



# This Thing Called Love

By THE REV. NORM PHILLIPS

I am a habitual television watcher. It is one of my addictions. Programs include news of current events, major sports, nature and animals and people-helping-people shows. What I do not have a need to watch are commercials because their primary intention is to persuade me into believing that the product they are offering is what I need in order not only to survive but to thrive in my life. Even though a favorite hostess of a political news show urges me before a commercial break to “not go anywhere,” I often do go somewhere—usually to the bathroom or the refrigerator—because doing so is what I most need to do to survive the moment.

There is one commercial, however, which never fails to keep me from going somewhere. It is a commercial for Pampers (which very young children need but which this 88-year-old does not need because he depends on Depends to keep him thriving). A baby perhaps only a few days old is shown lying on his mother’s chest with his cheek and ear over her heart. He is able to hear a rhythmic swooshing sound—a sound which his newly developing brain tells him he had been listening to for quite some time. Surely, in wonderment he raises his chin and, through unclearly seeing eyes, discovers?

The commercial maker’s camera is turned off before I can see what the baby sees. But that’s OK because, as a saying puts it, “I have seen this show before.” We have all seen more than enough times a mother and her baby together for us to know what the camera does not show: a mother and her baby gazing at each other in wonderment as, with curling tongue

and moving lips, she speaks words of love which, although he is yet too young to understand their meaning, he is not too young to feel the power they convey.

In my mind this is much like another commercial which shows a father and son, both of whom are deaf and are observing from afar the flow of a mighty waterfall in Yosemite National Park; awed, the son signs his father, “Can you feel that?” To which the father equally in awe with his fingers tapping over his heart signs back, “Yes, I can feel it too.”

While watching the Pampers commercial I sometimes find myself imagining the baby and mother being me and my mother. There I am: clad not in a disposable Pamper but in a washable cloth diaper lying on my mother’s chest with her heartbeat sounding in my ear. I look up at her face. Her eyes are fixed on mine. I am able to make out a movement on her face and to feel a flow of warm air wash over my face, listening a sound which, although unintelligible, seems to fill me with a quiet assurance that all is well as I close my eyes and fall into restful sleep.

In 1929, six years before my baby-mother experience, Cole Porter wrote a pop song which included these lines: “What is this thing called love? This funny thing called love? Just who can solve this mystery?... I ask the Lord in Heaven above what is this thing called love?”

It may well be that such questions and such determination to seek their answers from God were in my mom’s mind as she held me close to her heart in mid-August 1935. It certainly is true for me whenever I contemplate the love which exists between myself and Bev, between us and our son and daughter and son-in-

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**the word...**

*Gospel*

Old English *godspel*, “glad tidings announced by Jesus; one of the four gospels,” literally “good spell,” from *god* “good.” A translation of Latin *bona adnuntiatio*, itself a translation of Greek *euangelion* “reward for bringing good news” (see *evangel*). The first element of the Old English word originally had a long “o,” but it shifted under mistaken association with *God*, as if “God-story” (i.e. the history of Christ). For us, it is the good news of God’s love.

## LOVE

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law and granddaughter and other family members, and between us and friends that a powerful thing binds us close.

While the divinely inspired writers of the Bible tell us much about “this thing called love” so also do any number of divinely inspired non-biblical writers. This is because God, who is in everyone, may at any time speak through anyone. So Jesus often said, “Let anyone with ears listen!”

Surely the writer of the First Letter of John was inspired by God when he wrote: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4.7-8.)

Just as surely Swiss psychologist Carl Jung, during a long career of emphasizing the importance of the unconscious part of the human psyche, which is not ordinarily in our awareness but which can manifest itself through slips of the tongue that cause us to wonder from whence the words had come, was divinely inspired when asked for his understanding of the relationship between God and our psychological makeup, echoed Paul, and substituted the word God for the word love: “God is patient; God is kind; God is not envious; or boastful or arrogant or rude. God does not insist on Her/His own way; God is not irritable or resentful; God does not rejoice

in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. God bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. God never ends.”

And just as surely a woman living in 14th century England—a century marked by the Hundred Years War between her country and France as well as by a bubonic plague pandemic known as the Black Death—reported that she had seen sixteen showings, or mystical visions from God, was divinely inspired. At some point in her life she left her family, became an anchoress and entered a tiny room attached to one side of the Church of St. Junian of Norwich, giving up a previous name by when she had been known, and taking upon herself the name of the patron saint of her anchorhold, she became henceforth known as Julian of Norwich.

