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The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Florence  
Is to share Jesus Christ through word and action  
With all whose lives we can touch.



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**Sunday Church Service**

**10:30 am**

2. From the Pastor
4. Church Information
4. Prayers
5. Birthdays & Anniversaries
6. Book Review/In a Different Voice
7. Mission Moments
8. Important Dates to Remember
9. Worship/Strangers
10. What Does Love Mean
13. Did you Know
14. Valentine's Day Facts
15. Calendar
16. Instructions
17. Church Information Sheet

From the Pastor

In the weekly Bible studies, we hold in both the churches I am privileged to serve, I recently utilized a poem by the late-sixteenth -- early seventeenth century English poet John Donne, who was also a clergyman in the Church of England. I utilized the particular poem because it used as a *conceit* – sort of a strained metaphor – an idea found in the biblical story of Rachel and Leah, the two wives (yes) of Jacob, in which Leah becomes pregnant yet again accompanied by mandrake roots (a Mediterranean region plant that does look a bit like ginseng). Donne's line, "Get with child a mandrake root," had stuck with me since I was a senior in high school back in Clarence, New York.

But what has also stuck in mind since then are two excerpts from Donne's "Meditation 17," excerpts I have more than once used in sermons. In his sermon, Donne, on the island of Great Britain, was discussing the deaths by plague that were occurring on the European continent, and warning Christians against a sort of "emotional Brexit" in the form of indifference to those deaths just because they were an English Channel's remove from his parishioners. It begins with reference to the bell that would toll the death of someone from plague:

*PERCHANCE he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him.*

Donne then proceeded to talk about how universal is Christ's Church, how all of us are connected together, and then a bit later has this marvelous passage:

*No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

If you are following, you will observe both the name of an Ernest Hemingway novel (made into a movie with Gary Cooper and, if memory serves me, Ingrid Bergman) and a 1950's movie, as well, but those are just a testimony to the enduring truths Donne offers.

And I mention this because of the centuries old issues of church divisions and splintering and what-have-you, the most recent being a probably break-up of the wonderful denomination in which I was raised, The United Methodist Church, and a topic that arose in our weekly Bible study, specifically one held in Florence, where every few years we are blessed with the attendance of a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Barbara, who is a friend of Chris Reid and whose occasional presence with us is a joy and privilege.

I had brought a newspaper article about a book soon to be published written by the first Pope to retire, Benedict, arguing for the institution of priestly celibacy, and how I believe Benedict's doing so is blatantly unfair to the current Pope, Francis, and, indeed, a bit contradictory if Benedict supports papal infallibility on matters of church doctrine (though it has been some time since a Pope asked for that to apply to his statements, which is to say, claimed that a statement was *ex cathedra*, though my memory may be wrong).

This seemed particularly unfair to me because Francis is wrestling with a specific request to allow married priests so that a shortage of priests in the Amazon region might be overcome, a dilemma indeed.

But Sister Barbara expressed a perspective on what is limiting the Pope that I could not have anticipated: The Pope, even the Pope, must beware of splitting the Roman Catholic Church! Not all

Roman Catholics agree with the less restrictive attitude of Francis, with departing from Catholic traditional practices.

Yikes! Splitting the Roman Catholic Church! Why should we care one way or another?

For me, the answer is simple: Following the lead of the Apostle Paul, I would say that we can indeed have differences of opinion, but we should not let matters of doctrine that do not go to the heart of accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior divide us. Moreover, let's be honest: The Roman Catholic Church does more good in the world than any other human, and I emphasize, *human*, institution; the Roman Catholic Church can carry Jesus to people we might never reach.

And so, what can injure the Roman Catholic Church injures all of Christianity, just as one man's death affects us all.

So, let all of us, and in our church families, this includes varieties of Protestants, recognize that what causes injury to the Methodist denomination or to the Roman Catholic Church causes injury to us as well, causes injury to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for cooperation and compassion among and for all of our fellow laborers in Christ's vineyard.

Blessings

*John*

**ATTENTION PLEASE!!**

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SOMETHING PUT IN THE  
NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND  
IT TO  
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Please be careful of copyrighted material.

