

# JUNETEENTH



On Call Pastor

for June 15th thru 28th

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Rev. Gary Gard, 928-910-2455

## A Message from Co-Moderator Ralph Wagner

This period of time for First Congregational, as it is for our nation and world, is a challenging one. There are so many uncertainties, but we know that even in this time .....”all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purposes.” (Romans 8:28)

Therefore, I want to assure you that even though some members of our staff, including our Administrative Assistance and our Music Director, are no longer on staff, we continue to fill the responsibilities of those posts. Our Treasurer and Susan lemons are covering Church financial matters. Staci Robbins is overseeing the bulletin and “Caller” each week as well as covering the Church office voicemail. Brian Moore, our organist, is still on staff and is covering all things related to music. Tom Macy is still on staff as well and is covering responsibilities related to the Church facilities.

We have a “Sabbatical Committee” which consists of all the ministers conducting services this summer along with Staci Robbins, Dennis McCollough and Jim Logsdon. Before Pastor Jay left on Sabbatical,

he assigned Rev. Harry Strong to host the Sunday morning fellowship Zoom meeting and Rev. Ralph Wagner to lead the Bible study on Wednesday mornings.

We are extremely grateful to Jim Logsdon who does all our video and sound work for our online services. He uses his own equipment to combine and edit the finished product we see each week. Around 200 people view these videos weekly.

Please don't hesitate to phone or email the church office if you have needs, concerns or questions.

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### 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!

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## Racial Awareness

In 2018, Bill Bryant led members of our congregation in a group study on the topic "White Privilege." Now, we have an opportunity to use the tools we were given to help create equal justice for people of color and all Othered people.

A new group is forming in Prescott. Led by musician and social activist Jonathan Best, a Committee to Raise Racial Awareness in Prescott is working with other organizations to raise the conversational bar around race in Prescott. By so doing, we increase the safety for People of Color and all Othered peoples to be a part of this town. We are talking about social growth.

One of the group's end-goals is for Prescott to have a diversity reflective of the country at large. The focus of the group will be primarily on strategies for change.

Please come and join the conversation every Thursday night at 7PM. Copy and paste the following link into your browser and click on it.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8437924381>

Alternatively, you may join the Facebook group: A Committee to Raise Racial Awareness in Prescott. The meeting invitation is posted on that page. Just click on the Zoom link.

Submitted by Michele McFadden

*Our June Mission Emphasis will help support two projects.*

1. **The Yavapai Food Bank**--they are providing food boxes for approximately 400 families/week. Additionally, through their "Start Right" program, they will be providing school supplies for students K-12.
2. Our denomination's "**Strengthen the Church**" offering. Donations support new church development, creative ministries directed to youth, to spiritual development, and to projects engaging today's challenging issues.

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.

## DACA Update

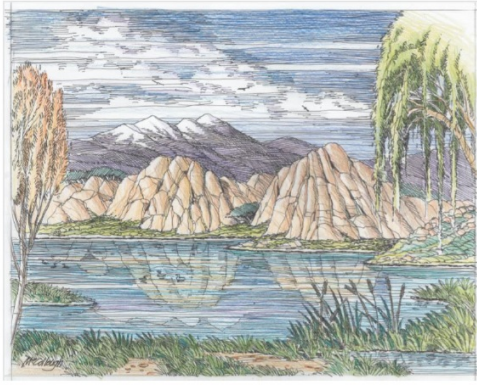
In addition to this month's two mission emphasis projects, we have a DACA Fund to which we gratefully receive donations throughout the year. We celebrate with our "adopted" DACA student, Franceny, and her family over the good news coming from this week's Supreme Court ruling. On a 5-4 vote, the Court 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

## SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://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



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
- Ralph - first 2 Sundays in June
- Gary - last 2 Sundays of June
- Lloyd - first 2 Sundays of July
- Bill - last 2 Sundays of July
- Harry - first Sunday of August
- Jane - second and third Sundays of August
- Michael Friday (Ralph's professor friend from New Jersey via recording) - fourth and fifth Sundays of August

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 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.

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