

First Congregational Church, UCC Prescott

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

FROM JAY'S DESK

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 2019 budget and pledges:



January-June 2019 Pledge Income is at \$49,971 - the budgeted amount for the year is \$97,000.

So, we are on track with that number. We also receive income from non-pledged giving, open plate giving, and gifts from the groups that use our meeting rooms.

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. My salary is paid by the Foundation. Our thanks to those who remembered this church in their will and estate planning.

Bequests from the estates of Ruth Ashenfelter, John Favour, and the Payne family helped fund the church renovations in recent years. All of our property has been improved! Our thanks to them - our historic building will continue to be a blessing to this congregation and the many community groups (over 20 at last count) that rely on us for meeting space.

We are blessed!
Jay



Join

**Prescott Peacebuilders,
Prescott Indivisible,
and people of all faiths**

Candlelight Vigil – Unite Through Light!

Monday, Aug. 12 at 7pm

Join us to collectively mourn the tragedy of all of those directly and indirectly impacted by the recent shootings in Dayton and El Paso. We join with other communities who are concerned for the soul of our country.

Meet at Bucky's Statue, Prescott Courthouse Plaza

Rain or Shine!

Wear black (or another dark color).

Bring your own light (battery votives or cellphone lights).

Bring an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

Summer Serenade on the Sea

A Concert to benefit
the 'Community Cupboard'

Cast off from the Italian port of Napoli singing
"Santa Lucia" as you embark on a musical
voyage to Andalusia Spain, merry old England,
and the Vienna Opera House.

Presented by:
Granite Mountain Bel Canto Singers & Friends
Sunday August 18th at 3 PM
First Congregational Church
216 E. Gurley St., Prescott

All donations benefit the Community Cupboard.
We will collect non-perishable food to help our less
fortunate brothers and sisters in the community.
Suggested donation is \$12/ person at the door
(cash and checks only)

Sung by thrilling tenors, silver toned sopranos, melodious mezzos and fantastic local
choristers. Accompanists: Barbara Freund, Carole Nickerson.
Information: Facebook @granitebelcantosingers graniteingers@gmail.com

sunday

brunch

September 29th 2019

139th anniversary annual

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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.

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 take part. On August 28th and September 4th, Michele will share Eckhart’s key teachings through Matthew Fox’s eyes, calling us to be the mystics and prophets our world so needs—and possibly opening the door to how. You are invited: Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm to 8pm
ee” “personalized” “complimentary” or “customized.” A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like “for a limited time only” or “only 7 remaining!”

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Please stop by the library in Perkins’ lower level, near the children’s rooms. To check out a book is simple: just borrow it and return it. If you particularly enjoyed it, note the title and leave in the library. I will include it in our “Library Offerings,” an upcoming column. If you notice how the library might be easier to access, let me know. And, if you know books to recommend, I will look into ordering them. For security, our library is locked during service, but open immediately after and every day of the week.

You will find shelves for women-focused spiritual literature as well as LGBT books. The library has books old and new that address wide-ranging theological topics. I am looking for current books and topics so I welcome your suggestions.
Marti Garrison

EDUCATION DISPLAY IN PERKINS HALL

Take a few minutes to look at the illustrated map on the education table showing the journey of the First Congregationalists and the United Church of Christ. This large map has been hanging in the library but now is more noticeable. It is very interesting!
Marti Garrison

YOUTH EDUCATION

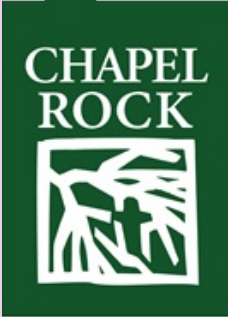
I will report in August how the teachers are using the curriculum and leading Bible-related projects. Suggestions and questions are always welcomed.
Marti Garrison

ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES (DATES AND TIMES tba)

Adult Education Ideas for the coming months. Do any of these spark a fire in you?

- **Reading and writing sacred poetry:** *Writing the Sacred, A Psalm-inspired path to appreciating and writing sacred poetry* by Ray McGinnis
- Studying the faith journey of **Barbara Brown Taylor**: how do we relate to her...or not? (four weeks)
- **“Living in Covenant”** using the UCC guide from *The Present Word*: Mark, Matthew, Hebrews, Ruth, and 1 Samuel (four weeks)
- **“Discipleship and Mission”** using the UCC guide from *The Present Word*: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Romans (four weeks)
- Consider the book **“One Day I Wrote Back**: interacting with scripture through creative writing,” by Jane Herring

will be the New Bishop, Bishop Jennifer Reddall. Camp would not be camp without afternoon activities like Tai Chi, Arts and Crafts, Kayaking, as well as Spiritual, Musical and Intellectual Choices. In the evenings campers will enjoy a campfire, s'mores, talent show, snacks and adult beverages. As always you can participate in as little or as much as you want while at Adult Camp! Please visit the Adult Camp page at www.chapelrock.net for more information. Registration can be completed online, or call our office and we will be happy to further assist you with any questions. Thank you, Elizabeth Paullin, Chapel Rock Office: (928) 445-3499



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.

A LOOK AHEAD.....

- August 4 Camp Song Sunday
- August 11 Chancel Singers
- August 18 Gospel Music Sunday
- August 25 Rev. Harry Strong Guest Preacher
- September 2 Labor Day
- Sept. 29 Church Picnic (139th Anniversary)



ANNIVERSARIES

- Sandra & Lionel Talbot 08/08
- Ralph & Susan Wagner 09/05
- Ralph & Cheryl Gilges 09/09
- William & Rebecca Bryant 09/22
- Janet & Ritch Steven 11/23

BIRTHDAYS

- Al Beeson 08/03
- Murl Preble 08/08
- Jim Christopher 08/10
- Angela Imbierowicz 08/11
- Jane Osborn 08/12
- 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 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 2 downstairs 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".