

The Parish Caller July 3rd 2020

On Call Pastor for

June 29th thru July 12th, Rev. Lloyd Evans, 928-499-7493

July 13th thru 26th, Rev. Bill Linson, 928-717-4494

Parish Caller Submissions

If you would like an article or information posted in the Parish Caller, please email it to Staci Robbins, StaciRobbins@outlook.com, by Noon on Thursday. Thanks!

Quarterly Contribution Statements

Quarterly Contribution Statements were sent out via email and postal service on July 7th. If you haven't received your statement, please either call (928) 445-4555 or email, FCCPrescott@gmail.com, and provide a current email or mailing address. Thank you!

A Message from Gary Gard

In the immediate years following the Declaration of Independence in 1776, our nation found guidance in the Articles of the Confederation. These articles formed an agreement binding the original 13 states together. In 1787, delegates from all 13 states attended a Constitutional Convention to prepare a new constitution and form of government. With the approval of 9 of the 13 states, Congress declared that beginning on March 4, 1789, the United States would be guided by this new constitution. However, 4 states withheld their ratification. They insisted on some amendments. In an effort to move forward with a united front, in 1789 Congress submitted 12 amendments.

Ten were eventually approved by all states and became a part of our Constitution in December 1791. We know these amendments as “The Bill of Rights.”

Many today, anchor their rally cries from what is in the First Amendment. “Don’t violate my right to free speech, or to freely assemble.” Since its founding in 1789, the U.S. Supreme Court has adjudicated numerous First Amendment cases. The ruling of these judges is seen as the “Final Word.” Results are affirmed as the law of the land.

As a person of faith, it seems to me that there is another set of amendments. We commonly know them as “The Beatitudes.” Some refer to them as, “Life Amendments”. Others as, “Ethics of God’s Kingdom.” They focus upon not only our personal identity, but also upon our social identity. Together, these “holy amendments” are meant to amend how we relate not just to law, but to one another. They repeat the teachings about love and compassion as found throughout the scriptures. They speak of humility, of gentleness, of being merciful; and of being not just peacekeepers, but peace-makers.

All of these amendments speak about something more basic than what is lawful. They speak about the spirit and ethics characteristic of those in God’s kingdom. Something to think about, as we think about what is guiding our lives. As a person of faith, my life is not just about me.

JULY MISSION NEWS

Our July Mission Emphasis is Discovery Gardens Preschool.

Without knowing the details of how this school year will begin, we know there will be children who will need assistance with supplies and

with the expense of tuition.

Thanks to volunteers, needs for this month's PASS meal have been met. Thanks, also, for our faithful volunteers who help pack food bags for Community Cupboard clients.

On-going ministries: We are grateful for the volunteers of our church family who regularly help pack food boxes for the Prescott Community Cupboard. Angela Imbierowicz is our captain. So too, are we thankful for those who monthly help to provide an evening meal for women and children being sheltered at PASS. Patty Gard is our captain.

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12: 2) Questions or comments can be directed to; Becky or Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Linda Moore, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins, or Gary Gard, chairperson.

Prescott Community Cupboard

After MANY years of being our Team Captain (more recently co-captain with Angela Imbierowicz), Al Beeson has made the decision to step down. Al has faithfully served as Team recruiter, trainer, scheduler, and passionate servant. His faithfulness to this calling has kept our church engaged helping to provide food bags to the impoverished families and individuals living in the Prescott area. Al, you have heard God's calling that have been blessed to be a blessing. You have helped to bless countless lives. Now, may God reach from the heavens to bless you and Barbi, and may you feel our love and prayers. Thank you!

Thanks to Angela Imbierowicz's commitment to this mission outreach, the ship sails on. For this past year, Angela has faithfully met the responsibilities Al filled for so many years. Now, Angela herself needs a co-captain, and more volunteers to serve as packers of food bags. We are very grateful for each of our present team members, but it would be helpful to have a larger pool of volunteers. If you would like to know more about what this ministry entails, contact Angela (708-712-1448, angelaprescottaz@gmail.com for the details.

Our church is next scheduled to pack the week of **August 17-21**. Each volunteer works only one afternoon (1:30 to 4:30) – pick a day that works for you. If you are interested,

you will be paired with an experienced packer to show you the ropes.

To our current packers: feel free to contact Angela now if you know that you will be available that week.

