

Encanto Community Church

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The Pilgrim

July Events

- July 3 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Pet food bagging
- July 6 Pastoral Apprentice ellie in office 1-4PM
- July 10 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Deacons meeting
- July 13 Pastoral Apprentice ellie in office 1-4PM
Trustees 6:15 PM
Church Council 7 PM
- July 14 Youth 3-D mini golf 6 PM
- July 16 Yard sale sorting 10 AM
- July 17 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Outreach meeting
- July 20 Pastoral Apprentice ellie in office 1-4PM
- July 21 Nourish PHX volunteering 8:15 AM
- July 23 Youth Science Center field trip &
sleepover at church
- July 24 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
- July 26 ***Newsletter deadline***
- July 27 Pastoral Apprentice ellie in office 1-4PM
Late Last Supper 6:30 PM
- July 31 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Ice Cream Sunday



July 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, Carl 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 July culinary adventure for the Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, when we will join together for dinner at The Cheesecake Factory located at 2402 East Camelback, Phoenix, Arizona 85016, in the Biltmore Shopping Mall. If you've never been to The Cheesecake Factory, you need to get out more! This long-standing restaurant has been considered one of the foremost purveyors of cheesecake for many years, consistently producing dozens of types of delectable cheesecakes and other desserts. Of course, they also have delicious main dish items including salads, pastas, sandwiches, pizzas, steaks, and comfort food - the menu is expansive with over 250 selections from which to choose! As usual, we will each pay for our own dinner, and we'll meet at the restaurant.

Please let Kathy V. know if you'll be attending, so she can make the necessary arrangements. Life is short. Eat dessert first!



NEWS & INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report (General Fund for May 2022)



Beginning Balance: \$-189.22
Received: \$12,556.07
Disbursed: \$14,182.55
Ending Balance: \$-1,815.70
For a loss of: \$1,626.48

Total Offering Receipts for May 2022

5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29
3275.43	897.00	1032.00	2585.00	9285.43

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment account (\$78,188.12) during May 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, July 16, 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.

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!

Deacon on duty for July:

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

Jamie Vice
602-327-2051

The Grotewold Report

July Birthdays

- 4-- Zoe Couglan-Velasquez
- 6-- Lucas Sortor
- 7-- Kathy Stock
- 9-- Patty Arnold
- 13-- Steve Krietenstein
- 23-- Elice Higginbotham
- 26-- George Penny
- 27-- Debbye Jones
- 29-- John Hasenstab

No Streaming July 3

Please know that we will not be streaming the Sunday church service on Sunday, July 3, 2022, since our entire Tech Team is taking the holiday weekend off. This means that if you want to participate in church that week, you will actually need to physically come to church - just like you did before the pandemic. Remember what that's like? Hope to see you there!



Name Change

Our beloved Erich Schrader has asked that we let you know that he has formally changed his name to Chris Schwarz. Nevertheless, he says that he remains "the same, ol' lovable character! So are we supposed to call him Erich or Chris? Call him at (480) 236-7538 to find out.

Yard Sale Donations

Our fall Encanto Church Yard Sale will be held on October 22, 2022. While that is many months away, you are still welcome to donate any of your gently used items to the sale. Please let Kathy V. or Steve H. know if you need help getting your donations to church.

Who the Hell Are You?

by Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett

Betty Grotewold, Pillar of the Church

Simply amazing! Those are words that aptly describe the one and only Betty Grotewold. Betty has twice been a part of five living generations within her 87 years, on her maternal side. She raised three beautiful daughters, and has seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, ranging in age from 6 to 47. With all her work as the family matriarch, Betty still maintains a witty sense of humor. When I asked her to be the subject this month's article, she replied "You better get me while I'm still here!"

Betty came to ECC in 1974 or 75. If you name a position in our church, Betty has probably held it, and likely more than once! Just to name a few, she has served as church office secretary, official clerk, editor and distributor of the Pilgrim newsletter, hospitality chair, and president of the Women's Fellowship. She has been a member of the altar guild, outreach, diaconate, trustees, council moderator, recording secretary, and a voting delegate at several Southwest UCC conferences. That's not all! What many of us look forward to most is a "Betty card" on the special occasions of our lives. I always know when my birthday is coming thanks to her thoughtfulness. And who could ever forget Betty's memorable costumes at our annual Halloween party?

Betty's community work is equally exemplary. She has served on the board of the Arizona Ecumenical Council, and as editor/publisher of AZ-ICE newsletter of the Arizona Interfaith Coalition on Energy. The coalition was successful in lobbying and negotiating a reduced energy rate structure for churches and other places of worship. Betty has also been a member and committee chair for CWU, Church Women United. She served as treasurer of the Phoenix Soroptimist Club, and as director, secretary and parliamentarian for ALBA, the Arizona Licensed Beverage Association.



Throughout Betty's professional life she worked in the telecommunications field, first at Northwestern Bell in Clinton, IA, and then at Mountain Bell in Prescott and Phoenix, AZ. Betty's responsibilities ranged from customer service to office equipment procurement and computer system security administration to name a few. She has been retired since 1987, for more years than she worked...a goal we all dream to attain!

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Betty has always savored the opportunity to explore planet earth. For 35+ years she traveled to approximately 35 countries, with her favorite means of transportation being either a train with a compartment or a riverboat cruise. Her constant travelling companion was her husband, Jerry, who passed away in 2016. Betty has always been especially intrigued with the history and mysteries of the Titanic. An unfulfilled bucket list is to travel on the Orient Express.

