

# Encanto Community Church

A United Church of Christ Congregation  
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## The Pilgrim

### May Events

May 3	Pet Food Bagging
May 5	Happy Cinco de Mayo!
May 7	Choir 7pm
May 10	Happy Mother's Day! Deacons Meeting
May 12	Trustees 6pm Council 7pm
May 14	Choir 7pm
May 16	Yard Sale Sorting 10am-Noon
May 17	Choir Appreciation Sunday Late Last Supper Brunch Edition 12:15pm
May 21	Nourish Phoenix 8am
May 24	Pentecost Sunday
May 25	Happy Memorial Day
May 26	Newsletter Deadline

### Del Krietenstein's 90th Birthday Celebration!



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

### May 2026



#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Steve Barrett, Jody Betts, Diane Boudle, Bill Edens, Jane Gempeler, Lisa Herrmann, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Joe, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, Sandee Martinez, Mike Murray, Lillian Pain, George Penny, Nancy Studebaker, Shanti Sunderajan, Lewis Swarens and Family, Gavin V., Max Valentine, Linda Yates, Encanto Community Church, Our Community and Our World. May God's grace and healing touch be with you all.

### Late Last Supper

**The Encanto Church Late Last Supper Club will join together for brunch at 12 p.m. (noon) on Sunday, May 17, 2026. We will be dining at Phoenix City Grille (PCG) located at 5816 North 16th Street, Phoenix.**

PCG offers an slightly upscale continental offering with locally sourced specialties that include chilaquiles, huevos rancheros, hash, tacos, quiche, beef short ribs, vegetarian platters, fish, burgers, and salads, as well as several signature drinks and tasty desserts. As usual, we will meet at the appointed restaurant, and we will each pay our own way. Otherwise, please let Kathy know if you're interest in attending, so that she can make the necessary reservations. Hope to see you there!



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## **Treasurer's Report.** (General Fund for March 2026)

**Beginning Balance: \$-17,693.71**  
**Received: \$19,841.00**  
**Disbursed: \$17,279.15**  
**Ending Balance: \$-15,131.86**  
**For a gain of: \$2,561.85**

### **Total Offering Receipts for March 2026**

3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
\$3,134	\$850	\$1,755	\$2,484	\$2,515

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment Fund in March. We collected \$563 for O.G.H.S.

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



**Treasurer Report**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Security Note:** Just a reminder that if you are the last one to leave Fellowship Hall before church on Sunday morning, please be sure to lock all the outside doors except for the one on the west side of the Hall at the top of the ramp. Also, please lock the door between the office area and Fellowship Hall. If you are the last one to leave Fellowship Hall after Fellowship Hour or various meetings, please be sure to lock all outside doors to the building and turn off all the lights. If you don't have a key, just lock the bottom lock on the doors.

Also, if someone needs a bag of food, please get either Michelle, Tony or Kathy Stock. They can help the person and this also mitigates the foot traffic of unknown people in the office. This is both a safety and security concern. Thank you!

### **Deacon on Duty**

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

**KJ Kinder 602-370-4019**

## **Birthdays To Remember** **May**

Michael Murray	5th
Stacie Nasser	7th
Lety Torres	19th



Let us also wish a very happy anniversary to Steve and SeongJin! They celebrate their 9th anniversary on May 10th!

**Happy Anniversary**

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. All items can be placed in front of the sheds in the back parking lot. The only item that we no longer take since the recycling centers do not take it is cardboard. We certainly appreciate you thinking of us and probably remembering that cardboard used to be accepted. Don't shy away from bringing the other items on the list though! We are so grateful for them and the proceeds go to support various church activities. Thank you!!

**FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**May**

# Encanto Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who brought treats in April-Kathy Stock and Cris Probst along with all the goodies to be had for Easter and the church picnic.

