



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Parish Caller

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Celebration of Women's Voices

On May 15 the Angelorum Choir from Yavapai College, under the direction of Dr. Will Fisher, and the McConnell Singers from Phoenix College performed a beautiful concert.



Angelorum



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Dr. Will Fisher



McConnell Singers

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

From the Pastor's Desk by Pastor Jane Cheek



The Lazy? Days of Summer

The weather we've been experiencing lately sure doesn't feel like it, but I am getting a sense that things are slowing down and summer is kicking in around the church. Our choir is in official "summer mode" - they won't be wearing their robes for a while. Our worship has a lighter feel - after the long, quiet weeks of Lent and then the joy of Easter morning, we seem to be in a less formal mode. Folks are already taking time off to go on vacation, days are longer and summer visitors have returned. It feels good to be looking at a couple of months where we can just "be" with one another, though this doesn't mean we won't have activities around here. In two weeks, we will host our Vacation Church School again, and after that, 23 young cyclist from Texas will ride through town on their way to the west coast; we'll offer them showers, food and a decent night's sleep before they continue on their way.

It seems that even in the "slower" times of summer, we find ways to be doing God's work!

I, too, am looking forward to a little change of pace, though I have a feeling I won't be thinking about vacation for a while. At the end of June, I head for the General Synod in Tampa Bay, Florida; I think we get a day to have fun and see the area, but mostly this will be a work trip. My job, with the other delegates, is to consider whole-church business, and be ready to vote with my own conscience when it's time. One of the most important resolutions to be decided involves a major redo of the bylaws for all of the

UCC; we have just done this with our own conference bylaws, so I'm already set to consider changes to be made.

Then, at the end of July, I will be taking my last trip to Berkeley for the next two years. This time, the class will meet only one week onsite with the focus of Church Renewal led by Cameron Trimbull and Dallas Piazza of our own UCC. Once home, there will be four weeks of online coursework to finish, and I will be halfway through coursework toward my Certificate of Theological Studies toward ordination. My two years as Moderator-elect and Moderator of the Southwest Conference will count as even more education...I am definitely learning a lot! I am also deeply grateful to you dear folks of this church who help support my education both financially and with your interest and prayers...

In between all these events, there will be opportunity for me to plan for the next church year, and just enjoy a beautiful Prescott summer. And come September, Don and I have booked a trip to Hawaii for a little R & R...it will be our time for a rest before the church year gets into full swing again!

So as we all slow down just a bit, let's take care on the roads, in the sun, and away from home; have fun and relax, but I want to see you all in church on Rally Day in September!

God's Peace to us all...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Moderator's Message by Gordon Bergthold, Moderator

Wow, how time flies. It seems that I was just writing about the changing weather last month and now we're into summer already. While the winds are still raising havoc with allergies, the outside activities have taken over and many are enjoying trips to the parks, hiking, barbeques and the fun of summer.

Speaking of outside activities, the Southwest Conference held a golf tournament on May 13th in Scottsdale and netted over \$23,000 for the youth ministry. The weather was warm but the tournament was filled with enthusiasm and spirit for youth who certainly demonstrated their prowess at 15 under par; yes, it was a scramble type, best ball tournament and the college kids won hands down. But they were gracious in their acceptance of the trophies and donated cash towards the youth fund as well.

I mention this tournament because some questioned even holding such an event considering the tough economic times and other events in which to spend money. I'm pleased that the members of the conference and guests were willing to invest in our future....yes, the youth are our future and we'd be well advised to help develop their skills in both the church and the workplace so that we can retire knowing that the world is in the hands of those who have come up

through these challenging times and not only survived but thrived.

On May 22 we held an open forum or Town Hall Meeting following a very special church service in Perkins Hall. Although not many questions were asked, those in attendance did get updates from the cabinet members and leadership of the church and left feeling that they were up to date on the happenings of their church. It's the intention of the church leaders to hold the Town Hall Meetings at least quarterly and more often if needed.

