

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Ron Solt

In Loving Memory

4/13/1932 - 10/23/2019

Ron Solt passed away at home on Wednesday, October 23 his 61st year of residence in Prescott. He had spent a good part of his 87.5 years in the business community from 1963 to early 2002, owning and operating the largest independent clothing store in Norther Arizona. He loved his home, his coffee group, and his friends at the Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anne, his children David, Karen and Paul and his five grandsons: Daniel, Joshua, Jeremy, Jason and Adam. A memorial service will be held this coming Monday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. Gifts may be made to this church in which Ron was a member for 61 years.

SERVICE TO CELEBRATE RON'S LIFE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 28TH AT 2:00 PM IN OUR SANCTUARY



It's a Wonderful Life **RADIO PLAY SCEDULE**
Friday Oct. 25, 6-7 pm
&
Saturday Oct. 26 10-noon

VIDEO OF SUNDAY SERVICES

Thanks to all who contributed toward getting the equipment to video our Sunday worship services. \$2900.00 was raised! The total cost should not be that much more, so cabinet has approved paying the rest out of the general fund. Our thanks to Jim Logsdon for helping us get the equipment.



Jane Cheek and Murl Preble have volunteered to host this Sunday's Coffee Hour. Thanks you!!



FLOAT IN CITY PARADE ON VETERANS DAY

Please see John Huff if you would like to participate on our float on Monday, November 11, 10:30am-1:00pm

From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we focus on the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican as the fresco labels it - publican being a word for tax collector back in Roman times (Luke 18:9-14). The bottom line of the parable is that God is the one who justifies. A good reminder for Reformation Sunday!

REFORMATION DAY OCTOBER 31, 1517

Martin Luther claimed that what distinguished him from previous reformers was that while they attacked corruption in the life of the church, he went to the theological root of the problem—the perversion of the church’s doctrine of redemption and grace. Luther, a pastor and professor at the University of Wittenberg, deplored the entanglement of God’s free gift of grace in a complex system of indulgences and good works. In his Ninety-five Theses, he attacked the indulgence system, insisting that the pope had no authority over purgatory and that the doctrine of the merits of the saints had no foundation in the gospel. Here lay the key to Luther’s concerns for the ethical and theological reform of the church: Scripture alone is authoritative (sola scriptura) and justification is by faith (sola fide), not by works. While he did not intend to break with the Catholic church, a



The Pharisee and the Publican, baroque fresco in Ottobereuren Basilica.

Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God, that we may celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation. Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days. May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith. Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us in your word.

confrontation with the papacy was not long in coming. In 1521 Luther was excommunicated; what began as an internal reform movement had become a fracture in western Christendom. (Encyclopedia Britannica)



NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION: What are our common needs?

NVC practitioners and teachers Sharon Seymour and Rachel Garmon led a two-hour introduction to NVC on Saturday October 19 in Perkins Hall. NVC at its core is the practice of recognizing our own and others' needs before we speak out of ingrained habits or old ways: defensiveness, anger, cynicism. They prevent us from asking ourselves and others what needs do I feel, do I think they might be feeling. Empathy is described as "resting your awareness and listening attention on the speaker rather than thinking about what they're saying." In other words, it is about really listening and not simply be thinking what you are going to say as rebuttal, explanation, or rationale. It takes a lot of practice to get out of our own heads.

The photo, taken by Patty Lantrip, shows some of the needs each of us has. The teachers laid them out on the floor for us to choose which relate most to our experiences and our emotions. The last Sunday of the month Rachel and Sharon have a time to learn and practice compassionate communication. It is free and held in the lower meeting room of the Prescott Library from 2-4. I recommend it!

NVC was started by Marshall Rosenberg who wrote the book: **Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationship** -- Marti Garrison



Judaism for Non-Jews, meeting on Thursdays at 11 am in Perkins Hall. Coffee and snacks supplied. All are welcome, even if you haven't come before for previous classes

Christmas Pageant

December 22nd during Worship Service

Adult and Children's Participation
Volunteers needed!
email Melissa Gates: mgates716@gmail.com

Music by: Alternotes and the Chancel Singers



Throughout the year, we continue to help documented immigrant students needing assistance to meet their educational expenses. Most of our aid has been to assist Franceny Gardea, a junior at Prescott College, Francisco Gardea, a senior at the U of A. Donations to our DACA Fund are always welcome.

