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A Message from Lois



*Where's your heart?
For there your treasure
will be also!*

What is your heart's desire? What is the force that drives you? To put it in biblical terms, what is the treasure of your life? Matthew 6: 19-21 says,

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

What do you spend most of your time doing? If you have a day off, what do you do with it? When you have the opportunity to choose what your time is spent on, how do you spend it? Name that and you have also named your treasure and you have found where your heart is.

As humans, it is easy to fall into the trap of giving our hearts to things other than God. Maybe we are addicted to exercise or alcohol or sex, or maybe we spend too much time working or keeping the house clean, or keeping our motorcycle finely tuned. While there is nothing wrong with some of these, as Christians we must be careful not to give our heart to our bikes or homes or bodies to anything other than the One we serve.

“For in God we live and move and have our being,” to quote the apostle Paul (Acts 17:28). Look over your life for a just a moment. If you find you have made anything besides Christ your treasure, and given your heart to anything but Him, then take a moment and ask forgiveness for that and then have an honest conversation with God about how to change that. Ask God to be your treasure. Ask God to be your all in all. Here's the kicker though...wait long enough to get the answer!

I pray for each of you today that Christ will be your treasure and that your heart will belong totally to Him.

Blessings...Lois

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WORSHIP

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

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

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

I am thrilled to announce that new Fellowship Hall stage drapes have been fully funded! Bids have been received, and with the initial support from our Worship Arts Endowment and the additional support of generous donations, we should soon see our beautiful new drapes. The stage drape color will match that of our existing Fellowship Hall window curtains. Thank you to each of our donors and the Endowment committee!

Star Ministry - For many years, one as a reminder to keep in prayer tary personnel serving overseas. If you serving overseas, please notify the lift them in prayer.



our congregation has displayed stars such as this those of our congregation who are active mili-know of a member of our congregation who is church office. It will be a blessing and honor to

Summer Choirs are open to all congregation members and friends! Most of the groups will rehearse at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to worship and will warm-up at 8:30 on Sunday morning. The choirs will include the VBS Singers and Signers, the First Ringers, One Voice, Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, a women's choir, men's choir, chamber choir, and summer bell and vocal choirs. As in previous years, we will also have a Sunday of Instrumentalists, a Sunday of Soloists, and a Gospel Hymnsing. The complete Summer Choir Schedule is available in the Church Office and Choir Room, in the Information Kiosk, and online at www.fpcmesa.org/worship/choir-schedule.

Save the date of Sunday, August 28th, for our Fellowship Commission's annual Ice Cream Social. We'll begin at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and our Artist Series will present John Couillard's band, Vintage Rocket, who will offer our afternoon's special music. Check the group's [Facebook](#) page, and join us for an afternoon of 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, Cortney Bever, Marj Burgan, Carol Gerlach, Ellen Gillespie, Bev Goff, Paul Green, Kay Herrera, Kristen Hull, Don Kaelin, 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, Carol Strouse, Bea Towe, Barb Walker, and Joan White.

Coming Event:

7/7-12 All-Church Mission Trip

Humoresque

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

A husband and wife were celebrating 50 years of marriage with a big anniversary party. At one point they were toasted, then asked what it's like to be married for 50 years. The wife, known to have a quick wit, replied, "It all seems like five minutes....under water."

DISCIPLESHIP

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

Children's Ministries (E) — Stephanie Gerlach
Family Ministries (E) — Alice Schlak

Youth/Young Adult (E) — Bill Rummler
Youth Elder — Gregg Gerlach

There is Christian Education in the summer! All children in preschool through sixth grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning from 10:30 – 11:20 in Jackson B. Every week is different, but there will be occasional snacks, games, crafts and more!



Vacation Bible School will run a program called Expedition Norway from June 20th – June 23rd in the evenings, 5:45 – 8:15. Sign your kids, grandkids and neighbors as well as yourself as soon as possible to guarantee your spots! Cost is only \$15 per person (age kinder through adult) or \$45 per family. There will be music, games, Bible study and more for all ages! Sign up tables will be in

Fellowship Hall during coffee time on June 5th and June 12th.

