



# 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."

August 18th, 2017

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### *This Week at a Glance...*

- ◆ **TONIGHT: JEWISH — CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Friday 5:15 p.m. Temple B'rth Shalom
- ◆ **Sunday Choir Practice:** 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 p.m. in the Hazeltine Room
- ◆ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Maggie B. Room
- ◆ **Cabinet Meeting:** Thursday 6:00 p.m. conference room

## FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday's sermon is entitled "Did Jesus Learn? – Can We Learn?" The text is Matthew 15:21-28.

The story is about a woman who does everything she can to find healing for her daughter. She would not be denied. Heather Heyer gave her life standing up to racism and hate at the Charlottesville rally. Her mother, Susan Bro, said at Heather's funeral service that she will do everything she can to make her daughter's death count going forward. Her mother pointed to the Facebook message that Heyer posted in November. "I want you to pay attention, find what's wrong ... and say to yourself, what can I do to make a difference?" Bro said. "And that's how you're going to make my child's death worthwhile. "I'd rather have my child, but by golly, if I've got to give her up, we're going to make it count."

May God grant this mother the energy and spirit to not be denied. And may we join with Heather and her mom in the fight against racism and antisemitism.

We will also join our Jewish sisters and brothers at the Temple Friday night to let them know we stand with them against the forces of hate and prejudice. I hope to see you there. Jay



## **TONIGHT!! JEWISH — CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Beginning at 5:15 there will be a Oneg ("Original Sabbath" also known as "Sabbath Delight").

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.

**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
Muri 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

**PICNIC IN THE PARK!**

**Annual Church Picnic**

**SEPTEMBER 24TH AT NOON AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE AT**

**GOLDWATER LAKE PARK**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR PLANNING AND SET UP**

**RSVP AND BRING A SALAD, OR A DISH TO SHARE**

**FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP!**

**First Cong. Church**

**Gurley Street**

**S. Mt. Vernon**

**S. Senator Hwy**

North  
W E  
South

\*Head East on E. Gurley  
\*Turn Right on S. Mt. Vernon  
\*S. Mt. Vernon turns into Senator Hwy.  
\*Turn Left at Goldwater Lake Park  
\*Follow the signs.

**REKEYING THE CHURCH ENTERENCE 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. Please let Julie know in the office if you will need a new key. 445-4555

**JAZZ VESPERS**

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

**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!



**Van Ministry**



**Sept 5-8-2017**

Tues: 5: Patty Brenner, Randy Cook

**Thurs 7:** Angela Imbierowicz, Kathy Stephens

## Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank, Inc.

434 W. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 Goodwin St

**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.

**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.

1. Construction paper
2. Washable colored pencils
3. Washable markers
4. Washable paints
5. Paper plates
6. Scissors (blunt)
7. Glue sticks
8. Facial tissue
9. Hand sanitizer.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LIST:**

## August Teams

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Andy Wallace     | 2. Jim Christopher |
| 2. Christy Dinsman  | 3. Alice Kring     |
| 3. Andree Shrimpton | 4. Paul Monska     |
| 4. Mac MacAlister   |                    |

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

1. Patty Lantrip
2. Angela Inbierowicz
- 3.
- 4.

## November

1. Chuck Budinger
2. Yoichi Matsumoto
- 3.
- 4.

Offerings		
	August	YTD
Offerings	\$ 4,752	\$ 72,302
Facility Use	\$ 1,242	\$ 8,100
Foundation	\$ -	\$ 42,876
Other		\$ 5,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,994</b>	<b>\$ 128,787</b>

Expenses		
	August	YTD
Expenses	\$ 15,898	\$ 172,722

Outreach Gifts		
<b>Jan</b>		
Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$	490
<b>Feb</b>		
PASS	\$	140
<b>March</b>		
Habitat for Humanity	\$	165
<b>April</b>		
One Great Hour Share	\$	1,183
<b>May</b>		
Church World Service	\$	319
<b>June</b>		
Strengthen the Church	\$	280
<b>July</b>		
Pancake Breakfast	\$	3,027
<b>August</b>		
Discovery Gardens	\$	30
<b>Sept</b>		
OCWM		
<b>Oct</b>		
CCJ "Warm for Winter"		
Neighbors in Need		
<b>Nov</b>		
CCJ Family Christmas		
<b>Dec</b>		
CCJ Family Christmas		
UCC Christmas Fund		

