

# Encanto Community Church

A United Church of Christ Congregation  
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## The Pilgrim

### May Events

May 1-3	SWC Annual Meeting
May 2	Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith Installation SWC
May 3	Yard Sale Sorting 10am-12pm
May 4	May the Fourth Be With You! Trustees Meeting Outreach Meeting Pet Food Bagging Tech Team Work Day Upstairs Nursery Clean Up Day
May 6	Choir 6:45pm Civics Class 7pm
May 7	Late Last Supper 6:30pm
May 11	Happy Mother's Day Council Meeting
May 13	Choir 6:45pm
May 15	Nourish Phoenix 8am
May 18	Music Appreciation Sunday Deacons Meeting
May 20	Newsletter Deadline
May 26	Memorial Day



*May 11, 2025*

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

### May 2025



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Steve Barrett, Jody Betts, Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Tammy Hughes, Jane Gempeler, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, Sandee Martinez, Trujillo-Moreno Family, 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 May culinary adventure for the **Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club** will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, when we will join together for dinner at **Hula's Modern Tiki Room** located at 5114 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix - that's on the west side of Seventh Street, a couple blocks north of Camelback. If you have never been to Hula's, you're in for a treat! It is a small local eatery that features Hawaiian food and tropical cocktails, many of which are based on original "Trader Vic" recipes. Hula's cuisine is a "fusion of Polynesian and American flavors." Specialties include jerk chicken, Loco Moco, a plethora of fish dishes, fried plantains, rice bowls, ribs, Jamaican johnny cakes, mac salad, tacos, and homemade coconut cream pie! 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! *Please note that this will be our last Late Last Supper outing for the season. We'll resume our adventures in the fall.* Thanks!



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

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

Beginning Balance: \$-11,610.96  
Received: \$20,886.22  
Disbursed: \$16,033.12  
Ending Balance: \$-6,757.86  
For a gain of: \$4,853.10

### Total Offering Receipts for March 2025

3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
\$3,301	\$2,005	\$2,203	\$2,215	\$1,881

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment Fund in March.

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

## Birthdays To Remember May

Michael Murray	5th
Stacie Nasser	7th
Leti Torres	19th
Sergio Perez	29th



The Executive Board of the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ requests your presence and prayers in joyful celebration at this sacred occasion of the

*Service of Installation for*  
*Rev. Dr. Cyloria Smith*  
AND  
*Rev. Dr. Derrick Elliott*

Associate Conference Ministers  
Southwest Conference, United Church of Christ

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Toni Hawkins  
Conference Minister, Southwest Conference UCC  
Clergy are invited to wear a robe and stole  
and to join in the processional.

Friday, May 2, 2025, 9:00 am  
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
2801 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106  
live stream option available

The service of installation will be livestreamed on Facebook! Look for First Congregational Church UCC Albuquerque, NM. Also - 9 AM in New Mexico is 8 AM in Arizona.

### Deacon on Duty

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

**KJ Kinder 602-370-4019**



*May 26, 2025*

Thank you to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live with all of the freedoms and rights that we enjoy every day.

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ANOTHER MAY NEW BUDS  
AND FLOWERS SHALL BRING:  
AH! WHY HAS HAPPINESS  
NO SECOND SPRING?

- CHARLOTTE SMITH



This month, the Yard Sale Sorting Squad will be working in the basement of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 3, 2025, 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.

