



2024 Annual Report for First Presbyterian Church of Mesa

February 2025

A Message from Christian

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future, I am reminded of the calling God has placed on our hearts: to love Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). This calling is beautifully captured in our new church mission statement: **“Reaching Up and Out in Faith and Love.”**

Over the past year, we have seen God’s faithfulness in incredible ways. We have gathered in worship, lifted our voices in prayer, and grown deeper in our faith as a community. Through Bible studies, PW circles, and times of fellowship, we have strengthened our walk with the Lord, reaching up to Him in faith and dependence.

At the same time, we have extended our hands beyond the walls of our church—serving those in need, sharing the gospel, and being a light in our neighborhoods. Whether through our food pantry and clothing closet, the spring and fall festivals, hosting the first Mesa ecumenical day of prayer event, or acts of kindness in our daily lives, we have embraced the call to reach out to others with Christ’s love.

As we enter this new year, I pray that we will continue to grow in both aspects of our faith—deepening our relationship with God and expanding our impact in the world. May we be a church that passionately seeks His presence and boldly shares His love. Let us commit to prayer, worship, and discipleship while also stepping out in faith to serve and share the Good News.

I am incredibly grateful for each of you and the role you play in this ministry. Your prayers, generosity, and dedication make this church a place where God’s love is experienced and shared. I look forward to all that He has in store for us in the year ahead.

May we be a people who **reach up to God in worship and reach out to others in love.**

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Christian Johnson



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Worship

- We once again hosted the January Series conducted by Calvin University.



- March 10th was a busy day! We celebrated Women's Gift Sunday with Rev. Joca Gallegos, co-pastor of the Douglas Presbyterian Church and coordinator at Frontera de Cristo as our guest pastor. That afternoon, we officially welcomed the Johnsons with Pastor Christian's installation service followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall that afternoon.

- Easter season began with the procession of palms on Palm Sunday, celebration of the Last Supper Maundy Thursday, a Good Friday Prayer Vigil and concluded with a glorifying Easter Celebration that included offerings from our Sanctuary Choir, Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir and HolyGrounds Praise Band.

- The Artist Series presentation in April gave us Dotty & Tina in concert in the Sanctuary.
- We hosted an Ecumenical Service of Prayer on the International Day of Prayer in our Sanctuary, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. The event was well attended, and included members from congregations from throughout the Mesa faith community.
- We recognized all mothers and fathers who worshiped with us on their special days respectively.



- Presbyterian Heritage Sunday - also Memorial Day Sunday - kicked off Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall. The service that day included offerings from The Handbell Quintet, Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir and One Voice. Summer worship continued through Labor Day as we enjoyed varied modes of seating including sofas, beanbags, high-tops and traditional tables and chairs. The Fellowship Commission's refreshment teams made sure we had beverages and snacks before, during and after worship.

- A new digital keyboard was purchased, which allowed for improved sound in Fellowship Hall and over the livestreams.
- Under-step lighting was added to the Chancel steps.
- We observed World Communion Sunday on October 6th.
- Nicole Larsen kicked off the 2024-25 FPC Artist Series on Sunday, October 13th.



- A "Narthex" area was added in the back of the Sanctuary.
- We supported the families and friends of our members who passed away during 2024 on All Saints Sunday.
- Traditional Easter Lilies and Poinsettias adorned our Sanctuary during the seasons.
- A new Advent Candle Stand was added to our Sanctuary holiday decor.



- The Advent and Christmas season included the traditional Hanging of the Greens, a Christmas Carol Sing-Along hosted by Gilbert Presbyterian and concluded with traditional Candlelight Communion Services of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve.

