

First Presbyterian NEWS

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Ever had an open door close in your face? Or on your foot?

When we have a situation like we have today in our world, it seems like doors mostly close. However, we can be assured that the door that Jesus has for us is always open. More complex is the question of when we open our doors for corporate worship at 1st Presbyterian.

Your Session is still working for you! In our half in-person and half Zoom meeting last Thursday, August 20, we decided to tentatively set an opening date for 1st Presbyterian on Sunday, September 13 (the Sunday after Labor Day). That will give us a couple of weeks to continue to monitor the situation and make sure that the current levelling and decline of the virus numbers continues.

We will continue to observe measures for your safety, such as distance between seats, no singing, hand-shaking, passing of the peace, bulletins to pass out, or refreshments served afterwards. What we can offer is worshipping together in the Name of Jesus in one place in one heart and in one mind.



If, for whatever reason, we should decide to postpone this date, you will be alerted by email or phone call.

The Sanctuary will be open at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings with social distancing and masks in place with a maximum of 50 attendees. Worship in the Family Life Center will be at 10:30 a.m. with a little more leeway in terms of capacity given its open-aired nature. We will ask you to RSVP again, in order to make sure that we stick to the maximum number for the congregation (please do so after Labor Day), but will only assign seats if we are near capacity.



Much thinking goes on into making these decisions. Your Session is cautious in its approach given the demographics of our congregation, and your safety is at the top of our agenda. Please remember if you or a loved one fall into one of the “endangered” categories for the virus, please use your own best judgment about if to attend or not. Just because we are open does not imply an obligation to be present. We will still make the services available online!

God bless you in your faithfulness at this time. Your viewing of our worship services on Sundays and our devotions throughout the week have been incredible, as has your generosity in online and mail-in giving. Together, we will get through this.

God bless,
Pastor Paul

September Anniversaries September Birthdays

- 2. John and Karen Persico
- 9. Robert and Lena Baer
- 19. Harold and Renee Lovell
- 23. Harley and Faye Farar



- 5. Kathleen Burson
- 6. Dorothy Foster
- 8. Gage Tawney
- 11. Kitty Bertness
- 12. Virginia Isom
- 14. Steve Douglass
- 15. George Nichols
- 19. Pam Walton
- 21. Earl Hedrick
- 27. Judy O'Brien
- 28. Gil Merrill
- 30. Kim Freyermuth

Next Newsletter Deadline: September 15

Please submit typewritten articles to the church office or to fpccasagrande@gmail.com.



Church Family News

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jim Antholz who died on July 19.

Church History

On May 3, 2021 we will reach a milestone. First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande will be 125 years old! Leading up to that event, we will offer biographical sketches of the pastors who have served FPC over that period.

Rev Joseph Raymond Waite 1909-1910



*Third Scots &
Mariners
Presbyterian*

Joseph Raymond Waite, a licensed preacher by the Arizona Presbytery, and graduate of Princeton Seminary, served the Casa Grande church from 1909 to 1910. During this same period, he served as pastor in Benson, and held services periodically in Silverbell, Sasco, and the Lowell Chapel in Bisbee. He was born 21 Oct 1883 in Warrior's Mark, Pennsylvania, to Joseph and Lovella Rabold Waite. He served as pastor to Third Scots and Mariners (Old Pine) Presbyterian church in Philadelphia which was founded in 1768. He graduated from Princeton University and Princeton Seminary, and subsequently was twice offered, but turned down, a Doctor of Divinity degree. He did post graduate work in 1918-20 at Columbia University. He married Carrie Jane Hardt 18 Dec 1934 in Philadelphia when he was 51 years old and she 48. Rev J R Waite died 10 Jan 1964 in Philadelphia.

Rev Giles A. Henderson 1911-1912



Construction of the second roof over Casa Grande Ruins

Rev. Giles A. Henderson served the Casa Grande church from 1911 to 1912. He was born 3 April 1852 in Tennessee the son of Rufus Henderson and Mary McClelland Henderson. In the 1880's he served on a Sunday School Commission promoting the cause of Christ through Sunday School. Rev Henderson was in McAlester, Oklahoma by 1896. As early as 1902 he served as field agent for the Arkansas State Sunday School Association, a post he retained for three years. In August of 1903 he accepted a call to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Benton, Arkansas. In 1908 he was pastoring a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Chelsea, Oklahoma. He was still actively engaged in organizing Sunday School Associations. The April 21, 1910 Phoenix Presbytery meeting in Florence was opened in prayer by Rev GA Henderson. He had come to serve as Stated Supply pastor for the Florence church. The *Arizona Daily Star* reported on October 24, 1911, "Casa Grande is being served by Rev GA

