

# Encanto Community Church

A United Church of Christ Congregation  
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## The Pilgrim

### November Events

- November 4 Pickle Ball Court Painting 10am
- November 5 All Saints Sunday  
Pet Food Bagging  
Spanish/English 11:30am  
Play Rehearsal
- November 7 Hand Bells 5pm  
Choir 7pm
- November 8 Trustees 6:15pm  
Council 7pm
- November 11 Happy Veterans Day
- November 12 Budget Presentation  
Deacons Meeting  
Spanish/English 11:30am  
Play Rehearsal
- November 14 Hand Bells 5pm  
Choir 7pm
- November 16 Nourish Phoenix 8:15am
- November 19 Loyalty Sunday  
Spanish/English 11:30am  
Outreach Meeting  
Play Rehearsal
- November 21 Hand Bells 5pm  
Choir 7pm  
Newsletter Deadline
- November 23 Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 25 Hanging of the Greens 10am
- November 26 Spanish/English 11:30am  
Play Rehearsal
- November 28 Hand Bells 5pm  
Choir 7pm



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

### November 2023



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Tammy Hughes, Jane Gempeler, Ron Jasper, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, George Penny, Jami Pourkeveh, the Probst Family, the Rigali Family, Cindy & Mike Robinson. Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Gavin V., Matthew Walker, Bill Willers, Encanto Community Church, Our Community, and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

### Late Last Supper

Encanto Church's Late Last Supper Club will be taking a break during November and December. Don't worry though, we'll resume our culinary adventures in January!



Happy Veterans Day to all who have served!  
And Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corps on November 10th (that's for you Ed Stock)!



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## Treasurer's Report. (General Fund for September 2023)

Beginning Balance: \$-5,909.93  
Received: \$25,348.00  
Disbursed: \$18,417.67  
Ending Balance: \$1,020.40  
For a gain of: \$6,930.33

### Total Offering Receipts for September 2023

9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
\$1,620	\$1,601	\$1,767	\$2,485

There was no withdrawal from the endowment fund in September.

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



## Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Annette and Janet for hosting last month, and to Kathy S., Jan, Tony & Michelle, and Annette for providing tasty treats! If you would like to donate cookies or other items one Sunday, please sign up on the ECC Treats Calendar posted in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Our conversational English and Spanish classes continue to be 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.



### Deacon on Duty

The Deacons are available to assist the pastor.  
The Deacon on Duty for November is:

**Tom Nasser**  
**602-309-5230**

## Birthdays To Remember November

Sophie Martinez	1st
Annette Hauber	1st
Navy Williams	2nd
Chloe Bauer	5th
SeongJin Park	7th
Carolyn Mitchell	14th
Bruce Mortimer	15th
Cindy Robinson	17th
Vickie Bauer	19th
Lee Peavy	20th
Carol Krietenstein	21st



We will celebrate the lives of our loved ones that transitioned to spirit during our All Soul's Day Worship Service on Sunday, November 5th.



Well folks, the time has sadly come. Our resident writer extraordinaire, the Rev. Dr. Steve Barrett has decided to retire one our most loved newsletter articles, "Who the Hell Are You?" Thank you Steve for shining a spotlight every month on an individual that helps make this church the delightful melting pot of diversity that we are. We will miss your articles very much!

## Your ECC Security Task Force

One of the wonderful things about our church is the sense of warmth, comfort, and security we feel when we're there. This is largely due to the circle of caring, compassionate, and trusted friends we have developed. But to keep an extra eye on some additional areas of security, the ECC Council has put in place a Security Task Force. Guidance for this group's work has come largely from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, and CISA, all of whom produce a wealth of material and trainings for Houses of Worship to use across the country. At ECC, we have taken some specific actions over 2022/23 that are worthy of sharing:

- Meeting with FBI agent and defensive tactical trainer, Dan Johnson, to assess overall campus preparedness
- Completion of Security Self-Assessment and prioritization
- Annual Evacuation Reviews provided to congregation
- CPR Training provided, 10 congregants certified in '23
- Evacuation Routes posted and maintained
- Key Registry, in process

Currently, our world seems to be less secure than ever. The ECC Security Task Force wants to remind everyone that the Department of Homeland Security and FBI tell us, **'IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.'** More information on recognizing and reporting suspicious activity is found here: <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>.

