



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."

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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Practice:** 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 p.m. in the Hazeltine Room
- ◆ **P.A.S.S.:** Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Maggie B. Room
- ◆ **Jewish—Christian Fellowship:** Friday 5:15 p.m. Temple B'rth Shalom

FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday we welcome our local Jewish Synagogue members to our worship service – and then we will visit the Temple next Friday night to worship with them. The text for Sunday is 1 Kings 19:1-18 which is about Elijah running for his life and pouting under a broom tree. We will see what God does with his discouraged servant, and we will learn what God might do for us when we have had all we can take.



As we welcome our Jewish friends to worship, we do so with the understanding that they are God's children just like us. I am pleased to share the statement adopted by our denomination in 1987:

87-GS-85 VOTED: The Sixteenth General Synod [of the United Church of Christ] adopts the Resolution "the Relationship Between the United Church of Christ and the Jewish Community."

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UCC AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Historical Background and Theological Rationale

Christianity, developing its faith and identity, its life, and its creativity from a common heritage with Judaism, has a unique relationship to the Jewish people. The New Testament can only be adequately understood in the light of this common heritage with the Jewish people. The New Testament testifies to how painful was the historical process of separation of the Christian community from the Jewish people.

We in the United Church of Christ acknowledge that the Christian Church has, throughout much of its history, denied God's continuing covenantal relationship with the Jewish people expressed in the faith of Judaism. This denial often has led to outright rejection of the Jewish people and to theologically and humanly intolerable violence. The Church's frequent portrayal of the Jews as blind, recalcitrant, evil, and rejected by God has found expression in much Christian theology, liturgy, and education. Such a negative portrayal of the Jewish people and of Judaism has been a factor in the shaping of anti-Jewish attitudes of societies and the policies of governments. The most devastating lethal

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metastasis of this process occurred in our own century during the Holocaust.

Summary

Faced with this history from which we as Christians cannot, and must not, disassociate ourselves, we ask for God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for divine grace that will enable us, more firmly than ever before, to turn from this path of rejection and persecution to affirm that Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity; that Christianity is not to be understood as the successor religion to Judaism; God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been abrogated. God has not rejected the Jewish people. God is faithful in keeping covenant.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the God we worship is the God of all creation; and

WHEREAS, the Christian communities of recent times have come more and more to recognize that God's covenant with the Jewish people stands inviolate (Romans 9-11); and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church also stands bound to the same God in covenant, the covenant affirmed and embodied in Jesus as the Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church has denied for too long the continuing validity of God's covenant with the Jewish people, with all the attendant evils that have followed upon such denial;

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ALARCON STREET RIBBON CUTTING & CELEBRATION



**Alarcon Street
Ribbon Cutting
Celebration**



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SUMMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JEWISH — CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On Friday evening, August 18th, our congregation is invited to join with members/friends of Temple B'rith Shalom. Beginning at 5:15 there will be a Oneg ("Original Sabbath" also known as "Sabbath Delight"). The Oneg features appetizers and fellowship. Immediately afterwards there will be a worship celebration, which usually concludes around 7:00 PM. The Temple address is 2077 Brohner Way, Prescott. Brohner Way is a short street located behind the Hughes Supply Building at the roundabout intersection at Hwy 89 and Willow Lake Road.

REKEYING THE CHURCH INTERENCE DOORS

After 10 years, the church is rekeying all of the entrance doors on August the 30th. If you are a current key holder, or if you have business with the church that requires you to have a key, the new keys will be available after the 22nd of August. Let Julie know in the office. 445-4555

JAZZ VESPERS

This month’s August Vespers will feature the Gurley Girls. Join us Wednesday August 30th at 6:30 pm.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

September is right around the corner! On September 24th after Sunday Worship service we will gather at Goldwater Lake for our Annual Church wide picnic. You wont want to miss the fun, food and fellowship!

VAN MINISTRY

Our Van Ministry is up and running! Bill Rouse has volunteered to head up this vital ministry. If you need a ride to church, please give him a call by Saturday. Bill Rouse: 602-769-5770 Our many thanks to Bill for this ministry!

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

In June we sent twenty five tote bags filled with educational supplies to the Church World Service for students living in global impoverished villages and/or refugee camps.

