

First Congregational Church Prescott, UCC

Sundays
10:30 a.m.

The Parish Caller

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Worship Service: The Good Shepherd at 10:30 a.m.
- Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
- Prayer Chapel: Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- OPUS: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Perkins Hall
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m. Chapel downstairs
- Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 11:00 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

The fourth Sunday after Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. Psalm 23 is also included each year on this Sunday. The image of Jesus as "Good Shepherd" is found in the catacombs as a comfort to those being persecuted before Christianity became legal in 313.

Although most of us are far removed from being around sheep and shepherds, I think we are still moved and comforted by this image of Jesus/God as One who shepherds us through the ups and downs of this life and through the shadow of death. I am thinking of two women who needed a Shepherd this week - a young woman on a Southwest Airline flight and an older woman of 92 at her home in Houston.



Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants Jennifer and Barbara. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

[Listen to Jay's Sermons](#)

Join Us this Wednesday Night for "An Evening with Opus"

APRIL 25th at 5:30-8:00 p.m.

CABARET STYLE SEATING IN PERKINS
HALL

BYOB--(alcoholic and non-alcoholic)

APPETIZERS/SNACKS TO SHARE WITH
OTHERS



LET US DANCE, EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

These photos show the happy faces of a young family moving into their Habitat for Humanity home. The completion of this home, and of two other projects presently under construction, mark the 90th family living in a home built by Habitat crews in the Prescott area.



DACA PRESENTATION

On Wednesday evening, an audience assembled in Perkins Hall to hear three DACA college students describe their entry into the United States, the fear they awaken to each day, and the dreams they still hold. They each are pursuing college degrees which they hope will not only enrich their lives but will serve the needs of others in society. They reminded us that since their early childhood days, America has been the only home they have known. They spoke of values any American would be proud to hear. Love of family. Deep appreciation for the sacrifices their parents have made on their behalf. The worth of hard work. The gratitude they feel for living in a land of opportunity.

Myth:	Reality:
• "They are Children"	• 16-37year olds (≤ 31yo by 2012)
• "DREAMers use Chain Migration as the new Trojan Horse"	• DACA recipients have NO path citizenship, so our parents don't either
• "They pay no Taxes"	• We pay Taxes
• "Stealing our Welfare"	• Non-Resident Legal Status is denied ALL government aid (Financial Aid, Medi-Care/-Aid, SNAP, etc..)
• "They're Criminals"	• USCIS denies applicants who fail strict background checks

Contrary to voices which attempt to picture them as "illegals who only reap the benefits of American society without giving anything", they spoke of how they, like any American, pay taxes and obey the laws. They embodied how they contribute to and enrich society. There are more DACA participants holding college degrees than there are Americans their age who hold 4-year college degrees (36% vs 32%). They touched our hearts by their heartwarming stories of family love, loyalty, sacrifice, and the worth of challenging work. They "humanized" what often is only an "issue" at play in the world of politics. There are DACA information sheets on the mission table in Perkins Hall. Some facts will probably surprise you. They may even



awaken you to new thoughts about seeing immigrants as neighbors not to be feared, but to be treasured.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Each month, we highlight a particular mission. Thanks to your support of our March mission project, a check for \$275 is being sent to the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity [PAHH]. PAHH sends 10% of undesignated monetary donations to support a Habitat project in a Kenyan village. For the month of April, our mission emphasis is the One Great Hour of Sharing [OGHS]. OGHS donations support nation/global programs which fund: (1) Health, Educational, Agricultural projects (2) Disaster Relief and (3) Refugee settlements. Thank you for helping us heed God's call; "You are blessed to be a blessing" (Genesis 12).



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY IS TAKING A BREAK AND WILL RESUME MAY 17

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 -- 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.

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.



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PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

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

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 11:00 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 in the Hazeltime 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



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