A revelation to her about God and His/Her love deeply embedded itself in my thoughts during this writing: “I saw that God never began to love us. For just as we will be in everlasting joy (all God’s creation is destined for this) so also we have always been in God’s foreknowledge, known and loved from without beginning” (Matthew Fox, *Meditations with Julian of Norwich*, p. 88). I have long wondered what there was before “In the beginning when God created...” (Genesis 1.1). Now, from this day forward, I shall read this passage thusly: In the beginning when Love created. ■



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## MONTHLY DRIVE 'n' DROP

**October 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

*Normally First Sunday of each month! Drop off at church!*

Here are the items needed for TCAA and UPC Refugee Ministry



#### TCAA needs

- breakfast items
- towels/washcloths
- baby wipes
- travel snacks
- canned goods

#### REFUGEE needs

- laundry & dish soap
- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash & lotion
- snack items

Financial contributions may be sent to the office.  
Make checks out to “TCAA” and reference “Food Pantry”  
or to UPC and reference “Refugee” in the memo

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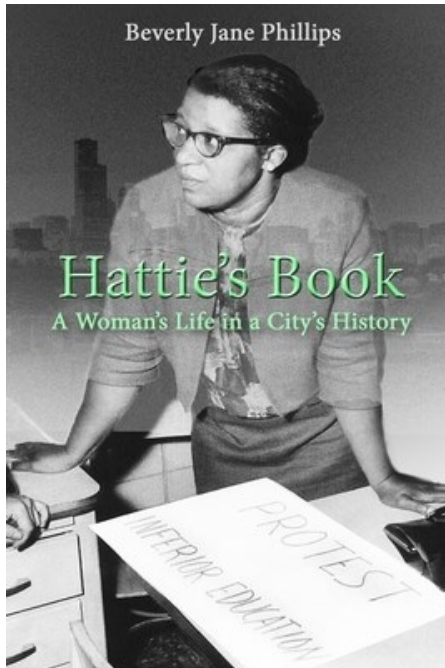
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Letters to the Editor: 750 words or less  
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# ***Hattie's Book—Part XIX***

## **A Woman's Life In a City's History**



By **BEVERLY PHILLIPS**

Hattie prayed and her prayers were answered. In 1966, when she was forty-four years old, she was diagnosed with a malignant tumor on her pituitary gland. As she faced surgery to remove it, she prayed to stay alive because her children needed her if they were to grow up to be good people. She also promised that she would serve God through service in her community.

Hattie's surgery was successful. She was sent home with hormone shots which she would have to take every day for the rest of her life. When she was getting ready to give herself the first shot, she praised God for giving her life back. At that moment she decided she didn't need the shot so she didn't take it.

"I remember the doctor saying that I was going to have to take a shot of a certain drug for the rest of my life. I asked the Lord, 'If you have given me the activity of my limbs and I am able to praise you, why do I have to take this? A deep peace came over me, and I walked in faith. I laid the needle down, and I have-

n't had a shot from that time to this day. So I thank God for that miracle. So all along the way there have been little affirmations and signs."

When she returned to the hospital a few weeks later for a post-surgery exam, the doctor told her he would write a new prescription for the shots. She said she didn't need it because she hadn't used any of the ones he had given her. His response was that she couldn't live without it. She went home content that God had heard her prayer for recovery. She was even more determined to serve God.

The next day she received a phone call from the doctor's office telling her to check into the hospital right away. Naturally, she was worried that another malignancy had been found. The next morning her surgeon and several other doctors came into her room with a group of student doctors all carrying clipboards. That really scared her, but her surgeon informed her that something had happened that never happens! He told her that her pituitary gland had grown back. If there had been a doubt in her mind, she knew for certain that God had much for her to do.

Whenever a group or an individual came into Hattie's home, she prayed with them. When she prayed it was like holding onto a live current of electricity! You could feel the Holy Spirit pass through the hands of everyone in the circle.

Not only were her prayers that vibrant, it also seems that whatever Hattie asked for she received. However, I am sure she prayed her fervently for the well-being of people in her neighborhood and did not get exactly what she prayed for. Praying is not an exercise in asking a greater being to do your favor. Prayer fosters a relationship with God. That is why we saw so many instances of her requests being answered in just the way she asked. She asked for what was already in God's will.

An activity that Hattie held in her home was sewing classes. A nun who worked with her was a quilter. She only had a short time before she left for a mission in South America. Hattie wanted her to teach the women how to make quilts before she left so she prayed for quilt pieces. One day a neighbor of mine called to ask if Hattie could use quilt pieces. I didn't know about the quilting class, but I did know she had classes to teach women to make dresses for themselves. I also knew that this neighbor had shelves full of dress lengths of material that she bought and didn't use. I told her that Hattie would take pieces but if she had any dress lengths Hattie could use them too. This neighbor brought over four large black plastic garbage bags full of fabric. When I took the bags into Hattie's living room, I apologized that they contained scraps of material. She said "Praise God! I have been praying for pieces of fabric to make quilts!"

