remember meeting at Faith. She seeks out visitors and encourages them to join. One said they stayed with Faith Church because they were welcomed not once, but every Sunday.

*Mary is our cheerleader, with Pom Poms for celebrations.

*When a volunteer is needed for a skit, she'll be there.

*She is the volunteer church photographer. Chances are Mary has taken your picture.

*She is fun to be around.

She volunteers when there's a job that needs doing. For example, she learned how to operate the livestream cameras and has subbed in the sound room for Bill and Paul.

On many Sundays, Mary and Susan deliver the cookie jar donations to the finance office after fellowship hour. They also sort through the attendance slips placing visitor slips on top of the stack.

In the community, Mary volunteered for several years at the Sun City Visitors' Center at Bell Rec Center. She is active in the Lakes East Niners golf league, serving on the grounds committee, and twice as president of the Sun City Women's Nine-hole Golf Association.

Mary attended Oregon State University majoring in elementary education. Go Beavers! She taught Kinder-

garten, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades and language arts and drama in junior high in Lake Washington School District in Kirkland, Washington. Her favorite musical was Grease. One of her students performed in Sound of Music in Community Theatre. Another student who performed in the Wizard of Oz became a professional actress. Her arm twisting will get your attention figuratively and literally, no matter how big you are, starting with the oversized 6th grader who she marched to the principal's office.

After teaching for 27 years in Oregon and Astoria, Washington, she retired and built a home on a 5-acre lot with a riding mower and a snowmobile.

She is small in stature, but a giant at Faith church.



For her extraordinary dedication which inspires us to greater service, we are proud to celebrate the 2025 Senior Service Award honoree, Mary Autio.

Paul Willemssen

Mary Autio was honored for her service to the church at the 37th Annual Senior Service Awards of the Grand Canyon Presbytery, held March 27 at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. Susan Arnold and Rev. Anne and Greg Emery attended representing Faith Presbyterian.

Pastor Greg offered remarks about Mary's many facets of service, and especially her leadership on evangelism and welcoming new members. She was presented with a beautiful certificate by Rev. Jim Crelin, Pastor of Desert Palms. The luncheon featured a concert by Nicole Pesce, who played requests from the honorees. Mary selected a song from Phantom of the Opera.

Be sure to thank Mary for her years of upbeat service!

Pastor Greg





New Member Sunday March 23, 2025

What a beautiful
sight!!!



Susan Ross



Judy Jewell

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Tony Padayhag

**New Member and
Affiliate Members
who were unable to
attend on
New Member Sunday**

Carl Hoffman
Suzan Hoffman
SK Park
Young-Hae Han
Suzanne Yankowski



Nancy Stockton



Ron Yankowski



Bob Senelly



Debra Senelly



Marty Zilm



Bonnie Cate



Georgia Sherman



Kerry King



Kris Martin



Drew Cathey

Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 -
10:00 a.m. Worship!**

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
in Sanctuary**

**Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 -
10:00 a.m. Worship!**



Celebration of Life for "Mr. Jack" Iturriaga





Why We Give To the Faith Foundation Endowment Ministry

Have you ever gone into a home, organization or church and had the feeling immediately that this was a place you felt welcome. Well, that's the feeling I got the first time I went into the Faith Church office and met a few of the members. I had heard about a great Presbyterian Church in Sun City, AZ while attending church services with family up in Oak Harbor, Washington. Once home I went on-line and saw Faith Presbyterian, so I decided to pop-in and visit. Could this really be as special as promised? After our first Sunday service we knew we found a church home and that started our relationship with one of the friendliest, most welcoming, energetic and inspiring churches we've been fortunate to be a part of during our married life. And that's why we wanted to do our part, at this exciting time in the life of Faith Church, to leave a portion of our Will to the Faith Foundation Endowment.

John and Vern Meury

SPRING STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Saturday and Sunday

April 12, 10am - 4pm

April 13, noon - 4pm



YOU and your friends are invited to join me and my GUEST ARTIST, Beverly Howard, glass artist to a fun-filled art adventure! Rooms of paintings plus alcohol ink creations, stained glass and fused glass creations await you! Refreshments, mark-downs and 50% off hundreds of unframed paintings! FREE DRAWINGS!

WHERE: 14300 N. 174th Lane, Surprise, AZ
623-487-4031

Nancy Christy-Moore
www.nchristy.com
nancy@nchristy.com

Guest Beverly Howard
Artist: bhjh1965@gmail.com

Keep your eyes on
Jesus
Hebrews 12:2



SOUL SNACK.

NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE
(TITLE DEED, CONFIRMATION)
OF THINGS HOPED FOR
(DIVINELY GUARANTEED),
AND THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN
[THE CONVICTION OF THEIR REALITY—
FAITH COMPREHENDS AS FACT
WHAT CANNOT BE EXPERIENCED
BY THE PHYSICAL SENSES].
HEBREWS 11:1

SOUL SNACK.

**Presbyterian Women
Celebrate the Gifts of
Women Sunday
2025**

Rev. Anne
and
Rev. Gloria



Woman of the Year 2025

Sandra Baldwin



Barb Munn presents PW Woman of the Year award to Sandra Baldwin.