Respectfully submitted:

Dan Reeves, Worship Elder Class of 2025 (Chair)
 Mark Ramsey, Director of Music Ministries
 Joy Schulz, Prayer Chain Coordinator
 Renita Jurgensen, Liturgist Coordinator
 Don Wilson, Head of Ushers
 Cheryl Gregory, Paraments/Sanctuary Decor Coordinator
 Kate McMichael, Funeral/Memorial Reception Coordinator
 Susan Durand, Greeters
 Gail Soderquist, Website Manager

**MESA INTERFAITH
 HANDBELL FESTIVAL**

featuring handbell choirs from

First Presbyterian
 Grace United Methodist
 Mesa North Stake
 St. Luke Lutheran

with Guest Clinician, Anne Kelley

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 | 7:00 PM
St. Luke Lutheran Church
807 N. Stapley Drive, Mesa, AZ 85203

Fellowship

ANNUAL MEETING AND CHILI COOK-OFF/POTLUCK

A Chili Cook-off will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, after the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall. All contenders welcome! Bring your best chili recipe! Sign-ups are underway! If you do not bring chili, please bring a dish to share.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after worship. After adjournment of the meeting, let the Chili Cook-Off begin!



Mission



Seasonal Ministries – Angel Tree: We sponsored three families this year, two from the Preschool and one from the Food Pantry. Additionally, we also gave each family a frozen turkey, food boxes, cleaning items, paper items and gift cards. Everything was delivered on Sunday, December, 22, 2024. A big thanks to everyone who participated.

Silent Auction – We held a silent auction in November, which raised over \$1400 for mission projects in our community.

Café Justo – We are continuing our partnership with Frontera de Cristo. We try to order coffee each quarter. By buying coffee from them, we are helping the farmers to earn a living wage.



Community Outreach – We had two community events to bring families and neighbors together. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make these events a success! In March, we had a Spring Festival with

games, food, musical groups, and a petting zoo. There were about 200 in attendance.

The Spring Festival

First Presbyterian Church 161 N. Mesa Drive

Food, Games, Crafts
Bounce House & More

March 16th
Saturday 4–6 PM



In October, we had a Fall Festival with games, food, Arizona Rick, the balloon cowboy, a photo booth and trunk or treat. We had about 400 in attendance.



Blessing Bags – We created 100 blessing bags in May, filled with necessities like deodorant, Chapstick, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, comb, granola bars and then handed them out to those in need at the food pantry, community dinners and cooling centers around Mesa.

Community Dinners - We continued our monthly community dinners throughout 2024 on the first Wednesday of the month with an activity to let families enjoy a meal and fellowship with others from the community. We served an average of 50 people each dinner.

I-Help - For the year 2024, FPC hosted approximately ten women each Sunday of the month. This included dinner, showers, a safe place to sleep and a sack lunch for the next day. Because of funding, the program ended in Mesa at the end of October. I want to thank our FPC host volunteers; this program could not have continued for so many years without your years of dedication!



Mesa Presbyterian Ministries (MPM) – Mesa Presbyterian Ministries, started by Bob Gerlach, is a qualified charitable organization with the mission to keep families in their homes. Congregational members Jack and Yvonne Oliver, and Brent Gregory volunteer to call and interview clients who need help paying their rent and utilities. Over one hundred families received a total of \$43,207 in assistance from MPM in 2024.

Special Offerings – Thank you for your continued generosity! One Great Hour of Sharing was \$1,950, Pentecost Offering was \$1,405, Peace and Global Witness Offering was \$641.30, and Christmas Joy Offering was \$335.40.



See pages 16 & 17 for more pictures.



FPC MESA

First Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Reach up and out in faith and love.

Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church, Mesa, guided by the Holy Spirit, believes God is leading us to be a cornerstone for our community. To that end, our vision is that by 2030 we will be vibrant and flourishing:

- Where all feel welcome as we joyfully embrace the love of Jesus that connects us all to one another.
- Where faith and everyday life come together filling the church campus with energy and purposeful activity throughout the week.
- Where we have thriving ministries for children, youth, and young adults drawing our young people together, encouraging them in their faith journeys and fostering a desire to be a part of the larger community.
- Where we support young families as they disciple their children
- Where we strive to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of all ages through preschool and outreach ministries to our neighbors.
- Where Christ-centered worship is celebrated in new and creative ways while using our talents and gifts with music, and studying God's Word, ever deepening our faith.
- Where we encourage one another to become lifelong learners and followers of Christ, as we offer meaningful opportunities to express our faith, grow in knowledge, and join in fellowship.

