

The Parish Caller

Established 1880

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

This Week at a Glance...

- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 p.m.
- Prayer Chapel: Tuesday 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Prayer Chapel: 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

*Jonah and the Whale (1621)
by Pieter Lastman*

This Sunday we focus on the story of Jonah in the Bible. It is ironic that this story has been reduced to a children's tale about a whale swallowing Jonah because it actually has a powerful theological message to share. Told in a comedic way, the story contains profound insights about God and us. The title of the message is: "More Than a Whale Tale - Stretching Our View of God."



Jay

NEW - PRE-LENTEN ADULT SESSIONS START SUNDAY, FEB.4.

Using Marcus Borg's "Embracing an Adult Faith", the sessions are:

Feb. 4 - - What about God?

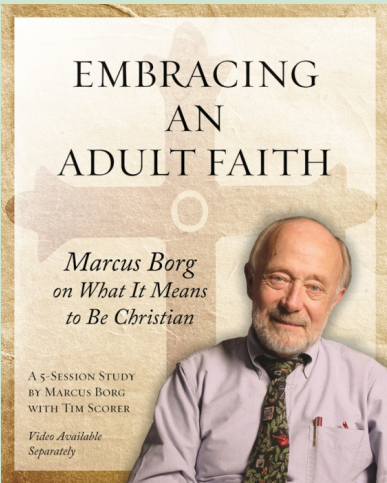
Feb. 11 - - What about Jesus?

Feb. 18 - - What about Practice?

Feb. 25 - - What about Community?

Each session stands alone, so attend those you can. Sessions will be offered twice – one at 9:10 – 10:10 before worship and another at 11:45 – 12:45 (Get your coffee and bring it). **Place:** Maggie B. room downstairs.

Format: watch a DVD of Marcus and a small group, then discuss what we saw ourselves.



LENT UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

LENT COMES EARLY THIS YEAR -- SERIES STARTS ON FEBRUARY 21ST, AT 5:30 PM AND WILL INCLUDED A SOUP MEAL!

This Lenten series is based on a curriculum developed and distributed by the United Church of Christ: "White Privilege." Clearly, our society is in need of racial healing, every bit as much today as in the past. The UCC and First Congregational Church of Prescott believe that people of faith have a special role to play in working to heal racial divides and advance the cause of justice. One place to focus this important work is on understanding and recognizing how deeply, and often invisibly, white privilege permeates our society, standing in the way



of equity and justice for people of color. The aim of the "White Privilege" curriculum is to help participants understand that disapproving of the systems that privilege whites will not be enough to change the system. Racism will not simply end if white people change their attitudes, because racism is racial discrimination coupled with societal power. The systems that benefit white people in obtaining jobs, housing, healthcare, education, etc. must themselves be challenged, disempowered, and changed. While individual acts can help, they cannot by themselves end these systemic problems.

Therefore, addressing the problems of racism requires first seeing the systems of power in place and their colossal unseen dimensions that create and perpetuate privilege for some and injustice for others.

The curriculum is intended to help people to “see” race-based power and privilege, their manifestations and their impacts. Only after getting honest about how white privilege has functioned and continues to be perpetuated can there be dialogue about how to address its causes and make strides toward the necessary reparations and redistribution of power and opportunity. Bill Bryant is a member of First Congregational Church United of Christ of Prescott. He is Founder and CEO of BetterRhetor, an educational resource company aimed at better preparing students for college-level academics, regardless of income or background. He earned a PhD in American Studies from the University of Iowa.

Feb. 11	Jazz Sunday with Mood Swing
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm
Feb. 18	New Members Received; Womansong in Worship
Feb. 21	Lenten Series Begins – White Privilege Curriculum – “Laying the Groundwork”
Feb. 28	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “Whiteness as The Norm”
Mar. 7	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “The Cash Value of Whiteness, Part 1”
Mar. 14	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “The Cash Value of Whiteness, Part 2”
Mar. 21	Lenten Series - White Privilege - “Spiritual Autobiographies Told Through the Lens of Race”
Mar. 28	Lenten Series - White Privilege – “Becoming an Ally”
Apr. 1	Easter Sunday
Apr. 8	Holy Humor Sunday
Apr. 15	Beetles Sunday



WOMEN'S MARCH

on Prescott

**JANUARY 20TH
NOON - 1:30 PM**

**PRESCOTT
COURTHOUSE
PLAZA**

**T-SHIRTS AND HATS
AVAILABLE**

2018 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE PLEDGED: 66
- MEMBERS: 54
- FRIENDS & REGULAR ATTENDERS: 12
- TIME AND TALENT SHEET: 10
- TOTAL FUNDS PLEDGED: \$96,020



It isn't too late to turn in a pledge if you have not already, No pledge is too small.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR PLEDGE CARD HERE](#)

PER CAPITA DUES

At our recent Cabinet meeting, we had a discussion on current members. Once a year our church sends a “Per Capita Dues” -pledge to the support of the SW Conference and the wider United Church of Christ. At this time the amount equals \$11.00 per member or per capita dues. To this end, it is important to identify our members as active or inactive since we do send the monies according to our records. That identification was completed recently. If anyone would like to pay for his/her member per capita dues, please note on your checks. Thank You!