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All week, every week, please remember that we collect a variety of items for recycling including plastic water bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, catalogues, and scrap metal. Proceeds go to support various church activities. Please see Cindy or Michelle for details about where to leave the recyclables when you bring them to church. Thank you!



## Annual Budget Presentation

The Annual Encanto Community Church Budget will be presented on Sunday, November 12th following the regular church service. Please come and learn more about this critical aspect of our church life.

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## Help Needed for Anniversary Recipe Calendar Project

We are starting plans for a fun project to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We have a long tradition of sharing fantastic recipes from all our talented cooks and bakers in the congregation, and with our anniversary is an opportunity to create an updated complement to our beloved church recipe book of the past.

But we need help!

### We need:

Someone comfortable with any tabletop publishing software to build this project  
Someone willing to coordinate collection and then sort through a plethora of recipes

If you're reading this and thinking, 'Well that's something I could do' please email Lisa Herrmann at [lisa.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.herrmann@gmail.com) (be careful spelling – there are 8 letters in my last name, where 6 would do!)

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Thanks to everyone who came out to help during the recent yard sale! As we say, it takes a village! All of your donations of time, energy, money, and goods were greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Jill for her tenacious sorting, boxing, pricing, and cleaning of all the items; to Marilyn, Kathy S., Susan P., and Michelle for their monthly assistance on the Yard Sale Sorting Squad; and to Yvonne for her phenomenal plants!

This year, we collected \$365 in pre-sale proceeds. Then, on Saturday, we sold an additional \$5,031.00 worth of goods during the sale not including a couple of IOUs that were outstanding at the end of the day. That's a new one-day record! Afterwards, we donated a tremendous amount to Goodwill for which we will receive ten cents per pound. We don't know the final weight yet, but we will soon. So, including everything, I suspect we will net close between \$5,500 and \$6,000 in sales proceeds! Good job, Encanto! As always, the funds will be used for various church and youth activities! Mark your calendar for the next sale on March 2, 2024!



Rehearsals for the Church Youth Christmas play will continue to be held on Sundays after church from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. throughout November, with a mandatory dress rehearsal occurring at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, December 16, 2023. The show will be presented during the annual Church Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 17, 2023. If you or the young people in your world would like to be involved in this year's adventure, please check your schedules, and let Kathy Van Etten know directly.

Sunday, November 19th is Loyalty Sunday. This is when you get the opportunity to pledge the ways in which you can help our church thrive the following year! It can be monetary donations, it can be pledging to help with our homeless ministry or bringing your recyclables and scrap metal. It can even be volunteering to help with our vegetable garden or joining the choir. Whatever works best for you is both appreciated and invaluable to our church. Please be on the lookout for the pledge cards that will be distributed soon and prayerfully consider how you can help our little church with the big heart!

Encanto's own, Craig Matheny is a member of the Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus! They are putting on a holiday special, "A Gay Christmas Carol" at the Herberger Theatre downtown this December. If you are interested in going, please see the information below. If you are interested in season tickets, you can get 20% off before 11/3/23 if you use Matheny as the promo code!

## Late Last Supper at Greek Town



**PHOENIX**  
GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
**PRESENTS**

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES:  
**A GAY CHRISTMAS CAROL**

SAT, DEC. 16, 2PM  
SAT, DEC. 16, 7PM  
SUN, DEC. 17, 2PM

HELD AT  
**HERBERGER THEATRE**  
222 E MONROE STREET  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

TICKETS ON SALE AT [PHXGMC.ORG/CONCERTS](http://PHXGMC.ORG/CONCERTS)

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# Pastoral Ponderings

Let's think back on our childhood ... Most of us do not remember being taught to say "thank you" to other people for nice things they do or say to us. It is part of our past that obviously happened but we do not remember the experience any more than learning to use a spoon, learning to walk, or talk. Many adults with children do remember teaching them to say "thank you" to others or having other adults remind their children to say "thank you" to us for things we said or did.

