


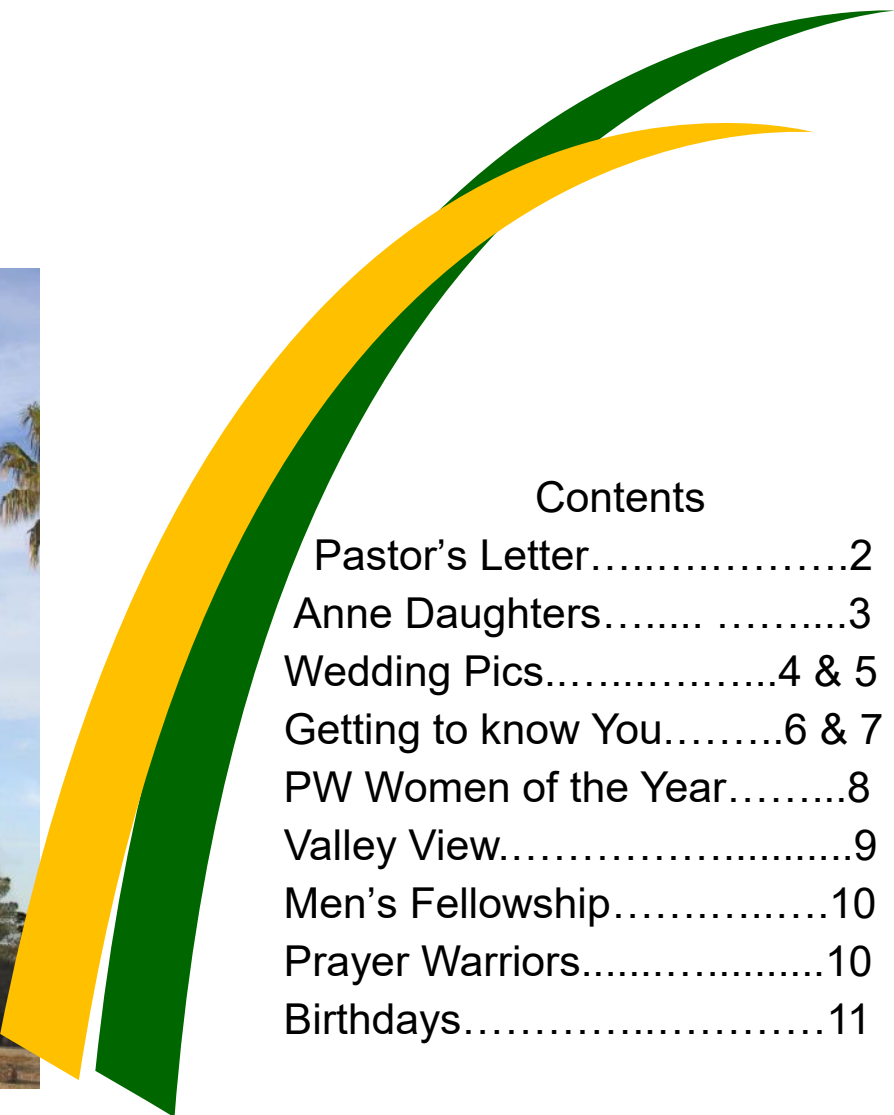




Mustard Seed

Look Inside for Further Details June 2025

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-  MaryJo & John’s Wedding
-  Getting to Know You



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Dear Members and Friends of Faith Presbyterian,

The month of May has been a mixed bag. Many of our snowbirds have flown north or east and, while I am happy for them, they will be missed. Hopefully you stay in touch through our streaming service and the ability to Zoom into committee and Session meetings.

May also brought the wedding of our Office Manager, MaryJo Steger, and the love and joy that encircled that event here at Faith. The Vision Team also presented architectural renderings to the congregation, sharing a visual impression of what the church may choose to pursue in its expansion and partnerships. Further meetings will be scheduled for Q&A, discussion and more information about how such a multi-faceted ministry might operate – partners, financing, management and so on. We have a number of outside speakers that can share their perspective on our vision.

In short, the Vision Team continues to favor the creation of a multi-faith, multi-functional campus, to include a retreat center (perhaps 40 hotel rooms),

facilities open to the public for food, coffee, walking, etc., and the housing of a number of different congregations. These could potentially include Catholic, Jewish and an expanded Protestant presence. All of these possibilities remain open, as well as other tactics, such as mergers or sharing property. Any such significant changes would come before the congregation and Presbytery for discussion and approval. In the meantime, the Vision Team will continue to pursue discussions with outside parties as potential partners and or financiers.