## *Church Information:*

### *Church Website:*

Please use our new website: [www.florenceazchurch.org](http://www.florenceazchurch.org) Check it out and let us know what you think of it.

### *Help Needed:*

Assistance is needed following Sunday's fellowships to help clean up. Please let Laura know if you are willing to help. Clean up goes much faster with helping hands.

### *Ladies Luncheon:*

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Old Pueblo

### *Men's Breakfast*

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00, Florence Café

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00, Florence Cafe

### *Bible Study*

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 and 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30. We discuss Leah, Rachel, and Dinah and Tamar

### *Session Meeting:*

February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00

### *Hygiene Bank*

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00

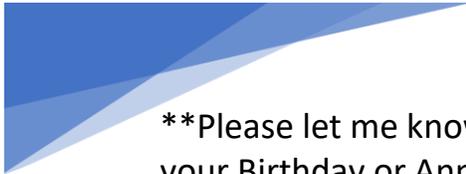


**Pray for:** Candy Walker, Pete, Rose and family, Hilde Major, Grace Gorman, Donna Studer, Art & Shirley Colley, Dave Baier, Kurt Brummage, Michael Whitaker, Ray Hyypa, Lew and Delores Moon, Lew's sister and family, Bob Sherman, Allen Saunders, Erin Young (Janice Cockrill's niece), Ethel, David, Ira Cohen, Mindy, and granddaughter, Kaylie, Pete, Rose, Elizabeth, Pauline, Phyllis Mikles, Bob and Doreen, Phyllis Carlson's niece, Virginia very serious condition, Skip, Maria, Chris Gardner, Ann Schneider, BJ, John Buttram, Connie Stephens, Mark Stephens, Miriam Reid, Verna Boyle, Karen Anderson, Barb Newman, Margie's cousin, Melissa, Pat Vucson, Bonnie Brunner, Sean, Myrna Leef, Muriel Marsteller, Lois Kuder, Joann and JL Hooper, Denise and Larry Kollert, Joyce and her family, Joann Serra, Chad and Angel and their daughter, Patricia's friend, Mary Kay Wysham, Russ, Ashton Thomas, Kay Carbonari, Peggy Lowe, Flory Bondelid's grandson Jeremy, Art and Shirley Colley, Linda Ernst.  
All our Military, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and Veteran's around the world.



3. Jim Fen
3. Judith Johnson
4. Ron Vucson
8. Hilda Majors
  
8. Richard Quass
10. Beverly Alberg
11. Judith Quass
12. Suzanne Tinka
13. Marilyn Hall
14. Joan Philips
15. Jim Burns
15. Delores Moon
20. Bill Foster
23. Barbara Newman
28. Abigail Shirley

22. Bill & Cathy Foster



\*\*Please let me know if I missed your Birthday or Anniversary or have the wrong date. Thanks.



It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of Pastor Ernie Smith. Pastor Smith was the brother of our former secretary Joyce Smith-Barden. We have been praying for him during our services and in our newsletter. Now, let us give prayers of joy and hope to Joyce to help her through this difficult time and to know that her brother Pastor Ernie Smith is with Our Lord and Savior.

## Book Review

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*  
by Gail Honeyman (2017)

Completely fine? Depending on one's definition, this may be true for Eleanor, a twenty-nine-year-old accounting clerk, at the book's conclusion. Meanwhile, Honeyman explores the controversial and challenging experiences in Eleanor's life, -- child abuse, facial deformity, sibling death, poor self-esteem, foster care, and the serious mental health issues of both Eleanor and her mother -- with surprising, laugh-out-loud humor riding on top of an undercurrent of maternal toxicity.

Eleanor says of herself, "My life had gone wrong. Very, very wrong. I wasn't supposed to live like this. No one was supposed to live like this. The problem was that I simply didn't know how to make it right."

Like Fredrik Backman's obsessive/compulsive character who is totally lacking in social skills, (see *A Man Called Ove*), Eleanor struggles with her damaged past. She eventually finds restoration, as does Ove, through the love, patience, and understanding of outsiders. Eleanor's path to restoration does not mean removal of psychological scars, or the complete undoing of comical weirdness (too often jarring the reader with some sense of identity). It means that Eleanor's healing is about letting go of certain things and moving forward with a new confidence that deems her "completely fine."

