

# Encanto Community Church

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## The Pilgrim

### April Events

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 7	Trustees Meeting Spanish/English 11:30am Pet Food Re-Bagging
April 9	Handbells 5:15pm Choir 7pm
April 10	Late Last Supper 6:30pm
April 12	Cinema Under the Stars 8pm "Wonka" Fellowship Hall Reserved
April 13	Fellowship Hall Reserved
April 14	Deacons Meeting One Great Hour of Sharing Spanish/English 11:30am
April 16	Handbells 5:15pm Choir 7pm
April 18	Nourish Phoenix 8:15am
April 19	Cinema Under the Stars 8pm "Next Goal Wins" Sanctuary Reserved 6pm-9pm
April 20	Yard Sale Sorting 10am Sanctuary Reserved 5pm-10pm
April 21	Church Picnic Council Meeting
April 23	Newsletter Deadline Handbells 5:15pm Choir 7pm
April 26-28	S.W. UCC Annual Conference
April 28	Outreach Meeting Spanish/English 11:30am
April 30	Handbells 5:15pm Choir 7pm



### April 2024



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Tammy Hughes, Jane Gempeler, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Helen Kmiecik, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, Lillian Pain, George Penny, Cindy & Mike Robinson. Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Gavin V., Encanto Community Church, Our Community and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

### Late Last Supper

Our April culinary adventure for the Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will take place at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**, when we will join together for dinner at **Hamburger Works located at 2801 North 15th Avenue**, Phoenix, Arizona – just "around the corner" from the church. If you've never been to Hamburger Works, you should know that it was recently named one of the top four hamburger restaurants in Phoenix. The menu is simple, the environment is casual, and the food is good. Come join us for a friendly evening of burgers, chicken, fries, salads, and pleasant conversation. As usual, we'll meet at the restaurant, and we will each pay for our own meal. Please let Kathy V. know if you wish to join the party, and she will make the necessary reservations. Thanks!



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

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## Treasurer's Report. (General Fund for February 2024)

Beginning Balance: \$-1,012.50  
Received: \$11,068.00  
Disbursed: \$14,458.54  
Ending Balance: \$-4,412.04  
For a loss of: \$3,390.54

### Total Offering Receipts for February 2024

2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
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There was no withdrawal from the endowment fund in February.

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



## CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

We are thrilled to offer two weeks of Cinema under the Stars this spring! So, please join us on April 12th and April 19th at 8 p.m. when we will screen different family-friendly movies outdoors on our lovely front lawn. We'll provide the snacks and drinks, and you bring your lawn chair or blanket. Admission is **free**, and as always, **ALL** are welcome!

The line-up for the movies is: "Wonka" on Friday, April 12th at 8 p.m.; and "Next Goal Wins" on Friday, April 19th at 8 p.m.

Come join us for a delightful evening of entertainment and great snacks!

### Deacon on Duty

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

**Paul Petrasek**  
**1-317-430-6677**

## Birthdays To Remember April

Del Krietenstein	15th
Tony Lusania	16th
Paul Petrasek	16th
Zoe Robinson	17th
Sabrina Anderson	24th
Bernie Perez	27th
Melanie Herrmann	27th



Dear Encanto Church,

First I want to say thanks to God, my family, and to all of you for all the beautiful things you have given us, and for sharing with us the company of our church at every service.

I cannot tell you how important each of you is to us. You are all a part of our lives. Thank you for all the gifts that you have graciously given us. We are very blessed. God bless all of you!

Thank you for being part of my English learning and for all of your patience.

Sincerely,

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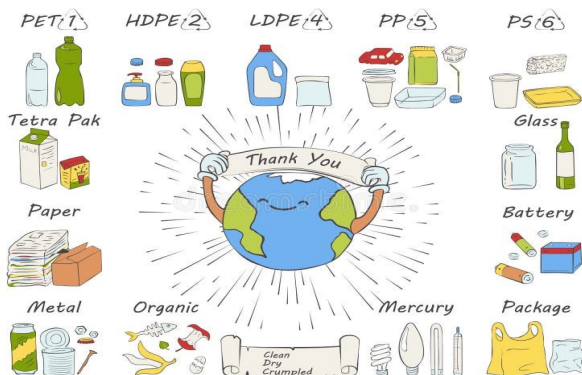




Thanks to everyone who came out to help during the recent yard sale! What an amazing turnout! All of your donations of time, energy, money, and goods were greatly appreciated! This round, we made \$4,770.00 during the sale plus we made \$715.00 in pre-sale proceeds and \$70.00 in post-sale proceeds, bringing the current total sales amount to **\$5,558.00**. We also donated over 2,600 pounds to Goodwill for which we receive ten cents per pound – another \$267.00. Good job, Encanto! As always, the funds will be used for various church and youth activities! Don't forget, it's not too early to donate items for the next sale. Thanks again!

