

First Congregational Church

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



SEPTEMBER MISSIONS FOCUS

Our Mission Outreach emphasis for September is our denomination's Neighbors in Need (NIN). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a variety of social justice programs and initiatives. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.



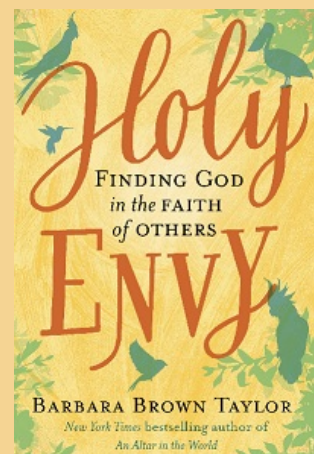
In addition to supporting NIN, our DACA Fund remains open to receive donations throughout the year. Our DACA Fund helps local documented college age students meet their college tuition and classroom expenses.

Questions? Our Mission Outreach Team members are: Becky & Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson).

HOLY ENVY: FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS by Barbara Brown Taylor

In her book, *Holy Envy*, which grew out of her 20 years teaching World Religions to her students at Piedmont College, Barbara Brown Taylor writes:

"I can think of all kinds of reasons to stay in my own back yard. They are often the same reasons (some students) say they do not take religion classes in college because their elders have warned them to stay away from competing truth claims. Those who 'leave home anyway' are often startled to discover the strenuous benefits of engaging truths different from their own.



"In the 1st place, they get to think much more deeply about where their beliefs come from and how well they fit together. In the 2nd place, they get to figure out how to explain their beliefs to people who are not already committed to them. (*Try explaining the Trinity to someone who does not already believe in it.*) In the 3rd place, they get to discover points of contact with neighbors of other faiths along with points of irreconcilable difference. Finally - and this is the most strenuous benefit of all - they get to engage those who are different without feeling compelled to defeat or destroy them. This requires skills. It also requires spiritual and psychological maturity, which makes it a work in progress for humans of any age.

"Once, at the end of a field trip to the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, the imam ended his meeting with students by saying, 'Our deepest desire is not that you become Muslim, but that you become the best Christian, the best Jew, the best person you can be. In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, Thank you for coming.' Then he was gone, leaving me with a fresh case of *holy envy*."

GROWING IN OUR FAITH.

- 1) How do you respond to Barbara's four insights concerning how we can often strengthen our own faith by entering into dialogue with others about theirs?
- 2) Do you share Barbara's "envy" over the hospitality and vulnerability of the imam's farewell words to the class, OR, when you ponder Jesus's *Great Commission* at the end of the Gospel of Matthew (28:19-20), do you feel compelled to try to persuade non-Christians to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

(During the month of October, Marti Garrison, 928-231-7664, and Harry Strong, 719-291-0779, would like to invite members and friends of FCC/UCC to discuss these and other questions about **Finding God in the Faith of Others**. Please contact Marti or Harry if you would like to continue this conversation.)

CABINET MEMBER

NOMINATION/VOLUNTEERS

Nomination/Volunteers are needed for our NEXT year openings.

PLEASE CONSIDER.....

OPENINGS:

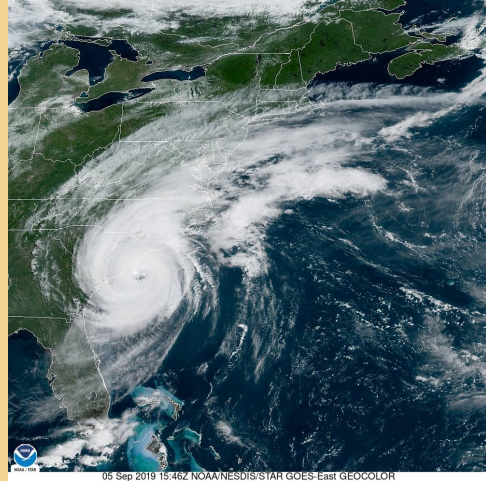
Co-Moderator, term ended, Patty Lantrip
Treasurer, replace Staci Robbins
Welcoming - **open (no one serving as chair)**

REMAINING ON BOARD:

Co-Moderator - Ralph Wagner
Clerk - Suzanne Boussard
Education Ministry - Marti Garrison
Called to Care - Co Chair Natalie Brummer/Harry Strong
Physical Resources - Ralph Gilges
Outreach - Gary Gard/Bill Bryant (see below)
Members At Large - Sandra Johns & Natalie Brummer

Gary Gard has recruited Bill Bryant to help with duties and represent Gary at our meetings. This will be a great addition.