Our Values

Worship

We value worship, hearing the Word, enjoying and praising God through music, celebrating what we believe, sharing our walk with Jesus and striving to be a place where all people can belong.

Fellowship

Members of all ages love being together with each other and with our neighbors. Whether worshipping together, praising and celebrating through music, breaking bread, or working together in mission, we strive to be welcoming to all, valuing everyone.

Outreach/Evangelism

We celebrate what we believe by putting our faith into action through activities that care for our neighbors (near and far) while manifesting the gospel. Through these activities we invite them to come into a closer relationship with Christ, ourselves and each other. Current activity examples are the Food Pantry/Clothing Closet, I Help, MPM, community dinners and neighborhood festivals.

Discipleship

We nurture and grow our relationship with Christ in many ways. Those include Bible Study, Bible-centered worship, teaching our youth, sharing with others our faith walk with Jesus, and caring for each other and our neighbors.

Discipleship

Probably the biggest change of 2024 took place with the consolidation of the Elder positions, shortly before the arrival of our new Pastor Christian Johnson. The elderships of Adult Education, Youth & Young Adults, and Children & Family Ministries were consolidated into Discipleship, headed up by Kyle Harding (yours truly). We decided that this responsibility needs to eventually go back out to more than one person and have the full intention of splitting the role between at least two people to replace me at the end of my tenure as elder in Summer. It will most likely be split between a Children's Ministries Elder and a Youth & Young Adult Ministries Elder with a combined effort keeping an eye on the Adult Education groups, which tend to run themselves.

Adult Bible Study has continued as usual after church every Sunday, led by Rev. Soderquist, focusing on the book of Proverbs. Men's Fellowship has also been meeting on Tuesdays at noon in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

On May 15th, the Preschool held its end of the school year Spring Fling, in which the children sang to their parents' delight and time was spent recognizing the teachers for their hard work. After the successful year came to a close, Shiloh tendered her resignation after 12 years of dedicated and amazing service to the Preschool as its director. The church recognized Shiloh for her work and has since hired Pearl Blair as director.

Montlure Traveling Day Camp was held this past summer at Mission Del Sol between June 10th and June 14th. FPC Mesa is planning on hosting Traveling Day Camp in the summer of 2025 in partnership with Angel Tree to provide a fulfilling and joyous camp experience for the children of our Angel Tree families.

Since the beginning of this year, Anita Ramsey has taken primary responsibility of running "Time With Our Children" during worship with focuses on a simplified version of the lessons/sermons preached after, with lots of good engagement with the children. We have also continued with the curriculum of Growing in Grace & Gratitude for Sunday School, as we had the year before, since it's befitting the age group of the children that attend. We also continued last year's Sunday School teaching rotations until Summer, and added Kate McMichael and Fernando McCune to the rotation beginning in Fall 2024.

Kate McMichael has been heading up a creative endeavor called "Spirit of Play," which aims to integrate Ellen Gillespie's puppets with Sunday School, improving child engagement and interest, as well as discussing the idea of practicing some of these lessons as miniature "shows" to perform for their own parents. As of the beginning of 2025, the puppets now have a home in the Resource Room, and we encourage the other Sunday School teachers to make full use of them if they so desire.

The Young Adult Group was very active this year having events almost every month including a Mario Kart tournament during the summer, serving specialty coffee together, as well as attending a volunteer event at Feed My Starving Children in July. We also participated in a full moon tour at the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center where our very own Darlene Sitzler volunteers. We capped off the year with a fun-filled Christmas Party with Christmas Trivia, a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and a saran-wrap ball roll full of prizes.

