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Sunday Service: 9:30 Worship Service & Children's Church

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I will praise she name of God wish a song, and will magnify him with THANKSGIVING Dealms 69:30

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 10-29-2024

• Pastor Jonathan and Bill Pimm have been registered for the ECO National Gathering.

• In keeping with budget preparation, Edward Taylor, representing the Worship Committee and Sharon Horn, representing the Administration Committee meet with Pastor Jonathan Evans to discuss his possible plans for retirement.

- A new coffee hour hosting schedule was approved to start December 1. Debbie Leschner will be contacting the various committees about the new schedule.
- The "live" broadcast of Sunday Services will be suspended until the problems can be resolved. The recording of the service will be available on YouTube by Sunday afternoon.
- Pastor Jonathan will be taking vacation time November 13 to 22 to visit his brother who is battling cancer. Rev. Sandy Chilese will be in the pulpit November 17.
- The November Stated Session meeting has been moved to December 3 due to Pastor's scheduled eye surgery.

Christmas music opportunities!!

If your are interested in providing music for the Christmas Eve Service, contact our Director of Music, Fred Chilese at chilesef@gmail.com for more information.



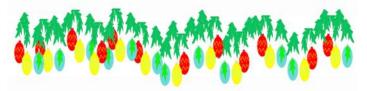
CHRISTMAS DINNER POTLUCK!!



As we celebrate the *CHRIST* mas season we would love to invite you and your family and friends to join us for dinner on December 8th after service. The main dish, turkey, will be provided so just bring your favorite side, dessert, or maybe a fun punch? We're also wanting to decorate the tables as we've done in the past so if you're interested please call the front office at 928-684-2836 or sign up in Fellowship Hall!



WORK DAY & SOUP LUNCH!! NOVEMBER 19th, 2024 10:00 am to 3:00 SOUP LUNCH AT NOON JOIN THE PW LADIES TO HELP THEM GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...DECEMBER 7th
Christmas Dinner Potluck ~ Adopt-A-Table

Join in on the fun and decorate a table for our Christmas potluck dinner. We have 5 more tables available so hurry! You'll need a service for 6 and you can mix and match...it doesn't have to be matchy-mathchy at all. The table is yours to go as classic or as whimsical as you'd like.

If you have any questions, please see



A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall!

Deb B.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS... Christmas Eve Rehearsal: December 17th, 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service 6:00 p.m. No Christmas Day service.



Stroll through downtown Wickenburg and enjoy the charming shops, restaurants, street market with vendors, and listen to a variety of performers throughout the event from 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm. Head to Stone Park to enjoy the Christmas Tree Lighting from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm while we fill the air with holiday spirit.

ENTERTAINMENT SHOPPING FOOD TRUCKS PHOTOS WITH SANTA CAROLING S

EVENT SCHEDULE 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm Street Market with Vendors, Music Stroll, Inflatables 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm Photos & Letters to Santa 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm Walk to Stone Park 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Tree Lighting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM STONE PARK & HISTORIC DOWNTOWN 164 E APACHE STREET

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BOOK WORMS BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our Book Worms Book Club gathers on most first Fridays of each month at 3:00 p.m. here at the church. The book has chosen the following book to read and discuss:

Nov 1: Minding Frankie by Maeva Binchy



MASA

December: NO BOOK, ENJOY THE SEASON OF ADVENT!

Jan 3: Masada by Ernest K. Gann



Happy Reading to everyone! Just remember the truism "Once a book worm, always a book worm."

HANGING THE GREENS

Everyone is encouraged to join the Worship Committee on Saturday, November 30 at 1:00 p.m. to decorate our beautiful church for the *Christ*mas season! Remember, many hands make light work!

Refreshments provided!



The deadline for the December Witness Newsletter will be Wednesday, November 20th.

Please double check your calendar and have all articles, changes, updates, and/or anything else you'd like in the Newsletter in to Deb Berner at <u>fpcfrontoffice@gmail.com</u> or in my box in the front office by that date.

Thank you and God Bless!



CALLING ALL BREAKFAST EATERS!

Do you hunger for more fellowship with your church family (and maybe some bacon too)? Here's an opportunity for you!

The men's Men of Faith breakfast meets every Tuesday at Denny's at 8 am.



The ladies' breakfast is once a month on the first Thursday at 8:30 am at Copper State Café.

You donut want to miss this egg-citing time with fellow believers (and breakfast lovers)!





Join us for dinner on Thanksgiving Day!

We'll be celebrating here at the church and everyone is invited to come...

Those of you who would like to share a meal with some new, and familiar family and friends, please join us Thanksgiving Day at 1:00 p.m. and bring your favorite potluck dish to share. The turkey is provided!! A sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall or call the front office to let us know the dish you'd like to bring and/or confirm your attendance. Bringing a dish to share is not mandatory but appreciated.

Please invite and bring your friends, neighbors, and family who might be alone that day to celebrate in this time of thanks and giving with us! "The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."" Matthew 25:40

IT'S SHOEBOX SEASON!

Good Samaritan's 'Operation Shoebox' is an opportunity for each of us to be a missionary right here at home, sharing Christ's love for the first time possibly to a child one million miles away. Each box will carry a booklet in that child's language, speaking of Jesus' love and our hope in the cross.

Empty boxes are ready for pick up now so you may shop for a girl or boy in an age group you choose. Each box has a brochure inside it with information and ideas to help you out.

Dedication Sunday for our filled boxes will be November 17th and, if you haven't already, bring your filled boxes of love back to church that morning to be blessed with all the other filled boxes of love. If you do prefer to bring them in earlier, we're placing them on the chancel steps at the front of the sanctuary. Once we turn our boxes in, Good Samaritan does the rest.