Another time a friend called and asked if Hattie could use the high protein beverage Ensure. Her mother had been living on Ensure for several months preceding her death. She had a box of twenty-four cans left over. I didn't think Hattie would have any use for it, but her words about letting her decide what she needed and what she didn't resounded in my mind. We took the cans of Ensure.

When Norm walked in the door carrying the box of Ensure, Hattie exclaimed "Praise God! I was just praying for Ensure!" She was praying not just for any high protein drink but for Ensure in particular. She knew a ninety-year-old woman who had cancer whose doctor had directed her to drink Ensure. She couldn't afford to buy as much as the doctor recommended so she was drinking only one can a day. We walked with Hattie to this woman's home. When we

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knocked on the door we could hear slow, shuffling footsteps. A tiny, shrunken woman opened the door. When she saw what we were bringing she raised her hands heavenward and shouted, "Praise Jesus!"

The members of Christ Church not only garbage picked and donated food, they also set up an emergency fund for Hattie. When she needed something that we couldn't salvage or solicit, we would draw on that fund to give her. Some money, \$241.63, had been in the bank untouched for several months.

The Comboni Fathers, an international Catholic missionary order, gave a sixtieth birthday party for Hattie in Hyde Park to which we were invited. Norm took the balance of the fund to give her that evening. She didn't know we had it. We walked into the living room of the Comboni Fathers' home to find it filled with friends and decorated with streamers and balloons.

Hattie was sitting in a big armchair beaming. Her friends and family were there to celebrate. Nothing she ever did was just for herself. On a small table next to her chair, very visible, was a poster asking for money to pay her bill at the Second Harvest Food Bank. She owed them \$241.63, the exact amount of the check Christ Church had to give her!

Hattie decided to buy the house next door so she could have more room for people to stay with her and space for all the activities. The house was priced low but no one would give her a loan for it because she was a black woman and because, I'm sure, they knew the neighborhood was going to be razed and gentri-

fied before she could get it paid for. Our son, Jim, drove into the city to get Hattie and two of her friends to take them to his bank in Hanover Park. They agreed to loan her the \$20,000 she needed. As it turned out someone stepped up and gave her the money. She said it was because Jim took that first step in helping God answer a prayer.

Every year since 1929 Bronzeville has staged a Bud Billiken Parade. Hattie was chairman of the board of the Paul J. Paul Boys Club and Drum and Bugle Corps. The boys wanted to march in the parade, the oldest and largest African-American parade in the United States. The tradition which was started on August 11, 1929, is now everything you expect in a big city parade.

The problem with getting the Drum and Bugle Corps into the parade was that they couldn't afford suitable uniforms which needed to be elaborate. Hattie prayed for uniforms for them. As happened so often when she prayed God answered more abundantly than she even asked. A band in a wealthy white high school had uniforms that they no longer needed. In addition, they had just purchased some new instruments. So along with uniforms they gave their old instruments to the boys. These old ones were better than what the corps already had.

One day, we were taking food and clothes to Hattie in Jim's old station wagon. On the way, the radiator sprang a leak. We parked in front of Hattie's house with steam and heat pouring out of the engine. After we unloaded the supplies, we visited with Hattie awhile and prayed together. Then Jim asked Hattie if she had any empty milk jugs that we could fill with water for the trip home. She helped us carry them to the car and



Beverly Jane Phillips

prayed over the radiator. We drove the thirty miles home without adding a drop of water and without the steam and heat!

Once Hattie was in a hospital that was on my way home from my Bread for the World office at the Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park. As I was heading home one afternoon, I wanted to stop to see her but I couldn't because I didn't have any money for parking. Despite this, I took the exit from the freeway to the hospital. By the front entrance was a non-metered on street parking place! Such parking is a rarity in Chicago! I parked and went to Hattie's room. When I entered the room, she was sitting in a chair covered with a colorful Afghan. When she saw me she said, "I knew you would come." She had been praying that I would come to visit her that day.

There must've been countless other times when Hattie's prayers were not answered with specificity. Most certainly she prayed for her neighbors and for her neighborhood as a whole. If these prayers had been answered, Brownsville would've been a paradise on earth. ■



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# Xeriscape Project Update



By HELEN GRIFFIN

Eleven UPC people met with our landscape Designer PJ on August 29<sup>th</sup>. We originally hired a designer because we felt daunted about submitting a plan to the city for their approval. Now we

have seen PJ's preliminary plan and are amazed at how beautiful, welcoming, and useful our campus can be even while cutting way down on water use. There were sharp intakes of breath with ideas presented to us and photos of plants suggested to grace our property. This woman

is a force of nature!

