



The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott Established 1880

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

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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time:** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **"13" The Movie:** Sunday 6:00 pm
- ◆ **MLK Day:** Monday Church office is closed
- ◆ **Knit Wits:** Tuesday 1-3 pm Church Conference Room

From the Pastor

My thanks to the Called to Care team for helping us start 2017 with a focus on spirituality. We have a prayer team that meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel to pray for all requests submitted in the prayer box as well as other needs. Also, they are providing communion on Sundays other than the first Sunday of the month (when we always have communion). Communion is available downstairs in the chapel from 10:00-10:20 a.m., and then in Perkins Hall from 10:20-10:30. Thanks to Marilyn Kerstine and Called to Care members!

Sunday's sermon continues the season of epiphany themes of light, insight, experiences of God in our lives. The sermon title is "Come and See." (John 1:29-42) So, come and see what God might have in store for you!

Some would argue that spirituality should include cross-cultural experiences. Other cultures and traditions help us break free of our American mindset and introduce us to perhaps better ways of living. Perhaps the Danish people can teach us how to get through the cold and dark days of winter. They should know! And it turns out they are the happiest people in the world according to studies of happiness. Some argue that the reason they are happy is they have very low expectations – there is not much to do in the winter and not much eating out as restaurants add a 25% tax to the meal. Be that as it may, give hygge a try!

Hygge, which is actually a word of Norwegian origin, is pronounced "hoo-gah" and loosely translates to "coziness." But while coziness is a major piece of the puzzle, hygge is also an attitude or mindset. As Natalie Van Deusen, professor of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Alberta, puts it: "The best translation is coziness, but not the physical coziness that you get when you put on a sweater or cuddle up with a blanket. It's more of a state mental balance and psychological well-being." Here are some tips on how you can achieve hygge this winter and hopefully enjoy it more than usual:

- ◆ Get cozy! Cuddle up by the fire, use candles, read a book, hot drinks, homemade baked goods, warm socks, etc.
- ◆ Gather with good company
- ◆ Slow down and find joy in the little things

There is a lot more on the internet. Hygge is getting a lot of attention right now.

One of those "Come and See" experiences to try – God may meet you there!

Jay

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"13" THE MOVIE THIS SUNDAY — 6:00 pm



**EVERYWEEK
COMMUNION**

10:00—10:25

**SUNDAYS OTHER
THAN FIRST
SUNDAYS OF THE
MONTH**

**10:00– 10:20
PRAYER CHAPEL**

**10:20 IN PERKINS
HALL**



**CALLED TO CARE
NEW WEEKLY
PRAYER CHAPEL
OPEN FOR PRAYER**

Called to Care is meeting for weekly prayer at 10:00 am Mondays in the Prayer Chapel (downstairs). This is open to whomever wishes to pray with us. Please see the Prayer Box in Perkins Hall for open or anonymous requests. You may also contact Pastor Jay, Marilyn Kerstine, Rev. Shirley or another Called to Care minister to add your request.

ALARCON STREET WORK BEGINS THIS WEEK — TUESDAY

We have been reassured by the City of Prescott that the street will not be blocked off. But if it is, then entrance into our parking lot can be accessed off of Gurley Street ally.

PASS MEAL IS THIS WEEK — WEDNESDAY

Reminder: Those that have signed up please have your dishes and food items delivered to the church parking lot at 5:00.

LOCAL MARCH, JANUARY 21

On January 21st, men and women will unite in Washington DC and many other locations for "The Woman's March on Washington". This idea is to stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families, recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country. The City of Prescott will also participate in the March on January 21st from 12 noon to 2PM at the Courthouse Square.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE JOINING DURING WORSHIP JANUARY 22

If you are interested, please speak with pastor Jay.

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 22 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

This is an important meeting to start off the new year. We will be reporting on 2016, members will be voting on the 2017 budget and new leadership team members. Everyone is welcome!

JAZZ VESPERS JANUARY 25

Opus will be our guest at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT OPEN HOUSE – JANUARY 29

We will celebrate our renovation project with all who helped make it happen and the public on January 29, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. During worship from 10:30 – 11:30, acknowledgements will be made for all involved, and the time before and after worship allows the public to come by and see what has been accomplished.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NEW YEAR

With the upcoming open house, we are looking for a few good volunteers to help get our church ready for visitors.

- ♦ Organize and sort Sunday School Room supplies
- ♦ Take unwanted and old office items to a local charity.
- ♦ Various indoor and outdoor small cleaning projects.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, or would like more details about them, see Julie J. in the office. 928-445-4555 or email: fccprescott@gmail.com for more information

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES BEGINS MARCH 8

Featuring Rev. Harry Strong.

Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

Sunday January 22

After Worship Service.

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Pot Luck signup sheet in Perkins Hall

Progressive Theology Seminar feat. John Dominic Crossan

Crossan is widely known for his work with the Jesus Seminar, for which he was Co-Chair 1985-1996 as it met to debate the historicity of the life of Jesus in the gospels. He was Chair of the Parables Seminar 1972-76, and 1993-1998 was Chair of the Historical Jesus Section within the Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. John Dominic Crossan will present THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE/How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation.

John Dominic Crossan is generally regarded as the leading historical Jesus scholar in the world and the author of several bestselling books. He is a gifted speaker that combines humor with scholarly insights and skillfully engages Bible scholars and lay people alike.



