

# Encanto Community Church

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## The Pilgrim

### May Events

May 2	Hand Bells 5 PM Choir 7 PM
May 7	Pet Food Bagging Confirmation & Adult Ed. 11:30 AM Spanish/English 11:30 AM
May 9	Hand Bells 5 PM Choir 7 PM
May 10	Trustees 6:15 PM Council 7 PM
May 14	Happy Mother's Day! Emily Morales' Confirmation Deacons Meeting Spanish/English 11:30 AM
May 16	Hand Bells 5 PM Choir 7 PM
May 17	Late Last Supper 6:30 PM
May 18	Nourish Phoenix 8:15 AM
May 20	Yard Sale Sorting 10 AM-Noon
May 21	Music Appreciation Day Outreach Meeting Spanish/English 11:30 AM
May 23	Hand Bells 5 PM Choir 7 PM
May 28	Pentecost Sunday Spanish/English 11:30 AM
May 29	Memorial Day
May 30	Newsletter Deadline! Hand Bells 5 PM Choir 7 PM

### Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Lettie, Santiago, Iris, Lluvia and Emily for hosting during April! In addition to cake on Easter and the Church Picnic, we enjoyed treats from Michelle & Tony, Elaine, Annette and Kathy S.! Thank you all so much!

**WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING  
CONGREGATION.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
HERE!**

### May 2023



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Jane Gempeler, Ron Jasper, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Mildred Juncker, Carol Krietenstein, Linda, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, George Penny, Patricia Probst, the Rigali Family, Cindy & Mike Robinson. Sean and Family, Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Gavin V., Jay Gonzalez, 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 May culinary adventure for the Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will take place at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**, when we will join together for dinner at the original **Aunt Chilada's located at 7330 North Dreamy Draw Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85020** – that's just south of Northern and just east of 16th Street. If you aren't familiar with the restaurant, you should know that Aunt Chilada's is a local landmark. The original building was constructed in the 1890s and served as a supply depot and general store for the mercury miners passing through the Dreamy Draw. Branded as "Arizona's Friendliest Family owned Restaurant," the hospitality and the food don't disappoint. The menu includes traditional Mexican dishes, as well as a few creative options such as the Shrimp Tamale and the Mexican Cobb salad. Of course, there is also a full bar with excellent Margaritas. We will probably dine on the patio, assuming it's not too hot that evening. Come join us for a fun night out! Please let Kathy V. know if you'll be attending, so she can make the necessary arrangements. Hope to see you there! Thanks!

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## Treasurer's Report (General Fund for March 2023)

Beginning Balance: \$71,006.43

Received: \$21,239.56

Disbursed: \$15,511.02

Ending Balance: \$76,734.97

For a gain of: \$5,728.54

### Total Offering Receipts for March 2023

3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
\$2,445.57	\$1,579.00	\$2,865.00	\$809.00

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment account (\$67,975.26) during March 2023.

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



Our conversational English and Spanish classes are now offered on Sundays after church. If you are a non-English speaker who wants to learn basic conversational English, or if you are a non-Spanish speaker who wants to learn a bit of conversational Spanish, look for the study group that will be meeting during or after Fellowship Hour on Sundays after church. Youth Tutoring Nights will be on hiatus for the summer beginning in May. Enjoy the vacation!

Hi folks! If you are willing and able, our food pantry for those in need could use some refreshing. We are looking for Chef Boy Ar'Dee pasta, chunky soups, fruit cups/applesauce, tuna pouches, peanut butter, electrolyte packets for water bottles and water! Your help is always most appreciated. Thank you in advance!

### Deacon on Duty

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

**Lauri Hasler**

**602-573-2734**

## Birthdays To Remember

### May

Stacie Nasser	7th
Lety Torres	19th
Sergio Perez	29th



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, May 20, 2023, 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.



