



The Parish Caller

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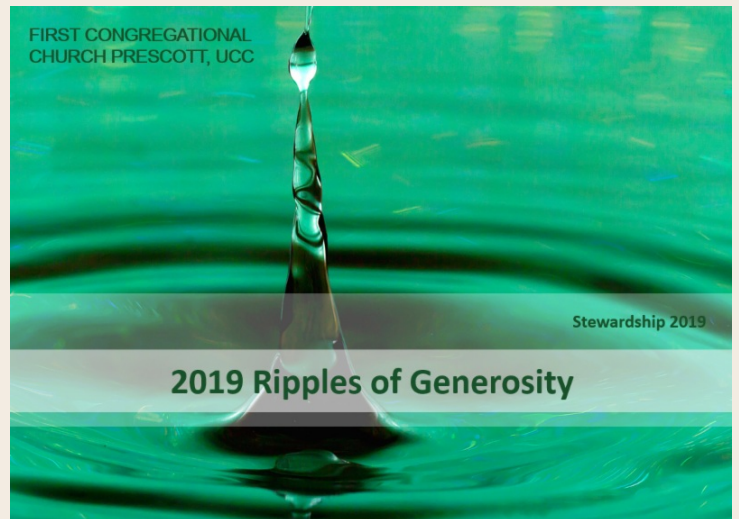
"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

FROM THE PASTOR

"Ripples of Generosity" equals a living church! Our stewardship campaign for this year took on the theme of "ripples of generosity" thanks to an idea from Linda Foote: "Contributions of time and money generously given to our historical church ripple outward, reaching an ever widening circle. There is no way to measure how many people have been touched or helped by God-gifts of love, understanding, and hope since our congregation was established."

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends through the years in supporting our church and foundation, we enjoy the ripples of their generosity today. And we are alive! The ripples of your generosity for 2019 expenses will keep the heat and air on, our worship services going, the more than 20 groups meeting here each week, and God's grace and love extending to all. The ripple of God's love and acceptance is expressed in the emotion of those who finally find in us a place of welcome. You make that possible. Please join me in supporting our church for 2019!

Jay



"PRESCOTT STANDS WITH PITTSBURGH" TAKES PLACE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 6:P.M.

The City of Prescott and The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott will partner to host a Candlelight Vigil on Saturday, November 3 at 6 p.m. at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza steps, to honor the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh.

There will be brief remarks by Prescott Mayor Greg Mengarelli, Dr. David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, and Pastor Dan Storvick, retired minister from The American Lutheran Church of Prescott. There will be a moment of silence, song and prayer.

"Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the people of Pittsburgh, especially those who were touched by this tragedy," said Mayor Mengarelli. "This vigil is our way of showing support for the people of Pittsburgh during this difficult time."

"The tragedy that played out in Pittsburgh this past Saturday is too horrific to comprehend. To think that

innocent people were massacred while engaged in the peaceful worship of their religion is unthinkable,” said Dr. Hess of the Jewish Foundation. “So many people in our Prescott community have reached out to the Jewish Foundation with their thoughts and prayers and have asked how they can help. I believe this candlelight vigil will be Prescott’s way of saying to the City of Pittsburgh and the victims of this heinous act: We stand with you.”

The vigil, entitled Prescott Stands with Pittsburgh, will begin at 6 p.m., and is scheduled to last about 30 minutes, on the north steps of the Yavapai County Courthouse.



NOVEMBER GREETERS
Nov 7,14,21,28: Alice and Jim - Alarcon Street door
Nov 7: Ralph and Susan: Gurley Street
Nov 14,21,28: Ritch and Janet

THANKSGIVING
This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepherds Ln, Prescott at 5:30 PM on November 15th. Those attending are asked to bring a can of soup in support of local Food Banks.



A letter to the UCC Family of Faith: We can’t let evil prevail

This call to action comes from the Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference UCC, with the affirmation of the denomination’s National Officers and the Rev. David Ackerman, Conference Minister of the Penn West Conference UCC.



The news over the past weeks has revealed an undercurrent of hate within our culture and our country. Between the assumption that immigrants walking nearly 2,000 miles seeking asylum are seen as a threat to our security; the pipe bombs mailed to those who oppose our current political administration; the massacre of 11 Jewish citizens during services at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; and the shooting of an African American man and woman in a grocery store after a failed attempt to enter a church of Black worshippers, it is hard to find cause for hope in our nation.

