



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."

April 7th, 2017



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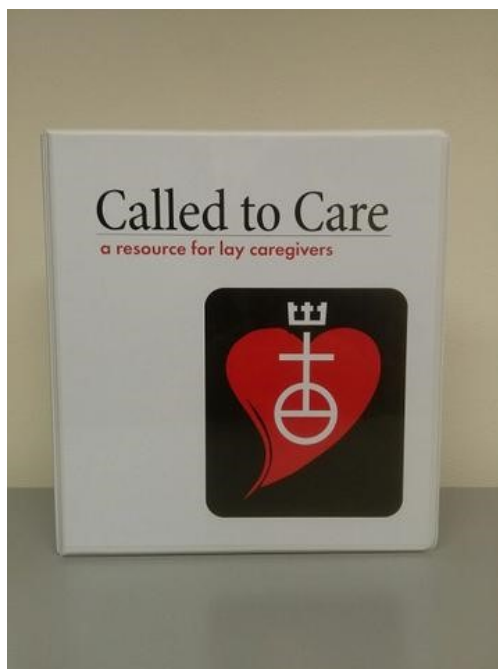
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This Week at a Glance...

- ♦ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ♦ **PALM Sunday Worship Service and Fellowship time:** 10:30 am
- ♦ **Sunday New Member Class:** Meet in the back of the Sanctuary 11:45
- ♦ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** 12:00 pm
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday:** 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner & Communion and Tenebrae Service

FROM PASTOR JAY

We enter Holy Week this Sunday with Passion/Palm Sunday worship (Matthew 26:14-27:66). We will reflect upon what the cross reveals about God.



*The Entry into Jerusalem, about 1030 - 1040, Ottonian, unknown author
Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany (Place created)
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles*

This week I attended a clergy breakfast at Marley House near the high school. Marley House is a hospice care center. A palliative care doctor spoke to us about dementia and Alzheimer's disease. He talked about how we live in a retirement community where people move from other places, often away from their children, and therefore away from family who might be the first to notice the onset of dementia. And then he spoke about the importance of a church family stepping in to provide that important presence when family is absent. I was reminded at that moment how grateful I was for our Called to Care team led by Marilyn Kerstine. This is one of the most important ministries of our church. The care of the widow/widower is highlighted in scripture. If you would like to be part of Called to Care and focus on our homebound members and friends, please let Marilyn know.

See you Sunday, Jay



Monday Prayer
Chapel at 11:00
am in the Church
Library

ANNIVERSARIES

Julie & John
McCurdy 04/18

BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Steele 04/04

Wesley
Bradstreet 04/05

Sandra Palacios 04/09

Steve Landkamer 04/12

Ron Solt 04/13

Cindy Feuerriegel 04/17

Tom Lloyd 04/28

Dear Church Family,

Hallelujah! We are thrilled to share the good news that I am cancer free. It has been an "interesting" journey and, at times, an amazing one. We both want to thank you, dear folk, for all your prayers, good wishes, encouragement, shared stories, cards, etc. through these last eight months. We are blessed to belong to such a caring community. God is listening!

Thank you all again for your loving support,
Linda & Dave Foote

Char Tarr Memorial Service

Sunday 2:00 Pm

In Celebration of Char S. Tarr



Sept. 5, 1919—Jan. 16, 2017

MAUNDY THURSDAY - THIS WEEK APRIL 13TH

Spaghetti Dinner

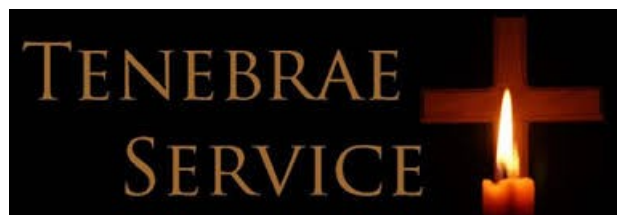
We will enjoy an evening meal together of pasta and salad at 5:30—7:00 pm this Thursday on Maundy Thursday. Signup sheet in Perkins Hall.



Tenebrae Service

Following our meal, we will move to the Sanctuary for Communion and Tenebrae Service.

Tenebrae is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are recited.



