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Book Worms Book Club News

Your upcoming book is "Sisterchicks in Gondolas" by Robin Jones Gunn

Ciao Bella!

SISTERCHICK n.: a friend who shares the deepest wonders of your heart, loves you like a sister, and provides a reality check when you're being a brat.

When Jenna is invited to Venice for a week of cooking for a small retreat group, she knows just who to take along: her sister-in-law Sue. With her Dallas drawl and wild tangle of red hair, Sue desperately needs her own retreat from the pressures of the past two years ... and blessedly for their guests, Sue actually knows how to cook (unlike Jenna)!

Happy Reading!

FYI...Wickenburg Neighborhood Green Bag Food Project!

Last year, the WNFP supplied 17,475 pounds of food for Wickenburg families and gave 30 families in need a \$100 Safeway gift card for Thanksgiving. Christmas donation projects are under development.

WNFP also accepts monetary donations. The funds are used for food shopping trips and are then delivered to the WNFP. Coordinator Don Coughlin said, "It's such a simple design on how the program works and Wickenburg is a good place to do it."

Another fun fact, WNFP has 45 Green Bag food collections programs across the United States.

The next food collection date will be Saturday, April 13, 2024. Please have your Green bags to the Fellowship Hall stage by the Friday before.

For questions about volunteering, contact Coughlin at (970) 749-4329.



OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

As we approach summer, we'll soon be saying "See ya in the fall" to our snow birds as the rest of us start settling in for what lies ahead...the dog days of summer. We won't have the same need for a monthly newsletter as meetings and the like won't be held until everyone is back...usually bv October...so...this May witness will be the last of the single month publications until October. The deadline for the June/July issue will be Wednesday, May 15th. The deadline for the August & September issue will be Wednesday, July 17th. Please double check your calendars and have all your articles, events, changes to meetings, etc. in to the editor by those deadlines. Thank you and God Bless!

OFFICE CLOSED

Our Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day!





The Fellowship Committee is having a Fiesta Potluck!! Friday, May 3rd, 2024, 4:00 p.m. Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with vs... Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. And bring your friends!! We have lee cream for dessert!



We're putting together a First Presbyterian Church Cookbook! We're doing something fun...bring us your favorite recipe and an apron. and we'll display them on the stage for Mother's day. We'll be collecting recipes and aprons up till May 10th.

For more information, see Deb B. Deb L. or call Brownie and we can tell you all about what we're up to!





"THE KING WILL REPLY, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST ... YOU DID FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40

EMBRACE SHORT TERM MISSION EXPERIENCE

For several years, Agua Viva Ministries has been offering a different type of short term mission experience: Embrace. This is a week filled with all the regular mission activities such as construction projects, Vacation Bible School, evangelism, orphanage visits, and many other activities. The big difference is that Embrace is a multicultural missions camp. Church groups from the United States and church groups from Mexico are formed into teams to serve the people of Mexico while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a chance to connect through serving in ministry together. It is a chance to connect through worshipping together throughout the week. And it is a chance to connect through eating and fellowshipping together.

Embrace is scheduled for *July 7-12, 2024*. The cost is \$350 which includes transportation, food, and housing. A current passport is required. For more information contact the church office or talk to Judy Taylor. This is an opportunity you will want to embrace!



GO MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP SCHEDULED

First Presbyterian Church is sending a mission team of five to Mongolia July 4 to July 17, 2024, to share the Gospel through conversational English. The team will be working alongside Mongolia Campus Crusade For Christ fulltime staff members who are arranging their ministry time. The outreach will be to educators and their families through English. English is a great way to open doors to talk about the Christian faith and invite people to accept Jesus.

Mongolia gained its independence from Russia in 1991 and elected to become a democratic, capitalistic country. Their constitution includes freedom of speech and religion. Only 15 years ago Mongolia changed from Russian to English as their second language. People are very open to hearing the Christian message as most Mongolians come from a Buddhist or Shamanist background. And they want to learn English. This is an open window of opportunity to share the Gospel.

There will be special luncheon and presentation on Mongolia and the mission trip on May 19, 2024 at 11:15AM at First Presbyterian Church. The public is invited. If you want to be part of this team, without physically going to Mongolia, you can support the team by making a financial gift to FPC GO MonGOlia, 180 N Adams Street, Wickenburg, AZ, 85390.

If you have any questions contact the church office, 928-684-2836. The team will be commissioned to go to Mongolia on June 30, 2024 at the 9:30AM service. The public also is invited to the commissioning.

The Mongolia Mission Team... Pastor Jonathan, Ed Taylor, Debbie Wright, Caleb & Ben Armstrong!!



NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



will meet every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m... or any portion of that time throughout the summer in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be making crafts for the Christmas Bazaar!

All skill levels welcome! Join us!

HAVE A GREAT. HAPPY. AND SAFE SUMMER !!



A Little Bit About Presbyterian Women

All women who attend First Presbyterian Church are Presbyterian women.

PW (Presbyterian Women) exists to build an inclusive. caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. In order to make that happen, there is a group of volunteers who plan bi-monthly functions for the women of the church to encourage fellowship.

These women also plan fundraisers, such as the Christmas Bazaar in December, and accept donations to help support several missions both locally and worldwide, which are listed on the PW bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Donated and purchased fabric is used to create comfort quilts for those suffering a loss or illness.

If you would like to be on the planning team. please join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



Wickenburg First Presbyterian Church



If we inadvertently omitted your birthday (or that of a family member) or got the wrong date, please call the Church office, or send an email to the Witness, so that we can add your special day to our list.



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A Covenant Partnership?

Ready to put down roots in this community of faith? Speak to Pastor Jonathan or Gail Graham (gkg1025@yahoo.com) of your interest anytime. Covenant Partner (New Member) booklets are ready and session is waiting to meet with you and welcome you as an active member!





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