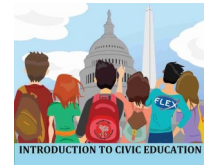
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## Fellowship Hour

April has come to an end. It was a busy month. Thank you to Margie and Jamie for serving as your hostesses. And, thanks to Christina for assisting with clean up each week. Thank you to Christina and Margie, Janet, and Betty for providing the food for this month. Jamie and Margie added strawberries and whipped cream for a special add on treat. A special thank you to those who brought food for the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. Those who attended were very complimentary of the array. Todd and Kathy want to thank all who stayed to help clean up. It went so quickly we were amazed. Easter saw many new faces; so thank you to those who made our guests feel welcome. The members of the diaconate were wonderful as they provided the basics for the church picnic. As usual, we had many delicious side dishes and desserts provided by our members. Your May host will be Clinton. Melanie has offered to assist him with serving. It should be fun with the first Sunday being "May the 4th Be with You!" Then we have Mothers' Day and Music Appreciation Day. You may have noticed that the drinks are now self-serve due to the few members on the Hospitality Committee. If you would like to assist, we are still looking for helpers in June, August, October, and November. Please let Todd or Kathy S know which Sundays you would be willing to assist with the serving. And, we are definitely looking for treats in June and July. Please sign up on the ECC Treats Calendar in the Fellowship Hall.

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During May, our Spring Civics class will be finishing up. Our last class will be at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on May 6th. Everyone is welcome. Our discussions are always interesting and informative!



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## Last Last Supper at George and Dragon



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Annual Meeting-SWC	2 Annual Meeting-SWC Installation of Pastor Gloria	3 Y.S.S. 10am Annual Meeting-SWC
4 Trustees Meeting Outreach Meeting Pet Food Bagging Nursery/Tech Work Day	5 Happy Birthday Mike Murray	6 Choir 6:45pm Civics Class 7pm	7 Late Last Supper 6:30pm Happy Birthday Stacie Nasser	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Council Meeting	12	13 Choir 6:45pm	14	15 Nourish Phx. 8am	16	17
18 Music Appreciation Sunday Deacons Meeting	19 Happy Birthday Leti Torres	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Sergio Perez	30	31

# Pastoral Ponderings

We have journeyed through the desert on our way to Jerusalem and pondered some difficult questions concerning anger at God and anger at those who permit evil to flourish and fail to speak out even in the smallest way. We have celebrated Easter and remembered that we are People of the Resurrection with a faith that will strive to live and thrive if we will stay out of the tomb and get out from behind locked doors. I found a poem that was adapted from Howard Thurman's "Now the Work of Christmas Begins" that I thought would be a continual reminder of where People of the Resurrection move towards following the reflections of Lent and celebration of Easter.

After the Hosanna's have all been shouted,  
After anguished moments in the garden have been spent,  
After "take this bread and eat, take this wine and drink,"  
After betrayal with a kiss,  
After hands washed and 39 lashes,  
After seven last words and "he breathed his last,"  
After crucifixion and death,  
After laying the body in the tomb,  
After rolling away the stone,  
After proclamations of "He is risen!"

Now let us rise.

Now let us awaken to a new dawn, a new day.  
Let us remake the world with the hope of Easter.  
Let us set free the prisoners,  
House the homeless,  
Educate the children,  
Offer gainful work to all who are willing and able to work,  
Protect soil, water, air, and food,  
End all forms of state-sanctioned violence.  
Now may we awaken and stay woke.  
Now may we rise and stay risen.

Amen and blessed be.

*By Joshua Mason Pawelek*

Blessings, Rev. Gloria



*May 4th—10th, 2025*



## Council Meeting: April 13, 2025

The ECC April 13, 2025, Council meeting was called to order by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 11:33 A.M. Attendees: Lisa Herrmann, Steve Holloway, Kathy Van Etten, Rev. Gloria Smith, John Hasenstab, Cindy Walley, Steve Barrett, Melanie Herrmann, Kathy Stock and Todd Montague.

Opening Prayer was led by Melanie Herrmann.

The March 23, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed, voted upon and accepted into the church records by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report given by Kathy Van Etten; Printed copies handed out to attendees, the ADHS Grant has been added to the Treasurer's Report, on the receipts page, the 5 Sundays in March were a godsend for the church. The unplanned expenses for March were for the copier repairs, the washer replacement for the parsonage, and the rose trimming. The Grant spending covered items ordered and several items received.