Judith Johnston

### *In a Different Voice*

(A monthly column written and submitted by Judith Johnson)

Strange, interesting, weird, charming scary – as America becomes increasingly diverse, we are confronted by more & more people whose ways are not our ways. Yet, God seems to have spoken to His children in many different places at very different times.

Some of these diverse views will be featured each month to encourage a healthy curiosity about other spiritual writings and to open us up to possibilities for a larger spiritual awareness.

"O ye loving mothers, know ye that in God's sight, the best of all ways to worship Him is to educate the children and train them in all the perfections of humankind; and no nobler deed than this can be imagined." ***Baha'i leader, Abdu'l-Baha***

She [Mary] said: "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?" He said: "Even so: Allah createth what He willeth: When He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it, 'Be,' and it is!" ***Qur'an Chapter 3, verse 47***

Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.  
***Proverbs 29:17 (NIV)***

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Jesus, Matthew 7: 9-11**

**Buddha**, stressing the magnitude of being truthful, said that if his son, Rahul, wanted to find the truth, he would first have to be truthful to himself. “Before you do anything, ask yourself: ‘*Is what I intend to do here skillful or unskillful? Will it lead to well-being or harm?*’” If it looks harmful, don’t do it. If it looks okay, go ahead and try it. The Buddha was instructing his son in the importance of learning from his mistakes, of taking responsibility for his own actions, and of cultivating compassion. **From “Rahula Sutta” Majjhima Nikaya 61)**

The central goal in Native American child-rearing, using storytelling, cradleboards, harmony, lessons of nature, behavior management, and the use of praise, is to teach the importance of being generous and unselfish. In the words of a **Lakota (Sioux) Elder** “*You should be able to give away your most cherished possession without your heart beating faster.*”

## Mission Moments



### Box tops for Menaul School



We are collecting box tops to send to Menaul School as part of our mission’s projects. Please cut and save them and bring to the church. They can be found on hundreds of products from pencils, cereals, frozen foods, and many others.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb 8, 2020** - Florence Historic Tour will be held on Sat. Feb. 8 2020. First Presbyterian Church of Florence has once again been selected as one of the stops on the tour. We will be needing cookies or other goodies.

**March 14, 2020** - Annual First Presbyterian Church of Florence yard sale is fast approaching, so start thinking and sorting as you clean your closets, make room for Christmas presents, reorganize your space upon your return to Florence for the winter or start spring housecleaning (yes, it will warm up and be spring before you know it). Please set your donation items aside for the sale. Since we are on the Historical Tour, we ask that you hold on to those items until after the tour and if the items can be placed in boxes it will help with storage until the sale. Volunteers will be needed the week preceding the sale for pricing and the day of the sale for set-up of the tables and merchandise, keeping things neat, helping to carry items, check-out and clean-up afterwards. As the proceeds of this sale are used entirely for the funding of the live nativity this coming December, we hope you will contribute in some way, whether you contribute, buy or help – or even better all three ways!

Volunteers assisting with pricing are asked to be there at 9:00.  
Volunteers assisting with the set-up are asked to be there at 7:00.

Contact ShaRon Liedl if interested in helping with either of the events.



## **WORSHIP**

Ash Wednesday: Services at 7:00. Pastor John will also be available from 1:00-5:00 pm for those who might want ashes during this time period or cannot make services.

### **Elders**

Winter visitors who are Elders in a Presbyterian Church elsewhere are welcome to help serve the Lord's Supper. Contact Donna Studer, or come forward prior to worship.

### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Annual Meeting of the Congregation following Worship – this should be both informative and important. Mark your calendars!

### **2019 Annual Contribution Statement Coming Soon**

Annual Contribution statements will be emailed by the end of January. Per Federal regulations only annual contributions greater than \$200.00 are required to have statement sent. If you contributed less than that amount, but wish to have a statement emailed, please notify Beth Harmon at the church office phone number 520-868-5634 or email to [Florencepresby1@icloud.com](mailto:Florencepresby1@icloud.com). If when you receive your statement you believe there is a discrepancy between your records and the statement, please contact Beth Harmon by one of the above methods.

