

Encanto Community Church

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The Pilgrim

September Events

- September 1 Spanish/English Class 7 PM
- September 4 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Pet food bagging
- September 6 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
- September 10 EKC Dog Show 10 AM
Yard Sale Prep 1-3 PM
- September 11 **Rally Day**
Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
Deacons Meeting
- September 13 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
- September 14 Trustees 6:15 PM
Council 7 PM
- September 15 Nourish PHX volunteering 8:15 AM
Spanish/English Class 7 PM
- September 18 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
- September 20 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM
Newsletter deadline
- September 21 Late Last Supper 6:30 PM
- September 25 Bible study 8:45 AM
In-person & streamed service 10 AM
Fellowship time -- right-after-church-AM
- September 27 Handbells 5 PM
Choir 7 PM

August Late Last Supper



September 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, Linda, Marilyn and Family, Rich Maxwell, Sheila McClure, Jason McDonald, Tom McDonald, Carl Madsen, George Penny, Patricia Probst, 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.

Late Last Supper

Our September culinary adventure for the **Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club** will take place at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, when we will join together for dinner at Alexi's Grill located at 3550 North Central Avenue, Suite 120, Phoenix, Arizona.** You'll find that Alexi's is a family-owned and operated Old World European-style restaurant that offers a variety of homemade delicious Italian dishes at reasonable prices. They also have a lengthy tradition of supporting various community organizations, and they have been a part of our mid-town neighborhood for almost 30 years. So, we are happy to support them! 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. Hope to see you there!

Alexi's
GRILL & CATERING

NEWS & INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report (General Fund for July 2022)



Beginning Balance: \$-5,331.03
Received: \$13,786.00
Disbursed: \$15,842.73
Ending Balance: \$-7,387.76
For a loss of: \$2,056.73

Total Offering Receipts for July 2022

7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31
259.00	2305.00	3980.00	237.00	3000.00

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment account (\$77,383.45) during July 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, September 10, 2022, from 1 pm. until 3 p.m.** Please join us as "many hands make light work." Thank you.

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Marilyn & Jamie for hosting during August, and thank you to Lluvia, Iris, Lettie, Jose, Emily, & Marilyn for providing treats, and to all who contributed to Christmas in August! If you would like to bake or donate some store-bought goods, please sign up on the Cooking Calendar posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Deacon on duty for August:

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

John Hasenstab
602-503-9817

The Grotewold Report

September Birthdays

3- Pearl "Perky" Carter
12- Janet Maxwell
14- Chris Schwarz
16- Kathy Van Etten
17- Ed Stock
19- Tom Nasser
22- Lisa Herrmann
Megan Swarens
23- Geneva Donner
24- George Martinez
27- Steve Barrett
30- Gloria Smith

Tutoring / Language Lessons

No habla Ingles? You don't speak Spanish? We can fix that! **Join us in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 1, 2022, and Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 7 p.m. for our Spanish-English / English-Spanish class.** Our goal is to help non-English speakers learn some basic conversational English while teaching our non-Spanish speakers a bit of conversational Spanish. We will also hold Youth Tutoring Night at the same time. Interested students should bring their textbooks or computer and homework assignments and be ready to work. Students and teachers of all ages are welcome.

Tech Team

Are you interested in audio and video production? If so, join our Tech Team. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help run the cameras, mics, and streaming during the Sunday services. No experience is necessary. Please see Kathy V. or Steve H. if you are interested. Thank you.

Who the Hell Are You?

by Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett

Santiago Quinteros, Profile In Kindness

To know Santiago Quinteros is to know someone who is the epitome of kindness, love and humor. ECC has indeed been blessed since Santiago came to us about four years ago. Santiago first tried other churches, but then he found us. He was impressed with the sincerity and positive attitude of our people, and the fact that he found us to be a “snob-free zone.” (Amen!) He thoroughly enjoys the people who are a part of our church family.

Santiago was born and raised in El Salvador, and came to the United States in 1979. He worked as a bartender throughout his career, including three years for the Carnival Cruise Line. (I really like margaritas, hint, hint!) Santiago is a true animal lover, and he has had as many as six dogs at one time. Currently he is the proud papa of two dogs, Gordo and Seco, a dachshund and a chihuahua.

When he’s not preoccupied with the dogs, or helping around at church, Santiago enjoys drawing, painting (the artsy type, not the paint your house type), cooking and reading. The subjects that deeply interest him include history and biographies of painters and sculptors. His favorite color is blue. When I asked him what kind of food he likes, Santiago replied “Everything!” But he did mention lasagna and spaghetti as two dishes that really hit the spot. For cheap dining, McDonald’s is his go to place, and for a little more \$\$\$, any good Italian restaurant will do.

Santiago’s preferred sport is tennis, both watching and playing. If you know anyone who would like a tennis partner, look him up! His movie tastes are varied. *Titanic* is on the top of his list. He also enjoys history, biographies, and movies with a gay theme. Television favorites include *Will and Grace*, *Golden Girls*, *Friends* and *Cheers*. Santiago appreciates any actor or actress who supports the gay community with their words and deeds.