Rev. Anne
preaches



PW Moderator—PJ Pawlowski

Presbyterian Women (PW)

April 2025

To the Women of the Presbyterian Gathering:

Thank you for electing me as your Moderator for the 2025-2026 year. I look forward to our upcoming events and know that we have a wonderful group of women who have stepped up to be assisting. We have some extremely large shoes to fill but with everyone's prayers and support I know we will have a great year. My prayer for the day, "Lord, lead me, guide, all the way through this wonderful journey." Amen.

I look forward to seeing each of you in April at our next gathering/luncheon on Thursday, April 17th.

Until then, go in peace and may the Lord look after each and everyone of you.

In Christ,

Priscilla Hoskins

Moderator Elect



The newly elected officers for 2025-2026:

Moderator: Priscilla Hoskins

Moderator Elect: To Be Announce

Past Moderator: PJ Pawlowski,

Secretary: Barbara Livergood

Treasurer: Sandra Baldwin

Mission Coordinator: Barbara Munn and Sue Ross

The Appointed Leaders:

Bulletin & Mustard Seed Liaison: Priscilla Hoskins

Photographer: Mary Autio

Library Liaison: Anne Daughters

Luncheon Coordinator: Kathy Schaller

PW Bible Study: All Women of Faith

Outside Case/Board Display: PJ Pawlowski

Proofreader: Carol Bentley

Search Committee: To Be Announced

Ticket Sales/Greeter: Annette Murphy

Caterer: Susan Benson



Men's Clothing Drive

"Deep Within"

During the month of June, Faith Church will be collecting clothing for men only to be donated to the local agency in Peoria called "Deep Within." *"The mission of Deep Within Rehab is to assist men transition from homelessness and addiction to productive members in society, by Empowering not Enabling"*. Deep Within Rehab provides a safe, clean, alcohol and drug free living environment, faith-based services, vocational training, and recovery support. Our member Laurie Cathey is a volunteer at Deep Within and presented this need to our mission committee. Session has endorsed this mission for the month of June. A box for donations will be available at the entrance to Illingworth Hall and the reception desk area during campus hours Monday - Thursday, 8-3pm and on Sundays.

We appreciate live flowers. If you wish to donate, please contact Anne Daughters by phone contact information is in the church directory. The cost is \$50 large and \$30 for a small bouquet. You can select flowers as memorials, special events or just to honor Faith church. Anne will work with you to see if you would like any special flowers or colors.



A big "Thank You" to Mary Autio for all the wonderful pictures she provided for the Mustard Seed Newsletter.

SESSION NOTES

JANUARY

The date of March 4, 2025, for the Annual meeting was approved.

Pastor Greg said the Visioning Process sub teams had been formed to explore the different possibilities for Faith church going forward. The teams are meeting weekly.

FEBRUARY

A motion from Personnel to approve the renewal of Pastor Greg's contract, which comes due in May, for another year was approved.

Pastor Greg gave an update on the Visioning Process. We are in the education and exploration phase. All options are on the table, including staying put. We like the idea of a shared vision with different partners occupying one property. As part of the process, a motion was made to engage the architectural firm BGW (Building God's Way) from Ogden, UT, to create a charrette design for our vision. The motion was approved.

[Questions? Concerns? Contact a Session Member.](#)

[Names, E-mail addresses, and phone numbers are in the Church Directory.](#)

Beware of scams:

Please be advised that if you receive a text or email that seems to be coming from Pastor Greg asking if you could help with something but not by phone, only by text or email, or buy a gift card, it is a scam, and you should not respond in any way.

Thank you.

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 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.

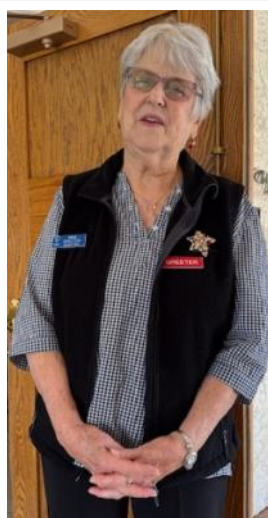
Thank you!

Thank you to all who came to Feed My Starving Children

A team of 22 Faith volunteers participated February 21, 2025 in food packing with Feed My Starving Children. A Christian non-profit organization dedicated to providing food for the world's children. This particular event was sponsored by Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West. Teams from Faith and other churches supplied the labor to pack the food. In only two hours they packed enough food to feed 74 children for a full year. This is the third year a team organized by Faith's Peace/Justice/Mission Ministry have participated.



Thank You To A Few Of Our Ushers



Nan Shelton



Usher Captain Judi Jensen
and Laurie Cathey



Joann Whitt



Bert Blean &
Susan Edwards

Valley View Food Bank

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Everyday

The food bank is seeing hundreds of clients a day, many that have never asked for help before.

Jesse Ramirez, founder and president of the non-profit organization states, "We are in need of more donations, especially food, personal hygiene items and cleaning and sanitation supplies."

