

The Parish Caller

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

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First Congregational
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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Woman's Fellowship Group TODAY!** Friday 12:30 pm
- ◆ **Choir Practice** Sunday 9 am
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Sunday 9 am
- ◆ **Knit Wits** Tuesday 1-3 pm
- ◆ **P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat)** Wednesday 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Funky Friday Game Night** Friday at 7 pm



TODAY! Ladies Auxiliary Friday

Ladies you are invited to the first meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Friday, February 26th at 12:30 pm in Perkins Hall. Bring your own lunch and we will provide dessert, coffee, tea. Bring your ideas/suggestions of how you might like to move forward. Hope you can join us, all are welcome.

From the Pastor

None of us may show up Sunday since the sin is sloth! But just in case we can drag ourselves out of bed, I think you will find this topic to speak to all of us. Have some fun reading up on the actual sloth mammal and just how lazy they are. They hang from the limb to eat, sleep, and even give birth!



Sloth or acedia in Latin can mean apathy, indifference, or the inability to take interest in others or other things. Dorothy Sayers put it this way: "Acedia is a sin that believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, and remains alive because there is nothing for which it will die." Sloth can be seen as an economic sin – a sin against work and time. It can also be seen as a political sin – a failure of public will that allows the rise of evil. Hitler's rise was "sloth's finest hour."

But sloth is first and foremost a spiritual problem. The slothful are apathetic, self-absorbed, imprisoned in their own narrow self-indulgence. Thomas Pynchon, who wrote the New York Times Book Review article on sloth (and titled it "Nearer My Couch To Thee"), points out the modern connection to television: "Sloths present gift is television – the gift of paralysis – the notorious couch potato. Tales spun is

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From Pastor Jay
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idleness find us tubeside, committing all the other deadly sins: eating too much, envying the celebrated, coveting merchandise, lusting after images, angry at the news, and proud of the distance we may enjoy between our couches and what appears on the television.”

Ouch, never thought of the connection of television and the seven deadly sins. We have been looking at Dante’s vivid imagination regarding the punishment for each sin. In the picture below, Dante and the poet Virgil observe the slothful having to forever run in circles fast as they can shouting slothful actions and the corresponding non-slothful virtue.



See you Sunday! Jay

Proverbs 6:6-11

Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. **7** Without having any chief or officer or ruler, **8** it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest. **9**

How long will you lie there, O lazybones? When will you rise from your sleep? **10** A

little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, **11** and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. **7** For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, **8** and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. **9** This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. **10** For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. **11** For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. **12** Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. **13** Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Called to Care
from Marilyn
Kerstine

CALLED TO CARE

Pastor Jay and I would like to invite each of you to share our call and role as caregivers in our Called To Care program. Come to refresh and strengthen your skills and begin further training toward becoming Official First Congregational Church Caregivers. Pastor Jay will commission us during worship upon completion of this training, quite like Pastoral Care classes in Seminary and worth our time.

There is reading for pre-training prep to complete: Christian Perspectives on Caregiving (refresher on scriptures on loving) and Guidance for Caregivers (preparing to visit, during, ending and after the visit) for session 1. Session 2 is on Communicating and Nurturing which includes active listening, crisis intervention, confidentiality, faith-sharing, knowing ones limits, prayer, families, nurturing One's Self to name a few of the guiding points.

There are also handouts, and resources for many situations found in life and how to care compassionately for each..e.g. Alcoholism, Alzheimer's, death of a child, depression, refugees, grief, mental illness, PTSD, addiction, death and dying, widows/ widowers, sexism, unemployment, retirement, hearing loss, advanced directives, chronic illness, suicide, rape, homelessness, eating disorders...and more.

Training sessions will begin after Easter at a time when all who are interested can attend.

Please RSVP to Marilyn Kerstine (771-1452 or mkerstine@icloud.com) so we have all the resources available for you.

Bring your questions and experiences as we learn more together with God's love and help. If you prefer to audit the class without becoming official caregivers, we encourage that also!

Shalom, Marilyn Kerstine

With God’s Help and Presence

In short, Christian people are people who are called to care. We are called by a God who cares for us, and who has expressed that care in the person of Jesus Christ. We look to the life and ministry of Jesus and find multiple ways to care. We discover the promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit, as we carry out the command to love one another in this place and this time.

