



First Congregational Church Prescott

United Church of Christ

a just world for all

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

FROM PASTOR JAY

*Saul threatening David,
by José Leonardo.*

David has spent most of his 20's (at least 5 years) living on the run from King Saul. A lot of living in the wilderness - The cave of Adullam; Mizpeh of Moab; The forest of Hareth; Keilah; The wilderness of Ziph; The wilderness of Maon; En-gedi; The wilderness of Paran (1 Samuel 25:2); The wilderness of Ziph again. So, it is not surprising that he might have a fit of depression:

David said in his heart, "I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better for me than to escape to the land of the Philistines..." (1 Samuel 27:1). He listens to his inner voice, and despite his continual escape from King Saul in the past, he thinks the end must be near. He runs to the Philistines - the enemy of Israel! And in the mystery of "all things working together for good" (Romans 8:28) David is saved from his actions by coincidence / providence.



This Sunday we will check in with our own inner voice and give thanks for how many times God has saved us from its advise!

So if it sometimes seems like there's a whole party going on inside your head, don't worry. You're not crazy. You're just waking up. Brian Whetten

"Faust complained about having two souls in his breast, but I harbor a whole crowd of them and they quarrel. It is like being in a republic." ~ Otto von Bismarck

See you Sunday - Jay

1 Samuel 27-29	A Fit of Depression
1 Samuel 30	Receiving Grace and Mercy
2 Samuel 1	David: A Model of Dealing with Pain and Loss
2 Samuel 2-4	Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
2 Samuel 5	Discerning God's Direction and Timing
2 Samuel 6	Encountering the Holy
2 Samuel 7	When God Says No
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles
2 Samuel 16-18	When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22	David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23	The Blessing of Communion
1 Chron. 28-29	Facing Death

"A JUST WORLD FOR ALL" NAME TAG CAMPAIGN

We are updating our name tags to support the UCC's emphasis of Justice for all.



You get a choice of lanyard or the new clip-on. Stop by Perkins Hall to update your Name Tag with the new UCC logo card to include "a just world for all".

RINGING BELLS RESUMES REHEARSAL THURSDAYS AT 11:00 IN THE HAZELTINE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS

Ringin' Bells will resume rehearsals Thurs. August 9 at 11am. We are looking for new ringers that would like to come and try with us. It is necessary that you read treble clef music. Call if you are interested. Director Carole Sue Linson M.M. 928 717 4494



ACTIVITY BAGS

To help your little ones pass the time before the Children's Time, you will find colored activity bags hanging on the entry doors of the sanctuary for the children to enjoy. Please leave these activity bags in the pews when the children leave for Sunday school.

BORDER MISSION TRIP UPDATE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6PM, PERKINS HALL

Rev. Gary and Patty Gard will give an update on their trip to the border with our conference group.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED DURING WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 16

If you are interested in learning more about joining the church, please see Pastor Jay or our co-moderators: Patty Lantrip and Rev. Marti Garrison

Next Sunday - Southwest Conference UCC minister Rev. Bill Lyons will join us for worship
August 19 - Denise Nasso will be our musical guest
August 26 - Womansong will be our musical guests

SECURITY TEAM

Do you have an interest in security matters? We are looking for new team members to help with our churches security protocol each Sunday.

CHURCH BASEMENT FLOOR AND BATHROOMS TO BE UPDATED

August 6-10 has been designated as the week the basement floor and bathrooms will be renovated. All our outside groups meeting in the basement have been notified that they will not be able to meet here during that week. There will be opportunities to donate toward this work. One goal is to make the basement look more pleasing to new parents who bring their children to the nursery - an extension of our extravagant welcome.

PRAYER CHAPEL - TUESDAY

On Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. in meeting room #2, Called to Care continues a weekly Prayer Chapel open to whomever wishes to pray with us.

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM

Pastor Jay leads a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the library downstairs

PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD PACKING

Below are listed the volunteer team members for the FCC Packer Team week of August 13-17 2018. The packer hours are 1:30PM to 4:30pm

Mon 13th: Jan & Wm Mauck
Tues 14th: Patty Brenner .814-222-2286
Wed 15th: Pete Norum, Kathy Stephens
Thurs 16th: Connie Vendre, Stacy Graustein
Fri 17th: Linda & Dave Foote

Al Beeson
FCC Packer Team Captain
717-9915 CP# 277-9784



CABINET MEETING SUMMERY - 7/27/18

The Treasurer, Julie McCurdy, reported that we are at 50% of the budget year. Income as of June 30 is 50% of the income budget of \$249,300. Income from offerings is at 52%, from facility use is at 56% and income from FCC/UCC Foundation for Minister and Education is at 50% of that budget.

The historical archives stored in our church will be sorted and organized and subsequently will be stored in a new safe easier to access.

