



# Mustard Seed

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## Dear Members and Friends of Faith,

As we enter the month of March, we are already in the second week of Lent and our focus on the question, “Who is Jesus?”

In the coming weeks, we will also hear from other voices who offer insight on this question. One will be Rev. Anne, as she preaches on “Jesus and the Woman of Samaria”, also called “The Woman at the Well.” Another will be Pastor Luis from the Streams of Zion Ministry who share our campus, which will include his personal testimony.

We live in a time where there are conflicting opinions on whether religion, Christianity in particular, remains on the decline or is experiencing a resurgence, especially among younger Americans. Our partnership with other congregations who reach a wide demographic allows us to provide support for such a resurgence.

In last month’s Mustard Seed we covered, at length, our progress (and frustrations) in our Vision Process and the search for new ways to connect with an increasingly un-churched population. If we could only get others to ask, “Who is Jesus?” Some have tried to answer that in public with t-shirts that read simply “John 3:16” or in more detail, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that

everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

The next verse may be equally important, “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice, which is true. We are leading up to the time of year that we relive the sacrifice alluded to when we read that “God gave his only son.” But Lent is also the time each of us can work on the personal answer to, “Who is Jesus.”

We read in Colossians that Jesus is the head of the church, which reiterates the importance of church. But we also read that Jesus has always been, one with the Father. The world has had a hard time understanding that Jesus was not a one-time visitor sent by God, but God himself, who is one with creation and one with the destiny of the world – the past, present and future.

At Faith Presbyterian, we intend to continue exhibiting an attitude that welcomes those who may have a clear answer to, “Who is Jesus?”, and those who are just starting to ask or search. This is why we are a growing congregation, blessed with so many new members and friends.

Even as we walk toward the cross, we give thanks for the blessing of one another. May we continue to walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ, even as the cross looms.

**Peace and blessings, love from  
Anne as well, Greg**

# New Member Sunday - February 22, 2026



Faye Owens and Barb Livergood



Kathy and Roy Grey  
with Bob Geier and Ken Swift



Barb Munn with Suzanne Hoffman



Susan Edwards  
and Julie Dunning



David and Linda Toma  
with Rev Gloria and Bob Hatcher



Bev and Don Schrader  
with Drew and Laurie Cathey

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Young Hae Han and Ken Park  
with Joseph and Laura Beck

Bob Geier, Bill Morris,  
and Ken Swift



# New Member Sunday - February 22, 2026



Pastor Greg baptizes Bill Morris  
with sponsors Bob Geier and Ken Swift



Steve Fribley and Carole Bentley  
with Suzanne & Ron Yankowski



Steve Ling with Fred Hingst



**Thursdays@Faith  
March 2026**



**March 12, 2026  
Nicole Pesce**

Gifted pianist, keyboardist, composer and arranger, Nicole Pesce will entertain you with her unique blend of virtuosity, humor and pizzazz. We expect a sell-out, so purchase your tickets early!

*Cutoff for purchasing tickets is noon on Monday, March 9.*



**March 26, 2026  
The Van Reed Brothers**

Relax and enjoy acoustic music from the 50's to the present time with this talented duo.

*Cutoff for purchasing tickets is noon on Monday, March 23.*

Meals are presented by Echelon Catering, complemented by Sue Benson's homemade desserts.

Tickets are \$15/person and may be purchased in the Narthex for two Sundays prior to the event, in Illingworth Hall following worship, and at the reception desk until noon the preceding Monday. Freewill offerings are gratefully accepted at each event.



**BEST LIBRARY EVER  
BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS  
Faith Church/Calvin Library**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Monday at 10:30 a.m.**

**March 9, 2026**

**“The President’s Wife”**

**by Tracy Enerson Wood**

Take time to check out our church library. You will be surprised at the large collection of fiction, Christian resources, biographies and other books on our shelves, as well as other offerings such as DVD's etc. There are many offerings in large print as well. The library is open from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Wednesdays with volunteers to assist you. The library is also open on Sunday mornings and also during office hours during the week.

