

Encanto Community Church

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The Pilgrim

March Events

- March 1 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
Yard sale prep
- March 2 Ash Wednesday service
- March 3 Yard sale prep
- March 4 Yard sale prep
- March 5 Yard Sale 6 AM-3 PM
- March 6 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
- March 8 Handbells 5 PM
- March 9 Trustees 6:15 PM
Church Council 7 PM
- March 13 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Pet food bagging
Deacons meeting
- March 15 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
- March 17 Nourish PHX volunteering 8:15 AM
- March 20 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Outreach meeting
- March 22 *Newsletter deadline*
Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
- March 23 Late Last Supper 6:30 PM
- March 27 One Great Hour of Sharing
Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Yard sale prep 11 AM-4 PM
- March 29 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM. It will be available in-person and online. If you are attending online, please let Rev. Gloria or one of the Deacons know and we will deliver ashes and communion to you home before Wednesday night.

March 2022

**WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING
CONGREGATION**



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Carl Baker-Madsen, Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Betty Grotewold, Ron Jasper, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Carol Krietenstein, Sandee Martinez, Rich Maxwell, Sheila McClure, Tom Nasser and family, George Penny and Noreen Walters, Patricia Probst, Steven Pines, Erich Schrader, Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Gavin V., Leonard Ward, Bill Willers, Encanto Community Church, Our Community, and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

Cookies

Do you like to bake? If you do, or if you would like to donate some store-bought baked goods, please consider bringing cookies (or another tasty treat) to share with everyone after church. You can sign-up to bring treats on any given Sunday by writing your name on the Fellowship Hour Cookie Calendar located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, just ask Todd for further information. Thanks!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2nd @ 7PM



ASH WEDNESDAY

"All go to the same place; all come from
dust, and to dust all return."

-Ecclesiastes 3:20

NEWS & INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report (General Fund for January 2022)



Beginning Balance: \$1,032.90
Received: \$11,448.81
Disbursed: \$15,096.65
Ending Balance: \$-4,660.74
For a loss of: \$5,693.64

Total Offering Receipts for January 2022

1/2	1/9	1/16	1/23	1/30
2017.01	2240.00	2310.80	1388.00	1230.00

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment account (\$84,961.33) during January 2022.

Copies of the monthly Treasurer's Reports, including a list of all disbursements, are on file in the office.

Tax Time Already

Once again, it's tax time. Accordingly, if anyone needs a receipt for items you donated to the 2021 Annual Encanto Church Yard Sale, please let Kathy Van Etten know, and she will provide you with one. Thank you.



The Grotewold Report

March Birthdays

- 6- Drivet Hru
- 7- Steven Pines
- 25- Lloyd Lo
- 31- Darwin Fisk
Noreen Walters

Youth Tutoring Night

In March, Youth Tutoring Night will be held at the request of any student (young or old). If you are interested, please let Kathy Van Etten or Steve Holloway know, and we'll schedule an evening to meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours. Qualified adults from our parish are available to offer assistance in any subject. Students should bring their textbooks or computer and homework assignments to the event. Students and teachers of all ages are welcome.

THE YARD SALE information

The 2022 spring yard sale will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., with proceeds being split between the Church General Fund and Youth Activities. Of course, it will feature all kinds of items including furniture, artwork, clothing, holiday items, collectibles, and clever gift ideas!

As usual, we will meet on the preceding **Friday night, March 4, 2022, starting at 6 p.m.,** to sort, price, and eat pizza. Then, on Saturday, March 5, 2022, we'll meet at 6:00 a.m. to set-up and get things ready for a 7 a.m. opening. Of course, **we will be doing some preliminary sorting, lifting, and pricing after church on the Sunday preceding the yard sale, February 27, 2022, and we need help in the weeks leading up to the sale picking-up donations and bringing them to church.** Please lend a hand, if you can!

If you're not able to work the sale, at least come by, do some shopping, and make a donation. It's for a good cause! You will find the array fascinating, ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime, and remember that all proceeds benefit our church! Hope to see you there!

In an effort to reduce the amount of work required the week before the next yard sale, many of us are getting together one Saturday per month to sort, price, and clean yard sale donations that have already been received. This is a big job, and everyone's help is appreciated. **This month, the Yard Sale Sorting Squad will be working in the basement of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.** Please join us as "many hands make light work." Also, please remember to **enter Fellowship Hall via the rear kitchen door that morning,** so you don't disturb the support group that will be meeting in the main area of the Hall. Thank you.

