



# First Congregational Church Prescott

## Merry Christmas

### REACHING OUR STEWARDSHIP GOAL

**2019 Congregational Pledge Goal: \$127,000**

**Dec. 14: \$104,462**

**Dec. 2 = \$92,278**

**Nov. 25 = \$ 78,154**

**Nov. 18 = \$52,820**

**Needed:**

**\$23,538**



**UPDATE ON WHERE OUR PLEDGES FOR 2019 STAND:**

**\$103,462**

**GOAL \$127,000**

**Pledge Units: 60**

**Short: \$23,538**

*We are at a time when our church needs your help. With prayer, faith, and good stewardship we put together a budget that supports a healthy and growing church that shares our historic building with the community and beyond. Each promise of support brings us closer to our goal of covering operational costs and lessen the need to continually draw from our Foundation Funds. We are closing the gap, but we still have more work to do.*

*We are reaching out to you with an opportunity to be a part of our "Ripples of Generosity" stewardship campaign. In this season of giving, please consider making a pledge to allow our church to continue doing God's work in our own lives, our community, and our world. Every contribution, great or small, is greatly appreciated.*

**PLEDGE CARD**

SAVE THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Each Week ☐ or Each Month ☐ I plan to give: \_\_\_\_\_

For an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

MY PLEDGE

Each Week ☐ Each Month ☐

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 BUDGET**

**STEWARDSHIP BOOKLET**

**DECEMBER**



**BIRTHDAYS**

Richard Unkenholz December 21  
Randy Jay Wilcher December 17  
Pete Norum December 18  
Charlie Hille December 19  
Dakota Wilson December 20  
Jay Eby December 24  
Dillan Osborn December 25  
Don Stephens December 25  
Christopher Hoit December 27



First Congregational Church Annual

*We invite you to join us*

# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



& POTLUCK

DECEMBER 23ND  
Sunday 11:30 am



Perkins Hall

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

The holidays are here once again  
Let's gather together!  
Bring a dish to share with all  
**ANGLE TREE GIFT DAY**

PosterMyWall.com

## Another Spirit Filled Service

For all the dear people that were at last Sunday's service, we were once again treated with our outstanding singers AND songs AND a beautiful duet. I was not the only one that had tears in their eyes on several occasions (I was looking around, taking in all the emotions we were encountering). If you didn't walk out with a most powerful uplifted spirit, I'm sorry! We are so incredibly fortunate to have the talent and giving people in our midst, along with sermons that seem to speak directly to us every week. Thank you, THANK YOU....AMEN

Submitted by a grateful member of FCC UCC

## Library Re-Do

The First Congregational/UCC church Library is being revitalized! Marti Garrison and Carol Dosse have begun work on the library: books are being reviewed and arranged by subject for easy browsing. Please come downstairs to the



library and check out our progress.

To make a welcoming space for browsing and reading, as well as for meetings, we would like to add a comfortable chair, floor and table lamps, and a small side table. If you have donations, please contact Marti. In the coming months, Marti is planning to publish book reviews and coordinate discussions in the library about your choice of books.

Thank you, Marti and Carol

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### MISSIONS OUTREACH FOR DECEMBER

Our December mission emphasis includes;

1. "UCC Christmas Fund: supports low income clergy and their spouses, and
2. Our DACA Assistance Fund, which helps college age DACA students meet the expenses of paying out-of-state tuition and the expense of applying for the renewal of their DACA status.



Questions are welcome to any of our Mission Outreach team members: Gary Gard, Chr, Becky and Bill Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins. As always, thank you for supporting our church's ministries of justice and compassion. We have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

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### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP!

Here is a schedule of events and discussions folks have expressed interest in. I am really looking forward to these and more!

#### Spiritual Journey

December 17th, Monday at 12:00 noon Church Library

#### Social Justice: Past, Present & Future

December 23rd, Sundays, 1:00

What does social justice mean for us? What were the Social Gospel and Liberation Theology and how have those movements shaped our understanding of social justice? What actions can each of us take, can the church take to shape justice in our communities?

**"Reading the Parables: Many interpretations, No easy answers."** A discussion group. Dates and times to be announced, starting early in 2019.

**"Homosexuality and the Bible (and the UCC): what do the scriptures really say?"** Either a one-day seminar or a series of presentations. February 2019

**"Women in the Bible: a women's retreat"** Spring, 2019. Powerful women, unnamed women, "bad girls," suffering women, joyful women. We will look at the texts and play around with alternative versions. The library has many good books on theology through a woman's eyes and experiences.

Look over the books under the Christian Education bulletin board for possible topics for small group discussions or for seminars. These books plus many resources in our library will inspire us to take on new and unexpected opportunities. All the topics and formats you have indicated on the forms you returned will be scheduled as best as possible. Thank you! See me for thoughts, suggestions, and questions. Rev. Marti Garrison, Director of Christian Education.

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### CHRISTMAS CHURCH POTLUCK MEAL - DECEMBER 23 AFTER WORSHIP

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00 PM

#### ALAN MICHAEL'S BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

Please help - If you are under 60, go to the national registry at [bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org). If over 60, go to [bonemarrowtest.com](http://bonemarrowtest.com). Monies are available to cover the cost.

#### 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 church office.

#### RINGING BELLS REHEARSAL 9:00 THURSDAYS

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.

# Regularly Scheduled

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Conference 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.

## 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 9:00 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.

## ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

## 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

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

#### PRESCOTT, UCC

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Pastor Jay: 928-899-9066

Julie: 928-710-1379

### ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00

Friday 9:00 - 1:00

### PASTOR JAY

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

other times by appointment