

The Parish Caller

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

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First Congregational
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Church of Christ,
Prescott



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This Week at First Congregational Church...

- ◆ Pastor Jay will **"Out of the Office"** from 9-11 am this Thursday
- ◆ **Cabinet Meeting** held on Thursday at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** will NOT be meeting this week
- ◆ **PFLAG Funky Bingo Night** this coming next Friday at 7:00 pm

P.I.E. is coming!

I think it is safe to say that most of us have a positive association with the word "pie" and when we hear it, positive feelings flow. So, when Tawnya Worthington, Linda Foote, Cherie Wilcher and I met to begin planning our fall Wednesday night program, we chose Linda's suggestion of P.I.E. as our title – "Play, Inspire, Eat." Each week a new slice of P.I.E. will be revealed during our ten week program.

Here is how it will look each Wednesday night (with some flexibility):

5:30-6:15	Church Family Meal
6:15-6:45	Intergenerational Fun
6:45-7:30	Spiritual Learning

We decided the meals for the fall will be contributed by all of us rather than provided – this will give us a chance to learn how many regular participants we will have going forward. The meals will be the following:

September

16	Pizza
23	Soups
30	Soups

October

7	Sandwiches
14	Pasta
21	Salads
28	Chili Cook-Off — trophies to top 3 with a guest judge — Invite a neighbor!

November

4	Stuffed Baked Potatoes
11	Tacos
18	Pot Luck Variety Meal

The scripture focus for each Wednesday will be the lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday most of the time. We will be having a few special topics along the way.

September

16	Mark 9:30-37	Jesus said you welcome a child you welcome me! (one reason for P.I.E.)
23	PFLAG forum	What it is like to be LGBTQ in Prescott – sensitivity issues
30	CFC Focus	Caring for Creation – Prescott Creeks

October

7	Mark 10:17-31	The Church is a new family
14	Mark 10:35-45	Who wants to be #1? – the greatest is a servant
21	Mark 10:46-52	Blind Bartimaeus is healed
28	Mark 12:28-34	Love God & love neighbor

November

4	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's mite – we are stewards of all
11	Veteran's Day	Eleventh month, eleventh day, eleventh hour

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P.I.E.

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18 Thanksgiving focus Thanksgiving theme

You might be wondering why we are doing this Wednesday night program. P.I.E. was born out of a meeting, called TRIAD, with the Dewey and Flagstaff UCC churches, sponsored by the Southwest Conference. We were asked to come up with a new idea for our church and give it a try – and to not be afraid of failure! So, P.I.E. is in the oven waiting for the 16th. Wednesday night programs are done by churches all over the country and the world – you can Google LOGOS for the United States and MESSY CHURCH for England to see some examples. Lets have some food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth together, enjoyed in an intergenerational way!

Try some P.I.E. You might love it! Pastor Jay

Ministry at “Granite Creek” formally Las Funentes

Las Fuentes has a Name Change to “Granite Creek”

During the week of September 13th, Las Fuentes will be Celebrating National Assisted Living Week. The theme is: Body, Mind and Spirit. Since I use the iPad so much in class they wanted to know more about it. So, if anyone can help me teach the use of Android, LG and IPad that week, please contact me at 771-1452.



Looking at photo from right to left around table: Bill, Florence, Dorothy (turned 100 last week), our Jean Woodburn, Della, Melinda (Activity Director), our Mardell Hull and Evalina. Enjoying study of The Spirituality of Laughter.

Important Dates
to Mark on your
Calendar

PFLAG

Pastor Jay is out of the office!

This Thursday, from 9-11 am, he will be hanging out at the **Lone Spur Café** on 106 W. Gurley St. In an effort to be out and about and more accessible (less cloistered), Jay will be keeping office hours at local places. It's a chance for you to stop by with anything that is on your mind.

