

**First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Prescott, Arizona**

An Open and Affirming Congregation



2016 Annual Report

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2016 CHURCH MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP

Officers

Moderator: John McCurdy
Vice Moderator: Marti Garrison
Treasurer: Donna Bauman
Clerk: Julie McCurdy
Cabinet Member-at-Large: Sylvia Staats
Tawnya Worthington
Angela Imbierowicz

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jay Wilcher
Office Administrator: Julie Jaquette
Director of Music: Jane Osborn
Organist: Carole Sue Linson, Leslee Amenta
Bells Director: Carole Sue Linson
Building Minister: Bill Linson
Janitorial: Debbie Staats
Child Care; Sarah Andrews, Maria Janca
Coffee Coordinator, Debbie Staats

Called to Care

Marilyn Kerstine, Chair
Barbara McClure
Rev. Shirley Williams
Wendy Michaels
Yoichi Matsumoto
Patty Lantrip
Ronny de Jong
Kathy Stephens
Rev. Jay Wilcher

Ministry of Outreach

Donna Bauman
Judy Ely
Patty Gard
Gary Gard, Chair
Barbara McClure
Staci Robbins
Sarai Payne

Congregational Care

Marilyn Skovgard

Ministry of Education

Bret Ely
Destiny Hoitt

Ministry of Physical Resources

John Huff, Chair
Al Beeson
Don Stephens
Brent Walker

Foundation

Dave Foote, President
Christy Dinsman, Vice President
Angela Imbierowicz, Secretary
Al Beeson, Treasurer
Charley Skovgard
Harry Gamble
John Huff, Trustee Chair
Pastor Jay Wilcher

WE REMEMBER

John Harper

Betty Gehring

Craig Pitcher

Ruth Auchenbach

Irene Warren

**First Congregational Church
137th Annual Meeting
January 22, 2017**

AGENDA

Greetings and Call to Order	John McCurdy, Moderator
Establishing a Quorum	Julie McCurdy, Clerk
Prayer	Pastor Jay Wilcher
Remembering Those Who Passed	Pastor Jay Wilcher
Approval of Minutes from 136th Annual Meeting, January 24, 2016	John McCurdy, Moderator
Questions concerning Ministries reports:	
Called to Care	Marilyn Kerstine
Church Relations	John McCurdy
Congregational Care	John McCurdy
Education	John McCurdy
Foundation	Dave Foote
Music	Jane Osborn
Outreach	Gary Gard
Physical Resources	John McCurdy
Adoption of 2017 Budget	Julie McCurdy, Treasurer-elect
Cory Painting, preservation and display	Pete Norum
Nominations	John McCurdy, Moderator
Moderator: Marti Garrison	
Vice Moderator: Angela Imbierowicz	
Treasurer: Julie McCurdy	
Member-at-Large: Tawnya Worthington	
Sarah Andrews	
Shirley Mahlberg	
Physical Resources: John McCurdy	
Membership Clerk: Anne Solt	
2017: Looking to the future	John McCurdy, Moderator
Closing Prayer	Pastor Jay Wilcher

MINUTES OF THE 136TH ANNUAL MEETING

January 24, 2016

After worship service everyone was invited to gather in Perkins Hall for our Annual Meeting, followed by a potluck meal. At 11:45, Moderator John McCurdy called to order the 136th Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Prescott, Arizona. John opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was established, with 38 members in attendance.

The minutes from the 135th Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015, were approved.

Having noted that the reports of the Ministries are provided in the Annual Report booklet, John McCurdy invited the congregation to ask any questions about the Ministries. There were no questions.

Treasurer Harry Gamble acknowledged those who helped with the budget planning process. The budget committee included Harry Gamble, John McCurdy, Dave Foote, Al Beeson, Julie McCurdy, Julie Jaquette, and the chairs of each ministry. Harry presented the 2016 proposed budget for the congregation's approval. The motion to accept the budget as presented was approved.

