



First Congregational Church

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

FROM THE PASTOR

"Despite wind, rain, sleet, or snow, the church will continue to go!"

With the possibility of snow Sunday, it is a good time to remind everyone that our worship service goes on regardless of weather. A few of us will always make it - a couple Christmas Eve's ago, we had a foot of snow and about 20 of us made it to the service, including some visitors! So, as one of my professor's put it when I asked if I should drive to a meeting during a snowstorm: **"use wisdom."**



Please use wisdom and take no chances! The only people who should come to worship through the snow are people who grew up in Michigan and have a monster four-wheel drive van...oh, that's me!

Stay safe and warm, Jay

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

The Cabinet would like to provide a special time, other than our scheduled January 27th Annual Meeting, for members to bring up questions about our 2019 Budget. We have many changes for next year, along with employee revamping, in part because of David's job duties in exchange for his apartment rent. We are trying to lessen an abundance of questions during the actual meeting Jan 27th which may or may not happen concerning the Budget.

So....after you receive THE ANNUAL REPORT 2018, please spend some time to review the budget specifically and IF you have any questions, join us January 20th, right after our service. We will do the best we can to explain anything requested.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A LINK IN NEXT WEEK'S CALLER TO DOWNLOAD THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018



First Congregational Church Library

BOOK NOTES FROM THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC LIBRARY

Our library is getting a Spring Spruce-Up!

We are reorganizing books and making the library more comfortable and accessible for browsing and checking out books from a diverse and wonderful collection. Come down and check it out! Carol Dosse and Marti Garrison

Here are just two. *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. From the inside book flap: "From simple practices such as walking, working, and getting lost to deep meditations...Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see. Something as ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothesline becomes an act of devotion if we pay attention to what we are doing and take time to attend to the sights, smells, and sounds around us."

And, *The Bible* by Karen Armstrong from the series "Books that Changed the World." From the back cover: "A brilliant and eye-opening book, Armstrong's history of the Bible is crucial in an age of declining faith and rising fundamentalism...[acclaimed historian] Karen Armstrong discusses the conception, gestation, and life of history's most powerful book."

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ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND SHARING

Meeting in the Church Library, downstairs below Perkins Hall
Our Spiritual Journeys, Monday, Jan. 7 and 21; Feb. 4 and 18, 12-1:00 is for us to share individual and unique spiritual journeys through life. Questions we have, doubts, joys, changing beliefs through life stages: learning from each other. Materials as guides are UCC's *A Discernment Travelogue* and *The Jesus Diaries—Who Jesus is to Me*.

Social Justice, Sunday, Jan. 13 (the 27th cancelled for annual meeting), Feb. 10, 12-1:00. We will look briefly at the foundations of current social justice movements. The history includes the Social Gospel of 1910 and its impact on reform. Walter Rauschenbusch and Jane Addams were important figures. After that we'll share how our church and how we personally enact social justice. What are our hopes and intentions?

"God is Still Speaking," : What Does that Mean for Us? Wednesday, Feb. 10, 4:30-5:30, and ongoing. Why does "God is Still Speaking," end with a comma? "Never place a period where God has placed a comma" (Gracie Allen). Using UCC Still Speaking Bible studies and Robert Chase's book (in the library) *Life at the Intersection: Beyond the Comma*, we'll share what this means to each of us.

Embracing an Adult Faith, Thursday, Jan. 17 and 31, 12:30-1:30. What are the stages of faith? Where have we grown and changed over time?

MISSIONS OUTREACH FOR JANUARY

This month's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Community Cupboard. Last year over 15,000 families and those who are homeless received food bags containing protein, vegetable, and dairy items. Volunteers are always needed to help pack the grocery bags. For the last several years, Al Beeson has served as our team captain. There is now a need for a co-captain to serve with Al. If you are interested in helping to pack or to serve as co-captain, please contact Al at 928-717-9915.



For donations, a check may be made payable to the church with the memo, Community Cupboard. In Perkins Hall there is a box for donated canned food items. Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing [Genesis 12:2]. For any questions or comments, members of our Mission Outreach team are always available. Bill and Becky Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard, chairperson.



PLEDGE CARD

Hannah 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
Gerri Lyons	02/03
Suzanne Broussard	02/12
Suzy & Harold Lobaugh	02/19
Carmen Artiola	03/03
Ralph Wagner	01/01
Ralph Dinsman	01/03



First Congregational Church Packer Team Schedule, January 7-11, 2019

- Mon: Jan 7: Randy Cook, Don Stephens
- Tues Jan 8: Jan & Wm Mauck
- Wed Jan 9: Angela Imbierowicz, Al Beeson
- Thurs Jan 10: Linda & Dave Foote
- Fri Jan 11: Pete Norum, Yoichi Matsumoto

Regularly Scheduled

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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

THE RINGING 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 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

CHANCEL SINGERS

If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

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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ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00

Friday 9:00 - 1:00

PASTOR JAY

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other times by appointment