



The Parish Caller

Established in 1880

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

FROM THE PASTOR

*Illustration from the Morgan Bible of
Mephibosheth kneeling before David.*



This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Christians around the world will gather to observe the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. We will do so as well. Our text is 2 Samuel 9 and introduces us to Mephibosheth. In addition to having a tough name, he had a tough life until King David rescued him. It's a gospel story in many ways - new life, a seat at the table, becoming part of the family, and enjoying an inheritance. We have much in common with Mephibosheth!

After receiving so much rain in recent months, I am happy to report there were no roof or building leaks on our properties! The church, parish house, and restaurant buildings have been around a while, so we should be grateful they survived our monsoon season nice and dry. Thanks to all who helped with repairs in the past!

Jay

DAVID SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles
2 Samuel 16-18	When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22	David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23	The Blessing of Communion
1 Chron. 28-29	Facing Death



OCTOBER

This month's mission emphasis we will be focusing on two missions. first is our denomination's national "Our Church's Wider Mission" (OCWM). Donations to the OCWM help support education, mission, and administrative planning and programing. Second, our local "People Who Care". Donations to PWC enable

the ministry of local volunteers who help those in need with such services as; transportation, shopping, doctor/dental appointments, home repair, and fellowship. Checks may be made payable to our church, with the memo line designating your preference. If you note only "mission", donations will be used at the discretion of our Mission Outreach committee.

For the month of September, your mission contributions enabled us to send a \$1,718 check to our denomination's "Neighbors in Need". Among the NIN projects is the "Hope Station", a newly forming border ministry with a planned shelter in Nogales, Mexico for immigrants arriving from the south and immigrants newly deported from the United States (including DACA students whose renewal applications were denied). As always, thank you for your support of ministries reaching out to those in need of love, justice, and compassion. We have been blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2). For information about any of our mission projects, contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard at 928-910-2455.

On the third Wednesday of each month volunteers from our church provide a hot meal for women and children staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the round table in Perkins Hall. Thank each of you who so faithfully participate in this ministry. For more information or questions, please contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard at 928-460-3042.

**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**

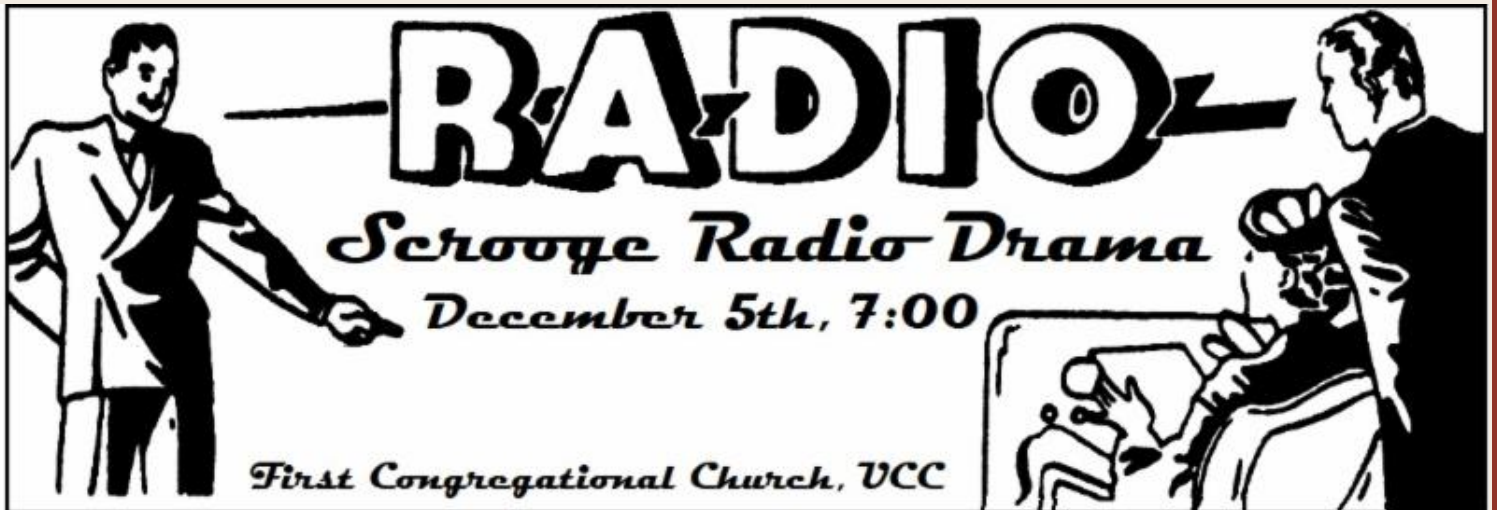
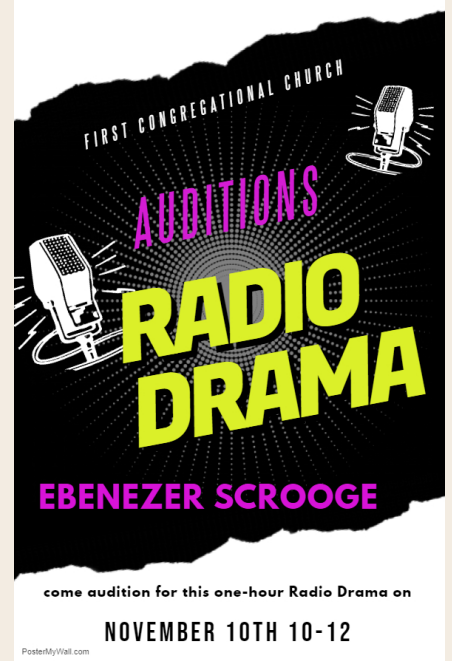
NOVEMBER 10TH 10 a.m. - 12:00