For many children, this might be the only time they'll hear about the love of our Father or may be the first present they've ever received—WE can be a part of getting the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth! How amazing is THAT!!

Please speak to Judy Taylor if you have any questions.



NEWS FROM Presbyterian Women



ifty Needlers & Cool Crafters



Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm in the Gathering Room. All skill levels welcome!

Nifty Needlers and cool crafters have been busy during the summer making crafts and quilts for the Christmas Bazaar. But there is still much to do. **Please join us on November 19** to help with finishing touches and pricing the items.

We will provide a soup lunch at noon, along with dessert.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

If you like to bake and/or can donate something homemade for the bake sale it would be much appreciated. Please consider making any of the following for our bake sale.

Pies, Cakes, Cookies of all types, Fudge, Brownies, Candy, Jams & jellies, etc...

Pies are popular!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DECEMBER 7 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Quilted Items Christmas Decorations RADA Bake Sale & Jams & Jellies Raffles Precious Treasurers

COURTYARD CAFÉ TOO. Anyone who would like to make soup for the soup lunch, please see Deb B or Arleen Y.

SUPPORT PW MISSIONS

DECEMBER 17 @ 2:00 pm CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE Bring a dozen cookies to share and take home a dozen cookies of all different kinds. So fun, and always so good!!

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Volunteers

COMMUNION SERVERS

November 3: Carol Arnett, Verne Crissman, Guy DeChellis

December 1: Gail Graham, Gordon Graham, Cheryl Longshore, John Thomas

LITURGISTS

Nov 3: Wendy Quine Nov 10: Verne Crissman Nov 17: Kerri Crawford Nov 24: Carol Arnett

Dec 1: Susie WirsingDec 8: Doug QuineDec 15: Deb PinnellDec 22: Dawn GatkeDec 29: Guy DeChellis

USHERS

Months of November & December: Marsha North

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgist Readings

December 1: Alexandra, Isabella, & Kaden Arleen Younkman & Deb Berner Doug & Wendy Quine Purple & Brownie



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PLEASE PRAY FOR, VISIT, AND/OR PHONE

Our Hero's...

Military:

Staff Sgt. Ryan Breen, United States Air Force, Minot ND. A.F.B ~ Betty Ek's grandson-in-law Luke Crissman, Army

Captain Gillen Papenfuse, National Guard ~ Kimmins' grandson

Jonathan Thomas, US Army, Reserves ~ John Thomas' nephew

Fire Fighters:

Please pray for all Firefighters, everywhere.

Law Enforcement:

Jeffery Thomas, Tucson Police Dept./SGT. Mike DeChellis, Douglas County, NE/Detective Matthew Moulson, Orange County Deputy Sheriff ~ Sharon Horn's nephew. Nicklas LaLonde, Westland Michigan Police Dept., Police Officer ~ Kimmins' grandson

Nurses & EMTs::

Sharon Forrest, Cardiovascular Sonographer, St. Agnus Medical Center, Fresno CA. ~ Deb B's Aunt

Carolyn LaLonde, RN OR charge Nurse, St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, MI ~ Kimmins' granddaughter

Missionaries:

Mexico: Allyson Searway, Justin & Rosita Searway Taiwan: Rod & Beth Williamson Indonesia: Mike & Christy Brown Indonesia: Sean & Angie McKelvey ECO Ministry ~ Alaska: Joey Chang United World Mission: Nancy Kilpatrick KAIROS Prison Ministry JARS (Jungle Aviation/radio service) Mongolia Campus Crusade for Christ: Ebo & Nergui Enkhbold

Our Loved Ones...

Assisted Living:

Jeanine Brown, Howard Kennedy, Wanda Schneider, Sam & Carole Weinschenk

At Home:

Judy & Ron Bjorhus, Leo & Denise Wisseman, Marilyn Austin, Glori Beattie, Brownie, Les Peters

College Students:

Ross Longshore, Yavapai College Lauren Brockett, Montana State Univ. Russell Barnes, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

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MAPLE BACON SCONES

FOR THE SCONES:

- 3 c. all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 stick cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 c. heavy cream, plus more if needed
- 1 large egg

FOR THE GLAZE:

- 3 1/2 c. powdered sugar, sifted, plus more if needed
- 1/4 c. whole milk, plus more if needed
- 1/4 c. maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 4 slices bacon, cooked until crisp, then finely chopped

Preheat the oven to 400° .

For the scones: Sift together the flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt into a large bowl. Add the butter and use a pastry blender or two knives to cut the butter into the dry ingredients until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs and there are no large chunks of butter.

Mix the heavy cream and egg in a medium bowl. Add the cream mixture to the flour mixture; stir gently with a fork until combined. The dough should be crumbly, but if it's too crumbly to work with, splash in a small amount of heavy cream.

Turn out the dough onto a floured surface and lightly press it together into a rough rectangle. Use a rolling pin to roll it into an 8-by-12-inch rectangle (use your hands to help shape it if necessary). Trim the edges with a knife. Cut the dough in half crosswise, then cut lengthwise into quarters to make 8 rectangles. Cut each rectangle in half diagonally to make 16 triangles.

Transfer the scones to a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake until just golden, 15 to 20 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer the scones to a rack to cool completely.

For the glaze: Combine the powdered sugar, milk, maple syrup and salt in a medium bowl. Stir until smooth, adjusting the thickness with more powdered sugar or milk if necessary.

Place the rack of scones over a baking sheet to catch drips, then spread the glaze over the scones. Before the glaze sets, sprinkle with the bacon. Let the glaze set completely, about 1 hour.





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PW Work Day & Soup Lunch Tuesday, November 19 10 AM — 3 PM



Everyone is invited to help the ladies to a successful Christmas Bazaar!

A soup lunch will be provided for those who attend!