Thank you for considering, Patty



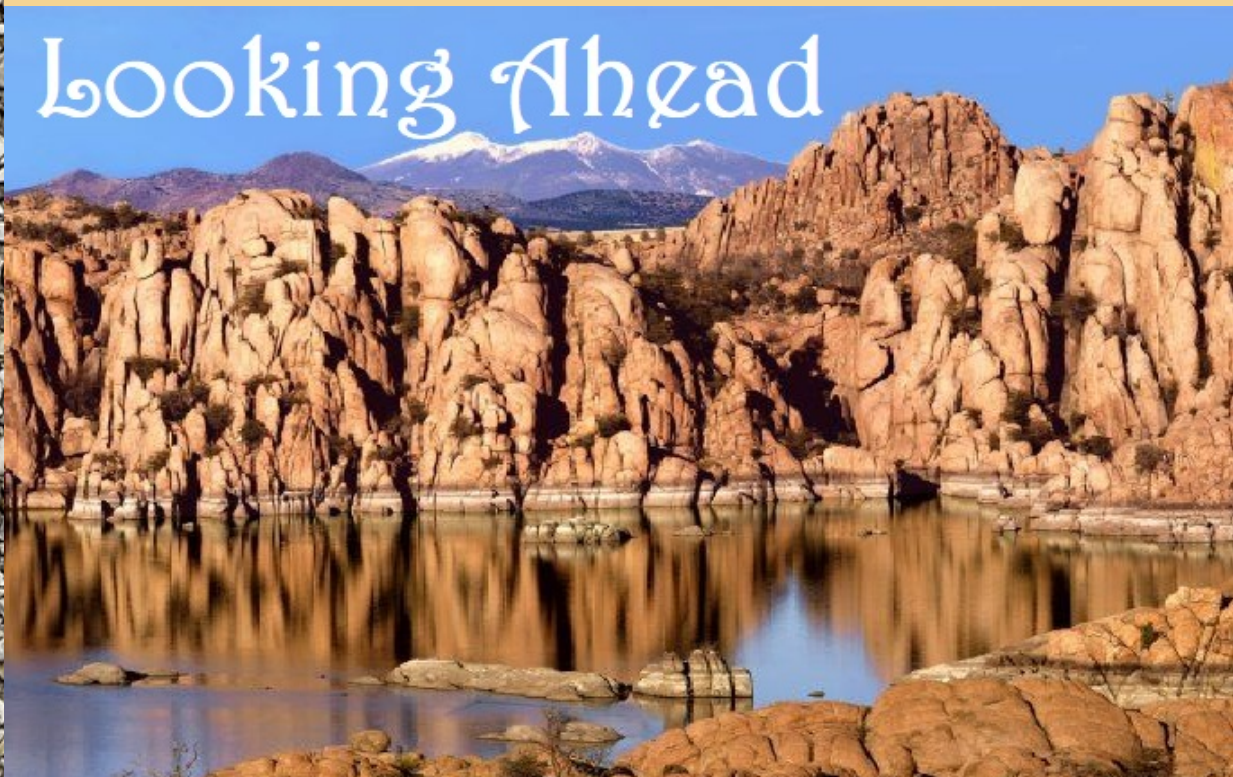
HURRICANE DORIAN

Dorian has caused least 20 deaths and unprecedented property damage since making landfall in the Bahamas Sunday, Sept. 2.

The UCC has no congregations in that country, which has historic commonwealth ties to Great Britain, but will monitor relief efforts there through ecumenical partners, including the international [ACT Alliance](#).

Do you want to help? You can by making a donation, just mark your check on the memo line "HURRICANE RELIEF".

Looking Ahead



SEPTEMBER 29TH,
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED
SEE PATTY LANTRIP IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN



Leave the world for a while – join us for quiet music, meditation, and a little peace and quiet.