**Confirmation Classes and Adult Education Classes Schedule**

February 26th & March 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Christianity</li> <li>• Judaism</li> <li>• The Beginnings</li> <li>• Ancient</li> <li>• Enlightenment</li> <li>• Modern</li> </ul>
March 19th	<p><b>Growth of Protestant Christianity</b> The Reformation</p>
March 26th	<p><b>Birth and Growth of the United Church of Christ</b></p>
April 2nd	<p><b>Christian Beliefs – Historical and Current</b> Part 1 of 3</p>
April 16th	<p><b>Christian Beliefs – Historical and Current</b> Part 2 of 3</p>
April 23rd	<p><b>Christian Beliefs – Historical and Current</b> Part 3 of 3</p>
May 7th	<p><b>What is the Church and Christian Life</b></p>

**Saturday Morning Social Gang**

On Saturday April 22nd the executive committee of the Saturday Morning Social Gang met. It started with Brunch served at Jan's Place and was followed by a meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to make a decision on the future of the Saturday Morning Social Gang. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that we would continue the program on a limited basis.

We will have four programs a year, one of which would will be our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. This will be after Church on September 17th. We will need lots of help so be watching for sign up sheets. We need contributions of food and workers. I will be in charge so beware, I'm coming for you!

Other programs are on the 22nd of July, Bingo with Cindy. This will be on a Saturday at 10:00 am. Next in January we have tentatively decided on a boat trip on Canyon Lake. Keep your eyes open for further details. Then, last but not least, on April 20th, a current events program or a card party.

Submitted by  
Jan Russell

***Confirmation***



***Sunday***

***May 14th, 2023***

Be sure to come to the garden and see Emily Morales' service project for her confirmation! Our garden pergola now has a roof! Great job Emily (and Dad)!



Pastor Gloria and all of the Deacons would like to thank everyone that came to the picnic! It was a great success and there were more people this year than in many previous years! Thank you to everyone who generously provided side dishes and deserts. Tom, a huge thank you for manning the grill on such a hot afternoon and to Kathy Stock who tirelessly kept replenishing our tables and washing dishes. We love and appreciate you all!



Late Last Supper met on the 19th at George and Dragon on Central. The usual hijinks ensued-if you know, you know!



Cora Emily Ybarra was adopted on April 25, 2023 by her loving parents Caryn Bird and Laura Ybarra. Known as everyone's favorite Jellybean, she is very loved by her extended family. Also, to her grandparents Gail and David Bird. Congratulations!



# Who the Hell Are You?

by Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett

## Craig Matheny, A True Multipotentialite!

Every new member that joins us on their life's journey brings new spiritual gifts to us, and Craig Matheny has in a few short months become a beloved member of our church family. Craig started attending ECC in November, and became a member in February of this year. He comes to us by transfer from a UCC church in California. Craig lists many reasons for coming to our church. It all started with an online search. (Yes, our website is vital!) Craig loves our architecture, our garden, our welcome of our animal friends, our philosophy, and certainly our truly Open and Affirming extravagant welcome.

Craig was born in Medford, OR, and grew up in Applegate, OR, just northwest of Medford by the Applegate River. After high school he moved to California. Like the author of this column Craig is retired from the Air Force, where he worked in Logistics. His job entailed personal property counseling for movement of civilian and military personnel, moving company inspection and deployment of troops through air movement.

Craig is a single guy with many talents and interests, hence a true multipotentialite, defined as one who has many different interests and pursuits in life. We all know that he can sing! Currently he is a member of the Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus. He loves all kinds of dancing, and hopes to learn line dancing next. He's a writer with the desire to write a book some day. He enjoys drawings and paintings, and just about anything connected with the arts. Craig especially likes being with people from different cultures. You can see why ECC is such a good fit!

When I asked Craig what his favorite cheap meal is, he immediately replied "Costco hot dogs." For a meal that costs a bit more, you might find him a little north of our church at Valentine, 4130 N 7TH Ave. Valentine has a laid-back atmosphere with a lounge area offering eclectic Southwestern fare for lunch and dinner. His favorite ethnic food is Chinese, and his favorite color is blue.

When it comes to sports, Craig enjoys watching golf and playing tennis. (If there are any tennis players among us, he is open for an invite!) His number one choice in movies is anything about the medieval period. Craig's taste in television is centered around talent shows such as American Idol or So You Think You Can Dance, as well as comedies.