Vacation Bible School training and decorating is mandatory for all VBS volunteers! Join us on June 18th in Fellowship Hall. There will be goodies served and it should be a fun, educational and worthwhile couple of hours. Time will be announced shortly!

Montlure is excited to offer 5 weeks of camp at Camp Colton, Northwest of Flagstaff at the base of the San Francisco Peaks. Camp opens on June 6th and will welcome students entering 4th through 12th grade throughout the month. There may be spots available for some weeks if you have not yet registered. Also, scholarship forms for the \$140 donated by FPC is due 4 weeks prior to the start of your child's camp date. See Jasmine Couillard if you have not completed your forms!



I-Help Information

Friendship Village of Tempe's Laundry Department does the laundry for our I-Help ladies. In recognition of this service, an article was featured on the Arizona Leading Age's website. The article is below:

Giving Back Helps Retirement Community Hit Million Pound Mark for Laundry

A million pounds is a lot of anything. A million pounds of laundry is a bit like running a Boeing 747 through your machine. No small task. At Friendship Village Tempe, a local retirement community, hitting the million pound mark for laundry in a year wouldn't happen without a connection to local charity that all started with some generous and creative residents.

Starting with a resident named Ruth Kearns, the laundry partnership with the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-Help) was born. Today, Friendship Village serves four I-Help shelters, and does about 19,000 additional pounds of laundry each year to help make a difference. That 19,000 number helped put Friendship Village over the million mark.

—Submitted by Frank White

MISSION

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

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

Seasonal Ministries (D) — Darlene Sitzler
Mesa Presbyterian Ministries (D) — Jane Potyka

Community Yard Sale:

It was a perfect day! The weather was glorious! Many neighbors participated both as vendors and as shoppers. The FPC table, that many of you contributed to, helped us raise \$291. Thanks to your generous donations, we received an additional \$376 from Epic. The funds from both will be split between the boys going to Triennium and the Summer Mission Trip. Thank you for helping it be a huge success!



Pentecost Offering:

The Pentecost Offering was collected on May 15th. Forty percent of it will stay at the church and will be used to help fund the Summer Mission trip. The donations came to \$2,466. Forty percent of that is \$990. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of the PCUSA Special Offerings and in the case of the Pentecost Offering, all the young people whose lives will be touched.

Mission Trip:

Plans for the Summer Mission Trip are well under way! It will be the first ever VBS for the Tseyi Bidaa Presbyterian Church in Del Muerto, near Chinle. By the time this is received, the deadline will be past. Applications became available May 15th and were due June 1st. Final Payment is due June 18th. There will be a trip orientation that same day from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by VBS Training which all going on trip are encouraged to attend. Please keep all going on the trip July 8th-July 14th in your prayers that it be a successful and meaningful experience for all.



Tseyi Bidaa Presbyterian Church

MINISTRY

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

Personnel (D) — Susan McMichael
Nominating (E) — Barbara Walker

Nominating (D) — Miki Newbry
Stewardship/Finance (E) — Bob Gerlach

There is a mixture of good news and bad news on FPC's financial front. As of April 30th, we are running a **Pledge Offering** monthly deficit of \$3,600. So far this year we have a deficit of offerings versus expenses of \$11,800. With your help we can climb out of negative territory by the time the weather gets cool again. Since your pledges form the basis of our budget, please verify that your pledge amount is being fulfilled. Remember, every little bit helps. As we begin our search for a new pastor, some expenses could increase as we conduct interviews and research each candidate. Once a pastor is selected, our salary expenses will certainly increase.

