

# La Palabra

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## *A Message from Lois*

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young—let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Proverbs 1: 1-6

Session has seated the Mission Study Team. Members of the team are: Carol Anderson, Dick Baird, Kate Buck, Bill Lents, Jennifer Martin (Session representative), Jeanne Partida, Todd Ramsey, Marcy Snitzer, and Kelly Woods.

This team will spend the next few months meeting to discern the process they will use to gather information from the community and the church in order to embark on a Mission Study. Once the team establishes a process they will hold gatherings for you, the congregation, to provide input for the study. The team uses the information received to create a Mission Study Report. The Presbytery Committee on Ministry and Session will review the report for approval. Eventually the Pastor Nominating Committee will use the report in completing our church's Mission Information Form (MIF). The Mission Information Form is what the denomination uses to match this church with potential candidates.

In the mean time, I will also be creating some opportunities for us to gather to discuss the history of our church. One of the tasks of the congregation during the interim time is to "Come to terms with History." You folks are a wealth of information. Shortly I will put together a few gatherings where we will create a time-line of this congregation's history. It will be fun, and we'll all learn a bit!

May God continue to guide us as we make our way through this process of discernment to find just the person God has in mind for our congregation. Keep praying!

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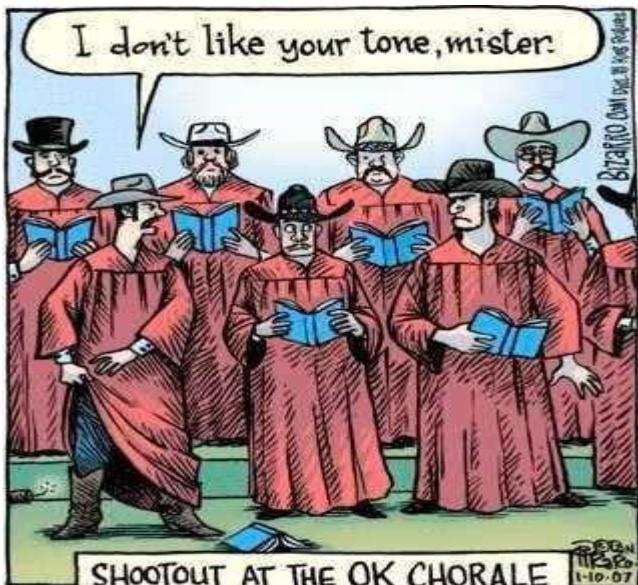
"The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit." - Johann Sebastian Bach

### Announcements

Our Summer Music schedule will begin this month! Copies of the schedule are available on the Receptionist's Counter in the Church Office and on our Church Website. In addition to the special music offered for each summer Sunday, the Praise Band and Fellowship Commission will offer a Concert and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 23rd, at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Each member of the band will choose a few of their favorite secular songs to get our toes a-tapping and your voices singing along with maybe of few of your favorites, too!

Along with some vacation time this summer, I will attend the American Guild of Organists' West Region Convention, which will be held this year in San Diego, and where I will conclude my second and final term as Grand Canyon District Convener. In that role, I have served as a program and advisory resource to the Arizona and Nevada chapters of the AGO, and while I have enjoyed the position, I will welcome a ceremonial passing of the pipe!

#### "Corral vs. Chorale" (from Ellen Gillespie)



American choirs volunteer 8.5 billion hours every year! Please offer a huge thank you to all who volunteer their time in making such a Joyful Noise here at First Presbyterian Church! Our Sanctuary Choir members rehearse weekly and sing most Sundays of the fall and spring. I would like to recognize and offer special thanks to each member of the choir: Dick Baird, Cortney Bever, Marjorie Burgan, Sara D'Spain, Carol Gerlach, Ellen Gillespie, Bev Goff, Paul Green, Ann Harbin, Kay Herrera, Freda Homolya, Don Kaelin, Jeannette Laurie, Helen Lents, Flinn Lund, Susan McMichael, Brooks Newbry, Jane Potyka, Charlene Raikes, Anita Ramsey, Esther Robinson, Nate Robinson, Ruth Robinson, Karen Rudin, Alice Schlak, Allan Schultz, Bea Towe, Barb Walker, and Joan White.

"*FPC is being Sued!*" That would be a news teaser before commercial break, and it would be followed by the actual story: As I entered the Sanctuary for our May communion service, I was greeted by Sue Eisenklam, who was arriving to help prepare communion. She was followed by Suzanne Engman, who was following by Susan Durand. Honestly, when I remembered the Su-per trio after worship, I was walking straight toward . . . Suzie Payton. Coincidence? Have a nice, safe Su-mmer!

### Coming Events

- June 28th (Sunday), FPC Italian Potluck!, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- August 23rd (Sunday), FPC Ice Cream Social & Praise Band Concert, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

## Humoresque

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

Some friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise the funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, the rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. He asked his mother to go and ask the friars to get out of business. They ignored her, too. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close shop. Terrified, the friars did so - thereby proving that . . . Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.