### **Strangers**

*No strangers among us!  
Strangers are friends we haven't met.  
God knows no strangers; he loves us all.  
The poor, the rich, the great, and the small.  
He is a friend who is always there.  
To share our troubles and lesson our cares.  
No one is a stranger is God's sight.  
For God is love and in his light.  
May we too try in our small way.  
To make new friends from day to day.  
So, pass no stranger with an unseeing eye.  
For God may be sending you a new friend side by side.*

*Christina Montini Murphy*

## What does Love mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds.

'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

See what you think:

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'

Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'

Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

Terri -  
age 4

Love is when my  
mommy makes coffee for my daddy and  
she takes a sip before giving it to him, to  
make sure the taste is OK'

Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with  
you at Christmas if you stop opening presents  
and just listen.'

Bobby - age 7  
(Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better,  
you should start with a friend who you hate.. '

Nikka - age 6  
*(we need a few million more Nikka's on  
this planet)*

'Love is when  
you tell a guy you like his shirt,  
then he wears it every day.'

Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little  
old woman and a little old man who are still  
friends even after they know each other so  
well.'

Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was  
on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the  
people watching me and saw my daddy waving and  
smiling.

He was the only one doing that  
I wasn't scared anymore.'

Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me  
more than anybody  
You don't see anyone else  
kissing me to sleep at night.'

Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy  
gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'

Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy  
sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and  
still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks  
your face even after you left him  
alone all day.'

Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me  
because she gives me all her old clothes  
and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your  
eyelashes go up and down and little  
stars come out of you.' (*what an image*)

Karen - age 7

'Love is when Mommy  
sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think  
it's gross..'

Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say  
'I love you' unless you mean it..  
But if you mean it,  
you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

And the final one:

The winner was a four-year-old child  
whose next-door neighbor was an  
elderly gentleman who had recently lost his  
wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the  
little boy went into the old  
gentleman's yard, climbed onto his  
lap, and just sat there.

When his  
Mother asked what he had said to the  
neighbor, the little boy said,

Nothing, I just helped him cry'

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Submitted by Mariam Reed (Internet)

### **Did you know?**

Florence has been found to be the:

#1 Best Suburb to Buy a House in Phoenix area and #1 best Places for Young Professionals in Pinal County, (Niche)

# Safest City to Live in Arizona, (Background-Checks.org)

#3 Best to Retire, (AZBigMedia)

#10 Best AZ Retirement Communities, Anthem at Merrill Ranch, (Golf at 55)

#1 Best Places to Retire in Arizona, (HomeSnacks)

#6 Best Place to Retire in Arizona, (Movoto)

*Information found in "Florence Reminder & Blade Tribune" newspaper.*

## Valentine Day Facts

### 1. It has some pretty dark roots.

Historians believe Valentine's Day actually began in Ancient Rome as a pagan fertility festival called *Lupercalia*, with the celebration dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and Roman founders Romulus and Remus. According to [History.com](#), the day was celebrated with activities that included sacrificing animals and whipping women with animal skins until they bled, signifying their fertility.

### 2. In the 1300s, it officially became a holiday associated with love and romance.

The holiday was Christianized — no more animal sacrifices! — when the Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." The day then became associated with love because many believed that birds started their mating season on February 14.

### 3. Saint Valentine wasn't just one person.

In fact, he might have been two or three. But the most common "founder" of Valentine's Day was the Saint Valentine who defied Emperor Claudius II. At the time, Claudius had banned marriage because he thought it distracted young soldiers. Valentine felt a bit differently — he illegally married couples until he was caught. After he was sentenced to his death, young couples would visit his cell and give him flowers and cards. And the day he actually died? February 14. Allegedly.

But there have been multiple St. Valentines throughout history, including a bishop and one Pope (he only served for 40 days in 827 A.D.).