Who the Hell Are You?

by Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett

Pearl Carter, Everybody's Aunt Perky!

You probably didn't know you had an Aunt Perky. Pearl Carter, or Perky as she prefers, is our official church Aunt! If you are a member or friend of ECC, you have an Aunt Perky! Technically she might belong to Cindy and Jill, but in spirit she belongs to all of us.

Perky was born and raised on Live Oak Hill, Miami, Arizona. She is a retired teacher, having taught mostly the primary grades in the Madison School District. Perky describes herself as single, but she maintains a busy job as the family matriarch. Although she currently has no pets, there are several neighborhood cats that hang out at her place. And as a young girl she had free range pet ants!



Perky has been a part of the church family for ten years. She was invited to ECC by her nieces, Cindy and Jill. Perky describes her family as her most cherished possession, because she loves them and they love her and take such good care of her. While she may not serve on any boards or committees, Perky is vitally interested in our congregation. She is involved with bagging cat food for Nourish Phoenix. I can also personally attest that she has done some pretty nice things for us behind the scenes.

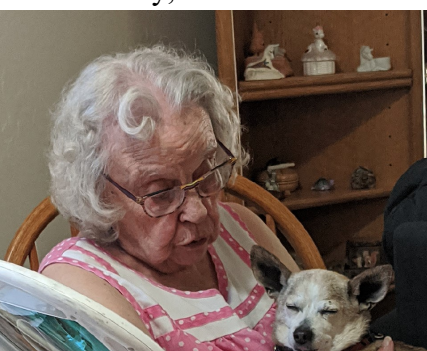


Among Perky's hobbies are knitting, crossword puzzles and reading. In her younger years she was quite the adventurer, hiking and observing the many beautiful sights of Arizona. Perky's favorite color is turquoise. Her first picks in the cuisine category are Mexican and Cornish pasties. For a low cost meal, Perky likes Del Taco, especially their loaded nachos. (Please take me with you next time!) For special occasions Perky is partial to Ruth's Chris Steak House.

While Perky is not a big sports fan, she always roots for ASU. She also enjoys the television show American Ninja Warrior, where men and women from all walks of life push through seemingly impossible tests of strength and endurance. Other small screen addictions include Master Minds, Doc Martin, America Says, and just about any British television series. Perky's silver screen selections include The Quiet Man and A Christmas Carol/Scrooge. (The 1951 version starring Alastair Sim.) Her best-loved actors are Raymond Burr and Claudette Colbert.



Perky especially appreciates the vocal skills of Englebert Humperdinck, Elvis Presley, Kay Starr and Patti Page. When Perky wants to listen to some good music, her choices are generally easy listening, classical or gospel. If Perky was given the chance to come back to this world as an animal, she would be a gorgeous, bright colored macaw flying free over the beauties of nature. And if Perky was elected President of a new country, she would call her country Contentment.



Perky, we are blessed to have you as a cherished member of the ECC family. We wish you health and happiness in the days ahead. It is a genuine privilege for all of us to have an Aunt Perky!



Pastoral Ponderings

Didn't I just wish you a Merry Christmas ... obviously not, because this week we will enter the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives. The 40 days of Lent are a time similar to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism. (There are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter but we do not count Sunday since they are days of celebration.)

The imposition of ashes during the Ash Wednesday Service began in the 11th Century. Services have been modernized throughout the ages to meet the needs of each Christian era. The ashes remind us that we are mortal and the gift of life should be well lived. The words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." are spoken while the sign of the cross is made on the forehead or hand.

The first Sunday of Lent I will begin a series of messages developed from a study prepared by Professor Amy-Jill Levine, a distinguished seminary professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies. The study is entitled "Witness at the Cross". We often think only of Jesus and the crucifixion when Black Friday is upon us. Yet, the four gospels speak of numerous unnamed and named witnesses with multiple reactions and behaviors. The series will conclude on Palm Sunday as we enter Holy Week.

I pray that you will make time during Lent to reflect on your spiritual life and spiritual relationships.

