

The Parish Caller July 3rd 2020

On Call Pastor
for

June 29th thru July 12th, Rev. Lloyd Evans, 928-499-7493

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!

A Message from Jane Cheek

Making it Real – Honestly Facing Racism

(Submitted by Jane Cheek, Sabbatical Committee Member)

Hello, dear Friends and Family of FCCUCC...

I recently sat in on a conference-wide “pastor check-in” at the request of the Sabbatical Committee; typically, Pastor Jay would attend this online monthly meeting.

The main take-away is this: our Conference Pastor Bill Lyons has encouraged all churches to bring forward serious focus on the topics of “white privilege” and racism - within our worship as well as through education of our members.

You may have noticed that in our worship services the past several weeks, there have been references to not only the horrors of racist acts that have recently occurred, but also to Biblical references that remind us of God’s Love for all people. We can no longer sit by and observe these events on television; *we need to actively be like Jesus in our acceptance of - and in our interactions with - all humans who share our world.* For some of us, this will require new understandings

about how others live.

While our quarantine time definitely limits group participation together, there are many opportunities for individual learning online which will be made available to us. I will be gathering and posting them here in the Caller as I find them; and we also hope to plan face-to-face educational opportunities for ZOOM groups as well.

The link below is a good place to start; this comes from our own Conference. It invites us to participate in a workshop that takes place in short increments of time over four weeks in August. It's still in the planning stages, but there are detailed descriptions about each week's theme; real-life incidences and questions will be explored. In other words, this is for anyone who just wants to know more. I encourage you to click on the link and read the info – registration for this workshop will take place very soon. I'll be sure to let you know how/when you can register, if you're interested.

Sisters and Brothers, we are called to Love as God loves us...may we see a day where all people in our world will know such a Love.

[South West Conference UCC Faith-in-action-blog](#)

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

JULY MISSION NEWS

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.

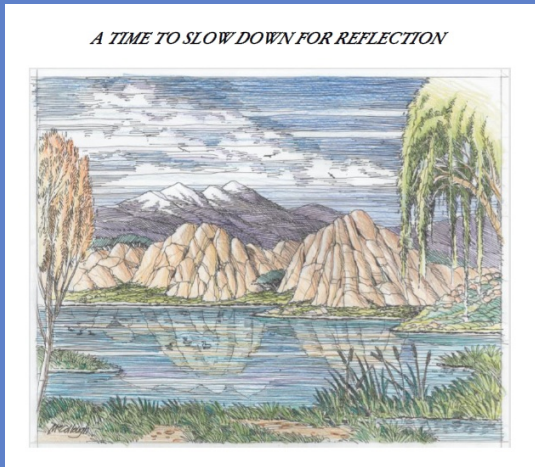
DACA Update

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

PASTOR JAY'S SABBATICAL

A TIME TO SLOW DOWN FOR REFLECTION



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

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our 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

GATES, Melissa & Elizabeth	06/03
BEESON, Al & <u>Barbi</u>	06/23
STRONG, Harry & Anna	07/14
WILSON, John & Sonja	07/23

Birthdays

GARD, Gary	06/04
BRADSTREET, Kelli Jo	06/06
JARVI, Laramie	06/06
KRING, Alice	06/08
FOOTE, Linda	06/18
STAATS, Sylvia	06/19
MCCOLLOUGH, Barbara	06/30
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	07/29
ROBINSON, Anne	07/31