The rhetoric of hate and divisiveness calls for a response from the faith community. While we should not advocate for candidates or political parties, we must advocate for justice, humanitarian treatment of our neighbors, and for safety in our places of worship. We are a diverse nation and until recently that diversity has been seen as a strength. We, in the Church, must stand as moral authorities proclaiming peace and hope, compassion and justice.

Wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to provide wisdom and comfort, inspiration and compassion, I urge you to do so. To be silent is to let evil prevail and we, as people of faith, cannot do that, any more than Jesus could do it in his time and culture. Find a way to bring peace and hope to your faith communities, your communities, our state and our nations.

Today we are asking our members to write prayer notes or notes of compassion to our siblings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Mail them from your local church to them at 5898 Wilkins Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Participate in a vigil or a peaceful worship process in any one of your communities and if there isn’t one, please plan one.

If you are able, this would be a wonderful way to demonstrate solidarity with our Jewish siblings.

By all means pray but above all do not fail to speak out or to act. As Martin Niemöller wrote:

“First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.

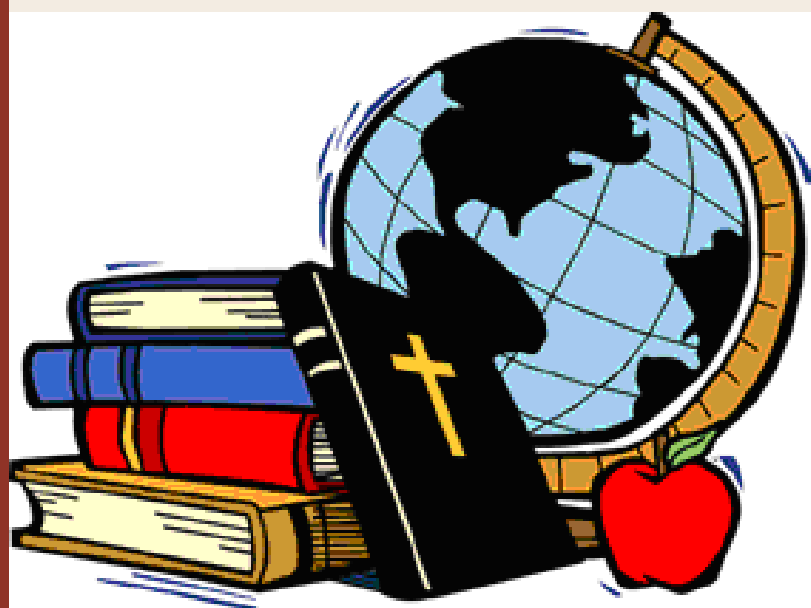
Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.”[1]

We are called to be people of prayer, but we are also called to remember that “The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18). May we each

and all do our part to make our communities, state and nation places of hope and peace.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Bonnie Bates
Conference Minister
Penn. Northeast Conference United Church of Christ



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ADULT OPPORTUNITES TO SHARE, LEARN AND CONNTECT

Here is a summary of your interests you checked off on the adult education form, with 12 turned in so far. The number of weeks for the topics will vary: two weeks to six weeks to one hour to one weekend day.

Most popular formats:

- Church sponsorship of one-day symposiums of current topics—9
- Small groups for learning and discussion—8
- Spirituality group for sharing faith journeys—7
- Book discussion groups—3

Most popular topics:

- “God is Still Speaking” What does that mean?—8
- Social Justice and the Social Gospel/A Just Peace—8
- The four gospels: selected texts and similarities, differences—7
- Embracing an adult faith--7
- Women in the Bible—6
- Reflections on our own church services and our mission—6
- The Abrahamic Religions—5
- Living the Questions: a video series on how we live our faith—5
- The Bible and the UCC—5
- Jesus and his disciples and the historical Jesus—4
- Homosexuality and the Bible—4
- Volunteering/serving the church—4
- Selected scholarly interpretations of the Bible—4
- The UCC statement of faith—4
- Atonement—different theories—4
- Exodus—1
- Write-in suggestions: Deep Theology, The Bible and Marriage

Please look through the books on the table in Perkins for possible small group discussions. Our library downstairs has a great selection.

