



First Congregational Church Prescott

United Church of Christ

a just world for all

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here".

FROM PASTOR JAY

David in Ziklag

David spent a lot of time in the wilderness, and he needed the help of a lot of other people to make it through those tough times. Members of our church family provide that same support to each other. I hear of the things that quietly happen around here - a visit, a ride, a presence at the hospital, a phone call, a prayer, a place to live, a moving crew, a home repair - and I am reminded that the church sometimes does live up to its naming as the Body of Christ. I like the way Eugene Peterson put it in our book on David ("Leap Over A Wall", page 101):



Every time I move to a new community, I find a church close by and join it - committing myself to worship and work with that company of God's people. I've never been anything other than disappointed: every one turns out to be biblical, through and through: murmurers, complainers, the faithless, the inconstant, those plagued with doubt and riddled with sin, boring moralizers, glamorous secularizers. Every once in a while a shaft a blazing beauty seems to break out of nowhere and illuminate these companies, and then I see what my sin-dulled eyes had missed: word of God-shaped, Holy Spirit-created lives of sacrificial humility, incredible courage, heroic virtue, holy praise, joyful suffering' constant prayer, persevering obedience. I see Christ..."

The church is certainly a human and divine institution. The human side is easy to see. There is also plenty of divine light shining through our members. God bless you all.

Jay

1 Samuel 30	Receiving Grace and Mercy
2 Samuel 1	David: A Model of Dealing with Pain and Loss
2 Samuel 2-4	Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
2 Samuel 5	Discerning God's Direction and Timing
2 Samuel 6	Encountering the Holy
2 Samuel 7	When God Says No
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles
2 Samuel 16-18	When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22	David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23	The Blessing of Communion
1 Chron. 28-29	Facing Death

FREE ONLINE INTRODUCTION TO COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION

August 25, 10 am to 11 am

The session is for anyone who would like to learn a bit more about the Compassionate (Nonviolent) Communication process (Go to this link <https://bit.ly/2LQAIyX> to learn a bit more about the process). I'll talk about how this process has changed my life for the better and offer a few tools that can improve you life right now!!

We'll be using ZOOM video conferencing. Within 24 hours of registering, I will send you an email invitation to the meeting with instructions on how to participate.

To register, go to this link...<https://bit.ly/2LurfDG>

About the Trainer: David McCain's life purpose is to change the world by helping people communicate more effectively and experience more joy in life. He helps individuals increase their well-being through training, coaching, and mediation. He offers training, consulting, and motivational speaking services to help businesses get work done more effectively, efficiently, and enjoyably.

David R. McCain - Owner/Trainer/Coach
www.communicatingwithheart.com
Call to chat: 619-218-7554

RINGING BELLS REHEARSAL TIME IS MOVING TO 9:00 THURSDAYS

We are looking for new ringers that would like to come and try with us. It is necessary that you read treble clef music.

Call if you are interested. Director Carole Sue Linson M.M. 928 717 4494

BORDER MISSION TRIP UPDATE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6PM, PERKINS HALL

Rev. Gary and Patty Gard will give an update on their trip to the border with our conference group.



NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED DURING WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 16

If you are interested in learning more about joining the church, please see Pastor Jay or our co-moderators: Patty Lantrip and Rev. Marti Garrison

THIS WEEK SUNDAY - Southwest Conference UCC minister Rev. Bill Lyons will join us for worship

August 19 - Denise Nasso will be our musical guest

August 26 - Womansong will be our musical guests

SECURITY TEAM

Do you have an interest in security matters? We are looking for new team members to help with our churches security protocol each Sunday.

GREETERS

Sunday August 12: Angela I, Christy D, and Nan Helmling

Sunday August 19: Angela, Christy and the tMcColloughs

Sunday August 26: Angela, Christy and the McColloughs.

ACTIVITY BAGS

To help your little ones pass the time before the Children's Time, you will find colored activity bags hanging on the entry doors of the sanctuary for the children to enjoy. Please leave these activity bags in the pews when the children leave for Sunday school.