<b>Undesignated Missions</b>	
YTD	\$ 750

<b>Famine Relief</b>	
Special Offering	\$ 795.00

Attendance; Monthly Average	
January	102
February	89
March	89
April	108
May	101
June	79
July	96
August	98
Sept	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

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**Administration**  
**Office Hours**

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.

**Dear Colleagues and Friends in Faith:**

You may be interested in this statement from the CEO of Habitat for Humanity International regarding recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia. It is important and timely, and it serves as a reminder that the Habitat community worldwide rejects racism, bigotry, and violence. The attached letter from Dan Rosensweig, President of Habitat of Greater Charlottesville, is powerful and worth reading in its entirety. Among other things, he urges the Habitat community to move forward together – many diverse hands in solidarity – one shovel of dirt, one board, one sheet of drywall at a time in our mission to build affordable housing in our communities.

Please share these remarks in whatever format may be appropriate in your congregation, your family, your business, and your neighborhood.

Thank you for partnering with Prescott Habitat for Humanity.

Blessings, Christine Mack *Faith Relations Liaison for the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity*

**Statement by Habitat CEO Jonathan Reckford on the  
Violence in Charlottesville, Virginia**

August 17, 2017

Last Saturday morning, as white nationalists gathered for their march of hate in Charlottesville, a very different group of people were gathering less than a mile away. On that city's Charlton Avenue, members of seven local churches had joined together to lay the floor trusses on the foundation of the community's newest Habitat home.

Those Habitat volunteers and thousands more working that same morning across the country and world—had come together to share a vision starkly different than those who seek to divide us. Our vision is one that is welcoming to all. Our vision embraces diverse views. Our vision knows that no matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to have a decent life. Our vision says that every one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future.

As the forces of hate converged on Charlottesville's Emancipation Park to tear us apart, Habitat's spirit of inclusivity and understanding were working to bring us together.

The racism, bigotry and violence on display sickened and saddened me. I know I join the Habitat community in rejecting that hate, because those actions and voices run counter to everything we believe. As a Christian organization that welcomes people of all faiths and no faith, inclusivity is who we are. It's what makes us a strong community, and it's those same values that make us a strong nation.

As a lifelong Christian, I want to be clear: the white nationalists, neo-Nazis, KKK and their supporters who descended on Charlottesville have rejected the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Habitat for Humanity stands firmly against their words, actions and any suggestion that theirs is a legitimate grievance. We applaud and honor those who put their own well-being at risk to reject this hatred. We share in the nation's grief in the tragic loss of Heather Heyer, whose life was taken while she was standing to protect others. We mourn for Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III and Trooper-Pilot Berke M. M. Bates, who lost their lives while protecting and serving their community.

The hate-motivated acts we saw this weekend do not define us as Americans, or as citizens of the world. And they don't define Charlottesville either.

Because even while that city grieves, there are forces of love hard at work. Later today, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville will break ground on a community of affordable housing that will give 14 families the opportunity for a better future. Dan Rosensweig, the CEO of this affiliate, shares these words:

*We don't have answers as to why the kinds of evil and hatred experienced in Charlottesville this week exist in the world, but we do know these three things: People who are swinging a hammer are not swinging a stick or a flag pole. When we are given the opportunity to work side by side with someone from a different background, we inevitably replace fear with a shared sense of purpose and humanity. And when we commit to listening without judgment, we all inspire people to be guided by their better angels. ([See attachment for the entire letter](#))*

Dan is right. Every nail hammered, every wall raised, is a rejection of hate and a step toward the future where everyone—irrespective of class, color or creed—has a decent life.

Blessings,

**Jonathan T. M. Reckford**

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