



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
- ♦ **Tuesday: Knit Wits** 1:00—3:00 pm, Office Conference Room

PLEASE NOTE:

The upcoming Cabinet retreat (which is open to all congregants as well) has been postponed. Rev. Bill Lyons cannot be here this weekend and the Cabinet wants to have time to plan a retreat for another date.

From the Pastor:

Sunday is Father's Day and "Refugee Justice Sunday" in our denomination and many others. It is quite a challenge to bring the two topics together. I titled the sermon "a loving Father for all" – imagining what the world would look like if everyone experienced a loving father, and if God provided this role as well. It appears God is looking to us to help. God is clear about how we should value refugees:

Leviticus 19:33-34

"Don't mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. (34) Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself. Remember, you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

The holy family spent some time as refugees in the Christmas story, so God can certainly relate. I was surprised in my research that some people bristle at the idea that Jesus was a refugee. I guess I should not be surprised at biblical illiteracy, but even 14th century artists knew the


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The Flight into Egypt by Giotto di Bondone (1304-06, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua)

So, we will gather Sunday to reflect on Father’s Day and the fact that 51% of the world’s refugees are children. They need our prayers, and they need God’s intervention for peace and justice.

persecution.





65+ million

people are currently displaced due to war, violence and

51%

of the world’s refugees





Refugees are the **most thoroughly vetted** individuals entering the U.S.

The following information will be posted on her wall of fame in the Alarcon Foyer:

KATE T. CORY (1861-1958)

Miss Cory lived for some time in the Hopi villages in northeast Arizona and the Hopis were the subjects of many of her paintings. When she came down from the Hopi mesas she chose Prescott as her residence, near First Congregational Church.

She served the congregation “quietly and without recognition”. She donated funds in 1953 to complete the small unfinished room off the Gurley Street entrance to house the pictures and historical mementoes of this church.

Parish Stewardship

Offerings		
	June	YTD
Offerings	\$7,067	\$52,871
Facility	\$448	\$5,199
Foundation	\$-	\$29,453
Other	\$-	\$5,507
Total	\$7,515	\$93,030

Expenses		
	June	YTD
Expenses	\$13,427	\$132,413

Famine Relief

Received \$795.00

Church World Service

Received \$233.00

Our Great Hour of Sharing

Received \$1,183.00

Attendance; Monthly Average

January	102
February	89
March	89
April	108
May	101
June	51

ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Barbi Beeson	23-Jun
Karla & Bobbi Sue Golay	14-July

Harry & Anna Strong	14-July
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BIRTHDAYS

Staci Lee Robbins	1-July
Patsy Jo Huff	13-July
Jean Woodburn	16-July
Linda Foote	18-Jun
Sylvia Staats	19-Jun

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That year she also gave her painting "This is the way", dated 1939, to the congregation. It was then described as depicting the movement of a group of Hopis out from the older village to another mesa, carrying all their belongings, to their new home.

