

First Presbyterian NEWS

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STAFF CHANGES

The more things change...

Let me tell you about my friend, **Mary Lu Brooks**. Mary Lu has been a faithful servant at First Presbyterian as long as I have been here, and for many years before that. A talented musician, she taught high school band and even facilitated the fantastic Brass Group that played here last Christmas Eve.



Mary Lu has also served as the Funeral Coordinator for several years. Before that, she was the faithful Worship Coordinator.

Like many of us, MLB (as I often call her) needs to slow down a little bit and take a break and will be leaving the position of Funeral Coordinator. Great thanks to her for her many years of service.

Pastor Paul

Here's what Rick Lemberg, former First Pres pastor, had to say about MLB:

She arrived in Arizona around the same time I did. She quickly got involved in the church. I think she has assisted at First Presbyterian in most everything regarding music at one time or another. For many years she was our Bell Choir Director (even took them on a tour that included Europe!). She also was our worship coordinator for many years. Then she began doing the job of Funeral Coordinator, when I was finally smart enough to ask her. She was my right-hand person for many years. There are very few people that I love and have as much respect for as Mary Lu. She was easy to work with, planned ahead, always produced good work and was fun. Please give her a hug from me.

Kylie Powell, who has served as our Director of Youth Ministries for the past several years, has resigned from that position effective May 26. She has taken a new full-time job in the valley so will be unable to continue her Wednesday evening and Sunday morning duties here at FPC. Kylie has had a strong presence with our youth since she took on the job at the request of our former pastor when he left. She stepped right in, assumed responsibility for the program and faithfully served, doing her best to provide the direction the youth needed. Kylie has had a great group. We thank Kylie for her dedication and service to our youth and to our church, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Ronny Douglass,
Elder for Personnel

Anniversaries

June

1. Chuck and Pam Walton
3. John and Candy Burtis
4. Robert and Jane Hasler
4. Gene and Linda Irvin
5. Richard and Kathleen Burson
9. Dick and Barb Bradley
9. Edwin and Jennifer Burnett
9. Jack and Dorothy Jean Foster
12. Phil and Cathleen Rafferty
16. Mark and Karen Vanderheyden
17. Gary and Cindy Ellis
24. Gene and Jean Moffett
24. Ray and Melissa Williams
30. Paul and Emma Banwart

July

6. Jose and Jill Salazar
7. Orlando Ferri and Rebecca Swales
11. Scott and Heather McNutt
13. George and Mary Jane Nichols
14. John and Ruth Van Auken
24. Dick and Sheron Hoort
28. Jerry and Ida Storey



Birthdays

June

1. Ronny Douglass
3. Denny Honodel
3. Evelyn Rucas
4. Hannah Ahumada
4. Jean Knuth
6. Norma Bertsch
6. James Morphew
7. Paul Banwart
10. J.D. Boyer
10. Marge Brackett
11. Karen Morphew
12. Merope Ozdener
16. Eric Bertness
16. Judy Davenport
17. Ruby Lerfald
18. Arvin Van Ry
19. Linda Irvin
21. Sarah LaPorte
22. Kim Kasper
22. John Van Auken
25. Lois Wiege
29. Emma Banwart
30. June Modlin

July

1. Roger Jones
4. Kathy Muhlbeier
4. Ruth Van Auken
5. Karen Persico
6. Bob Baer
6. Cindy Schaider
7. Jan Hoing
8. Summer Burkert
8. Ariannah Williams
9. Jim Antholz
11. John Burtis
11. Kay Svedjan
12. Marlene Jones
13. Ken Muhlbeier
15. Linda Garrett
15. Bruce Martin
15. Phyllis Wells
16. Allan Lerfald
18. Merline Self
20. Taylor McNutt
21. Dick Lloyd
22. James Pickett
23. Mary Lu Brooks
24. Larry Pazier
25. Tom Scarborough
25. Ron Poe
26. Richard Burson
28. Janet Hennes
28. Marcey Honodel
29. Alvin Holst
30. Lois DeGeest



Deacon's Spotlight



Cathleen Rafferty and her husband moved to Casa Grande in 2005, but has been a year round resident for the past four years. Cathleen taught middle school and then was a professor at several universities before retiring in 2010. She enjoys reading and doing cross stitch, as well as reading with Fourth graders at Mesquite Elementary School. Cathleen and her husband enjoy camping and RVing during the summer and fall.

Church Family News

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vernadene Zigtema who passed away on April 16 and to the family and friends of Bill Burkert who passed away on May 8.

Session Notes

Communion was served to 292 people in April 2019.

A gift was donated and added to the Parking Lot Fund. Seeds of Hope received the Fifth Sunday Offering and used it towards Arizona Gives Day.

The By-Laws of FPC were approved and were presented at the Congregational Meeting. It was moved to accept changes to Facility Use Agreement and Fees.

Elder Pazier reported 1,464 attended services during April. A volunteer is being sought for worship director/coordinator. Report from Stated Presbytery Meeting: Presbytery needs to be notified of any building not being occupied. YAV (Young Adult Group) gave testimonies. First-hand information was shared by people involved in the border issues. Coolidge Presbyterian Church has been sold. The next joint meeting will be at Mission del Sol in Tempe.

Elder Jantz reported several events are being planned by Senior Ministry. Deacon's Guidelines were approved by consent.

Missions will be giving bags to people to fill and return (suggestion list provided). Arizona Gives Day was very successful.

