



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

IN THIS ISSUE

Page 1

- ◆ This Week at a Glance
- ◆ From Pastor Jay

Page 2

- ◆ Announcements

Page 3

- ◆ Easter Brunch
- ◆ Name Tags
- ◆ Alarcon Street Open House
- ◆ Stewardship

Page 4

- ◆ Dorhauer listening tour links
- ◆ commitment to Just World for All and Three Great Loves
- ◆ Contact Us

This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Easter Brunch:** Meet in Perkins Hall after worship service 11:30
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** 12:00 pm
- ◆ **Jazz Vespers:** Wednesday 6:30 featuring Sugar and the Mint Bluegrass
- ◆ **Cabinet Meeting:** Thursday 6:00 pm conference room

FROM PASTOR JAY

Here comes the Sunday after Easter, and that can mean only one thing – less attendance than Easter Sunday? No, well maybe that also, but it is time for the annual “Holy Humor Sunday.” I can’t give anything away, but the worship service will be filled with humor and a few surprises. If you remember last year, we had a few opportunities for jokes to be shared by the congregation. There will be two “joke breaks” during this Sunday’s service so get your jokes ready! Here is a reminder for why we do this service:

Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity-“Holy Humor Sunday” celebrations of Jesus’ resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including “Bright Sunday” (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. “Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh,” the early theologians called it.

See you Sunday for some Easter laughs! Text will be John 20:19-31 – “Doubting Thomas”

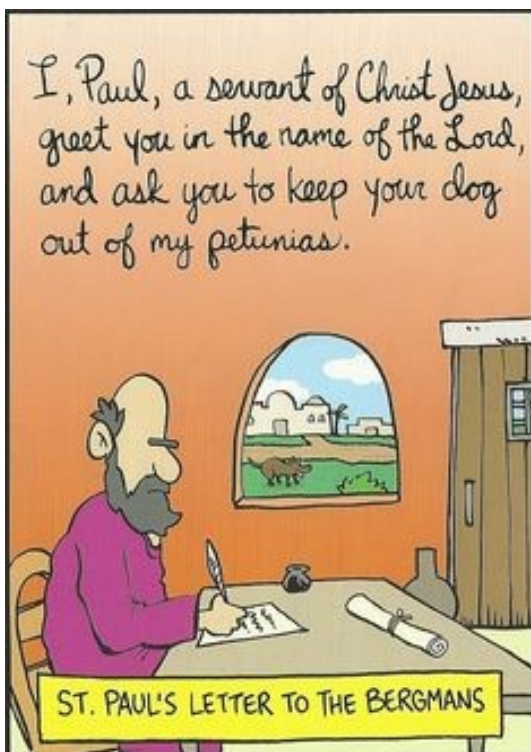
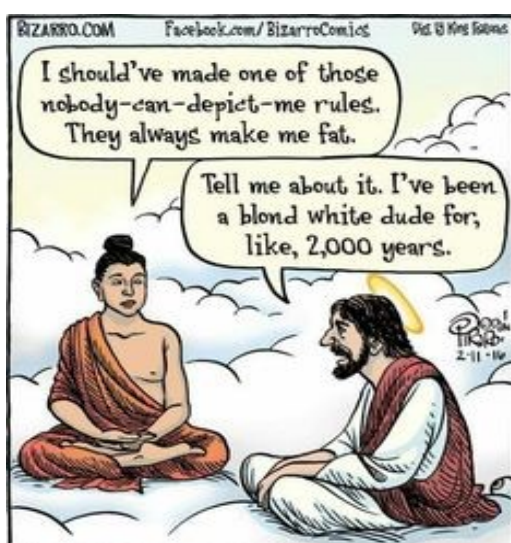


Jazz Vespers

**Wednesday
Night 6:30 PM**

**Sugar & the
Mint!**

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



Miracle?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston when got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

What religion are you?

After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Denis sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, Denis replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.'

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

Parish Stewardship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 23, get ready for a good laugh!

JAZZ VESPERS

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



THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH THE CLEAN UP after the Easter Brunch. Your help is much appreciated! The tables and chairs were put away, floors were dry mopped, leftovers were taken care of, dishes were actually done (hand washed and dried and put away), counters cleaned. Set up is clean and easy. Clean up, not so much. Bill and I will walk into a better, cleaner Perkins Hall Monday morning than we usually do. Thank you! — Tom Macy

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

We enjoyed *AlterA* 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

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. 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. Please mark your gift on the memo line OGHS or use the offering envelopes in your pews.



WE'RE MOVING!