Once again, it's tax time. Accordingly, if anyone needs a receipt for items you donated to the 2023 Encanto Church yard sales, please let Kathy Van Etten know, and she will provide you with one. Thank you!

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!



## Church Cook Book

We're producing a new, updated Encanto Community Church Cookbook for our 80th anniversary! Books are expected to be available for \$20 or less, and include favorite recipes of all our favorite people, including you! We're going for a mix of old favorites, comfort foods, healthy fare, ethnic cuisine, contemporary dishes, or maybe share that long-held 'secret' recipe! We are also requesting a photo of the final dish, if possible, and a few lines of a favorite memory or story about each recipe. Submit as many recipes as you like, but we are somewhat limited on the final number for the book.

Email to the church office:  
[office@encantocommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@encantocommunitychurch.org)

Please submit your recipes and photos no later than May 10, 2024. Thank you.



## Fellowship Hour



Thank you to Craig and Marilyn for being our March Fellowship Hosts. A special applause to Craig as it was his first time doing this! Look for him again in September.

Thanks also to those who brought treats for us to enjoy this past month: Melanie, Jamie, Kathy S., Marilyn, SeongJin & Steve B., and Betty.

If you would like to bring treats one Sunday, please sign up on our cookie calendar in Fellowship Hall.

# Late Last Supper at La Santisima Gourmet Taco Shop



As our weather is slowly starting to warm up, it's time to update our pantry for those in need. We need your clean, non-holy men's t-shirts, shorts, hats and men's shoes. If you were looking to donate any of these to a thrift or thinking of throwing them out, please bring them here where we can put them to good use.

Food wise, we are starting to run low on peanut butter (this is a high protein, most requested item), water and electrolyte packets. We were generously gifted a few boxes of propel packets which have been great appreciated and are quite reasonable on Amazon.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



# Pastoral Ponderings

## *Easter Greetings!*

Our Newsletter for April is distributed on Easter Sunday so from today until Pentecost we are In the Season of Eastertide. Eastertide is an opportunity to allow ourselves to celebrate Easter on more than one Sunday. It is also a time for us to focus our spiritual growth on recognizing new life that has arisen in us and how to express that new life in our thoughts and actions.

Focusing on our new life within does not require a 24/7 dedication to contemplative prayer. We grow in the simplest of ways by reading a simple sentence each day and then pausing for a minute or two to let it speak to us with some thought or response in our minds. I offer you three quotes concerning Easter that you can use as a stimulus to finding the new life within you.

Alice Freeman Palmer was raised in a religiously devout Scottish Family in upstate New York. She only lived 47 years but rocked the world of women and education. (There are some interesting summaries of her life online.)

*"For I remember it is Easter morn,  
And life and love and peace are all new born."  
- Alice Freeman Palmer (1855-1902), First female college president*

Robert Flatt is a photographer and author who lived with Parkinson's disease.

*"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." - Robert Flatt*

Siobhan Shaw – unknown as a specific person

*"The Easter egg symbolizes our ability to break out of the hardened, protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with." — Siobhan Shaw*

May you feel God's love and blessings you each day during Eastertide.

Shalom,

Rev. Gloria



## Council Meeting: March 24, 2024

The ECC Council Meeting on March 24, 2024, was called to order by Moderator, Lisa Herrmann at 11:38 A.M.

