

The Parish Caller

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

June 12th, 2015

First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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Welcome to the first Eddition of the weekly version of the Parish Caller!

We hope to keep everyone in touch with what is happening here at the First Congregational Church of Prescott! It has been an ongoing evolution for our church to be more environmentally friendly. This church administration office is striving to save resources and to become more streamlined.

Advantages of Weekly Email Communications

Access to information is vital to our church growth. Accessibility to information is key. Email communications are the quickest and most efficient way to keep folks informed. This is the most environmentally friendly option as the trees needed to make paper become more and more scarce.

Paper Production Facts

- *It takes an average of 12 gallons of water to make one ream of paper*
- *It takes one tree to make 16 reams of paper*
- *Over 40 chemicals are used to make paper*



Email Subscription Drive

We want everyone to have access to the Weekly Caller so be sure that we have your email address.

For those who prefer to have a paper copy, there will be printed copies made available in Perkins Hall. See the Caller Subscribe Sheet in Perkins Hall.

Ways to Subscribe:

- *Send the office an email verifying your email address*
- *Fill out the Weekly Caller Subscribe Sheet in Perkins Hall*
- *Tell Julie McCurdy, our church Clerk when she audits your address information*

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

New Directory Scheduled to Print in June

Julie McCurdy, our Church Clerk and Julie Jaquette, the Office

Administrator will be conducting an audit of our Church Directory.

In order to ensure that our directory is complete, we would like to update it and provide copies to our congregation.

Ways you can help with directory updates

- *Email: fccuccprescott@gmail.com your address and phone number(s)*
- *Julie M. will be contacting each of you in the congregation and auditing our records*
- *Fill out your info on the "Weekly Caller" update form in Perkins Hall*
- *Don't want to wait? Simply call the church office and verify your information: 928-445-4555*

Announcements
& ways to get
involved

July 4th Annual Pancake
Breakfast needs Volunteers
*Many hands are needed to
make this event successful!*

July 12th The Church is
Receiving New Members

John Dorhauer’s Farewell
Service to be held at Church
of the Red Rocks, Sedona
July 16th at 7:00 pm

June Missions Focus:
Canned Meat Donations
*We will also explore how our
SW Conference has used
Strengthen the Church funds
in our local churches. Stay
tuned...*

June Food Donations
*Just place your donations in
the basket by the front door
of the Church.*

Ladies’ Friendly

Exploring Faith Sunday Class

Monday Night Exploring
Faith

Called to Care seeking new
people to serve

Annual Calendar being
organized.

Pastor Installation Task Team Being Formed!

On Saturday, July 18 we will hold a special Installation Service to welcome Reverend Jay Wilcher as our new minister. Dr. John Dorhauer, our S.W. Conference Minister, will preside at this service. There are a variety of tasks and skills needed: planning, decorating, coordinating, food planning/prep, set-up, clean-up, hospitality, addressing invitations, publicity/communications... If you would like to help. *There is a sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Thank you!*

This year’s Annual Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, July 4th.

Volunteers are needed for this annual fund-raising event! Last year we were able to give the Prescott Community Cupboard over \$1,800! Lets try to beat that this year! *There is a sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. See John Huff for details. Thank You!*

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, July 12...

Those who have an interest in becoming a member of First Congregational Church should let us know in the church office 445-4555. We have a brochure for you and can answer any questions you have. There will be orientation classes meeting in the church office, after worship June 21 or June 28.

Farewell Service for John Dorhauer...

Everyone is invited Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Red Rocks in Sedona. This will be an opportunity for our UCC congregations to get together and be part of Pastor Dorhauer’s send-off to our National Headquarters. *Let Julie know in the office if you want to car-pool.*

June Missions Focus:

Strengthen the Church is the program designed to invest donation money into:

- ◆ New Church Starts
 - ◆ Helps existing churches incorporate new ideas
 - ◆ Assist with programs to develop spiritual life in youth and young adults
 - ◆ Programs to promote Lay and Pastoral leadership
- Further information will be found in the handouts enclosed in the Sunday bulletin. You will find offering envelopes in the pews and mark your donation with “Strengthen the Church”.

June Food Donations...

This month we are collecting canned meat. **Tuna, Chicken, Spam, and any other kinds of canned meat.** Prescott Community Cupboard appreciates all the donations we can give. Those in need receive a variety box once a month, and protein is always especially needed.

Ladies’ Friendly Lunches...

Will be on pause through the Summer. In the Fall, we will meet to decide if we will continue this activity.

Sunday Morning 9:00 am Exploring Faith Class is on Summer Break...

This class will resume after Labor Day.

Monday Night Exploring Faith Discussion Group, 6:30 pm...

Our new topic is Genesis. We will be using a Bill Moyers series titled ‘Genesis: A living conversation’.

Called to Care is seeking interested people...

Group needs caring and compassionate individuals to participating in our Ministry. Please see Marilyn Kerstine.

Annual Calendar being made...

In Perkins Hall you will soon see a large annual calendar on the bulletin board. Pastor Jay is asking the congregation to get involved by placing on the calendar all of the church’s yearly events. This will include Prescott’s events that have an impact on the needs of our congregation. Help us get organized!

Ongoing Weekly and
Monthly Events

First Congregational Church
of Prescott, UCC
216 E. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-4555
fccprescott@gmail.com

Administration Office Hours
Mondays: 1:00 - 4:00
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00

Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - Noon
Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

Sunday morning class is *currently on Summer break and will resume after Labor Day.*

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Monday evening discussion group continues to meet weekly at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. DVD Series on Genesis with Bill Moyers. All are welcome!

CHOIR PRACTICE is held Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE is held Thursday mornings at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary but is *currently on Summer Break* See Carole Sue Linson for details.

OUTREACH MINISTRY meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:30 am in the Office Conference Room.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

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.

KNIT WITS meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES SPIRITUAL LIVING SERVICE is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:00 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.

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Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, led by Pastor Jay. Address: Las Fuentes Resort Village 1035 Scott Dr. Prescott.

AGAPE SOUP SUPPER meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm in Perkins Hall. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

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

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

LADIES' FRIENDLY goes out to dinner after church the 2nd Sunday of every month. *Currently on Summer break.*

Coming Soon:

- ♦ New Website
- ♦ Weekly “Still Speaking Weekly Devotional” from the UCC.org