CHURCH BASEMENT FLOOR AND BATHROOMS TO BE UPDATED

August 6-10 has been designated as the week the basement floor and bathrooms will be renovated. All our outside groups meeting in the basement have been notified that they will not be able to meet here during that week. There will be opportunities to donate toward this work. One goal is to make the basement look more pleasing to new parents who bring their children to the nursery - an extension of our extravagant welcome.

PRAYER CHAPEL - TUESDAY

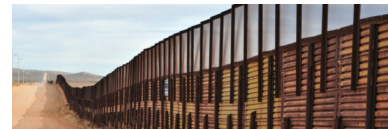
On Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. in meeting room #2, Called to Care continues a weekly Prayer Chapel open to whomever wishes to pray with us.

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM

Pastor Jay leads a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the library downstairs

WITNESS AT THE BORDER

Many of you have asked what more can be done to respond to government policies that detain and separate families. The Southwest Conference UCC, acting with Justice and Local Church Ministries, is issuing two calls to action:



- Join us for a Faithful Witness AT the Border on August 26 - 30, 2018 - This experience will include a humanitarian mission to the Mexican side of the border to visit and take supplies to asylum-seekers, solidarity actions at detention facilities, advocacy training, and more.
- Join our Faithful Witness FOR the Border - Can't come to the border? Congregations and conferences are invited to host their own local events that might include: Beginning the process for becoming an Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation, organizing and attending town halls and candidate forums, raising money and collecting supplies for humanitarian relief at the border, and more.



ALTER-NOTES

Would you like to sing or can play an instrument in a fun and crazy group? Anything goes-- pop, folk, blues, spirituals, African, calypso, jazz and even classical. We play in full group or break-out groups, as well as instrumentalists.

Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Mission Notes: Our August mission emphasis is the Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP). The DGP student body includes students who are developmentally challenged as well as those whose parents are living at or below the federal poverty level. In addition to receiving donated classroom supplies, we are supporting a DGP scholarship fund. This fund will help enable the

attendance of children whose parents need financial assistance. If you would like to participate in this month's project, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo, "Discovery Gardens".

Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

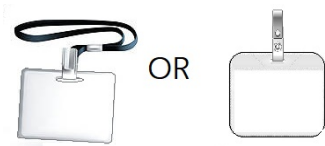
From August 26-30, there will be a week of events and discussion hosted by the Southwest Conference at the Good Shepherd UCC church in Sahaurita (SE of Tucson). The week will include: visiting a shelter in Nogales, Mexico, observing an immigration court hearing in Tucson, learning more about ministering to those seeking asylum and refuge. If interested in attending, contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455).



"A JUST WORLD FOR ALL" NAME TAG CAMPAIGN

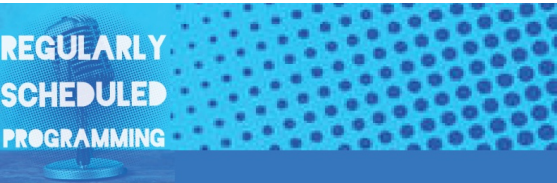
We are updating our name tags to support the UCC's emphasis of Justice for all.

You get a choice of lanyard or the new clip-on. Stop by Perkins Hall to update your Name Tag with the new UCC logo card to include "a just world for all".



STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts							
July		YTD	January	93	January			July		Undesignated Missions		
Pledges	\$ 6,630	\$ 53,531	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325	CCJ Fair Start	\$ 970		YTD	\$ 1,025	
Non-Pledge	\$ 2,639	\$ 20,756	March	101	February			Discovery Gardens	\$ 95	OCWM		
Facility Use	\$ 1,773	\$ 9,030	April	114	PASS		\$ 320	August			YTD \$ 175	
Foundation	\$ 25,600	\$ 79,060	May	104	March							
Memorials			June	102	HABITAT			\$ 275	September			
Total	\$ 36,642	\$162,377	July	111	April							
Expenses, Actual			August		OGHS		\$607	October				
	July	YTD	Sept		May							
Expenses	\$ 37,497	\$162,337	Oct		Rainbow Acres			\$ 355	November			
Annual Budget Needs			Nov		June							
	Annual		Dec		Pancake Breakfast (PCC)			\$ 2,876	December			
Expenses	\$249,300				Strengthen The Church			\$ 559				



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.

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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