However, should you have questions or concerns about anything pertaining to our church or its leadership, please contact Christy Dinsman, Pastor Parish Relations Chair, or any of the cabinet members and your concerns will be addressed immediately. We want transparency and an open dialogue with you, the members. We want satisfied and happy members in our church and together we can make that happen.

In every single moment, we have the choice to be happy or not. No matter what is going on, we can choose to focus on what is right, what is good and whole in ourselves and our lives, and what options we have in any given situation. In other words, we can choose to be happy no matter what.

Parish Caller Under Construction

We are in the process of redesigning our newsletter and want to hear from you as to what you would like to see in your newsletter. Recipes; healthcare articles; financial articles; tips on safety, caring for your pet, healthy living, travel? Let us know what interests you and we will take everyone's comments and suggestions into account as we construct a new version of your Parish Caller.



A Matter of Stewardship by Marilyn Kerstine

Howard and I are always elated when one of our prescription drugs finally becomes generic and less expensive. No longer. A few of you know I recently recovered from two months of extreme exhaustion. Because the collapse was precipitated by years of normal treadmill exercise, my doctor ordered an extensive number of blood, heart and lung tests. Since she thought I may have an unknown infection, she also advised I stay away from others. All the tests were normal, but I was still only able to do one activity a day for a very short length of time. There was no reason for the sudden decline in health.

Because it was time for my yearly renewal of prescription drugs, I took my meds in during that first visit. My doctor noticed that our mail order RX supplier had substituted generic thyroid hormone—the supplier's norm unless the doctor specifies, "dispense as written" for the brand name hormone. She rewrote my two thyroid meds and said it would take six weeks for them to become effective. Generic hormones can be 10-20% lower or higher from one day to the next.

The day after my cardiologist planned to schedule an invasive heart procedure, I awakened early, shopped all day with a friend, and cooked dinner before realizing it was 6 weeks to the day I had started the new thyroid meds. My family doctor confirmed the next day that all that trouble was due to the generic thyroid meds. Since then my mother--whom had been ill for a year--and my friend, also not well, have seen their doctors, switched to brand name hormones and are now both dancing circles again too!

Stewardship: Medicare and our supplemental insurance paid out **thousands** of dollars. Time lost and gifts not used in ministry cannot be calculated. Every doctor I saw mentioned that **generic hormones** are not good for our bodies—though **non-hormone generics are good stewardship choices**. Don't we all wish those Medicare and insurance dollars could have gone to so many of God's world needs! I do!! And, I hope this helps just one more person save those dollars and switch to generic hormones.

Blessings of Health and Stewardship to you.

Pop into the Garage for Hospitality

Quixote's Garage, run by Kris Finn, offers hospitality to anyone who needs a safe place to be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm everyday, including weekends and holidays, except Thursdays. It is a place to get off the street and out of the weather, pick up mail, use the phone, have coffee, rest, and connect or reconnect with others. We do not replicate any services in Prescott, and we know the resources available to those who need help.

The Garage operates solely by donations. It is not a non-profit organization or social service agency; we receive no governmental or institutional support. Donations are not tax deductible but are very much needed and appreciated. Please visit the Garage in Sam Hill Alley, behind 217 N McCormick Street north of Willis, or call 771-2637. A lot of people doing a little bit are what keeps the Garage doors up.

Women's Fellowship by Joanne Storer, Women's Fellowship Co-Coordinator

A Big THANK YOU to all of the ladies who brought food, set up Perkins Hall, helped with the clean up for our May Luncheon. I believe that counting us we had 5 churches represented.

The Sisterhood from the Jewish Temple gave our fellowship a donation and a thank you has been sent to them. Our guest speaker was enjoyable, I could see people agreeing with some of the events she mentioned that motherhood brings to all mothers.

We will be going to the Jewish Temple on June 6 for their event, bring an appetite--this will be fun!

Enjoy the summer, get rested up, September will be here before we know it. Our Fellowship year begins with our Potluck Dinner and Program.....sign up to help; there is a clip board in Perkins Hall to sign up for September and December.

Blessings to All...

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast!