We met for close to two hours. PJ was nonstop energy and passion as she shared her vision. She is an artist. Our questions and ideas were immediately incorporated into the discussion. Our xeriscape project can and will be SO much more than reconfiguring irri-

gation lines, taking out grass, spreading gravel and including a few new desert plants. We see that the entrances can be made vibrant and welcoming. Our large rectangles in center campus can include meandering walkways, small elevation changes, a ramada, shade trees, and a variety of plants to add visual appeal while attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. All this to invite us to come into the area and enjoy the space.

PJ left no part of the campus out of her design as she thematically brought it all together. Places we have not used well—the area behind Eric's office, the land south of our community room, and even the olive tree entrance area—have been envisioned as cozy, meaningful, inviting areas. We will be able to include wheelchair accessibility to all campus sections but one behind the community room.

We unanimously accepted PJ's preliminary plan. She will now get us slides of all parts of that plan so we can share them with session and the congregation as desired. On her part, she will now firm up the details—all plant selections and a plan to irrigate them efficiently, all hard-scape areas and materials to be used, all boxes ticked off on the city's checklist before submission.

This plan will be shared with the congregation. PJ is happy to come and be the interpreter. The excitement is building! ■



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Thank you to all the UPC bakers! Please invite your friends to become a baker for the food insecure in our area. Please contact Andrea White at [info@riseshinebread.org](mailto:info@riseshinebread.org) or (480) 580-3021.



# And They're Off...

## Hygiene Kits are in Transit to Haiti

By HELEN GRIFFIN

We have completed over 100 feminine hygiene kits. At packing day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, everyone showed up to help! We nearly needed a traffic cop to keep our kit packing and shipping box packing proceeding in an orderly fashion. It was a project to warm the heart. Special thanks to all packers and to all the people who

said, "Just follow me. I'll show you how it's done." UPC = special people.

Two large shipping boxes are in UPS hands. My deacon Jo Lewis helped me with the drop off (yes, deacons are called upon to do some very unique things!) The boxes will go to Pastor Luc's family in Florida en route to their final destination of Haiti. Ronide is on alert to look for the boxes.

We will continue making another 100 kits. Fortunately, we are pretty far along in reaching that goal. Our flannel work is completed. Making bags and shields from cotton will be the major focus. Then, we get to have another packing party!!

I pass along to you the gratefulness and blessings of Harmony Ministries in Haiti. ■





# August 2023 Session Updates

**By BRIGITTA KUIPER**

*Clerk of Session*

Session took a summer break and did not meet in July. The first meeting back was held on August 22, 2023.

After beginning the meeting with prayer, Pastor Eric lead Session in a time of devotion. Session reflected on one of the questions for ordination of elders and deacons: Will you in your own life, seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Highlights from the August Session meeting include:

- Brigitta Kuiper, Clerk of Session, reported on the Presbytery Review of Records, held earlier this year. Each year Presbytery reviews Session's meeting minutes and the church's rolls and registers and provides feedback. UPC's records are up to date and in good order.
- Session received the Stewardship Committee's 2023 Communication Plan and approved September 24, 2023 as Consecration Sunday, with the Stewardship theme as "Connecting Community".
- Approved Vicki Jacobs, Nancy Martin and Nathalie Rennell as members of the 2023 Stewardship Committee.
- Received the Monthly Finance Summaries for June and July 2023. Revenues and expenses are on budget.
- Approved various events and fundraisers for UPC Presbyterian Women for the 2023-24 program year.
- Approved the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual UPC Intergenerational Fall Festival and Talent Show to be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023.
- Approved the dates for Pastor Eric's sabbatical, vacation and study leave for 2024,

per his terms of call. Session will receive and approve the specific plans for Pastor Eric's sabbatical at a later date.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Eric or a Session member with any questions you may have. ■

## 2023 Session Members

**Paul Green**, *Administration/Nominating Committees*

**Joan Grey**, *Worship Committee*

**Lawn Griffiths**, *Congregational Involvement and Outreach Committee*

**Vicki Jacobs**, *Christian Education Committee*

**Catherine May**, *Mission, Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee*

**Katie Ranes**, *Stewardship Committee*

**Alan Sweeney**, *Administration/Personnel Committees*

**Sara Trower**, *Worship Committee*

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# Haiti Wishes to Thank UPC

By **KATHY WAGNER**  
*Presbyterian Women's Treasurer*

Pastor Luc with Harmony Ministries in Haiti sends his appreciation for UPC's love, concern, gifts, and funds to help

care for the people of Haiti. PW, with the support of the congregation, recently sent 100 feminine hygiene kits to Miami. From there they will go by ship to Haiti.

Earlier this summer, PW made a financial contribution to Harmony Minis-

tries for school supplies. The Ministry is still in the process of rebuilding one of their schools. Pastor Luc said it would be impossible to care for the children without our help. ■



1st grade, children receiving a bag of rice and black beans to take home.

