



First Congregational Church

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JAY

The Cabinet has decided this Sunday will be our last public worship service for the time being. There will be no food and fellowship time after the service. We all continue to monitor the daily changes to the news about the coronavirus. During worship last week, we instituted several measures in response to the coronavirus. We avoided handshakes during the passing of the peace; we avoided everyone touching the offering plates by having the usher hold the plate at all times; and we changed our communion practice to disposable individual cups and providing bread with tongs. We will continue these practices Sunday, plus increase disinfecting doorknobs before and after worship. Older adults should use wisdom on whether to come to the worship service. Our worship service is on our website by Monday of each week, so it can be viewed from home. We will seek to have it available online for 10:30 am on Sundays so we can all stay in our routine. My hope is the service will include a sermon, announcements, prayer time, and a soloist for music.

As of next Friday, we will suspend the use of our building by outside groups. The news that major sports leagues are suspending games and seasons is sobering. We just need to be ready for possibilities. According to the medical experts, these actions are about reducing community spread when the virus hits our area, not because it is widespread already. These decisions are tough, but we want to contribute to everyone's health rather than be a site for the spread of the virus. The decision on when to resume public worship will be made based upon the situation with the virus.

Daily Updates



Christ and the Samaritan Woman by Diago di Buoninsegna Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Madrid, 1310

This Sunday we have the story of the Woman at the Well in John chapter 4. There is clear misogyny in the history of interpretation related to the woman in this text. We will try to give her the credit she is due.

Watch Sermons Here

**The Universal Christ Richard Rohr:
An Interactive Lenten Study**

SUSPENDED

Will us at church? Richard Rohr is an Episcopal Roman Catholic. Can a Lenten Prayer be said? What if you are what he has to say?

Fair questions. But might his questions (and answers!) be our questions too?

TILL FURTHER NOTICE

Member of our church will engage in study to explore answers to these and other questions.

We hope you will join us!

Study continues on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Feel free to ask and share. More info on Sunday for more information.

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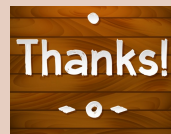
PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

People of the Passion
Maundy Thursday Service in our Sanctuary

People of the Passion is a series of nine dramatic monologues which connect our experiences and our feelings with the people of the Gospel, the people who met Jesus in the flesh and who were changed by that experience. Until now we have seen and heard these people at a distance, but now we had nothing in common with them.

TILL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you Natalie Brummer for the new lights for the library, they look illuminating!



MISSION NEWS AND UPDATES



This month's mission emphasis is the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH). PAHH helps low income families realize their dream of owning their own home. Those who qualify commit to doing "sweat equity" and to making mortgage payments based upon their annual income. Checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo, Habitat for Humanity.

Thanks to your generous giving to February's mission emphasis, a check for \$555. is being sent to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

We continue to assist our "adopted" DACA student, Franceny Gardea, a student at Prescott College. This week, a check is being sent to help her make a tuition installment payment. We have established a special DACA fund to which you may donate anytime throughout the year.

Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE	DATE
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	3/29/2020
Jane Cheek & Michele McFadden	4/5/2020
Hal & Ronda Hatfield	4/12/2020
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	4/19/2020
Jim Christopher & Christy Dinsman	4/26/2020
Henry & Linda Dahlberg	5/3/2020
Staci Robbins & Andre Shrimpton	5/10/2020
Murl Preble & Linda Kaul	5/17/2020
Gary & Patty Gard & Kathy Stephens	5/24/2020
Paula Parker & Mike Ortegus	5/31/2020
Lloyd Evans & Alice Kring	6/7/2020
Patty Lamerip & Helaine Berman	6/14/2020
Julie Jaquet & Sandra Johnson	6/21/2020
Dave Deville & Paula Parker & Mike	6/28/2020

OFFICE COUNTER SCHEDULE

16 - - Linda and Rita
23 - - Susan and Suzaanne
30 - - Angela and Don

SAVE THE DATE!
**140th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH
CELEBRATION
HOMECOMING FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN
AT THE CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
10:30 AM WORSHIP**

- **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 Thursday 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".

Birthdays

Betty Corn 03/13
Kathy Stephens 03/13
Patty Gard 03/18
Bret Ely 03/26
Andree Shrimpton 03/28
Susan Wilson 03/30
Janet Steven 04/08
Deana Wilson 04/27
Tom Lloyd 04/28

