



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...

- ◆ **Bells Rehearsal:** Returning after Spring break, Thursday 11:00
- ◆ **Woman Song:** Sunday Worship May 7th
- ◆ **Southwest Conference Annual Meeting:** May 4-6 Albuquerque
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 pm in the Hazeltine Room

FROM PASTOR JAY

The Good Shepherd, c. 300-350, at the Catacombs of Domitilla, Rome

The fourth Sunday after Easter is always "Good Shepherd Sunday" focusing on John 10. This year's text is John 10:1-10. The shepherd image is one of the most popular in the Bible. It has been a source of comfort for God's people from Psalm 23 to John 10. We will hear the ways Jesus offers to shepherd us through life. This quote sets a high bar for its power to speak to us:

"This passage is a call to pastor and parishioner alike to exult in the poetic power of language to draw us into a transformative experience of truth." (Jaime Clark-Soles)

Join me Sunday for the transformation! :)

Jay



Song of the Lamb

*As through life I blithely go
I am free to wander so
Little do I truly know
How near my Shepherd be*

*As I dance, the crook I see
N'er the wolf can capture me!
Protector, be it land or sea
This my Shephard is to me.*

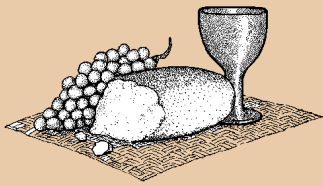
-e. gates

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING MAY 3-6

This week, starting today and tomorrow, several of our church delegates will be attending our district's annual meeting in Albuquerque. They are Pastor Jay, Rev. Marti, Angela, John & Julie M., Julie J. & Sarah. 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.



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



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.

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).

Join the Annual Meeting Conversation on Twitter and Instagram

Whether you're a seasoned Twitter user or are brand new to Instagram, you can follow and contribute to the conversation about (and during) the Annual Meeting on social media!

**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:**

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

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

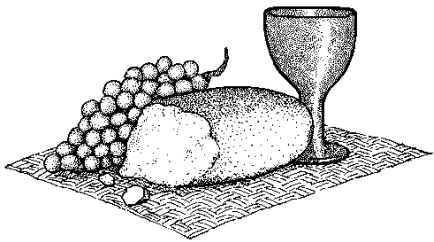
In addition to our monthly mission emphasis of varying local, national, and global missions, our church provides a monthly hot meal to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). We need people to help provide food dishes (main dish, salad, bread, dessert). We deliver an evening meal to feed up to 25 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Cory Replica. We have received \$885 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!

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!!

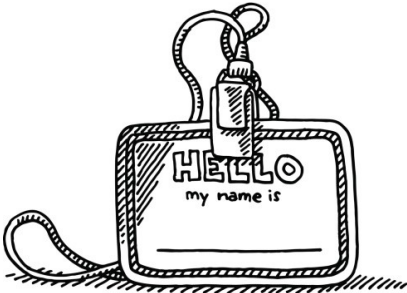
ALTER-NOTES

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.



Parish Stewardship

Offerings

| | April | YTD |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Offerings | \$9,255 | \$38,036 |
| Facility | \$1,931 | \$3,963 |
| Foundation | \$- | \$16,030 |
| Other | \$- | \$5,503 |
| Total | \$11,186 | \$63,532 |

Expenses

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

Outreach Gifts

| | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------|----------|---------|
| Jan | \$135 | \$270 |
| Feb | \$170 | \$265 |
| Mar | \$949 | \$765 |
| Apr | \$165 | \$1,123 |
| May | \$279 | \$95 |
| Total | \$10,067 | \$2,518 |

Cory Replica

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|---------|--------------|
| Cost | \$(1,026.68) |
| Gifts | \$885.00 |
| Balance | \$(141.68) |

Attendance; Monthly Average

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|----------|-----|
| January | 102 |
| February | 89 |
| March | 89 |
| April | 108 |
| May | 90 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Don & Kathy Stephens | 5/19 |
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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 |

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

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.

**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, connect with Julie in the church office. 445-4555

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Pastor Jay
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Other times by appointment
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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.

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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