

# Encanto Community Church

A United Church of Christ Congregation  
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## The Pilgrim

### March Events

- March 1 Yard Sale! 7am-3pm plus takedown
- March 2 Trustees Meeting  
Outreach Meeting  
Pet Food Bagging
- March 4 Choir 6:45pm
- March 5 Ash Wednesday Joint Service at  
Beatitudes 7pm
- March 9 Deacons Meeting
- March 11 Choir 6:45pm  
Civics Class 7pm
- March 15 Facilities Reserved
- March 16 Council Meeting
- March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 Choir 6:45pm  
Civics Class 7pm
- March 19 Late Last Supper 6:30pm
- March 20 Nourish Phoenix 8am
- March 22 Casino Arizona Outing
- March 25 Newsletter Deadline  
Choir 6:45pm  
Civics Class 7pm
- March 30 Pet Memorial Service 11:15am



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

### March 2024



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Steve Barrett, 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, Mike Murray, 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 March culinary adventure for the Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, when we will join together for dinner on the patio at **Chula Seafood Uptown located at 100 East Camelback, Suite 172**, in the northeast corner of Uptown Plaza on Central and Camelback, Phoenix. For those of you who have never been there, you will find that Chula's offers a wonderful selection of very fresh fish and tasty side dishes. In addition to the traditional fish filet options (i.e., salmon, swordfish, ahi, etc.), menu highlights include fish tacos, fish & chips, grilled oysters, poke, and lobster mac 'n cheese. Chula's is family-owned and operated. You order at the counter, and they bring the food to your table. They also have a full bar and a fresh fish market in the restaurant if you want to take something home. Please let Kathy V. know if you'll be attending, so she can make sure we have sufficient seating.



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## Treasurer's Report. (General Fund for January 2025)

**Beginning Balance: \$-2,745.10**  
**Received: \$9,322.23**  
**Disbursed: \$14,543.23**  
**Ending Balance: \$-7,966.10**  
**For a loss of: \$5,221.00**

### Total Offering Receipts for January 2025

1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
\$1,460	\$1,715	\$925	\$2,342.37

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment Fund in January.

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



## Birthdays To Remember March

Cindy Walley	6th
Loretta Mortimer	7th
Marlen Morales	14th
Lloyd Lo	25th
Darwin Fisk	31st



The 2025 Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Church General Fund and Youth Activities. The sale always features all kinds of items including furniture, artwork, clothing, holiday items, and collectibles!

As usual, we will meet on the preceding Friday, February 28, 2025, starting at 12 noon, to move, stage, and price. We will order pizza for dinner (around 6:30 p.m.). Then, on Saturday, March 1, 2025, we'll meet at 6:00 a.m. to set-up and get things ready for a 7 a.m. opening. Of course, we will also need a great deal of help during the week leading up to the sale sorting, pricing, organizing, and picking-up donations. Please lend a hand, if you can!

If you're not able to work the sale, at least come by, do some shopping, and make a donation. It's for a good cause! You will find the array fascinating, ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime, and remember that all proceeds benefit our church! Hope to see you there!

Join us for combined worship!

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## Service

REV. DR. MYRA TAYLOR  
NEW HOPE UCC PHOENIX  
HOST PASTOR

REV. DR. GLORIA SMITH  
PASTOR ENCANTO UCC

REV. DOUG BLAND  
FIRST CHURCH UCC

MARCH 5TH

@7PM

Church of the Beatitudes (Chapel)  
555 W. Glendale Ave

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

Jamie Vice  
 602-266-4602



Once again, it's tax time. Accordingly, if anyone needs a receipt for items you donated to the 2024 Encanto Church yard sales, please let Kathy Van Etten know, and she will provide you with one. Thank you.



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## Fellowship Hour

February began with a large assortment of treats from Christine, Margie, and Sandee. Super Bowl Sunday was a food fest day. We had dips, cheese, and chips courtesy of Kathy S. Todd, and Susan. A true Super Bowl feast. The 16th was Girl Scout Cookies Day. Thank you to all who purchased cookies and donated them for Fellowship Hour. Our local Girl Scout and the church were appreciative. February ended with Fellowship in the Rose Garden. We appreciate all who helped with tables, chairs, and moving items outdoors and then back indoors. Kathy and Todd want to thank Susan for her huge assistance this month and Michelle for jumping in whenever needed. The first Sunday in March will kick off with a Mardi Gras theme. Hopefully you will join March's hosts, Todd and Kathy.



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Several people have asked when cards would be for sale again. Well, March is the month. They will be available all five Sundays. Again, you may purchase them for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 (including the envelope). As usual, there will be a cash box for you to drop in your money. The money goes into the yard sale fund to help with church expenses.