We will also be putting together a video that can be played with a simple link that will describe the mission of the church and the animated renderings of an expanded campus. So, lots of work ahead, but all in the name of connecting with our neighbors in new and innovative ways. Included here is a depiction of a new entrance to the campus on Del Webb Boulevard across from Burns Drive.

Thank you for your prayers and patience as we move forward together.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Greg



SESSION NOTES

APRIL

Session unanimously approved a motion to raise Thursdays@Faith dinner tickets to \$18, which is closer to the cost plus tip that we are charged by the caterer.

A motion was made and approved to engage the architectural firm BGW (Building God's Way) from Ogden, UT, to create a charrette design for our vision.

Questions? Concerns? Contact a Session Member.

Names, E-mail addresses, and phone numbers are in the Church Directory.

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Singalong events this summer. If you are interested, or if you think you just might-maybe be interested, join us at an informal meeting during coffee/cookies hour after service on Sunday 8 June.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To Anne Daughters for your creativity and generosity in arranging our flowers with love and a very special touch.

Thank you from all of us as you pass this ministry on to others.

Pastor Greg



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

MaryJo & John's Wedding 5/15/25



MaryJo's son Bryan





John, Dee Footman (extended family) and MaryJo



MaryJo's sisters - Cindy & Michelle



Getting to Know You....

Who would like to be next to share their life story?

Iris DePasquale Life Story

When Pastor Greg asked me to write my story I really hesitated because my life has been very different than most.

I remember the day I got my GED certificate; I was probably more excited than some are when they get a master's degree. I was in my mid 40's and could finally say I had more than a level grade 9 education.

I was born 1941 in a very rural Alberta, Canada area. My mom was an RN, and my dad was a farmer. We did not have electricity or running water unless we pumped water and ran back up to the house with our pails.

I have an older brother who is still living, and a twin sister and a younger sister who are deceased. Life was good despite my dad being disabled from painful arthritis when I was very young.

We grew up in a happy Christian home and did not know we did not have much because we had lots of love and care. I started school in a one room country school, getting there with horse and buggy or small sleigh in the winter for the first four years and were then bussed to school.

I did well but it was not for me. I dropped out in the middle of grade 10 and married a local farmer that spring. We had 7 children in 9 ½ years, yes, we were busy but loved it all, 4 girls and 3 boys, 2 of which were adopted.

We were very active in the local church volunteering where we could, and I taught Sunday School for years. I worked inside the house, outside had a large garden sewed most of the kid's clothes and baked 20 loaves of bread at a time. I trucked grain in harvest, stacked bales and helped deliver calves whenever needed. I enjoyed doing that but not so much when it was time to butcher the chickens in the fall. It became my job to chop off their heads. I decided they did not know it was me or someone else, so "Just do it" and I did it.

I got interested in Brownie's, Guides, and Pathfinders (the equivalent to Girl Scouts in the U.S.) got my license as camp cook, camp director, and guider in charge. I loved it all. We camped in a very wilderness camp in the middle of nowhere without water, electricity, or phones. We even camped one winter in 28 below weather. We all had fun

and survived without casualties.

The kids were growing up, one worked on the farm, one got married, another went off to a university. We then decided to take the younger 3 and move to Phoenix for the winter. The boys did not stay long, and my husband went back to the farm while my youngest daughter and I stayed.

I was divorced and wanted my green card, so I asked someone to marry me temporarily. Well, that marriage lasted almost 30 good years. I acquired a wonderful step-family so now I have 10 kids between us and several grandchildren.

I became interested in lots of new things. I cleaned houses for a while and then started working in a handmade paper shop. I learned how to make handmade paper from all-natural fibers. I took some book binding classes and was hooked. I made and sold a lot of handmade books and specialty boxes and taught book binding for several years. We moved to Sun City June of 2000, so I let that all go.

I was diagnosed with cancer a few months later and lost my oldest stepdaughter the next year.

Life went on.

I started pottery classes and loved it. China painting was my favorite. After that I started making quilts and still do some of that today. I also joined a chair yoga class which I still do and love today.

I joined Faith Church in 2008 and became very involved and made new and wonderful lasting friends.

After years of poor health my husband passed in 2015. I also lost my youngest son and oldest daughter in 2018, my younger sister in 2019, my twin sister in 2020, step granddaughter in 2021, then 4 nieces and a brother-in-law. Recently I lost my sister-in-law. I would not have survived without my faith, church family and friends. I have learned to put one foot in front of the other knowing God is always with me to get me through. I am very thankful.