Washington School by Jay Eby

Washington School

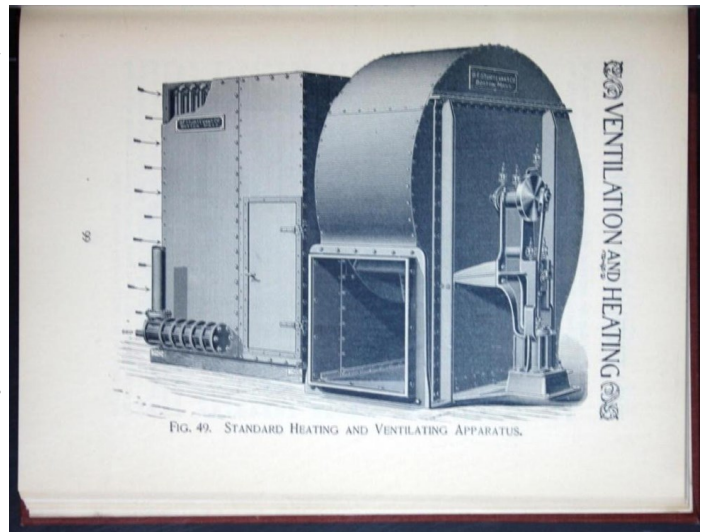
By 1900 the Prescott Free Academy (Days Past, 29 Aug 1999) had been proven to be too small for the growing population of our fair city and the Board of the School District had enlisted David Kilpatrick to design a larger and more modern building.

In her May 13, 1983 Days Past Sylvia Neely said: "The 1906, the Teacher's Handbook had this description, 'This building is now the most modern and sanitary public building in Arizona and cost, exclusive of furniture, \$53,000. It contains on the first and second floors ten recitation rooms besides offices, a library and four teachers rooms'."



The new school building designated as "Washington School" was indeed modern. Architect Kilpatrick had designed it around a new heating concept, The B. F. Sturtevant System. The heating plant was not only invented by Sturtevant it was installed and tested by the company. As described by the August 7, 1903 article in the Courier this was a steam driven, forced air, heating and ventilating system.

Invented and produced by Benjamin Franklin Sturtevant this unique system had a six foot tall fan or blower that forced air from outside through heating coils then through vents in the walls to the rooms. Warm air entered the rooms through the upper vents and exited through lower vents to be expelled through vents above the roof.



A shoe maker from Maine, Ben Sturtevant after inventing a machine to cut and drive the wooden pegs into shoes devised an induction fan to clear the dust that irritated his workers from the shop. Careful attention to design of the impellers allowed Sturtevant to produce a blower that was strong and efficient. Combined with a linier steam engine to turn the fan rapidly enabled him to produce an integrated heating and ventilating system. The major application was on US Navy war ships to ventilate the lower decks.

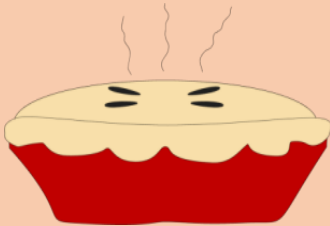
Several different heating and cooling systems have been installed at Washington School over its 113 year life. But the design and use of a forced air system was not only innovative but it was indeed modern for 1903. How the architect David Kilpatrick, who lived and worked in Prescott, knew of the Sturtevant System I have not yet uncovered.

After the July 1900 fire that decimated down town Prescott several architects were busy designing and supervising reconstruction of business here. Other buildings designed by Kilpatrick include the Prescott National Bank and St. Michaels Hotel.

Washington School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 and may be the oldest school building in continual use as a school in Arizona. Discovery Gardens Preschool now occupies Washington School.

Lenten Sermon Series

P.I.E. Spring Schedule



Sign-UP Genius

Lenten Sermon Series: The Seven Deadly Sins

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

- **Mar 2:** Congregational “Get Acquainted” Potluck Fellowship
A chance to get to know those people you worship with on Sundays
- **Mar 9:** Agape Soup Meal & Directed Discussion On Church Future.
Developing A Mission Statement: Who Are We And Who Do We Want To Be?
- **Mar 16:** Green Food Night! Wear Green! Learn of St. Patrick

"Sign-Up Genius"

Several of you started using the “Sign-Up Genius on our website! It is a fun and effective way to sign up for many of the different needs of the Church! In our campaign to introduce this method, I have offered to reward the first the first 5 people to use the website by taking them to lunch. There are still 2 slots open. To add your name, go to www.fccprescott.org/waystoserve/ Then click on the area of interest you have where you would like to be of service. After you have signed up, the system will automatically send my office a notification of your volunteering. You will also receive confirmation of your sign-up as well as an email reminder a few days before your scheduled date to volunteer. It is fast and easy and helps us in the office so much!

Julie Jaquette—Office Administration

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 6
pm in the Church
Library

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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.