We are seeking a volunteer to organize our Library downstairs and sort through new donations.

Pete Norum discussed the future of adult education and it was agreed that a program of continuity, seasonal, or studies of various formats would be favorable. Engaging the congregation to suggest ideas will be forthcoming. We are still seeking an Education Chair.

The downstairs area will be closed from August 6-10 for flooring replacement. The suggested materials (chosen by decorating committee) and costs were approved by the Cabinet.

Our Security volunteers had met and an informative and complete memo explained our current procedures. We appreciate their excellent contribution to the safety of our congregation.

Submitted by:
Patty Lantrip, Co-Moderator



ALTER-NOTES

Would you like to sing or can play an instrument in a fun and crazy group?Anything goes-- pop, folk, blues, spirituals, African, calypso, jazz and even classical. We play in full group or break-out groups, as well as instrumentalists.

Contact Melissa Gates phone:207-391-3276
Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Mission Notes: Our August mission emphasis is the Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP). The DGP student body includes students who are developmentally challenged as well as those

whose parents are living at or below the federal poverty level. In addition to receiving donated classroom supplies, we are supporting a DGP scholarship fund. This fund will help enable the attendance of children whose parents need financial assistance. If you would like to participate in this month's project, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo, "Discovery Gardens".

Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

From August 26-30, there will be a week of events and discussion hosted by the Southwest Conference at the Good Shepherd UCC church in Sahaurita (SE of Tucson). The week will include: visiting a shelter in Nogales, Mexico, observing an immigration court hearing in Tucson, learning more about ministering to those seeking asylum and refuge. If interested in attending, contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455).



[Learn More](#)

WITNESS AT THE BORDER

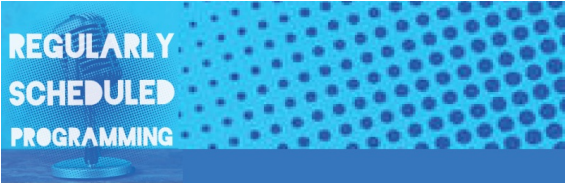
Many of you have asked what more can be done to respond to government policies that detain and separate families. The Southwest Conference UCC, acting with Justice and Local Church Ministries, is issuing two calls to action:

- Join us for a Faithful Witness AT the Border on August 26 - 30, 2018 - This experience will include a humanitarian mission to the Mexican side of the border to visit and take supplies to asylum-seekers, solidarity actions at detention facilities, advocacy training, and more.
- Join our Faithful Witness FOR the Border - Can't come to the border? Congregations and conferences are invited to host their own local events that might include: Beginning the process for becoming an Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation, organizing and attending town halls and candidate forums, raising money and collecting supplies for humanitarian relief at the border, and more.

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts						
July		YTD	January	93	January		July		Undesignated Missions		
Pledges	\$ 6,630	\$ 53,531	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325	CCJ Fair Start	\$ 970		YTD	\$ 1,025
Non-Pledge	\$ 2,639	\$ 20,756	March	101	February		Discovery Gardens	\$ 95	OCWM		
Facility Use	\$ 1,773	\$ 9,030	April	114	PASS	\$ 320	August			YTD	\$ 175
Foundation	\$ 25,600	\$ 79,060	May	104	March						
Memorials			June	102	HABITAT	\$ 275	September				
Total	\$ 36,642	\$162,377	July	111	April						
Expenses, Actual			August		OGHS	\$607	October				
	July	YTD	Sept		May						
Expenses	\$ 37,497	\$162,337	Oct		Rainbow Acres	\$ 355	November				
Annual Budget Needs			Nov		June						
	Annual		Dec		Pancake Breakfast (PCC)	\$ 2,876	December				
Expenses	\$249,300				Strengthen The Church	\$ 559					

Seeking part time caregiver/companion for Joanne Lussier. Minimal hours, Prescott Area, please contact Jeanne Carter [928-632-2042](tel:928-632-2042)



PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine room. All adults are welcome.

EVERY WEEK COMMUNION

“Every Sunday Communion” takes place in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays. Communion is open to all.

ONCE A MONTH COMMUNION

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care holds a weekly prayer time at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Chapel downstairs. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box in Perkins Hall.

PASS MEAL

Once a month we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

VAN MINISTRY

If you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please let Bill Rouse know by the Saturday before. 602-769-5770

THE RINGING BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

If you would be interested in playing with us, we will train you! This is a fun and rewarding contribution to our worship. We meet for rehearsal at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

CHANCEL SINGERS

If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or wait until the children’s time with the pastor and then go to Sunday school. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service at the discretion of the parent(s).



CONTACT US

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ADMINISTRATION
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:00
PASTOR JAY
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00
other times by appointment