The Parish Caller Weekly Newsletter August 23rd, 2019

First Congregational Church, VCC

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



SEPTEMBER 29TH, NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED. SEE PATTY LANTRIP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN

IMMIGRATION NEWS:

Saturday, September 21 at 1:00 PM, we are cosponsoring an Immigration panel of speakers including:

- A professor who teaches graduate classes on immigration/theology at Boston University
- 2. An immigration attorney
- 3. A holocaust survivor
- 4. A representative from local law enforcement and
- 5. A local member of the migrant community.
- 6. There will be a Q & A time after the presenters have spoken. Questions? Contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455).



Mission projects for August will support immigration ministries. One of those ministries in our DACA Fund, which provides assistance with education expenses for documented migrant youth. The second is our Hospitality Fund, which supports ministries aiding immigrants registered as asylum seekers. Please note on the memo line of your church check which fund you wish to support.

Our next monthly meal for women staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) will be Wednesday, September 18th. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Questions may be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042). PASS is hosting a Volunteer & Donor Appreciation BBQ, September 11, 4:00-600 PM at the Goldwater Lake Ramada. RSVP at 928-778-5933. Additionally, they will host an Open House on October 16, 1:00-4:00 PM. In addition to providing a monthly dinner to PASS, we are exploring the possibility of providing a monthly dinner for the homeless who are being sheltered by the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ). If interested, please add your name to the CCJ meal volunteer sheet found in Perkins Hall. Questions may be directed to our Mission team chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455). Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our mission outreach ministries. We have been blessed to be as blessing. (Genesis 12:2) Questions/comments may be directed to any of our mission team members: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, or Gary Gard,

First Congregational Church Packer Team Schedule, Sept 9-13 2019

Mon 9-9: Linda & Dave Foote

Tues 9-10: Patty Brenner, Marie Kessel

Wed; 9-11: Angela Imbierowicz, Christy Dinsman, Pete Norum

Thurs 9-12: Jan & Wm Mauck

Fri 9-13: Kathy Stephens, Randy Cook







OPEN HOUSE

Thursday Sept. 12th 9-2

1571 CIMARRON DR. PRESCOTT

Free fabric gift bag with purchase Accepting cash and credit cards



A BIG SHOUT OUT THANK YOU TO

DEB STAATS for her faithful work as our COFFEE TIME SERVER. Deb has resigned after many faithful years of service!

Our extravagant welcome includes this COFFEE TIME and we need VOLUNTEERS to come forward in order to

We have a new SIGN UP SHEET with the simple tasks divided up in three categories sharing the duties.

- **SET UP** (coffee maker, glasses/cups already out)
- BRING DONATIONS (goodies, cheese, crackers, fruit, homemade treats, bought cookies/muffins, anything of your choice)
- CLEAR/CLEAN UP (start dishwasher, put food up/or in freezer, wash minimal

David Tyrell, our sexton extraordinaire, will wrap things up by taking out the trash, putting tables and chairs up.

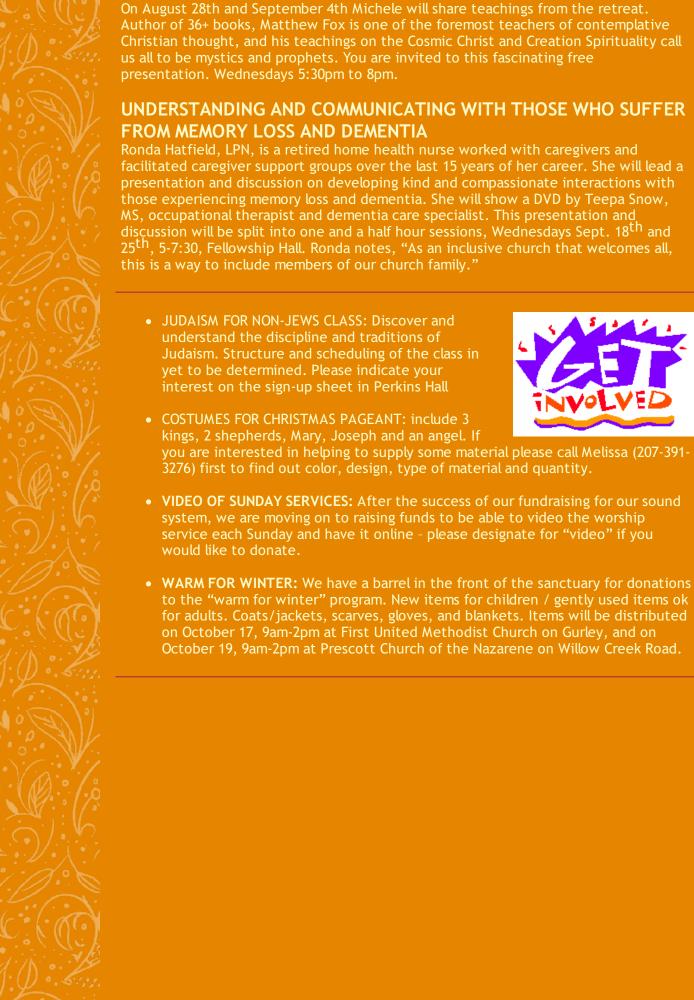
If you would like to be the point person for volunteers on our sign-up sheet, to call in case of someone not able to be there please let us know. You are just a go-to person when necessary. - Thanks, Patty Lantrip

MICHELE MCFADDEN LEADS A SEMINAR ON CHRISTIAN **MYSTICISM**

Matthew Fox, best known for his book Original Blessing led a retreat in June in spiritual teachings of 13th Century Christian mystic Meister Eckhart. Michele McFadden (aka playwright Micki Shelton) traveled to Germany to spend time with Fox and 25 other "pilgrims."