### 4. The first valentine was sent in the 15th century.

The oldest record of a valentine being sent, according to [History.com](#), was a poem written by a French medieval duke named Charles to his wife in 1415. Charles penned this sweet note to his lover while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London at just 21 years old. One of the lines in the poem? "*I am already sick of love, My very gentle Valentine.*" Swoon!

### 5. Not until the 1840s did we get the first mass-produced valentines.

People started exchanging cards and handwritten letters to both lovers and friends during the 17th century, but it was in the 1840s that the first Valentine's Day cards were mass-produced in the U.S., sold by Esther A. Howland. Known as the "Mother of the American Valentine," Howland is credited with commercializing Valentine's Day cards in America, and she is remembered for her elaborate, crafty cards made with lace and ribbons.

### 5. Today, it's pretty big business.

About 55% of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day and spend an estimated \$19.6 billion a year, including more than \$1.8 billion on candy alone. This year specifically, men say they expect to spend \$338 on Valentine's Day. And the women? Just \$64. Time to step it up, ladies!

## **6. Americans send 145 million Valentine's Day cards each year.**

Which makes it the second biggest holiday for exchanging greeting cards, after Christmas! And how sweet: Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards annually, followed by children, mothers, and wives. Needless to say, we've come a long way from 1913, which was when Hallmark Cards produced their first Valentine's card!

## **7. And they also spend nearly \$650 million on gifts for their pets.**

Hey, furry friends need love, too! In fact, more than 5 million American households gave Valentine's Day presents to their pet dogs last year, and more than 2 million picked up presents for their cats. But even though more Americans buy gifts for their dogs, people actually spend more on their pet kitties — an average of about \$96 per household, compared to \$81 for dogs!

## **8. The Valentine's Day gift that people spend the most on is jewelry.**

Candy and flowers might be the most common gifts for Valentine's Day, but according to the National Retail Federation, the category that we spend the most on for February 14 is jewelry, at a whopping \$4.7 billion! The second most-paid-for gift is an evening out with \$3.7 billion, followed by flowers, clothing, and then candy.

## **9. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861.**

It was created by Richard Cadbury, son of Cadbury founder John Cadbury, who started packaging chocolates in fancy boxes to increase sales. He introduced the first heart-shaped box of chocolates for V-Day in 1861, and today, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold each year. That's 58 million pounds of chocolate!

## **10. Conversation hearts got their start as medical lozenges.**

Weirdly enough, the story of conversation hearts first began when a Boston pharmacist named Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the way medical lozenges — used for sore throats and other illnesses — could be made. The result was America's first candy-making machine, because the pharmacist soon started shifting his focus from making lozenges to candy instead! Chase founded the New England Confectionery Company, or Necco, and the candy lozenges soon became what we know today as Necco wafers.

## **11. But it wasn't until 1866 that we first got sweet printed messages on conversation hearts.**

It was Oliver's brother, Daniel Chase, who started printing sentimental messages on the Necco sweethearts, though these candies were bigger than the versions we have today — and featured much longer printed sayings and phrases. Some of the first messages? "Married in white you have chosen right" and "How long shall I have to wait? Please be considerate."

## **12. More than 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year.**

And Necco has to start making them just days after February 14 to have enough in time for the next Valentine's Day. That's almost 100,000 pounds per day! Each box has approximately 45 sayings — including "True Love," "Hug Me," and "You Rock" — but you can personalize your own, too. But don't worry if you still have last year's box — they have a shelf life of five years.

### 13. Nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine's Day.

I mean, what better day is there for a marriage proposal than a day literally dedicated to love and romance? Valentine's Day is one of the popular days to pop the question, with as many as 6 million couples getting engaged on February 14. And according to the results of this survey, Valentine's Day was voted the best day of the year to propose than any other day — and of those people who voted, 40% were men!

### 14. It's celebrated differently around the world.

Many Latin American countries know the holiday as *el día de los enamorados* (day of lovers) or *día del amor y la amistad* (day of love and friendship). Though couples exchange flowers and chocolate on this day, the holiday's focus is also directed at showing gratitude to friends!

In Japan, it's customary for just the women to give confections to the men in their lives, with the quality of the chocolate indicating their true feelings, according to *Fortune*. On March 14, exactly a month later, the men repay the favor by celebrating the increasingly popular "White Day."