PFLAG Hosting Bingo Night Fundraiser August 28th

Join us for Funky Friday Bingo at 7 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Prescott PFLAG. Bring your friends and have some fun! It’s not your average bingo! Win cash prizes or donate to PFLAG. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

P.I.E (Play,
Inspire, Eat)

P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night

Starting September 16th at 5:30 pm we gather in Perkins Hall for an intergenerational family meal followed by a variety of structured activities for children and adults that loosely center around that Sunday’s worship theme. Our vision is that each week will be unique and include an "entertainment" aspect such as story telling, special music, games, hands-on task, etc. Watch for updates and watch for ways you can help as plans materialize!

Sue Conrad

A Family Gathering will be held to Celebrate Sue Conrad’s Life

September 12th a reception will be held from 1-4 pm at 850 Northwood Loop, Hidden Valley Ranch, Prescott.

PFLAG

PFLAG Awareness Forum September 23rd

Our church is hosting a PFLAG Forum to build awareness. This event will be promoted to the community. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Choir

Choir Practice Resumes Normal Schedule...

Starting August 30th choir practice will begin meeting at 9 am Sunday mornings before Worship Service again. We invite you to come and enjoy singing with us. For more information, please contact Jane Osborn, 713-4752 or prescottsong@hotmail.com

Caring for
Creation

Caring for Creation Meets Again September 30th at 6:30 pm

Environmental issues concern us all. This will be our focus on our September 30th P.I.E. Family Night program. We had an initial meeting about two weeks ago where our own Chuck Budinger led us in a discussion of local water concerns. Peter Pierson of Prescott Creeks was also at the meeting and so was Grace Burford of Prescott College. She was formerly the religious studies professor and is now shifting to a role as the college chaplain. We talked about how she might help bring some students to the meeting on the 30th. Pastor Jay has been talking with Peter and Chuck, and wants to have a “hands-on” service project ready a week or two after the meeting to allow the students to participate – Prescott Creeks will help us with that. The vision is that we eventually broaden our tent through the interfaith group and become a large “Caring for Creation” group in the city. We will also look at our church practices as well – for example, moving away from disposables. If environmental ministry and environmental justice are of interest to you, please plan to join this task group.

Child Care

Our Church is Growing...

Anyone interested in helping with our child care for preschool-aged children during worship can sign up in Perkins Hall for a Sunday or two. Crafts, materials, and books are also available for more structured fun. This is a needed and fun ministry. Please see Julie Jaquette in the church office. Thanks!

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry: August Focus and Food Donations

The Prescott Community Cupboard is always in need of donations, whether canned or boxed foods or money. First Congregational Church has always been a staunch supporter of this community project. For the month of August we ask that you contribute macaroni and cheese. This is a favorite of our neighbors in need. There are baskets at each entry for your donations. Please help. Thank you!

Another way to help is to bag orders. Our church does this once every six weeks. We work in teams for one week. If you are interested in helping with this job please see Al Beeson. He is our church representative for Community Cupboard. The more the merrier!

Called to Care

Called to Care is seeking interested people...

Called to Care is seeking compassionate individuals interested in participating in our Ministry. Please see Marilyn Kerstine.

ONGOING AND WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

Sunday morning class is **currently on Summer Break and will resume after Labor Day.**
~And~
Monday evening discussion group is taking August off, and will resume on Labor Day.

CHOIR PRACTICE meets Sundays at 9 am in the Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE is on hold till Sept. 10th

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2 to 4 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

PASS MEAL is a once-a-month ministry where we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

KNIT WITS meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 1 to 3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES SPIRITUAL LIVING SERVICE is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~

Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay. Address: Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott.

AGAPE SOUP SUPPER meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm in Perkins Hall. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

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. See Julie J. for more details.

LADIES' FRIENDLY goes out to dinner after church the 2nd Sunday of every month. **Currently on Summer Break.**

Ways to Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Caller:

- Send the office an email verifying your email address
- Fill out the Weekly Caller Subscribe Sheet in Perkins Hall

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