## UPC “Connecting Community”

By **KATIE RANES**  
*Stewardship Committee Chair*

The Stewardship Committee chose “Connecting Community” as our theme for this year’s stewardship season. We observed that UPC connects with each other through worship, mission, committee work and personal care. We connect beyond our local congregation by using partnerships with local groups like I-HELP, Family Promise, Paz de Cristo and Arizona Faith Network.

There is another way University Presbyterian Church connects. Sometimes you may hear we are a “connectional church”. UPC is part of the denomination, Presbyterian Church (USA). We participate in denominational special offerings throughout the year. The yearly budget of UPC includes per capita to the denomination and contributions to the presbytery and synod mission funds. Our pastor and retired pastors who worship with us are members of the presbytery, not an individual congrega-

tion. UPC members serve on presbytery committees and serve as lay representatives to guide the work of the presbytery. As you continue your stewardship, please consider contributions to the per capita fund and to the special offerings. You can do this through special offering envelopes, designating the purpose on the memo line of your check or by using the on-line “DONATE” link on the UPC website, [www.upctempe.org](http://www.upctempe.org). You will notice options on the donation page that list both local special efforts as well as per capita and special offerings.

I value being part of a connectional church. I regularly use the national website and receive emails that foster continual study. You can find links to the denomination website and our other partnerships on the “Serving Together” page of the UPC website, Serving Together - University Presbyterian Church ([upctempe.org](http://upctempe.org)). I am grateful for the guidance and support of the greater church. This connection is another way we live together in unity.

*“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1 ■*

# Peace & Global Witness Offering



By **HOLLY HERMAN**

During the first two weeks of October, University Presbyterian Church will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Monies from this offering will be used to address systems of conflict and injustice around the world and in our Presbytery and community. 50% percent of the collection will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through projects of education and witness. 25% will be retained by the Presbytery for similar projects in our own state, and 25% will be put to work by UPC.

Mission, Social Justice, & Peacemak-

ing (MSJP) Committee has voted to donate our 25% to PLAN- the Phoenix Legal Action Network. PLAN provides quality, free legal services to non-detained immigrants in our community. The Executive Director of PLAN is Rekha Nair. Many of you have met Rekha. She is the attorney representing four of our Iranian asylum seekers Farshid, Soheila, Sara, and Meysam. Rekha is a first generation immigrant herself. She is a proud graduate of Arizona State University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is a former math teacher, public defender, Florence Project attorney, and has been fighting to protect and expand the rights of immigrants and

their families in Arizona since 2014. She became Executive Director of PLAN in July 2021. Rekha successfully represented Farshid and Soheila at their immigration court trial in April. They are now official legal asylees and eligible to apply for their green cards. The trial for Sara and Meysam is scheduled for December 12. She loves chocolate and speaking Spanish; she abhors injustice and most fruit. She has also demonstrated her support of our mission here at UPC, and this donation will help her continue PLAN's much-needed work.

Please consider making a generous gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering by October 15. ■

## Deacon Honorary Plant Program

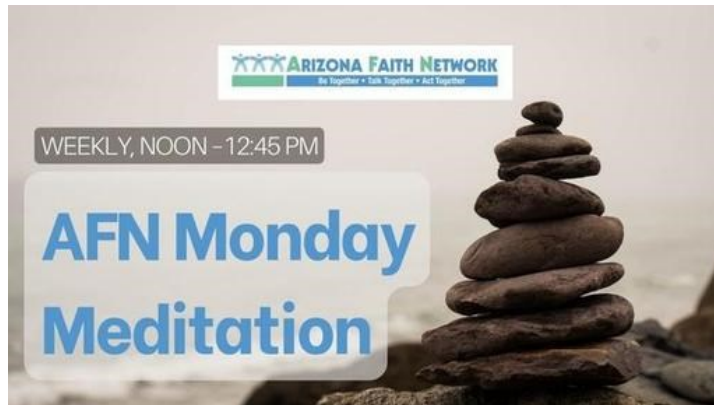
Would you like a flower or plant displayed during worship to recognize a special person, a wedding anniversary, someone who has passed away, or a special occasion?