On August 28th and September 4th Michele will share teachings from the retreat. Author of 36+ books, Matthew Fox is one of the foremost teachers of contemplative Christian thought, and his teachings on the Cosmic Christ and Creation Spirituality call us all to be mystics and prophets. You are invited to this fascinating free

UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER

facilitated caregiver support groups over the last 15 years of her career. She will lead a presentation and discussion on developing kind and compassionate interactions with those experiencing memory loss and dementia. She will show a DVD by Teepa Snow, MS, occupational therapist and dementia care specialist. This presentation and discussion will be split into one and a half hour sessions, Wednesdays Sept. 18th and 25th, 5-7:30, Fellowship Hall. Ronda notes, "As an inclusive church that welcomes all,



- you are interested in helping to supply some material please call Melissa (207-391-3276) first to find out color, design, type of material and quantity.
- system, we are moving on to raising funds to be able to video the worship service each Sunday and have it online - please designate for "video" if you
- to the "warm for winter" program. New items for children / gently used items ok for adults. Coats/jackets, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Items will be distributed on October 17, 9am-2pm at First United Methodist Church on Gurley, and on October 19, 9am-2pm at Prescott Church of the Nazarene on Willow Creek Road.

RADIO DRAMA

Are you an aspiring actor, or have you sometimes thought of being in a play but the thought of memorizing lines scares you half to death? Can you read well in front of an audience? This is your big opportunity!

On Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m., First Congregational Church will perform the Radio Drama version of Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life". This is a fun and easy way to put on a play because *nobody needs to memorize any lines*! There are 33 roles, both large and small. We also

need people to do live sound effects and play additional recorded sound effects and music on a computer.

AUDITIONS will be Friday, November 1 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 2, from 10:00 am to Noon in Perkins Hall. If interested, please pick up a list of roles on the table in Perkins Hall. If you have questions, see Brian Moore after church or email him at brianm9943@yahoo.com.



GEORGE BAILEY
CLARENCE
SUPERINTENDENT
MARY HATCH BAILEY
ANNOUNCER
MR. POTTER
UNCLE BILLY
SAM WAINWRIGHT
POP BAILEY
MA BAILEY
DR. CAMPBELL

NICK ERNIE BERT MARTINI

GOWER

YOUNG GEO. BAILEY PETEY BAILEY

JANIE BAILEY
ZUZU BAILEY
COUSIN TILLY
MRS. HATCH
TOLL-TAKER
CHARLIE
MRS. DAVIS
MRS. THOMPSON
MR. WELCH

CARTER IMPATIENT NEIGHBOR

SHERIFF BANK TELLER RANDY

RADIO DIRECTOR

Dreamer/Loan Officer (male)
Angel, Second Grade (male/female)
Boss of Angels (male/female)
George's Wife/Librarian (female)
Radio Announcer (male/female)
Warped, old financier (male)
Absent-minded clerk (male)
Successful businessman (male)
George's father (male)
George's mother (female)
Board President (male/female)
Pharmacist (male/female)

Ornery shareholder/bartender (male/female)
Cab driver (male)

Local policeman (male) Italian café owner (male/female) Boy, age 10 (male/female)

Boy, age 10 (male/female)
Boy, age 9 (male/female)
Girl, age 8 (female)
Girl, age 6 (female)
Loan office clerk (female)
Mary's mother (female)
Bridge Toll-Taker (male/female)
Difficult shareholder (male/female)

Shareholder (female)
Shareholder (female)
Irate husband (male)
Bank Examiner (male/female)
Impatient neighbor (male/female)
County Sheriff (male/female)
Bank clerk (male/female)
Shareholder (male/female)

(NON-SPEAKING PART)



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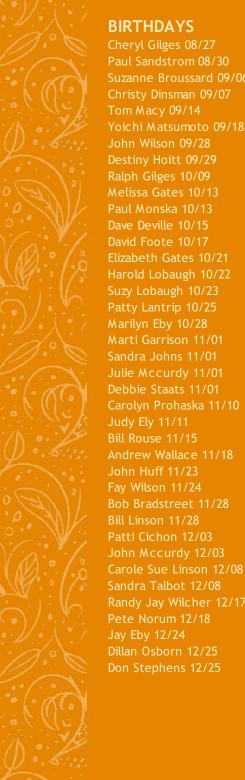
August 25 -- Rev. Harry Strong Guest Preacher

September 2 -- Labor Day

Sept. 29 -- Church Picnic (139th Anniversary)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Susan Wagner 09/05 Ralph & Cheryl Gilges 09/09 William & Rebecca Bryant 09/2





Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Jay Monday - Jhursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

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

EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the from of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday o each month. Communion is open to all.

PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. Or Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

CHANCEL SINGERS

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

ALTER-NOTES

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOUNDATION

The FCC Foundation was formed in the 1990's to help and assist the FCC Church growth and to support our wonderful Church. A recent example of Foundation support is the funding of the Minister's Salary and the Christian Education programs. Long term support from the Foundation car be used to help fund any major building maintenance projects when they are needed. Those interested in providing financial support through legacy gifts [endowments] to the Foundation are encouraged to contact the FCC Fdn BOD members.