We are looking forward to watching our current programs grow in 2025, as well as inspiring and nurturing the more home-grown approach we have taken to fostering Christ in the lives of our congregation, no matter the age.



Preschool Spring Fling – May 15th, 2024



Kate McMichael and Matthew McKee testing out our puppets.



Winners of the Young Adult Annual Mario Kart Tournament (1st place Andrew Frederick, 2nd place Kyle Harding, 3rd place Ian Harding, featuring Jade Fleener) – June 1st, 2024



Young Adults at Feed My Starving Children – July 19th, 2024



We have had a trying year at the preschool. Our enrollment is low, and Mrs. Shiloh moved to a new chapter in her life. We grieved with Mrs. Nicki at the sudden loss of her son. Even through these rough situations, God has been good and faithful. These events have brought our school closer. In the midst of these events, we have created some fun memories at school and off campus.



For instance, many of us gathered at Journey of Grace Church of the Nazarene to welcome Mrs. Nicki's son home. We gathered together and waved flags, and wore our preschool T-shirts to honor Chaz McInelly. We will continue to pray for the McInelly family.

In November, a group of firefighters came to our school to talk about fire safety and to show us their truck. We were able to get inside and look at all the neat stuff. They spoke to us about how to be safe and what to do in case of a fire. At the conclusion of their time with us, they shot water in the church parking lot from a big hose. The water went so high and far. The whole school enjoyed this time.



We also had a great Thanksgiving Feast. We created our own placemats and headbands. Our families came and had lunch with us that day, and we had a great time. We had Dino chicken nuggets and strawberries and whip cream for dessert. We reflected on all the things that God has blessed us with. Some of those things were food, a nice warm home and our Mommies and Daddies. We are so blessed.

This year our group of children are mostly boys with three girls. While in most cases boys are typically more rambunctious, this group of boys are great at following the classroom rules. The whole school has had a fun time learning about so many different subjects. They have created drawings, built structures, listened to stories and so much more.



We had a couple of community helpers come in and talk to the school. Thank you to Mrs. Darlene and Ms. Kristin for sharing how they help in our community. We learned about the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center. We also learned how nurses are so important in keeping people healthy.



On Thursdays we enjoy chapel with Pastor Christian, Dr. Mark and Mr. Chris. Every week a Bible story is related to our lesson topic. For instance, we have learned about the farm animals and how a Shepard named David took care of his farm animals.

During the Christmas season we learned about how Jesus came to earth as a baby. We performed our Christmas Program for our parents and families. Afterwards we had milk and cookies. Later in the month, we had a visit from Santa.



We would like to send a Big THANK YOU to everyone that has supported our school. We thank the school board, personnel committee, members of the church, and anyone else that has contributed to helping these fun memories being sketched in our growing little brains. We could not do it without everyone's support. Please continue to share with others what a great school we have. We also ask that you continue to pray for our school. Pray that we can continue to be a light for Jesus in our little community.

Pearl Blair, Director





FPC Mesa Presbyterian Women had a productive year focused on serving and giving. The heart of our program lies in our Circles, which include attention to mission work and Bible study and maybe some social interaction and loving support, too. From January to May, we concluded the Horizon study *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. From September to December and into the new year, most monthly groups are using *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia Tull.

One major accomplishment of the year was the formation of a new evening circle, Salome, which joins Eve, Deborah and Rachel. It presents the opportunity for women who are not available during the day to still participate in fellowship and support. All women are invited and encouraged to attend any of the circles any time. Dates and times of Circle meetings are listed in the Update and La Palabra.

Some of the highlights of PW 2024 include the following:

- We made and distributed Epiphany Star Words for people of the church and beyond;
- Women's Gifts Sunday welcomed the Rev. Joca Gallegos from First Presbyterian Church, Douglas, Arizona, and Frontera de Cristo borderland ministries to deliver the message. A PW highlight of every year is the awarding of the Honorary Lifetime Membership, and this year this prestigious recognition was presented to Jack Oliver for his years of innumerable physical, artistic, and spiritual contributions to our church.
- In April, six ladies attended the PW of the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon Spring Gathering at Orangewood Presbyterian Church and enjoyed being with PWs from several other churches.