Contact Jey Young at [JeyYoung@cox.net](mailto:JeyYoung@cox.net). Let Jey know who you would like honored or memorialized. Please include:

- your preferred Sunday you would like this recognition;
- whether you want to keep the flower or plant, or have it given away; and
- send a check for \$15 to UPC with Deacon honorary plant fund in the memo line. ■







### Monday Meditation with Vasu Bandhu

Mondays 12:00 pm—12:45 pm, Virtual on Zoom

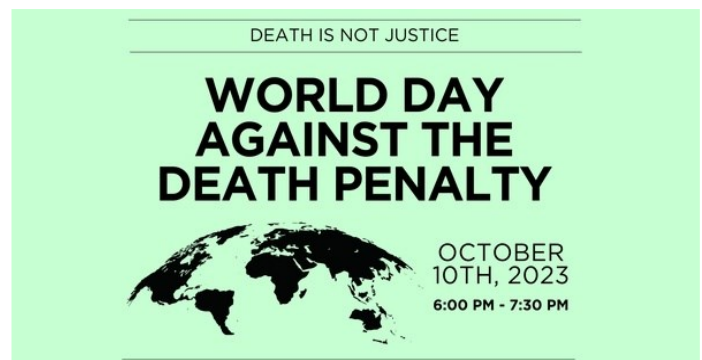
Start your week with some guided meditation led by Vasu Bandhu, AFN's Interfaith Manager. He serves the Buddhist community as Bhikkhu (monk) in the Dhammapada Sangha (Zen Buddhism), assisting in the practice and teaching of the principles, ceremonies and rituals. RSVP: <https://form-usa.keela.co/monday-meditation>

## SAVE THE DATE



### 2023 AFN Annual Gathering

Mark your calendars for the **2023 AFN Annual Gathering**, which will be held as a hybrid event (both in-person and live-streamed) on Tuesday, October 24th, from 9:00 am to noon. We're excited to announce that our guest speaker will be [Tahil Sharma](#), Regional Coordinator for North America for URI (United Religions Initiative). More details to come soon!



### World Day Against the Death Penalty

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00—7:30 pm

First Church UCC Phoenix (or via Zoom)

Join AFN for this gathering. During this event, we will discuss the topic of abolition of the death penalty in Arizona, engage in prayers for our state and the federal death penalty in our nation, and pray for the global end of capital punishment. [RSVP](#) for In-person Attendance or [RSVP](#) for Zoom



### URI Global Prayer Gathering

Every Friday Morning 7:15 am—7:45 am (Zoom)

Participants are invited to offer brief described prayer intentions, either aloud or using the chat box, which will be read aloud near the end of the session. Participants receive each prayer in silence and give each other the gift of listening. Respecting the various paths, all are encouraged to offer prayer intentions in the language of faith or spiritual expression that is most comfortable for them. If you would like the Zoom link, have questions, or would like to suggest a participant, please contact Sally at [smahe@uri.org](mailto:smahe@uri.org).

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By CHRIS CASANOVA

October is a busy month for Presbyterian Women here in the Synod of the Southwest! The triennial PW USA Mission Experience (USAME) will take place October 13-22, 2023 with 20 Presbyterian Women from around the country arriving in Phoenix prepared to spend 10 days learning, serving, and focusing on immigration and refugee issues; violence against women and children throughout the immigration process; and challenges facing indigenous people living in Arizona. The purpose of the PW USA Mission Experience is to equip participants with an understanding of the history and culture of a particular region as well as the challenges, hopes, and ministries of mis-

sion partners in the southwest. Traditionally, one Presbyterian woman from each synod joins the delegation and spends the following two years sharing the experience with groups within her synod. The participants will travel from Phoenix to Douglas/Agua Prieta then on to Tucson.

Women from UPC will be actively involved in all aspects of this USAME journey. Chris Casanova, as PW Moderator in the Synod of the Southwest, has been selected to be the representative for our synod as a participant for the 10-day experience. Holly Herman has organized a day of education for the women to hear speakers share about the Phoenix Welcome Center, Florence Project, people in the immigration process, what local churches are doing to support immigra-

tion, as well as two hands-on mission projects. Catherine May will be sharing information about Frontera de Cristo to prepare the women for their experience in Agua Prieta. Cheri Hardy, Suzanne Niemann, Jo Lewis, and Helen Griffin have volunteered to assist with an interactive workshop designed to provide a learning experience of the history of colonization from the per-

spective of Indigenous peoples.

Please offer prayers for the women traveling from across the country, including prayers that all involved will grow in faith, build relationships, and expand their understanding of the culture and the needs of the people in our southwest region. ■

*I am with you and will  
keep you wherever you go.*  
*Gen. 28.15*

## The ABCs of PW 2023-24



**A** All women are welcome.

**B** Build a caring, faithful community.

**C** Committed to justice and peace.

All women are invited to join a Presbyterian Women's Circle to gather in fellowship and study of the Horizons' Bible study, *Sacred Encounters The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts*. Circles meet once a month. Choose the one that best meets your schedule.

### Kayenta Circle

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the UPC Meeting Room. For more information contact Circle Chair, Cheri Hardy at (602) 920-5176.

### Chinle Circle

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the UPC Meeting Room. For more information contact Circle Chair, Kay Hosek-Knauss at (602) 363-7396.