I still have 7 great kids, 21 wonderful grandchildren and soon to be 27 great grandchildren. All so precious and special in their own way.

Michael came into my life a few years ago and then Tara, his little miniature dachshund, they are both such a blessing. Our favorite thing to do is go camping in our trailer.

I am very blessed in so many ways. Iris

Getting to Know You....

Who would like to be next to share their life story?

Diana Pomeroy – a little about myself and my journey to Faith Presbyterian Church.

I was born in Kenosha Wisconsin, a nice city on Lake Michigan. My mother was a home maker, and my father worked for Blackman Trucking. I have three siblings, one brother that has passed December 31, 2020, an older sister living in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin and a younger sister who lives in Mocksville, North Carolina.

I graduated in 1971 from Tremper High School. For sports I played softball in the position of third base, short stop and second base. I also played pool in a league, and I golf.

I started working for American Motors in 1972. I worked in production and stamping which includes putting the engines in, the speedometer, strut rods, and bumpers. I also stamped out roofs, quarter panels, and hoods. I did repair work, and I relieved workers for the breaks.

I first married in 1977 which blessed me with a daughter. We named her Julia which was John Lennons mother's name. My husband was a Beatles fan. We divorced amicably in 1983. I now have four grandsons and one great-grandson.

After some years American Motors closed as Chrysler bought them out. I transferred to Ohio where they made torque converters. I had 16 years of service in and did not want to lose my pension and insurance. I then worked for Toledo Machining in Perrysburg, Ohio. While there I met my current husband, Gary, who was a pipe fitter by trade. We did a lot of traveling. For our honeymoon we followed the New York Yankees as he is a big fan. We have been married 22 years.

In 2007 I retired. We vacationed with friends we worked with and traveled to Arizona in different seasons. My husband retired in 2009 and told me he wanted to move to Arizona, and I could come if I wanted, but he was done with the winters. I loved to golf so why not as I am an avid golfer.

My husband sent me to Sun City by myself to look for a house to buy. Fortunately, my friends were here to help me decide which phase of Sun City I wanted to be in. I chose a house in phase two which had an expanded Arizona room, and I thought, this would be a great room for my husband's Yankee collection.

The neighbor across the street was a man named Alex Waisbrot, who was a member of Faith. He had lost his wife a few years earlier, so I never had the opportunity to meet her. I could tell you many things about Alex but to get to the point. He lost his drivers license due to age. I offered to bring him to church. I eventually joined because I have been feeling I needed a church to grow spiritually again as I had not been to church in a while.

I joined Faith in March 2022 and then I became a deacon. I am now the moderator of the deacons which I love and the head of memorials and wedding services. I am also on the Evangelism committee, and the Property committee and volunteer at the reception desk in the office.

I have met many friends here and always feel welcomed, appreciated, and loved. I want to thank you all for being in my life. You are truly a blessing to me.

Diana

Presbyterian Women (PW)

June 2025

Ladies, what an exciting upcoming year we have here at Faith. I just received the new bible study and I truly believe we will enjoy the lessons that the PW/Horizons Bible Study Development has put together for us. From learning about Mary Magdalene, Jesus's Baptism and learning our way in Finding our Joy in Christ. Did you know that the PW/Horizons Bible Studies come to life with the help of their readers? Presbyterian women choose the topic and author and even take part in the writing process through field testing an early draft of the study. Field testing takes place between August and December of each year. If this is something you would be interested in participating in, let me know and I would be more than happy to get you an application. See me at church or give me, (Priscilla) contact info is in the church directory. I look forward in hearing from you, The cost of the Bible Study Book "**Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ**" is \$14 and Barbara Munn will be taking orders this month. Look for Barbara at church to reserve your book today. Barbara's number is in the church directory.

The Presbyterian Women also collect greeting cards for another group, and small size toiletries for HART. We have 2 collection boxes inside Illingworth Hall. A special thank you to everyone who has been making the donations throughout the year.

We have been blessed by the PW Pledges each year and this last year, about \$1,700 to all our missions.

Listed below are the mission that we chose to help in 2024-2025:

HART: help "At Risk Teens". Our donations help them stay in school and graduate. Also donations of workable bikes (tires will be repaired) to HART enable many teens to have

transportation for jobs. Contact Barbara Munn is listed in the church directory.