We are clearing some books from our shelves to make room for new books. Books that have been cleared will be offered free to our members every 2nd Sunday in Illingworth Hall during Coffee & Chat time.

**Watch for the book cart.**

**Remembering Marty Robbins Open Mic  
March 19, 2026**

**Illingworth Hall**

**Sign up starts at 5:00pm**

**Time: 5:30pm  
to 8:00pm**



# Feed My Starving Children



Jean Flower

Thank You to everyone who came out to make the Feed My Starving Children such a great success.



Becky Epperson Sandi O'Neal

Susan Ross



Marti Hugen



Beryl Hugen



Laurie Cathey



Claude Miller Greg Owens



*Getting to  
Know  
You....*

*Joanna  
Conde*

I was born in Rochester, New York, and grew up in several small towns in western New York. My mother was an elementary school music teacher and choir director for the Presbyterian Church in Medina, and my father was a newspaperman. Ministry runs deep in my family — my maternal grandfather, his father, and his grandfather were all Methodist ministers. After graduating from Medina High School at 16, I earned a degree in English and History from Ithaca College and began my career as a teacher.

I have never been very good at staying in one lane. Over time, my work moved into business, marketing, and real estate development. As a District Manager for Avon Products, I moved my district from 367th to 6th in the Northeast Region in one year. Later, working with a Burger King franchise, I conducted demographic and traffic studies, prepared pro formas, rewrote personnel systems, and helped evaluate and acquire new sites. That work led me to study property valuation and, in 1988, open my own real estate appraisal firm in Sun City. My employer, Larry Kessler, and I have remained friends throughout the years, and he is my adviser when I get “stuck” on anything to do with real estate development.

For several decades I appraised hundreds of homes a year. My niche was trusts and estates in the Sun Cities. I became one of fewer than 450 certified instructors of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, founded and served as president of the Arizona Association of Real Estate Appraisers, and established a licensed appraisal school. In 2009, Carl and I organized the largest appraisal conference

in the country and continued hosting annual conferences until COVID. I taught appraisal classes around the state until COVID and then went to Zoom.

I have always believed that if something needs to be built — whether a business, a program, or a solution — get involved. I was one of the first women Rotarians in Arizona and helped launch an educational program inside Adobe Mountain Juvenile Facility, working with incarcerated youth on constitutional education, employment skills, and personal responsibility. I also served as Chair of the Maricopa County Charter Committee and twice on the Peoria Planning and Zoning Board.

Carl and I married in 1999. Between us we have five children, many Rotary Exchange students, and one beloved “French son,” Max, who joined our family at 17, three months after we married, and has remained close ever since.

Carl and I both enjoy working as real estate agents, concentrating in the Sun Cities and west side 55+ communities which keep us connected to the world around us and offer us the ability to use what we have learned to help others through life’s transitions.

We joined Faith Presbyterian Church in 2025. I am part of the Knitters and spend Tuesdays with the children at Thrive. Carl serves with the men’s group, loves playing dominoes, and has volunteered as Receptionist on Tuesdays. We look forward to contributing where needed — especially in areas that involve planning, building, and thoughtful stewardship.



## Annual Spring Studio Open House

You and your friends are invited to a Spring Studio Open House on  
**Sunday, April 12, 2026, Noon - 5:00pm**  
at 14300 N. 174th Lane, Surprise AZ

Rooms of paintings and alcohol ink creations await you!  
Enjoy refreshments, discounts, up to 50% off flat-file paintings, and a FREE DRAWING!  
**Nancy Christy-Moore**

### Food Bank

With your support of the Food Bank,  
You have helped ease hardships of many individuals  
and families. Please continue to support the Food  
Bank in any way you can. Any kind of canned goods,  
cereal, spaghetti, dry beans, canned meat,  
toothpaste, and shampoo.  
Any and all items are needed. Thank you!

