



# The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott Established 1880

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

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### This Week at a Glance...

- ♦ **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 p.m. in the Hazeltine Room
- ♦ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Maggie B. Room

## From the Pastor

As if perfectly timed, Jesus offers us rest! Post pancake breakfast and July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations, we are in the heart of the summer season, and things typically slow down on our personal and church calendars.

Matthew 11:28-30:

28"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The sermon Sunday will consider this promise of rest from Jesus. The importance of rest is part of God's design from the beginning. God rested on the "seventh day" of creation. The rest of God even included refreshment (Exodus 31:17). Jesus took times for rest and refreshment (Mark 6:45-47; Luke 6:12; 9:28). Jesus told his disciples to rest (Mark 6:31). Sabbath was instituted so that we rest one day in seven and set aside time for worship. Rest reorients our values, making time for spiritual realities. Biblical rest leads to freedom from anxiety – relinquishing our self-assertion and trusting in God.

Come Sunday and learn about this rest that Jesus offers. A timely message for all of us who live in the "age of anxiety."

Jay

## Pastor's Bible Study

We had a good start on our weekly adult Pastor's Bible Study. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the old library downstairs, the Maggie B. room. The group will decide on topics— Lectionary readings for Sunday; a study of Revelation; a study of the life of David; etc.



## Jewish— Christian Fellowship

Members of our congregation and Temple B'rith Shalom will visit each other's worship services in August: August 12 at 10:30 a.m. here and August 18 at the temple. All who are interested are invited to join us.



Temple  
B'rith Shalom

REST  
AREA



# Coalition of Compassion and Justice

Dear Supporters and friends,

As most of you know, the Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter on Miller Valley, next to Napa, opened in November 2016. We serve 45 meals per night, 7 nights per week, 365 days per year. Since we opened at the end of 2016, our budget for our food program was already set. That means that CCJ does not have a budget for this nightly meal. We rely on donations solely to feed our shelter guests. Also, we rely solely on guests volunteers to prepare the nightly meal, so it needs to be easy and quick for them.



## Could you help?

We need prepackaged, prepared meals or easily heated or prepared food.

- Cooked meats – ham, deli meats (not sliced) – we can slice it and it will preserve longer than the sliced meats
- Cooked sausage like kielbasa, etc.
- Frozen vegetables that can easily be heated in our heated servers – we don’t have a stove or oven
- Large bags of salad mix and dressing
- Gallons of Milk
- Butter
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Dry Creamer
- Sugar

Gail Haugland  
Assistant to the Director  
Coalition of Compassion and Justice

## July Missions Focus

With schools starting in early August, the Coalition for Compassion and Justice is once again holding it’s annual “Fair Start” event. Local impoverished families family's having children in grades K-12 will be able to receive free backpacks and school supplies. “Fair Start” is our mission emphasis for July. There is a need for backpacks and classroom items. A donation box is in the front of the sanctuary with a list of needed items can be found on the literature table in Perkins Hall. If you prefer, a check can be written to the church, with the memo line, “Fair Start” Thank you for your support of our church’s outreach to ministries of compassion and justice. Also, a check is being issued to the UCC headquarters earmarked for their “Strengthen the Church” program in the amount of \$280. These donation funds help support new church development and programs which reach out to youth and young adults. Thank you for your support of our church’s outreach to ministries locally, nationally and globally.  
Gary Gard, Chairperson (928-2455)



### ANNIVERSARIES

Karla & Bobbi  
Sue Golay 14-July

Harry & Anna  
Strong 14-July

### BIRTHDAYS

Staci Lee  
Robbins 1-July

Patsy Jo Huff 13-July

Martie Dial 10-July

Jean Woodburn 16-July



Monday Prayer  
Chapel at  
11:00 am in the  
Church Library

### ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes, an alternative music group, singing on occasional Sundays, needs singers and instrumentalists. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

### Summer Choir and Music Schedule

July  
2 Alter-Notes  
9 Song of the Pines  
16 Joell Gall  
23 John Huff  
30 Bound For Glory



**First Congregational Church Packer Team  
Schedule, July 17-21st 2017**

Listed below are those that have signed up to be part of the FCC Packer teams for the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank the week of **July 17-July 21st 2017**

Due to the recent influx of the large amounts of donated produce that we receive... the packing room temperature is likely to be **quite cool, however** nice this is for this time of year, a light sweater or long sleeve top maybe needed.

We again thank you all for helping those in need in our community.

