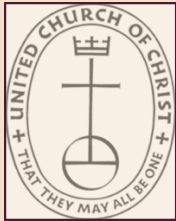


The Parish Caller

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

July 29, 2016



First Congregational
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Prescott

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSET CLEANUP COMMITTEE

The committee will meet Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Perkins Hall

CELBRATION OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF OUR “SUBSTITUTE” ORGANIST FOR 13 YEARS!

This Sunday is the last official day of organist Carole Sue Linson. We hope and pray she can sub occasionally again after recovering from shoulder surgery in September. Please join us after the worship service in Perkins Hall for cake in honor of Carole Sue.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank you for your support of “Fair Start”. This past week school supplies and backpacks were distributed to over 1200 students (K-12). Next month’s mission emphasis will be the local Community Cupboard. This program helps to provide canned food to local impoverished families. A donation basket will be located in front of the sanctuary to receive your food donations.

DISCOVERY GARDENS PRESCHOOL

It is time to consider volunteering for Discovery Gardens Preschool for the coming year that starts in August. Please let the pastor know if you are interested.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Women’s Fellowship will meet Friday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Perkins Hall.

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee will meet Sunday, August 7, after worship in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 21

Volunteers will be needed to follow our “safe church” policy of having two adults per classroom. Please see Bret Ely if you can volunteer on a Sunday morning.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 DURING WORSHIP

Please let the pastor or John McCurdy know if you are interested in joining the church. Orientation will be right after church on August 21 right after worship services.

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Announcements

PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

In a further effort to get to know one another, Cherie and I invite you to a “pastor open house.” It will be Sunday, August 28, from 12:30-4:30 at our home. More details and directions as the time approaches.



NATIVE AMERICA—THEN AND NOW

On September 15 at 4:00 pm, Manuel Lucero of the Cherokee Nation, addresses the treatment of Native Americans from the landing of Columbus to the present day. Cooperatively sponsored by: Temple B’rith Shalom; Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation; First Congregational United Church of Christ. Meeting held at the Granite Peak UU on 882 Sunset Avenue. Those that attend will receive a free pass to the POWWOW September 23-25 at Watson Lake Park.

CHURCH PICNIC

Heritage Park, Garden Ramada—September 25 at noon right after worship services. More information to come!

Las Fuentes Spiritual Living Ministry Class

FCC has been leading this interdenominational monthly class for over four years. The participants actually chose the subjects we explore, but Called to Care facilitates. We are now reading IF GRACE IS TRUE, Why God Will Save Every Person by Philip Gulley & James Mulholland, an interesting study on universal salvation. We have shared our tears, with joy and laughter of our feeling included in God's grace. We also shared experiences of the dangers of loving and accepting all people as we share our beliefs in the world.... Just as Jesus and the disciples did. Mostly, we enjoy and love each other! What a fun and lively group of seniors!! They teach and show us God's grace! We end our class with laughter, a joke usually from Sylvia Statts or Tom Macy.



Dorothy, 101 yrs this month!, Richard Perkins, Melissa (Activity Director), Clair, Pat, our own Jean Woodburn and Mardell Hull, and Betty.

Border
Convergence:
Sponsored by the
UCC Southwest
Conference
October 7-10

United Church of Christ School of Americas Watch

Border Convergence

October 7-10

Nogales, Arizona/Sonora

God loves beyond borders

In the United Church of Christ we are called to an extravagant welcome of all God’s children, no matter who they are or where they are on life’s journey. At a time when the politics of fear and hate are overwhelming the airwaves, people of faith are called to respond with love. Together we are working to build bridges, not walls.

Register your congregation today!

Please come and join the October 7-10 Border Convergence in Nogales, Sonora/Arizona at the U.S./Mexico border. Together UCC congregations will join the School of Americas Watch, immigrants’ rights groups and interfaith partners to demand justice to address root causes of migration, justice at the border and justice for immigrants.

For more information, visit - <http://www.soaw.org/border/>

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WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

CHOIR PRACTICE ON HOLD THROUGH THE SUMMER See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am on Thursdays

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

Funky Friday Game Night Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone Welcome!
7-9 pm
1st Friday of every Month starting in November

PASS MEAL is a once-a-month ministry where we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

CALL TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 2th Tuesday of every month from 2-4 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

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

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions Study Group
Sunday Mornings at 9 am in the Church Library
~And~
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking.

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