

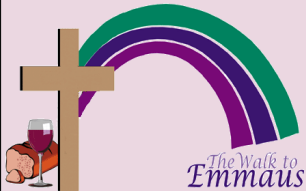


The Parish Caller

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 28th, 2017



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This Week at a Glance...

- ♦ **Alarcon Street Party CANCELED!!**
- ♦ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ♦ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 pm in the Hazeltine Room
- ♦ **Knit Wits:** Tuesday 1-3 pm Church Conference Room
- ♦ **Southwest Conference Annual Meeting—Albuquerque:** May 5-6
- ♦ **Woman Song:** Sunday Worship May 7th



Alarcon Street Party Postponed
Until Further Notice Due to Delayed
Street Opening

FROM PASTOR JAY

What a roller coaster the last two weeks have been! We went from the glory of Easter to "Holy Humor Sunday." These pictures show the change:



Easter Sunday

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Holy Humor Sunday

Yes, thanks to Rev. Harry Strong who is a rabid Cubs fan, I was dressed as the “starting preacher” for the day. Not having my best stuff, the “Manager” called in a relief preacher – Rev. Strong – who then called in the ninth inning closing

preacher – Rev. Ralph Wagner. My thanks to them for being good sports and going along with my crazy idea to have three mini sermons. They did a great job.

This Sunday we reflect on the reality that in worship as in life we experience ups and downs. After the joy of Easter and the fun of holy humor Sunday, this Sunday's story is the Emmaus road encounter of Jesus with two disciples who think all is lost. The theme will be dealing with disappointment (Luke 24:13-35).

It looks like the Alarcon Street project may be done in June.

Thanks for your patience and for finding ways to get here on Sunday! The Sunday after Easter is known for low attendance, but ours was great.

God bless, Jay

Jesus and the two disciples On the Road to Emmaus, by Duccio, 1308-1311, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena.



ANNIVERSARIES

Don Stephens 5/19

BIRTHDAYS

Gerri Lyons	05/03
Matt Ely	05/04
Sarai Payne	05/04
Doris Hille	05/10
Carolyn Daly-Wood	05/12
Anne Solt	05/18
Lisa Sandberg	05/19
Kris Chatfield	05/22
Joanne Lussier	05/25
Beth Bradstreet	05/26
Sarah Huff	05/26
Anna Strong	05/28

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★ BIG NEWS!! Josh is halfway through his the deployment (barring
★ an extension). Josh misses everyone, home, the ability to sleep
★ and being allowed to wear civies! He lives for mail call! He did



finish his Corporals course but there's a bottle neck of rank so there's no guarantee he'll get the promotion that would normally come due in December. He's still on nights and he is 10 hours ahead of Arizona. Other than work, he's staying busy with reading on Kindle and practicing ukulele.

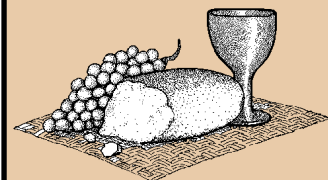
In case anyone needs it, his address is:

Cpl Taylor, Joshua R
SPMAGTF 17.1 CE
Unit 89033

FPO AP 96610-0001

I hope you are all well and have a great spring!

Crystal Marconi



With the exception of our regular first Sunday of the month communion time, informal “Every Sunday Communion” will be in the Sanctuary after worship on the remaining Sundays.

Prayer Request

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish
Stewardship

Offerings

	April	YTD
Offerings	\$ 8,890	\$37,671
Facility	\$ 1,931	\$ 3,963
Foundation	\$ -	\$16,030
Other	\$ -	\$ 5,503
Total	\$10,821	\$63,167

Expenses

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

Outreach Gifts

	2016	2017
Jan	\$ 135	\$ 270
Feb	\$ 170	\$ 265
Mar	\$ 949	\$ 760
Apr	\$ 165	\$ 1,123
Total	\$10,067	\$ 2,418

Cory Replica

Cost \$	(1,026.68)
Gifts \$	760.00
Balance \$	(266.68)

Memorial Gifts

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Attendance; Monthly Average

January	102
February	89
March	89
April	111

MISSIONS OUTREACH UPDATE

Thanks to your generous giving to April's mission emphasis, One Great Hour of Sharing we will be sending a check for \$1098 to the denomination's office of National/Global missions. These monies will be used to support: 1. Development projects in the areas of health, education and agriculture, 2. Disaster relief, and 3. Refugee services.



