

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.
- Tuesday Prayer Chapel: 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Chancel Singers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. Chancel

FROM THE PASTOR

Date: 2001; Artist: He, Qi

This Sunday we will focus on the epiphanies we receive as calls of God. God's call comes to us in all sorts of mysterious ways. And often they are connected to our interactions with others. John 1:43-51 will be our text.

Speaking of getting called - I received the dreaded "call" in the mail - jury duty! Looking more closely, I noted it was actually an invitation to grand jury duty. Yikes! I have been spending every Wednesday since November at the courthouse. I will finally be done in February. Quite a time commitment! I can say on a positive note that I have been quite impressed with the quality of our police officers who appear before us each week.

Who knows what surprising "calls" we will receive in 2018, but let's follow the example of Samuel who responded this way to the call of God: "speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)

Jay



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](#)



Thank you



Thank you to every one who helped to do such a great job clearing the Church Sunday afternoon. A special thanks to James and Paul for hefting every box up the ladder 40 the attic. I appreciated it so very much. I hope to see you all next year.

Tom

Annual Meeting and Potluck


Join us right after worship service, January 28th right after worship service for our church's Annual Meeting. This meeting is open for all to attend.

On the agenda, we will be looking at 2017 in review, looking ahead with a member vote on new officers and the 2018 budget.

Bring a dish for the potluck, sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Members will be receiving the 2017 Annual Report by way of email in the next few days. You will be able to download a copy as well from our website. Watch for the link in your email inbox. Printed copies will be available for by request.





JUST. LOVE. 01.15.18

MLK MARCH AND LEGACY CELEBRATION

10:00 am PEACE & JUSTICE MARCH
Step off from Prescott College Parking Lot
220 Grove Ave. Prescott, AZ

10:30 am SNACKS & INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS
Prescott United Methodist Church Sanctuary
505 W Gurley St. Prescott, AZ

11:00 am MLK LEGACY CELEBRATION
Ceremony With Children's Program
Prescott United Methodist Church Sanctuary

6:00pm MLK SPECIAL PROGRAM - EVENING SERVICE
St. Luke's Ebony Christian Church
12191 E. Turquoise Circle Dewey, AZ

"...UNARMED TRUTH AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE WILL HAVE THE FINAL WORD."
- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MISSION NEWS

January's mission emphasis is the Prescott Community Food bank. Our FCC team captain, Al Beeson, reports that for 2017, 15,110 people received food boxes (including 184 who were homeless). A donation food box remains throughout the year in the front of our sanctuary. Checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo line note, "Community Cupboard". If you would to be a team member helping to pack the food boxes, please phone Al (928 277 9784).

Remembering the ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, several opportunities will be offered on January 15th. Including: (1) 10:00 AM Peace & Justice March, starting from Prescott College Parking Lot, (2) 10:30 Interactive displays followed by an 11:00 celebration ceremony with a children's program at the Methodist Church, and (3) a 6:00 PM MLK program an service of worship at St. Luke's Ebony Christian Church, 12191 E. Turquoise Circle, Dewey.

Thanks to your response to our December mission projects/programs, a \$700 check was given to this year's CCJ "Family Christmas" (plus donated gifts) which served 1045 children and youth. Also, \$655 was sent to our denomination's Christmas Fund supporting low income retired dergy, and \$300 was sent to the California Fire Relief Fund.

Until the return of our Coffee Hour Hostess, Debbie Staats, we need volunteers to help: (1) set-up & take-down tables/chairs (2) set-up refreshments/coffee (3) provide snacks [this is an on-going need] (4) cleanup kitchen area following Coffee Hour. If you can help, please sign your name to the Coffee Hour Help List

found in Perkins Hall.

"As always, thank you for your support of our outreach to people in need. We are blessed to be a blessing." Gary Gard, Chairperson ([928 910 2455](tel:9289102455))

LENT COMES EARLY
THIS YEAR!

UPCOMING
SCHEDULE:

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

January 3, 2018

From: Sharon Watkins, Director NCC Truth and Racial Justice Initiative

ACT Now: Unite to End Racism

To the NCC Governing Board, the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force, Partners in the ACT Now challenge, those chairing and serving on committees, beginning to mobilize, arranging for buses, making airline reservations, to all who will be tuning in on Facebook, or supporting the effort from afar...



Our First Act - Pray!

We’ve already been praying, of course. Now let’s step it up with a scheduled time when our hearts and souls can meet in the mind of God.

From now till April 5 (at least!) let’s agree to pray for the ACT Now: Unite to End Racism challenge every Thursday morning at 7AM your **local time**. It will be a rolling wave of prayer as 7AM dawns from time zone to time zone across the country and around the world.

Let’s pray that our country will:

- A - **Awaken** to the truth that racism hurts us all
- C - **Confront** the ways in which we have been complicit, complacent, or coerced
- T - **Transform** - as stories are shared and truth is revealed, as we name the ways we can change and be transformed: as individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities of faith, and society as a whole

Let’s pray that we will **UNITE** to end racism!

Let’s pray for all those who are planning the April 3,4,5 launch - that it will be inspiring, motivating, challenging, equipping and safe - and that it will become part of a mighty current of healing and wholeness, justice and peace in our land.

Let’s pray every Thursday. 7AM Local Time.

ACT Now: Unite to End Racism... Pray!

If you are interested in joining a SWC delegation to this event in Washington, DC, please contact our Conference Minister, Bill Lyons. Attendees will be responsible for their own expenses; SWC staff will assist in making group travel arrangements if at least 10 participants commit to attending.

Not all of us can attend, but we can all pray for this event in our personal prayers as well as in our corporate prayers during worship.

Thank you for praying for this justice initiative.

Bill

Rev. Dr. William M. Lyons
SW Conference Minister
Office: 602-468-3830
Direct: 602-317-2724

GREETERS

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

Coming up for January 7,14,21,28:
Eric and Rita Day
Patty Brenner
Andree Shrimpton

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.

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. We also practice on Thursday evenings at 5:00. You may attend one of both of these times, depending on what suits you.

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

CHURCH SAFETY & SECURITY

The Cabinet is reviewing our security in light of the Texas church shooting.

- Entry doors may be locked - please come to the Gurley Street sanctuary entrance door after worship begins.
- We are looking into **ALICE** (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) security training for our church. If you are interested in being part of a team, let Julie J. in the office know. 928-445-4555

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.

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

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

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.

CHANCEL SINGERS

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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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PRESCOTT, UCC

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Office: 928-445-4555

ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00

Friday 9:00 - 1:00

PASTOR JAY

Pastor Jay: 928-899-9066
Julie: 928-710-1379

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00
other times by appointment



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