Christian Education Elder Gomez reported on information given to Florence FPC regarding Montlure Day Camp.

Cottonwood Elementary was offered space for their kindergarten promotion.



Worship

Let me introduce myself. I'm Travis Bott, your new Worship Elder. Most of you know me as the retired Maintenance Technician here at First Presbyterian Church. Why Worship Elder? Well, after prayerful consideration and a few sleepless nights, it became apparent to me that the Lord was leading me in this direction. Ok, so maybe He was pushing and shoving me in this direction. I've spent many years on the properties and finance committees so being the worship elder gives me the opportunity to learn something new and grow more as a person and spiritual being.

We have an amazing worship team. Some are church staff and some are volunteers. All of us on the worship team come with various backgrounds, committed to ensuring we provide worship services welcoming to all.

The team is not meeting in June or July...for rest and reflection, and we will resume meeting in August.

Thanks be to God.

Travis

Women's Bible Study

Summer Women's Bible Study will be focusing on Feasts of the Bible. Join us on June 5 at 10:00 am in Room 17 as we begin a study and cooking opportunity on feasts of the Bible.

Contact Elizabeth Elgin or Donita Godwin if you have any questions.

Jim Sorensen CD's

If you would like to purchase a CD from Jim Sorensen's concert, we have a limited number for sale. The cost is \$15 each and 20% of each purchase goes to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund. Please contact Roberta Doerges at 431-3992 if you are interested.

Next Newsletter Deadline
July 15



Missions

Shoes! How many pairs of shoes do you have just sitting around? We'll be happy to take them off your hands (or feet). Missions is planning on an official shoe drive in September and October. Meanwhile, we are getting ready. Ask your family, friends, and neighbors for new or used shoes in good condition. These shoes will be collected, cleaned, and bagged. Our plan is to collect 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes each. They will be shipped overseas to a poor country where they will be distributed to a person who will repair them for resale which will enable this person to support his family. We will begin collecting now, but will go full speed ahead in September.

Missions and a Grace Group sponsored a hot dog dinner at Cottonwood Elementary School on May 9 for their family night. We also set up a table to offer and encourage participation in Montlure Day Camp which will be held in our Family Life Center June 17—21.

The Missions Team will be giving you a blue bag with the church logo on it. Fill these bags with hygiene items to be handed out to the homeless. We'll give you a list of items needed. Fill the bags and return them to church.

Cover Missions and our missionaries with prayer. Have a blessed summer!

Seeds of Hope

Our community garden is abloom this spring as a result of many hands volunteering their time to get it ready for our first planting season. We had a gentleman doing his community service driving a bobcat tractor clearing the plot. Sun Valley Church had a work day in which they weeded and trenched for the irrigation system. Jim Jepson from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension instructed a group of volunteers from AmeriCorps NCCC in installing the irrigation system and in preparing the soil for planting. On March 15, we planted our first crop of tomatoes, squash, corn, cucumbers, peppers, and okra. The harvested produce has so far been cooked and consumed at our Hot Lunch, Angeles de Esperanza, and Afterschool ministries.

Phase II will be focusing on a prayer, meditation, and reflection portion of the garden. We have purchased a pergola and plans are to install a labyrinth. Ornamental plants, roses, trees, and bushes will complete this tranquil area.

Phase III includes raised beds for individuals and families to adopt and plant on their own. We will also be adding an educational piece on plant care, nutrition, and on site cooking demonstrations.

To get involved with any part of this community project, contact us at www.seedsofhopeaz.com or call our office at 836-6335.

Blessings,
Mark



June 2019

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<u>2</u> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship	<u>3</u> 7:30 Walking Group 9:00 Weight Watchers 1:00 Senior Ministry Games	<u>4</u> 10:15 Music Rehearsal 4:30 Praise Team	<u>5</u> 7:30 Walking Group 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Potluck	<u>6</u> 8:00 Men's Fellowship	<u>7</u> 6:45 Al-Anon 10:00 AA	<u>8</u> 6:45 AA 7:30 Traffic School 8:30 Montlure Board 9:30 Youth Bells 6:30 Al-Anon 6:30 AA
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It's not too late to register for Montlure's Day Camp! Go to Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com to sign up children who have completed Kindergarten thru 5th Grade. \$100 fee/child. Extended care is also available at no additional cost.

Vision Statement:
 Belong to God and to each other
 Believe God's word
 Be more like Christ
 Build a better community

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Evelyn Haug	Br-Coo
Evelyn Rucas	Cop-Et
Ron & Pam Shuler	Ev-Gre
Ken & Judy Davenport	Gri-Jac
Cathleen Rafferty	Jah-La
Kitty Bertness	Le-Mod
Marcey Honodel	Moe-Pic
DeeLane Heinle	Pl-Sch
Renee Lovell	Scl-Thu
John & Marlene Grentzer	Tow-Z

Ministry Connection

Bell Choir	Kim Freyermuth, Susan Quintanar
Chancel Choir/Acquire	June Graber
Custodian	Harold Lovell
Nursery Attendants	Jasmin Diaz Geovani Hernandez
Office Manager	Heather McNutt
Organist	Jane Ethington
Pastor	Rev. Paul Elgin
Pastor of Caring Min.	Bill Heinle
Seeds of Hope	Mark Vanderheyden
Sexton	Pete Vogel
Stephen Ministry	Bill Heinle
Trad'l Worship Music	Roberta Doerges
Women's Bible Study	Donita Godwin
Women's Ministry	Renee Lovell