

139th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational

Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott. Arizona, to order. A quorum of 37 was

established. In all, there were 58 members

Pastor Jay Wilcher opened the meeting with

our congregation who have passed in 2018,

prayer. He then led us in remembering those of

present in addition to many guests.

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emphasis is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). Pass first opened its doors to homeless women and women with children (children 12 and under) in December 2007. The shelter usually operates at its full capacity of 25 guests. In addition to providing shelter, PASS works with other area agencies to provide counseling, job assistance and other

construction of two additional rooms which will increase their capacity to 33 guests, including children 18 years and younger. In addition to financial donations, our church provides a monthly hot meal. Volunteers are always welcome to help provide these meals. There is a PASS volunteer sign-up sheet kept on a



sharing a personal remembrance of each: Kevin Nelson, Pat Welch and Marilyn Lummel.

The minutes of the 138th Annual Meeting of FCC of January 28, 2018 were approved.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer, said that the open budget review held last Sunday after church was very productive with responses to questions on many of the budget items which included the following expenses: custodial, van insurance and maintenance, marketing, security guards, music supplies, outreach, and OCWM. Regarding the 2019 budget, Pete Norum made a motion to increase our Southwest Conference support, OCWM, from the budgeted \$3,600 to \$7,000. Discussion ensued. The following comments were shared: From Gary Gard: our present mission outreach exceeds \$21,000 and that this is 8% of the budget. From Susan Lemons: our present budget is a deficit budget as it depends on \$108,000 from the FCC Foundation. The motion was not approved.

The proposed budget for 2019 was unanimously approved.

Al Beeson, FCC Foundation, reminded us that the Foundation exists as a separate entity to "support this church". He announced that Jay Eby, after 12 years of service on the Foundation, has retired. Jim Christopher is a new member on the board. There are presently ten endowments comprising funds in the Foundation. He stated that, "More legacy gifts will be needed to support the church for years to come."

Our unanimously approved slate of officers for 2019 are:

Patty Lantrip,Co-moderator
Ralph Wagner, Co-moderator
Bill Rouse, Physical Resources
Staci Robbins, Treasurer
Susanne Broussard, Clerk
Patty Gard and Kathy Stevens: Hospitality Team
Leaders

Andy Wallace and Sandra Johns: Members at Large

Andy Wallace, David Foote, Angela Inbierowicz and Al Beeson: FCC Foundation

Education Director Marti Garrison thanked Patty Gard and Carol Dosse for their service to Sunday school and the library respectively. She directed our attention to the CE bulletin board display in Perkins Hall and encouraged participation in the study groups on the church calendar each month.

Co-moderator Patty encouraged everyone to read the reports in the annual report booklet. There was a successful motion to approve these reports.

At the close of the annual meeting Julie and John McCurdy were presented a special gift in recognition of their years of continuous and unselfish service to the church.

In his closing prayer, Pastor Jay spoke with gratitude of the many who have come to be a part of the "body of the church" this past year.

Meeting closed at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Solt, Clerk

table in Perkins Hall.

Questions or comments can be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (Phone 928-460-4032 or email gpgard@cableone). As always, thank you for your support of our church's mission outreach. Our Mission Outreach Team welcomes your questions or comments. Becky and Bill Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard (chairperson). We are blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

Anniversaries	
Geri Lyons	02/03
Suzanne Brousard	02/12
Suzy & Hal Lobaugh	02/19
Birthdays	
Susan Lemons	02/04
Brian Moore	02/04
Phil Prebble	02/11
Dan Bradstreet	02/12
Harry Strong	02/19
Barbie Beeson	03/02
Betty Corn	03/13
Kathy Stephens	03/13
Any Wilson	03/15
Patty Gard	03/18
Bret Ely	03/26
Andree Shrimpton	03/28



First Congregational Church Library

Here are three new ones for a variety of readers (or browsers, or if you like to skim and read a little at a time):

"Who does not want to have the last word?" If you do, glance through this: The Last Word:

A Treasury of Women's Quotes, complied by Carolyn Warner. The original foreword is by Erma Bombeck and the updated foreword is by The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor. There's an interesting mix! The book's chapters are, for example, Ability, Age, Courage, Faith, Humor, Politics, and Vision. When you need to have the last word, pick up this book.

Denial is My Spiritual Practice, by Rachel Hackenberg and Martha Spong (Bishop Spong's cousin).

