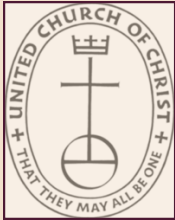


The Parish Caller

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

December 1, 2016

First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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This Week at a Glance...

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- ◆ **Acker Night Musical Showcase:** 5:30-8:30 pm "Faultline" Prescott Blues Band

FROM THE PASTOR

As we continue our Advent journey toward Christmas, this Sunday we hear John the Baptist calling us to repent (Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 11:1-10). We will look at the more positive aspects of repentance and producing its fruit – the title of the sermon is "The Fruit of Repentance." The Gurley Girls band will be providing worship music.

I received the notice on the next page, about the opening of the new emergency shelter. If I remember right, the \$2.00 charge is to help them feel empowered – I am sure they help get the money to those who need it.

Blessings — Pastor Jay



NEW STUDY GROUP FOR SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

Meet in the downstairs former library, 9:30-10:15.

Topics from the Series "Great Figures of the New Testament"

- Dec 4: Mary.
- Dec. 11: Joseph.
- Dec. 18: Wise (?) Men and Shepherds.
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WORLD AIDS DAY 2016 December 2nd —THIS FRIDAY

Please join Northland Cares and the Greater Yavapai LGBTQ Community Coalition in marking World Aids Day Friday, December 2nd at our church: Ceremony and reception 6:30-8:30 pm.

Missions and Outreach News

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

The Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ) opened their new indoor shelter November 17th. It provides beds and a heated room for 45 guests. We are now regularly experiencing nighttime temperatures in the 20's, so the shelter is a real blessing. The Open Door dining program will move its operation to the new shelter next March or April. We are continuing to receive donations for warm coats, sweaters, and blankets through the winter season.



From our CCJ November mission emphasis, we have sent a \$ 525 donation in support of the new shelter. This monetary donation is in addition to our donation of warm clothing. Thank you for your generosity.

December's mission emphasis will address both national and local needs. On the national scene, we will participate in the denomination's Christmas Fund, which supports low-income retired clergy and their families. Special Christmas Fund offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Or, you can simply make your check payable to the church with a memo line marked, "Christmas Fund". Additionally, our local mission emphasis will be the CCJ "Family Christmas". A donation box for toys and clothing is in the front of the sanctuary. Or, you may make a check payable to the church with a memo line of, "Family Christmas".

One of our on-going local mission programs is the Community Cupboard. The Community Cupboard serves many of the impoverished families living in our

community. Our FCC team packs food bags every 7 weeks, from 1:30-4:30. **We need more volunteers** to help us pack. As you ponder what you can do to make a difference starting out the new year, please consider this outreach. Contact our team captain, Al Beason, at 928-277-9784.

Thank you for your support of projects reaching the world outside our doors. If you have any questions about any of our mission endeavors, please contact me (Gary Gard) 928-910-2455.

CALLED TO CARE

On Monday, December 5th at 10:00 A.M. In the church library, Called to Care plans to begin a weekly Prayer Chapel open to whomever wishes to pray with us. We are in process of securing a locked Prayer Box for open or anonymous requests which will be in Perkins Hall each Sunday. Our Bulletin Prayer list and other known needs will be prayed among us each week. You may also contact Pastor Jay, Marilyn Kerstine, Rev. Shirley or another Called to Care minister to add your request.

Called to Care

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New Emergency Shelter in Prescott

The Coalition for Compassion and Justice has opened a new emergency shelter, the Stagger Straight Community, at 531 Madison Ave. at the intersection of Miller Valley and Madison.

Hours and entrance procedures:

The shelter is opens at 6:00 pm each night. Available beds are given out on a first come basis. The shelter closes at 7:00 am and each morning the guests are required to leave. Water and coffee are available and as supplies allow, we provide a bowl of soup each night. The cost for staying is \$2.00/night.



The Coalition for Compassion and Justice
531 Madison Ave. Prescott, AZ 86301 yavapaiccj.org
Office: 928-445-8382 email:paul.mitchell@yavapaiccj.org

Acker Night

ACKER NIGHT

December 9th 5:50 pm, we are hosting the “Faultline” an up and coming Blues band homegrown here in Prescott. Join us in showing your support! Thank you to those that have signed up, we could use a few more volunteers — Sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall

Christmas Potluck

CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

December 18 we will be gathering in Perkins Hall after worship service for our Annual Christmas Potluck. Sign up sheet is in Perkins Hall soon. Don’t miss it!

Pass Meal

PASS MEAL

The PASS meal is Wednesday, December 21st at 5:00 pm. Our church provides a monthly meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, a home for women in transition. We need several items of food for that Wednesday. The meal items are brought to our parking lot at 5:00 pm.

Advent Musings
Devotional

ADVENT “MUSING” DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN PERKINS HALL

Thanks to Ronny, Angela and Shirley and all who contributed— one per family please.

Faith UCC, Dewey
Annual Salad
Christmas

FAITH UNITED COMMUNITY UCC, DEWEY ANNUAL SALAD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday Dec. 5th at 11:30 Please RSVP 928-772-8257, 1061 Old Chisholm Trail, Dewey

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

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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.

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

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

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

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
6:30 pm in the Church Library

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 12:15 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.