### Coast2Coast Circle

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Arizona Time on Zoom. For more information contact Circle Chair, Chris Casanova at (480) 203-7567.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 861 4812 9050, Passcode: 139



# Worship Volunteer Schedule

Below is the schedule of worship volunteers for the next month. If you are listed and have a conflict, you are asked to please find a replacement and then contact Ruling Elder Sada Reed, co-chair of the Worship Committee.

To volunteer or get on one of the rotations, contact Joan Grey! Thank you!

## October 2023

Sanctuary Readiness Team.....Larry Seubert

### Oct 1—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... Faye Gardner  
Children's Moment ..... Faye Gardner  
Worship Tech ..... Sada Reed, Chris Trella

### Oct 8—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... Vicki Jacobs  
Children's Moment ..... Sue Schnebel  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, Sada Reed

### Oct 15—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... Lawn Griffiths  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... Chris Trella, Bianca Osorio

### Oct 22—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... VACANT  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... Bianca Osorio, VACANT

### Oct 29—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... Nob Ichishita  
Children's Moment ..... Pastor Eric  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, VACANT

## November 2023

Sanctuary Readiness Team.....Larry Seubert

### Nov 5—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... VACANT  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, VACANT

### Nov 12—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... VACANT  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, VACANT

### Nov 19—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist ..... VACANT  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, VACANT

### Nov 26—Reign of Christ

Liturgist ..... VACANT  
Children's Moment ..... VACANT  
Worship Tech ..... VACANT, VACANT

**WANTED:** Those interested in learning about audio and video production and serving as worship techs. Contact Chris Trella at [ctrella1@gmail.com](mailto:ctrella1@gmail.com) or Jim Niemann at [jim.niemann@cox.net](mailto:jim.niemann@cox.net).

## UPC Book Club — Oct 20 at 7pm

### *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

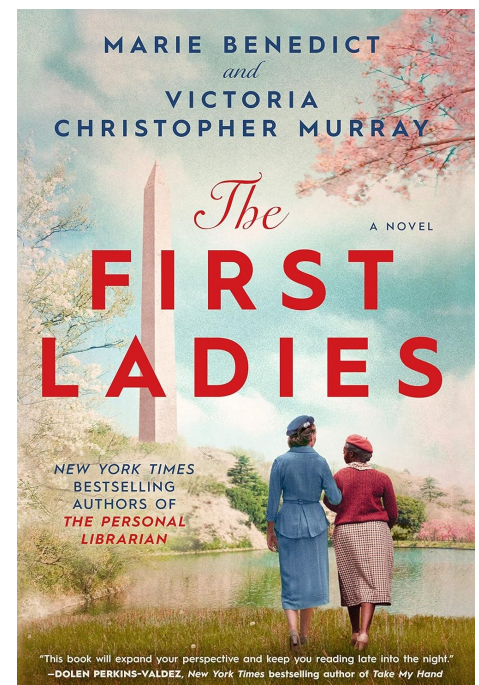
A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world.

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands

through tragedy and triumph.

When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR, a consequence of the devastating discovery of her husband's secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality.

This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement. ■





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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Sada Reed         | 25 Mara Trella          |
| 3 Stan Settles      | 26 Bianca Osorio        |
| 6 Sharon Tompkins   | Soheila Rouhani Maryani |
| 9 Sara Trower       | 27 Ken Moe              |
| 14 Evelyn Settles   | 28 Jan Felton           |
| 19 George Garcia    | 30 Carrie Miter         |
| 22 JoAnne Dahlmeier |                         |
| 23 Beckie Burke     |                         |

*If you see a birthday is missing or we have the wrong date, please let the office know as soon as possible.*

## Stay Informed on All-Things-Presby!

### PC(USA) News

Available in a daily or weekly digest format. [www.pcusa.org/newsupdates](http://www.pcusa.org/newsupdates)

### Presbytery of Grand Canyon Weekly E-focus Newsletter

News and views from our presbytery. [pbygrandcanyon.org/subscribe-to-efocus](http://pbygrandcanyon.org/subscribe-to-efocus).

### PC(USA) Office of Public Witness

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more about the OPW at:

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington).

### Presbyterian Historical Society

Organized in 1852, the PHS is the oldest denominational archives in the U.S. and serves as the national archives for the PC (USA) and its predecessor denominations. PHS exists to collect, preserve, and share the story of the American Presbyterian and Reformed experience. [www.history.pcusa.org](http://www.history.pcusa.org).

### The Presbyterian Outlook

An independent magazine covering all things Presbyterian — \$19.95/year, 18 issues. [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org)

### Presbyterians Today

Award-winning denominational magazine published by the PC(USA). Also available in a free twice monthly e-newsletter. Get a free 1 year subscription!

