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A Message from Lois

PSALM 146

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the
earth; on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

I often mull around in my mind, for longer than necessary, what scripture I'm going to use for my newsletter article and what I'm going to say. And, frankly, Linda often has to be insistent with me about her deadline.

So, I went to the 'Daily Lectionary.' As I read today's Psalm, I sat back, took a deep breath and felt God soothe my mind with Praising God! That calm surprised me. In the midst of today's hectic pace, with seemingly a new demand around every corner, I have to admit that I've prayed a lot. Lord, please help me get this done. Lord, please take this off my plate. Lord, you have to give me this sermon or I'll have nothing to say on Sunday! And, I've said, "Thank you, God" when the prayers were answered. However, in the midst of the fray, I have failed to simply stop for a moment, take a deep breath and Praise God. Don't get me wrong, I praise God regularly and frequently during 'quiet times,' but I believe this concept of Praising God in the midst of a hectic day is renewing my strength as it calms me.

Perhaps you have already made praising God in the midst of the fray a regular practice. If so, good for you! If not, perhaps you will join me in practicing praise especially when you feel like life is just too hectic to take the time. I hope the calm it brings will make a difference in your life!

Blessings...Lois

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WORSHIP

Dir. of Music (Chair) — Mark Ramsey
Worship (E) — Nate Robinson
Prayer Chain (D) — Bev Goff

Funerals/Memorials (D) — Karyn Weaver
Worship (D) — Carol Webster

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

Announcements

Worship Services will return to their regular schedule this month, with services at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Choir rehearsals during August will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays, August 9th (Choir Room) and August 30th (Sanctuary). The most up-to-date Summer Choir Schedule is available on our [Church Website](#), and printed copies are on the Receptionist's Counter in the Church Office. Our remaining Summer Schedule includes:

- 8/2 Sunday of Soloists, with vocalist/guitarist John Couillard, the "Two Balloons" Tuba & Euphonium Quartet, and vocal soloists Jan Peterson and Karen Rudin.
- 8/9 Summer Choir, with soprano Joan White and tenor Mark Ramsey
- 8/16 Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir
- 8/23 One Voice Ensemble
- 8/30 Hymnfest - *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. - Ephesians 5:19-20 KJV*

A brief Sound System workshop will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 23rd, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are currently involved in this important ministry and those who would like to participate are encouraged to attend. We'll review the basics and operation of our two sound systems.



Date Change: The Ice Cream Social and Praise Band Concert scheduled for August 23rd has been moved to Sunday, September 27th, at 4:00 p.m. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall and enjoy cold, yummy refreshments while being entertained by the Praise Band. Music will include the band's favorite pop songs from the past fifty years or so and will feature the song *Brielle* by the band Sky Sailing, a special tribute to our drummer's newborn baby girl!

Coming Events

- August 8 (Saturday) - JC-Films Jessica Lynch Movie Event, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 p.m. (Free Admission with Advanced Reservations: 480-964-8606)
- August 16 (Sunday) – Rally Day Kick-Off of the New School/Program Year
- September 27 (Sunday) - Ice Cream Social/Praise Band Concert, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Humoresque

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

When Mahatma Gandhi was studying law at the University College of London, a professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him as he expected, there were always "arguments" and confrontations. One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr. Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat." Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table. Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions. Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question: "Mr. Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?" Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, "The one with the money, of course." Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically said, "I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom." Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have." Mr. Peters, by this time was fit to be tied. So great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk, trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move. A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Mr. Peters, you autographed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

MINISTRY

Clerk of Session (Chair) — Linda Hayball
Property (E) — Alan Schultz

Personnel (D) — Kate Buck
Nominating (E) — Jim Schwartzmann

Nominating (D) — Miki Newbry
Stewardship/Finance (E) — David Frederick

Capital Fund Update

Some you may have already heard about the new Capital Fund drive. We're starting early this year because we have a big job ahead of us. The cost is estimated to be \$250,000, therefore it will be a multi-year campaign. We already have about \$70,000 in the capital fund, so that leaves only \$180,000 left to raise. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by June of next year.

I have already heard from some enthusiastic people who want to contribute. One anonymous donor has issued a challenge to the congregation. **They will match all pledges with an equal amount of their own.** This means that anybody who contributes to the capital fund will see their money double. This is a great way to kick off the campaign. The deadline for this is July 31, which leaves about two weeks to go and is limited to the first \$5,000. So please consider adding your name to the roof capital fund.

I will be giving periodic updates during the year to keep you the congregation informed about our progress. If you too would like to be a "roof supporter," simply make a notation on your payment that it is for the capital campaign. I hope you will join with me in this important effort to maintain a roof over our heads.

— David Frederick, Stewardship Chair

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (E) (Chair) — Dan Davenport
Cards (D) — Gretchen Frederick
Older Adult (E) — Steve Muth

Transportation (D) — Doug McInelly
Parish Deacon 1 — Mark Waters
Parish Deacon 2 — Suzanne Engman
Parish Deacon 3 — Dale Gibson

Parish Deacon 4 — Erin Skarphol
Parish Deacon 5 — Heidi Blincoe
Presbyterian Women — Susan McMichael

Don't miss this event!

Bring a friend!