These clergywomen have blogs and also put together this book, each writing on a relevant topic. The table of contents include "You should feel this pain," "Silence in the sanctuary," "My chai runneth over," and "Love at a funeral." These are light-hearted and yet take on some serious faith issues. Rachel is a United Church of Christ minister and Martha is a Presbyterian minister.

Why do we have a comma after "God is Still Speaking,"? Beyond the Comma:

Life at the intersection by Robert Chase handles this question in an accessible and thoughtful way. Through the lens of God is still speaking, Chase addresses gratitude, listening, race, truth, forgiveness, and beyond death. This book is praised by Rabbi Naamah Kelman (dean of Hebrew College); Rev. Dr. James Forbes (former senior pastor at Riverside Church in New York City); Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson of Metropolitan Community Church; Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, Islamic Studies, American University; and Sulome Anderson, journalist and professed agnostic.

That's quite a crew! The author is a United Church of Christ minister.





"MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND KEEP THE OLD"

Here's how at First Congregational: We are initiating a new fun way to make friends with congregants you may not know well---yet!

NINE 'n DINE FOR MARCH, 2019

This is a great opportunity to share hospitality and meet congregants both recent and established over an informal meal at a host's home. Your host will contact you about a convenient date and ask that each person bring a side dish. The host will provide the main dish.

Sign up in Perkins for an evening (or brunch) of good food and good discussion at this get-to-know-you. It's sure to be fun! Please sign up before the end of February.

Questions? See Marti at church or email garrisonmarti@gmail.com.



ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING
Meeting in the Church Library,
downstairs below Perkins Hall: Join us!

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS, MONDAY FEB. 4 & 18, 12-1

This is for us to share individual and unique spiritual journeys through life. Questions we have, doubts, joys, changing beliefs through life stages. Materials as guides are UCC's *The Jesus Diaries—Who Jesus is to Me.* We will also consider writing our own spiritual autobiographies.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, SUNDAY, FEB 10, 12-1

We'll share how our church and how we personally enact social justice. What is most important to you? What injustices and suffering do you see around you? How is God calling you to rise up and act?

"GOD IS STILL SPEAKING," WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US? FEB 13 4:30-5:30

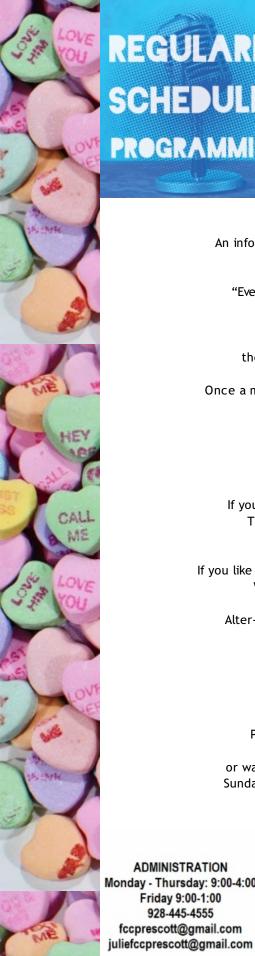
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 4:30-5:30, and ongoing. Why does "God is Still Speaking," end with a comma? "Never place a period where God has placed a comma" (Gracie Allen). Using UCC Still Speaking Bible studies and Robert Chase's book (in the library) *Life at the Intersection: Beyond the Comma*, we'll share what this means to each of us. What will you do this year to slow down and make space for God so you can be more engaged with your spiritual self and with our church?

EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH TODAY, FEB 7, THUR, PRACTICE; FEB. 14, COMMUNITY: 12:30-1:30 Is held in the church library. Pete Norum will lead this discussion using DVDs featuring author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg.

THE BIBLE AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SUNDAY, FEB. 24 AND MAR 3, 9:15-1015 We will use UCC materials as well as selected readings from our library to delve into how our church, part of the national UCC, opens the Bible for us.

COMING UP: Saturday, March 16, Parables Perusal, led by several ministers in our midst. Each will select a parable to get us wondering: what *did* Jesus mean? Lunch provided.

Women's Retreat in April. Get ready for lively times and deeper looks into how women are presented in the Bible. Who are they? How do we relate...or not?



REGULARLY **PROGRAMMING**

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.

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).

Monday - Thursday: 9:00-4:00 fccprescott@gmail.com



PASTOR JAY Monday - Thursday: 9:00-1:00 928-899-9066 Jayfccprescott@gmail.com