DATE: MAY 10, 2017
 ADDRESS: 250 Kirkshire Circle
 Cary, NC 27511
 Cell Phone until July 1, 2017: (928) 710-6519
 New Cell Phone: (919) 400-1651
 Email: mikerondj@gmail.com
 Email Ronny: ronnyhermandejong@gmail.com

Mike H. and Ronny de Jong

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

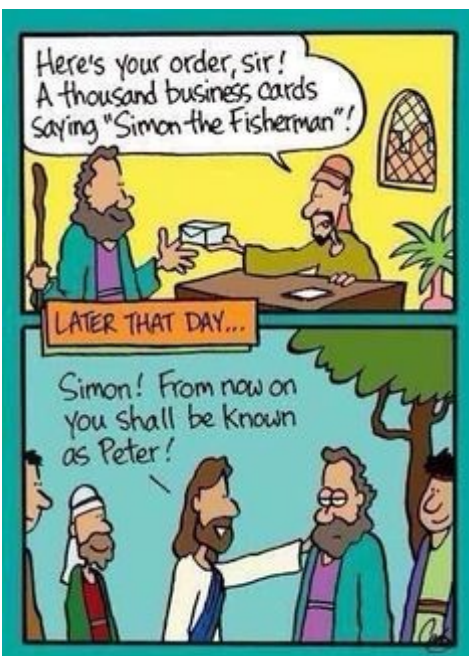
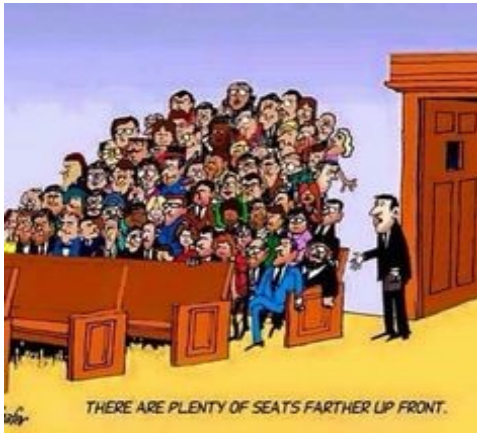
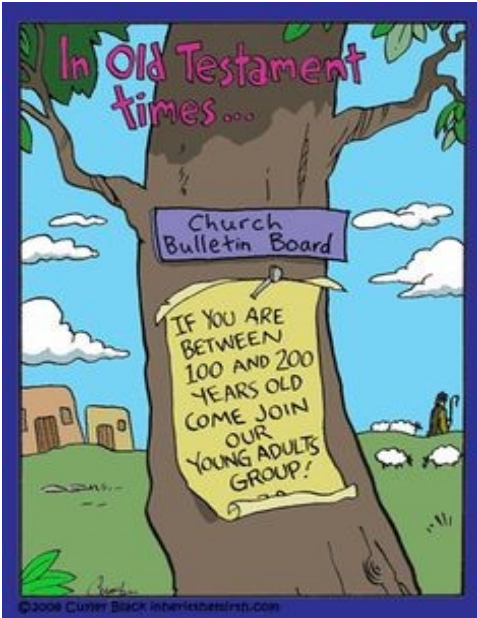
Visitors are always welcome, Blessings to all,
 Donna

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.

CORY PAINTING

Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Cory Replica. We have received \$760 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!



Celebrate Alarcon

Friday, April 28, 5-6:30

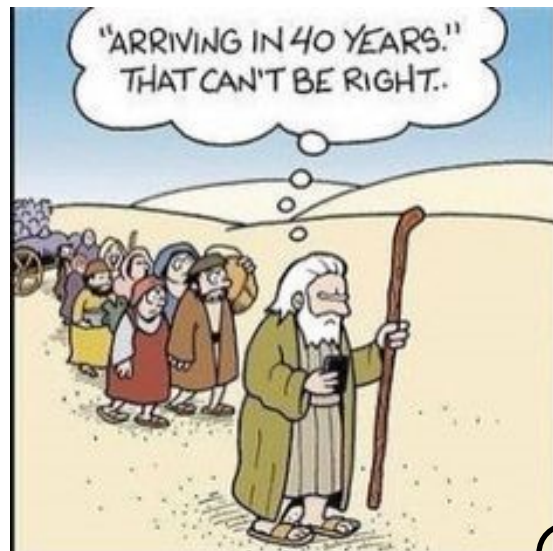
Please see details on the flyer included and also posted on the bulletin board in Perkins Hall.

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!



CONTACT US:

216 E. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-4555
fccprescott@gmail.com
Administration Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

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.