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/valentines-day-ideas/a26863/valentines-day-facts/>



Are you or someone you know tired of sitting around or would like some additional income? There are many openings available for both full and part time work as Correctional Officers and support staff. Not all positions require working with inmates. There is a brochure with additional information and requirements available on the church bulletin board in the hallway. (Yes, there is a bulletin board in case you didn't know). Age requirements per the correctional officer are 18 to 100, so that should include almost anyone reading this. They currently have over 300 positions available.

# February

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Florence, Arizona

| Sunday   | Monday                                   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 2<br>4th Sunday after Epiphany<br>4 <sup>+</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                         | 3<br>Jim Fena B/D<br>Judith Johnston B/D | 4<br>Bible Study 9:00<br>Joan Phillips B/D<br>Ron Vucson B/D           | 5<br>Men's Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Florence Cafe     | 6                         | 7   | 8<br>Florence Historic Home Tour 10:00<br>AM-4:00 PM<br>Hilda Majors B/D<br>Richard Quass BD |
| 9<br>5th Sunday after Epiphany<br>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Congregational Meeting 11:30 am | 10<br>Beverly Alberg B/D                 | 11<br>Bible Study 9:00<br>Session Meeting<br>11:00<br>Judith Quass B/D | 12<br>Hygiene Bank 1-2:00 pm<br>Suzanne Tinka B/D | 13<br>Marilyn Hall<br>B/D | 14<br>Ladies Luncheon<br>11:30am Old<br>Pueblo<br>Joan Phillips B/D | 15<br>Jim Burns B/D<br>Delores Moon B/D  |
| 16<br>6th Sunday after Epiphany<br>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                   | 17                                       | 18<br>Bible Study 9:00   | 19<br>Men's Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Florence Cafe    | 20<br>Bill Foster B/D     | 21  | 22<br>Bill & Cathy Foster - Anniv  |
| 23<br>Transfiguration of the Lord<br>Barbara Newman B/D  | 24                                       | 25<br>Bible Study 9:00   | 26<br>Ash Wednesday Service<br>7:00 pm            | 27                        | 28<br>Abigail Shirley<br>B/D  | 29   |
| Dates to Remember  | Yard Sale Mar 14                         |  |   |                           |   |  |

## **CHURCH INFORMATION SHEET**

To all who are reading this newsletter. With a new year upon us, the church office is in the process of updating records of all attendees. The church information sheet will allow us to do this. Please complete the form even if you are not a member or even a regular attendee. If you would like to have your information included in the new church directory, please mark the form accordingly. If you do not wish to be included in the directory, we ask you to please complete the form and return to the church, so that we have current information on you and your family. If you do not wish to have your phone number(s) included in the directory please write in "unlisted." If you need additional space, please use the back side of the form. If you have any questions please feel to contact the church office 520-868-5634. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm or you may leave a message. I look forward to hearing from you and rest assured this information will not be sold.

Yours in Christ,

Hello everyone, I need information from you to update/verify our **Church records**.

Please complete the information and return the form as soon as possible, to the box on the secretary's office door, by email, mail to First Presbyterian Church of Florence, PO Box 950, Florence, AZ 85132 or give to Beth Harmon.

1) Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or significant other's name: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Do you want to be in the Church Directory: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

3) Use the picture that is in the current directory: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

If no - please supply a picture you would like to have used. (You may email it to the church [FlorencePresby1@icloud.com](mailto:FlorencePresby1@icloud.com)) or mail to First Presbyterian Church of Florence, PO Box 950, Florence AZ 85132. Some of you who either do not have a picture or a current picture in the directory – PLEASE email one or have Beth take your picture.

4) Your name as you wish it to appear in the directory. \_\_\_\_\_

Winter home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or significant other's name. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Birthday (You do not have to include year) \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

(You do not have to include year) \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

(You do not have to include year) \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

6) Anniversary (You do not have to include year) \_\_\_\_\_

7) Local address (please include both street address and mailing address if different)

Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Summer address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your assistance in updating our records

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with all those whose lives we can touch.**