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A Message from Ann

The power of the Risen Christ and the poured out Spirit of God are present in our midst
~ Thanks be to God!!

We continue to celebrate and embrace resurrection life during this beautiful, life-giving season of Eastertide, even as we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Pentecost falls on the 50th day following Easter and is derived from a Jewish feast or festival. In ancient Israel, the Feast of Weeks, also called Pentecost, was a one-day wheat harvest festival of thanksgiving that occurred fifty days after the barley harvest festival. After the Babylonian exile, this festival also became linked with the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai fifty days after the exodus from Egypt. This feast is still celebrated in Judaism today as Shavuot.

For the early Christian church, which based many celebrations upon their Jewish heritage, Pentecost became a feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

For us as well as for the first disciples, the Spirit gives us power to be the people of God! The Spirit empowers us to live as Jesus lived and to love as Jesus loves. The Spirit inspires, leads, and guides us, weaving us together in unity as a family of faith. The Spirit empowers us to participate in God's mission in the world in the many and varied ways in which we have been called: healing, teaching, loving, sharing, caring, singing, giving...

Let's join together in heart and mind and spirit as together we are united in mission and on fire with the Holy Spirit of God!

May it be so ~ Ann

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WORSHIP

Worship (E) (Chair) – Dan Reeves
Dir. Of Music Ministries – Mark Ramsey
Prayer Chain (D) — Joy Schulz

Funerals/Memorials (D) — Renita Jurgensen
Worship (D) —

Mark's Remarks

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"The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit." - Johann Sebastian Bach

Summer Music has begun! Copies of the schedule are available in the Church Office, Choir Room, and Information Kiosk and at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning. Please contact Mark at the church if you would like to participate! We'll have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. from May 26th through September 1st. During June, we will continue to worship in the Sanctuary!



Save the date of Sunday, August 25th, for our Fellowship Commission's annual Ice Cream Social. We'll begin at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and welcome some surprise musical guests. Join us for an afternoon of great treats and great entertainment.

Our Sanctuary Choir members rehearse weekly and sing most Sundays of the fall and spring. For their outstanding commitment, I would like to recognize and offer special thanks to each member of the choir: Dick Baird, Glenn Bennett, Cortney Bever, Marjorie Burgan, Mary Carlson, Paul Carlson, Carol Gerlach, Ellen Gillespie, Paul Green, Kay Herrera, Kristen Hull, Don Kaelin, Gordon Letizia, Flinn Lund, Susan McMichael, Laura Munroe, Brooks Newbry, Jane Potyka, Anita Ramsey, Ainslie Read, Nate Robinson, Karen Rudin, Alice Schlak, Allan Schultz, Carol Strouse, Bea Towe, Barb Walker, Joan White.

Coming Events

- June 10-14, [Montlure Traveling Day Camp](#) (VBS)
- July 1 (June 30) Welcome the Family of Chris McKee, our new Minister of Faith Formation
- July 15-19, Youth Triennium, Purdue University
- July 17-20, International Choral Festival, Missoula, Montana
- August 25 (Sunday), 4:00 p.m., FPC Ice Cream Social

Humoresque

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." - Psalm 2:4

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. "I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it." The blonde says, "don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit. The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them, and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around, and waves again; he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns, and waves; hops another 10 feet, turns and waves; and then repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?" The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says... "Hair spray — Restores life to dead hair, adds permanent wave." [from Bob Strader]

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (E) (Chair) — Dennis Sitzler
Cards (D) — Gretchen Frederick
Transportation (D) — Steve Muth
Older Adult (E) — Dave Jurgensen

Fellowship Deacon — Jennifer Martin
Fellowship Deacon — David Miller
Fellowship Deacon — Todd Ramsey
Moderator (D) — Jack Oliver

Fellowship Deacon — Anita Ramsey
Fellowship Deacon — Carol Strouse
Presbyterian Women — Suzanne Engman
Liaison (D) — Jan Montgomery

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Fellowship events! They are not to be missed! More events are in the planning stages, so stay tuned for further updates. Make plans to attend and bring a friend!

- August 25th — Ice cream social with surprise musical guests
- September 13th — Diamondbacks Faith & Family Night



ADMINISTRATION

Property (E) (Chair) — Robert Harding
Clerk of Session — Carol Gerlach
Personnel (E) — Jeanne Partida

Personnel (D) — Carol Anderson
Nominating (E) — Barbara Walker

Nominating (D) — Michael Gerlach
Stewardship/Finance (E) — Brent Gregory

Message from the Finance Committee: It's summer already and time for people to take vacations or, in our case, move to cooler places for a few months. Whatever your plans are, we hope you have a safe and happy summer. During the time you are gone, we wanted to remind you that you can still give your offerings to the church by going to our website and clicking on the ONLINE GIVING icon. You can set up your giving for one time, one month, two, three, etc. You choose how often your donation is made: weekly, monthly, etc. Traditionally our church giving declines in the summer months, but with our online giving program it doesn't have to. If you think this would work for you, it's easy to set up. However it is accomplished, we greatly appreciate your continued tithes and offerings, even if you are away during the summer!