The immigration event we helped to plan and present September 21 at the Methodist Church was attended by over 200 people. Panelists addressed current government immigration laws, policies and practices. Guest speakers included an immigration attorney from Phoenix, an ordained Methodist immigration worker, the Humbolt-Dewey School Superintendent, and an area immigrant. Although they chose to decline, local law agencies were invited to be a part of our panel.

Monthly we provide a hot meal for women, and women with children staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). If you would like to help, please sign your name to our sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. PASS is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 16th from 1-4:00 P.M. Questions can be directed to Patty Gard, our PASS meal coordinator. In addition to PASS, we are exploring the possibility of helping to provide a meal to those staying at the CCJ Shelter. If interested, please see the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.



denomination's "Our Church's Wider Mission" (OCWM). Donations to OCWM will help support; new church development, innovative programs reaching out to young adults, regional administrative support for local churches, and ecumenical relationships. Please make your check payable to the church, with the memo note, OCWM.

Thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2) Our mission team members are: Becky & Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard, chairperson.

Schedule for "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Play

PH=Perkins Hall, S=Sanctuary

- AUDITIONS: Fri, Oct 25, 6-7 pm and Sat, Oct 26, 10:00 am - Noon (S)
- Sat, Oct 26, by 4pm Call/Email to actors "will you accept this role?"
- Sun, Oct 27, 10:30 am Roles announced at church; (SCRIPTS available to actors with directions for dramatic reading)

- *[Schedule times to rehearse with SFX live, SFX recorded & audio, & organ]*

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- Sat, Nov 2, 10am - Noon, Script and directions to actors - First read-through (PH)
- Sat, Nov 9, 10am - 12 Noon Scripts to actors -read through (S)

[change this to Sanctuary and practice with Microphones & assigned seats]

Offer that anyone who wants additional help can meet Monday, Nov 11, 6pm

- Wed. November 13, 6pm - 7pm Live & Recorded Sound Effects & music
- Sat, Nov 16, 9:30 am LIVE & RECORDED SFX QUICK RUN-THROUGH (S)
- Sat, Nov 16, 10:00 am - Noon FULL REHEARSAL (S)
- Sun, Nov 17, 12:30 pm DRESS REHEARSAL with Audience (S)
- Tue, Nov 19, 6 - 7pm, FULL REHEARSAL, IF NEEDED (S)
- Wed, Nov 20, 7pm: PERFORMANCE (pls be in Perkins Hall 6:30) (S)

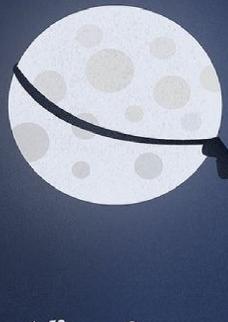


Looking Ahead



Veterans Day
Parade Nov. 11
11:00 a.m.





a one
hour
radio
play

*It's a
Wonderful
Life*

Wednesday November 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church
216 E. Gurley St.

ADMISSION IS FREE



Christmas
Potluck

DECEMBER 22ND

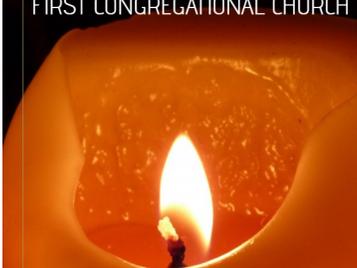
After Worship service

Bring a dish to share

Food, Fellowship & Fun!

Sign-Up Sheet in Perkins Hall

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CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE

12-24-2019 @ 7:00 PM

Lessons and Carols by candle light

Christmas Pageant

December 22nd during Worship Service

Adult and Children's Participation
Volunteers needed!
email Melissa Gates: mgates716@gmail.com

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BIRTHDAYS

Patty Lantrip 10/25
Marilyn Eby 10/28
Marti Garrison 11/01
Sandra Johns 11/01
Julie Mccurdy 11/01
Debbie Staats 11/01
Carolyn Prohaska 11/10
Judy Ely 11/11
Bill Rouse 11/15
Andrew Wallace 11/18
John Huff 11/23
Fay Wilson 11/24
Bob Bradstreet 11/28
Bill Linson 11/28
Patti Cichon 12/03
John Mccurdy 12/03
Carole Sue Linson 12/08
Sandra Talbot 12/08
Randy Jay Wilcher 12/17
Pete Norum 12/18
Jay Eby 12/24
Dillan Osborn 12/25
Don Stephens 12/25

EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

CHANCEL SINGERS

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

ALTER-NOTES

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".