



# The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott 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.
- **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
- **Bell Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday 11:00 a.m.

## THE CHURCH SPEAKS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

From the UCC.org

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22: 35-39*



As we think about whether American society embodies Jesus' teaching that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, we need to be concerned about public schools, the primary institution where we have agreed to nurture and shape God's precious children. Public schools are our largest public institution, serving nearly fifty million children.

In the national conversation about public education, our role in the church is special. We are concerned about our schools as an ethical and public policy matter. How do they embody attitudes about race and poverty, power and privilege, and cultural dominance and marginalization, and how do disparities in public investment reflect these attitudes?

The United Church of Christ has spoken prophetically to name poverty and racism as among the primary causes of injustice in our nation's schools. General Synod 15 warned: "While children from many areas have comfortable schools with all the educational trimmings, poor and ethnic minority children often face overcrowded and deteriorated facilities, and a lack of enrichment programs or modern technology." General Synod 18 cautioned: "Because the poor and their children are disproportionately people of color, the educational inequities in our public schools reinforce the racial/ethnic injustices of our society.

" General Synod 23 proclaimed public school support - and advocacy for the same - as one of the "foremost civil rights issues in the twenty-first century." General Synod 25 called all settings of the UCC to do justice and promote the common good by strengthening support for public institutions and providing "opportunity for every child in well-funded, high quality public schools."

For more information about the UCC General Synod or the UCC Peace and Justice Network go here: [http://www.ucc.org/join\\_the\\_network](http://www.ucc.org/join_the_network)

UCC PEACE AND JUSTICE NETWORK

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
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# IT IS TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST--JUNE 30

Many of you have already volunteered to help us, a sign-up sheet will be in Perkins Hall very soon. We need every one to participate in some way with this annual event, it is a big one and we need all the help we can get.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Join the planning committee
- Volunteer the day before to help with set up
- Volunteer the day of to help with serving, cooking and clean up
- Donate by purchasing something on our list of things to buy
- Funding a portion of what is on our list

A sign-up sheet will be in Perkins Hall within the next few weeks.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, please see Patty Lantrip, [palantrip@gmail.com](mailto:palantrip@gmail.com)

## SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

“Organize” was the theme of the UCC Conference, but it could easily be INSPIRE! Both are verbs which call us to ACT, MOVE, DO and explore our call. I spent one day (optional) listening to Rev Alexia Salvatierra (Google her!) and sharing thoughts with those around me. It was a lesson of motivation through faith, hence ‘FAITH ROOTED ORGANIZING.’

The class I chose on Friday was Spiritual Activism Training, taught by Rev Vernon Meyer, Sun Lakes UCC; listen, express empathy and understanding, and identify needs, and so much more.....so excellent!



My experience as a first time delegate was overpowering in a good way, the people I got to know, excellent sermons and services and the extravagant welcome shown by Rincon UCC. Thank you for “sending” me!

Patty Lantrip



## YAVAPAI COUNTY COALITION FRIENDS AND FAMILY ANNUAL PICNIC

May 27<sup>th</sup> 11 till sun down, Watson Lake

Our church will have booth at this year’s LGBTQ picnic again. Everyone is invited to attend this event, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up and representing our church in the booth. Those that volunteer will receive a free entrance ticket. Volunteer schedule will stagger your help so you may attend and participate in the events.

Please see the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall or call Julie at: 9\*28-445-4555

## 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](mailto: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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts									
April		YTD	January	93	January			July			Undesignated Missions			
Pledges	\$ 4,556	\$ 32,166	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325						YTD	\$ 475	
Non-Pledge	\$ 5,469	\$ 13,466	March	101	February			August			OCWM			
Facility Use	\$ 1,275	\$ 4,533	April	114	PASS		\$ 320					YTD	\$ 75	
Foundation		\$ 27,862	May		March			September						
Memorials			June		HABITAT		\$ 275							
Total	\$ 11,300	\$ 78,027	July		April			October						
Expenses, Actual			August		OGHS		\$443							
	April	YTD	Sept		May			November- December						
Expenses	\$ 18,934	\$ 81,663	Oct											
Annual Budget Needs			Nov		June			December						
	Annual		Dec											
Expenses	\$249,300													



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

**REGULARLY SCDEDULED**

**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

**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 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



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.**

