

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...

- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship** time Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **Knit Wits** Tuesday 1-3 pm
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** Thursday 11:00 pm
- ◆ **Bike and Build Riders Breakfast** Friday-Sunday 6:30 am

From The Pastor

The plant we received from the church in May for our first year anniversary here is doing well! Thanks to all!

Our monthly Jazz Vespers continues to grow in attendance – and is mostly people who do not belong to our church. Steve Annibale did a great performance the other night. The Gurley Girls are coming in July, Denise Nasso and Opus One are coming in August, and Gail Steiger is coming in September. Gail is a local rancher and the grandson of Gail Gardner. He sings and educates about Prescott history and his love of nature. I thought it would be a good way to celebrate our church anniversary – September 26, 1880.



The Good Samaritan - Vincent van Gogh, 1853-1890,

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is our focus on Sunday. The title of the sermon is “The is no *Other* with Jesus.” As we see so much in our society and religions, if we can make someone an “other,” then we can exclude them from God’s love and ours. Jesus does not give us that option.

God bless, Jay

Habitat for
Humanity Bike and
Build

Habitat for Humanity Bike and Build is upon us!

“North Carolina to San Diego (NC2SD) starts on the gorgeous Outer Banks of the Atlantic before exploring a ‘who’s who’ of North Carolina’s and Tennessee’s favorite towns. After a day off in Memphis, riders traverse the plains of Oklahoma and wheat fields of Kansas. They’ll build for several days in Colorado Springs, at the base of the Rockies and next to the

Garden of the Gods. After climbing mountains in southern Colorado, visiting the Four Corners, and enjoying a day off at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, riders will dip their tires in the San Diego sunshine.”

Peddling for affordable housing



We will be hosting 28 riders/volunteer builders July 14-17th here at the church. They will be sleeping out on our floors in the basement as they trek across America from North Carolina to San Diego. We will be providing a breakfast for them each morning before they head out to the Habitat for Humanity build site.

Wanted: Volunteers to prepare and serve breakfast Friday, July 15– Sunday July 17. See Julie Jaquette for volunteer schedule. 928-445-4555 or 928-710-1379



Mission

Through service-oriented cycling trips, Bike & Build benefits affordable housing and empowers young adults for a lifetime of service and civic engagement.

Vision

Bike & Build envisions future generations who are committed to a lifetime of civic engagement and who inspire individuals and communities to create fair, decent housing for all Americans.



Everyone Invited to
join in the Habitat
for Humanity Bike
and Build Potluck



POTLUCK...POTLUCK...POTLUCK... POTLUCK

Please join us as we celebrate the 2016 Bike & Build North Carolina to San Diego team members who will volunteer with Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity in July.

Time: Friday, July 15th at 5:30 pm
Location: American Lutheran Church
1085 Scott Street, Prescott

To Bring: A side dish to share Habitat will provide
barbeque & fried chicken

RSVP: By Tuesday, July 12th
Christine at 445-8003 Ext. 16



**Mission Outreach
for July**

The Mission Outreach focus for the month of July:
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

PASS

PASS Meal is this Wednesday, July 20th at 5:00.
We still need several items to complete our meal donation for the Prescott Area Shelter Services. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall. Please have your meal items in our parking lot at 5 on Wednesday, July 5th.

**Native American
Then and Now**

Native America—Then and Now
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 Church, UCC. Thursday, September 15, 4:00pm at Grantie Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation on 882 Sunset Ave. All attendees will receive free admission to the Tenth Annual Prescott Powwow on September 23-25 Watson Lake Park.

Discovery Gardens
Preschool

Discovery Gardens

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

We are ramping up our efforts to provide support to our adopted preschool, The Discovery Gardens. They have received word that the building will not be sold this coming year so there will be classes again in the fall. Several of you showed interest last year in becoming a much needed volunteer. We want to help you complete the process. If you have any questions or are interested, please see the pastor or Julie Jaquette.



From the UCC.org

UCC Board releases survey soliciting feedback on proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes

The Governance Committee of the United Church of Christ Board of Directors is proposing a set of Constitution and Bylaws changes to the wider church and wants your feedback/input. Once your feedback is received and considered, the Governance Committee will propose changes to the UCC Board of Directors for prayerful discernment and vote at their October 2016 meeting. The proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes will then be presented at the Thirty-First General Synod in 2017. If you are interested in giving your feed back, type in the link below. Call Julie in the office if you need help with this.

<https://www.research.net/r/UccBylaws>

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WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

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

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.*



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.

CALLED 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