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



GREETERS MINISTRY

OCTOBER

Andree Shrimpton and Randy Cook will be at the Alarcon Street entrance.

Paul Monska and James Olney will be at the front door.

Birthdate

WILSON, John September 28
HOITT, Destiny September 29
KERSTINE, Marilyn September 30
GILGES, Ralph October 9
GATES, Melissa October 13
MONSKA, Paul October 13
FOOTE, David October 17
GATES, Elizabeth October 21
LOBAUGH, Harold October 22
LOBAUGH, Suzy October 23
LANTRIP, Patty October 25
DUFFY, Buz October 26

Message from Marilyn Kerstine

Dearest Friends,

Not only did Pastor Jay and Patty lead an extravagant welcome for so many gifted and lovely new members, but also led an extravagant farewell party. Thank you! Your lovely gifts will be cherished forever. The picture of the the church will always live in my office. Yoichi, your thoughtful signed picture of all the folks at Las Fuentes was once again brilliant and a treasure. My heart stopped when Carole Sue and the Bell Choir thoughtfully dedicated the Prelude to me...I so love the bells and your roses lasted all week! Your deep felt cards and goodbye wishes continue to overwhelm me with love, tears of joy and thankfulness for each of you and the gifts that God has brought together to make First Congregational another most loving church I have been privileged to serve among. A giant thank you! May your blessings return to you as richly promised.

In Christ's Love,

Marilyn Kerstine

Marilyn Kerstine's new address:
200 Talga Glen.
Waleska, GA. 30183

CHURCH PARKING

Discovery Gardens preschool parents use our parking lot weekdays as they pick up and drop off their children. We are ok with this since we use the school lot on Sunday mornings. Please use the school lot as you are able - this allows those who need our spaces to be able to find one. Thanks!

TEMPLE B'RITH SHALOM

Our joint activities with Temple B'rith Shalom have been Postponed to the Spring due to Rabbi Holly going on leave of absence due to a fall resulting in her braking her fibula and tibial plateau. Pray for her.

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. Continuing our series on David, the text will be 2 Samuel 11-12.

PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES (PASS) OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 17, 1-4 PM

PASS will welcome the community to an open house October 17. PASS is a women and children shelter for women in crisis or homeless. The address is 336 North Rush Street.

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

SECURITY TEAM

Do you have an interest in security matters? We are looking for new team members to help with our churches security protocol each Sunday.

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.

DONORS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Alan Michael needs a bone marrow transplant from someone whose DNA is an acceptable match to him. So far, in the entire world, that’s right, WORLD, there is not one person on any national or international bone marrow registry who is an acceptable match for him. That’s why we need YOU, and all your family and friends, no matter where they are geographically, and we need you NOW!

The test is simple. It’s a cheek swab done through the mail, followed by a local blood sample should you be a tentative match to someone needing bone marrow, such as Alan, and should your blood show you as an acceptable match to that person, you donate your marrow at your local hospital.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 44 this process is free for you. If you are between 45 and 60 years of age the cost of the cheek swab would be \$100. If you want to donate but can’t afford the cost, let me know and we may be able to find some financial assistance. So, if you’re interested in donating, call me, Melissa Gates at 207-391-3276 and I can give you the information you need and answer any questions you may have. Don’t forget to spread this word far and wide to all your friends and family because no matter where they are they can access the internet, get the testing done, become a member of the bone marrow registry and hopefully someone will match Alan.

For those over the age of 60, like me, the only way to try to donate is to use a private clinical lab for the cheek swab and that costs about \$195. The one thing about using the private lab is that results are returned between 3 and 5 business days whereas with the registry it takes 7 to 10 weeks for results. Again, call me if you’re interested. LET’S ALL HELP ALAN MICHAEL!

Melissa Gates

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.



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).



CONTACT US

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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