The slate of nominations for church leadership was presented and it was moved to elect Harry Gamble, Julie McCurdy and Charlie Skovgard to serve as members of the Foundation board; Angela Imbierowicz and Tawnya Worthington as cabinet members-at-large; and Donna Bauman as church Treasurer. The motion to accept these nominations was approved.

In looking to the future, John McCurdy expressed his hopes for increased participation in the coming year. Volunteers are necessary for long-term service as well as short-term projects. John also asked that everyone consider what is our mission. Following Lent, we will gather to develop a mission statement that is in line with who we are and what we do.

In closing, Pastor Jay shared a prayer for our meal, and John McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McCurdy, clerk

PASTOR'S REPORT

"AHEAD OF SCHEDULE"

If I had to give a title to this report for 2016 it would be "Ahead of Schedule." I think in terms of 3-5 years as being the time-period after I arrive as pastor when things begin to gel. That may still be the case, but I did not think so much would be accomplished in 2016! Church life, like life itself, has its ups and downs, mountaintops and valleys. There can be dry times when not much seems to be happening, but then the right person(s) come along and bring newness and change. We saw that happen in 2016 with the addition of 17 members. The average attendance on Sunday morning increased ahead of my schedule for sure. I asked our usher and counter Jay Eby to let me know when we had our first 100 in attendance day, and the first Sunday of the year he brought me the note with 100 on it! Jay has a lot of wise sayings, including this one about numbers: "numbers don't matter until they do."

The changes to the church building and parish house exceeded any schedule I might have dreamed up. Thanks to the Ashenfelter's memorial gift to be used to take care of the building, and the decision of Moderator John McCurdy and the Cabinet to move forward in 2016 with a much-needed restoration project, major changes were made to the physical plant. Our focus for six months of 2016 was the restoration project. The church bulletin on January 29 will detail all that was accomplished – an amazing amount! Our thanks to the restoration committee – Marilyn Skovgard, Tom Macy, Pete Norum, and Angela Imbierowicz – and the interior design team of Barbara Watkins and Bunny Jones!

Other highlights of the year for me included:

- Jazz Vespers the last Wednesday of each month. A lot of new people introduced to our church
- The Enneagram Workshop in February – well attended and insightful
- Song of the Pines moved in and became a great partner
- Adopted our neighbor Discovery Gardens Preschool – hosted their graduation ceremony
- Easter Sunday and Holy humor Sunday
- Gavin & Landon win mini car at annual meeting in Phoenix – justice! (only kids there)
- Hosted Orlando night club shooting solidarity remembrance on Alarcon side of church with 300 people in attendance
- CCJ Safe Legal Sleep and the creation of the homeless shelter
- Another successful July 4th pancake breakfast and a float in the parade
- Hosting 28 Habitat for Humanity Bike & Build youth for 3 days
- Celebrated 100th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop #1 in our church
- Celebrated 50th anniversary of Prescott College (we helped found)
- Reinstated church homecoming picnic
- Carole Sue Linson retired after 13 years as church organist
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Snow

I look forward to 2017 and an emphasis on spirituality and mission.

God bless, Jay

MODERATOR'S REPORT

We have had a very busy year. We have invested in ourselves and each other. Some highlights of the year:

- Many have joined our congregation and they have participated in making us a stronger community.
- More activities have been scheduled, with greater participation.
- We have increased our mission to the surrounding community we live in.
- We provide sanctuary to various groups seeking community through meetings.
- The legacy of the Ashenfelters has been put to use to refurbish our sanctuary and Perkin's Hall.

It is a great thing that we are doing, following the teachings of the Christ: opening ourselves to the world, to the existence we are living in; to providing a warm and welcoming space for all to grow in the relationship with God and one another.

It is my hope that we will continue to invest in all the aspects of life that come to our door.