Blessings, Rev. Gloria

Late Last Supper

Our February culinary adventure for the **Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club** will take place at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022**, when we will join together for dinner on the patio at **Oven and Vine** located at **14 West Vernon, Phoenix, Arizona 85003** – that's just west of Central, one block north of Encanto. If you've never been to Oven and Vine, you will find that it is a cozy neighborhood restaurant that is located just blocks away from the church. You may have heard of Oven and Vine during the past year because it was the first restaurant in Phoenix to require customers to show their vaccination cards if they wanted to eat inside. Oven and Vine is not fancy. You order at the counter, and they bring the food to your table. Nevertheless, the food is delicious, and the wine list is great! Their specialties include several delicious green chili dishes, marvelous locally-sourced salads, amazing flatbreads, tasty charcuterie options, homemade bread, tiramisu, and gelato affogato. Please note that we will be dining on the patio (at picnic tables), so, dress accordingly. Also, Oven and Vine doesn't take reservations, so be prepared to wait for a few minutes. As always, we will meet at the restaurant, and we will each pay for our own meal and drinks. Please let Kathy V. know if you'll be attending, so she can include you in the count. Hope to see you there! Thanks!

Late
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Mission for Lent

During Lent your mission if you choose to accept it is serve others by adding an act of kindness each day during the season of Lent--40 acts of kindness. Below you will find ideas to get you started. You can use these ideas or come up with some of your own. It is advisable to keep a chart on what service you performed for someone else and each Sunday reflect on the week before.

Go big or go small ... it is the service and kindness that matters.

- Stop rushing and hold the door open for someone.
- Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
- Make someone laugh.
- Return someone's cart at the store.
- Give candy to your bank teller.
- Leave a happy note for someone.
- Put a small bin in your car to collect recycling.
- Pick up litter.
- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Compliment a friend.
- Plant something.
- Bake dessert for a neighbor.
- Walk dogs at the animal shelter.
- Check in on an elderly neighbor.
- Send a card to someone you have not recently.
- Tell someone why they are special to you.
- Donate outgrown clothes.
- Buy a coffee for a stranger.
- Pass out stickers to kids waiting in line.
- Talk to someone new at school.
- Weed or shovel for a neighbor.
- Donate food to the food pantry.
- Give a flower to someone to brighten their day.
- Tell a manager how good your service was.
- Donate socks and supplies to the homeless.
- Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello.
- Tell someone how much you love them.
- Say hello to everyone you see.
- Make someone else's bed.
- Say thank you when you see service members.
- Fill a kindness jar with candy for another family.
- Make a busy bag for a family with young children.
- Bring cookies to someone who helps you.
- Help make dinner.
- Donate new pajamas for foster kids.
- Make a get well card for someone.
- Bring your neighbors' garbage cans up for them.
- Take care of someone's pet while they're away.
- Clean up your room without being asked.
- Tape a video message for faraway friends.
- Leave kindness stones at the park.
- Give a candy bar to one who make your day easier.
- Send dessert to another family at a restaurant.
- Give spare change to the food pantry.
- Buy extra school supplies for a teacher.
- Teach someone something new.
- Forgive someone you are holding a grudge against.
- Give someone a hug coupon.
- Write a note for someone's lunch.
- Donate coloring books/crayons to a children's hospital or foster care agency
- Write a poem for a friend.
- Help someone unload groceries at the store.
- Collect books for the library.
- Decorate tissue boxes and hand sanitizer for nursing stations.
- Make a homemade gift for someone.
- Start collecting water to provide to the homeless during hot weather.
- Send a thank you card to someone.
- Smile at everybody. It's contagious.
- Buy coffee for a co-worker.
- Call an old friend and catch up.
- Start a gratitude journal.
- Say a prayer for someone you normally would not pray for.

February was paper recycling month. We took two loads of newspapers (a little over a ton) and earned \$100.00. Next we took the magazines and catalogs (about half a ton) and earned \$37.70. It was a good thing! Please remember that those catalogs you receive in the mail are just as desirable as magazines, at least for recycling. Let's keep doing what we're doing folks, it all adds up and it all makes a difference in our world. We're looking forward to March being metal recycling month. Stay tuned!



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:00 PM Handbells 7:00 Choir Yard sale prep	2 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday	3 Yard sale prep	4 Yard sale prep	5 Yard sale 6AM-3PM
6 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM In-person and streamed Worship 11 AM Fellowship time Happy Birthday Cindy Walley	7 Happy Birthday Steven Pines	8 5:00 PM Handbells 7:00 Choir	9 6:15 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Council	10	11	12
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Council Meeting: February 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Lisa Hermann. Attendees: Todd Montague, Steve Barrett, Kathy Van Etten, John Hasenstab, Lisa Hermann, Melanie Hermann, Steve Holloway, Marilyn Hall, and Pastor Gloria Smith (via Zoom).