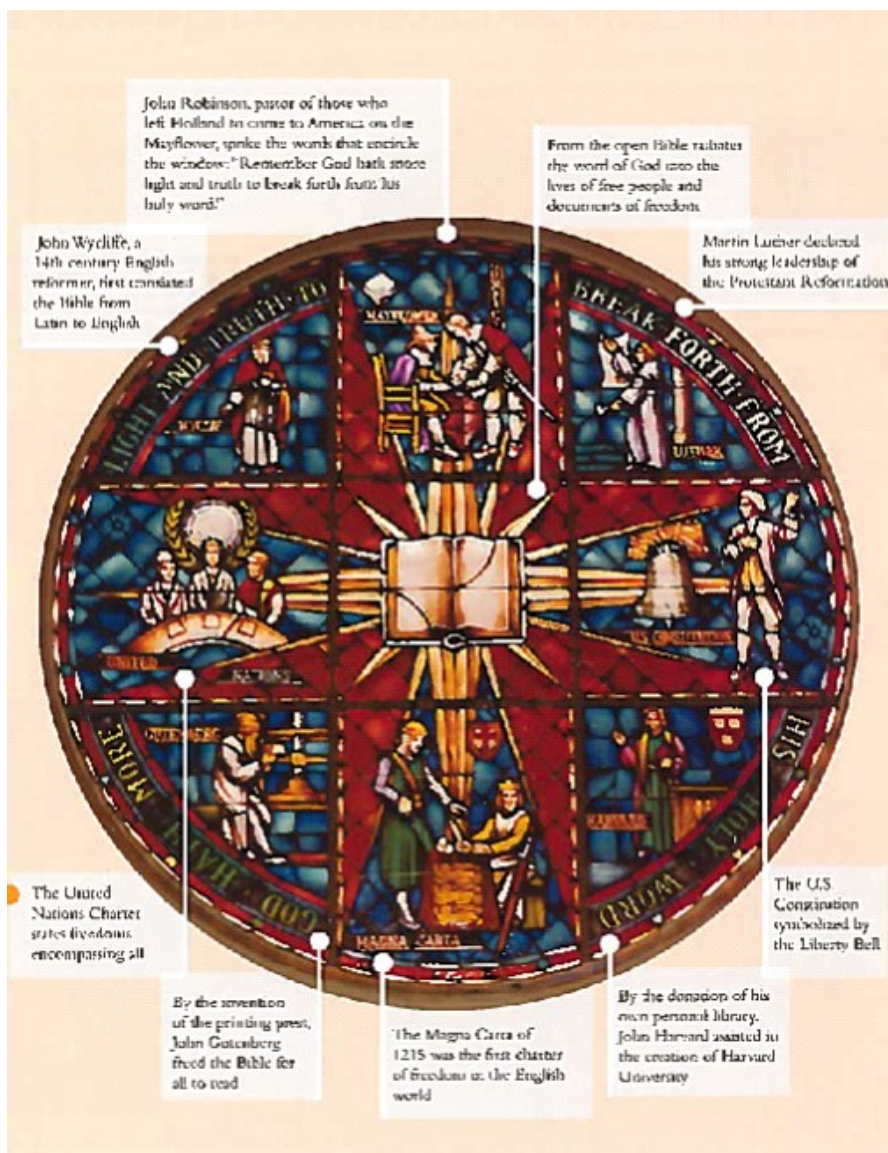


It was hung in the Cory Room and then moved to the east wall of the newly completed Perkins Hall. It hung there, quietly unnoticed, until the fall of 2016 when it was loaned to the Phippen Museum for safekeeping while the restoration of the church's interior proceeded.

A digital photo reproduction was made and hangs here. The original may be seen at the Smoki Museum where it is now on loan .

FCC ROSE WINDOW

Our Church and its beautiful stained glass window, titled "The Light Of Freedom", has been featured in the latest issue of *Transitions*, a publication for the Prescott College Community.



Dr. Charles Franklin Parker was adamant this window should make a statement about truth and knowledge; that "free minds lead to more light".



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

June

18 Alter-Notes
25 Denise Nasso

July

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

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Pastor Jay

Monday - Thursday
 9:00 - 1:00

Other times by appointment
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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 Hazeltine 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.

ANNUAL FRONTIER DAY'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Annual Frontier Day's Pancake Breakfast will be held this year on Saturday, July 1st in the church parking lot. We have proudly hosted this breakfast for 61 years. All proceeds benefit the Prescott Community Cupboard, who provides food to those in need. Time from 6:00 to 10:00 am, before the parade starts. Cost is \$6 for all you can eat. Children under 10 eat free. Entertainment by the Gurley Girls!

**EVERYONE DESERVES A SAFE RIDE TO CHURCH!**

The Cabinet is calling for those who want a ride to call the office and tell Julie Jaquette. And please call her if you are interested in becoming a driver. We have several volunteer drivers but we could use a few more. Getting certified as a driver is easy and quick: an on-line review required by our insurance company and a check of driving history. Everyone deserves a safe ride to church! Thank you.

Marti Garrison, Moderator

NEW CHURCH PROJECT

Remember those pavers that were removed from our sidewalk earlier this year? This was done to keep them safe from bulldozers and backhoes. Well, it is almost time to put them back. With the City of Prescott nearing the end of work on our street, we are preparing to reset our pavers and extending our sidewalk area. This job will take approximately 100 labor hours. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. We will also need to collect about \$600 for tooling and rental costs for incidentals. See John McCurdy if you would like to help. He will be posting a volunteer work schedule soon. If you would like to contribute monetarily, mark your donation "Paving Stones" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

OUTREACH

June missions focus is the UCC "Strengthening The Church" offering. Donations support new church development, and church programs targeting youth and young adults. Checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo line, "Strengthening the Church".

We are continuing to receive your donation of school supplies for the Church World Service

"School Bag Project" through June. These supplies go to impoverished villages (including Refugee Camps) around the globe.

There is a donation box in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continuing support of compassion and justice issues.

Gary Gard

School items needed are;

1. Scissors-blunted with rounded tip
2. Rulers-12"
3. Pencils- unsharpened
4. Large erasers
5. Box of crayons-24 pack
6. Spiral notebooks-50-70 pages.