Gap Academy: Community Education Services: This is a tutoring program which was started by South-minister Presbyterian Church. Accredited teachers teaching reading, math and language arts. showing specify improvement in test scores. Helping children become successful students.

Frontera de Cristo – Presbyterian Border Ministry: This is a specific after school program that provides a safe place for children to go after school.

Faith Church: We have been blessed with the wonderful staff here at Faith. For their time, materials, and the support of the church for all our actives. They just don't know the word "no".

We are sadden to learn that Anne Daughters is having to resign from providing "Flowers for Services".

This decision was not an easy one for her to make. Anne has found herself unable to dedicate the time the role deserves because of her health. She is willing to assist in training a replacement. If you are interested in taking on "Flowers for Services", please contact the church office.

My prayer for you:

Thank you, O God, for your many blessings.

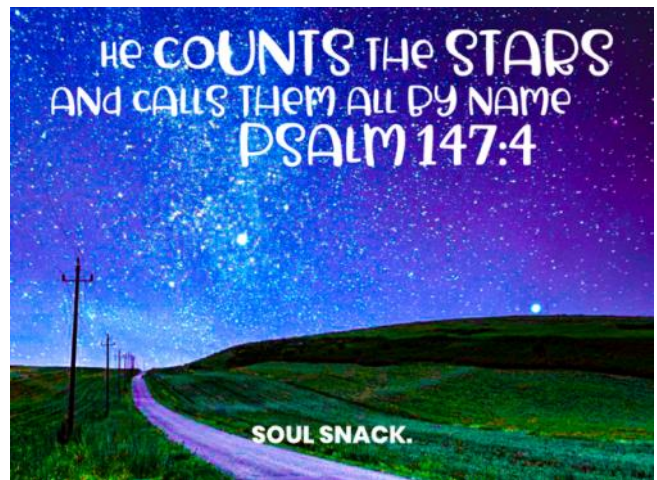
For your saving grace, we give thanks,
Continue to be with us and guide us toward
increased hopefulness, as we follow
you in faith. Amen

Valley View Community Food Bank

I hope everyone got to see the Food Bank table loaded with such a nice selection of food for the those in need. Thank you on behalf of the recipients. Faith givers are so generous!

The month of June we are going to honor "**DADS**". Too often, they do not get the recognition they deserve. I know, it is difficult to shop for men. But a few ideas are : anything to do with shaving, nail clippers, tee shirts, shampoo products, perfumes (we like them to have a nice smell, toothpaste and brushes, can or package of peanuts, lotions, and so many more neat ideas if you just take a walk around the Dollar Tree Store!

Valley View Community Food Bank is located at 10771 W. Peoria Ave. Sun City, AZ. They are open from 9AM to 1PM. You can reach them at 723-933-3358. They provide a 3-5 day supply of emergency food for families or individuals.



Men's Clothing Drive

"Deep Within"

Continuing with the month 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.

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!

Bridge players
Hand and Foot players
Are on break for the summer.
Call Ann Kennaly if you
have any questions!



June 23, 2025
1:00pm Sun Health Hearing Aids
101:How to Treat Hearing Loss
In Illingworth

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.

Prayer Warriors

2nd & 4th Saturday of Every Month

Saturday, June 14 & 28 at 11:00 am phone conference 1-774-267-7989. Please send prayer requests to Esther McKinney contact info is in the church directory.



Men's Fellowship

Ice Cream Social - July 6, 2025

Men's Monday Fellowship

June 2 - Darts, Bell Rec Center
June 9 - Shuffleboard, Bell Rec Center
June 16 - Billiards, Lakeview Rec Center
June 23 - Darts, Bell Rec Center
June 30 - Shuffleboard, Bell Rec Center

Dominoes

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



Any questions—
Call Frank Dias contact info in the directory.

**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 June

| | Birthday |
|------------------|----------|
| Kenneth Schaller | 2 |
| Dottie Oliver | 3 |
| Karen Harris | 8 |
| Susan Arnold | 9 |
| Betty Forsberg | 15 |
| Susan Benson | 15 |
| Betty Wilder | 16 |
| Shirley Gerhart | 16 |
| Helen Lee | 17 |
| Sandie Johns | 25 |
| Jean Flower | 28 |
| Gerri Crothers | 29 |
| Sara Mitchell | 29 |

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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

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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

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calendar.

Low Vision Support Group



The Low Vision Support will meet.
Monday, June 9, 1-2pm in the Council Room.
For more information contact Dr. Mary Ann by
email at makhoss777@gmail.com.

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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)*