Without a doubt Santiago is a fan of classical music, though he is also partial to 60’s and 70’s oldies. Topping his greatest hit lists would be the music of Elton John, the Carpenters, and the Beatles - the early years. If Santiago had the opportunity to travel back in time, he would like to meet Michelangelo in Rome. If he were to come back to life as an animal, he would enjoy being spoiled rotten as the family dog in a loving family. His most beloved holiday is Christmas. Coming in a close second is the Fourth of July.

Santiago has always enjoyed traveling. He visited many countries while working on the cruise line. He spent a year learning English in Great Britain at his own expense. Altogether Santiago has visited 14 countries.

If the church needs anything done, Santiago is one of the first people to volunteer. He loves greeting our visitors and getting to know them. Thank you, Santiago, for spreading love and kindness wherever you go. You are truly a godsend to the ECC family!



Christmas in August

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with Christmas in August. It was great fun, and dinner was delicious!





Season of Creation: September 1st - October 2nd.

National Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - September 1st.

Creator of All,

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For "faith comes from hearing."

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Burning Bush

"I have heard their cry... I know their sufferings.. Come, now! I will send you ... I will be with you---Ex. 3: 1-12

The burning bush is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as fires crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. As you celebrate this Season of Creation, light candles, light the Easter fire, adorn a bush in your place of worship or action. And may this symbol remind us to take off our sandals, contemplate our connection to holy ground, listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home. (From the members of the Season of Creation Advisory Committee)

ENCANTO KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES THE THIRD ANNUAL EKC DOG SHOW & PET PARADE

The Encanto Kennel Club announces the third annual EKC Dog Show and Pet Parade. The event will take place 10:00 a.m., Saturday September 10, 2022, at the Encanto Community Church Fellowship Hall, and it will feature music, beverages, treats, and a unique disdain of formality. The event celebrates all well-behaved pets and pet owners, and it will feature the crowning of the 2022 EKC Best in Show.

Other awards will include:

Best Lap Dog & Couch Potato

Best Belly Rubbee

Most Extravagant Welcome

Best Wiggle Butt

Best Walking Companion

The Zoe Memorial Smile Award

So, mark your calendars and plan to join the festivities!



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 PM Tutoring & Spanish/English lessons	2	3 <i>Happy Birthday Pearl Carter</i>
4 8:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM Worship service 11 AM Fellowship time Petfood bagging	5	6 Handbells 5 pm Choir 7 pm	7	8	9	10 EKC Dog Show 10 am Yard Sale Prep 1-3 pm
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Council Meeting: August 10, 2022

The Encanto Community Council meeting on August 10, 2022 was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann – via zoom at 7:27 P.M.

Attendees: John Hasenstab, Apprentice Pastor Ellie Hutchinson, Kathy Van Etten, Steve Barrett, Kathy Stock, Todd Montague, Steve Holloway, and Melanie Herrmann. Open prayer was led by Apprentice Pastor Ellie Hutchinson.

The ECC Council Minutes for the July 13, 2022 meeting were reviewed, and accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report was given by Kathy Van Etten; the Endowment Fund softly rebounded, monthly tithes & offerings were up, but a withdrawal is needed to meet the increased seasonal expenses.

Deacons Report given by John Hasenstab; the scheduled Deacons Meeting for August is cancelled due to the Christmas in August. Michele revamped and organized the food pantry, and a big Thank You to all for the donations.

Trustee's Report given by Steve Holloway; Facilities – the main sign work is still moving slow. The air unit in the Fellowship Hall is repaired and working great. The Plumbing repairs in the Fellowship Hall have been made by Collins Plumbing at a very reasonable price.

Interviews are now being scheduled for the Church Secretary Position.

The Hybrid Church Grant report will be updated in the September Council and Trustee meetings.

Jamie has stepped up to help with the sound on the Tech Committee.

Financial Secretary Report given by John Hasenstab; the monies are in the bank.

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten; The Organ Stop Pizza trip is scheduled for August 12, 2022, Tutoring night and Spanish\English, English\Spanish, scheduled on August 18, 2022.

Memorial Fund Report given by Kathy Stock; a Thank You to all donors.

Outreach Report given by Melanie Herrmann; the book drive is going well, and will continue until the end of August. Outreach will be participating along with Apprentice Pastor Ellie Hutchinson in the Maricopa County Sherriff's Pet Blessings at Shadow Mountain Church on August 26, 2022.

Hospitality Report given by Todd Montague, The cookie drive resumes and is in full swing in September, the signup sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Report; given by Apprentice Pastor Ellie Hutchinson; the Pastoral Office Hours for the last week in August will be on Monday, August 29, 2022, no hours on August 31, 2022.

Moderator's Report given by Moderator Lisa Herrmann, the ECC Task Force will meet in the fall, to prioritize and organize safety and security steps for the ECC Campus. The ECC Stewardship Committee will meet in the fall per John Hasenstab. The August Calendar updates were made: August 20, 2022, the Pit Bull Spay & Neuter Clinic, August 26, 2022 the MCSO Pet Blessing at Mountain Shadow Church, Pastor Office Hours Monday, August 29, 2022.

Old Business: No changes to the COVID Policies.

Moderator Lisa Herrmann adjourned the ECC Council meeting at 8:27 P.M.

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