Dave's Crew works on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to do handyman work around the church. If you would like to be a part of the group, please contact Allan Schultz at 480-396-2985.

MISSION

Mission (E) (Chair) — Shelley Cronenberg
Pastor – Ann Conklin
Hunger Action (D) — Sandra Clark

Assimilation (D) — Alice Schlak
Seasonal Ministries (D) — Dale Gibson
Mission (D) – Sue Eisenklam

Pentecost Special Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. This offering helps our youth begin life with a strong foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Forty percent of the offering stays with our congregation to support a youth initiative of our own choosing. This year half of the money will go toward the 2020 mission trip and half will be used to replenish the Youth Triennium account. Twenty-five percent supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV). Twenty-five percent supports ministries of youth. And ten percent supports Child Advocacy, “Educate a Child, Transform the World.”



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Extreme need for supplies in Aqua Prieta by our mission partners at Frontera de Cristo has been brought to our attention by the Congregational Resource Committee of Presbytery. Migrants are flooding into the area to await a hearing to apply for asylum. Only five families a day are processed by authorities. In the meantime, the Catholic church there serves as a holding place for families who have nothing, and our mission workers are desperate to meet their basic needs. There will be collection boxes in the Church Office, Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary from now through June 7th. The following list is on the website and will be an insert in the bulletin as well.

Items Needed:

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| Towels | Trash bags |
| Sheets | Feminine hygiene supplies |
| Blankets | *Cleaning supplies – of all kinds |
| Razors | *Cleaners – like Fabulosa |
| Deodorant | *Laundry soap |
| Toothpaste | *Bleach |
| Shampoo | Coloring books |
| Bars of soap | Games/cards |
| Diapers in many sizes | Books in Spanish |
| *Underwear for *children and adults | Pencils/pens |
| *Socks for *children and adults | Crayons |
| Shoes for children and adults | Paper |
| Toilet paper | |
| Wipes | * = Items most in need of right now |
| Lotion | |

With exception of deodorant, they need large volume packages, not the individual containers you get at hotels.



Café Justo Coffee sales are scheduled for Sunday, June 30th. Plan ahead to get your coffee!

Food Panty needs boxes of spaghetti. We have lots of spaghetti sauce. There is also a need for cereal, as usual, as well as toilet paper. Your ongoing support is appreciated.



Mission Delegation shared more about the women and children ministries of Frontera de Cristo during the Presbyterian Women's Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th. They shared stories as they showed pictures from the trip.



Sean Dorrell will be celebrating his graduation joining Peter and Sue Eisenklam for ten days in Austria the end of July. He is still exploring what comes next. It may be community college. For sure, he will be looking for a job. He is open to possibilities and new experiences.

Aaron Frederick is graduating from Dobson High. He plans to attend MCC in the fall with focus on Welding. His ultimate goal is to attend Commercial Divers International and become an underwater welder. Aaron's hobbies besides welding include: scuba diving and archery. His favorite part of high school was being an active member in band as a percussionist.

Ian Harding will be attending Mesa Community College for two years, and then he is planning on transferring to Northern Arizona University. After receiving his under graduate degree in biology, he will then pursue his Masters degree in Zoology.

Bryan Hickey graduated from Mountain View High school. He is working this summer at Big surf. He is planning on seeing what the Air Force has to offer, otherwise he will be attending MCC in the fall.

Tate Posthumus will be attending ASU in the fall. He received a Dean's scholarship for his 4.3 GPA, and he was accepted into the W.P. Carey School of Business.

Skyler Verch graduated from Mountain View High with honors. He is seeking an internship this summer and will be attending Barrett Honors College at ASU in the fall pursuing a degree in electrical engineering.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

June Birthdays



Renita Jurgensen	2nd
Ellen Hickey	3rd
Victoria Martin	3rd
Jan Smith	5th
Don Anweiler	6th
Gretchen Frederick	7th
Matt Hayball	7th
Zoe Garlin	8th
Shirley Martz	9th
Rosie Mills	9th
Ellen Gillespie	10th
Jack Oliver	12th
Todd Ramsey	12th
Grace Martin	14th
Joan White	14th
Bert Lanstra	16th
Cheryl Gregory	18th
Gail Soderquist	18th
Jack Gunter	25th
Richard Koch	26th
Ann Harbin	28th
Carol Anderson	29th

Editor's Note: If your birthday is missing or we have the wrong date, please call the office so we can update our records. We wish a special day to anyone we have missed.

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

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Calendar Notes

Every Sunday in June

One 10:00 service in Sanctuary

June 3

Deacons meet

June 10-14

Montlure Traveling Day Camp (Gilbert PC)

June 16

Happy Father's Day!

June

Commissions & Session meet

June

Monthly Food Drive

Just for Laughs....

A wise gentleman retired and one summer purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then, a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys full of youthful after-school enthusiasm came down his street beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the man decided it was time to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trash cans. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look" he said, "I haven't received my Social Security (pension) check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?" "A lousy quarter?!" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time beating these cans for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!" And the man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

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