John McCurdy, Moderator

CLERK'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Membership count, Jan 1, 2016: 122

Additions: 17

Losses: 3

Deaths: 2

Resignations: 1

Transfers:

Membership count, Dec 31, 2016: 136

New Members

Bill Neely, Feb 14

Sylvia Neely, Feb 14

Lee Samuelson, Feb 14

Jean Wilcox, Feb 14

Jim Christopher, Apr 17

Patty Lantrip, Apr 17

Tom Macy, Apr 17

Stacy Robbins, Apr 17

Martie Dial, Aug 28

Sandra Johns, Aug 28

Suzy Lobaugh, Aug 28

Mac MacAlister, Aug 28

Sandra Palacios, Aug 28

Sarai Payne, Aug 28

Anna Strong, Aug 28

Harry Strong, Aug 28

Reinstated

Kahla Ellis, May 2

Deceased

John Harper, Mar 21 (friend)

Betty Gehring, Jun 13 (past member)

Craig Pitcher, Aug 17

Ruth Auchenbach, Aug (past member)

Irene Warren, Oct 7

Removed by letter of request

Jane Cheek, Jan 23

Baptisms

May 7, Keilani Cawren Ellis (born 2/11/16, parents Corey and Kahla)

Memorials

Apr 20, John Harper

Weddings

May 6, Anastazia Lopez and Jace Hall

May 29, Sharane Sturgeon and John Allen Hall

Jul 14, Karla Dawn Golay and Bobbie Sue Shattuck

TREASURER

The First Congregational budget for the year 2016 was \$267,735, as presented at last year's annual meeting. The income for the year 2016 was \$ 237,424, and disbursements \$254,477
The budget ended with a deficit of \$17,054

An addition to the 2016 budget was monies received and spent for the restoration project. Part of the restoration had been included in the budget, \$22,900 through the Ashenfelter Fund. This was the sprucing up of the basement. It was determined that more was needed to be done.

The initial amount for this portion of the restoration was \$75,000. The final cost was \$98,944.86. Most of this money came from the Ashenfelter Fund. We did have several donations from church members and Women's Fellowship, (\$1713.05) for the restoration project. The total cost for the project, including the basement was \$123,409.09.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bauman, Treasurer

See Appendix B & C for financial statements

STEWARDSHIP

The theme of the Stewardship Campaign for 2017 was "Go and Do the Same," and we reflected on the stewardship ideal of "creating a relationship with God and each other, through sharing our time, talent, and treasure." On Sunday, November 20, we made our financial promises to each other and surrendered to our pledge cards.

Thirty-eight pledges have been received for the 2017 budget year, totaling \$63,782. Of the 38 pledge units, 24 were renewed pledges from the previous year and 14 are new pledge units; 11 prior pledges were not renewed this year. The average pledge for 2017 is \$1,694. This averages out to \$473 per member, with a current membership of 136.

These figures fall far short of what our current expense budget requires. We anticipate that our expenses in 2017 will exceed \$250,000. Without the blessing of financial support from our Foundation and generous gifts from past members, this would require an average support of \$1,860 from each member.

We thank all of you who have pledged, and those whose regular gifts help sustain this church. Together, using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we continue to develop our relationship with God and each other.

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer-elect

CALLED TO CARE

Members: Barbara McClure, Kathy Stephens, Rev. Shirley Williams, Wendy Michael, Yoichi Matsumoto, Patty Lantrip, Rev. Marti Garrison, Tom Macy, Rev. Dr. Jay Wilcher, Marilyn Kerstine, Chair

Called to Care ministers weekly with our Congregational Cards & Ecards with the sick, those who have moved, our homebound, those mourning losses & those celebrating joys, birthdays & anniversaries. Our Bulletin & Caller are also mailed weekly to our Homebound. An email and phone ministry helps us keep in touch with folks in need.

Visitation includes those dying, John Harper this year, as well as visiting all of our Homebound and those needing a friendly visit with communion when needed. Those in the hospital and rehab are visited while Pastor Jay is on vacation or in addition to his visits.

Monthly Spiritual Living Class at Las Fuentes continues with pleas to come twice a month—taking too long to finish our books and have more discussion! Mardell Hull & Jean Woodburn are two great contributors!

