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A Message from Ann

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

Friends, we have just marked a transition in leadership with the ordination and installation of our new church officers, Deacons and Elders. We have also just celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon all at Pentecost. Thanks be to God!

The Spirit is present and on the move in our world and in our congregation. There are many, many gifts to be recognized and celebrated; much service to be carried out in Christ’s name and for his sake; and many activities in which to partake to come to know and love one another on a deeper level. Such is the essence of congregational life and indeed it is all for the “common good.”

Paul reminds us in this passage from his first letter to the church at Corinth that each of us has been given spiritual gifts to be used for the common good. “Spiritual gifts” simply means gifts that have been given by the Spirit of God to be used to accomplish God’s purposes on earth. Many gifts are then listed as we continue reading this passage: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, and discernment. However, this list is not exhaustive of all the many and varied gifts given by God!

Your gift may be sewing or quilting. It may be reading and interpreting spread sheets. Some are gifted in baking, cooking, and the art of hospitality. Envisioning a new use or design of a space to serve a new function is another gift some possess. Certainly gifts of music abound in our congregation and for that I give thanks regularly!

One of the many aspects of my role serving as your pastor that brings me great joy is to meet with folks and help them figure out their spiritual gifts and how those gifts might be used in our congregation here at FPC Mesa. There are so many ministries and activities that take place here on our campus that it is sometimes hard to keep track of them all! This may result in some congregants missing an opportunity to use the gifts that bring them joy and satisfaction in serving in a meaningful way.

Please know that I am available to meet with you to discuss and pray about your particular gifts and how those might be used for the “common good” through one of the many ministries or activities of FPC Mesa. Don’t hesitate to contact me to set up a time to come in to talk and pray together! I am continually amazed by the depth and variety of gifts that God weaves together to form a congregation of God’s people to go forth into the world to serve God’s purposes and bear witness to God’s great love for all the world. We’re in this together, united in Christ Jesus our Lord, and for that I also give thanks!

~ Pastor Ann

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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) — Gail Soderquist

Mark's Remarks

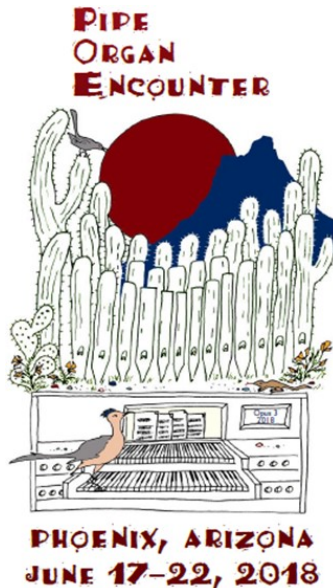
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“The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit.” - Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

Summer Music has begun! Copies of the summer music schedule are available in the Church Office, Choir Room, and Information Kiosk and at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning. Please contact Mark at the Church Office if you would like to participate. Most choirs will rehearse on the Sunday morning of their service. Here is our 10:00 a.m. one-service schedule:

June 17, 24 Fellowship Hall
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sanctuary
August 5, 12 Fellowship Hall
September 2 Sanctuary



This month, FPC will be a host site for a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE). The Central Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present the POE June 17-22. The goal of the event is to provide participants with confidence and competence at the organ; however, no prior organ experience is necessary. The POE is a national program sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, and participants are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis and regardless of state of residence, as long as they are age 13-18, interested in the pipe organ, and have piano or organ proficiency ranging from intermediate to advanced. Students will hear exceptional organists, study with outstanding professionals, play and hear Phoenix's finest organs, experience the world-renowned Musical Instrument Museum, perform in a final group recital, and make new musical friends! If you know of youth who might be interested in being a part of the POE, please have them contact Mark for a registration form. The final recital will be open to the public and held on Friday, June 22nd at St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church (6715 N. Mockingbird Ln., Scottsdale 85253).

Humoresque

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

A husband and wife, who had been married for 35 years, were celebrating their 60th birthdays. During the celebration, a fairy appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple for 35 years, she would give them one wish each. The wife wanted to travel around the world. So, the fairy waved her wand and the wife had the tickets in her hand for an around the world itinerary. Next, it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, then said shyly, "Well, I'd like to have a woman who is 30 years younger than me." The fairy picked up her wand, waved it, and he instantly turned 90.