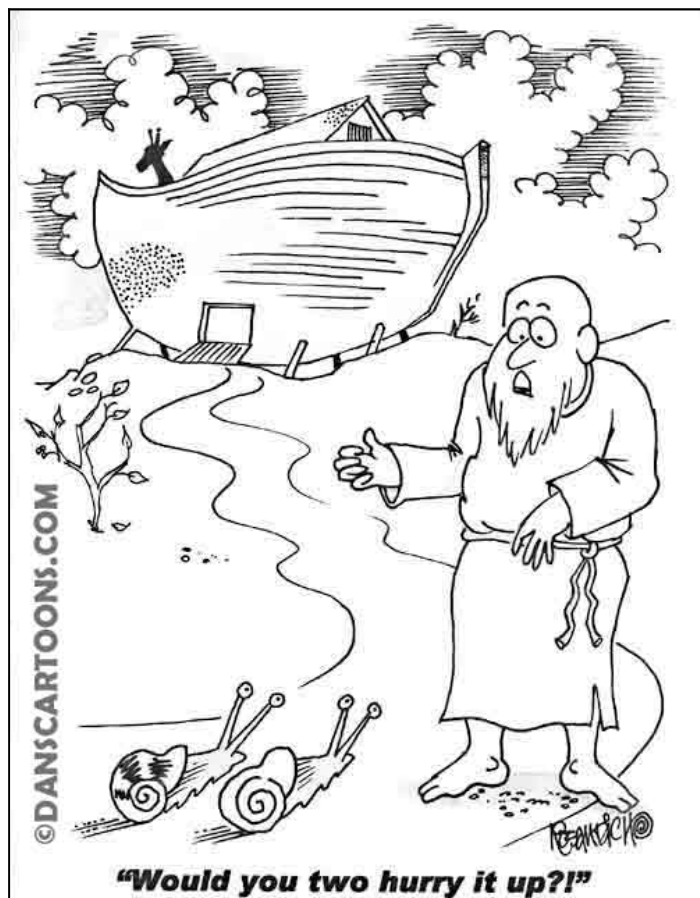
Join us for the 55th annual FCC Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday July 2 here at First Congregational Church**. Pancakes will be hot and ready by 6:00 a.m. Come early so you don't miss out! \$5 per person, children under 5 FREE, Live Music. Proceeds will benefit the Prescott Community Cupboard.

New Paint on our Office Building!!!

By Al Beeson, Trustee Chair

After months of waiting for the right weather, the Contractor (Mathis Painting) started in early May the process of old paint removal and making minor repairs to the exterior of the Church office building. This job was completed on May 24, and with some new gutters that were also installed we now have a new look to our current office building, which at one time served as the FCC parsonage house.

Through the wonderful gift of the Ashenfelter Fund that provided the maintenance funds for this project we can, once again, be proud of all our church buildings.



What's Happening...

DIACONATE:

By Julie McCurdy

On Friday, May 20, deacons Julie McCurdy and Judy Ely held an informal dinner-meeting, with spouses John McCurdy and Bret Ely joining in the discussion and festivities. Topics included: flowers and greeting cards for home ministry; sanctuary displays and furnishings; and our deep appreciation for all the things that our "honorary deacons" do to help serve our congregation.

TRUSTEE:

By Al Beeson

A. Old Business:

1. Status: Doors Sanctuary/Perkins Hall complex Lower rear door basement broken, Review next steps exterior doors repair/replace. R. Brown?
2. Sanctuary Bell Tower: R..Brown to add retractable ladder, replace trap door, leak fixed.
3. **Removed this item** from list [Office bldg porch repair using trex?] as paint/ caulk and repairs by Mathis Paint has made significant improvements to the porch.

Status: Sound system installation in desk. John Huff Installed main desk power switch, on lower right side of knee hole. Procedure is turn on or off main power switch near chancel **first** then turn on/off main power switch at desk. Rechargeable batteries will not be used in this sound system [wireless units]. The system needs an operator each Sunday at the desk, for now that is going to be a Trustee.

B: New Business:

1. Painting Office Bldg: Mathis Status

job @ \$9650 added Duration Paint, for \$1, 350 more, total \$11K is 90% complete. The installation of gutter [primed] for \$1670 after paint. Need quote of painting gutter and security door.

