

Encanto Community Church

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The Pilgrim

November Events

- November 3 All Saints Day
Outreach Meeting
Trustees Meeting
Pet Food Re-Bagging
Play Practice 11:30am-1pm
- November 5 Election Day! Go Vote!
Choir 6:45pm
- November 6 Budgets Due from ALL Committees
- November 10 Deacons Meeting
Holiday Card Sale
Play Practice 11:30am-1pm
- November 11 Happy Veterans Day
- November 12 Choir 6:45pm
- November 17 Budget Presentation
Council Meeting
Play Practice 11:30am-1pm
- November 19 Newsletter Deadline
Choir 6:45pm
- November 20 Late Last Supper 6:30pm
- November 21 Nourish Phoenix 8am
- November 24 Loyalty Sunday
Play Practice 11:30am-1pm
- November 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

To all Boards and Committees: Don't forget that your 2025 budgets are due to Michelle not later than November 6, 2024. The initial Budget Presentation will be after church on Sunday, November 2024.

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

November 2024



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Tammy Hughes, Jane Gempeler, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Carolyn Krietenstein, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, Gary Mahoney, Sandee Martinez, Valerie Moreno, Lillian Pain, George Penny, Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Lewis Swarens and Family, Gavin V., Max Valentine, Encanto Community Church, Our Community and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

Late Last Supper

Our November/December holiday culinary adventure for the Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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!



NEWS AND INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report. (General Fund for September 2024)

Beginning Balance: \$179.05
Received: \$14,432.32
Disbursed: \$16,634.70
Ending Balance: \$-2,023.33
For a loss of: \$2,202.38

Total Offering Receipts for September 2024

9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
\$2,109	\$4,337	\$547	\$2,539	\$1,285

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.

For those thinking of including our church in your will or trust there are several formats you can employ. A straightforward bequest can be made to the church's general fund or endowment. If you are contemplating a restricted estate commitment in which you wish to direct your gift toward a specific purpose, members of our Stewardship Committee would be happy to meet with you and your attorney to identify the best ways to fulfill your charitable objectives and ensure that your contribution makes a meaningful difference.



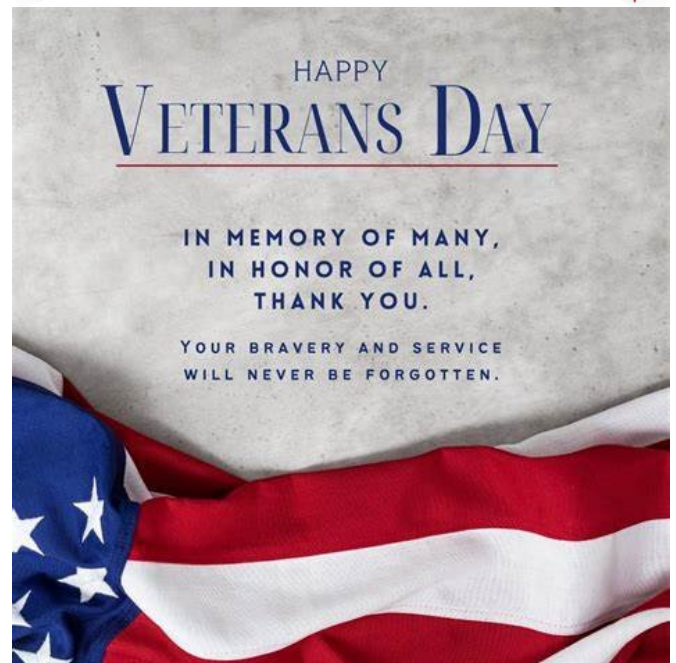
Deacon on Duty

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
Cindy Robinson	17th
Vickie Bauer	19th
Lee Peavy	20th
Carol Krietenstein	21st



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.



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 14, 2024. The show will be presented during the annual Church Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2024. 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.



There are no council meeting minutes in this Pilgrim. Council has not yet met at the time of printing. Look out for the minutes soon!



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; Tony and John for bringing so many donations to the church; and to Yvonne for her phenomenal plants!



A Message from your Stewardship Committee

The Budget Presentation will be held Sunday November 17th right after church. The following Sunday November 24th is Loyalty Sunday! Loyalty Sunday here at Encanto is when we turn in our pledge cards saying how we will support and serve our church with our monies, our time and our talents for the upcoming 2025 church year.

Our theme this year is **Imagine Together!** Together God calls us into community. We follow Jesus as siblings in faith, united with other believers, we form a Christian movement living the way of Jesus. Faith is not a solitary life but one that brings our hearts close to others. As a statement of faith from United Church of Canada affirms, "We are not alone we live in Gods world." The spiritual practice of generosity arises from imagining all that God calls us to do as a community. Our donations to our congregation make it possible to turn what we imagine into a reality. Through our annual commitments to our congregation, **we Imagine Together all that we can do!**

Please prayerfully consider your pledge of monies, time and talents to Encanto Community Church for the 2025 church year. Pledge for the first time! Increase your pledge from last year! Consider including our church in your will. And remember Loyalty Sunday is November 24th! Thank You

