# 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 Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott

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#### This Week at a Glance...

- ◆Funky Friday Game Night Tonight! 7-9
- ◆Pancake Breakfast 6-10 am Parade 9-11 am
- ◆Worship Service and Fellowship time Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆Knit Wits Tuesday 1-3 pm
- ◆Bell Choir Rehearsal Thursday 11:00 pm

## Saturday July 2 is our Annual 60th Frontier Days Pancake Breakfast!

## All hands on deck for this fundraiser benefiting the Prescott Community Cupboard!

#### **EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING.....**

Recently, the Church asked Women's Fellowship to create a wish list of repair items and improvements which we felt would benefit the functionality, efficiency and appearance of the Sanctuary and Perkins Hall.

The goal of the project is to preserve the charm and history of this beautiful building.

As our list grew it became clear we did not have the experience or expertise of what needed to be accomplished....painting, storage issues etc. We agreed that hiring a professional company to oversee the project would be advantages to us so no costly mistakes would be made.

This suggestion was taken to the cabinet and approved on May 26th. We learned there was a fund which is designated to be used only for the repair and maintenance of the building, therefore not requiring any additional contributions from the congregation.

In the following weeks four companies were interviewed and at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting a vote was passed to hire New Outlook & Staging Professionals.

We will need a small group of people to assist in decision making. Should you be interested there is a signup sheet in Perkins Hall for you.

Please keep in mind this is a commitment as we will be meeting most likely on a weekly basis with vendors etc.

The appointments will be in the day time, the first being Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Perkins Hall. The length of the project will be approximately six months.

The goal of the project is to preserve the charm and historical history of this beautiful building as well as making it more convenient, functional and welcoming.

As work progresses we will continually give you updates.

John and I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

## This Sunday is Knit Wit Sunday!

## Sunday July 3rd will be "Knit Wit Sunday"! Join us as we show you our knitted and crocheted creations!

Knit Wits is a group of women, who, in spite of their name, are intelligent and thoroughly capable people. We meet each first and third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the church office board room. Besides enjoying congenial and often hilarious conversation, we sit and knit or crochet for charitable causes. We make blankets and lap robes, baby caps and booties, scarves, knit caps, and sweaters. Some yarn is provided. Donations of yarn are greatly appreciated.



In the last two years, recipients of our handiwork have included Blankets For Kids; Prescott Valley Community Hospital; homebound people through Called To Care; Catholic Charities of Prescott; Arizona Oncology; PASS women' shelter; Coalition for Compassion and Justice; Pregnancy Center; Open Door; and the FCC Nursery.

Our skill levels range from beginner to advanced, and if you want to participate in our fun and frivolity, while making a difference for people in need, please join us.

#### The Mission Outreach focus for this month:

With school starting in early August, we are gathering school supplies and backpacks to help over 1200 LOCAL impoverished children (k-12). Sunday, July 17 th , will be "Backpack Sunday", with an emphasis upon receiving school backpacks. On Sunday, July 24 th , those backpacks,-stuffed with your donation of school supplies,- will be dedicated to helping children have a "Fair Start" to their new school year. There is a donation box located in the sanctuary with a list of needed supplies. Checks may be made payable to the Church, with the memo line, CCJ Fair Start. Thank you, Gary Gard; Outreach Chair

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