

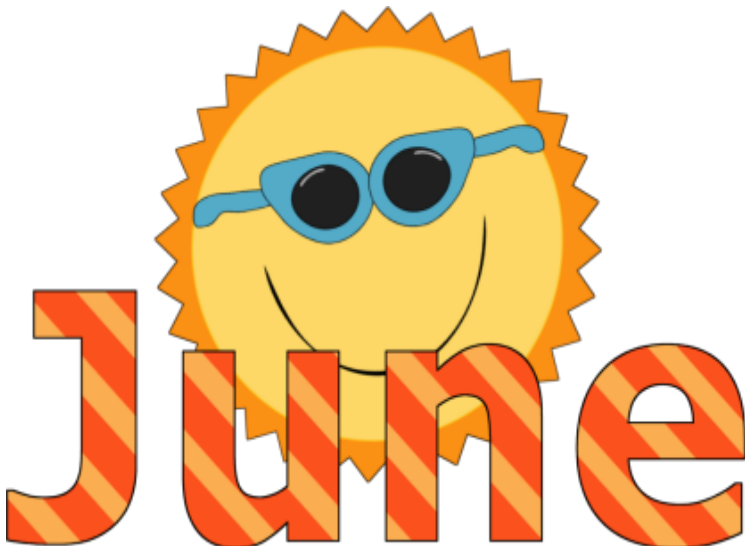
Encanto Community Church

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The Pilgrim

June Events

- June 1 Trustees 6:15 PM
Church Council 7 PM
- June 5 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Pet food bagging
Outreach meeting
- June 11 Yard sale sorting 10 AM
- June 12 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Summer Potluck
Deacons meeting
- June 16 Nourish PHX volunteering 8:15 AM
- June 19 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
- June 21 *Newsletter deadline*
- June 22 Late Last Supper 6:30 PM
- June 26 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Ice Cream Sunday



And so it begins.....

June 2022

**WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING
CONGREGATION**



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Betty Grotewold, Lisa Herrmann, Ron Jasper, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Mildred Junker, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Sheila McClure, Jason McDonald, Tom McDonald, Brad Madsen, Kimberly Mitchell, George Penny, Patricia Probst, Steven Pines, Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Gavin V., Leonard Ward, Bill Willers, Marika Witenko, Encanto Community Church, Our Community, and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

Late Last Supper

Our June culinary adventure for the **Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club** will take place at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, when we will join together for dinner at Seoul BBQ & Sushi located at 11025 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85029.** If you haven't been there, you will find that Seoul BBQ offers fresh, authentic Korean cuisine complete with a variety of kimchi side dishes, as well many types of barbeque that you cook at your own table. They also have delicious seafood, vegetables, and hot pots. Recently, they have added an "all you can eat" option, too, although many of us may be ordering family style instead. If you are interested in joining, please let Kathy V. know if you wish to join the party, and she will make the necessary reservations. Thanks!



NEWS & INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report (General Fund for April 2022)



Beginning Balance: \$1,027.29
Received: \$11,122.34
Disbursed: \$12,338.85
Ending Balance: \$-189.22
For a loss of: \$1,216.51

Total Offering Receipts for April 2022

4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
3630.00	696.34	1916.00	2582.00

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment account (\$78,046.24) during April 2022.

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

Yard Sale Prep

In an effort to reduce the amount of work required the week before the next yard sale, some of us are getting together one Saturday per month to sort, price, and clean yard sale donations that have already been received. This month, the **Yard Sale Sorting Squad will be working in the basement of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 10 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.

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, we will be holding a potluck dinner after church to welcome Pastor ellie hutchison to our congregation. Since we know how well our church "does food," we aren't making any assignments and none of the committees are providing the main dish. Instead, we'll just eat whatever everyone brings. Maybe, we'll only have dessert, or maybe, we'll only have fruit and vegetables.

Hard to say . . . always a culinary adventure . . . No matter what, we know the food will be delicious, and the company will be good! So, please bring your favorite dish to share, and get to know Pastor ellie.



