

First Congregational Church



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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY



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

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

ABOUT DISCERNMENT HERE AND NOW - PART ONE



Some background:

- In the United Church of Christ, it's the local church that governs itself and is in covenant with other local churches and UCC bodies (Conferences, General Synod, e.g.). We covenant together for the good of the entire Christian Church.
- One way local Churches covenant together is about ordaining its members into ministry.
- In the UCC ordained ministers and those seeking ordination must have active membership in a local congregation. (Ordained ministers are not off by themselves and separated from local church members.)

Members in discernment seeking ordination

Beginning her journey toward ordination our member, Natalie Brummer, is a Member in Discernment. The discernment starts with us, now, as she takes the early steps - - getting a Bachelor of Arts Degree (hers will be a BA in Christian Studies) and being an active member of First Congregational Church of Prescott AZ.

How should you help?

Even if you aren't a member, you will be experiencing worship with her, interacting over a cup of coffee in Perkins Hall, meeting together on a committee, exchanging views in a discussion group - - to mention a few possibilities.

The discernment process - - a benefit for Natalie, of course - - should also benefit each of us and the congregation overall.

So, we should support it.

M.I.D. committee members - Jane Cheek (chair), Angela Imbierowicz, Rev Marti Garrison and Pete Norum

IMMIGRATION NEWS:

Saturday, September 21, 1:00 PM at the United Methodist Church, we are co-sponsoring an immigration panel of speakers including:

- I A Master of Divinity graduate from a Methodist Seminary who is also a professor at Boston University teaching graduate classes on the subjects of immigration and theology.
- II An immigration attorney
- III A holocaust survivor
- IV Dan Streeter, Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent and Board member of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- V Representative of “No More Deaths”, a humanitarian organization based in Southern Arizona.
- VI Member of the local immigrant community
- VII Community organizer and graduate student at Prescott College who has researched local law enforcement practices in Yavapai County.



There will be a Q & A time following the panel presentation. Questions? Contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard [928- 910-2455]

Our Mission Outreach emphasis for September is our denomination’s Neighbors in Need (NIN). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a variety of social justice programs and initiatives. One-third of the offering supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries.

In addition to supporting NIN, our DACA Fund remains open to receive donations throughout the year. Our DACA Fund helps local documented college age students meet their college tuition and classroom expenses.

Questions? Our Mission Outreach Team members are: Becky & Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson).

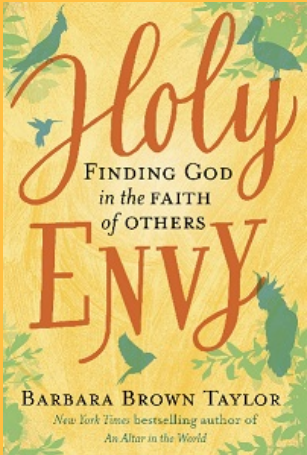
UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA

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.”



GROWING IN OUR FAITH.

Watch for a new feature in the *Caller* during the 4 weeks in September! Marti Garrison and Harry Strong will be introducing a new book to the congregation by Barbara Brown Taylor entitled: ***Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others***. Barbara’s book grew out of 20 years of teaching a class at Piedmont College on World Religions. Marti and Harry will “take turns” highlighting some insights from ***Holy Envy*** that have touched and transformed their own faith journeys. Both of them would welcome one-on-one conversations WITH YOU in response to their *Caller* testimonies.



Before Marti and Harry’s articles begin next month, here is an invitation from Barbara Brown Taylor herself to grow in your faith: *“When I first began teaching Religion 101, students would sometimes tell me they were scared to study other religions for fear of losing their faith. It was an odd concern, on the face of it. Would studying Spanish make them lose their English? Would traveling to Turkey cost them their US passport? I had a stock response to their concern: ENGAGING THE FAITH OF OTHERS IS THE BEST WAY TO GROW YOUR OWN!”*

If at the end of September, you would welcome a chance to gather with some other members of our FCC/UCC family to dig a little deeper in “Finding God in the Faith of Others,” Marti and Harry have volunteered to continue the conversation. You may communicate your interest to them personally as follows: Marti Garrison (928-231-7664); Harry Strong (719-291-0779)

It’s time for another round of the delicious and fun Nine ‘n Dine gatherings! The first round last spring was a great success and now we have new hosts welcoming church members and friends to their homes. To recap:

- You sign up in Perkins Hall where it’s posted Nine ‘n Dine. You and a few other guests will then be randomly assigned to an unknown host. That is the fun part: meeting new people and sharing a meal and conversation. So far we have three hosts.
- Then the host will contact you about finding a date and time that works for everyone in your group. The host fixes the main dish and asks guests to bring side dishes.
- You all gather at the host’s house and have a good time getting to know those in the church you might not know as well as you would like.



- Questions? See Marti Garrison or write garrisonmarti@gmail.com

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."



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.

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

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Accepting cash and credit cards

- 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	Onery 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)
PETIEY 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)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Susan Wagner 09/05
Ralph & Cheryl Gilges 09/09
William & Rebecca Bryant 09/22
Janet & Ritch Steven 11/23

BIRTHDAYS

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.