Craig listens to many kinds of music, from classical to country, with country being his go to genre. Craig's favorite singer is the late Patsy Cline, who was one of the first country artists to cross over into pop music. If you would like a guaranteed enjoyable evening, you can watch Craig perform in drag as Patsy Cline at Kobalt Bar this May. Ask him for details!

Craig's perfect date would likely include lots of laughter and relaxing on a blanket at the beach. His favorite munchies include dark chocolate, chips and popcorn. The most unusual place he has ever fallen asleep was during a rehearsal, standing up in the wings of the stage, just before his time to perform. And the number one item on his bucket list would be to find and marry his next life partner.

Craig, it is impossible to tell you how much it means to us to have you as a member of our church family. We love your humor, we love your personality, and we love you as a man of deep faith. You are in the right place! We look forward to getting to know you better over the coming years. Thanks for being our friend in Christ!



# May 2023

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## Council Meeting: April 12, 2023

The ECC Council Meeting for April 12, 2023 was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 7:04 P.M.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Kathy Van Etten: The Endowment Fund rebounded slightly during in March. The yard sale funds of \$2500.00 were disbursed to the General Fund. All Council Members in attendance were given printed copies of the Monthly Budget Report.

Attendees: Lisa Herrmann, Melanie Herrmann, Steve Barrett, Steve Holloway, Pastor Gloria Smith, Kathy Van Etten, John Hasenstab, and Todd Montague.

Prayer was led by Melanie Herrmann.

The Minutes from the March 8, 2023 ECC Council Meeting were reviewed, voted upon and accepted into the records.

The Trustees Report was given by Steve Holloway; the cement floor in the shed is now completed, thanks to Tom Nasser, Patty Roberts and Martin Cabrera. The long list of extra projects and repairs that Tony has done during the last month was presented to all in attendance and reviewed, we extend a note of gratitude to Tony for keeping the ECC Campus beautiful and an asset to our community. The irrigation box and gates were repaired by the city and water now properly flows to our campus grounds. Plumbing problems in the Sanctuary restrooms were resolved by Collins Plumbing. Michelle will be on vacation in May so we are working to ensure Office Hour Coverage.

Deacons Report was given by John Hasenstab; the Deacons met earlier in April to discuss and prep for Maundy Services, Easter, the Church Picnic, and Confirmation Services in May.

Stewardship Report by John Hasenstab: Nothing to report this month.

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

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten; Youth Bulletins are now being printed and given to youth during Sunday Services. Melanie will be teaching Sunday School Class on April 30, 2023. We have youth considering the upcoming Summer Camp. Summer youth activities/plans are being explored.

Memorial Fund Report; given by Lisa Herrmann for Kathy Stock, printed copies were given to all in attendance.

Outreach Report Given by Melanie Herrmann; the MOM Mobile did not respond in a timely manner to schedule the proposed April 2023 visit to the ECC Campus, so that is no longer a calendar event.

The Hospitality Report was given by Todd Montague; this year Pentecost Sunday is also the Memorial Day weekend.

Pastor's Report was given by Pastor Gloria; Pastor Gloria will be attending the UCC Conference in El Paso, Texas beginning April 27, 2023, and will begin vacation on April 30, 2023. Confirmation will be on May 14, 2023. UCC is exploring the options for establishing a Credit Union. The UCC Bylaws changes include language changes to be more adaptive and definitive. The Mission remains the same, but statements were consolidated and combined and other areas were updated and modernized. Each committee is now setup so that the entire board does not change at the same time to meet the historical needs and ensure continuity.

Moderator's Report given by Lisa Herrmann; a future event to possibly host on the ECC Campus is Pet Adoptions, working with local Animal Shelters\groups. The Council members continue to discuss the guiding structure for ECC Mission as we are covenanted. The Calendar updates were made.

New Business: None this month.

The ECC April 12, 2023 Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 P.M. by Moderator Lisa Herrmann.

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