

The Parish Caller

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

February 12, 2016

First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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- ◆ **Woman's Fellowship Group** Meeting after Worship Service this Sunday
- ◆ **Las Fuentes Worship Service** Sunday 3 pm
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Monday 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Knit Wits** Tuesday 1-3 pm

From Pastor Jay

It doesn't sound right to say I am enjoying researching the seven deadly sins – researching, not practicing! There is so much on the internet to explore. I discovered Rodin had a particular interest in depicting lust. This Sunday is Valentine's Day and an appropriate day to compare love and lust. Lust gets a bad rap in some ways, so we want to explore why that is, and also look at the ways it turns deadly.

It might seem hard to believe, but a handful of TV shows have been linked to the seven deadly sins. My beloved Gilligan's Island!

Ginger represents LUST - she wears skimpy outfits, is obsessed with her looks, and is a borderline nymphomaniac.

Mary Ann represents ENVY - she is jealous of Ginger's beauty.

The Professor represents PRIDE - he is an annoying know-it-all.

Mr. Howell represents GREED - no explanation needed.

Mrs. Howell represents SLOTH - she has never lifted a finger to help on any of their escape plans.

The Skipper represents two sins: GLUTTONY - again, no explanation needed and ANGER - he violently hits Gilligan on each show.

This leaves Gilligan. Gilligan is the person who put them there. He prevents them from leaving by foiling all of their escape plots. Also, it is his island. Therefore, Gilligan is SATAN.

Crazy? He does wear red in every episode J

This is from Arizona NPR:

Years after the show ended, its creator, Sherwood Schwartz, admitted that each of the characters represented one of the seven deadly sins — Pride (the

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Auguste Rodin (1840 -1917)
Crouching Woman, also known as Lust
Circa 1881-1882 -
Musée Rodin, Paris, France

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Professor), Anger (Skipper), Lust, (Ginger), and the rest. Gilligan was supposed to be Sloth.

But a closer viewing indicates that the island may well have been Hell — and the red-clad Gilligan the devil who kept them on his island.

The greatest part of the metaphor, though, is that if the others ever wanted to get off the island, what they needed to do was kill Gilligan — and that each of us has our own inner Gilligan, that sweet-natured, well-meaning part of us that always sabotages us from getting what we really want.

Maybe if we truly want to succeed in life, we need to kill our own inner Gilligan.

And, in the category of “you can’t make this stuff up” there is Spongebob Squarepants!

The TV series “Friends” also, but enough already!

See you Sunday – celebrate God’s love for you on

Valentine’s Day!

Jay



Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New members will be received during worship this Sunday, February 14. If you are interested in membership, please speak with the pastor.
- Our newly adopted local mission outreach project, Discovery Gardens Preschool, is being emphasized in February. This will be a year-long outreach mission. A donation box for needed supplies will be found in Perkins Hall.
- Bell practice will resume on February 11th.
- A Women’s Fellowship group is forming. Those who are interested are asked to gather in Perkins Hall after worship this Sunday, February 14.
- P.I.E (Play, Eat, Inspire) will begin Wednesday, February 17 at 5:30 pm with a meal followed by a report from Lay Academy participants about their trip to the border.
- Jazz Vespers will return Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 pm with Opus Jazz Ensemble.
- Councilwoman Jean Wilcox has been tasked with recruiting volunteers to serve on a new Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee for the City of Prescott. Please let Jean know if you are interested in serving.
- The Sunday morning class “Living The Questions” started again at 9:00 am. The topic will be “Evil and Suffering” next Sunday.

Lenten Sermon Series

Lenten Sermon Series: The Seven Deadly Sins

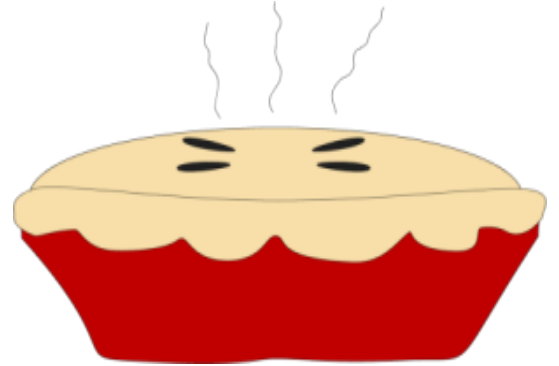
Feb. 14 – Deadly Sin of Lust
 Feb. 21 – Deadly Sin of Gluttony
 Feb. 28 – Deadly Sin of Sloth
 March 6 – Deadly Sin of Envy
 March 13 – Deadly Sin of Greed

TIME FOR SOME P.I.E.

(Play, Inspire, Eat)

5 Wednesdays

5:30-7:00 PM



Feb. 17: Lay Academy Participants Report on Mexican Border Visit

- Feb. 24: Bring Your Own Food (& byob :)) 5:30 meal / 6:30 jazz vespers with Opus Jazz Ensemble
- March 2 Congregational “Get Acquainted” Potluck Fellowship
A chance to get to know those people you worship with on Sundays
- March 9 Agape Soup Meal & Directed Discussion On Church Future.
Developing A Mission Statement
Who Are We And Who Do We Want To Be?
- March 16 Green Food Night! Wear Green! Learn of St. Patrick



New Sign-Up Sheet Board

You will find a new sign-up sheet board in Perkins Hall this week. To help with communicating the needs of the church, please visit the board and see where you would like to volunteer. When you sign up as a volunteer, I will be using our own "Sign-up Genius" on our website to mirror what is current on the sign up sheets as a way to introduce and use the online feature that is quick and efficient. For a preview of "Sign-up Genius" go to www.fccprescott.org/waystoserve/

Want to skip the line at the sign-up board? Go to the website www.fccprescott.org/waystoserve/ and sign-up from the comfort of your home or office!! It is quick, and easy and efficient!

Reward for the first 5 people that use the website "Sign-up Genius"!!!

Ongoing & Weekly Events

CHOIR PRACTICE meets
Sundays at 9 am in the
Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if
you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am
on Thursdays

KNIT WITS meets
the 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays of every
month from 1-3
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.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions
Study Group
Sunday Mornings at 9
am in the Church
Library
~And~
Monday Evening
Discussion Group

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**PFLAG SUPPORT
GROUP** meets the 3rd
Friday of every month
at 6:30 pm in the
Church Library. See
Julie J. for more details.

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
starting in
November

CABINET MEETING
meets the 4th
Thursday of every
month at 6:30 pm in
the Office
Conference Room.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets
the 4th Tuesday of every month
from 2-4 pm in the Office
Conference Room. If you are
interested in being part of this
ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.