### Deep Within

Its Back!!! The Deep Within clothing bin for men.  
Clothing of articles, socks, T shirts, shirts, pants, un-  
derwear ,toiletries. Any clothing item. Deep Within  
could also use towels, wash cloths, bars of soap. This  
is a halfway house for men returning from prison  
getting back in to society and also the homeless.  
There are brochures of what is needed, on the table  
in the narthex. If you have questions please call  
Laurie Cathey

## *Men's Fellowship Group*

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

### *Hamburger Brunch*

**After Service - \$10 or donation**

### CPR-Certification

**March 12, 2026, - Westminster Room  
1:00pm**

**Sun City Fire Department**

**Become CPR certified and trained on how to  
use the Defibrillators.**

**\$25 per person**

**Contact Frank Dias to reserve a space.**

## 🎵 SUMMER SINGALONG 🎵

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**TO HELP SET UP AND TEAR DOWN.**

**...AND TO HELP MAKE SONG SELECTION SUGGESTIONS.**

**JUNE 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026**

**EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS.**

**WE HAVE MORE FUN THAN SHOULD BE LEGAL.**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CARRY A  
TUNE IN A BUCKET TO BE ON THIS TEAM.**

**CONTACT JEAN FLOWER 225.241.7117**

### Forward In Faith

**Wednesdays**

**10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

**Westminster Room**

# Presbyterian Women (PW)

## March 2026

**Women's Sunday – March 8, 2026**

On Sunday, March 8, 2026, the Presbyterian Women of Faith Church will be honored to lead our worship service. This special day gives us the opportunity to share our gifts and talents and to offer the congregation, our visitors, and those joining us online a glimpse of the ministry work we carry out throughout the year.

During the service, we will present some of the beautiful handiwork created by the Yarn Angels and the Peacemakers, who faithfully donate countless items each year to a variety of charitable organizations within our community. Their labor is truly a labor of love.

We will also take time to recognize and celebrate our "Woman of the Year," honoring her faithful devotion and service to Christ.

**Ladies Bible Study Fellowship - Date: March 5, 2026**

**"The Woman Who Was Bent Over"**

**Scripture Luke 13: 10-17. As followers of Christ, we are to serve with a compassionate and healing spirit and be part of setting people free.**

This year, we joyfully answered the call to serve as **Field Testers for the PW/Horizons Bible Study**. With prayerful hearts and lively discussion, we engaged deeply in the lessons and offered our reflections to help shape a resource that will inspire and uplift women across the church. What a blessing it has been to take part in a ministry that extends far beyond our own congregation!

I eagerly anticipate our time together, as we gather in fellowship and devotion to reflect on the ways God's presence sustains us, His promises uphold us, and His love carries us through each joy and every challenge. See you there!

**PW Gathering**

**Ladies, mark your calendars for our next PW Gathering, Thursday, March 19, 2026**

**Fellowship: 10-15 a.m. Meeting: 10:30 a.m.**

**Program: 11:00 a.m.**

**Our speaker is Rev. Dick Sisson who will be sharing "A Personal Testimony". If you haven't purchased your tickets there's still time to do so. Just look for Gerri Crothers at the "PW" Table in the Narthex prior to church service and in the entrance to Illingworth Hall after the service. Look forward in seeing you there!**

At our last gathering Emma Holmes, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon provided us some information of the Spring Gathering being held on Saturday, March 21, 2026. from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Master in Mesa, AZ. Pick up your registration at the PW

Table in the Narthex or see Gerri Crothers. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:45 a.m., traveling together by car-pool — so come ready for a great day! Last year, Faith Church was wonderfully represented, and we are looking forward to an even greater turnout this year. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and join us for a day filled with fellowship, inspiration, and joy!

**A Thank You**

Barbara Munn would like to share a wonderful note of thanks from H.A.R.T., expressing their deep gratitude for the generous gifts and faithful support provided by the women of Faith and our congregation.