On the positive side we are making tremendous progress in **Capital Offerings**. We have received \$19,500 so far this year in **Capital Offerings** which is \$6,500 more than budgeted. Most of this will be applied toward our goal of funding a new sanctuary roof. The **Stewardship Campaign** to encourage "roof support" has now raised a total of \$143,000 and we are at 57% of our goal. With your continued giving, we are on track to have \$250,000 by the end of this year.

Your **Endowment Committee** is responsibly investing funds for many church purposes. As an example, over the past few years we have helped our youth pay summer camp costs using earnings from our Montlure Endowment. Recently, one of you gave an anonymous gift of \$1,000 toward this purpose so we will be able to help even more. We are fortunate to have such caring people in our midst. Thank you all for continuing to support all of our endowments. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping or starting an endowment or for information on estate-giving. —Dave Frederick, Stewardship Elder

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (E) (Chair) — Dennis Sitzler
Cards (D) — Cindy Davenport
Older Adult (E) — Steve Muth

Transportation (D) — Doug McInelly
Fellowship Deacon — Mark Waters
Fellowship Deacon — Suzanne Engman
Fellowship Deacon — Dale Gibson

Fellowship Deacon — Ruth Rummler
Fellowship Deacon — Heidi Blincoe
Presbyterian Women — Suzanne Engman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Fellowship events! They are not to be missed! Some dates and times are to be determined, so stay tuned for further updates. Make plans to attend and bring a friend!

- ❖ Sunday, June 12th, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall — JC Films presents "Finding Faith," starring Erik Estrada. "Finding Faith" is a movie based on actual events about a young girl who falls victim to a skillful online predator. This film shows how a model family can be torn apart by tragedy, but built back together by faith. A must-see film for families!
- ❖ Sunday, August 28th, Ice Cream Social featuring John Couillard's band, Vintage Rocket



THE DEACONS ARE BEING REORGANIZED

At the direction of Session the Deacons, who were decommissioned as a Board in 2012, are being reorganized as the Deacons Ministries Team. Pastor Lois Hildenbrand is an ex officio member of the team and Rev. Frank White is the Clergy Liaison who will serve as a mentor/consultant. Lois has asked Carol Gerlach to be the Deacon Coordinator. Carol and the other newly elected Deacons (Cindy Davenport, Susan McMichael, Ruth Rummler and Joy Schulz) will begin their term on June 1st.

Deacons whose term will be up on May 31st are Gretchen Frederick, Bev Goff, Erin Skarphol and Carol Webster. We thank them for their service.

Deacons who will be continuing are Heidi Blincoe, Susanne Engman, Dale Gibson, Scot Logan, Doug McInelly, Miki Newbry, Jane Potyka, Darlene Sitzler and Mark Waters.

June Birthdays



Renita Jurgensen	2nd
Ellen Hickey	3rd
Victoria Martin	3rd
Ken Brause	5th
Jan Smith	5th
Don Anweiler	6th
Gretchen Frederick	7th
Matt Hayball	7th
Linda Anderson	8th
Zoe Garlin	8th
Shirley Martz	9th
Phillip Pagels	9th
Ellen Gillespie	10th
Jeannette Laurie	10th
Eleanor Daniels	12th
Jack Oliver	12th
Todd Ramsey	12th
Jennifer Grace Martin	14th
Joan White	14th
Wanda Gibbs	16th
Bert Lanstra	16th
Pamela Franke	17th
Cheryl Gregory	18th
Jack Gunter	25th
Richard Koch	26th
Sara D'Spain	28th
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.

Calendar Notes

June 5

Youth Bridging Event

June 12

Movie Event — Finding Faith

June 18

Mission Training
VBS Training

June 19

Father's Day

June 20-23

VBS — Expedition Norway

June 26

Monthly Food Drive
Commissions & Session meet

Happy Father's Day!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

	For the Month		Year to Date 2016		Year to Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget +/-
INCOME	26,963	31,086	116,017	129,843	-13,826
EXPENSE	30,607	32,054	127,897	130,518	-2,621
DIFFERENCE	-3,644		-11,880		-11,205

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