If you have been in church for a while you may not remember that attending worship or providing service to others is an act of gratitude to God for what we have received or the people in our life or even life itself. We may not even think about it anymore and find ourselves just going through the actions without allowing ourselves to feel the emotions of gratitude or think of being grateful.

Expressing gratitude and thanksgiving to God through prayers, hymns, responses, and offerings has transcended Judaic-Christian thinking since the origination of the Hebrew relationship with Yahweh. Its importance has been emphasized beyond the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Bible through the writings of leading theologians. Augustine of Hippo in the 5th century, Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, Martin Luther and John Calvin in the 16th century formulated the foundation of Christian ethics with gratitude as an essential element.

As we enter the months of November and December, the focus on gratitude and thankfulness is front and center. Secularly, the United States celebrates Thanksgiving and the Church celebrates the nativity and our gratefulness for Jesus' birth and beginning of our relationship with him as our Savior. So, I thought that focusing on gratitude and its benefits for each of us would be a great topic to ponder in the November and December Pilgrim.

Traditionally, most of us think of gratitude as being thankful to God or someone else. Yet, an experience producing gratitude repeated consistently becomes a foundation for our developed morals and attitudes. "In their analysis of gratitude, McCullough, Kilpatrick, Emmons, and Larson (2001) conceptualize gratitude as having three morally relevant functions, that of a moral barometer, a moral motivator and a moral reinforcer."

**Moral Barometer:** We are able to evaluate another person's treatment of them and if it is positive and helpful.

**Moral Motivator:** We are encouraged to behave in a way that is life affirming toward other people.

**Moral Motive:** We are encouraged to offer thanksgiving to other people who act positively and life affirming toward us.

Gratitude also benefits our life in numerous ways other than the obvious of improving our relationship with God and being polite to others. Yet, before we think about the benefits we need to become consciously aware of how much we think about the moments of gratitude that occur each day. I do not mean to simply think how grateful we are for a specific person in our life but for specific acts or words that they share with us or for our benefit. Illustrating this ... Instead of saying we are grateful for our spouse or our children, we need to think about some specific behavior or words from our spouse or children that we are grateful for on a specific day and at a specific time. "I am grateful for my spouse for preparing a wonderful and healthy meal tonight that I enjoyed at the end of the day."

So, to consciously bring gratitude to our thoughts, I have provided a simple chart that you can complete each day. This chart asks you to complete just one thought a day as a beginning point but hopefully you will start to accumulate more thoughts of gratitude as you continue with the exercise.

Next month, I will share with you the multitude of benefits that researchers have discovered by having a conscious awareness and daily practice of gratitude.

Blessings, Rev. Gloria

# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 7pm Happy Birthday Sophie Martinez Annette Hauber	2 Happy Birthday Navy Williams	3	4 Pickle Ball Court Painting 10am
5 Pet Food Bagging Spanish/English 11:30am All Saints Day Play Rehearsals Happy Birthday Chloe Bauer	6	7 Hand Bells 5pm Choir 7pm Happy Birthday Seongjin Park	8 Trustees 6:15pm Council 7pm	9	10	11
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## Council Meeting: October 11, 2023

The ECC October 11, 2023 Council Meeting was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 7:10 P.M.

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

Budget Report given by Kathy Van Etten to the joint Trustees and Council Members; ECC received a generous donation which enabled the Church to cover several bills and bring us current on others. There will be a substantial increase on the Church's insurance premiums beginning 2024. The property tax bill that we recently received was incorrect, after speaking with the County Tax Assessor's Office they acknowledged that the error was theirs and will be corrected. The Endowment fund performance last month was downward.

A pause was called by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 7:21 P.M. to allow the Trustees to adjourn their meeting after the joint budget presentation was completed.

The October ECC Council meeting was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 7:24 P.M. Prayer was led by Cindy Walley.

The September 13, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed, voted upon and accepted into the Church Records.

Trustees Report was given by Steve Holloway; the October yard sale prep, Church sign status were given and the needed termite treatments are done. The requested ECC lock changes were approved. Thanks to Melanie Herrmann for doing the streaming on this past Sunday's services. The Trustees budget meeting will be on October 29, 2023.

