

The Parish Caller

Established 1880

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

This Week at a Glance...

- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- SUNDAY: ANNUAL MEETING: RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK
- Prayer Chapel: Tuesday 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Prayer Chapel: 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

Annual meeting time! A time to reflect on the past and our future. I met with a couple this past week to talk about our church, and I made this statement: "There is hardly anything that has not changed here in the last three years!" I think the only rooms not updated in the whole church are the two bath rooms downstairs, the furnace room, and the storage rooms. Every other spot in the church is not the same as three

years ago. The street and landscape are completely different. The interior of our historic house/office looks different. And our restaurant building housing Prescott Station has received upgrades to its HVAC and electrical systems. Wow! All staff and leadership positions in the church have changed except for Jane Osborn, Rev. Bill Linson, Julie Jaquette, and Deb Staats (I arrived in April of 2015). Thanks to Julie Jaquette, the weekly Caller and our Facebook and website have changed quite a bit also.



With all the changes, our purpose remains the same:

- To worship God with a radical welcome to all - we are all equal as children of God!
- To be stewards of the buildings entrusted to us by those who came before us
- To be a progressive voice in Prescott - following Jesus to love those on the margins
- To allow a safe place to explore faith and ask questions
- To offer a connection to historic Christianity along with a progressive faith
- To be challenged by the message of Jesus
- To allow intellectual curiosity and diverse opinions (Our forebears founded Harvard and Yale and Prescott College)

Those are just a few of my thoughts on our purpose - I am sure you could add others. We shall see what happens over the next three years. Change is inevitable, but hopefully it will come on a smaller scale so we can catch our breath! I am grateful for all of you and the welcoming spirit you provide each Sunday. Newcomers will continue to bring gifts and talents that will change us for the better - so bear with them if you find them in your favorite pew spot :)

Jay

DONT MISS OUR 2018

ANNUAL MEETING



AND POTLUCK
Sunday January 28st
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

AGENDA:

- Reporting on 2017
- Voting on new Leadership
- Voting on 2018 Budget

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE INFO: 928-445-4555

SIGNUP SHEET
in Perkins Hall
PLEASE RSVP

BRING A DISH
warming oven
available in kitchen

EVERYONE WELCOMES TO
ATTEND--IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS



ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 28 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE
POTLUCK! SIGN-UP SHEET IN PERKINS
HALL

- PLEASE HELP US SAVE PAPER AND DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN COPY OF THE FCC ANNUAL MEETING.
- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU STAY INFORMED AND CAST YOUR VOTE DURING THE MEETING SO PLEASE READ THE REPORTS.

DOWNLOAD YOUR ANNUAL
REPORTS AND 2018 BUDGET
HERE

PER CAPITA DUES

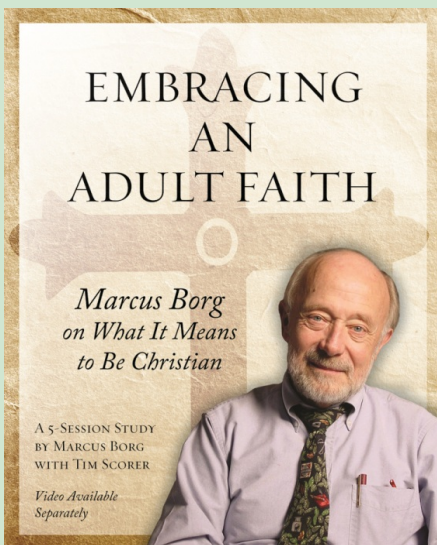
At our recent Cabinet meeting, we had a discussion on current members. Once a year our church sends a "Per Capita Dues" -pledge to the support of the SW Conference and the wider United Church of Christ. At this time the amount equals \$11.00 per member or per capita dues. To this end, it is important to identify our members as active or inactive since we do send the monies according to our records. That identification was completed recently. If anyone would like to pay for his/her member per capita dues, please note on your checks. Thank You!

Patty Lantrip, Cabinet Member

Pre-Lenten Adult Sessions

"Embracing an Adult Faith"

SERIES STARTS ON FEBRUARY 21ST, AT 5:30 PM
AND WILL INCLUDED A SOUP MEAL!



NEW - PRE-LENTEN ADULT
SESSIONS START
SUNDAY, FEB. 4

We will be using Marcus Borg's
"Embracing an Adult Faith".