Materials needed are:

1. Scissors,- blunt rounded tip
2. Rulers-12"
3. Pencils-unsharpened
4. Pencil sharpeners
5. Large erasers
6. Box of crayons- 24 pack and
7. Spiral notebooks,50-70 pages.

Copies of this list will be in Perkins Hall for you to pick up.

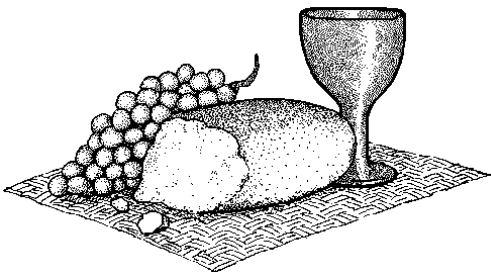


MAY'S EMPHISIS WILL BE a project of the Church World Service, CWS. Church World Service is a mission arm of the National Council of Churches serving both national and global needs. The particular CWS project we are adopting helps provide school supplies to children living in impoverished areas, including refugee camps. There is a deposit box in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer, checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo line, "CWS School Kits". Thank you for your support

of compassion and justice ministries.
Gary Gard, Outreach Committee Chairperson.

SUNDAY EVERY WEEK COMMUNION

Communion is available at the front of the sanctuary after worship on Sundays other than the first Sunday of the month. The first Sunday of the month is our regular congregational communion service.



SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING MAY 5-6



This coming week, several of our church delegates will be attending our district's annual meeting in Albuquerque. They are Rev. Marti Garrison, Angela Imbierowicz, John & Julie McCurdy, Julie Jaquette & Sarah Andrews. Paul Monska will be the driver of our van. Pray for

their safe travel and for wisdom as they meet with others from our conference, making important decisions for the UCC.

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!

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COALITION FOR COMPASSION AND JUSTICE, CCJ

Second Annual Celebration will be Wednesday, May 10, from 11:00am—1:00 pm at the Elks Theater. All three floors of the theater will be used to showcase the ministry of the CCJ. If you are interested in attending, RSVPs are needed. See Pastor Jay for details.



CHOIR DIRECTOR JANE OSBORN

Jane will be taking a much deserved sabbatical the months of June and July. We will have alternate music provided by: Alter-Notes, Joell Gall, Denise Nasso, Song of the Pines, John Huff and Bound for Glory Gospel Quartet. See this weeks bulletin for the complete schedule!!

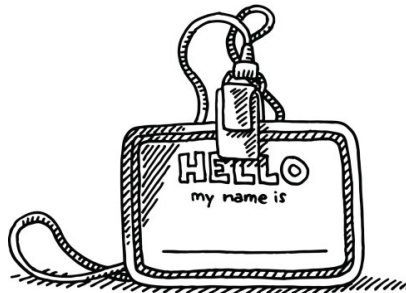
ALTER-NOTES

We enjoyed *Alter-Notes* "A Gaelic Easter Celebration" on Easter Sunday! Alter-Notes, an alternative music group, singing on occasional Sundays, needs singers and instrumentalists. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276



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.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



We are making an impact. Together.



We believe that there is enough food, water and justice for everyone in our world. Our work to build alliances among faith groups, civil society, advocates and those in need, and provide programs and services that are impactful, is as critical now as it ever has been. In the past year alone, we've been able to make differences in tens of thousands of lives in more than 30 countries.

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Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
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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 12:00 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 6:00 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.

COMMUNION

An informal "Every Sunday Communion" will be in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays except the first Sunday of the month which is our regular communion time.