Deacons Report given by John Hasenstab; the Deacons are still working on a smooth transition for the passing of the peace and communion processes. Good feedback from the October 1, 2023 Pet Blessing services was received. The Relief Bucket Project will be worked on and completed soon, the All Saints Sunday Services in November is also being worked on. The Deacons will not be meeting prior to the annual budget presentation, but the Deacons Budget will be done for the Annual Presentation. The Deacons are reaching out to our shut-in members and ECC friends who are not able to attend our Sunday Services. The Deacons and Pastor Gloria are purchasing bibles to be handed out, we have received several requests for bible. The Deacons moving forward will include Tech Support on planning for any upcoming special services.

Stewardship Report given by Kathy Stock; Stewardship will be meeting on October 15, 2023.

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

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten; the ECC Youth did an excellent job on the Youth Services, even the adult story portion was enjoyed. The Christmas script research continues. Yard Sale preparations are being done to be ready for the October 22, 2023 sale date.

Memorial Fund Report given by Kathy Stock; printed copies were given to all in attendance and the new forms are in the Church Office and available, the updates are completed.

Outreach Report given by Melanie Herrmann; the ECC garden has been done, the seeds are sprouting, and tomatoes although green, are on the vine.

Hospitality Report given by Todd Montague; the worn hospitality supplies such as the pitchers, etc., have been replaced or added to thanks mainly to Kathy Stock. A big Thank you to Kathy Stock for doing the special décor and themed goodies for special occasions we recently had during Fellowship Hour.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Gloria Smith; we have a coupon for the oil needed for the back door project. I have been working on certification from FEMA. Work continues on the paraments needed.

Moderator Report given by Lisa Herrmann; the APS Grant Application is completed, has been reviewed, and will be submitted this week. A Drop Box has been setup of storing grant documents. The ECC Social Gang has no agenda item at this time. The Nominating Committee will meet on October 22, 2023. All Budgets for the 2024 year are due November 3, 2023. The possibility of ECC Council Meeting in 2024 being held on a Sunday following Services will be discussed at a future meeting. The Church Calendar was reviewed and updated.

Old Business: the ECC 80 year anniversary will be in early 2024, therefore the work and planning will be scheduled for the cookbook and other activities for the occasion.

New Business: None.

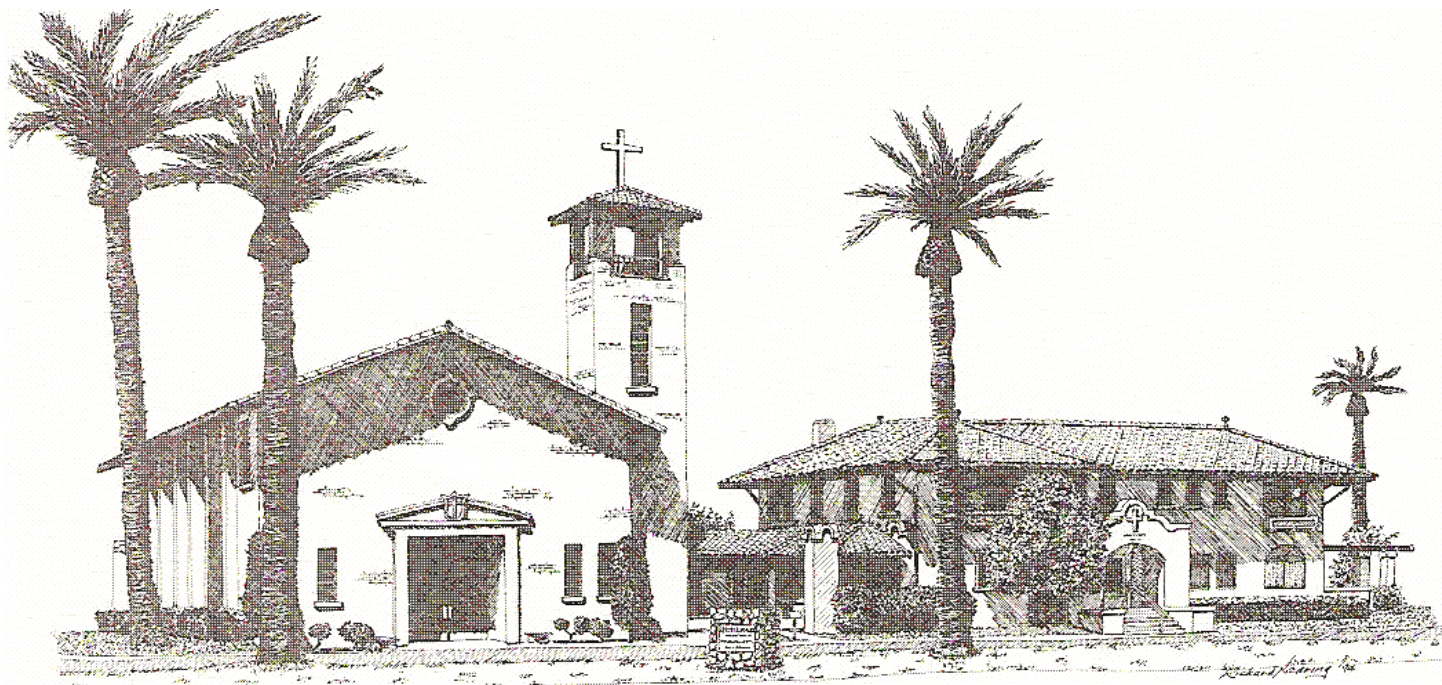
The ECC Council Meeting for October 11, 2023 was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Moderator Lisa Herrmann.