In July, we reached out to local impoverished families with children in grades K-12. Thanks to your contributions of materials and dollars, our donations to this year's "Fair Start" included: 40 backpacks, over 400 boxes of crayons, pencils and pens and erasers, notebooks and note paper, composition books, rulers, and binders. With congregational monetary donations and money from our Outreach budget, over \$420 was expended. The thankful and joyful beneficiaries were local students in grades K-12. This year over 1400 students living in impoverished families were served. "Fair Start" is a program sponsored by the Coalition for Compassion and Justice.

Now, in August, we are helping our local Discovery Gardens Preschool. Education can help build a more robust society, a society wherein everyone may find greater opportunity to realize their dreams. You may use our donation box in the front of the sanctuary, or make a monetary donation for the purchase of supplies. Thank you for your participation in helping young people build a brighter tomorrow.
Gary Gard, Outreach Chairperson.

Parish Stewardship

Offerings		
	August	YTD
Offerings	\$ 3,230	\$ 66,422
Facility Use	\$ 1,162	\$ 8,020
Foundation	\$13,423	\$ 42,876
Other		\$ 5,509
Total	\$17,815	\$ 122,827

Expenses		
	August	YTD
Expenses	\$ 6,161	\$ 172,722

Outreach Gifts		
	2016	2017
Jan	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	
	\$	490
Feb	PASS	
	\$	140
March	Habitat for Humanity	
	\$	165
April	One Great Hour Share	
	\$	1,183
May	Church World Service	
	\$	319
June	Strengthen the Church	
	\$	280
July	Pancake Breakfast	
	\$	2,995
August	Discovery Gardens	

Wish List for Discovery Gardens:

- 1. Construction paper
- 2. Washable colored pencils
- 3. Washable markers
- 4. Washable paints
- 5. Washable crayons
- 6. Scissors (blunt)
- 7. Glue sticks
- 8. Facial tissue
- 9. Hand sanitizer.
- 10. Flip Flops (fit for 3-4 year old
- 11. Boy’s & Girls underwear (fit for 3-4Year old

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the old library downstairs, the Hazeltine room. The group goes over the Lectionary readings for Sunday.

EVERYWEEK COMMUNION

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month. In addition to that, Communion is available in the front of the sanctuary after worship on the Sunday's other than the first Sunday of the month.

CHANCEL CHOIR

If you like to sing, the choir is eager to increase its membership. Contact Jane Osborn 928-713- 4752

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes, an alternative music group, singing on occasional Sundays, needs singers and instrumentalists. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or they may 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).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Erin Walch	08/01
Al Beeson	08/03
Murl Preble	08/08
Jim Christopher	08/10
Angela Imbierowicz	08/11
Jane Osborn	08/12
Mike deJong	08/21
Lillian Morales	08/21
Tarah Jones	08/22
Sharon Larson	08/26
Tawnya Worthington	08/26
Paul Sandstrom	08/30

Dear Super Greeters,

We are going to begin a new plan for greetings which may entail more responsibility, but it will also assure that all who enter our doors are warmly welcomed.

If you were unable to be in church on one of your Sundays, you will have a list of possible substitutes or you would contact me and I'll try to do a fill in. Bear in mind that Sylvia, Pete, Tom, and I are usually available in case of a last-minute emergency.

O.K. Here's your promised "compliment" for greeter teams:

Cheers, Anne

August Teams:

- 1. Andy Wallace
- 2. Christy Dinsman
- 3 Andree Shrimpton
- 4. Chuck Budinger

September Teams:

- 1. Cheryl and Ralph Gilgis
- 2. Gary and Patty Gard

October Teams:

- 1. Jim Christopher
- 2. Alice Kring
- 3. Angela Imbierowicz
- 4. Yoichi Matsumoto

November Teams:

- 1. Randy Cook
- 2. Patty Lantrip
- 3. Mac MacAlister
- 4. Paul Monska

Substitutes

- ♦ Eric and Rita Day
- ♦ Suzy and Hal Lobaugh
- ♦ Julie Jaquette
- ♦ Nitaray Thomas
- ♦ Bill & Sylvia Neely
- ♦ Sandra Johns
- ♦ Sarai Payne
- ♦ Connie Vandre
- ♦ Marilyn Kerstine
- ♦ Gary & Patty Gard
- ♦ Linda and David Foote
- ♦ John and Patsy Jo Huff
- ♦ Marti Dial
- ♦ Paul & Diane Sandstrom (first Sunday only)
- ♦ Ralph Wagner and Susan Lemon
- ♦ Melissa and Elizabeth Gates

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THEREFORE, the Sixteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms its recognition that God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been rescinded or abrogated by God, but remains in full force, inasmuch as "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Rom. 11:29).