Called to Care began a new Training Session in April with five new folks, already very trained and gifted. Patty is doing Hospice care in Phoenix. Tom Macy, Terry Gamble & Rev. Marti have since resigned for new calls, but shared their gifts while among us. In April, several of us attended the SWC Boundary Training causing us to rethink and use a Confidentiality Policy for a safer and healthier church.

Kathy Stephens creates beautiful, seasonal Goody Bags that have proven to be a blessed gift to all! Our newly trained Ministers love the icebreaker bags when meeting the new folks and Kathy's creations are always delightfully received!

For Advent, a Prayer Chapel Prayer group began! A Prayer Request Box was set up in Perkins Hall and we began our official Prayer Chapel Prayer time every Monday morning beginning at 11:00 a.m. in January! All are welcome to join us!

For future events, we have purchased fragrant, non-allergenic essential oils for upcoming Healing Services in 2017. Also, the Alternative Communion Services before Worship begin in Perkins Hall on January 8th.

Thanks again to you, to God and each minister for the gift of being Called to Care!

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kerstine, Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Ministry of Congregational Care has not officially met this past year, therefore many of those people who would be considered “deacons” may not actually realize they are acting as deacons of the church when they lovingly share their gifts of time and creativity in providing for the practical needs of worship services.

The various diaconate tasks have been overseen by many of our congregation. These tasks include welcoming Sunday visitors and providing name tags to friends and regular visitors; dressing the communion table and hanging banners in the sanctuary; keeping the pew racks tidy and well stocked with pencils and offering envelopes; receiving new members; and preparing the elements and serving communion.

Historically, the responsibility of reaching out to those of our community who cannot join us for weekly worship has been an especially important duty of the deacons. That loving ministry, among other tasks, is now being performed by our new Called to Care Ministry.

CHURCH RELATIONS

The members of the Ministry of Church Relations are Jay Eby, John Huff, Angela Imbierowicz, and Tawnya Worthington. There is nothing to report for 2016.

EDUCATION

The mission of the Ministry of Education is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, by planning events for learning more about faith in God and by emphasizing UCC theology of tolerance and progressive faith.

The Ministry of education continues to provide various programs for all ages and needs. These programs are evolving as this report is written. We have had some successes and some failures. We continually review what works and what doesn't, and based on that review we continue to develop programs to meet all of our needs.

There will be a new course of study for adults involving a Wednesday noon bible study based upon the liturgy that will be presented on the following Sunday. Harry Strong will present different characters from the Bible throughout the Lenten season.

Children's education adapts each Sunday to meet the needs of the children that are present. We are working at better ways of presentation and preparation and a consistent form of education to meet the sporadic attendance.

Insights from the congregation are welcome, We are a diverse group with many ideas and experiences. Because of that we have much to offer each other and much to gain from participation in the sharing of our lives.

John McCurdy, Moderator

MISSION

Members: Donna Bauman, Judy Ely, Patty Gard, Barbara McClure, Staci Robbins, Sarai Payne and Gary Gard (Chairperson)

In the year 2016, we supported 16 mission programs/projects. Additionally, thanks to John Huff and his hard-working Pancake Breakfast crew, a \$2377.47 check was sent to the Community Cupboard, a program which provides food for the impoverished of our community.

National/International

One Great Hour of Sharing.....\$ 949.00
Help for those displaced by the ravages of war, natural disasters and hunger.

Strengthening the Church.....\$ 440.00
Supports new church development and innovative programs.

Our Church's Wider Mission.....\$ 2275.00
Supports the work accomplished under the direction of our national staff and conference meetings.

Neighbors in Need.....\$ 709.00
Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including Native American ministries.

The Christmas Fund.....\$ 861.00
Annual offering helping to support low-income retired clergy and their families.

Church World Service School Bag Program.....\$ 117.97
School supplies for children displaced by war and for those living in impoverished villages around the globe.