2. Sanctuary Cooling project: Study: either 1). increase efficiency of Evap Air, 2). A/C installation or 3). combination of both. Discussed report pending Prescott Glass quote dual pane low E glass for south stained glass windows and east windows in Sanctuary and basement music rm. Installed new high efficiency evap cooler pads on May 7th which may drop cooling air temp by 2 or more degrees.
3. No report on YC Student design & installation of railing[s] from chancel to Sanctuary floor.
4. Office Bldg: Still Need replace some of stem walls wood/check for termites/ paint to match. R Brown
5. Light fixtures in basement making noise. Chuck Jarvi to check Repair or replace?
6. Welding on railing upper Alarcon entry rail completed. Chair rack weld project still open.
7. Discussed Security contract with the many facility users, found fire doors open Saturday May 7th
8. Did not Discuss Landcraft bid reset paver's @ \$9262.00 w/ handicap curb access/ramp Alarcon side.
9. Did briefly discuss what can the Trustees do to support Pancake Breakfast. All is set to use parking lot instead of Alarcon street [reduced fees by + \$200?] on July 2nd . Al Beeson to get a current food handling certificate from YC. Community Cupboard is going to be asked to provide 2 teams of 4 ea one for the 6am crew and one for the 8am crew.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

by Barbara McClure

Library Project

Ruth has completed the library, will finish with labeling shelves soon. New books are being ordered by the office. The coffee in the library and the rolling cart will be ready for the fall kickoff in September.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months. Childcare will be provided.

Teachers will be recognized the Sunday before Vacation Church School, June 12th

Vacation church School- SHALOM

Management and content was discussed. Enrollment will be capped at 25 and will be divided into 2 groups, 1st thru 3rd grades, and 4th grade up. Teachers will be asked to meet on June 5 right after church to be given the daily themes and curriculum. Teachers will teach in teams, helpers will be also

assigned to one group. Gerri Lyons will be in charge of the kitchen and meals.

All the food will be purchased for the meals, unless persons in the congregation wish to contribute. Donations of fruit and cookies will be welcomed. Friday evening will be family night, with an ice cream social only; no meal.

There will be a \$5.00 enrollment fee to help purchase a t-shirt and the food.

The curriculum has been developed by Marilyn Kerstine and Pastor Jane. It will include songs, daily themes, and projects for each day.

Newsletter during the summer months.

- Ruth will write book reviews, articles will focus on Vacation Church School, and plans for fall programs.
- The Exploring Progressive group on Monday evenings will continue at the same time through the summer.
- Next meeting, June 7th at 11:am in the conference room.

Vacation Church School



Shalom!

June 13 - 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Perkins Hall
Kindergarten – 8th Grade
\$5 per child. To register call the church office 445-4555

This month's collection will be for Discovery Gardens Early Education Learning Center. Both Judy Ely and Betty Bergthold work there and have an intimate knowledge of the severity of the budget cuts. We have comprised a list of items that would be useful in our program, should you wish to contribute:

- Bags of playground sand for our sand boxes
- Sandwich, snack, or gallon size plastic bags
- Brown or white lunch bags
- White coffee filters
- Dishwashing soap, liquid
- Tissues
- Stickers, foam or otherwise
- Chenille pipe cleaners
- Hole reinforcers
- Copy machine paper
- Photo quality copy paper
- CD-R discs for copying photos from computer
- CD paper sleeves
- Rechargeable AA batteries
- Large craft sticks (tongue depressor size)
- Large Etch-A-Sketch toys
- Portable gate to keep kids in classroom while door is open

Of course cash is always welcome.

In July, we are planning to have some dinner gatherings in homes to support the Community Cupboard. Call Betty Bergthold after June 10th if you would like to host a dinner.

Thank you for your continued support!

Have you Remembered the Church in your Will?

