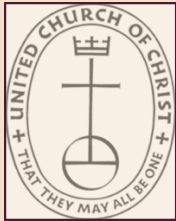


The Parish Caller

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

August 26, 2016



First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott

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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆Choir Rehearsal Sunday 9:00 am
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- ◆New Member Welcome After Sunday Services in Perkins Hall

From the Pastor OUR VAN ODDYSEY - Continues ...

Two vans have appeared on the horizon, both of them feasible for our church needs. When we do find a vehicle that will suit, we will soon be asking if there any Commercial Drivers in the congregation? Anyone with a CDL license and interested in helping with this ministry, of transporting members to and from church services and events, please do not hesitate to contact me.



PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

Cherie and I invite you to a "Pastor Open House." It will be Sunday, August 28, from 12:30-4:30 at our home. We are located in Prescott Lakes at 1657 Solstice Drive (Prescott Lakes Pkwy to left on Smoke Tree and right on Solstice. Parking will be on the street and may involve a short walk. This is a "come and go as you please" event with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. No need to bring anything but yourself!



PARDON OUR DUST!



As we work through our renovations to the church property, you may be inconvenienced somewhat with machinery, tools, dust and a coating of mess. When it is all completed, the church will be organized, clean and shiny and it will have all been worth it!

Habitat for Humanity came by this week and picked up boxes of old dishes, an old couch, a rolling cabinet and various and sundry other miscellaneous boxes of just 'stuff'.

We will keep the Congregation up to date as we move forward. Any questions or concerns, please let us know!

Announcements



JAZZ VESPER

Wednesday, August 31st
6:30-8:00 PM

Opus Jazz Ensemble
Featuring Denise Nasso

More to come –
every last Wednesday of the month!

These informal events are open to everyone of all faiths. The focus is on the music and the opportunity to hear it in an "acoustically alive" historic sanctuary. Admission is free – an offering will be taken for the benefit of the musicians.



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CABINET RETREAT

A church cabinet retreat is going to be held Saturday, August 27 from 9:00—2:00 in Perkins Hall.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Please join us in Perkins Hall, after the worship service, to welcome our new members into the congregation.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

This month’s mission emphasis will be the local Community Cupboard. This program helps to provide canned food to local impoverished families. A donation basket will be located in front of the sanctuary to receive your food donations.



JAZZ VESPER AUGUST 31, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Denise Nasso will be back with her Opus Jazz Ensemble. The jazz vespers group continues to grow and most of those who come are not regular attendees of the church. Come and join us!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Women’s Fellowship will meet Friday, Sept 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in Perkins Hall.

“Mind Fit” WORKSHOP

Rev. Marti Garrison will give a brief presentation on September 7 at noon on the topic of “Brain Fitness and Healthy Minds” to explain how Cognitive Therapeutics works. Marti is a coach for Home Care Assistance, doing one-on-one activities with those who want to prevent loss of brain function associated with aging and those who want to strengthen memory, focus, and attention that has been lost. This presentation is just one part of a six-week series called *Mind Fit*, trademarked by Home Care Assistance.

NATIVE AMERICA—THEN AND NOW

On September 15 at 4:00 pm, Manuel Lucero of the Cherokee Nation, addresses the treatment of Native Americans from the landing of Columbus to the present day. Cooperatively sponsored by: Temple B’rith Shalom; Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation; First Congregational United Church of Christ. Meeting held at the Granite Peak UU on 882 Sunset Avenue. Those that attend will receive a free pass to the POWWOW September 23-25 at Watson Lake Park.



CHURCH PICNIC

Heritage Park, Garden Ramada—September 25 at noon right after worship services. More information to come!

JUSTICE AT THE BORDER

October 7-10: Nogales Arizona. See page 3 for more details. See Julie in the office if you have an interest in participating.



October 7-10, 2016
Converge on the U.S./Mexico Border
Resist Militarization, Support Refugees
End Migrant Incarceration

Discovery School
By: Yoichi
Matsumoto

DISCOVERY GARDENS PRESCHOOL

As you know First Congressional Church is committed to support Prescott Discovery Gardens preschool, our next door neighbor.

On June 29, Ms. Stacy Williams, Director of Discovery Gardens, gave a presentation at a Prescott Sunup Rotary club meeting. Over 60 people were at the meeting. Her talk was centered on the importance of early child education. It generated quite an interest among Rotary members and a lot of questions were asked.

Ms. Williams also mentioned her appreciation for how our church is helping them by providing school supplies and materials for the playground, offering our facility for their graduation ceremony and volunteering as teacher's aides.

After her talk, several people went up to her and asked how the Rotary club can also help. She will submit to the club a list of their needs including an access for handicap children in the playground, volunteers and scholarships.