Local Mission

Community Cupboard.....\$ 550.00
An interdenominational program providing monthly food bags for families living in poverty. If interested in helping to pack bags, contact our team captain, Al Beeson. We need more volunteers.

Operation Deep Freeze.....\$ 130.57
Shelter and food during the cold nights of winter (this is a separate program from CCJ's year around shelter)

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Prescott Shelter Services (PASS).....\$ 85.00

Provides temporary housing for women with children. Additionally, our church provides a monthly hot meal.

Habitat for Humanity.....\$ 440.97

Since its founding locally in 1989, eighty six families living at/or below the federal poverty level have been helped.

Discovery Gardens Preschool.....\$ 515.00

A Prescott Unified School District preschool program which includes programing for children with developmental delays.

Fair Start.....\$ 459.00

A program of the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ) which provides school supplies and backpacks for impoverished children K-12.

Warm for Winter.....\$ 725.00

A CCJ program providing warm clothing/blankets for those who are homeless.

CCJ Family Christmas.....\$ 585.00

A CCJ program providing toys and clothing for impoverished children.

Rainbow Acers.....\$ 310.00

A special offering in support of a Christian Community with heart, empowers persons with developmental disabilities.

Total Outreach for 2016.....\$ **11,529.98**

MUSIC

2016 has brought some changes to our music program. Pastor Jay instituted a monthly Jazz Vespers and that has been well received. He has invited a variety of different groups, and not all jazz, to come and perform. Some of these groups have also been invited a guest musicians for Sunday morning worship. It has expanded our listening through our hearts and minds.

Carole Sue Linson retired from the organ/piano accompanist role in 2016. She continues on with the Bell choir. We were very fortunate to hire Leslee Amenta as the church accompanist. In a time when organists are difficult to find, we were blessed that Leslee had just moved to the Prescott area and was looking for employment.

We hope that 2017 brings more good music and more musicians into our congregation and that we can continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Osborn, Director of Music

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

A tremendous amount of work has gone on at our campus this past year. The church restoration project, basement improvements and improvements in the office have created big changes to the look and health of our aging buildings.

Although the restoration project was not overseen by the ministry of Physical Resources, they were still greatly involved. Often during the restoration we would encounter areas that needed attention that had been undetected until the restoration had begun. These have been addressed and some have been scheduled for next year.

There has also been some remodeling and improvements downstairs. The rooms have been painted, carpeted and designated with room names. Our ministry to the Prescott community has expanded; we are improving the way we use our campus.

In the church office building, the carpeting has been removed and the wood flooring has restored, and the walls have been refinished and painted in a style appropriate to the period of the building, making a more enjoyable experience for all who utilize our campus.

We will be continuing to look after our campus, making repairs as items break and investing to improve the facilities as our uses change. A long-range plan will be developed for future needs of the campus and the activities envisioned.

Your support, suggestions and efforts are always appreciated. We look forward to 2017 and all the opportunities that will come.

John McCurdy, Moderator

RESTORATION PROJECT

April of this year the Women's Fellowship was asked by John McCurdy to compile a list of ideas that would make our church more presentable. From that point on a committee of four volunteers was formed (Marilyn Skovgard, Tom Macy, Pete Norum and Angela Imbierowicz). An interior designer, Barbara Watkins (New Outlook & Staging Professionals), was employed and planning started. Many vendors had to be interviewed. Work actually started August/early fall with a completion date of December 19, 2016. We were on target and within budget with only a few small projects to finish by December 19.

Marilyn Skovgard, project coordinator

FLOORING:

- Wood-look vinyl flooring installed at Alarcon entrance, stairs and foyer (between Perkins Hall and sanctuary), bathroom and hall leading to chancel, and kitchen.
- Fir floor in the Gurley St foyer restored and stained.
- Floor in Perkins Hall cleaned and sealed.
- Stage floor sanded and finished.

WINDOWS:

- The gold-colored textured glass windows at the four exterior doors on Alarcon (2 upper, 2 lower) replaced with stained glass. The lower ones and the one at the kitchen are similar to the stained glass window in the kitchen; the one at the main entrance from Alarcon continues the design of the arched window above the door.
- The two boarded-up windows in the Cory Room have been re-opened and restored to their original appearance.