- Mesa PW hosted our own luncheon in May and invited ladies from the area. Our guest speaker was Chris Casanova, our PW Synod representative and now Synod Moderator, who shared information about the national USA Mission Experience, which our presbytery hosted for guests from around the country. Not only did they learn about the beauty and wonders of the Southwest; the trip extended to the border at Douglas/Agua Prieta where they learned about our border ministry, Frontera de Cristo.



- During our summer break, Susan Durand and Carol Anderson attended the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis in July. It was amazing to share the inspirational event with PWs from around the country and world.

- In September, we debuted a new mobile book cart in Fellowship Hall, which features a suggested reading list compiled by PWP. Our thanks to Susan McMichael for originating and completing that project which provides books for the whole congregation!
- In November, a group of us volunteered at Feed My Starving Children in Tempe. Additional opportunities have continued. It is a fun and worthwhile activity that provides foods for the hungry around the world.
- Our Christmas Holiday Luncheon was a more intimate FPC event on a Tuesday, featuring a potluck and video of one speaker from the Churchwide Gathering. We all agreed it was pleasant, relaxed, and stress-free, and we will probably continue this practice.



We are proudest of our tradition of giving to support our chosen missions, as well as PW philanthropies. Let us share our giving priorities:

Our deepest gratitude goes to Sara McWhorter, who in the name of FPC PW, makes prayer quilt squares that are offered to guests, friends, and anyone who would like one. She has made hundreds over the course of a couple years; recipients are always pleased and appreciative as they are reminded of the ever-present love of Jesus.

Sara and Suzi Payton sewed beautiful quilts which they donated to the FPC Mission Silent Auction last November. PW also donated gift cards for Honey Baked Hams for the fundraiser.

The missions we support annually through our PW budget include FPC Preschool, Mesa Presbyterian Ministries, FPC Food Pantry, FPC Clothes Closet, Montlure Camp, Salvation Army, as well as New Leaf Autumn House, and the Child Crisis Center. These missions are supported solely by members' pledges and special gifts. In 2024, PW also donated monies not used for Church-wide scholarships to the church to help support FPC's underfunded Per Capita fund.

PCUSA PW promotes two special offerings each year: Birthday (spring) and Thank (fall) Offerings. Also, at each event, Circle meetings and more, donations are collected for our "Least Coin" philanthropy. These offerings support projects both domestically and internationally and demonstrate that a small offering by many people adds up amazingly!

Glory to God for all the blessings we share as a PW, part of FPC Mesa, part of PW in Presbytery of the Grand Canyon, and part of PW in Synod of the Southwest!



Thank you to all my friends who remembered me after my surgery with their prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, food, etc. I am very thankful for my wonderful church family! I am doing much better and am anxious to be 100%, but still need to go slow so the bones heal. Special thanks to Ron who is a fantastic care giver!

Mary Jean Maedche

Administration

PROPERTY

Dave Frederick

Property Committee reports on the following actions during 2024

Important organizational changes

- Session approved trustees in 2024
- Folded the columbarium project into Board of Trustees responsibilities

The property Committee completed several capital improvement projects.

- New office copier installed
- Replaced some of the older office computers
- Upgraded Wi-Fi throughout campus
- Installed a new sign along Mesa Drive
- Installed fiber optic internet connection
- Repairs made to flood irrigation gates
- Restarted flood irrigation which significantly reduces our water bill

We share the campus with several churches and community groups who lease our facilities.