She was glad to interact with the club and promised to involve her superintendent for the school's community outreach efforts.

Possibly, our church and the rotary club can decide which area they both can join to help.

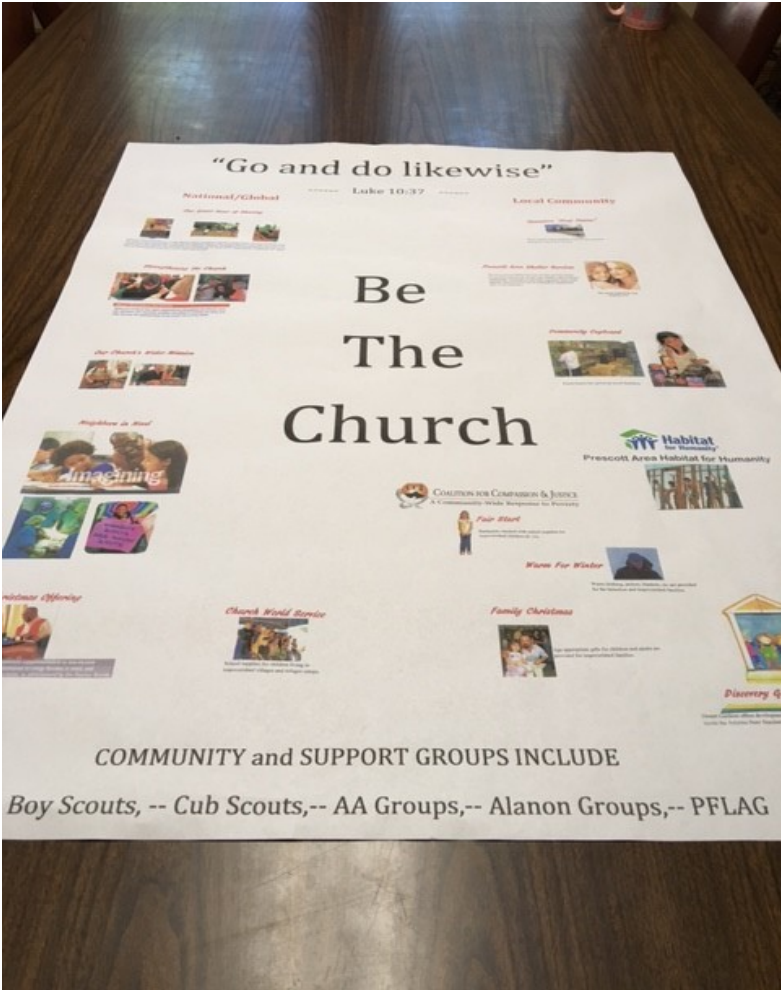
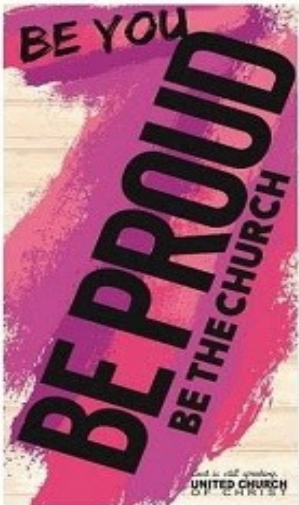
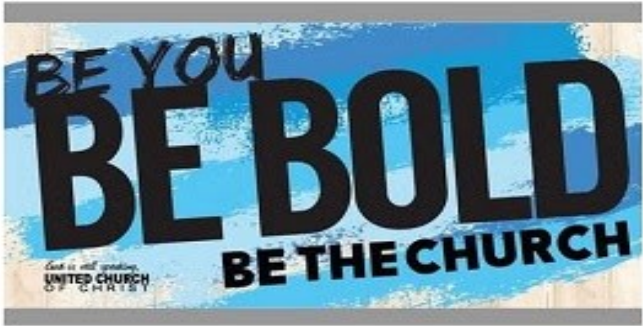
On our volunteering for Discovery Gardens, we are trying to register people for the coming school year. If you need help for the registration, the assistance is available. Please see Pastor Jay, if you are interested.

Submitted by Yoichi Matsumoto

BE THE CHURCH

The Mission Committee has put together a great visual of all the ways we are “being the church” in mission. Look for it on the bulletin board in Perkins Hall!

Thanks, Mission Committee!



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

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.

Funky Friday Game Night
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone Welcome!
7-9 pm
1st Friday of every Month

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

CHOIR PRACTICE 9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am on Thursdays

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

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions Study Group
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested
~And~
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library

CABINET MEETING meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay.

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