Henderson of Florence, he has begun service there in April. I have not visited the field since his work began, but before that time I know the prospects in that region were brightening with the hope of water for the lands thereabouts." Pastor Henderson also did work at the State Prison in Florence as chaplain. The same article states, "The work at the prison is one of intense interest, and Brother Henderson is getting a hold on some of these unfortunate fellows with a real grip." The April 14, 1912 *Arizona Republic* announced a pulpit exchange between Rev Henderson and Rev JL Felton of Phoenix. The *Casa Grande Dispatch* sadly announced in the Friday, November 29, 1912 edition, "Rev Henderson preached his last sermon in Casa Grande last Sunday. Rev Henderson leaves this week for McGregor, Texas, where he has accepted a call. The people of Casa Grande are extremely sorry to see Mr. Henderson leave Arizona. He was a likeable man and was continually striving to do good." He had two sons, Charles and Everett, and two daughters, Lillian, and Lucille. He died 19 October 1934 in Vernon, Texas.

Rev Dr George A. Logie 1912-1915

Rev George Logie came to the Arizona Territory in 1898 and established the Presbyterian Church in Flagstaff. He also helped select the site of the Ganado Mission on the Navajo Nation. The *Arizona Republic* reported in the Wednesday, April 5, 1905 edition: "Stewart Logie, little son of Rev and Mrs. George Logie, died late Monday evening in Tucson and is to be buried in Flagstaff on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Logie are expected here on the morning train from the south and will leave tomorrow on the Santa Fe. Mr. Logie is known to many people here as he has been in the city often during the seven years of residence in the Territory. Until last fall he was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Flagstaff and left only that he might be in a lower altitude for his little son whose heart was affected by the elevation in Flagstaff. Last June he spent here supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church. In August, he passed through the city on one of the detoured trains from California taking the body of his only daughter for burial in Flagstaff. Stewart is the only other child of the family. Mr. Logie is now the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Douglas. A few weeks ago, it was discovered that the former trouble threatened the boy and his parents immediately started for Phoenix but because of the going out of the Gila bridge they were stopped in Tucson. Word received only a few days ago gave hope that the change was restoring the child and the improvement was so marked that the father returned to Douglas leaving Mrs. Logie and Stewart in Tucson until the bridge should be thoroughly tested when they were to come this way for treatment." In August of that same year the Douglas congregation was seeking to build a new \$10618 church building. Up to that point they had raised \$9000. During the Synod meeting in October 1905, Rev Logie was elected moderator for the following year. Ruth Murray Logie was born to George and Mary Ellen Magwood Logie in 1907 and Frank Forster Logie was born in 1911. That same year Rev. George Logie resigned his pastorate in Douglas to take an appointment as principal of a new Charles H. Cook Bible School, a training school for Indian church workers in connection with the Presbyterian Indian School at Tucson. From 1912 to 1914 he tended the flock in Casa Grande. He went on to become the instructor of the first nine Native Americans to graduate from Cook Christian Training School in



Rev. George Logie

Tempe. Cook College was dedicated to the instruction of Native Americans to become pastors. The formal dedication of the new church building in Clifton, AZ took place on Easter Sunday in 1920. The Reverend George Logie of Phoenix, described by a contemporary as "the greatest preacher in the southwest," officiated at the impressive dedication service. Rev. Logie would remain an active preacher in Arizona for many years, coming back to preach to the Casa Grande congregation occasionally. Rev. Logie was born in Ontario, Canada October 25, 1868 and died in Phoenix March 24, 1958 at the age of 89.



Deacon Spotlight

Betty Silguero

Parish A-Bot



Betty Silguero remembers that her family moved around often because her father was in the Navy for over 30 years. After WWII, the family lived in both Guam and Hawaii. Betty moved to Arizona with her four children in the early 1960's to be near her parents, Wesley and Selma Hubbard. She met her husband, Aaron Silguero, here in Casa Grande and together they raised six children: Donna, Lonnie, Robin and Glynn Akins; Diane and Chezney Silguero. Betty and Ron's family continues to grow as there are now 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren to date. In 1971, Betty began her Real Estate Career working for F.T. Rainey Agencies until 1979 when she opened her own office: Red Carpet Betty Silguero and Assoc. Inc., something that Betty considers as the highlight of her Real Estate Career. This January, 2021, Betty will celebrate 50 years in the Real Estate Business. Betty also worked as part-time financial secretary at First Presbyterian Church for nine years. She enjoyed being a part of our church staff very much and is looking forward to serving the church once again as a Deacon and meeting members of her Parish.



