

Encanto Community Church

A United Church of Christ Congregation
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The Pilgrim

August Events

August 1	Meal Prep/Serve for Justa Center
August 2	Pet Food Bagging Outreach Meeting
August 9	Deacons Meeting
August 15	Yard Sale Sorting 10am-Noon
August 18	Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm
August 20	Nourish Phoenix 8am
August 23	Christmas in August
August 25	Newsletter Deadline



Betty Grotewold shares the most exciting news of her **EIGHTH GREAT GRANDCHILD!!** A boy, Bohdi Beau Celle was born June 30th to Mario and granddaughter Alexandra Celle. Big sister Marlee just celebrated her first birthday on May 3rd! Congratulations to the Celle family and to Betty!

Christmas in August, the Tradition Continues

Just when you thought it was safe to start your back to school diet, up pops Christmas in August. August 23, 2026 we will be celebrating Christmas in August. We will show up at church at 10 AM and enjoy a holiday worship service complete with Christmas carols. Then we will skip over to Fellowship Hall where we will stuff ourselves with a delicious ham dinner. Afterwards, we will provide wheelchair rides to your car for those who over-indulge.

We would ask everyone to bring a side dish or a dessert to share and brag about.



August 2026



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Steve Barrett, Jody Betts, Diane Boudle, The Campos Family, Bill Edens, Jane Gempeler, Debbye Jones and Rev. Gloria Smith, Joe, Carol Krietenstein, Rich Maxwell, Carl Madsen, Sandee Martinez, Ricki McTheny, Nick and 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.

Fellowship Hour

A big thank you as always to all who provided delicious treats in July. Thank you to Emmy, Jazz, and Xyle for being this month's hosts! Emmy will continue to be one of our amazing hosts in August, joined by the equally fantastic Jaime!

We still have our Treat Calendar in Fellowship Hall for people to sign up to provide treats in August. So if you're thinking about it, go ahead and add your name. Whatever treat you bring we will surely enjoy!



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

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report. (General Fund for June 2026)

*****There is no report for this month as council/trustees were on break.**

*****There is also no council meeting report for this month's newsletter as there was no meeting. Check back in September for the next report.**

There was no withdrawal from the Endowment Fund in June.

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



The Late Last Supper Club will continue it's summer hiatus . We will resume our usual culinary adventures in September. Enjoy the summer vacation.

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Eloise Barrick's 90th birthday. Eloise is Pastor Gloria's mom. Thank you to Kathy Stock for bringing the delicious birthday cake!



Deacon on Duty

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

Jamie Vice: 602-266-4602

Birthdays To Remember **August**

Lluvia Morales	2nd
Patty Roberts	6th
Michael Cabrera	6th
Jazz Jacalan	8th
Elaine Bohlmeier	10th
Jim Mitchell	20th
Steve Holloway	29th



A Special Note of Thanks

Hello, Encanto! I just wanted to personally thank everyone for their support over the past two months with my mom, Lisa's, passing. From the people who made us heart and soul warming food, to helping set up and take down her wonderful memorial, and also helping navigate the terribly bureaucratic maze that comes after a loved one dies. I should have thanked you all much sooner. And thank you all not only just for the past few months but for the past year as well. I truly appreciate all that was done to support myself, my family, and my mother. Everyone that visited her gave her such great comfort and encouragement, and she knew so many more were thinking and praying for her. And for helping put on the wedding for myself and Clinton so I could have my mom with me for such a big life moment--she almost fell out of her seat with how happy she was and that's because of Encanto! I am so, so, so lucky that my mom brought me to this church she called home for so many years, that I now call my home. Thank you for everything that you have done.

- with love, Melanie, Clinton, and the Herrmann-Bohlmeier Family.



Wagons Ho Encanto-One Month To Go

Hey ECC, we have one month left to donate loose change to buy wagons for the people who walk to and from Nourish PHX.

We have raised over \$350.00 so far and that is an amazing amount of money. So far we are capable of purchasing at least 5 wagons plus the 5 wagons Deacons is kindly funding plus 2 more donated be a level one cool cat.

What a wonderful church!

Thank you all so much, you will make a difference in someone's life.



Time for an Update!!

It's time to update our church slide show presentations! You know, the ones that we run before and after Sunday service. Given that it's summer, we thought it would be fun to **collect pictures from everyone that show something fun they have done (or are doing) this summer**. It will be similar to a "What I Did This Summer" photo essay. So, if you have any photos you would like to include, please e-mail the .jpg or .jpeg version of them to Kathy V. in the next few weeks with a description of the pictures. Her e-mail is KVanEtten@aol.com. Then, the Tech Team will create something new and fun to watch on Sunday mornings. Thanks!!



The Aroma on Roma

First let me start by telling those of you who don't know, I live on Roma Ave., thus the "Aroma on Roma."

Next, I will talk about Juliane cuts. They are cuts on vegetables. Also known as matchsticks, they are cuts that are approximately 2 inches long and approximately 1/8 inches square. Usually they are on carrots and potatoes and root vegetables. On celery you just cut 2 inch pieces as best you can with the shape. With onions you just cut the onion in half long way and then just slice them as close to 1/8 inch as possible. Hopefully that will answer all your questions about Juliane cuts.

Now for a recipe. I am going to share a chocolate chip cookie recipe. This is not mine but is very good. The all American chocolate chip cookie

2/3 cup butter, softened
1/3 cup shortening
One cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup granulated sugar
One large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 12 ounce package semi sweet chocolate chips
One cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°.
In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening and sugar.
Beat in egg and vanilla.
Combine flour, baking soda and salt
Stir into butter mixture mixing well
Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by teaspoon full 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheet.
Bake in oven preheated to 350° for 8 to 10 minutes just until edges are brown and golden. The centers will be soft. Remove to wire racks to cool.

