



# The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott Established 1880

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

April 14th, 2017



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### This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Easter Worship Service:** 10:30 am
- ◆ **Easter Brunch:** Meet in Perkins Hall after worship service 11:30
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** 12:00 pm
- ◆ **Knit Wits:** Tuesday at 1-3 pm
- ◆ **PASS:** Wednesday at 5:30 pm

## FROM PASTOR JAY

Easter Sunday is here! My favorite day of the church year. Our worship service will include three musical performances – our new Altar-Notes group, the chancel choir and soloist Joell Gall. The kids will have an Easter egg hunt during the children's time, and the sermon will challenge us to use our imagination as we ponder the resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10).

Imagination is essential to believing more than we can see and prove. One of my favorite answers to the Easter story is provided in the following exchange:

Episcopalian Bishop John Spong put the question this way: "My daughter has a Ph.D. in physics. How on earth is she expected to believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus? How can we?"

United Methodist Will Willimon, then chaplain at Duke University responded in this way: "Well, I guess I would have to meet your daughter. Has she any imagination? Some physicists don't. Has she ever traveled outside of New Jersey? Does she enjoy surprises?"

I am the first to say every Easter that doubt is part of the Easter story. The disciples did not get it at first either. Doubters are welcome on Easter! But Easter day is a chance to let our imaginations soar, to see the plants and flowers begin their spring resurrection, and to celebrate the power of God to bring new life from death, new possibilities from dead ends, and resurrection to Jesus and us!

See you Easter Day! Jay



*Resurrection Depiction by  
Raphael 1449-1502*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday Prayer  
Chapel at  
11:00 am in the  
Church Library

ANNIVERSARIES

Julie & John  
McCurdy 04/18

BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Steele 04/04

Wesley  
Bradstreet 04/05

Sandra Palacios 04/09

Steve Landkamer 04/12

Ron Solt 04/13

Cindy Feuerriegel 04/17

Tom Lloyd 04/28

Firstname  
Lastname

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EASTER SUNDAY— CHURCH BRUNCH

THIS SUNDAY!!—we will gather in Perkins Hall for a potluck brunch after Easter Worship Service. This is for those who do not want to fight the crowds at restaurants or who do not have family gatherings that day. Plan to join us!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 23, get ready for a good laugh!

JAZZ VESPERS

April 26 at 6:30— Bluegrass with Sugar in the Mint

ALARCON STREET PARTY AND GATHERING

April 28th, Friday 5:00— 6:30 pm, come for a breather after work, for a wine tasting from Prescott Winery and art displays from Mountain Artists' Guild. Join us as we meet the neighbors on Alarcon Street. There will be music and light refreshments!

ALTAR-NOTES

A new, alternative music group, to sing on occasional Sundays needs singers and instrumentalists. If you don't have time to commit to every Sunday but like to and want to sing or play an instrument, come and join us. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

CORY PAINTING

Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Cory Replica. We have received \$660 so far to go towards the final cost for the digital copy, printing on canvas and framing, which totals \$1,026.68. If you would like to contribute to the expenses, please designate Cory on your gift. Thanks to all!

**APRIL MISSION FOCUS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.** The One Great Hour of Sharing reaches out to neighbors who have suffered the ravages of war, violence, famine, and natural disasters. When a hurricane hit the Philippines, a young boy asked his father, "Why didn't God stop the rain and wind?" We can hear other young children asking, "Why doesn't God stop the bombing?" Or, others asking, "Why doesn't God hear our prayers for food and for shelter?" We can't pretend to speak for God, but we can act for God. We can show compassion. We can support actions which show the love, grace, and mercy of God. The One Great Hour of Sharing is this month's mission emphasis.

NAME TAGS

Let us share who we are with each other. It is helpful for everyone to wear his or her name tag so that not only new members but recent members can put a face to a name. The name tags are at the back of the church before service. If you need one made, please see Marti Garrison or Anne Solt.