Kathy Van Etten led members in prayer.

Melanie Hermann motioned that the minutes from the Council Meeting held January 12, 2022, be accepted. The other Council Members agreed, and the motion was accepted.

Kathy Van Etten reviewed the January Treasurer's Report and each Council member was given a copy.

Deacons Report:

John Hasenstab recapped the January Deacons Meeting highlights, the meeting was held at Paul Petrasek's. Moderator Lisa Hermann attended. Tom Nasser is the Deacon on Duty for February 2022.

The Deacon's assignments were updated for the 2022 calendar year. It was suggested that for the next Justice Topic we invite one of our newest members and a Surgical Nurse, Karen Cizek, to possibly give a presentation on the impact of Covid on the Health Care System. The Deacons also received Good and Positive feedback on the Holiday Services....Yeah! Lisa noted that the Sabbatical pay listed in the budget or the minister who will fill-in while Pastor Gloria is on Sabbatical had been increased by Council to \$7500.00 total for the three months. John will send a copy of notes to Deacons via email. Per John, the sabbatical processes are being finalized.

A National Preservation of Sacred Places Grants are now available. Steve Holloway and Lisa Herman will investigate feasibility for ECC

Old Business:

Trustees Report:

The outside bathroom is now usable. The Irrigation taps are done. Sanctuary air filters are being replaced. The Fellowship Hall front porch work is finished. Rose pruning has been ordered. Six new rose bushes left to be purchased and planted.

Discussion was held regarding issues surrounding the payment of the minister who will fill-in while Pastor Gloria is on sabbatical. Appreciation plaques to be ordered to recognize donations from various churches.

Tech Report: The pin lights are installed, possible incoming par cam light donations.

Treasurer's Report: The January financial report was presented by Kathy Van Etten.

Memorial Report: Discussions was held regarding the possibility of taking a Rose Garden Offering at Mother's Day.

Religious Education Report: Studying Black History this month, teaching life lessons as reflected in Christianity, and preparing for the yard sale. Monthly yard sale sorting and pricing is helping; students have stepped-up to move items from other locations.

Outreach Report: Michelle is working with the Red Cross's Blood Mobile to organize a blood drive at the church. The Saturday Morning Social Club as well as a few other leaders of other committees hope to meet in March to discuss the Social Club's status and if other committees can lend assistance in helping to coordinate Social Club events. Seong Jin has proposed goodie bags and surveys be distributed to new comers to greet them as they join us for worship. The Deacons will need to attend the next Outreach meeting to explore this project.

Hospitality: Todd has assigned monthly duties for the remainder of 2022, there are enough sealed snacks for the month of February. Beginning March 6, 2022 a mix of fresh and sealed items will be available for Fellowship Hour.

Pastor Gloria's report: New updates on Sabbatical, will update Deacons in upcoming Sunday's Deacon Meeting on February 13, 2022. A thank you note was received from Phoenix Rescue and Phoenix Outreach. Upcoming Moments of Justice, Holocaust Remembrances will be on Jewish Holiday before or after April 27, 2022. Just introducing information, there are 2 new grants, but will need entire Council and a Special Meeting for Exploration, for service projects with justice/spiritual needs. Grants also available for disaster prep, (Outreach will need to take lead). Emails sent out for webinars on how to setup safety measures, also information and webinars available on FEMA and DHS sites. A Task Force needs to be setup. Pastor Gloria will send links for Safety, Active Shooter Training. Possible to contact Search and Rescue for First Aid Training. Completing Ash Wednesday Processes.

Moderator's Report:

Lisa, attended the January Moderators and Treasurers meeting for the Southwest Conference.

The February 2022 calendar was reviewed and updated. Upcoming Super bowl Puppy Picks, Late Last Supper date revised. Mask reminders are still needed. Trustees will explore Grants and what projects are fundable or projects attainable.

New Business:

A donation may be forthcoming to repair or replace the carillon.

Duke Photography would like Encanto Church to host another meeting with the neighborhood, sometime in February, but more information on proposal for property's usage is needed, possible February 24, 2022 for Community Meeting at 4:00pm? Next available dates for possible Duke/Community meeting would be March 10th.

Meeting adjourned by Lisa at 9:07 p.m.

Deacon on duty for March:

The Deacons are available to *assist* the pastor.

The Deacon on duty for March is:

John Hasenstab (602) 503-9817

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