This Lenten series is based on a curriculum developed and distributed by the United Church of Christ: "White Privilege." Clearly, our society is in need of racial healing, every bit as much today as in the past. The UCC and First Congregational Church of Prescott believe that people of faith have a special role to play in working to heal racial divides and advance the cause of justice. One place to focus this important work is on understanding and recognizing how deeply, and often invisibly, white privilege permeates our society, standing in the way of equity and justice for people of color. The aim of the "White Privilege" curriculum is to help participants understand that disapproving of the systems that privilege whites will not be enough to change the system. Racism will not simply end if white people change their attitudes, because racism is racial discrimination coupled with societal power. The systems that benefit white people in obtaining jobs, housing, healthcare, education, etc. must themselves be challenged, disempowered, and changed. While individual acts can help, they cannot by themselves end these systemic problems.



Schedule:

Feb. 4 - - What about God?

Therefore, addressing the problems of racism requires first seeing the systems of power in place and their colossal unseen dimensions that

- Feb. 11 - - What about Jesus?
- Feb. 18 - - What about Practice?
- Feb. 25 - - What about Community?

Each session stands alone, so attend those you can.

Sessions will be offered twice

- 9:10 - 10:10 before worship
- 11:45 - 12:45 after worship

Get your coffee and bring it!

Place: Maggie B. room downstairs.

Format: watch a DVD of Marcus and a small group, then discuss what we saw ourselves.

create and perpetuate privilege for some and injustice for others.

The curriculum is intended to help people to “see” race-based power and privilege, their manifestations and their impacts. Only after getting honest about how white privilege has functioned and continues to be perpetuated can there be dialogue about how to address its causes and make strides toward the necessary reparations and redistribution of power and opportunity. Bill Bryant is a member of First Congregational Church United of Christ of Prescott. He is Founder and CEO of BetterRhetor, an educational resource company aimed at better preparing students for college-level academics, regardless of income or background. He earned a PhD in American Studies from the University of Iowa.

Feb. 11	Jazz Sunday with Mood Swing
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm
Feb. 18	New Members Received; Womansong in Worship
Feb. 21	Lenten Series Begins – White Privilege Curriculum – “Laying the Groundwork”
Feb. 28	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “Whiteness as The Norm”
Mar. 7	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “The Cash Value of Whiteness, Part 1”
Mar. 14	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “The Cash Value of Whiteness, Part 2”
Mar. 21	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “Spiritual Autobiographies Told Through the Lens of Race”
Mar. 28	Lenten Series - White Privilege – “Becoming an Ally”
Apr. 1	Easter Sunday
Apr. 8	Holy Humor Sunday
Apr. 15	Beetles Sunday

**FREE CONCERT @
First Congregational Church
Friday March 23, 2018**

6:00—6:30 open for silent auction
6:30-7:30 Sugar and the Mint Show

Donations accepted to cover new album & 2018 travel expenses

sugarandthemint.com

**2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival
band contest WINNERS**

**sugar
& the
mint**



ALTER-NOTES

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of bringing alternative styles of music to our worship service? Come join Alter-Notes! We rehearse at 12-12:45 p.m. on Sundays, after social time. Music styles vary -

2018 PLEDGE UPDATE

- TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE PLEDGED: 66

calypso, spirituals, folk, celtic, pop, rock, and everything in between.

Show up and/or call Melissa Gates, [207-391-3276](tel:207-391-3276).

THE CHANCEL SINGERS

You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join us! The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel.

For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or prescottsong@hotmail.com.

GREETERS

Thank you to our four December greeters for making almost all Sundays in December.

Coming up for January 14,21,28:

Eric and Rita Day

Patty Brenner

Andree Shrimpton

VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is 602-769-5770. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.

- MEMBERS: 54
- FRIENDS & REGULAR ATTENDERS: 12
- TIME AND TALENT SHEET: 10
- TOTAL FUNDS PLEDGED: \$97,020

It isn't too late to turn in a pledge if you have not already, No pledge is too small.



HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine 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.

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care holds a weekly prayer time at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Chapel downstairs. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box in Perkins Hall.

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

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 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

CHANCEL SINGERS

If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase its 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 in the Hazeltine Room 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

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