The Grotewold Report

June Birthdays

- 2– Todd Montague
- 3– Rosemary Bowman
- 12– Lauren Baber
- 24– Shawn Bauer
- 26– Sharon Krietenstein

Deacon on duty for June:

The Deacons are available to *assist* the pastor.
The Deacon on duty for June is:

Michelle Lusania
602-783-7507

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Kathy S. for the festive tables she created for April and May! Thank you as well to everyone who baked or donated food items! If you would like to bake or donate some store-bought baked goods, 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!



The ECC youth will be hosting **Ice Cream Sundae Sunday on Sunday, June 26, 2022**, during Fellowship Hour! Take a break from the heat and enjoy a root beer float or other dairy delicacy while enjoying one of our church's great annual traditions!

Thanks to Jill, Steve, Tony, Cris, and Megan for facilitating the beautiful furniture donation we recently received for our yard sale, and thanks to those of you who shopped early – months before the fall yard sale!



Who the Hell Are You?

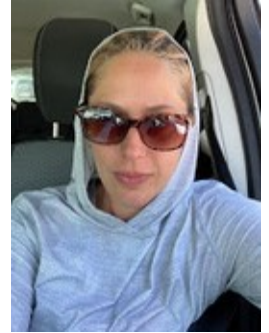
by Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett

“Who the Hell Are You?” (Who the HELLIE Is ellie?)

Introducing ellie hutchison, Our Sabbatical Interim Pastor

I probably should begin by answering the question, “What the Hell is a Sabbatical Interim Pastor?” First, a *sabbatical* is defined as a period of paid leave granted to a worker for study, travel, and renewal, traditionally once for every seven years worked. Pastor Gloria will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical after working eleven years at ECC. Second, *Interim* basically means temporary. Our Pastor will return the first Sunday in September.

Having said that, our church is pleased to announce that we have contracted with ellie hutchison, who will serve us during the summer months of June, July, and August. Her first Sunday will be June 5. ellie grew up by the Susquehanna River, close to the Mason Dixon Line. She split her adult life between Philadelphia and Phoenix, where as a single mother, she raised her son. She discovered ECC through contacts with our Conference Minister and Pastor Gloria.



The laughter and the openness of our Church Council made her feel right at home, along with the familiar smells and landscape of the church.

Professionally, ellie describes herself as a Curious Explorer, currently teaching GED Language and Social Studies classes at Rio Salado College. She also is a PT Social Justice Organizer with the AZ Faith Network and provides guidance to The Fountains UMC on the Mission work beyond Fountain Hills. For fun, she teaches creative writing and storytelling with her own little LLC. ellie has discovered by writing out her spiritual journey for the Member-in-Discernment process with the Southwest Conference of the UCC, that she has always been destined to be a Pastor.

ellie thrives on long nature walks with Sherman, her 10-year-old Blonde English Cocker Spaniel. Sherman has traveled with ellie from coast to coast, and throughout Arizona. In fact, if ellie were to come back in the next life as an animal, she would most certainly come back as Sherman! Additional interests include watching anime virtually with her son, engaging in embodiment/somatic practices, exercising, reading all sorts of things, writing, and dancing to House Music.... and, almost always winning at a variety of card games.

ellie defines her favorite food as anything cooked by someone else. (Can I hear an Amen!) For dining out, her choice is ALWAYS Ollie Vaughn’s Kitchen and Bakery at the corner of 16th St and McDowell. ellie’s favorite color varies. She loves orange cars and black dress clothes, along with green dresses and tops and white t-shirts and really colorful sneakers.

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Who the Hell Are You? - continued from the last page

She enjoys almost all college and Olympic sports. And even in a previous life, she was a sports broadcaster,



but she became disenchanted with the ways America treats athletes. Two movies that were instrumental in Ellie's youth are *Top Gun* and *Dead Poets Society*. Among her guilty television pleasures are *Ted Lasso*, *Insecure*, *Yellowstone*, *Snowpiercer*, *The Chi*, *Living Single*, *Atlanta*, *Parks & Rec*, *Golden Girls*, *West Wing*, *The Wonder Years* (reboot), and *Attack on Titan* (just to name a few).

