



# First Congregational Church

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

## Congregational Meeting



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[This SUNDAY the 27th of January we meet for a potluck lunch right after the Worship service.](#)

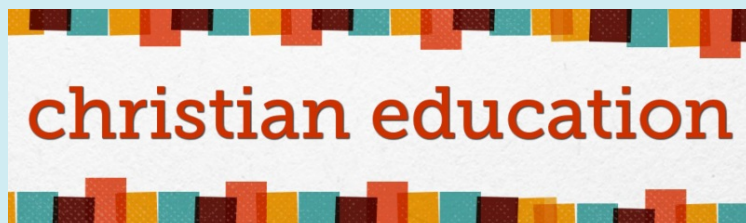


***BORG IS BACK! ! (on DVD) There's room for you to join us on Thursdays at 12:30 for sessions on Embracing an Adult Faith. In the Library, the topics will be - - Jan 24: Jesus, Jan 31: Salvation, Feb 7: Practice, Feb 14: Community. Each session is complete in itself discussing "What it Means to be a Christian" in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Don't miss any of them.***

### ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND SHARING

Meeting in the Church Library,  
downstairs below Perkins Hall  
**Our Spiritual Journeys**, Monday  
Feb. 4 and 18, 12-1:00 is for us to

share individual and unique  
spiritual journeys through life. Questions we have, doubts, joys, changing beliefs through life stages.  
Materials as guides are UCC's *The Jesus Diaries—Who Jesus is to Me*. We will also consider writing our  
own spiritual autobiographies.



**Social Justice**, Sunday, Feb. 10, 12-1:00. We'll share how our church and how we personally enact  
social justice. What is most important to you? What injustices and suffering do you see around you?  
How is God calling you to rise up and act?

**"God is Still Speaking," What Does that Mean for Us?** Wednesday, Feb. 10, 4:30-5:30, and ongoing.  
Why does "God is Still Speaking," end with a comma? "Never place a period where God has placed a  
comma" (Gracie Allen). Using UCC Still Speaking Bible studies and Robert Chase's book (in the  
library) *Life at the Intersection: Beyond the Comma*, we'll share what this means to each of us. What  
will you do this year to slow down and make space for God so you can be more engaged with your  
spiritual self and with our church?

**Embracing an Adult Faith Today**, Thursdays, Jan 31 - Salvation; Feb 7 - Practice; Feb. 14 - Community;  
12:30-1:30 in the church library. Pete Norum will lead this discussion using DVDs featuring author and  
Bible scholar Marcus Borg.

**The Bible and the United Church of Christ**, Sunday, February 24 and March 3, 9:15-10:15. We will use  
UCC materials as well as selected readings from our library to delve into how our church, part of the  
national UCC, opens the Bible for us.

**Coming up: Saturday, March 16, Parables Perusal**, led by several ministers in our midst. Each will  
select a parable to get us wondering: what *did* Jesus mean? Lunch provided.

**Women's Retreat** in April. Get ready for lively times and deeper looks into how women are presented  
in the Bible. Who are they? How do we relate...or not?

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION JANUARY 27, 2019

The annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 27, after worship in Perkins Hall. A potluck  
meal will be included. The 2019 budget and slate of officers will be presented.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**  
If you are interested in joining our membership, please let Pastor Jay or Moderator Patty Lantrip know!  
Our church website has lots of information about our church and UCC denomination. Membership allows one to vote and hold office in our church. Whether you decide to join or not, you are always welcome here!

**CHURCH PARKING**  
Discovery Gardens preschool parents use our parking lot weekdays as they pick up and drop off their children. We are ok with this since we use the school lot on Sunday mornings. Please use the school lot as you are able - this allows those who need our spaces to be able to find one. Thanks!

**PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES MEAL**  
Thanks to all who are helping with our monthly meals to the PASS women's shelter. There is a sign-up list for volunteers in Perkins Hall. Questions may be directed to our PASS coordinator, Patty Gard ( 928 460 3042). February 19 is our next meal. Food items are brought to our parking lot at 5:00pm and taken to the shelter by one of our volunteers.

**MISSIONS OUTREACH FOR JANUARY**

This month's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Community Cupboard. Last year 14,629 families and those who are homeless received food bags containing protein, vegetable, and dairy items. Volunteers are always needed to help pack the grocery bags. For the last several years, Al Beeson has served as our team captain. There is now a need for a co-captain to serve with Al. If you are interested in helping to pack or to serve as co-captain, please contact Al at 928-717-9915.



For donations, a check may be made payable to the church with the memo, Community Cupboard. In Perkins Hall there is a box for donated canned food items. Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing [Genesis 12:2]. For any questions or comments, members of our Mission Outreach team are always available. Bill and Becky Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard, chairperson.

PLEDGE CARD

Regularly Scheduled

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**  
An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Conference room. All adults are welcome.

**EVERY WEEK COMMUNION**  
“Every Sunday Communion” takes place in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays. Communion is open to all.

**ONCE A MONTH 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 the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**CABINET MEETING**  
Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

**VAN MINISTRY**  
If you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please let Bill Rouse know by the Saturday before. 602-769-5770

**THE RINGING BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
If you would be interested in playing with us, we will train you! This is a fun and rewarding contribution to our worship. We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

**CHANCEL SINGERS**  
If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

**ALTER-NOTES**  
Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS**  
Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or wait until the children's time with the pastor and then go to Sunday school. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service at the discretion of the parent(s).



CONTACT US

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**ADMINISTRATION**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00  
Friday 9:00 - 1:00  
**PASTOR JAY**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00  
other times by appointment