Several of our youth have commented that they would like to learn about civics since that subject is no longer taught in grade school or high school. Accordingly, Kathy V. and Steve H. have agreed to teach a **Civics 101 course at the church during the upcoming spring semester. The class meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** We will build on the Civics 101 curricula offered by the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy that is based at the ASU Law School. Everyone is welcome!



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## Last Last Supper at Pino's Pizza al Centro in February.



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Yard Sale 7am-3pm
<b>2</b> Trustees Meeting Outreach Meeting Pet Food Bagging	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Choir 6:45pm	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday 7pm @ Beatitudes	<b>6</b> Happy Birthday Cindy Walley	<b>7</b> Happy Birthday Loretta Mortimer	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Deacons Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir 6:45pm Civics Class 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Happy Birthday Marlen Morales	<b>15</b> Facility Reserved
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<b>30</b> Pet Memorial Service	<b>31</b> Happy Birthday Darwin Fisk					

# Soup-er Bowl Drive

Hey everyone! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we collected an outstanding **175** cans of soup for our Soup-er Bowl of Caring! Great job!



Birthday shenanigans with Jane Gempeler!  
We love and miss you Jane!



# Nourish Phoenix February 20, 2025

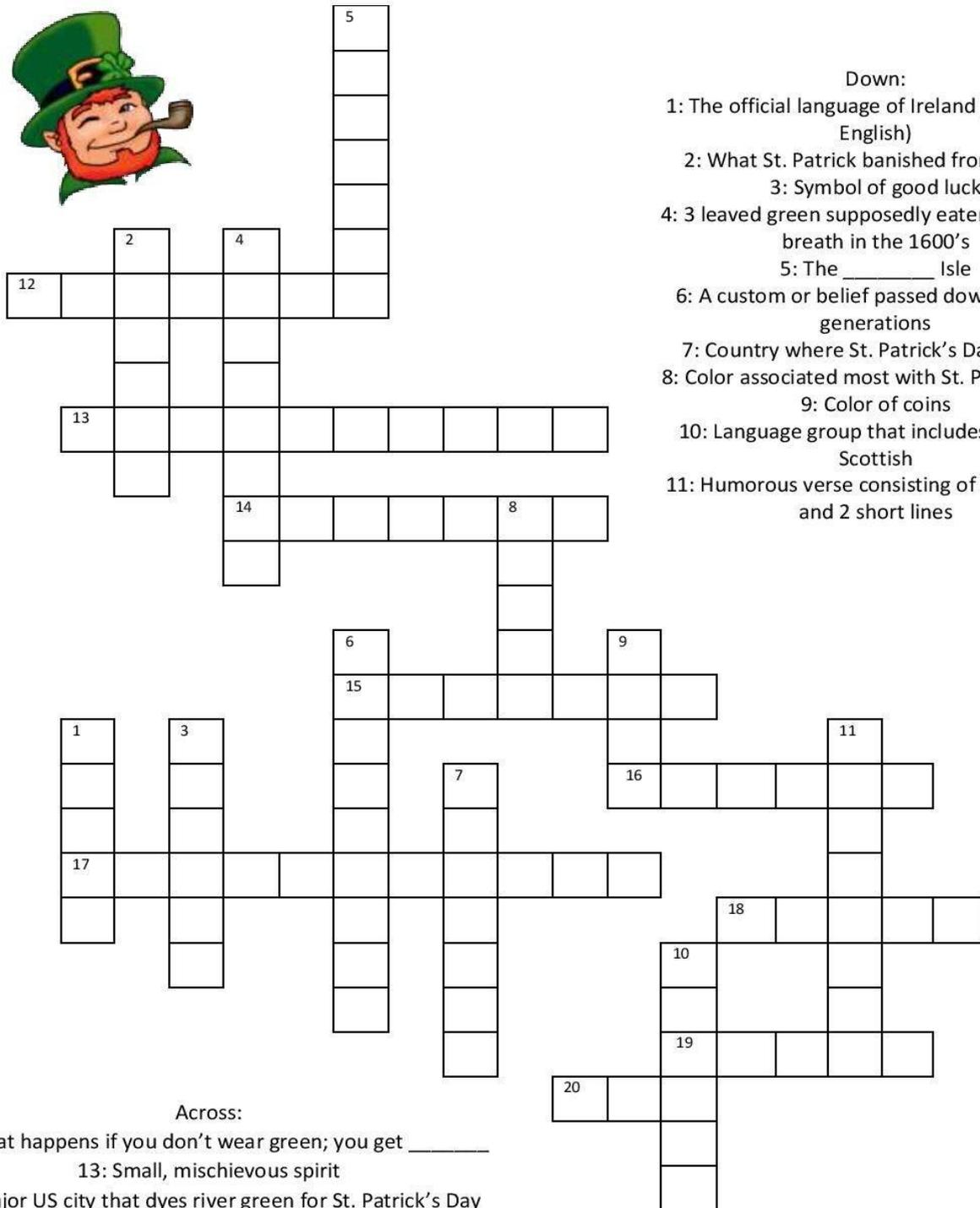


Thank you ❤️



**Note: There are no council meeting minutes for March. The meeting will have occurred after the printing of the newsletter. In lieu of meeting minutes, enjoy a crossword puzzle!**