Attendees: Steve Holloway, Steve Barrett, Kathy Van Etten, Todd Montague, Rev. Gloria Smith, Kathy Stock, Cindy Walley, and John Hasenstab. Prayer was led by Steve Barrett.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Kathy Van Etten. The October Goodwill check was received; no withdrawal was taken from the Endowment Fund. The Rose Garden trimming cost, copyright fees, and other miscellaneous expenses were paid this month. There is no rental income for March; we are due to refund the deposits for the tenants. To do this in a timely way, we will be taking a loan from our R.E. Group. A motion was made, it was voted upon, and accepted by all in attendance to use this loan to pay for the refund and repairs needed to prepare the parsonage for a new tenant/lease in a very timely manner to ensure the rental income and loan repayment are made within a short time frame. Printed copies of the budget were handed out to all in attendance. A feature will be returning to the weekly bulletin, we will post the weekly attendance and weekly offerings.

The Trustee's Report was given by Steve Holloway; the parsonage was vacated at the end of the lease on March 15, 2024. A walk through was done to assess the scope of work needed to return the parsonage to the rental market. The inside and outside areas will need painting, a church volunteer workday will be scheduled, the stove burners area will need to be repaired, the sink drain area leak will need to be repaired. The sprinklers in the backyard area have caused damage to the fence and wall areas, several window cranks will need to be replaced, backyard pavers are needed, minor electrical repairs are also needed, and the carpet will need cleaning. Tony and Martin will assist with the repairs and will be paid accordingly. Del Krietenstein has also stepped in to assist with the repairs. Please read the bulletin and emails for workday schedule updates. The side of the Rose Garden wall, the wooden steps entering the Fellowship Hall basement, and the muddle of wires in the choir area need to be repaired or organized and tidied up. The church sign work continues, Martin is back, but there is now a problem finding the outdoor white Plexiglas needed so we are exploring other color and placement options for the Plexiglas.

Security Task Force given by Lisa Herrmann; Michelle has now been introduced as the point of contact for ECC with our area's Security Community Contacts. The Carilion Project/Go Fund Me will be the fall. The FEMA Grants for 2024 are now being funded, there were a total of 5200 applications submitted from the 56 states and territories.

Deacons Report given by John Hasenstab; the ECC Annual Picnic will be held April 21, 2024, following Sunday Services, here on the ECC Campus. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be done in April or May, the gardening group – the Advance Partnering for Healthy Communities will be contacted by Cindy Walley for a presentation. Communion will be served on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday; a workday is being scheduled sometime in April to reorganize and clean the Deacon's Room and Closet.

Stewardship Report given by John Hasenstab; nothing new to report this month.

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

Religious Education report given by Kathy Van Etten; the R.E. Group paid for the pickle ball court and members and friends are enjoying the new space. Our group recently welcomed new youth into our classes.

Memorial Fund report given by Kathy Stock; Printed copies were given to all in attendance.

The Outreach Report submitted by Melanie Herrmann given by Lisa Herrmann; the garden activity update was given by Cindy Walley; the tomatoes are plentiful, broccoli, the zucchini plants had to be replanted, but we were given plenty of seeds for our garden. We are working on cinema under the stars for April. The neighborhood relations function will now be under the Outreach Group.

Hospitality Report given by Todd Montague; we are working on the Maundy Thursday Services setup to ensure we are prepared to be an excellent host church.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Gloria Smith, Maundy Thursday Services will be combined with New Hope and First Church UCC here at ECC and streaming. Rev. Steve Barrett and I will be doing the Easter Services. Janet Maxwell and I will be attending the Annual UCC Conference at the Shepard of the Hills UCC Church on April 26th and 27th. One of the newly appointed UCC Bridge Conference Ministers has resigned. I (Pastor Gloria) will be on vacation for the week of April 28, 2024, Rev. Dr. Tina Campbell will be conducting services on that Sunday.

Moderator's Report given by Lisa Herrmann; the Financial Church Software options are still being explored. Calendar updates were made for April and May.

Old Business: the ECC Recipe Book Project is underway.

New Business: Kathy Stock attended a tutorial/presentation given by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office; the information was given to the ECC Religion Education Group for future presentation here on campus.

The ECC Council Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 P.M., by Moderator Lisa Herrmann.

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pet Food Bagging Trustees Meeting Spanish/English 11:30am	8	9 Handbells 5:15pm Choir 7pm	10 Late Last Supper 6:30pm	11	12 F.H. Reserved C.U.T.S 8pm "Wonka"	13
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