Taizé Vespers Service Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Service begins at 6:30 pm

First Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
216 E. Gurley Street, Prescott



curiosity begets understanding
PRESCOTT, AZ - SEPT. 20 & 22
@ Mile High Middle School, downtown Prescott

The Neighborhood Summit for Equity intends to catalyze change by increasing awareness of racial and cultural inequities. Our mission is to provide engagement opportunities where we can bring out the best in one another as neighbors caring for each other. We are at our best when we are curious and respectful about our differences.

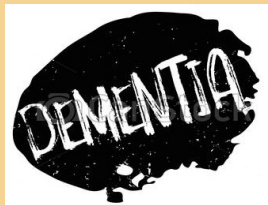
Neighborhood Summit for Equity - Fri Sept 20, 6 - 7:30pm
Keynote speech from Ezra Levin, Indivisible Project Founder
Address from Lexi Coburn, Sr. Training Assoc., Indivisible Project
Wisdom Invocation with Diverse Religious Leaders
Performances and Presentations on Cultural Equity

Racial Equity Workshops - Sun Sept 22
Racial Equity Workshop w/ Lexi Coburn 9am - 12pm (for out of town visitors)
Racial Equity Workshop w/ Lexi Coburn 2 - 5pm (for locals)

Collective Action w/ Todd Mireles 12 - 2 pm (open to public)

PrescottIndivisible.org/equity #NeighborhoodSummitForEquity

UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA



Ronda Hatfield, LPN, is a retired home health nurse worked with caregivers and facilitated caregiver support groups over the last 15 years of her career. She will lead a presentation and discussion on developing kind and compassionate interactions with those experiencing memory loss and dementia. She will show a DVD by Teepa Snow, MS, occupational therapist and dementia care specialist. This presentation and discussion will be split into one and a half hour sessions, Wednesdays Sept. 18th and 25th, 5-7:30, Fellowship Hall. Ronda notes, "As an inclusive church that welcomes all, this is a way to include members of our church family."

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IMMIGRATION NEWS:

Saturday, September 21, 1:00 PM at the United Methodist Church, we are co-sponsoring an immigration panel of speakers including:

- I A Master of Divinity graduate from a Methodist Seminary who is also a professor at Boston University teaching graduate classes on the subjects of immigration and theology.
- II An immigration attorney
- III A holocaust survivor
- IV Dan Streeter, Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent and Board member of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- V Representative of "No More Deaths", a humanitarian organization based in Southern Arizona.
- VI Member of the local immigrant community
- VII Community organizer and graduate student at Prescott College who has researched local law enforcement practices in Yavapai County.

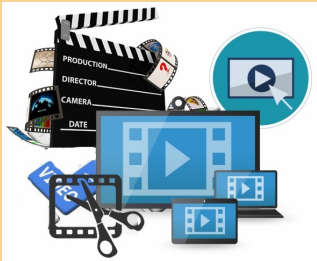


There will be a Q & A time following the panel presentation. Questions? Contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard [928- 910-2455]

COSTUMES FOR CHRISTMAS

PAGEANT: include 3 kings, 2 shepherds, Mary, Joseph and an angel. If you are interested in helping to supply some material please call Melissa (207-391-3276) first to find out color, design, type of material and quantity.





VIDEO OF SUNDAY SERVICES: After the success of our fundraising for our sound system, we are moving on to raising funds to be able to video the worship

service each Sunday and have it online - please designate for “video” if you would like to donate.



JUDAISM CLASS: We have had a large show of support for holding a class on Judaism for non-Jews! We begin

October 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in Perkins Hall. This will be a time to discover and understand the discipline and traditions of Judaism.

RADIO DRAMA

Are you an aspiring actor, or have you sometimes thought of being in a play but the thought of memorizing lines scares you half to death? Can you read well in front of an audience? This is your big opportunity!

On Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m., First Congregational Church will perform the Radio Drama version of Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life". This is a fun and easy way to put on a play because nobody needs to memorize any lines! There are 53 roles, both large and small. We also need people to do live sound effects and play additional recorded sound effects and music on a computer.

AUDITIONS will be Friday, November 1 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 2, from 10:00 am to Noon in Perkins Hall. If interested, please pick up a list of roles on the table in Perkins Hall. If you have questions, see Brian Moore after church or email him at brianmoore95@gmail.com.