Al Beeson  
FCC Packer Team Captain  
717-9915 CP# 277-9784

Mon Jul 17: Patty Brenner, Patty Landtrip  
Tues Jul 18: Linda & Dave Foote  
Wed Jul 19: P. Norum, Jim Christiopher  
Thurs Jul 20: Christy Dinsman, Yochi Matsumoto  
Fri Jul 21: Angela Imbierowicz, Al Beeson

**Three Great Loves initiative launched to 'embody love and incarnate justice' to build a just world**

July 03, 2017  
Written by **Connie Larkman**  
To follow God's call to build a just world for all as a united church, United Church of Christ General Minister and President John C. Dorhauer is calling the entire denomination to pull together under a new, shared mission — the Three Great Loves initiative.



"What is Three Great Loves? It is a call to the love of children, to the love of neighbor, and to the love of creation," Dorhauer told the gathering on Saturday morning, July 1. "During the next biennium, we want to discover what an entire denomination committed to Three Great Loves can do to change the world."

Launching today at General Synod and continuing until the 2019 gathering in Milwaukee, Three Great Loves seeks to build on and amplify the sacred work UCC churches are already doing in their communities to care for children, reach out in welcome to their neighbors, and act as good stewards of the earth and all creation. Dorhauer invited participation around this shared mission, urging congregations and other ministerial settings to explore new ways to

**Parish  
Stewardship**

Offerings		
	June	YTD
Offerings	\$9,574	\$55,378
Facility	\$631	\$5,381
Foundation		\$29,453
Other	\$-	\$5,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,205</b>	<b>\$95,719</b>

Expenses		
	June	YTD
Expenses	\$21,663	\$140,649

Famine Relief		
Received	\$795.00	

Church World Service		
Received	\$233.00	

Our Great Hour of Shareing		
Received	\$1,683.00	

Outreach Gifts		
	2016	2017
Jan	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	
	\$490	
Feb	PASS	
	\$140	

March	Habitat for Humanity	
	\$165	

April	One Great Hour Share	
	\$1,183	

May	Church World Service	
	\$319	

June	Strengthen the Church	
	\$280	

Undesignated Missions		
	\$475	

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,052</b>	
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Attendance; Monthly Average		
January	102	
February	89	
March	89	
April	108	
May	101	
June	79	



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Administration Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 - 4:00  
Friday: 9:00 - 1:00

Pastor Jay

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 - 1:00

Other times by appointment  
Cell: 928-899-9066  
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

Regularly  
Scheduled

PASS MEAL

Once a month we provide  
a meal for the Prescott Area  
Shelter Services the 3rd  
Wednesday of every  
month at 5:00 pm.  
Sign-up sheet is in  
Perkins Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

On Summer Break

ALTER-NOTES

Meets at 12:00 for  
rehearsal in the Hazeltime  
Room after worship  
service.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets for rehearsal at  
11:00 am on Thursdays

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care weekly  
prayer group meets at  
11:00 am on Mondays  
in the Chapel

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of  
every month at 6:00 pm  
in the Office  
Conference Room.

PFLAG SUPPORT  
GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of  
every month at 6:30 pm in  
the Church Library/Chapel.  
See Julie J. for more details.

KNIT WITS

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

COMMUNION

An informal "Every Sunday  
Communion" will be in the  
sanctuary after worship on  
Sundays except the first  
Sunday of the month which  
is our regular communion  
time.

Three Great Loves initiative launched to 'embody love and incarnate justice' to build a just world continued

embrace those commitments with a clear intent and shared purpose in a dedicated call to action over the next two years.

"There will be three significant requests of you: three occasions in which we invite us all to participate as one in a collective effort," Dorhauer said. "Each of the Three Great Loves will have a dedicated call to action with three components: an invitation to give, an invitation to act, an invitation to connect."

He outlined three initiatives — in the winter of 2017, a denomination-wide drive to provide basic human needs items to shelters housing refugees or the homeless; next fall 2018, there will be a denomination-wide school supplies drive to address inequalities in our education systems, and at Synod in 2019, a sponsored 5K walk to raise money and awareness for the earth.

Over the course of the two years, on the Three Great Loves [website](#), the national setting will be collecting stories from commitments to the love of children, the love of neighbor, the love of creation, and how those ministries have had an impact. The UCC is also looking to lift up Three Great Loves Heroes, and will be taking nominations, looking for members who have made a difference in the world.

"Our hope is to be able to document 50 percent congregational participation by Synod 2019; to collect 3,000 stories from across the denomination about how we are building a Just World for All through love of children, love of neighbor, and love of creation; to collect 100 stories from other covenant partners, like our CHHSM agencies; and we want to name 300 Three Great Loves Heroes, asking you to nominate somebody who is working to care for children, for neighbor, and for creation."

He urged Synod participants to get started on this mission today, signing up in the exhibit hall to be part of the Three Great Loves online community.

"Three Great Loves is an invitation to act as one and to deepen our impact by pulling together in love, for justice, and with purpose," Dorhauer said "As disciples of the Risen Christ, we call ourselves to embody love and incarnate justice."