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**Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith**, Minister  
**Lisa Herrmann**, Moderator  
**Jill Mahoney**, Choir Director  
**Genevieve Benham**, Organist  
**Tony Lusania**, Caretaker  
**Michelle Lusania**, Office Administrative Assistant

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## November Gratitude Chart

Day	Gratitude
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## Encanto Community Church

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

### MENU of ACTIVITIES

Go to our website to learn about those that whet your interest.

#### WORSHIP

- Sunday Worship 10 AM
- Monthly Communion
- Blue Christmas
- Christmas Eve
- Ash Wednesday
- Maundy Thursday
- Pet Blessing
- Other Christian Observances

#### MUSIC

- Choir
- Handbells

#### FELLOWSHIP

- After-church Fellowship Time
- Late Last Supper
- Christmas Dinner in August
- Yard Sale Pricing/Sorting
- Yard Sale
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Christmas Dinner in December
- Social Gang

#### EDUCATION

- Bible Study
- Sunday School
- English/Spanish Chat
- Revolving Library

#### CHILDREN/YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS

- Various Activities
- Various Retreats/Trips
- Camp

#### "MISSION" OUTREACH

- Nourish PHX Pet Food Donation
- Nourish PHX Volunteering
- Food and Clothing Pantry
- Garden
- Movie Nights
- Recycling

#### CARE MINISTRY

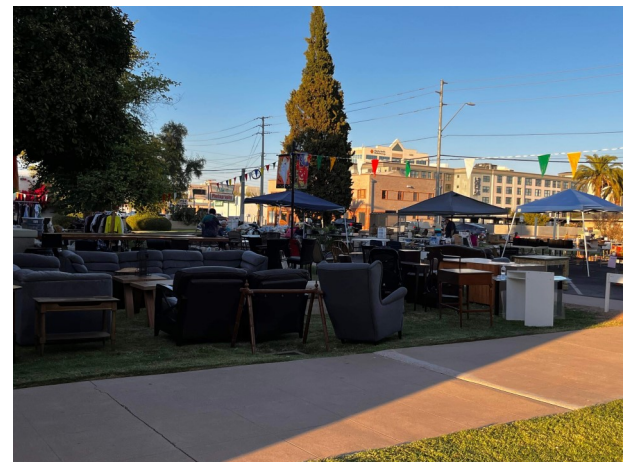
- Care Calls
- Home Visits
- Hospital Visits
- Memorial Garden
- Pet Memorial Garden

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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## Yard Sale Pictures



Our wonderful little church with the big, big heart is always up to something good! If you are curious as to what activities and/or missions that we are involved in, just take a look! For more information, you can also always look at our website at:

[encantocommunitychchurch.org](http://encantocommunitychchurch.org)

We hope you find something that strikes a chord in your heart and we welcome you to join us!