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## 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

## DISCIPLESHIP NEWS



Adventures, Thai experiences and so much more! This week is a must experience for all kids age 5 – 13.

This year at VBS the children and families will participate in TWO mission projects. The first is one we have done for the last several years at FPC... It is called Raising Essentials and Awareness. The families are invited to donate necessary toiletry items to the church food pantry. These items are given out each Friday to homeless and struggling citizens of Mesa.

The second project is specific to our Thailand Trek celebration called Operation Kid-to-Kid. We will be donating money to provide Bibles for children in Thailand. For just \$4.00, a child in Thailand can have an engaging, easy-to-read New Testament Bible. You are invited to join us by participating in our mission projects in any way you feel led by God.



## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (E) (Chair) — Dan Davenport  
Parish Visitor (Staff) — Lois Hildenbrand  
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

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Upcoming Fellowship events...mark your calendars and look for further details to come!

- Italian Potluck Dinner — June 28th at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Ice Cream Social & Praise Band Concert — August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Road Rally — October 10th at 3:00 p.m.
- Craft Fair — November 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

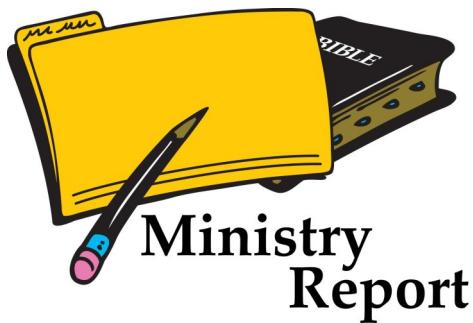


## MINISTRY

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

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

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



### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

Session approved a request from the Worship Commission to have one combined service in Fellowship Hall during the four Sundays in July at 10:00 a.m.

Session approved the recommendation from the Nominating Committee that the members of the Mission Study Team will consist of Carol Anderson, Dick Baird, Kate Buck, Bill Lents,

Jennifer Martin (Session representative), Jeanne Partida, Todd Ramsey, Marcy Snitzer and Kelly Woods.

Lois will be holding probably three evening events as part of the Mission Study Report: "Coming to Terms With History," one of the developmental tasks of a congregation during the interim period.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 7th, for the purpose of electing additional officers to fill current vacancies.

## *Just For Laughs!*



*As we prepare for another Arizona summer, here are some things to think about...*

*It's so hot in Arizona that...*

- ◆ you can say 113 degrees without fainting.
- ◆ you eat hot chilies to cool your mouth off.
- ◆ you learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
- ◆ the temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.
- ◆ the 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!
- ◆ you discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car.
  
- ◆ you discover that you can get a sunburn through your car window.
- ◆ you notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- ◆ hot water now comes out of both taps.
- ◆ it's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets.
- ◆ you actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- ◆ you break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.
- ◆ no one would dream of putting vinyl upholstery in a car or not having air conditioning.
- ◆ your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- ◆ you realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- ◆ a sad Arizonan once prayed, "I wish it would rain - not so much for me, cuz I've seen it -- but for my 7-year-old."

*HAPPY SUMMER!*

## *June Birthdays*



*Renita Jurgensen  
Ellen Hickey  
Victoria Martin  
Ken Brause  
Jan Smith  
Don Anweiler  
Gretchen Frederick  
Matt Hayball  
Linda Anderson  
Zoe Garlin  
Shirley Martz  
Phillip Pagels  
Ellen Gillespie  
Jeannette Laurie  
Eleanor Daniels  
Jack Oliver  
Todd Ramsey  
Jennifer Grace Martin  
Joan White  
Kayla Bozmoski  
Wanda Gibbs  
Bert Lanstra  
Cheryl Gregory  
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Richard Koch  
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## ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

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2301 E. University, #242  
Mesa, AZ 85213**

**Nelson, Marie  
41 Private Drive 75  
Proctorville, OH 45669**

### *Calendar Notes*

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| <p><b><u>June 7</u></b><br/>Youth to Starbucks<br/>VBS Training/Decorating</p> <p><b><u>June 8—11</u></b><br/>Thailand Trek Vacation Bible School</p> <p><b><u>June 13</u></b><br/>New Members Class</p> <p><b><u>June 14</u></b><br/>Outgoing Officer BBQ</p> <p><b><u>June 21</u></b><br/>Father's Day</p> <p><b><u>June 16</u></b><br/>Befrienders meet</p> <p><b><u>June 28</u></b><br/>Monthly Food Drive<br/>Commissions &amp; Session meet<br/>Italian Potluck Dinner</p> |
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**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.

## **Happy Father's Day!**



Thanks to the members and friends of FPC for the prayers, cards, and good wishes during my recent surgery. I appreciated them very much.

Carol Webster

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.  
It is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.  
Belinda Clark

See calendar on website:

<http://www.fpcmesa.org/about-us/current-events>