The most popular times:

- Meet once a week (4); weekday lunch (3); once a month (2)

Nine ’n Dine: Marti Garrison and Paul Monska and Ralph Wagner and Susan Lemons have volunteered to host. More details on that to come. One person has expressed interest in the **Bake-a-Thon**. The goal of both these is for people to get to know one another better. And they are fun and delicious! Child care is an option. Please indicate if you would like that.

Do pick up a form on the table under the newly decorated Christian Education bulletin board in Perkins Hall. We need your input and suggestions!

Also note on that bulletin board what the children are doing. The downstairs boards have much more and I will continue to gather posters. Check out the children’s projects and visit their rooms!

Thank you for your contributions to this church’s focus on Christian education!
Rev. Marti Garrison, Director of Christian Education. garrisonmarti@gmail.com.

Leave your forms in the collection plate or give to Marti or to Julie to put in my mailbox. Gracias!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Thanks to your contributions we are sending a \$400 check to the denomination's Church's Wider Mission and a \$110 check to the local program, People Who Care.

The two local mission projects we are emphasizing in November are; (1) the Coalition for Compassion and Justice Shelter ministries and (2) an assistance fund for local DACA students. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to the church with a memo identifying the project of your choice. Mission donations left undesignated will be used at the discretion of the mission committee. As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2) Gary Gard, Chairman

Each month we provide a hot meal to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS), a shelter for women and children. If you would like to help, please use the sign-up sheet found in Perkins Hall. Questions can be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard, [928 460 3042](tel:9284603042). A heartfelt thanks to each of you who are helping with this ministry.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on November 15th, 6:00 P.M., at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepherds Ln. We are each invited to bring a can of soup in support of local community food banks.

**TALENT, WILLING PARTICIPANTS,
HUMBUG--ites AND HOLIDAY LOVERS NEEDED!! BE
PART OF THE HOLIDAY MAGIC THIS SEASON**

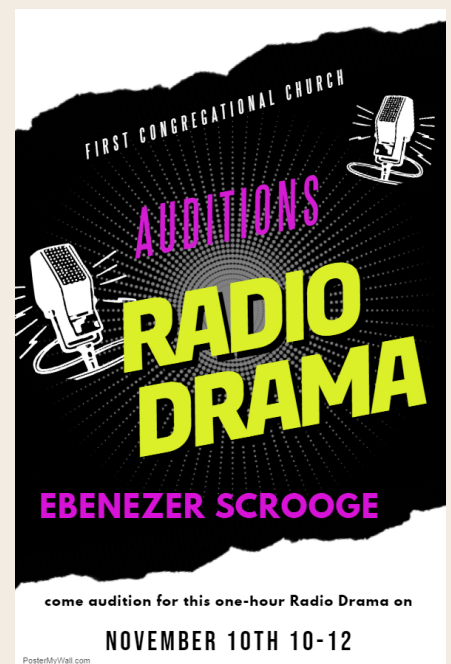
**AUDITIONS FOR EBENEZER SCROOGE RADIO DRAMA
TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 10TH 10 a.m. - 12:00**

SIGN UP SHEET IS IN PERKINS HALL

**NEEDED:
VOICE CHARACTER ACTORS**

BEHIND THE SCENES AND SOUND EFFECTS

**FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK THE SIGNUP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL OR SEE
BRIAN MOORE**



ALTER-NOTES

Would you like to sing or can play an instrument in a fun and crazy group? Anything goes-- pop, folk, blues, spirituals, African, calypso, jazz and even classical. We play in full group or break-out groups, as well as instrumentalists.

Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday.



RADIO DRAMA - EBENEZER SCROOGE

TALENT WANTED - AUDITIONS FOR DECEMBER RADIO DRAMA TO BE HELD

NOVEMBER 7TH 6:00-7:00 PM SANCTUARY
NOVEMBER 10TH 10 AM - 12:00PM SANCTUARY
RADIO DRAMA PERFORMANCE: DECEMBER 5TH 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER CHAPEL - TUESDAY

Prayer chapel is transitioning at this time and not meeting at the church - prayers continue at homes - please leave your requests in the box in Perkins Hall.

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 TIME IS MOVING TO 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.

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care holds a weekly prayer time at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Chapel downstairs. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box in Perkins Hall.

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 11:00 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.

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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).



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ADMINISTRATION
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:00
PASTOR JAY
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00
other times by appointment