**Dear Members of Faith Church,**

**On behalf of HART (Helping At Risk Teens), I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of Pop-Tarts during the month of January. The quantity (1,294) and thoughtfulness of this contribution were truly remarkable.**

**Your generosity plays an important role in supporting the at-risk youth we serve, and we are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to helping our organization meet their needs.**

**Thank you once again for your kindness and support.**

**Respectfully, Ruth Longford, Director**

**HART (Helping At Risk Teens)**

**Special Missions Report**

The Presbyterian Women of Faith Church faithfully collect Least Coins during Bible studies and monthly gatherings. Through these offerings, the Fellowship awards grant funding to 15–20 communities of women and children around the world. Presbyterian Women is one of twelve regional and global ecumenical partners supporting this 70-year-old mission.

In addition, the Yarn Angels recently donated handmade warm items to several organizations, including the Simmanuel Care Center, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Navajo Nation, EVE's Place, and prayer shawls for members of our congregation. Pocket Prayers were also shared at the Presbyterian Women Presbytery Meeting.

A recommended Presbyterian Women reading list is available in our church library. This list was thoughtfully prepared by members of our Presbyterian Women Presbytery, and all books on the list can be found in the library. We invite you to stop by and check out one or two selections. The 2025-2026 Grand Canyon PWP Reading List is listed in our current Presbyterian Women of Faith 2025-2026 Year- book on pages 13 and 14.

The Faith Church Presbyterian Board will soon distribute pledge dollars to several of our local agencies, continuing our commitment to our local missions and outreach.

Submitted by **Barbara Munn**, Mission Coordinator

**Priscilla Hoskins**, Moderator

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)

## HERE'S THE DEAL!

Hand and Foot players are every 2nd Wednesday in the Iona Room at Noon - March 11, 2026  
Contact Gerri Crothers



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



## Men's Fellowship on Mondays

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

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!

## Prayer Warriors

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

Saturday, March 14 & 28 at 11:00 am phone conference 1-774-267-7989. Please send prayer requests to Gerri Crothers



## Men's March Monday Fellowship

1:30pm

- Mar. 2 - Cornhole, Illingworth Hall
- Mar. 9 - Billiards, Lakeview Rec Center
- Mar. 16 - Bocce Ball, Sundial Rec Center
- Mar. 23 - Darts, Bell Rec Center
- Mar. 30 - Shuffleboard, Bell Rec Center

## Dominoes

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

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](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 March

	Birthday
Jerry Bergene	3
Ellie Hansen	5
Judi Jensen	7
Kathy Gray	13
Maria Sinley	15
Vi Rice	17
Karen Bulawa	17
Vern Meury	18
June Cooney	19
John Sheetz	20

## Low Vision Support Group

The Low Vision Support will meet. **Monday, March 9, 1-2pm** in the Council Room. For more information contact Dr. Mary Ann.



### Faith Presbyterian E-mail Addresses & Phone # and extension #'s

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#### Pastor/Head of Staff

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#### Music Director

**Rory Dowse**.....rory@sfaith.org

#### Office Manager

**MaryJo Steger**..... office@sfaith.org  
 ..... ext. 105

#### Building Superintendent

**Peter Bugilan** ..... pbugilan@sfaith.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.sfaith.org](http://www.sfaith.org). On the right hand side of the "home page" you will see the following information:

Just click on this button to get the latest calendar.

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# March 2026

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

**Office Hours**  
8:30am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday

**Worship Service**  
10:00am on Sunday in the Sanctuary

### **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 Gerri Crothers or our Office Manager, MaryJo for more information. Your generosity in memory of your loved one can be part of your grieving, showing your love for Faith Church.

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible.” (Matthew 17:20)

That is our theme. It plays out this way: we are big enough to flourish, but small enough to be personal; caring for the world & community, but above politics; take the Word seriously, but ourselves not so much.

Our pastor, elders, deacons and members are here for you.