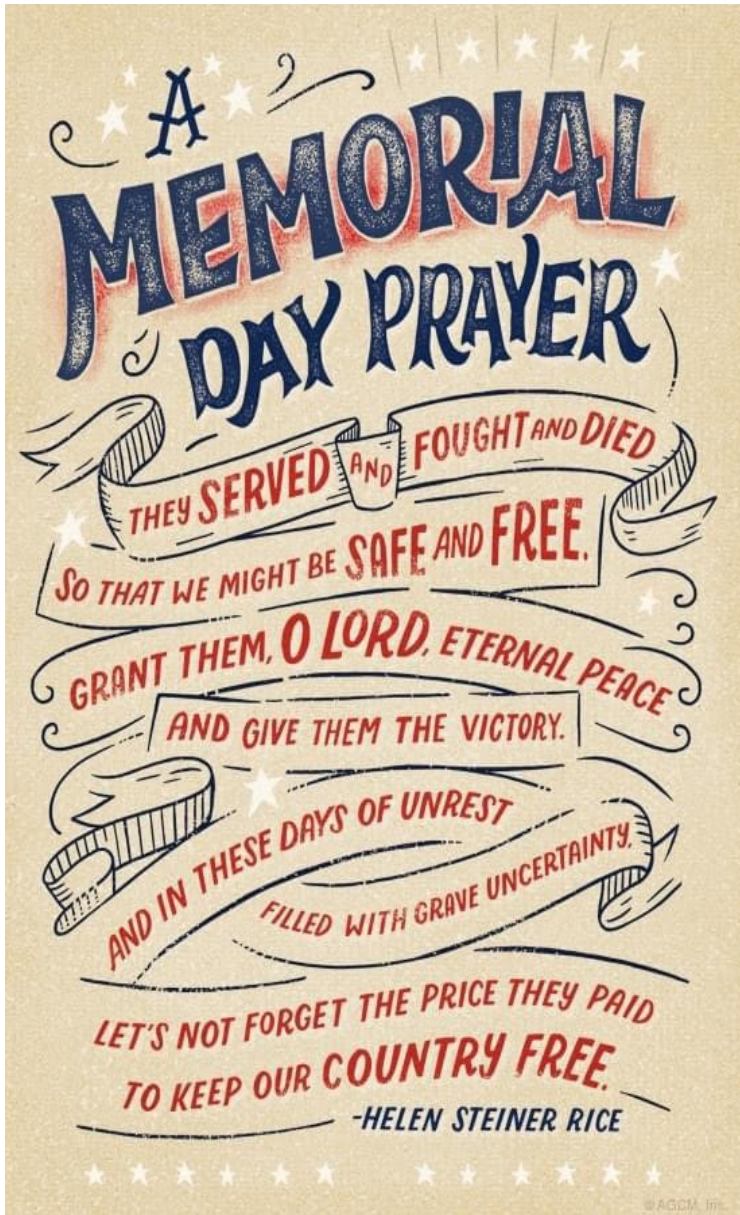
A huge thank you as well to Craig and Emmy, Jazz and Xyle for being incredible hosts.

The treat calendar is up in Fellowship Hall and ready for sign ups. If you want to share your favorite goody with the rest of us, please make sure to sign up today.



The Pet Garden got a beautiful glow up thanks to Tony's incredibly hard work and Martin's concrete pouring skills! Thank you so much!

Come see the Pet Garden before it gets too warm and also, Tony is going to be putting Bermuda grass in the garden so it will be inaccessible for a short while.



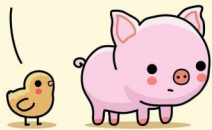
# YARDSALE

**Come join the Yard Sale Sorting Squad!** Your help is needed! What does that entail you might ask. It means that you would volunteer on a given Saturday to process the yard sale donations that have already been received. **Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and clean donations of all types including collectibles.** Volunteers also have the first option to buy any of the treasures that they may find. This month, the **Yard Sale Sorting Squad will be working in the basement of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 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 (on the west side) that morning, so you don’t disturb the support group that will be meeting in the main area of the Hall. Thank you.

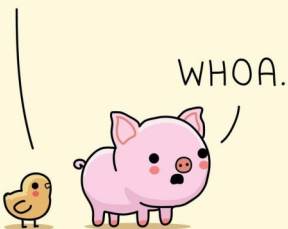
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Happy Mother’s Day to all of our Mom’s and Grandmother’s and those who have been Mother figures to us all.