GEORGE BAILEY	Dreamer/Loan Officer (male)
CLARENCE	Angel, Second Grade (male/female)
SUPERINTENDENT	Boss of Angels (male/female)
MARYHATON BAILEY	George's Wife/Librarian (female)
ANNOUNCER	Radio Announcer (male/female)
MR. POTTER	Warped, old financier (male)
UNCLE BILLY	Absent-minded clerk (male)
SAM WAINWRIGHT	Successful businessman (male)
POP BAILEY	George's father (male)
MA BAILEY	George's mother (female)
DR. CAMPSPELL	Board President (male/female)
GOWER	Pharmacist (male/female)
NICK	Drivney shareholder/bartender (male/female)
ERNE	Cab driver (male)
BERT	Local policeman (male)
MARTINI	Italian cafe owner (male/female)
YOUNG GEO. BAILEY	Boy, age 10 (male/female)
PETEY BAILEY	Boy, age 9 (male/female)
JANIE BAILEY	Girl, age 8 (female)
ZUCU BAILEY	Girl, age 6 (female)
COUSIN TILLY	Loan office clerk (female)
MRS. HATCH	Mary's mother (female)
TOLL-TAKER	Bridge Toll-Taker (male/female)
CHARLIE	Difficult shareholder (male/female)
MRS. DAVIS	Shareholder (female)
MRS. THOMPSON	Shareholder (female)
MR. WELCH	Irate husband (male)
CARTER	Bank Examiner (male/female)
IMPATIENT NEIGHBOR	Impatient neighbor (male/female)
SHERIFF	County Sheriff (male/female)
BANK TELLER	Bank clerk (male/female)
RANDY	Shareholder (male/female)
RADIO DIRECTOR	(NON-SPEAKING PART)

WARM FOR WINTER: We

have a barrel in the front of the sanctuary for donations to the “warm for winter” program. New items for children / gently used items ok for adults. Coats/jackets, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Items will be distributed on October 17, 9am-2pm at First United Methodist Church on Gurley, and on October 19, 9am-2pm at Prescott Church of the Nazarene on Willow Creek Road.



NINE AND DINE

It's time for another round of the delicious and fun Nine 'n Dine gatherings! The first round last spring was a great success and now we have new hosts welcoming church members and friends to their homes. To recap:

You sign up in Perkins Hall where it's posted Nine 'n Dine.

You and a few other guests will then be randomly assigned to an unknown host. That is the fun part: meeting new people and sharing a meal and conversation. So far we have three hosts.

- Then the host will contact you about finding a date and time that works for everyone in your group. The host fixes the main dish and asks guests to bring side dishes.
- You all gather at the host's house and have a good time getting to know those in the church you might not know as well as you would like.
- Questions? See Marti Garrison or write garrisonmarti@gmail.com



RECYCLING REMINDER

Patrons of Fellowship Hour are wondering what goes into the blue recycling waste basket and what goes in the regular black waste basket. Both are located by the kitchen door. Please help us keep the two separate so they can go into the proper bins outside.

In the **blue** can: cleanish paper plates (scrape off food into black basket); paper cups without liquid; plastic water bottles; paper items that are not dirty with food. No napkins or tissues or loose plastic bags!

In the **black** can: everything else.

And: if you take your silverware and cup or glass to the dishwasher by going through the end door, it helps alleviate congestion while the kitchen crew is cleaning up.

Thanks so much for being careful to see which can is which and for placing items accordingly and to using the “dishwasher door.”

The end goal is to not have recycling put in a plastic bag (doesn't that defeat the purpose?) but loose in the blue receptacle so David can take it out to our big recycling bin and just dump it. -- Your recycling queen

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pastor Jay

*Monday - Thursday:
9:00 am - 12:00*

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".

ANNIVERSARIES

William & Rebecca
Bryant 09/22
Janet & Ritch Steven
11/23

BIRTHDAYS

Yoichi Matsumoto
09/18
John Wilson 09/28
Destiny Hoitt 09/29
Ralph Gilges 10/09
Melissa Gates 10/13
Paul Monska 10/13
Dave Deville 10/15
David Foote 10/17
Elizabeth Gates 10/21
Harold Lobaugh 10/22
Suzy Lobaugh 10/23
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