FURTHER, the Sixteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ expresses its determination to seek out and to affirm the consequences of this understanding of the continuing divine covenant with the Jewish people in the Church's theological statements, its liturgical practices, its hymnody, its educational work, and its witness before the world.

Calls upon those boards and instrumentalities responsible for the development of our educational materials to:

Examine and evaluate the image of Jews and Judaism presented in curriculum for use in local churches, seminary Church History courses, and other literature which is used to promote greater understanding of our tradition throughout the United Church of Christ, and

On the basis of the evaluation to develop guidelines and educational resources for suggested use in the local church and seminaries to enable the literature to be representative of the understanding of Judaism and the Jewish people as a continuing witness in Covenant to God's presence in the world.

2. Calls upon those boards, offices and instrumentalities responsible for the



Alarcon Street Ribbon Cutting Celebration



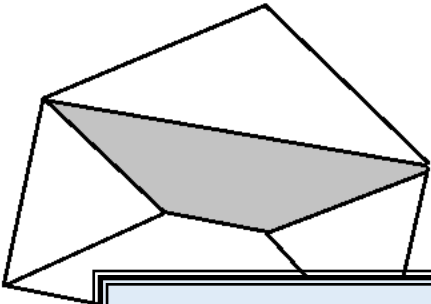
USHERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers as ushers. Please volunteer. See Jay Eby, Tom Macy, or call the office 445-4555

SUNDAY GOODIES WANTED

We need more goodies for coffee hour. Goodies provide greater fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Thank you from Sarah Andrews
for the \$500 scholarship



I'll never be able to repay you.
Thank you!!

But thanks to the Women's Fellowship Fund, I hopefully will not need to add anymore to that debt!

Being a part of this church has been such an enriching experience and I'm thankful to the congregation for their support and kindness. My path is a little brighter because of all of you!!



Sarah Andrews

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Monday-Thursday
9:00 - 4:00
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

On Summer Break

ALTER-NOTES

Meets at 12:00 for
rehearsal in the Hazeltine
Room after worship
service.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets for rehearsal at 11:00
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 6:00 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.

COMMUNION

An informal "Every Sunday
Communion" will be in the
sanctuary after worship on
Sundays except the first
Sunday of the month which
is our regular communion
time.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group
meets on Thursday mornings
at 9:30 a.m. in the Hazeltine
room. All adults are
welcome.

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development of literature relating to worship in the United Church of Christ to examine the liturgical materials, and based on this evaluation to create guidelines which will reflect a sensitivity to the image of Jews and Judaism which is projected in our liturgical content.

3. Calls upon the Office for Church in Society to coordinate the work of the established Inter-agency Task Force on Jewish-Christian Relations, the Jewish-Christian Dialogue Project in the United Church of Christ, and other groups within the United Church of Christ locally and regionally, and nationally who are presently engaged in dialogue with the Jewish community.

4. Calls upon all local congregations, and regional judicatories of the United Church of Christ actively to engage in dialogue with the Jewish community. in order to establish relationships of trust and to participate in a joint witness against all injustice in our local communities and in the world.

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

All are welcome here. But, we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, lesbian, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're



"just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too. We endorse all people but we make it a point not to promote any particular politician. If you need a church that does or a minister who screams and yells from the pulpit about how everybody who doesn't believe as he believes (or, she believes) is going to hell... well, you're probably not going to like this church. Here, you can be Democrat, Republican, Independent... heck, even a Socialist. You'll understand, we're sort of struck with Jesus and, especially, his teachings. The way we figure it — if we follow his teachings, the world will be a happier and healthier place for everybody. Healthier and happier, too, for those not interested in religion, not even ours. If you blew all your offering money last night at the dog track, tough luck for us. You're still welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... In short, we welcome you!