Missions

NAVAJO RELIEF

According to Treasurer, Gary Ellis, our congregation at First Presbyterian Church donated \$2,205.00 to send relief to the Navajo Reservation. So far, we have spent \$500 of that amount for purchasing food, water, and other needed supplies that were delivered to Ft. Defiance. In addition to that amount, we donated approximately \$250 worth of groceries which were delivered on the same trip by Uriel Nelson. We also included blankets, hats, and scarves. We plan to spend the balance (\$1,705.00) in October to return to Ft. Defiance with another load.

LAUNDRY LOVE

A big thank you to Pauline Pickett, Elizabeth Elgin, Judy Kitching, and Mary Sue Beers for working at Laundry Love on August 12. They estimated that about 40 people attended to do their laundry, completing approximately 117 loads at a cost of \$373.00. Because of COVID19, coins were handed out from the office window to the participants who started their own washers and dryers. Cold drinks, watermelon, popsicles, and other snacks were provided. Our final laundry session for this year will be November 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder Vicki Cooper

Session Notes

We extend our sympathy to Bobbie Antholz in the death of her husband, Jim Antholz, who was serving on Session at the time of his death July 19, 2020. We also extend our condolences to the families of Elmer Cryer, Dick Whittington, and Suzanne Smith.

Session has established an Organ Fund. Please mark checks accordingly.

Elder Bott has been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee until May 2021.

The latest version of Media Shout has been installed.

Pauline Pickett is collecting needed items for the Navajo Nation for the drive headed by Uriel Nelson. Money may be donated also.

Matthew 25 is providing aid to our Presbytery border ministries through our Mission Team's budget and \$100.00 from the Rummage Sale funds, plus we have budgeted for Presbytery de Cristo Mission for Witness and Outreach (MWO). Check the Presbytery website for more information or to donate personally.

Laundry Love is scheduled for November 11 from 3:00—7:00 pm.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be "zooming" beginning on September 23 at 10:00 the Bible Study by Max Lucado entitled, "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name."

You can order the book and study guide on Amazon.com or Christianbook.com. We will begin with the book first. It is a new experience for everyone with a Bible Study on zoom, but we can do it!

Contact Donita Godwin at (520) 509-1404 with any questions.



Women's Ministry

The first meeting of the Women's Ministry will be held on October 20 at 10:00 am in Room 17. We delayed it a month in hopes our winter visitors have returned. We will practice social distancing and wear our masks if needed.

I look forward to seeing you and another great year of our ministry.

You may contact me at rlovell919@gmail.com or (252) 567-8072 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Renee Lovell
Judy Kitching
Kathy Ellis

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 40 Days of Prayer 3:30 Worship Team	<u>2</u> 10:00 Women's Bible Study	<u>3</u> 8:00 Men's Fellowship 8:00 Walking Group 1:00 Adamavich Grace Group	<u>4</u> 6:45 Al-Anon 10:00 AA	<u>5</u> 6:45 AA 7:30 Traffic School 6:30 Al-Anon 6:30 AA
<u>6</u> 9:00 Worship (via Facebook)	<u>7</u> 8:00 Walking Group 10:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Cub Scouts	<u>8</u> 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 40 Days of Prayer 3:30 Praise Team	<u>9</u> 10:00 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Missions Team Meeting	<u>10</u> 8:00 Men's Fellowship 8:00 Walking Group 4:15 pm Deacons	<u>11</u> 6:45 Al-Anon 10:00 AA 6:30 Godwin Grace Group	<u>12</u> 6:45 AA 7:30 Traffic School 8:30 Montlure Board 6:30 Al-Anon 6:30 AA
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Temporary Church Office hours
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Mary Jane Nichols
Ron & Jan Poe
Barb Hogsett
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Ministry Connection

Ministers: Whole Congregation

Associate Pastor	Bill Heinle
Bell Choir	Kim Freyermuth, Susan Quintanar
Chancel Choir	June Graber
Choir Accompanist	Kim Freyermuth
Custodian	Harold Lovell
Grace Groups	Carol Adamavich Linda Irvin
Memorial Committee	Marcey Honodel
Men's Ministry	Rev. Paul Elgin
Nursery Attendants	Jasmin Diaz Alison Gomez
Office Manager	Heather McNutt
Organist/Pianist	Richard Hurley
Pastor	Rev. Paul Elgin
Seeds of Hope	Mark Vanderheyden
Sexton	Pete Vogel
Special Events Coord.	Renee Lovell
Stephen Ministry	Bill Heinle
Women's Bible Study	Donita Godwin
Women's Ministry	Renee Lovell