Patty Lantrip, Cabinet Member

ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 28 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE
POTLUCK! SIGN-UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL

- PLEASE HELP US SAVE PAPER AND DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN COPY OF THE FCC ANNUAL MEETING.
- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU STAY INFORMED AND CAST YOUR VOTE DURING THE MEETING SO PLEASE READ THE REPORTS.
- TO SPEED THE MEETING UP, YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTIONS BEFORE THE MEETING, BY CONTACTING FCCPRESCOTT@GMAIL.COM OR CALL [928-445-4555](tel:928-445-4555).



DONT MISS OUR 2018

ANNUAL MEETING



AND POTLUCK

Sunday January 28st

RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

AGENDA:

- Reporting on 2017
- Voting on new Leadership
- Voting on 2018 Budget

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE INFO: 928-445-4555

SIGNUP SHEET
in Perkins Hall
PLEASE RSVP

BRING A DISH
warming oven
available in kitchen

EVERYONE WELCOMES TO
ATTEND--IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS

DOWNLOAD YOUR
ANNUAL REPORTS AND
2018 BUDGET HERE

PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

LISTED BELOW ARE THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE PART OF THE FCC PACKER TEAMS FOR THE PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD BANK for JANUARY 29TH- FEBRUARY 2ND, 1:30-4:30 PM.

We have a new candidate for a packer; Stacy Graustein that has asked for Monday training I am asking the teams with a trainee to assist the new person in understanding what we do, and give them some practice in picking & packing some orders.

Mon Jan 29: Sonya & John Wilson [possible trainee Stacy Graustein]
Tues Jan 30: Don and Kathy Stephens
Wed Jan 31: Randy Cook, & Patty Brenner [Possible trainee Stacy Graustein]
Thurs Feb 1: Jan & Wm Mauck
Fri Feb: Pete Norum, Jim Christopher

We again thank you all for helping those in need in our local community.
Al Beeson, FCC Packer Team Captain 2018

GREETERS

Thank you to our four December greeters for making almost all Sundays in December.

Coming up for January 14,21,28:

Eric and Rita Day
Patty Brenner
Andree Shrimpton

VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is 602-769-5770. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Ralph Wagner	01/01
Ralph Dinsman	01/03
Pat Welch	01/07
Hanna Lusk Chambers	01/10
Rachel Lusk	01/10
Brent Walker	01/10
Darcy Walker	01/10
Nitaray Thomas	01/15
Marilyn Lummel	01/18
Katie Bradstreet	01/19
Royce Viklund	01/22
Charline Payne	01/23
Julie Jaquette	01/28

ALTER-NOTES

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument?

Would you like to be a part of bringing alternative styles of music to our worship service? Come join Alter-Notes! We rehearse at 12-12:45 p.m. on Sundays, after social time. Music styles vary - calypso, spirituals, folk, celtic, pop, rock, and everything in between.

Show up and/or call Melissa Gates, [207-391-3276](tel:207-391-3276).

THE CHANCEL SINGERS

You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join us! The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel.



For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or prescottsong@hotmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts					
December		YTD	January	102	January		July		Undesignated Missions	
Offerings	\$ 11,190	\$108,503	February	89	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 590	Pancake Breakfast	\$ 1,337		YTD \$ 975
Facility Use	\$ 1,379	\$ 13,268	March	89	February		August		OCWM	
Foundation	\$ 6,500	\$ 67,798	April	108	PASS	\$ 140	Discovery Gardens	\$ 65		YTD \$ 350
Memorials		\$ 5,500	May	101	March		September		Coalition for Compassion and Justice	
Total	\$ 19,069	\$195,069	June	79	Habitat for Humanity	\$ 165	Neighbors in Need	\$ 495		YTD \$ 354
Expenses, Actual			July	96	April		October		Famine Relief	
	December	YTD	August	91	One Great Hour Share	\$ 1,683	Warm for Winter	\$ 160	Special Offering	\$ 795
Expenses	\$ 18,701	\$280,752	Sept	90	May		November- December		Hurricane Relief	
Annual Budget Needs			Oct	91	Church World Service	\$ 319	CCJ Family Christmas	\$ 720	Special Offering	\$ 4,600
	Annual		Nov	103	June		December		Fire Relief	
Expenses	\$	254,276	Dec	119	Strengthen the Church	\$ 280	UCC Christmas Fund	\$ 455	Special Offering	\$ 200



HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine 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

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.

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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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Julie: 928-710-1379

ADMINISTRATION
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:00
PASTOR JAY
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00
other times by appointment



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