Installation of Dr. Toni Hawkins



Dr. Toni, Rev. Gloria and Brendon Mahoney

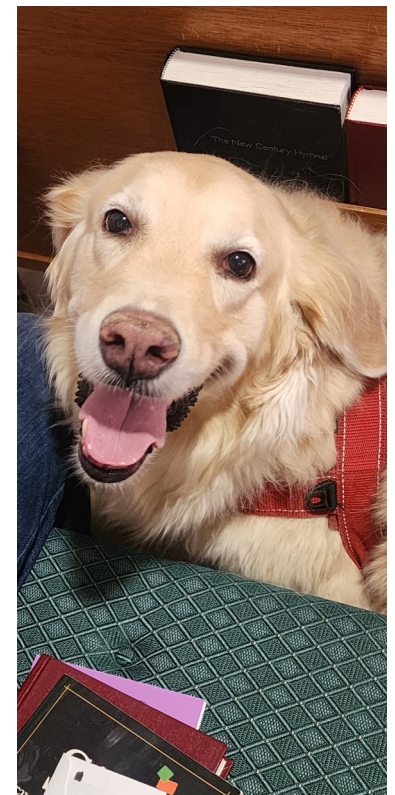
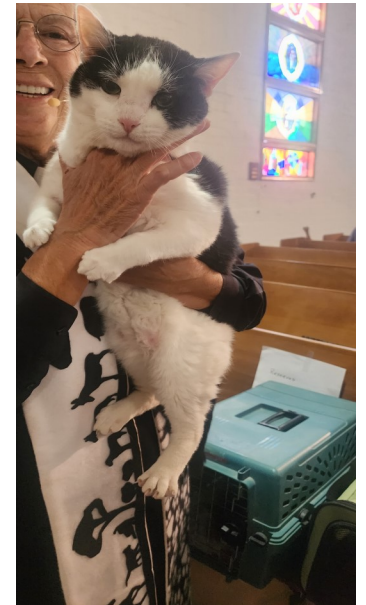


Dr. Toni and Dr. Karen Georgina Thompson



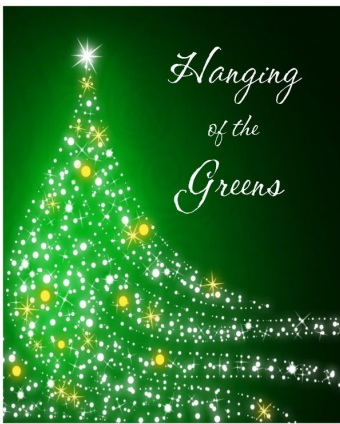
Rev. Tina and Dr. Derrick Elliot

Pet Blessing



Looking for Christmas Cards?

Mark November 10th on your calendar. Cards will be available that Sunday in the Fellowship Hall's Oak Room. You may find some that you like. They will be 25 cents each with the proceeds going towards the yard sale fund.



This year, we will be Hanging the ECC Greens **after church** on Sunday, December 1, 2024, starting at 11:15 a.m. This means that we will all join together to decorate the Fellowship Hall and the grounds for Christmas! It is a big job, and we need all the help we can get. We need everyone from tree-decorators to wreath-hangers to bulb-replacers to cord-untanglers.

No matter what your ability (or where you are on life's journey), you can provide some invaluable help. All Elves are welcome, and we'll provide the pizza lunch!

Thank you from your ECC Deacons to all who have helped replenish our pantry for those in need. You are amazing and we couldn't do it without your help.



Fellowship Hour



Todd and Kathy S. would like to thank Janet and Annette for their wonderful help during the month of October. They met the challenge of having fellowship time in the Rose Garden area. A special thanks to those who helped supply goodies goes to Jan, Betty, and Annette.

Our committee is budgeted enough from the general fund to cover the cost of the drinks so Todd and Kathy S are most appreciate of those who sign up to bring treats to assist them. With that in mind, the new sign up calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall by the desk. It is for November 3 through January 19. The smiling faces you will see serving you in November are Jamie, Todd, and Sheila.

Remembering our loved one on Sunday, November 3rd.



Please join us in remembering our loved ones during this service. We will have candles available for you to light in memory of those who have passed.

Pastoral Ponderings

Welcome to November. I wanted to remind you of the month because you cannot count on the weather as an indicator of our season this year. It seems like only yesterday our sanctuary was welcoming dogs, cats, a mini donkey and a mini horse. Yet, time continues to pass faster than many of us would desire at our ages.

We are also less than two weeks from our National Election. According to reports on the news and by organizations such as Southern Poverty Law Center, violence against individuals, property and faith communities continue to rise as the election rhetoric increases. As people of faith, we can contribute to “turning down the heat” by practicing the 4C’s introduced by Ohio State University’s College of Arts and Sciences: Center for Ethics and Human Values.

The 4C’s are:

Be Curious – Ask people to explain their comments so that you are more aware of what they are actually saying.

Be Charitable – Extend kindness in not only your words but in your facial and body expressions,

Be Conscientious – Be aware of what you are actually saying and do not respond without thought and awareness.

Be Constructive – Whatever you say take the responsibility of making positive contributions to the conversation. Divert your attention from the opportunity to be argumentative and defensive.

These actions on our part can contribute significantly as a beginning to lowering the heat on relationships between citizens in the United States.

On another notes, I have information to share with you regarding myself. Unless you are new to Encanto Community Church UCC, you are aware that I am part-time as a minister. So, I have accepted a second call from the Southwest Conference of the UCC as one of the two part-time Associate Conference Ministers. I will begin this position on November 1, 2024.

My work as an ACM will include but not be limited to working on local church relationships with the Conference, assisting churches in their Search and Call process, working with the Disaster Recovery Team as well as the Decentering Whiteness Task Force. My work at Encanto Community Church UCC will remain the same as I continue to minister in this local church setting. Please keep me and my ministry in your prayers as this changes begin.

Accept the numerous blessings that are coming to you and Encanto this month.

Blessings, Rev. G

November 2024

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