



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."

May 12, 2017



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*Madonna and Child by Filippo Lippi (15th century)
The Palazzo Medici,
Florence, Italy*

This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **TOMORROW: Men's Breakfast at John Huff's house** 7:30 am
- ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY:** Sunday Worship May 7th
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:30 am
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 pm in the Hazeltine Room
- ◆ **Las Fuentes:** Sunday 3:00pm
- ◆ **Bells Rehearsal:** Thursday 11:00

"COME SEE MY NEW DECK"

MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This Saturday, May 13 7:30 am at John Huff's house "on the deck"

1927 Idylwild Way

Go up Oregon/Idylwild Road to 1900's then right on Pine Drive, then right on Idylwild Way



FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday is Mother's Day, and when I looked at the gospel reading for Sunday, I wanted to run away from it as fast as I could! John 14:1-14 is part of the farewell discourse of Jesus to the disciples. It contains some wonderful messages we often hear at funerals – "let not your heart be troubled" and "in my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (KJV – mansions) that await us. The hope of a home in heaven is

great to hear about, but then Thomas had to ask how to get there. And then Jesus uttered the words that have been used by Christians to clobber people over the head or cut them off from grace: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Ouch.

So, what is a preacher to do? If you are dumb like me, you plunge in and try to connect John 14 to Mother's Day! Join us Sunday to see if I strike out or hit a single, double, or triple. A home run may be a bit of a stretch.

The sermon title: "God our Mother and Who is in or Out"

God bless, Jay



Parish
Stewardship

Offerings

	May	YTD
Offerings	\$4,562	\$42,598
Facility	\$448	\$4,411
Foundation	\$13,423	\$29,453
Other	\$-	\$5,503
Total	\$18,433	\$81,965

Expenses

	May	YTD
Expenses	\$12,134	\$108,346

Outreach Gifts

	2016	2017
Jan	Prescott Comm.	
	\$490	
Feb	PASS	
	\$140	
March	Habitat for Humanity	
	\$165	
April	One Great Hour Share	
	\$1,183	
May	Church World Service	
	\$75	
June	Strengthen the Church	
	\$-	
Undesignated Missions		
	\$475	
Total	\$2,528	

Cory Replica

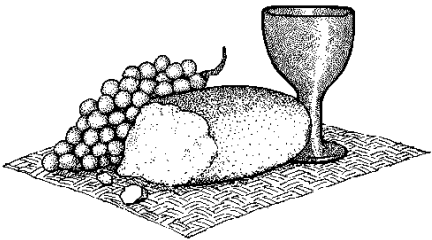
Cost	\$(1,026.68)
Gifts	\$1,027.00
Balance	\$0.32

Attendance; Monthly Average

January	102
February	89
March	89
April	108
May	96

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.



CORY PAINTING

We have received the full amount for the cost for the Cory Replica from many generous givers! Thank you to all!

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



Thanks to your generous giving to April's mission emphasis, One Great Hour of Sharing, we will be sending a check for \$1383 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.

3rd Annual LGBTQ Family and
Friendship Picnic
Sunday May 28th,
12:00-7:30 pm
Watson Lake Park, Hwy 89 Prescott



This year our church will be sponsoring an information table offering information about our church and getting the word out about our church's "Open and Affirming" position. If you are interested in offering your support, there is a signup sheet in Perkins Hall or call 445-4555

Once a year, every identity under the rainbow gathers together to celebrate community and build bridges with friends, family, and allies. Please join the Prescott LGBTQ Meet-Up Group for food, fun, and friendship! Community Potluck and Cookout! Bring your own meat to grill; Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for a Love donation. This year, the picnic will host entertainment, recreation, activities, a community stage and a resource fair! WOW! Free admission, \$3 parking fee.

November 11, 2016
Written by John Dorhauer



A Just World for All

At the end of a full year of open dialogue that engaged covenant partners across the full life of the denomination, the United Church of Christ Board affirmed a Purpose, Vision, and Mission statement for the denomination.

If you haven't seen them yet, here they are:



Purpose:

To love our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Vision:

United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission:

United in Spirit, inspired by God's

grace we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

How beautiful is this? Love and justice are clearly seen by us as our missional imperatives. These commitments of offering a redeeming, transformative love to all, and in that love working to establish a just peace for all: this fully expresses why it is we were called into being.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or they may wait until the children's time with the pastor and then go to Sunday school. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service at the discretion of the parent(s).

In addition to our monthly mission emphasis of varying local, national, and global missions, our church provides a monthly hot meal to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). We need people to help provide food dishes (main dish, salad, bread, dessert). We deliver an evening meal to feed up to 25 people on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you can help, please sign the PASS Shelter Meal list found in Perkins Hall. For further information phone Gary or Patty Gard (928-910-2455) or (928-460-3042). Thank you.



The de Jongs have moved to Cary, North Carolina!

New address: 250 Kerkshire Circle
Cary, NC 27511
Cell till July 1st: 928-710-6519
New: 919-400-1651
Email: mikerondj@gmail.com and
ronnyhermandejong@gmail.com



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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 9:30 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.

MISSION OUTREACH



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.

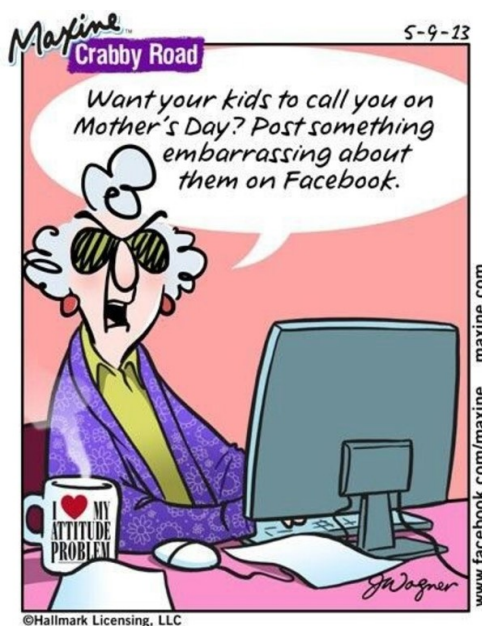
Materials needed are:

- Scissors:
blunt rounded tip
- Rulers: 12"
- Pencils: unsharpened
- Pencil sharpeners
- Large erasers
- Boxes of crayons:
24 pack
- Spiral notebooks:
50-70 pages

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



Mother's Day Humor



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

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Kathy 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