I hope you all enjoy this. I know I did and have lots of fun baking them.

Well, I think that's enough for this month but I'll be back next month with some tidbits and another tantalizing recipe. Hope you all enjoy.

Love,

Jan



YARDSALE

Come join the Yard Sale Sorting Squad! Your help is needed. What does this entail? Good question! It means that you would come on a given Saturday to help process the newest donations that we have received (clean, price and sort). **It also means that you get first dibs** on the treasures at hand. The Sorting Squad will be working in the basement of Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 15th from 10am until 12pm.

Please join us as “many hands make light work.” Also, please remember to enter through the rear kitchen door so as not to disturb the support group that meets on Saturday mornings. Thank you!

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 the one in back at the top of the ramp. Also, please lock the connecting door between Fellowship Hall and the Office.



If you are the last one to leave Fellowship Hall after Fellowship Hour or various meetings, please be sure to lock all of the outside doors to the buildings as well as turn off all lights and fans. If you do not have a key, please lock the bottom locks.

Thank you to our youth! Not only did they give us a delicious Ice Cream Sundae Sunday on National Ice Cream Day, but for the past two weeks, they have made an assembly line and hauled down so very many boxes to the yard sale basement. Your help is noticed and appreciated so much!



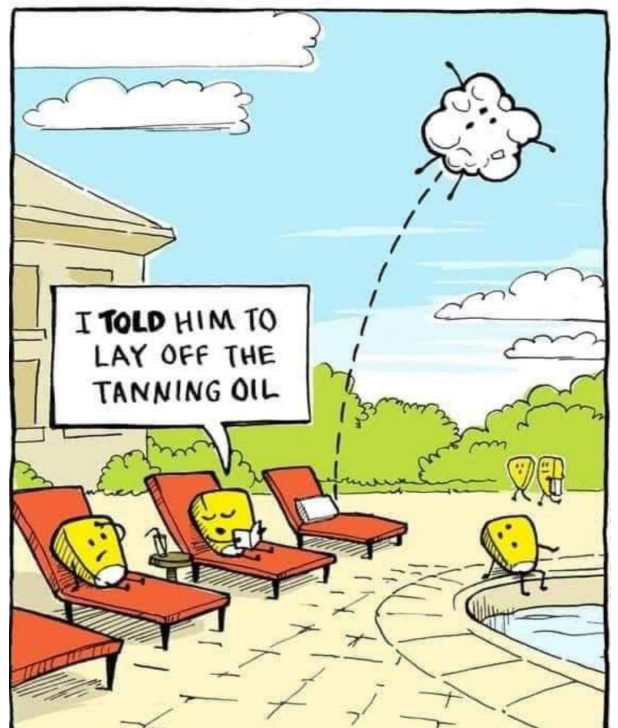
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From the Treasurer's Desk:

Often, you would see my pseudo-annual “Take Jesus to Dinner” article this time of year. However, I thought this year, I would just remind everyone that we all need to consider “putting a little extra in the church offering plate” during the next few months. As we all know, summer in Phoenix brings with it higher bills and lower attendance, and basic costs are on the rise. Obviously, that creates a “double hit” for our financial situation. Less money in, more money out. So, in an effort to avoid drawing down on our endowment, please prayerfully consider giving a bit more to the church this season. “It takes a village” to keep our church operating successfully. Thank you!

May our lives
reflect our faith,
being generous
in giving,
and grateful
in receiving,
being a blessing
as we are blessed.

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Youth Science Center Adventures and Dinner at Pino's



Reading, All the Cool Kids Are Doing It

The Encanto Lending Library is now open for business and is conveniently located in the Oak Room of the Fellowship Hall.

We have books for all age groups. Young children's books are located on the lower shelves and behind the cabinet doors of the oak bookcases to the left of the entrance. Older children might be interested in books on the higher shelves of the same oak bookcases.

The books in the walnut bookcase to the right of the entrance as well as on the rolling cart are for young adults and adults of all ages and interests. Books are not sorted by authors, subjects or categories.

The library is open and available to all whenever the Fellowship Hall is accessible. Everyone is welcome to use our library and no check out is required. Choose your book(s) and enjoy reading. If you love the book, keep it or return it and select another. If you have books you wish to donate (no magazines, please), bring them and place them on a shelf.

Many thanks to Joyce and Marilyn R. for their big work setting up this library. But wait! Joyce and Marilyn (and now the Outreach members) are not done promoting book-learning. We would like to provide 3 Little Free Libraries on the church property for community use. We need 2 volunteers (we already have 1 intrepid builder) to build "the boxes with shelves and a door on a post." Here is an opportunity to show off your mad design and/or art skills. If you would like to volunteer to build one see Joyce Suggs for "how to build" information.

Yet one more book oriented project -- starting up a Book Club in the Fall of this year. If you are interested in participating, please see Joyce Suggs or Marilyn Riggs to sign up.

Whew! I feel smarter already!



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Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9:00AM-12:00PM, 2:00PM-4:00PM
Cells are first come, first serve.

PLEASE NOTE

While we see birthdays on the monthly calendar of events, and we are aware of some of those who will be celebrating the milestones of 90/95/100, we know that we don't know all of them. The church records do show month and date but we don't know everyone's birth year. We don't want anyone to miss their special Sunday. So, I would like to update the records. If you would email me at: kathy_ed@yahooo.com the year with your name, I would appreciate it. If you aren't an emailer, please feel free to drop a note in the offering plate and John will get it to me or call the office at: (602-266-4602) and talk with Michelle so she can forward the information to me.

Thank you,

Kathy Stock



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