Coming Events

- 6/3 (Sunday) Ice Cream Social, 3:00 p.m.
- 6/11-15 Vacation Bible School
- 8/24 (Friday) FPC to Faith & Family Night at the Diamondbacks!
- 9/2 Labor Day Sunday Hymnfest, with Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (E) (Chair) — Dennis Sitzler
Cards (D) — Gretchen Frederick
Transportation (D) — Steve Muth

Fellowship Deacon — Todd Ramsey
Fellowship Deacon — Mark Waters
Fellowship Deacon — Kyle Hardng

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Presbyterian Women — Suzanne Engman
Youth Elder — Ian Harding

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!

- June 3 — Ice Cream Social
- August 24 — Faith & Family Night with the Arizona Diamondbacks including a post-game concert featuring Mercy Me! More information to come on this great event! Mark your calendar and invite your friends!



MISSION

Pastor — Ann Conklin
Mission (Chair--E) — Sue Eisenklam

Assimilation (D) — Alice Schlak
Marketing (E) —

Seasonal Ministries (D) — Shelley Cronenberg
Hunger Action (D) — Sandra Clark



Mission Trip

Mission Trip – God is working in us and through us as the trip to Tseyi Bidaa takes shape. There are 22 participants this year with 9 young people! Participants will not only be working the VBS in Del Muerto, but they will also participate in the FPC Mesa VBS from June 11th – 15th. Commissioning of those going on the mission trip will be on June 24th during the first service. There will be a participant training at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on July 27th. Everyone in the congregation is invited to pray for the participants as they prepare for the trip and while we are gone from July 7th – 14th. It takes senders and goers to be the reflection of Christ in the world. We who are going have an extra treat as our mission co-

worker from Guatemala, Leslie Vogel, will be joining us for part of the mission trip. Then she will be delivering the sermon on July 15th. What a blessing all around!

Pentecost Offering – The Holy Spirit was moving in us and through us as we joined the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) worldwide to support our youth with this offering. So far, the amount received is \$2,358. Forty percent of the final amount will be used for the 2018 Mission Trip to Tseyi Bidaa. This is one way we carry out the Great Commission to go out into the world and share in the message of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generous support.



Food Pantry – As always, thank you for your on-going support of the food pantry. The current need is for cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and canned meat, but **NOT Tuna**. Canned meat could be beef stew, ravioli, or spaghetti, etc.

DISCIPLESHIP

Director of C.E. — Jasmine Couillard
Adult (E) — Karen Rudin

Children's Ministries (E) — Stephanie Gerlach
Family Ministries (E) — Ellen Hickey

Youth/Young Adult (E) —
Older Adult (E) — David Jurgensen

In **Sunday School** we explore the differences between the Old and New Testaments, and we become familiar with which books belong in each section. We have so much fun each week in the preschool through 6th grade classes! Join us in Jackson B at 10:15. Our themes for June are:

June 3 – Genesis
June 10 – Bible Chronology & History
June 17 – Father's Day
June 24 – Summer

There are fun things happening with the Youth Group this summer! Here are the two June activities available to all entering 7th grade through young adult:

- Thursday, June 7th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Monastery (4810 E McKellips Rd, Mesa 85215). All teens are invited to join us as we are surrounded by trees, grass and sand for a night of fun. Play volleyball on one of the two large sand courts, or enjoy other activities such as ping pong and horse shoes. Enjoy great food and there will be karaoke at 8:00 p.m. No cost to attend but bring money if you want to eat or get a soda.
- Saturday, June 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Big Surf (1500 N McClintock Dr., Tempe, 85281). All teens are invited to join us at AZ's best water park! Season passes are on sale for \$49.99 or one time admission is \$17. Wave pool & Water slides. Wear a swimming suit and bring a towel, sunscreen and water.

VBS 2018 at FPC: Spark Imagination With Faith-Building Fun!

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, kids travel through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. One memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day—making it easy to apply long after VBS is over. Another one of the best part of Shipwrecked VBS: award-winning music!

It's not too late to register to join us June 11 – 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.!



Shiver me timbers! Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. All volunteers must attend the training session on June 10th at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Summer camping sessions at Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp are held for groups from grade 4 through High School seniors in June. Over 550 young people benefit from the Montlure camping experience each summer. Enroll your students today! Each student receives a \$200 campership from FPC if you complete a request form two weeks prior to the start of camp.





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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
Jennifer 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.

We want to thank you for celebrating our special anniversary with us and for the greetings many of you sent us.



Barb and Graham Walker

Calendar Notes

June 3

Ice Cream Social

June 10

VBS Training & Decorating

June 11-15

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

June 17

Father's Day

10:00 Worship in Fellowship Hall

June 24

Monthly Food Drive

10:00 Worship in Fellowship Hall

Commissions & Session meet

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

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