SEE? MY MOM HAS  
THE BIGGEST  
HEART IN THE WORLD.



IT’S COMING OUT THROUGH HER HEAD.



@wawawicomics

WAWA  
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## Late Last Supper Fun at China Chili’s!



## Happy Cinco de Mayo!



# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Pet Food Bagging	4	5 Happy Cinco de Mayo Happy Birthday Mike Murray	6	7 Choir 7pm Happy Birthday Stacie Nasser	8	9
10 Mother's Day Deacons Meetings Happy Anniversary Steve B. & Seongjin	11	12 Trustees 6pm Council 7pm	13	14 Choir 7pm	15	16 Yard Sale Sorting 10am-12pm
17 Choir Appreciation Late Last Supper Brunch Edition	18	19 Happy Birthday Lety Torres	20	21 Nourish Phx. 8am	22	23
24 Pentecost Sunday	25 Memorial Day	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29	30
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The AKC Scent Training Event was a great success! Twenty-six dogs did 42 trials.

And look at the amazing donations they brought for our mission to support Nourish Phoenix and the pet ministry.

Thank you to our new friends at the AKC Phoenix!!



## Council Meeting: April 14, 2026

Attendees: Marilyn Hall, Rev. Gloria Smith, John Hasenstab, Melanie Herrmann Soll, Steve Holloway, K.J. Kinder, Todd Montague, Kathy Stock, Kathy Van Etten, and Cindy Walley. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Marilyn Hall, Moderator.

Treasurer's Report for March distributed by Kathy Van Etten and reviewed. We were able to catch up on some expenses. The Endowment balance went down due to changes in the market.

March 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Trustees' Report given by Steve Holloway. The Organist position continues to be offered. Thank you to Martin for the concrete slabs for the new benches and Tony for his incredibly hard work on the Pet Memorial Garden! It looks wonderful! The two new A/C wall units have been installed in the Narthex rooms, and they are working well. Thank you, K.J.! A new stove has been installed at the parsonage. We need to replace the outdoor carpeting on the front porch of Fellowship Hall and outside the front of the Sanctuary. The youth will be having several workdays throughout the summer to clean and reorganize the upstairs rooms in Fellowship Hall. The AKC Scent Group will hold their event on Friday, April 17, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Discussion held about replacing the carpeting in the Oak Room or restoring the wood floor. We hope to have new plants soon for the front of the Sanctuary. The APS Grant period for new trees is closed for the season, but it will reopen in the fall. Cindy will be covering the Church Office while Michelle is out-of-town from April 29 through May 6.

Financial Secretary's Report given by John Hasenstab. Offerings and contributions are deposited weekly. We received a good collection for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Memorial Fund Report distributed by Kathy Stock and reviewed.

Religious Education Report given by Kathy Van Etten. The youth are happy to be upstairs. The series on the Twelve Disciples continues as well as general Bible Study and Easter events. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of giving Bibles to adult parishioners who might want them.

Outreach Report given by Cindy Walley. A garden workday was held, dirt was moved, and the garden was turned. Thank you to Craig, Ed and Cindy! A new watering system needs to be installed.

Hospitality Report given by Melanie Herrmann Soll. Additional volunteers are needed to bring treats for Fellowship Hour. An announcement will be made about the Cookie Calendar during the upcoming services.

Deacons' Report given by John Hasenstab. Plans are in place for the Church Picnic on April 19. The set up in the Sanctuary will remain until Pentecost Sunday.

Pastor's Report given by Rev. Gloria Smith. Feedback given regarding Lent, and the Maundy Thursday and Easter services. Rev. Sonja Haller will be here for the April 26 service while Gloria is on vacation. Update given on the Southwest Conference's application for a Lilly Foundation grant for the development of new and traditional spiritual practices for younger parishioners and the guidelines that must be met.

Moderator's Report given by Marilyn Hall. Feedback given on the Spring Yard Sale. Discussion held about having an Open House event this fall for the neighboring community. The city's heat-relief stations will open next month.

Calendar updates were made for May and June.

Old Business: See above.

New Business: See above.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. by Marilyn Hall, Moderator.



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