

The Parish Caller July 17th 2020

On Call Pastor for

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 Jane Cheek

Making it Real – Honestly Facing Racism
(Submitted by Jane Cheek, Sabbatical Committee Member)

Experiencing Life Through My Black Experience

June 30, 2020

Written by Michael Malcom

Racism is an organism with tentacles in the foundation of every institution in the United States of America. America was diagnosed with anti-blackness in 1619 and has yet to address its disease.

Jacqui Patterson said, "We, as Black people in the United States and even beyond, have historically and in the present day had the boot

of white supremacy on our neck," In essence, whether it be a knee on the neck by someone who has sworn to protect and serve, it's voter suppression, or its environmental racism, it all says of the black experience, "I can't breathe."

"I can't breathe" are the three words that describe the black experience. Being robbed of oxygen until you are robbed of life is nothing new to the black experience. These words are a testament to our lived experience and limitations that are placed on that experience. During a recent open dialogue with my two sons I asked them how they were dealing with all this.

The viewing of the senseless murder of George Floyd once again put on full display that black bodies are constantly under attack. This attack is a daily experience among black communities who also experience the disproportionate impacts of industrial pollution. However, it is not just that the body that is being attacked. It is also the mind that is being attacked. There is a psychological breaking that happens each time. It is a message for us to stay in our place. Yessinia Fune said, "Polluting industries don't wind up in Black communities by accident. Neither do police. It's all by design."

I can't breathe is heard in the hallways of elementary schools filled with toxins from the industrial pollution that surrounds their communities. I can't breathe is heard in emergency rooms that turn away patients and tell them to self-care at home. "I can't breathe" is heard at policy tables and in pulpits that write statements about standing with black lives while excluding black thought from decision making discussions and black bodies from board and leadership positions. "I can't breathe" is heard in zoning offices. I can't breathe is heard from throats being squeezed by arms - that swore they would protect and serve- like a python slowly robbing another living being of life.

I can't breathe over loose cigarettes. I can't breathe over skittles and a tea. I can't breathe over CDs. I can't breathe because of disproportionate protections and over policing. I can't breathe because you went to the wrong house, or you feel that I'm a threat, or going for a run, or playing a park, or playing outside my home. We are not safe and we are not ok.



Rev. Michael Malcom is the Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power and Light and a licensed and ordained United Church of Christ Minister

Working for Racial Justice Workshop

Submitted by Jane Cheek

<http://www.swcucc.org/faith-in-action-blog/2020/6/25/working-for-racial-justice-in-solidarity-with-the-black-communityupcoming-workshop>

Working for Racial Justice in Solidarity with the Black Community—upcoming workshop

Sent: July 14, 2020 in Faith In Action

Save the dates: 10:00 to 11:30 am AND 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[Register for Workshop](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[Link to Zoom](#)

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.

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.

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 Kring and Olivia Kring

A Message from Desert Palm UCC

Dear Members and Friends,

Do you have a family member who is attending or will be attending Arizona State University this fall? There is a new initiative – UCC at ASU

– that will serve as a wonderful activity and resource for those students whether attending in person or through online classes. UCC at ASU will be a recognized student organization. New and returning students will have a new pathway to connect with other students, enjoy support and gain leadership opportunities with the student organization while pursuing their studies.

I'm pleased to share some background and contact information for those of you who would like to learn more about this initiative (and please feel free to forward):

Desert Palm United Church of Christ in Tempe and the Southwest Conference are working together to support and inspire ASU students with our UCC witness and faith.

Andrew Ponder Williams is serving as the Campus Minister. Andrew is a Member in Discernment at Desert Palm UCC. Andrew works with a dynamic Campus Ministry Committee of Desert Palm members. Andrew previously served as a campus minister with the United Methodist Church on the campus of the University of California-Irvine.

UCC at ASU is now a member of the Arizona State University Council of Religious Advisors. This Council is an interfaith body with representatives from many faith traditions. Presently, Andrew is a part of the leadership of the writing of an official statement from the Council condemning the lynchings of people of color in our country. Andrew is also collaborating with student organizations that support LGBTQ students and students of color.

Join us for one of these upcoming Zoom events

-Learn More About This New Ministry (for all ages), August 4, 6:00 pm
-Special Zoom meeting for College Students at Home, August 6 at 6:00 pm (all college age persons welcome, not just ASU-we want to build community for students at home now and into the Fall)

Campus Minister Contact

Andrew Ponder Williams

United Church of Christ Campus Minister for Arizona State University

Desert Palm Youth and Young Adult Minister

www.desertpalmucc.org

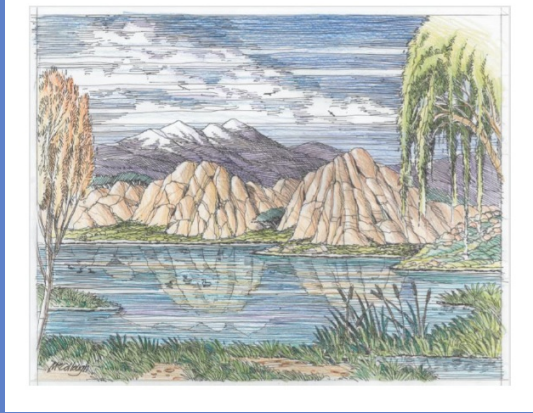
Call or Text! (602) 386-0669

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PASTOR JAY'S SABBATICAL

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH
DURING CORONAVIRUS!

• Online – go to our



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

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 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

Birthdays

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	7/30
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