WINDOW TREATMENTS:

- New curtains on the windows in Perkins Hall. Stage curtain has been cleaned.
- Wood shutter on windows at back of sanctuary.

ELECTRIC:

- All lights in Perkins Hall replaced with LED.
- LED tape lights installed inside the north wall of the sanctuary to provide cooler, more even lighting for the stained glass window.
- Lighting and electrical improved throughout the sanctuary, with additional lights in chancel area.
- Exterior lamps around the bell tower and at Alarcon entrances are new.
- Improved lighting for the rose window.

PAINTING:

- The largest expense for this restoration project: the entire sanctuary and Perkins Hall have been repainted.

FOUNDATION

The elected Foundation Board members for 2016 were David Foote - President, Christy Dinsman - Vice President, Angela Imbierowicz - Secretary, Al Beeson - Treasurer, Julie McCurdy, Harry Gamble and Charlie Skovgard. Other members were John Huff, Chair of the Trustees and Pastor Jay Wilcher.

In 2016 the Foundation Board held regular meetings on February 18, May 19, August 18 and November 17. Four special meetings were held late in the year to deal with the Prescott Station work discussed in more detail below.

Pursuant to requests from the Church Cabinet, the Foundation approved up to \$49,500 as needed in funding for the Pastor's 2016 salary and a request to support Christian Education in the amount of \$21,650 in 2016.

Early in 2016 Prescott Station emerged from the Chapter 11 Reorganization filing that they had made in 2014. The Foundation had incurred legal costs of \$4367 due to that Chapter 11 filing and pursuant to the terms of the lease and agreement with our tenant, the Foundation completed recovery of those costs from Prescott Station late in 2016.

During the summer of 2016, Prescott Station had several days where the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning system ("HVAC") failed to adequately cool the building for patrons. Periodically since their occupation of the building, Prescott Station has had occasions where the HVAC system failed to adequately heat or cool the building during expected extremes of cold or hot weather. Later on in the summer one of the HVAC units (5-ton unit) on the roof failed in its cooling function. After discussions with HVAC experts, Prescott Station and the Foundation embarked on a project to improve the HVAC system so that it will meet expected hot and cold extremes. To date the Foundation has approved \$75,000 for the upgrades. Prescott Station will reimburse the Foundation approximately \$3700 over 12 months for the failed 5-ton HVAC unit.

At each regular meeting the Board received and reviewed financial reports from its accountant Amy Jaspers. For the quarter ending September 2016, the Foundation's assets totaled \$1,385,217 compared to \$ 1,325,423 for the corresponding quarter ending September 2015. The third quarter 2016 financial report (ending September, the most recent quarter) and the fourth quarter 2015 financial report (ending December, the most recent full year report) with assets, liabilities and fund balances are included as part of this annual report. Annual fourth quarter reports are not typically available until late in January, after the Church Annual Meeting.

The Board has set regular meetings for February 16, May 18, August 17 and November 16, 2017.

David Foote, President

First Congregational Church UCC Foundation Board

See Appendix A for Financial Statements

58th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Musicians		(300.00)
Sausage and Eggs		(469.30)
Food Receipts		(331.23)
	Total Expenses	(1,100.53)
Income from ticket sales		3,478.00
Prescott Community Cupboard		2,377.47

PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

The efforts of the FCC packer teams that first started to support the Community Cupboard Food Bank's efforts back in the 1970's remains as an unbroken mission in 2016. That is about 45 years of service to those in need of food via the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank!!! Your FCC Team Captain is again grateful for all the able-bodied church members and friends that contributed to this effort, time after time in 2016, to help. Our FCC Church and our Pastor was one of the founding churches back in the 1970's.

