

First Congregational Church

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



A letter from Pastor Jay

I would like to thank all of you for continuing to support and connect with the church. These are difficult days for all of us, so be sure to offer grace to yourself and others. Here are some items I wanted to share with you:

- We continue our weekly schedule – Thursday Zoom connection at 10am; Friday Zoom Bible Study at 10am; Sunday Morning Zoom Gathering & Worship at 10am; and the Recorded Worship on our Website and Facebook sites Sunday morning.
- Deana Wilson is coordinating music for the recorded Sunday service while Jane Osborn is sharing music on the Live Sunday Zoom worship. Jane is at work when we need to record the web service so that is why we have gone to this plan.
- Our Easter Worship Service on YouTube is approaching 200 views so thanks for your support!
- Our Called to Care team is keeping in touch with any members needing help – if you know of needs, please contact me or Rev. Harry Strong.
- Tom and David are using this time of closure to do a deep clean of the church – our thanks to them!
- The outside locks on the church have been changed so we are very secure!
- I was scheduled to take a three-month sabbatical for June, July, and August. Since things are already disrupted, it would seem best to do it during that time. Our retired clergy are already set up to fill in with sermons and pastoral care.
- Since we do not know how long it will be before large gatherings are allowed, we are in a “wait and see” mode regarding future events.
- Sunday’s gospel lesson is about the disciples locked in a house in fear, and Jesus coming in to offer peace and the Holy Spirit. Very appropriate! May the Risen Christ enter our homes with grace and peace!

Pastor Jay

Invest in futures

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing



This month’s mission emphasis is our denomination’s **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. OGHS dollars support national/global programs/projects which fund [1] health, education, and agricultural projects [2] natural and human caused disaster relief and [3] Refugee Settlement aid. In I Corinthians 3, Paul writes that we are co-workers in God’s service. Some of us plant. Some of us water. God gives the growth.

When we donate to the OGHS, we plant and water programs/projects which install water wells in villages without access to clean water. We teach new methods of farming so fields will increase their yield. We shelter people whose lives have been devastated by hurricanes or by human violence. In all of this, we are co-workers in God’s service. We embody God’s love and desire to infuse hope and healing. Checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo, “OGHS”.

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MARTI AS A PIONEER GAL READY TO BAKE BREAD

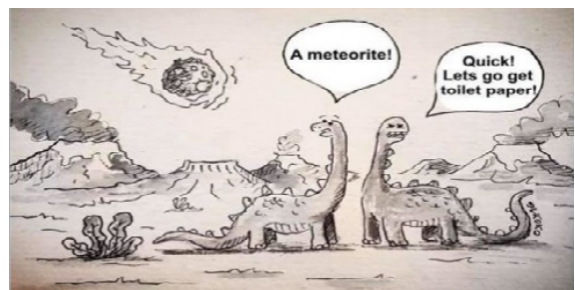
Beautiful bread! A new recipe with last bag of flour in the store and a jar of wheat germ hidden on the bottom shelf.
The recipe is a keeper.



Thoughts and prayers go out to all those who spent months telling their spouses they would get to it when they have time.



Remember when this was cute?



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- Online – go to our website: www.fccprescott.org and look for the tab on the front page
- You can set up regular, ongoing giving or one-time giving.
- Use your credit card and get some points!
- Your bank may have free online bill pay. You find the tab on your online account, fill in the details of the check as you would a regular check, and the bank mail will mail it for you! You can set up a

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John & Julie Mccurdy 04/18
Don & Kathy Stephens 05/20
Deana & Susan Wilson 05/27

one-time check or recurring scheduled check amount.

- Mail a check out to the church and mail it to 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

The church office is closed going forward, so no one will be there to receive your offering. If you need to drop it off with someone, call Pastor Jay (928-899-9066) and he will coordinate with someone to receive it and get it to our church safe.

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BIRTHDAYS

Deana Wilson 04/27
Tom Lloyd 04/28
Gerri Lyons 05/03
Matt Ely 05/04
William Bryant 05/05
Ritch Steven 05/17
Nancy Blevens 05/18
Anne Solt 05/18
Lisa Sandberg 05/19
Caleb Flanagan 05/22
Joanne Lussier 05/25
Beth Bradstreet 05/26
Sarah Huff 05/26
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Anna Strong 05/28

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