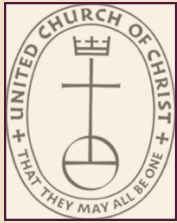


# The Parish Caller

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

May 13, 2016



First Congregational  
Church, United  
Church of Christ,  
Prescott

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***This Week at a Glance...***

- ◆ **Choir Practice** Sunday 9 am
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Sunday 9 am
- ◆ **Peace of Mind Workshop** Wednesday 5:30 pm
- ◆ **NO Bell Choir Rehearsal** for the month of May
- ◆ **Men’s Fellowship Barbeque** Friday 6 pm

**From The Pastor**

**Happy birthday to the Church on Sunday! (Day of Pentecost) Wear Red!!**

Remember Mr. Magoo? He was nearsighted and stubbornly refused to acknowledge it, leading to all kinds of funny situations that he somehow survived. Acts Chapter 2 records the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, giving them power to start the church and move it forward. The Spirit gives us many gifts, but the one I want to focus on Sunday is the gift of awareness. “Mindfulness” or “being present” are two popular movements seeking to help us have this gift. The Holy Spirit makes us aware – thankfully – or else we would go through life like Magoo – living in our rut with no self-awareness.



How about you? Would you like some insight into your life? Warning – the Spirit might descend to shake us out of our ruts on Sunday!

See you there...if you dare

Jay

**Discovery Gardens  
Pre-School Class Visit  
the Bell Choir**

Judy Ely’s Pre-school  
class goes on a field  
trip to visit the Bell  
Choir this week.



**From Our  
Moderator: John  
McCurdy**

**What is a Vision Statement?** What is a Mission Statement? What are they, and why do we need them? What will they do for us?

A vision statement is about direction. It is the overarching idea that inspires and guides us in our efforts as a community.

A mission statement is about what we do, how we do it and who we do it for.



Perhaps the best way to get a feel for these tools is through example. The mission statement for American Express is a good example: At American Express, we have a mission to be the world's most respected service brand. To do this, we have established a culture that supports our team members, so they can provide exceptional service to our customers.

The opening sentence states what they want to achieve, their vision. The second sentence is how they will achieve their goal, their mission.

In our local church community, we each have different areas of focus. Some of us are centered on personal growth: gaining balance, developing meaning and purpose. Others are more focused on community development: mission outreach, care for the sick and the homebound. While others are centered on worship: Sunday service, prayer and communion with God.

These ideas are not exclusive from one another but are intertwined; they make us who we are.

By defining a vision and a mission for ourselves we can become more focused and become better able to direct our energies and resources more effectively. With direction and intentionality, we can add to each person's growth, further develop the communities we live in, and give deeper meaning to our worship.

For now I am asking you to consider:

- Why are you here?
- What would you like to accomplish in this part of your life?
- What motivates you to be the person you strive to be?
- What are you passionate about?

Think on these things and dream of what you would like to be and what this community will look like.

*Dream. DREAM BIG.*

In love, John McCurdy

## **BE THE CHURCH**

*Protect the environment.  
Care for the poor.*

**Forgive often.**

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

*Embrace diversity.*

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

**Congratulations  
Sarah Huff!**



**Congratulations Sarah Huff!**  
**Sarah is graduating from Midwestern University, Arizona**  
**College of Optometry**  
**Thursday, the 2nd of June with a Doctor of Optometry,**  
**Beta Sigma Kappa**

## Outreach

### Message from FCC Outreach Committee

Throughout the year, it is the goal of the Outreach Committee to help address mission needs which are local, national, and international.

#### Locally, we provide assistance to:

- (1) The Community Cupboard
- (2) Discovery Gardens Preschool
- (3) Prescott Shelters
- (4) those who are homeless
- (5) Habitat for Humanity
- (6) Coalition for Compassion and Justice programs which include, “Fair Start”, Operation Deep Freeze, Family Christmas, and Warm for Winter (clothing for the poor and homeless).

#### Nationally and internationally, we

- (1) Participate in the Church World Service’s outreach to the needs of school children in refugee camps and in impoverished villages.
- (2) Support the denomination’s five annual special offerings
  - The One Great Hour of Sharing
  - Strengthening the Church
  - Our Church’s Wider Mission
  - Neighbors in Need, and
  - The Christmas Fund.

These are opportunities for your participation. Budget constraints may limit your participation to a selected few of these opportunities. Whenever it is your desire to monetarily offer your support, you may make your preference known by using the “memo line” on your check. Thank you for whatever participation you are able to offer. We are all blessed to be a blessing.

### CWS School Kits

For the month of May, we are asking for you to join us in supporting the CWS School Kit Mission.

CWS Kits are small packages of school supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world.

You can gather with friends in groups to assemble kits or submit supplies to the cause.

### Copies of this list are in Perkins Hall

Short on time?—You can *still* make an impact in people’s lives by donating directly towards the CWS Kits program online

<http://cwskits.org/> or mark your offering envelope “School Kits”.



**School Kits give  
 children in refugee  
 camps and  
 impoverished  
 schools or other  
 difficult settings  
 the tools they need  
 to learn.**



Men’s Fellowship  
Barbeque

Men’s Fellowship Barbeque

May 20th at 6:00 at Bill Linson’s house.

Bring a dish to share and BYOB

Sign-up Sheet in Perkins Hall

2960 Somerset Dr. Prescott



Marilyn Skovgard  
Peace of Mind  
Workshop

May 18, 5:30 pm

Sign-up Sheet in  
Perkins Hall or Call  
928-458-5750 for  
more information  
and to RSVP

This Sunday is the  
last day to sign up.

BLESS YOUR FAMILY – HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Marilyn Skovgard, published author of Household Matters A-Z and member of the National Emergency Coalition will be discussing the importance of planning for emergencies: national, natural or the unexpected. Marilyn will walk you through a one-step system of how to organize, inventory and record important personal information...where and how to store those important documents.

If you have ever lost, displaced an important paper/document this is the class for you. Also to be discussed the importance of having the “family conversation.”

Let’s resolve to keep your affairs inventoried, organized and safe. You will learn simple solutions and tips to help you accomplish this task. LET’S GET READY TO BE PREPARED!



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WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://www.fccprescott.org)

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
meets Sundays at 9 am  
in the Sanctuary. See  
Jane Osborn if you  
would like to join the  
choir!

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
at 11 am on Thursdays

**KNIT WITS meets the**  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of  
every month from 1-  
3 pm in the Office  
Conference Room.

**Funky Friday Game**  
Night Hosted by  
PFLAG  
Everyone Welcome!  
7-9 pm  
1st Friday of every  
Month starting in  
November

**PASS MEAL is a once-a-**  
month ministry where  
we provide a meal for  
the Prescott Area Shelter  
Services the 3rd  
Wednesday of every  
month at 5:30 pm. Sign-  
up sheet is in Perkins  
Hall.

**CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY** meets the  
2th Tuesday of every month from 2-4  
pm in the Office Conference Room. If  
you are interested in being part of  
this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

**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. See  
Julie J. for more details.

**EXPLORING FAITH**  
Living the Questions Study Group  
Sunday Mornings at 9 am in the Church  
Library  
~And~  
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm  
in the Church Library

**LAS FUENTES**  
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott  
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is  
held the 3rd Thursday of  
every month at 10 am,  
led by Called to Care  
Ministry.  
~And~  
Worship Service is also  
held the 2nd Sunday of  
every month at 3 pm, led  
by Pastor Jay.

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