# St. Patrick's Day Crossword



- Down:
- 1: The official language of Ireland (along with English)
  - 2: What St. Patrick banished from Ireland
  - 3: Symbol of good luck
  - 4: 3 leaved green supposedly eaten to freshen breath in the 1600's
  - 5: The \_\_\_\_\_ Isle
  - 6: A custom or belief passed down through generations
  - 7: Country where St. Patrick's Day started
  - 8: Color associated most with St. Patrick's Day
  - 9: Color of coins
  - 10: Language group that includes Irish and Scottish
  - 11: Humorous verse consisting of 3 long lines and 2 short lines

Across:

- 12: What happens if you don't wear green; you get \_\_\_\_\_
- 13: Small, mischievous spirit
- 14: Major US city that dyes river green for St. Patrick's Day
- 15: What you follow to get to the pot of gold
- 16: Capital of Ireland
- 17: Day of the month that St. Patrick's Day falls on
- 18: Month that St. Patrick's Day is in
- 19: Having good luck
- 20: What you find at the end of the rainbow; \_\_\_ of gold

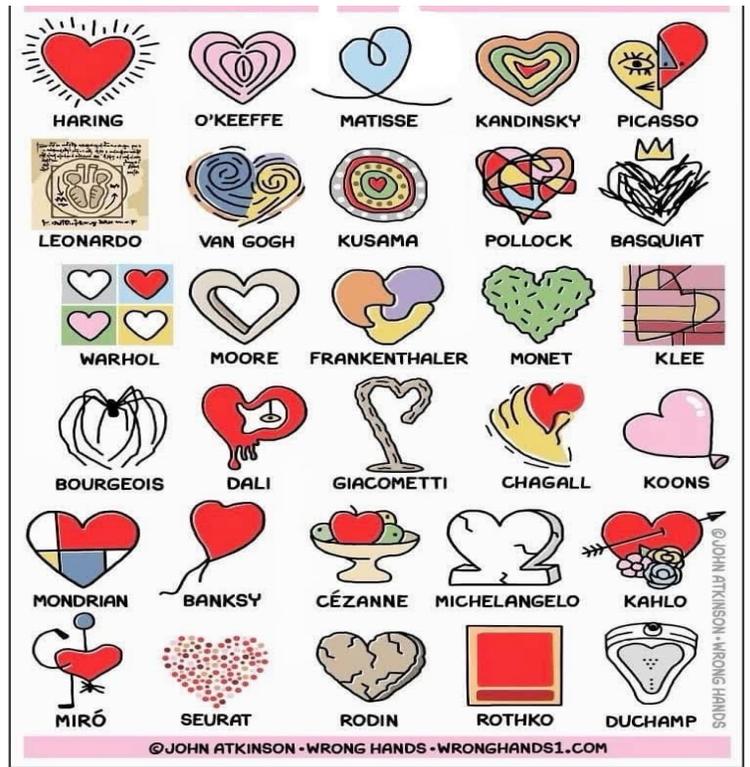
There is no Pastoral Ponderings this month. As most of you know, Rev. Gloria is out sick. We send our well wishes and prayers that she gets well as soon as possible!



Hey gamblers, the ECC Social Gang is planning a trip to the casino. On March 22, 2025, we're headed to **Casino Arizona (524 N 92nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85256)** to try some casino bingo or whatever other casino game you may enjoy. For anyone wishing to carpool, we'll leave dear old ECC around 11 am, head to the casino, get players cards for the 1st timers (bring your ID), and get to the bingo hall for the 1 pm session. Bingo is played, primarily, on electronic devices. The packages range in price from \$15.00 to \$200.00. I usually spend about \$50-\$60.

Casino Arizona has several eating joints so you can enjoy a nice lunch while you're winning big.

Any questions? Please contact Cindy W. for all the answers. Let the good times roll!



### \*\*\*\*MARDI GRAS WORD SEARCH\*\*\*\*

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| beads    | carnival | celebration |
| costumes | dancing  | floats      |
| gold     | green    | king        |
| kingcake | krewe    | masks       |
| parade   | party    | purple      |
| queen    | throw    | Tuesday     |



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**Jill Mahoney**, Choir Director  
**Genevieve Benham**, Organist  
**Tony Lusania**, Caretaker  
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