When it comes to music, ellie is a child of the 80's and 90's, and highly influenced by Rap, R&B, Hip Hop, Jazz and Country Music. Currently, she is really into House Music and the new Kendrick Lamar album, though she has a wide variety of music playing on her phone at any given time. Among her best loved places to travel are the Verde Valley, Southern Arizona, California and New Mexico. Given the money, ellie would love to return to Italy for a third time.

Ellie describes herself as an introvert who has no problem drawing boundaries to protect herself. In her "spare time," she provides Chaplain Support for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, the San Francisco Night Ministry, and volunteers with St Peter's Episcopal Church inside Perryville Women's Prison in Goodyear. (Ellie, you are a very busy person!) ellie also manages to keep alive over 120 indoor plants and 25 outdoor plants.



Like many of us, ellie is deeply influenced by the time and place she grew up in. Music and art forms that lay out inequities and imagine new futures are vital to how she feels supported in the world. Both Liberation and Queer Womanist theologies drive her to reread the Bible through a freedom lens and to imagine the world as it was meant to be from the beginning.

We are so thankful that ellie will preach and provide pastoral care for us this summer. Let's enthusiastically support and nourish her as she labors among us. ellie, we welcome you to ECC, and we thank you in advance for watching over us during the next few months.

Pastoral Ponderings

As I write this, I am 2 days away from a week's vacation and sabbatical. It does not quite seem real that I will not see any of you for 3 months. It has been 11 years since that has happened. As I leave for the summer, I rest confident the congregation's ability and willingness to minister to one another as well as you Deacon's ability to provide spiritual care along with the Sabbatical Interim Pastor. Rev. Steve Barrett has prepared an article in this newsletter that will introduce you to Pastor ellie hutchison.

During Council, we learned that a few of the congregational members had a question about the American flag that was in the church and has not been seen recently. I hope that I can answer your question thoroughly without going into more information than you really want. The flag once stood in the sanctuary and had for years as in many churches through America's history. According to The Flag Code (United States Statutes at Large, Seventy-seventh Congress, Second Session 1942, Volume 56 — Part I, Public Laws) states in Section 3 (k): "When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the [American] flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the congregation or audience." If we placed the American flag to the right of the pulpit, the flag becomes the dominate focus of honor and celebration. Yet, while we are extremely appreciative for our nation and respect it's flag, it is not the most important item in the sanctuary or the reason for our gathering. The sanctuary is where we acknowledge God as the most important relationship and identity we hold. So, all of the flags have been removed from the sanctuary.

In regard to the property, the American flag has appeared and been removed on numerous occasions because we were incapable of displaying it correctly. The American flag is to be lit if it is displayed during the evening. We have not had the opportunity to connect a timer to our outdoor lights before now. We are insuring that the flag is displayed properly at the front entrance to Fellowship Hall not as a political statement but as a symbol of historic patriotism. Since we hang additional flags during the year, we are arranging to have 2 flag holders installed. When this is completed, the American flag will hang as required by the Flag Code. We will hang any additional flags (Pride flag, Trans. flag, etc.) we fly to the opposite side of the entrance.

I hope that this answers the question anyone has regarding the American flag. If you have additional questions, we can discuss it in the fall.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer. If you are traveling, be safe but also have an exciting adventure.

Blessings to all of you, Rev. Gloria



Meegan and Margaret fresh off their excellent hand bell performance on music appreciation Sunday.



John and Su volunteering at NourishPhx with Udoka Azubuike of the Utah Jazz.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Council	2 Happy Birthday Todd Montegue	3 Happy Birthday Rosemary Bowman	4
5 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM In-person and streamed Worship 11 AM Fellowship time Petfood bagging Outreach meeting	6	7	8	9	10	11 10 AM Yard sale sorting
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26 Happy Birthday Sharon Krietenstein 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM In-person and streamed Worship 11 AM Fellowship time Ice cream Sunday	27	28	29	30		

Council Meeting: May 11, 2022

Moderator Lisa Herrmann called the May ECC Council Meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

Attendees: Todd Montague, John Hasenstab, Kathy Stock, Melanie Herrmann, Kathy Van Etten, Lisa Herrmann, Steve Holloway and Pastor Gloria Smith, and Sabbatical Minister JoEllen Hutchinson.