To donate, you can go to www.feedings.org. To volunteer to pack boxes or deliver food in Sun City, call Martha Ovalle, Volunteer Coordinator at 602.486.4285. Donating online is easy and secure. Many consider it the easiest way to give to VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK. Or you can mail check to 10771 West Peoria Ave., Sun City AZ 85351.



BEST LIBRARY EVER

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS Faith Church/Calvin Library

April 14, 2025

10:30am in the Library

The God of the Woods

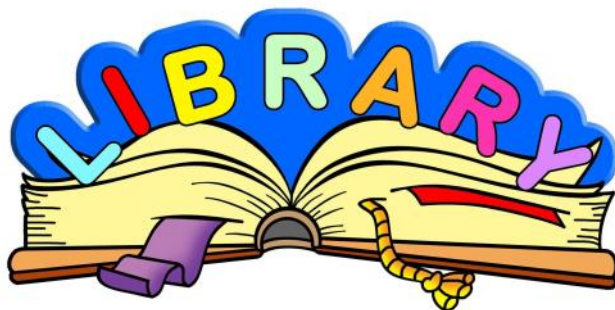
Liz Moore (F/Moo)

When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide.

Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn't just any thirteen year-old: she's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. And this isn't the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara's older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found.

As a panicked search begins, a thrilling drama unfolds. Chasing down the layered secrets of the Van Laar family and the blue-collar community working in its shadow, Moore's multi-threaded story invites readers into a rich and gripping dynasty of secrets and second changes.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN THE DISCUSSION**



Thursdays@Faith

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Campbells and Company



Mike and Sheryl Campbell are back entertaining us with a variety of musical styles and favorites from the Great American Songbook. Sheryl on flute and vocals and Mike on the Grand Piano will be accompanied by friends on bass and drums.

Dinner @ 6:00pm / \$15 Program 6:30pm

Cut-off ticket sales at 11:00 a.m.

on Monday, April 7

There is no charge for the concert without a meal. Freewill donations are accepted.

Thursday, April 24, 2025

AZ PLAYBACKS



Listen to music from the 60's and 70's from Motown to Soul. Put on your dancing' shoes, summon your groove and rock out!

Dinner @ 6:00pm / \$15 Program 6:30pm

Cut-off ticket sales at 11:00 a.m.

on Monday, April 21

There is no charge for the concert without a meal. Freewill donations are accepted.



Enjoying the music of Willow Creek Band at Thursdays@Faith!

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

Deadline for Mustard Seed newsletter is the 20th of each month. Send your information to MaryJo at office@scfaith.org.

HERE'S THE DEAL!

The popular games of **Bridge and Hand & Foot** are on their way at Faith Presbyterian Church. Plan to join your friends for an afternoon of fun, conversation, light refreshments and cards.

Bridge: 1st Wednesday of the month,
April 2, 2025

Hand & Foot: 2nd Wednesday of the month
April 9, 2025

Where? In the Iona Room

What time? 12:30 p.m. for Bridge; 12 p.m. for Hand & Foot

Cost to play: \$0.50 per person.

Prizes will be awarded to the top scores and the lowest score.

Please call **Judie Ives**, contact info is in the church directory, if you plan to attend so that we know how many tables to set up.



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 6'X10'.

If you do not have access to a flag that size but still want to give one, a \$125 donation will cover the cost and Peter will order one in your name for the church.



Prayer Warriors -

Saturday, April 12 & 26 at 11:00 am phone conference 1-774-267-7989. Please send prayer requests to Esther McKinney contact information is in the church directory.



Men's Fellowship

Dominoes

Thursdays from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Iona Room.

Men's Monday Fellowship

Monday, April 7, 2025 1:30pm
(Horseshoes) Basketball
Marinette Rec Center

Monday, April 14, 2025 1:30pm
(Billiards) Lakeview Rec Center

Monday, April 21, 2025 1:30pm
(Darts) Bell Rec Center

Any questions—
Call Frank Dias



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

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 April

	Birthday
Gary Kennaly	3
Barb Clubb	3
Jo Gilmore	5
Joseph Trovato	6
Miriam Bedwell	7
Kennedy Swan	8
Christina Asakwa	12
Barbara Leyh	15
Anne Bertch	16
Sandy Hart	17
Olivia Iteinjoh-Ungiekum	21
Joan McColley	25
Bill Pawlowski	25
Stephanie Murphy	26
Linda Trovato	28
Tal Rice	29
Ed Preston	29

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Building Superintendent

Peter Bugilan pbugilan@scfaith.org
..... ext. 112

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 the Pastor's cell phone. We appreciate your help in obtaining this information.

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.scfaith.org. On the right hand side of the "home page" you will see the following information:



Faith Church Calendar

<https://7404426> 8.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.

Low Vision Support Group



The Low Vision Support will meet.
Monday, April 14, 1-2pm in the Council Room.
For more information contact Dr. Mary Ann by
email at makhoss777@gmail.com.

16000 N. Del Webb Blvd. Sun City 85351-1604

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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 welcoming, and 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)*