The Cupboard continues to operate with assistance from Catholic Charities on Summit St., which clients use as an entry point for the Cupboard. At the current time a client is allowed to revisit the Cupboard once every 60 days where they will receive 12 nutritionally balanced meals for each family member. The provision of following a menu for each client has been a policy at the Cupboard, we do not issue food based on what is on the shelf via donations, as we always buy as needed to fill out the menu without fail.

Many thanks go out to the FCC packer team members that support this effort, including the other packer teams from, Trinity Presbyterian, Sacred Heart, American Lutheran, St. Luke's Episcopal, and United Methodist Churches. As in years past the FCC packer team members do NOT need to be from a church, if they want to help pack, they are again.....always welcome to join us. This year we had to ask for new FCC members or friends to consider adding their names to the list of Food Packer Team volunteers, and so far 4 people have added their names and we could always use some more!.

The year 2016 was a big challenge for the all-volunteer Prescott Community Cupboard Board of Directors, including all the volunteers that buy, restock and or pick up food items from our supporting stores such as Fry's and Safeway, as well as the our own Prescott Trader Joe's, and Holsum Bakery Inc. [day-old bread] which continues to make available much needed "day old" bread for our clients with bread shipments once or sometimes more each week.

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Currently the demand for food support in the Prescott area continues on a somewhat high level. In 2016 the Cupboard packed 3,868 orders that served 13,929 people and issued 97,478 lbs. of food items to those in need in the Prescott area!

The traditional USPS twice a year [Post Office] food drive [after the May 2013 drive] came to an end as the national effort was cancelled. However the local [Prescott Area] letter carriers decided to hold a “voluntary drive” and we at the Cupboard appreciate the efforts of the local Prescott Area letter carriers in their volunteer attempts to maintain this tradition.

Since the cupboard completed the expensive transition of converting the old type reach in freezers to energy star new models that reduce electrical usage and throw off a much less heat they have reduced the utility bills and also made for us in 2016, a much more comfortable [cooler] facility, especially in the summer.

The FCC Pancake Breakfast held on the 2nd of July 2016 was able to raise \$2,377 which was given to the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank and we all can celebrate that this amount was a new high!

We at FCC serve on Packer teams every seven [7] weeks, [each team of 2 serves one day 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM] and we will again do so in 2017 with the help all our volunteers. Many FCC members and friends also contributed food or made monetary donations to the Cupboard in 2016 and they are also thanked for their support.

The FCC Packer Team dates for 2017 are: the week of Jan 2-6, Feb 21-24, April 10-14, May 30-Jun 2, Jul 17-21, Sept 5-8, Oct 23-27, and the last week in 2017 is Dec 11-15. If you want to become a volunteer packer please contact Al Beeson at 717-9915 and you will receive a tour with some training with experienced packers before you will become a regular FCC Packer Team member.

The PCCFB Annual Board of Directors meeting will be held at the American Lutheran Church, Scott Dr. on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at noon for the annual BOD Meeting with an Installation and light lunch to follow. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the BOD Mtg or the Installation, as we all celebrate 2016 and together look forward to the challenges of 2017.

As your FCC Team Captain, which I plan to remain in 2017, you need to know I am still seeking a volunteer to serve as back up FCC Packer Team Co-Captain, as I may not always be around or able to support this effort.

Respectfully and thankfully submitted,

Al Beeson

FCC Team Captain 2016/17

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL

Women's Fellowship

2016 Beginning Balance	3,656.16
2016 Income from Cookbooks	274
Women's Fellowship Expenses	-69.36
Restoration Project small items and pottery for communion	-287.45
Restoration Project -- Stain glass window	-943.73
2016 Ending Balance	2,629.62

Women's Fellowship convened February 26th, 2016. Plans for the coming year were discussed. Our group primarily took on the hospitality roll of hosting special coffees at Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day. Planning of Pastor Jay's reception, Carol Sue's retirement party and the annual Christmas pot luck. The group was also involved in creating the wish list for the church renovation project. The leadership was under Marilyn Skovgard with her stint to end January 13th 2017. New leadership yet to be determined.