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today)



## Remember prayer...

- ✘ **Homebound:** Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson.
- ✘ **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)** in the U.S., especially those targeted by law enforcement.
- ✘ **Law Enforcement**, and the reform of the broken system of incarceration.
- ✘ **Communities** bearing the weight of violence in their streets and neighborhoods.
- ✘ **Medical personnel** and first responders
- ✘ **Indigenous People** who continue to suffer from hundreds of years of subjugation.
- ✘ **All of creation**, and for the strength to stand up for environmental conservation.
- ✘ **Elected & community leaders**, that they can bring peace to our nation and world.
- ✘ **Military personnel**, stateside and abroad
- ✘ **Peacemakers/Mission Workers**, particularly the Rev. Leslie Vogel, the Rev. Mark Adams, Jocabed Gallego, and all at Frontera de Cristo.
- ✘ **Our nation and world**—praying for peace
- ✘ **Immigrants**, especially those separated from families and those dying in the desert in a desperate search for a better way of life.
- ✘ **UPC Officers:** elders, deacons, trustees
- ✘ **LGBTQIA+ persons** who continue to suffer from prejudice, marginalization, and discrimination.
- ✘ Those struggling with **mental and physical illness**.
- ✘ Those affected by **natural disasters around the world**.



# UPC Calendar

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[www.upctempe.org/calendar](http://www.upctempe.org/calendar)

## October 2023

### Sun, Oct 1

*PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering*  
*World Communion Sunday*

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU, YouTube)
- 11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Oct 2

- 4:30 pm ACE Team (ZP)
- 7:00 pm Administration Committee (ZU)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue, Oct 3

- 8:00 pm Stewardship Meeting (ZU)

### Wed, Oct 4

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
- 10:15 am Office Calendar Meeting (CR)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Online Social Hour (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Thu, Oct 5

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, COR)
- 7:00 pm CE Committee (ZU)

### Fri, Oct 6

- 3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sat, Oct 7

- 7:00 am I-HELP Departs
- 9:00 am Baseball Card Show (FH)

### Sun, Oct 8

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU, YouTube)
- 11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Oct 9

- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue, Oct 10

- 7:00 pm Finance Committee (ZU)
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee (ZP)

### Wed, Oct 11

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Online Social Hour (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Thu, Oct 12

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, COR)
- 7:00 pm MSJP Committee (ZU)

### Fri, Oct 13

- 3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sat, Oct 14

- 7:00 am I-HELP Departs
- 12:00 pm Baby Shower (FH—Rental)

### Sun, Oct 15

*Children's Sabbath*

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU, YouTube)
- 11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Oct 16

- 7:00 pm Board of Deacons (ZU)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue, Oct 17

- 6:30 pm CIO Committee (ZP)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (ZU)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Wed, Oct 18

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
- 1:00 pm Chinle Circle (MR)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Online Social Hour (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Thu, Oct 19

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, COR)
- 11:00 am Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)

### Fri, Oct 20

- 3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)
- 7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sun, Oct 22

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU, YouTube)
- 11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Oct 23

- 6:30 pm PW Kayenta Circle (MR)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue, Oct 24

- 7:00 pm Stated Session (S, ZU)

### Wed, Oct 25

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Online Social Hour (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Thu, Oct 26

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, COR)
- 1:00 pm PW Bible Study (Z)

### Fri, Oct 27

- 3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)
- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sun, Oct 29

*Reformation Sunday*

- 9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU, YouTube)
- 11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
- 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Oct 30

- 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

## November 2023

### Wed, Nov 1

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
- 10:15 am Office Calendaring Mtg (CR)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Online Social Hour (ZU)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

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### Location/Room References:

(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office (COR/Rm7)-Community Room (FH)-Fellowship Hall (HSR)-High School Room (MSR)-Middle School Room (K)-Fellowship Hall Kitchen (L)-Lounge (MG)-Memorial Garden (MR)-Meeting Room (N)-Nursery (PO)-Pastor's Office (Rm#)-Room Number Indicated (S)-Sanctuary (Z)-On Zoom

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### Fri, Nov 3

3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sat, Nov 4

7:00 am I-HELP Departs  
9:00 am Baseball Card Show (FH)

### Sun, Nov 5

*All Saints Day Observed*

*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU,  
YouTube)  
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)  
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)  
11:00 am Adult Christian Education (Z)

### Mon, Nov 6

*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

4:30 pm ACE Team (ZP)  
7:00 pm Administration Committee (ZU)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue, Nov 7

*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

### Wed, Nov 8

*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)  
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*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

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7:00 pm MSJP Committee (Z)

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3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Sat, Nov 11

*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

7:00 am I-HELP Departs  
9:00 am Congregational Workday

### Sun, Nov 12

*Family Promise Departs (MR, K, L, Rm 2-4)*

9:30 am Worship Service (S, ZU,  
YouTube)

11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)

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8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

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