- Iglesia de Dios El Gran Pastor worships in the Chapel
- Garden City Church worships in Chapel
- Preschool classes in the Jackson rooms
- Early Head Start in the nursery
- Head Start hold class in the Head Start rooms
- Alcoholics Anonymous in the Parlor
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) holds classes in Fellowship Hall

Items anticipated for next year are

- Expansion of columbarium
- Repair sanctuary foundation
- Repair sidewalk cracks
- Replacement of the security alarm system

CLERK OF SESSION

Carol Gerlach

Session Meetings

- Session met 11 times in their Stated Meetings
- There was one Congregational Meeting in February
- The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting was held in February
- Session met in an Officers Retreat with Deacons and Trustees in September

Member Rolls and Registers

- Membership as of 1/1/2024 — 194
- New members — 4



- Members who joined the Church Triumphant — 6
- Transferred members — 4
- Members removed from the rolls — 6
- Membership as of 12/31/2024 — 182
- Active Affiliate Members — 5
- Baptisms — 0
- Marriages — 0
- Average weekly attendance — 89 in-person + 70 online = 159

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Brent Gregory

The members of the Finance Committee are Stewardship Elder Brent Gregory, Property Elder Dave Frederick, Clerk of Session Carol Gerlach, Endowment Committee chair Jack Gunter, and at-large members Carolyn Barber, Peter Eisenklam, Bob Gerlach, Jan Montgomery and Jeff Seehorn. Pastor Christian Johnson and bookkeeper Rob Kjar also attended meetings. The committee met monthly to review the church's financial reports and has undertaken the following actions in 2024:

- Recommended the 2024 budget to the Session.
- Completed a financial review for the year ending 12/31/2023.
- Completed a successful stewardship campaign with pledges totaling \$277,052 for the general fund and \$21,470 for the capital fund.
- Prepared a 2025 budget draft with the assistance of commissions and committees.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Brent Gregory

The members of the Endowment Committee are Dave Frederick, Jack Gunter, Renita Jurgensen, Ron Payton, and Todd Ramsey, with Brent Gregory, Stewardship and Finance Elder serving as an ex-officio member. The committee met three times during 2024 and has undertaken the following actions:

- Continued oversight of the Endowment Funds investment with a 2024 beginning balance of \$414,285 and a year-end balance of \$447,144.
- Loaned \$10,000 to the church's general account from the General Endowment.
- Disbursed \$2,880 for organ maintenance.
- Disbursed \$3,315 for the sanctuary sound system.
- Disbursed \$1,055 for Montlure camperships.
- Continued to interpret the endowment concept to the congregation through the Endowment Funds brochure.

Volunteers needed. The staff member providing Sunday set up and take down in Fellowship Hall has resigned. Until we can fill the position, we need a few individuals to assist with this task. Please let Jo Wilson or Chris McKee know if you can assist. wilsonjoa@gmail.com or chris@fpcmesa.org.

Deacons

As always, the work of the Deacons is that of compassion and connection. Deacons have been contacting people on their care list through phone calls, text messages, letters, cards and visits throughout the year. In March, in coordination with Fellowship, Deacons gave personal invitations to their flock to join them at the monthly potluck. People really responded with a great turn out.

Beyond the basic ministry to reach out to members within the church, the Deacons Food Pantry and Clothing Closet ministries continue to reach out to serve the community. Cheryl Gregory coordinates the Clothing Closet, while Betty Jean Reid-Hoeffler manages the Food Pantry. Reports from each are below. Flyers about current events are available and handed out. The Christmas Angel Tree ministry gave gifts to three families again this year, two from Food Pantry and one from Preschool.

In addition, the Deacons are involved in the Welcoming Ministry as part of the visioning initiative to be a Welcoming Church. We started putting the information kiosk in front of the sanctuary staffed by volunteers from the congregation at large. There is a rotating roster with volunteers who have signed up. We are making sure information is current and inviting, and that we have a warm welcome for all who come, visitors and church members alike.

Clothes Closet

Our mission continues to grow! We are serving our neighbors in the apartments, people who see the signs when they are driving by and advertising online. On average, in 2024 we served 30-35 people every Friday.

