

First Congregational Church, UCC

"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 co-sponsoring an Immigration panel of speakers including:

1. 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 Outreach Update: We helped put smiles on a lot of faces in July as we contributed generously to education projects here in the Prescott area. It began with proceeds (approximately \$3400) from our Pancake Breakfast going to provide a full scholarship for Lacey, a 4 year-old girl attending Discovery Gardens School. This young girl was born with just one hand, rescued from an abusive situation, and later adopted by her grandmother. An additional \$700 was sent later in the month to Discovery Gardens which provided money for a partial scholarship enabling the attendance of a child from a poverty level family. Lastly, we donated \$675 to this year's "Start Right" project, which gifted over 1,300 children/youth in K-12 with backpacks filled with school supplies. Thank you! Together, we have made a nice difference for kids starting the new school year.

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

quilted gifts by Ronda



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
continue.

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 dishes)

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
Erfurt, Germany. It centered on the
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 presentation. Wednesdays 5:30pm to 8pm.

UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA

Ronda Hatfield, LPN, is a retired home health nurse worked with caregivers and 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, this is a way to include members of our church family.”

- **JUDAISM FOR NON-JEWS CLASS:** Discover and understand the discipline and traditions of Judaism. Structure and scheduling of the class in yet to be determined. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall
- **COSTUMES FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** include 3 kings, 2 shepherds, Mary, Joseph and an angel. If 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.
- **VIDEO OF SUNDAY SERVICES:** After the success of our fundraising for our sound 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 would like to donate.
- **WARM FOR WINTER:** We have a barrel in the front of the sanctuary for donations 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	Dreamer/Loan Officer (male)
CLARENCE	Angel, Second Grade (male/female)
SUPERINTENDENT	Boss of Angels (male/female)
MARY HATCH BAILEY	George’s Wife/Librarian (female)
ANNOUNCER	Radio Announcer (male/female)
MR. POTTER	Warped, old financier (male)
UNCLE BILLY	Absent-minded clerk (male)
SAM WAINWRIGHT	Successful businessman (male)
POP BAILEY	George’s father (male)
MA BAILEY	George’s mother (female)
DR. CAMPBELL	Board President (male/female)
GOWER	Pharmacist (male/female)
NICK	Ornery shareholder/bartender (male/female)
ERNIE	Cab driver (male)
BERT	Local policeman (male)
MARTINI	Italian café owner (male/female)
YOUNG GEO. BAILEY	Boy, age 10 (male/female)
PETEEY BAILEY	Boy, age 9 (male/female)
JANIE BAILEY	Girl, age 8 (female)
ZUZU BAILEY	Girl, age 6 (female)
COUSIN TILLY	Loan office clerk (female)
MRS. HATCH	Mary’s mother (female)
TOLL-TAKER	Bridge Toll-Taker (male/female)
CHARLIE	Difficult shareholder (male/female)
MRS. DAVIS	Shareholder (female)
MRS. THOMPSON	Shareholder (female)
MR. WELCH	Irate husband (male)
CARTER	Bank Examiner (male/female)
IMPATIENT NEIGHBOR	Impatient neighbor (male/female)
SHERIFF	County Sheriff (male/female)
BANK TELLER	Bank clerk (male/female)
RANDY	Shareholder (male/female)
RADIO DIRECTOR	(NON-SPEAKING PART)



looking ahead



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 09/22
Janet & Ritch Steven 11/23

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Gilges 08/27
Paul Sandstrom 08/30
Suzanne Broussard 09/06
Christy Dinsman 09/07
Tom Macy 09/14
Yoichi Matsumoto 09/18
John Wilson 09/28
Destiny Hoitt 09/29
Ralph Gilges 10/09
Melissa Gates 10/13
Paul Monska 10/13
Dave Deville 10/15
David Foote 10/17
Elizabeth Gates 10/21
Harold Lobaugh 10/22
Suzy Lobaugh 10/23
Patty Lantrip 10/25
Marilyn Eby 10/28
Marti Garrison 11/01
Sandra Johns 11/01
Julie Mccurdy 11/01
Debbie Staats 11/01
Carolyn Prohaska 11/10
Judy Ely 11/11
Bill Rouse 11/15
Andrew Wallace 11/18
John Huff 11/23
Fay Wilson 11/24
Bob Bradstreet 11/28
Bill Linson 11/28
Patti Cichon 12/03
John Mccurdy 12/03
Carole Sue Linson 12/08
Sandra Talbot 12/08
Randy Jay Wilcher 12/17
Pete Norum 12/18
Jay Eby 12/24
Dillan Osborn 12/25
Don Stephens 12/25



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 front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of 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. On 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 can 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.