Parish
Stewardship

Offerings

	April	YTD
Offerings	\$ 3,142	\$31,273
Facility	\$ 720	\$ 2,752
Foundation	\$ -	\$16,030
Other	\$ -	\$ 5,503
Total	\$ 3,862	\$55,558

Expenses

	April	YTD
Expenses	\$ 2,698	\$73,801

Outreach Gifts

	2016	2017
Jan	\$ 135	\$ 270
Feb	\$ 170	\$ 265
Mar	\$ 949	\$ 760
Apr	\$ 165	\$ 460
May	\$ 279	\$ -
Jun	\$ 415	\$ -
Jul	\$ 4,373	\$ -
Aug	\$ 215	\$ -
Sep	\$ 240	\$ -
Oct	\$ 1,009	\$ -
Nov	\$ 625	\$ -
Dec	\$ 1,492	\$ -
Total	\$10,067	\$ 1,755

Cory Replica

Cost	\$ (1,026.68)
Gifts	\$ 660.00
Balance	\$ (366.68)

Memorial Gifts

Char Tarr	\$ 5,500
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Attendance; Monthly Average

January	102
February	89
March	89
April	102

Easter
Brunch

Join us for Easter Brunch next
Sunday after worship.
Sign-up sheet is in
Perkins Hall.

ALARCON STREET PROJECT: THE END IS IN SIGHT
SO COME CELEBRATE!

THE 1ST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
INVITES YOU TO AN INFORMAL COMMUNITY GATHERING
AT THE BIG CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF
ALARCON AND GURLEY

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 5-6:30

COME ENJOY WINE TASTINGS FROM PRESCOTT WINERY,
ART DISPLAYS FROM MOUNTAIN ARTISTS' GUILD
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND MUSIC!

THIS HAS BEEN A STRESSFUL TIME: LOSING PARKING,
NEGOTIATING THE MUD AND PUTTING UP
WITH NOISY MACHINERY

SO TAKE A BREATH AFTER WORK...
COME MEET FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT THE CHURCH!



7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT US:

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Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

Regularly
Scheduled

PASS MEAL

Once a month we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets 9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

ALTER-NOTES

Meets at 11:45 for rehearsal in the Hazeltine Room after worship service.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets for rehearsal at 11 am on Thursdays

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care weekly prayer group meets at 11:00 am on Mondays in the Chapel

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library/Chapel. See Julie J. for more details.

KNIT WITS

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

Lenten Series Schedule

March— April 5th
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for meal and “Great Figures of the New Testament”

Sunday Lenten Series
Schedule

For the month of March,
Sunday morning at 9:30
“Great Figures of the New Testament”

"GETTING TO KNOW THE UCC AND OUR CHURCH"
& NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our church in the Community: Who are we and what do we do? Our important presence in Prescott. Come learn on April 9 after worship. Gather in the back of the sanctuary then we will go down to Meeting Room #1. This is the second part of information and discussion sessions for members old, new, and prospective. 11:45.

CHAR TARR MEMORIAL

April 9th, 2 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion and Tenebrae Service will follow a Spaghetti Potluck Dinner on at April 13 at 5:30—7:00 pm Signup sheet in Perkins Hall.

EASTER SUNDAY— CHURCH BRUNCH

April 16—we will gather in Perkins Hall for a potluck brunch after Easter Worship Service. This is for those who do not want to fight the crowds at restaurants or who do not have family gatherings that day. Plan to join us!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 23, get ready for a good laugh!

JAZZ VESPERS

April 26 at 6:30— Bluegrass with Sugar in the Mint

ALARCON STREET PARTY AND GATHERING

April 28th, Friday 5:00— 6:30 pm, come for a breather after work, for a wine tasting from Prescott Winery and art displays from Mountain Artists’ Guild. Join us as we meet the neighbors on Alarcon Street. There will be music and light refreshments!

ALTER-NOTES

A new, alternative music group, to sing on occasional Sundays needs singers and instrumentalists. If you don’t have time to commit to every Sunday but like to and want to sing or play an instrument, come and join us. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

CORY PAINTING

Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Cory Replica. We have received \$660 so far to go towards the final cost for the digital copy, printing on canvas and framing, is \$1,026.68. If you would like to contribute to the expenses, please designate Cory on your gift. Thanks to all!

APRIL MISSION FOCUS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. The One Great Hour of Sharing reaches out to neighbors who have suffered the ravages of war, of violence, of famine, of natural disasters. When a hurricane hit the Philippines, a young boy asked his father, "Why didn't God stop the rain and wind?" We can hear other young children asking, "Why doesn't God stop the bombing?" Or, others asking, "Why doesn't God hear our prayers for food and for shelter?" We can't pretend to speak for God, but we can act for God. We can show compassion. We can support actions which show the love, grace, and mercy of God. The One Great Hour of Sharing is this month's mission emphasis.