MOVIE NIGHT
at First Presbyterian Church, Mesa
FEATURING
"VIRTUOUS" ERIC ESTRADA STARRING
WITH RESCUED IRAQ P.O.W.
JESSICA LYNCH
WHO WILL BE THERE
IN PERSON
FOR A POST-MOVIE Q & A

Saturday, August 8, 4 p.m.
Call (480) 964-8606
to reserve your seat

First Presbyterian Church is located
at 161 N. Mesa Drive, between
University Drive and Main Street,
next door to the Mesa YMCA.



DISCIPLESHIP

Director of C.E. — Jasmine Couillard
Adult (E) — Martha Bienert

Children's Ministries (E) — Anita Ramsey
Family Ministries (E) — Alice Schlak

Youth/Young Adult (E) — Jennifer Martin
Youth Elder — Dylan Hickey

Kids Can Cook! Summer kids cooking class! Kids age 3 – 12. August 9th, 2015. 10:30 – 11:20 (During Sunday School). Kids Can Cook class will teach students how to prepare a pancake brunch from scratch! Kids will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, dining etiquette and more! At the conclusion of class the kids will dine on their own culinary creation! This is a free class and includes all materials and food. For more information, contact Jasmine Couillard.



Wednesday WRAP 2015-2016 will kick off on September 2nd! Registration is open now! Both adults and children need to be registered so planning can be done. There will be registration and information tables at coffee time on August 16th and August 30th or you can print the forms from the church website or pick them up in the office anytime. WRAP will meet weekly from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for Fellowship, Music, Dinner and Bible Study. Everyone is invited and welcome!

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Join the seminar, as they begin, on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., in the parlor. This is a free event (there is an additional cost to purchase the workbook) and will feature video interviews with counselors, grief experts and people like you, who have experienced a loved one's death. This seminar will offer practical suggestions and reassurances. GriefShare is open to everyone. Please contact Jeanne Partida or Ruth Rummeler for any additional information.



MISSION

Pastor (Chair) — Lois Hildenbrand
Mission (E) —
Hunger Action (D) — Sandra Clark

Assimilation (D) — Scot Logan
Evangelism (E) — Bill Anderson

Seasonal Ministries (D) — Sue Eisenklam
Mesa Presbyterian Ministries (D) — Jane Potyka

As our August Mission project this year, instead of collecting backpacks, we will be collecting school supplies for the FPC Preschool! Shiloh Murillo, the Preschool Director, along with assistance from her teachers, has compiled a wish list for supplies for the coming year. If you are interested in purchasing some school supplies, please place your donations in the designated boxes. There will be one box in the Sanctuary, and another will be in the office during the week, and in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. The boxes were decorated by Preschool students.

Preschool begins holding classes on August 17th, but your donations will be welcome any time during August. You are also welcome to come to the Open House on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you very much!



Preschool Supplies Wish List:

- Construction paper (heavy weight)
- Card stock (all colors)
- Crayola crayons
- Washable markers
- Dry erase markers (Expo)
- Pre-sharpened pencils
- Glue sticks
- Craft glue
- Ribbon
- Beads
- Water color paints
- Water color paper
- Playdough
- Finger paints
- Bingo dotters
- Bubbles
- Hot glue sticks (small and large)
- Food coloring
- Scissors (adult and child size)
- Sharpie markers
- AA batteries
- Wiki sticks
- Golf tees
- Kleenex
- Salt
- Flour
- Cornstarch

August Birthdays



Charlotte Roberts	3rd
Jake Bero	5th
Verna Green	5th
Todd Verch	6th
Carl Jensen	7th
Susan McMichael	7th
Ayden Hickey	8th
Frackson Sakala	8th
Tom Dye	9th
Michele Roberts	9th
Rosemary Chisnall	10th
Ndekela Sakala	10th
Gary Marshall	11th
Jo Beth Walstrom	11th
Amy Bero	12th
Ken Berry	12th
Carol Webster	12th
James Bruening	19th
Eliana Couillard	19th
Lynette Belew	20th
Bettylou Edwards	20th
Robert Gerlach	20th
Kylie Hall	21st
Patricia Woodrum	23rd
Wayne Carns	25th
Lanai Mills	25th
Tricia Ramsey	25th
Sean Smith	25th
Douglas McInnelly	26th
Mary Rugg	26th
Ardith Shaffer	26th
Mark Waters	26th
Burton Newbry	28th
Kimberly Castela	29th
Joseph Preston	29th
James Norris	30th
Evangelina Couillard	31st

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.

Calendar Notes

August 2

Regular worship schedule resumes

August 8

Jessica Lynch Movie Event

August 9

Kids Can Cook Class
Called Session Meeting
Sunday School Training
Coming to Terms with History, Part 3

August 13

Preschool Open House

August 15

Presbytery Leadership Training

August 16

Christian Education Kick-Off
Commissions & Session meet

August 20

Officer/Spouse Get Together

August 30

Monthly Food Drive

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

Norris, Jim
2222 N. McQueen Dr., #1139
Chandler, AZ 85225



Dear Lois, Members & FPC Friends,
Thank you for the prayers and cards sent to us in the passing of my sister, Cindy Mallia McIntosh. We appreciate your care and concern. It has helped us through her illness and passing.

In Christ, Bob & Ginny Mallia

I wanted to thank you all for your prayers, cards and e-mails during my recent medical adventure. They were all very much appreciated! And, I would also like to thank Pastor Lois for her calls and visits. They really meant a lot to Tom and me. I feel very fortunate to be part of such a warm and caring community.

Thank you, Fran Watson

See calendar on website:
<http://www.fpcmesa.org/about-us/current-events>