A SHOUT-OUT AND MANY THANKS TO OUR PACKERS FOR THE WEEK OF June 29 – July 3:

Monday: Bill Linson and Angela Imbierowicz

Tuesday: Patty Brenner and Marie Kissel

Wednesday: Sue Hodge-Parker and Patty Lantrip

Thursday: Pete Norum and Jim Christopher

Friday: Alice Krings and Olivia Krings

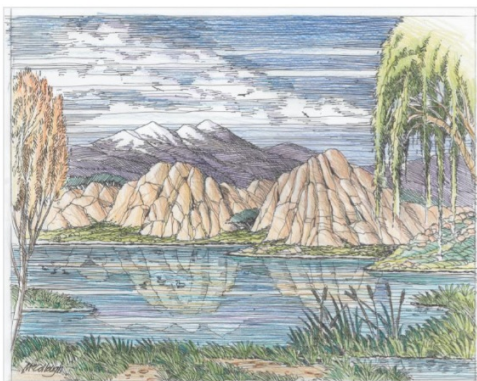
DACA Update

In addition to this month's mission emphasis project, we have a DACA Fund to which we gratefully receive donations throughout the year. We celebrate with our "adopted" DACA student, Franceny, and her family over the good news coming from this week's Supreme Court ruling. On a 5-4 vote, the Court ruled that the DACA program can remain in place. There are mountains yet to climb, but this week's ruling brings relief and hope to 100's of thousands of DACA families. We continue to pray for meaningful immigration reform leading to more compassionate laws and policies.

We rejoice also in the Supreme Court's ruling which prohibits job and health care discrimination based upon a person's sexual identity. When in the Lord's Prayer we pray, "...thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" we are praying that the love and grace we picture in heaven will become a reality here on earth. As people of faith, this is the goal toward which we work.

PASTOR JAY'S SABBATICAL

A TIME TO SLOW DOWN FOR REFLECTION



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our website: www.fccprescott.org and look for the tab on the front page
- You can set up regular, ongoing giving or one-time giving.
- Use your credit card and get some points!
- Your bank may have free online bill pay. You find the tab on your online account, fill in the details of the check as you would a regular check, and the

Pastor Jay will continue with his planned 2020 sabbatical over the summer months. The sabbatical committee has prepared a brochure to share information about his sabbatical. It will also be helpful in answering your questions about how church will operate in his absence.

A digital copy of the brochure is available on the Church website, in the Resources area, <http://www.fccprescott.org/sabbatical>.

Paper copies of the brochure will be available; please call the church office to get a copy mailed to you.

Here is a look at the summer ahead:

- Sabbatical Schedule of Sundays - Guest Preachers
- Lloyd - first 2 Sundays of July
- Bill - last 2 Sundays of July
- Harry - first Sunday of August
- Jane - second and third Sundays of August
- Rev. Dr. Michael Friday (Ralph's friend from Connecticut via recording) - fourth and fifth Sundays of August

bank mail will mail it for you! You can set up a one-time check or recurring scheduled check amount.

- Mail a check out to the church and mail it to 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

The church office is closed going forward, however, someone will pick up the mail on a daily basis to place checks into the safe.

[Visit our website](#)

[Watch Services Here](#)

[More info on Pastor Jay's Sabbatical](#)



Celebrating YOU!!!

Anniversaries

STRONG, Harry & Anna	07/14
WILSON, John & Sonja	07/23
WAGNER, Ralph & Susan Lemons	09/05
GILGES, Ralph & Cheryl	09/09
BRYANT, Bill & Becky	09/22
JAQUETTE, Julie & Sandra Johns	09/24
FONE, DJ & Marita Callaway	09/28

Birthdays

MCCOLLOUGH, Barbara	06/30
ROBBINS, Staci	07/01
MOORE, Linda	07/02
CORTEZ, Jennifer	07/05
DIAL, Martie	07/10
HUFF, Patsy Jo	07/13
ELY, Luke	07/17
SANDBERG, Mary Alice	07/19
LLOYD, Mary	07/22
JORDAN, Bruce	07/25
FLANAGAN, Ann	07/29
ROBINSON, Anne	07/31
BEESON, Al	08/03
BRUHN, Mary	08/03
PREBLE, Murl	08/08
CHRISTOPHER, Jim	08/10
IMBIEROWICZ, Angela	08/11
OSBORN, Jane	08/12
JONES, Tarah	08/22
GILGES, Cheryl	08/27
SANDSTROM, Paul	08/30