Hello, family and friends,

I will be leaving Prescott on April 13th. As most of you know, I sold the house and I will be moving back to the east coast, to be closer to my family. I have really enjoyed living in Prescott. I have met some really awesome people, but now is the time to spend the next years with my family. My new address is:

Donna Bauman 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road  
Apt F-107  
Newtown, PA 18940

Visitors are always welcome, Blessings to all, Donna



Parish  
Stewardship

Offerings

	April	YTD
Offerings	\$ 4,378	\$33,159
Facility	\$ 895	\$ 2,927
Foundation	\$ -	\$16,030
Other	\$ -	\$ 5,503
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,273</b>	<b>\$57,619</b>

Expenses

	April	YTD
Expenses	\$ 2,698	\$73,801

Outreach Gifts

	2016	2017
Jan	\$ 135	\$ 270
Feb	\$ 170	\$ 265
Mar	\$ 949	\$ 760
Apr	\$ 165	\$ 808
May	\$ 279	\$ -
Jun	\$ 415	\$ -
Jul	\$ 4,373	\$ -
Aug	\$ 215	\$ -
Sep	\$ 240	\$ -
Oct	\$ 1,009	\$ -
Nov	\$ 625	\$ -
Dec	\$ 1,492	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,067</b>	<b>\$ 2,103</b>

Cory Replica

Cost	\$ (1,026.68)
Gifts	\$ 660.00
Balance	\$ (366.68)

Memorial Gifts

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Attendance; Monthly Average

January	102
February	89
March	89
April	111

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Join us for Easter Brunch THIS  
Sunday after worship.

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Celebrate Alarcon (its completion, that is)!  
Friday, April 28, 5-6:30

Please see details on the flyer included and also posted on the bulletin board in Perkins Hall.

Everyone come share tastings from Prescott Winery, non-alcoholic beverages, fun music (local ukulele band!) and our own church pianists, light refreshments, and displays from Mountain Artists' Guild.

We have invited friends and neighbors, residents and businesses along Alarcon who will be grateful when this big project is completed.

We are looking for volunteers to bring light refreshments, to set up and clean up. Can you sign up for that in Perkins Hall?

Thank you! Rev.Marti Garrison!



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**Regularly Scheduled****PASS MEAL**

Once a month we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Meets 9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

**ALTER-NOTES**

Meets at 11:45 for rehearsal in the Hazeltine Room after worship service.

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**

Meets for rehearsal at 11 am on Thursdays

**PRAYER CHAPEL**

Called to Care weekly prayer group meets at 11:00 am on Mondays in the Chapel

**CABINET MEETING**

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

**PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library/Chapel. See Julie J. for more details.

**KNIT WITS**

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

**Lenten Series Schedule**

March— April 5th  
 Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for meal and "Great Figures of the New Testament"

**Sunday Lenten Series Schedule**

For the month of March, Sunday morning at 9:30  
 "Great Figures of the New Testament"

**Dorhauer listening tour links commitment to Just World for All and Three Great Loves**

April 12, 2017 Written by **Connie Larkman**

How is your congregation or organization living into the United Church of Christ commitment to work for a Just World for All? That is the central question the denomination's General Minister and President will be asking as he crisscrosses the country in a "listening tour" during the next few months, gathering responses in anticipation of General Synod 2017 in Baltimore in June.

The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, with a full schedule of speaking engagements in varied UCC settings across the United States from April through June, plans to use his time at local churches, meetings of regional clergy, and Conference Annual Meetings, listening to the experiences of these faith communities, asking them to share ways their work expresses the UCC vision statement "United in Christ's love, a just world for all."



Dorhauer is also offering a preview of an all-church mission initiative that will be introduced at General Synod, as part of the Just World for All vision, 3 Great Loves: Love of Children, Love of Creation, Love of Neighbor.

"As we prepare for the Synod launch, I ask that you begin to look at your work through the lenses of the 3 Great Loves," Dorhauer said. "How does your work express a love of children, a love of creation, and/or a love of neighbor?"

Dorhauer is grounding this spiritual journey with the biblical text of Deut. 6:4-9: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

One of the stops on the General Minister and President's tour will be Woodside Church in Flint, Michigan, where he will also be touring the community, which has been plagued for years with inaccessibility to clean water—an issue that encompasses all three of the "great loves" to be featured in the 3 Great Loves mission initiative, which will run from General Synod 2017 this summer to General Synod 2019.

Over the course of those two years, the UCC national offices will roll out a series of causes for the church to rally around, and provide space for the sharing of ministry, with the hope that through the collective efforts of the denomination, significant progress can be made toward creating a just world for our children, God's creation, and our neighbors.

"I have been traveling around witnessing the work of our churches. This emphasis on 3 Great Loves isn't going to change much of what we are already doing," said Dorhauer. "What will change is our ability to tell the story more fully, and to narrate the impact of a mission we are all collectively engaged in. We are hoping to deepen the sense that we are all in this together; and that together we make a profound difference in our world."