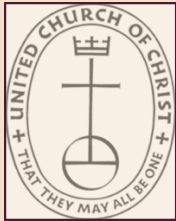


The Parish Caller

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

August 5, 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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- ◆Welcome Leslee Sunday 11:30 after worship service
- ◆Bell Choir Rehearsal Thursday 11:00 pm

From the Pastor

We are in Luke’s gospel this year, and one of Luke’s emphases is money - stuff, treasure, and care of the poor. Jesus had a lot to say about money, so Luke is just being a good reporter.

We try not to talk about money very much in the church, but we should at least keep you up to date on how we are doing with our 2016 budget and pledges:

2016 January – July:
Received: \$57, 117
Budgeted: \$62,125
compared to 2015,
Jan.-July:
Received: \$52,000
Budgeted: \$63,000

***Funding
our House of Worship***



Thanks to all who have contributed to our church!

Summer is typically the low months of giving in every church with the end of year being the highest giving months. So, all in all, we are doing ok.

Our congregation is helped by our church foundation which oversees the memorials and bequests that have been made in the past. A lot of my salary is paid by the foundation. Our thanks to those who remembered this church in their will and estate planning.

More recent bequests from the estates of Ruth Ashenfelter, John Favour, and the Payne family are helping to fund the church renovations that are beginning to happen. Our thanks to them as well – our historic building will continue to be a blessing to this congregation and the many community groups (at last count 23) that rely on us for meeting space.

We are blessed!

Jay



Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME LESLEE AMENTA, OUR NEW ORGANIST

This Sunday we will be welcoming and honoring Leslee with a cake in Perkins Hall during Coffee Time after worship service. Be sure to say hi, and introduce yourself!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Mission notes: The month of July found us immersed in mission projects. Thanks to the leadership and tireless effort of chairman, John Huff, and his dedicated staff of helpers, this year’s pancake breakfast netted approximately \$2365. A check for this amount is being sent to the Community Cupboard. Then, we housed and fed 28 Habitat for Humanity bikers in town to work on a local habitat home. Finally, we had a generous response to “Fair Start”, a project of the local Coalition for Compassion and Justice. In addition to donated items, approximately \$630 was expended to purchase additional backpacks and supplies. Over 1300 students (K-12) now have a “fair start” entering the new school year with needed school supplies.

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee will meet Sunday, August 7, after worship in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 21

Volunteers will be needed to follow our “safe church” policy of having two adults per classroom. Please see Bret Ely if you can volunteer on a Sunday morning.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 DURING WORSHIP

Please let the pastor or John McCurdy know if you are interested in joining the church. Orientation will be right after church on August 21 right after worship services. For those of you that received your new membership packet in the mail, give Julie a call in the office, 928-445-4555. Thanks!

PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

In a further effort to get to know one another, Cherie and I invite you to a “pastor open house.” It will be Sunday, August 28, from 12:30-4:30 at our home. More details and directions as the time approaches.

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

Border and Immigrant Justice

A call to a Border and Immigrant Justice UCC Congregations: God loves beyond borders

In the United Church of Christ we are called to an extravagant welcome of all God's children, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. At a time when the politics of fear and hate are overwhelming the airwaves, people of faith are called to respond with love. Together we are working to build bridges, not walls.

United Church of Christ School of Americas Watch

Border Convergence

October 7-10

Nogales, Arizona/Sonora

Please come and join the October 7-10 Border Convergence in Nogales, Sonora/Arizona at the U.S./Mexico border. Together UCC congregations will join the School of Americas Watch, immigrants' rights groups and interfaith partners to demand justice to address root causes of migration, justice at the border and justice for immigrants.

As politicians build walls, we must build bridges.

The UCC is building grassroots power to welcome immigrants and refugees and challenge a status quo that is responsible for the root causes of migration.

Joining the movement with School of Americas Watch

Many congregations have participated in the annual protests at Fort Benning to close the School of Americas that was responsible for training death squads in Central America. For the first time, that protest is moving from Georgia to the militarized US/Mexico border. The change of the location is part of broadening the issue and expanding the fight against U.S. militarization at home and abroad.

The United Church of Christ Southwest Conference, UCC National Collaborative on Immigration and the UCC General Minister and President invite you to join!

The UCC is involved in the planning process and Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer will be present to participate in the interfaith service at the border. The Good Shepherd UCC (just 40 miles north of the border) has been involved in border justice issues for years and has ample experience hosting UCC congregations from across the country for border immersion experiences. If you would like to send representatives from your congregation, or an entire group, please register here. For questions please contact with Nathan Watts at wattsn1013@gmail.com who is Ministry Intern at the Good Shepherd UCC or Rev. Noel Andersen at nandersen@cwsglobal.org co-coordinator of the UCC National Collaborative on Immigration.

UCC Immersion Experience October 5-6th

For those interested, we will be organizing a special UCC immersion experience before the SOAW Border Convergence that will include a desert walk with Samaritans, witness at Operation Streamline, theological reflection on border ministry and UCC strategic discussion on immigrant justice at a national level.

Send or Bring a Cross

The Southwest Conference UCC invites you to send/bring a cross (2'x1'w max) to be placed at the border in witness to our call to demilitarize the US/Mexico border and to give voice to the tens of thousands of migrants who have died in the desert as a result of failed US immigration policy. Send your cross to Southwest Conference UCC, 917 E. Sheridan St., Phoenix, AZ 85006 before Oct. 1, 2016.

**Register your
congregation today!**

Go to:
[www.soaw.org/
border/](http://www.soaw.org/border/)

Prescott
Community
Cupboard
Food Bank

First Congregational Church Packer Team Schedule, Revised
August 8-12 2016

For our new volunteer Packers here are some directions:

Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank
313 W. Goodwin Street [SE corner of McCormick & Goodwin St.]
Prescott, AZ 86303



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

The cupboard bldg. is located in the back blds see you at 1:30pm hours are from 1:30 to 4:30pm

- Mon 8:** Pete Norum 776-8867, Sonja and John Wilson 445-8876 was Al Beeson
- Tues 9:** Linda Foote 830-7178, Sandras Johns, was Al Beeson
- Wed 10:** Barbara McClure 771-9822, Harry Gamble [360-241-0260](tel:360-241-0260) was Al Beeson
- Thurs 11:** Don Stephens, 445-5526, Nitaray Thomas 445-3465
- Fri 12:** Paul S and Diane F. Sandstrom 445-3291

The Prescott Community Cupboard has been an emergency food source for the Prescott, AZ area since 1973. They deliver services without regard to the recipient’s race, national origin, faith, sex, disability, or age.

Contact Us:
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fccprescott@gmail.com
Administration Office Hours
Mondays: 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC
Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

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

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

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

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.

CALLED 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.

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.

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

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.
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