Trustees Report given by Steve Holloway; we are looking forward to installing the items received from ADHS Grant Money. We are also working on tree replacements for the front of the sanctuary, and work has been allocated for Martin on ECC Campus items needing repairs and maintenance.

Security Task Force Report given by Lisa Herrmann; we are working on the payment problem with the megaphone vendor payment, so follow-up will be done this week. The lighting installation will begin during the 2nd week in May.

Outreach Report given by Melanie Herrmann; we are discussing blessing bags for the homeless this summer, costs will be covered by RE/OR, and we will be sourcing and dispensing sustainable and reusable items.

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

Memorial Fund Report given by Kathy stock; all in attendance were given a printed copy.

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten; our youth have been more active in our Sunday Services and will continue to do so for now. A few more weekly Civic classes remain before the summer break.

Hospitality Report given by Kathy Stock; we still have opening for Sunday Fellowship hour Host/Hostess as mentioned in the Sunday Morning's announcements. We will be covering the Nursery's stained-glass window with a curtain to block out the view of storage items in the Nursery.

Deacon's Report given by John Hasenstab; the Deacons are looking into purchasing reusable communion cups and dishwasher trays for cleaning. We will also purchase Matza crackers for Maundy Thursday and Easter Services. The ECC Picnic is on April 27, 2025, and all have been given tasks to complete. The Deacon's room is now cleaner and organized.

Pastor's Report given by Rev. Glora Smith; in May, the pastor from Shadow Rock UCC and I will be swapping Sunday Services, so Rev. Ken Heintzelman will be here at ECC on Mother's Day, and I will be at Shadow Rock UCC. Janet Maxwell and I will be attending the upcoming Annual UCC Southwest Conference being held in Albuquerque, NM this year. There are several UCC Resolutions being prepared to be reviewed and voted on in this upcoming session, such as the treatment of immigrants and the Gaza area treatments of fellow humans. My insulation will only be on a Friday in May and will be zoomed\streamed.

Calendar updates and changes were made.

Old Business: None.

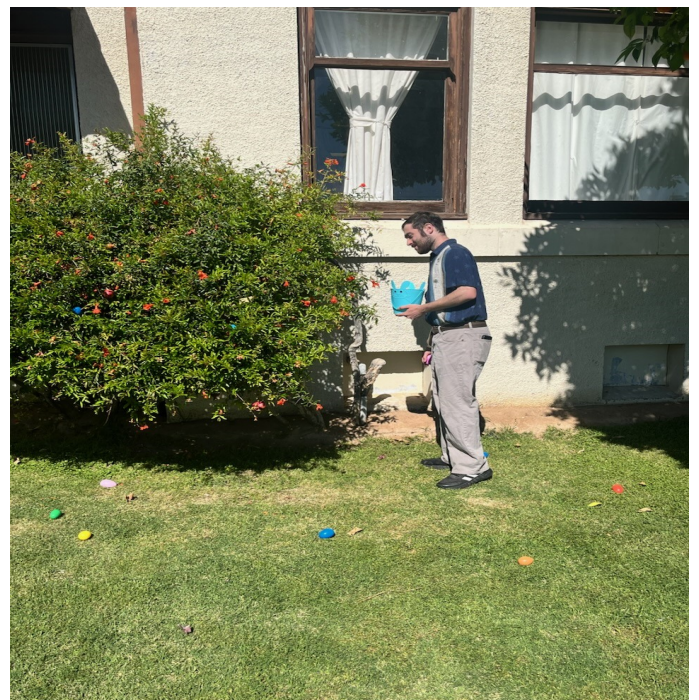
New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned by Moderator Lisa Herrmann at 1:08 P.M.





# Easter at Encanto





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**Genevieve Benham**, Organist  
**Tony Lusania**, Caretaker  
**Michelle Lusania**, Secretary

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