He is a native of Ireland, was educated both there and in the United States. He was a member of a 13th century Roman Catholic religious order 1950-1969, and an ordained priest 1957-1969. He taught at DePaul University, Chicago, 1969-1955, and is now a Professor Emeritus in its Department of Religious Studies.

He has lectured widely around the world to lay and scholarly audiences and has written twenty-seven books on the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul, and earliest Christianity.

Through four comprehensive lectures, Dr. Crossan will unpack the themes of his 2015 book entitled, How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

NONVIOLENCE-THE ONLY ROAD TO FREEDOM
MLK Week of Events

Thursday Jan 12:
6:00-8:00 pm
BOOK DISCUSSION: *This Nonviolent Stuff 'll Get You Killed: How Guns Made the Civil Rights Movement* by Charles E. Cobb Jr at Frantz Fanon Community Strategy Center at Prescott College

Friday Jan 13:
6:30-9:00 pm
MOVIE: Freedom Riders at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Saturday Jan 14:
10:00-1:00 pm
CULTURAL APPRECIATION POTLUCK –Frantz Fanon Community Strategy Center at PC
10:00-11:30 am
FREEDOM MARCH SONG PRACTICE at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
6:30-8:30 pm
NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Jan 15:
6:00 pm
MOVIE: 13th at First Congregational Church

Monday MLK DAY Jan 16:
10:00 am **PEACE AND JUSTICE MARCH**, meet at Prescott College parking lot
10:30 am at Prescott United Methodist Church
Breakfast
Ceremony
Children's Program
Interactive Area

Sponsored by:
Quad City Interfaith Council,
Prescott United Methodist Church
Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Temple B'rith Shalom
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
First Congregational Church
Prescott College Black Student Union,

Some of the questions he will engage are:

- *Is the God of the Christian Bible violent?
- *Is the historical Jesus, Rider on the Peace-Donkey of Gospel, or the apocalyptic Jesus, Rider on the War-Horse of Revelation, the norm, criterion, and discriminant of the Christian Bible?
- *Is the violence and disorder of our current world connected to that of the Bible?

Seminar Schedule

Friday evening:

- 7 PM Registration & Refreshments
- 7:30 PM “Original Sin”: Sexual Temptation or Escalatory Violence?

Saturday morning

- 8:30 AM Registration & Refreshments
- 9 AM Covenantal Law: Human Destiny or Divine Sanction?
- 10:45 AM God’s Kingdom: Violent Revolt or Non-Violent Resistance?
- 1:30 PM Christianity’s Criterion: Historical Jesus or Biblical Christ?

From The Southwest Conference:

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Regularly Scheduled

PASS MEAL

Once a month we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets 9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am on Thursdays

CABINET MEETING

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

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library/Chapel. See Julie J. for more details.

KNIT WITS

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

EXPLORING FAITH

Discussion Group
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested
~And~
Monday Evening
Discussion Group
6:30 pm in the Church Chapel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Called to Care
Music
Van Ministry
Congregational Care
Ministry of the Building

JUST ASK!!!

The Executive Board has scheduled several Listening Sessions around the Conference in the next couple of weeks. These in-person sessions, each facilitated by a member of the Executive Board, will provide the Executive Board with your input regarding strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of/to the Southwest Conference. Board members will also be offering some additional options to provide this information to the Executive Board; however, the in-person sessions will provide a unique opportunity to communicate with the Board directly.

LISTENING SESSIONS hosted by Executive Board Members

Thank you for participating in our Listening Sessions!

As our conference looks toward the future we are interested in how all members of the conference see who we are, what is important and how we should prioritize goals for our coming journey. With this in mind, your Executive Board has committed to leading "listening sessions" around the conference. Your input gives guidance to the Executive Board and staff for planning next steps.

The Listening Sessions focus on the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities (SWOT) of our conference. From the information that you offer, specific goals will be established.

In addition to the In-person Listening Sessions, zoom/conference call sessions will also be available. Those dates, times, and connect information will be available soon! Please watch for updates at www.uccswc.org.

Schedule for In person: (registration is not needed – simply arrive at the location that works best for you. Sessions will last approximately 60-90 minutes)

- Saturday, January 17 : Santa Fe, NM, United Church of Santa Fe, Sharon Littrell Facilitator @ 2:30pm
- Saturday January 21 : Phoenix, AZ, SWC office. Rebecca Glenn, Facilitator (times TBD) @ 10:00am
- Saturday, January 21 : Sedona, AZ, The Church of the Red Rocks, George Ault, Facilitator) @ 9:00am
- Saturday, January 21 : Sahuarita, AZ, The Good Shepherd, Nancy Ackley, Facilitator @ 10:00am
- Saturday January 28 : Phoenix, AZ, Shadow Rock UCC, Karen Richter, Facilitator @ 10:00am
- Saturday, January 28 : Dewey, AZ, Faith United Church of Christ, George Ault, Facilitator @ 10:00am
- Saturday, January 28 : Tucson, AZ, Rincon, Nancy Ackley, Facilitator @ 10:00am
- Saturday, January 28 : Albuquerque, NM, First Congregational UCC, Sharon Littrell, Facilitator @ 10:00am
- Saturday, January 28 : El Paso/Las Cruces area (location & time TBD), Wendy Spurgeon, Facilitator

Thank you.

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