Many people consider a bequest in their wills to be the perfect way to benefit their church or other UCC-related organizations. A gift in your will lets you support mission and ministry in the future without using any of your assets today. Plus, you will have an enormous amount of satisfaction knowing that your generosity will continue far beyond your own lifetime. If you are interested in including the FCCUCC in your will, please see Don Storer, chair of the Stewardship Committee, or Pastor Jane.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Coffee Time (New Member/ Transfer Celebration)	6 6:30 Progressive Christianity	7	8 5:30 Agape Soup/Bread	9 10:00 Bell Rehearsal	10	11 6:30 am Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
12 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Coffee Time	13 6:30 Progressive Christianity	14 7:00 Trustee 	15	16 10:00 Bell Rehearsal No Tazie (due to VCS)	17	18
Vacation Church School 5:30 pm—7:30 pm						
19 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Coffee Time 	20 6:30 Progressive Christianity Bicyclist Texas 4000 (host overnight)	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23 10:00 Bell Rehearsal 11:00 Hannah Circle 6:30 Cabinet	24	25
26 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Coffee Time	27 6:30 Progressive Christianity 	28	29	30 10:00 Bell Rehearsal	Pastor Jane to General Synod through July 6	

June Worship Leaders

Lay Readers

5th: Ruth Achenbach
12th: Barbara McClure
19th: Tom Lloyd
26th: Al Beeson

Ushers

5th: Jay & Marilyn Eby
12th: Jay & Marilyn Eby
19th: Jay & Marilyn Eby
26th: Jay & Marilyn Eby

Greeters

5th: Bob & Beth Bradstreet
12th: Christy Dinsman &
Darcy Walker
19th: John & Julie McCurdy
26th: The Higginson Family

Offering Counters

Pete Norum
Sherry Hager
Al Beeson
Ron Solt

Communion Servers

Judy & Brett Ely

Coffee Host *(Signup in Perkins Hall)*

5th: Jim & Kay Gilpin
12th: Phil & Murl Preble
19th: Christy Dinsman
26th: Barbara McClure

Altar Flowers/Wheelchair

5th: Available
12th: Available
19th: Paul Sandstrom
26th: Available

Statistics

	Attendance	Offerings
4/3	63	\$4,008.00
4/10	64	2,192.00
4/17	90	2,250.78
4/24	105	1,776.00
Total	Avg. 81	\$10,226.78



Happy Birthday



6/6 Laramie Jarvie
6/6 Kelly Jo Bradstreet
6/9 Evelyn Hollowell
6/11 Alexis Gendron
6/19 Sylvia Staats

Church Leadership Team

Cabinet

Moderator	Gordon Bergthold
Moderator Elect	Don Storer
Treasurer	Sylvia Staats
Clerk	Sherry Hager
Trustee Chair	Al Beeson
Deaconate Chair	Julie McCurdy
Christian Ed Chair	Barbara McClure
Church Missions Chair	Betty Bergthold
Pastor Parish Relations	Christy Dinsman
Member at Large	John McCurdy

Christian Education

Barbara McClure, Chair
Gerri Lyons
Jane Cheek
Ruth Auchenbach

Church Vitality

Anne Solt
Kathy Stephens

Diaconate

Julie McCurdy, Chair
Judy Ely

Pastor Parish Relations

Christy Dinsman

Stewardship

Don Storer
Betty Bergthold
Ron Solt

Trustees

Al Beeson, Chair
John McCurdy, Vice Chair
Chuck Jarvi, Bldg & Grounds
Don Stephens
John Huff, Multimedia System

Church Leadership Team

Continued

Church Missions

Betty Bergthold, Chair
Bev Summers
Sherry Hager

Woman's Fellowship

Joanne Storer, Chair
Sherry Hager, Vice Chair
Sylvia Staats, Treasurer
Gerri Lyons, Kitchen

Foundation

Tom Lloyd, President
Dr. Billie Alarie, Vice President
Al Beeson, Trustee Chair
Phil Preble, Treasurer
Jay Eby, Secretary

Church Staff

Licensed Minister	Pastor Jane Cheek
Office Administrator	Holly Houston
Director of Music	Jane Lawler
Organist	Carole Sue Linson
Custodian	Bill Linson
Child Care	Josh Taylor

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God doesn't look at how much we do,
but with how much love we do it

~ ***Mother Teresa***