- We are advertising on Facebook and Instagram.
- We are open from 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- Clothing donations are collected every Sunday.
- Donations should be gently used, clean and free from damage.

The closet is mostly filled by donations of church members and their friends. We are so thankful for having such a loving and caring congregation! We welcome anyone who would like to join us any Friday morning from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This is a helpful and rewarding ministry that our church is providing to our community.



Deacon Food Pantry

The Deacon's Food Pantry is on the frontline in the fight against food insecurity weekly, getting food into the hands of those who need it with the help of donations from the congregation and Midwest Food Bank. In 2024, 1,202 people/families were given approximately 20 pounds of groceries. The food pantry saw the highest volumes in both summer and holiday months. The need was greatest the Friday between Christmas and New Years. Midwest Food Bank is our primary source of food. Midwest collects food leaving stores, factories or restaurants. The Congregation provides many of the basics. Needed food items are posted in FPC weekly update. The Food Pantry thanks everyone who supported the food pantry with monetary donations, weekly yellow wagon donations and/or food drive donations and hope you will continue your support.



The food pantry operates with a great group of volunteers! The volunteers help with picking up food, stocking shelves, repacking food, welcoming shoppers, filling shoppers' bags and caring for one another. Please come by if you need food, would like to volunteer or just want to check it out.

February Birthdays



Peggy Anderson	1st
Will Snitzer	2nd
Jean Chappell	9th
Aaron Chesko	10th
Ginny Mallia	11th
Kate Severance	14th
John Peterson	15th
Bob Schulz	15th
Sharon Brause	19th
Richard Schroeder	19th
Bryan Hickey	25th
Elly Weinel	26th
Matthew McKee	27th

Editor's Note: If your birthday is missing or we have the wrong date, please call the office so we can update our records. We wish a special day to anyone we have missed.

FPC Staff emails are listed below. Staff cell phone numbers are listed in the church directory.

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- Mark Ramsey: music@fpcmesa.org
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- Rob Kjar: business@fpcmesa.org
- Pearl Blair: preschool@fpcmesa.org

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

Anderson, Bill & Peggy
 11317 E. Meseto Circle
 Mesa, AZ 85209
 (Zip Code change only)

Calendar Notes

February

Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
 in the Sanctuary or online

Christian Education:

Children in Jackson B at 9:15 a.m.

Adults in Library at 11:20 a.m.

Food donations taken every Sunday

Clothing Closet donations taken every Sunday

Food Pantry & Clothing Closet open every Friday
 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 16

Session meets

February 17

President's Day — Office closed

February 19

Women's Bible Study

February 22

Mesa Interfaith Handbell Festival

February 23

Annual Meeting

Chili Cook-Off

Save the Date!

March 1

Spring Festival

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot



IN MEMORIAM

Chaz McInnelly — November 7, 2024



Financial Reports are not published but are available for pick up in the Sanctuary or church office later this month.

SCENES FROM 2024!



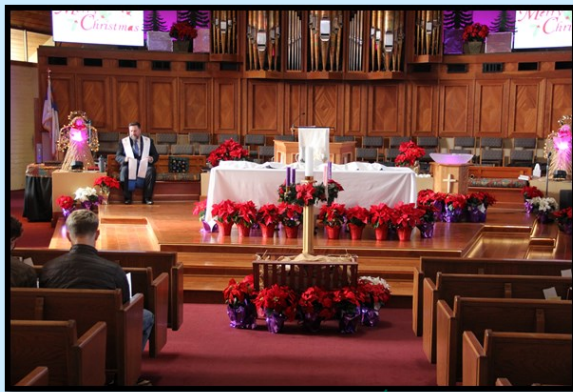


montlure
Traveling Day Camp

June 10-14

Monday - Thursday
9am to 3pm
Friday 9am to 12:30pm
Extended Care Mon-Thur until 5pm

\$75 off with Code FPC2024
Lunch is included



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