Prayer was led by Lisa Herrmann.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved and seconded by all members in attendance.

Treasurers Report was reviewed by Kathy Van Etten, clerical errors affecting the Checking Account Balances for October 2021 thru March 2022 have been corrected, and are as noted on the Summary of Funds Balances details on the April 2022 Summary of Funds Balance Report. The Council voted and approved disbursement of the Yard Sale proceeds to the Youth Activities and the General Fund.

Deacons Meeting updates were given by John Hasenstab, announcement will be placed in the newsletter and in Sunday's announcements for anyone wishing to volunteer special music during the upcoming summer months. A thank you note was received from George Penny for the urn. The Deacons are working on the Social Justice Project for the summer, most likely will be on the Refugee Project/Pastor Gloria has valuable input of current projects and how ECC can become involved. Pastor Gloria is also prepping her office for usage during the Sabbatical and items belonging in the Deacons Room will be placed in hall for Deacons to properly store.

Trustee Report: Steve Holloway led discussions regarding the shed(s) much needed repairs, and workable solutions. The Stained Glass Windows repairs will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks by Del Krietenstein and Steve Holloway. The Main Church Sign options are being explored and we are working with the Church's Insurance Company. The sound boards will be operated during the services July 3, 2022. A new HDMI cable is needed for the apple pc.

Financial Secretary Report given by Kathy Van Etten, the monies are in the bank.

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten, classes are continuing down stairs. There will be no Summer Camp held in Arizona this year. Camp in California's Pilgrim Pines will be next year....but prices have significantly increased. There are plans in the works for the ECC youth's summer activities.

Memorial Fund Report given by Kathy Stock, updates will be on next month's reports.

Outreach Report given by Melanie Herrmann, the attendance for the first 2 cinema under the stars have been very good, thanks to Church neighbors and friends for joining us. The Community Dog Wash is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022. The May Outreach Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022, after Sunday Services.

Hospitality Report given by Todd Montague, the hospitality schedule is posted, all things are going well. Kathy Stock has done a splendid job in the hospitality area....everything from organizing the shelved items in the cabinets to excellent services during the Sunday Fellowships. Thank you so much!

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Gloria Smith, currently working to get all projects and items arranged for the assistance to the Sabbatical Minister and the Associate Conference Minister on the first Sunday in June. Lisa Herrmann will introduce the Sabbatical Minister and Associate Conference Minister on June 5, 2022. Pastor Gloria also shared the very positive feedback from the Holocaust Remembrance Services. This year Encanto Community Church received a 7 for 7 Certificate for the 2021 Year, it will be posted on the bulletin board.

Moderator Report given by Lisa Herrmann, ECC Council will need to name a 5th member for the Pastoral Relations Committee, the next meeting will be in the fall of 2022. The ad hoc Security Task Force met in late April and are continuing to develop plans for ECC needs. Lisa Herrmann and Pastor Gloria attended the Annual Conference Meeting. The calendar updates for May and June were made.

Lisa Herrmann gave the current ECC Member concerns presented to her for the ECC Council:

The American Flag is currently not being flown on ECC's Campus:

The ECC Garden's current dismal state:

The American Flag is currently not flying at ECC, repairs are needed on the pole hardware. The Council suggested and voted to place 2 flag poles (each well lit), the American Flag will be flown and Occasional Flags (dictated by social occurrences/events) will be flown. The measure was discussed at great depth, voted on and approved by all Council Members in attendance. Outreach will work on the garden issues, the water has been shut off for now due to pending repairs needed on the hoses and timers. Repairs are scheduled for later this year.

Old Business: Summer Worship Services will still be in the sanctuary.....but stay tuned for any updates.

New Business: will be discussed at June's ECC Council Meeting.

ECC Council Meeting adjourned by Lisa Herrmann at 9:40 P.M.

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