Betty has numerous favorite movies, such as *Changing Places*, *Sametime Next Year*, *Pink Panther*, *Waking Ned Devine*, *Annie*, *Mary Poppins*, *The*



Unsinkable Molly Brown, and *Forest Gump*. Her small screen picks include *Jeopardy*, *Bull*, *Nova*, *Masterpiece Mystery*, any PBS or BBC drama series, and anything Agatha Christie. Betty's preferred musical genres are smooth jazz and classical, with her best-loved singers being Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis and Michael Buble. She adores the arrangements of Jackie Gleason, especially his Christmas album.

Encanto UCC is truly blessed to have such a devoted member as Betty Grotewold. The Bible describes James and Peter and John as pillars of the faith. Although she might balk at the description, Betty is certainly a pillar of our church. In the same vein as we thank those who have served us in the military, we say to Betty, "Thank you for your service to ECC!"

Late Last Supper



Youth at the Musical Instrument Museum



Youth Dog Wash



Jan's Culinary Experience



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
12 OGHs offering 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM In-person and streamed Worship 11 AM Fellowship time Summer potluck	13	14	15	16 8:15 AM Nourish PHX	17	18
19 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM In-person and streamed Worship 11 AM Fellowship time	20	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 6:30 PM Late Last Supper	23	24 Happy Birthday Shawn Bauer	25
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: June 1, 2022

The June 1, 2022 ECC Council Meeting was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 7:08 P.M. Attendees: Kathy Stock, Todd Montague, Lisa Herrmann, Melanie Herrmann, Steve Barrett, Steve Holloway, Kathy Van Etten, and Pastoral Apprentice ellie hutchison. Prayer was led by ellie hutchison. Moderator Lisa reviewed the minutes from the May 2022 Council meeting, Council Members motioned, voted on and accepted the records.

Treasurer Report was given by Kathy Van Etten, the receipts and expenditures for May were all detailed and copies given to all in attendance. There was a higher than usual APS bill in May for the Fellowship Hall, so a *reminder to all, please be sure to let Tony know when the area is no longer in usage so the thermostat's set schedule can be resumed and the air is turned off.*

Deacons Report was given by Lisa Herrmann, the Deacons will be in charge of Sunday Services on June 19, 2022. Visiting UCC guest speakers will share their Ukrainian Refugee projects and experiences with the ECC Congregation.

Trustees Report given by Steve Holloway, projects are partially completed, the stained glass window is out and is currently in the deacon's room to see if the suggested fix will work. The light on the flag poles are being put on a timer. The kitchen faucet has been fixed (a big thank you to the Robinson Family Plumbing for assisting Tony). The air conditioning units on the Fellowship Hall and the Caretakers Cottage all need a repair kit installed on each to correctly reduce the amperage needed. A circuit breaker on the Fellowship Hall air conditioning unit also needs to be replaced. The Security Camera Proposal was review with council by Tom Nasser the maximal cost is currently \$23,000.00. The recycle shed floor needs repairing. Kathy Van Etten is working with the Church's Insurance Company of the main sign replacement.

Technology Report: A controller board is needed and additional lighting, but monies are still available from the grant.

Financial Report: The monies for May are in the bank.

Religious Education Report: The youth group made flags for the services on Pentecost Sunday. ECC was notified that the Annual NourishPhx Back to School Supplies Drive is happening this month, the bins are ready and will be placed in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Due to the short notice, an announcement will be made during the Sunday Service, and the turnaround time is shorter this year, the bins will be picked up at the end of June. A change has been made to the young people's program beginning Sunday June 5, the older youth will remain in the sanctuary church services, only the younger kids will be going to the Fellowship Hall. The Religious Education Group has a series of fun\cultural\ educational outings and life skill learning events planned this summer for our Youth Group.

Memorial Fund Report was given by Kathy Stock, the Rose Garden deposit has been made. Thanks to all who gave.

Outreach Report was given by Melanie Herrmann, the community dog wash was a success, about 13 dogs were here. One Great Hour of Sharing will be on June 12, 2022 as well as the annual summer pot luck. The movie nights this year were good, the feedback and attendance was great.

Hospitality Report was given by Todd Montague, a big thank you goes to Kathy Stock for going above and beyond during her stint as one of the hosts....great job on the cabinets reorg The cookie and baked goods signup sheets for July, August, and September will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Report given by ellie hutchison, today June 1, is Ellie's first day to the meeting, so there is nothing so far for this month.

Moderators Report given by Lisa Herrmann, nothing requiring the Moderator's attention has been submitted this month. The Pastoral Relations Committee has met, and we welcome new member Janet Maxwell. The Security Task Force is still in progress, the remaining FEMA Webinars will be attended, and the last scheduled webinar for this year will be on June 9, 2022. The summer youth projects are being explored and planned. Stewardship Meeting was held and the planned giving campaign will be fully explored in the fall meeting. Calendar updates were made for June and July. The Annual Fall Yard Sale has been scheduled for October 22, 2022, and the EKC Dog Show is scheduled for September 10, 2022. There are no changes to the Covid 19 policies.

New Business: none at this time.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 P.M. by Moderator Lisa Herrmann.

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