



First Congregational Church

"No matter where you are on life's highway, you are welcome here."

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr: An Interactive Lenten Study

Who is Father Richard Rohr? A Franciscan priest? A Roman Catholic? Aren't we Protestants? Why would we care what he has to say? Fair questions. But might his questions (and answers!) be our questions too?

- Why does it matter that "Christ" was not Jesus' last name?
- What changes when we opt for "original blessing" over "original sin"?
- What if, when Jesus said "This is my body" he meant us, not bread?

For six weeks, members of our church will engage in study to explore answers to these and other questions. We hope you will join us. Study begins Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. Feel free to ask Harry or Anna Strong or Michele McFadden on Sunday for more information.

March 4th @ New Time: 5:00 pm

FROM PASTOR JAY

This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday - and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. So, that means it is Jazz Sunday also! Music will fill the service with Alter-Notes and Ed Cornett performing. Matthew 17:1-9 is the text and the sermon title is "I Want That Mountain!"



Mosaic of the Transfiguration, Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai

WE WELCOME MUSICIAN ED CORNETT ON JAZZ SUNDAY!

Ed Cornett, is a musician like many good musicians, was born in Kentucky. After serving in the US Air Force, Ed moved to the Washington, DC area. This is where Ed's real music education began. While Ed was already a skilled musician, he was privileged to meet and work with some of the famous musicians of our time.

As a professional musician, Ed has played both drums and trumpet in his bands as well as other groups and trios. Ed is not only an accomplished drummer / percussionist and trumpeter, he is proficient on 14 instruments, these include: Flugelhorn; Vibraphone; Keyboards and most wind instruments. Ed has been a part of the music industry for over 50 years. Ed is currently playing during dinner at the Finn restaurant on Thursday evenings.



Prescott Area Shelter Services
FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY

MISSION NEWS AND UPDATES

February's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS provides shelter to women and children, educates clients concerning local resources, assists clients in their search for employment, and helps clients transition into permanent housing. Volunteers from our church help provide a monthly hot meal. If you would like to help with this outreach, contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042) or sign your name to the PASS volunteer list found in Perkins Hall. Checks may be made payable to the church, with the memo, PASS.

Thanks to your generous response to our January mission emphasis project, a \$786 check has been sent to the Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC). PCC serves low income/homeless clients with monthly food bags. If you would like to be a part of our church's team of volunteers who pack the food bags, please

contact our co-captain, Angela Imbierowicz (708)712-1448.

As a reminder, we have established an on-going fund to assist DACA students needing help with [1] education related expenses and [2] legal expenses relating to their DACA renewal. We continue to help Franceny, a junior at Prescott College and her brother, Francisco, a senior at the U of A. This fund receives donations throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please note "DACA Fund" on your memo line.

Our Mission Outreach team welcomes questions/comments. Team members are: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helanine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson). Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2).



**ASH WEDNESDAY – NOON ON THE 26TH
Imposition of Ashes, Communion, and Mediation**

Rather than a formal worship service this year, there will be time for personal reflection and meditation while listening to Barber's Adagio in the sanctuary.



Birthdays

Barbi Beeson 03/02
Betty Corn 03/13
Kathy Stephens 03/13
Patty Gard 03/18
Bret Ely 03/26 Andree
Shrimpton 03/28
Susan Wilson 03/30
Janet Steven 04/08
Deana Wilson 04/27
Tom Lloyd 04/28

[Watch Sermons Here](#)



• **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 Thursday 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".