



First Congregational Church

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

From the Pastor



Russian icon of the Old Testament Trinity by Andrey Rublev, between 1408 and 1425

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday and Father’s Day. Rublev’s famous icon is an interesting image of the Trinity. Space does not permit me to go into all the detail. I refer you to Wikipedia for all the symbolism. I thought having a female depiction of the Trinity for Father’s Day would be a good corrective to the “God the Father as man” notion. God is a Spirit (John 4:24). So, Sunday we will contemplate our image of God and how God patiently works with us (John 16:12-15)

A couple quotes to get our imaginations going...

As verily as God is our Father, so verily God is our Mother; and that shewed He in all [her revelations] and especially in these sweet words where He saith: I it am. That is to say, I it am, the Might and the Goodness of the Fatherhood; I it am, the Wisdom of the Motherhood; I it am, the Light and the Grace that is all blessed Love; I it am, the Trinity, I it am, the Unity: I am the sovereign Goodness of all manner of things. I am that maketh thee to love: I am that maketh thee to long: I it am, the endless fulfilling of all true desires. -Julian of Norwich 1342-c.1416 (early twentieth century translation)

Once trained in the Trinity, it's not a great leap to consider the God of multiple dimensions, multi-universes, string theory, and hyperspace. Opening to new perceptions of God's self-revelation is as natural as contemplating innovations in theoretical physics. As I learn and grow, I can open to God's Reality more fully if ever increasingly more humbly. Awe deepens. (Suzanne Guthrie)

- June 15 Celebration of Art, 10am-5pm
- June 16 Father’s Day/Trinity Sunday
- July 6 Church Pancake Breakfast



SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE - \$4974

THANK YOU!!

We have gratefully received \$2,970 and will accept contributions until the end of June. If you'd like to donate, please put "Sound System" on the memo line of your check!

ART FAIR

"A CELEBRATION OF
GOD'S GIFT OF ART"

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GURLEY & ALARCON, PRESCOTT

ALL ARTWORK & CRAFTS
BY LOCAL ARTISTS

JUNE 15, 2019 
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

FOR INFORMATION CALL BARBARA 951 297-8311

Just a reminder - THERE ARE NO ENTRANCE FEES OR COMMISSIONS FOR EXHIBITORS
We are hoping the Fair will be a wonderful Event for the Exhibitors and Community.
QUESTIONS - call Barbara McCollough 951-297-8311

FREE EVENT!
\$3 CITY PARKING FEE
LGBTQ FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP PICNIC
GYCC 5TH ANNUAL
FAMILY & PET FRIENDLY!

Sat. June 29, 2019
12 - 5 pm
Upper Ramada
Off Highway 89
in Prescott, AZ

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Water provided!

Please bring a dish to share in correspondence to your last name:

- A - E : Salads
- F - L : Desserts
- M - R : Side Dish
- S - Z : Veggies

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP!

- Every year, we invite every identity under the rainbow to
- celebrate community
- build bridges with our friends, family, supporters, and allies!

For more information or inquiry about having a staffed table, volunteering, or sponsoring for this event, please contact gyccinfo@gmail.com
Re: Picnic and one of our friendly GYCC Board Members will be in touch!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JULY 6

Organizing the PANCAKE BREAKFAST is coming along.....last week was the initial sign up for a task or a DONATION toward supplies needed. If you can, please check out the 'board' this Sunday, and see what you can do for our Discovery Gardens Preschool fundraiser. We still need CAPTAINS to be there for the morning to make the transition of volunteers easier. We need general helpers as well as SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

Pancake Breakfast



workers.

TICKETS will once again be sold at \$6/each for friends or family or anyone! Also, this year there will be a RAFFLE of a beautiful pearl and emerald bracelet, donated by Raskins Jewelers and the tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

Please pass out our flyers when you can!

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR MAKING
THIS JULY 6TH, 63RD ANNUAL EVENT,
THE BEST EVER.
YOUR
Breakfast Committee**



MISSIONS NEWS

June's mission outreach emphasis is the denomination's "Strengthen the Church". Donations will help seed plant new churches, support creative new ministries directed to youth and young adults, and fund new projects/programs offering spiritual enrichment and engagement with today's challenging issues. Checks can be made to the church, with the

memo line of, "Strengthen the Church". Thanks to your generous contributions in May, \$470 is being sent to support church "Hospitality" ministries assisting registered asylum seekers released by ICE in the Phoenix area.

Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2) Questions and/or comments can be directed to any of our Mission Outreach team; Becky and Bill Bryant, Staci Robbins, Patty Gard, or Gary Gard (chairperson). New members to our team are always welcome.

Just a reminder - on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, volunteers from our church family provide a hot meal for women and children staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services facility (PASS). **June 19** next month. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Questions can be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard. Anyone from our Mission Outreach team would be glad to address any of your comments or questions. Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)



June 8 was a gorgeous day for our women's friendship tea. Ronda Hatfield decorated their decks with her quilts, late-blooming roses, vintage tablecloths, and the church's sweet rosebud china. Hal did himself proud with beautiful landscaping. About twenty women attended and each brought treats: the traditional cucumber sandwiches and scones, as well as more cookies and snacks than we could eat. Marti welcomed the

group and Ronda explained a get-to-know-you creative craft: making beaded bracelets or necklaces by sharing beads with each other. Lauren Edwards made lovely name tags, which several women are now wearing on Sunday. A local ukulele group led us in traditional songs. This was truly a wonderful event and we hope it leads to more friendship occasions in the future.

Marti Garrison, Ronda Hatfield, Lauren Edwards, Carol Dosse



From the RevGalBlogPals, submitted by Marti Garrison, director of Christian Education.

Wits' Ends Day: Guidelines for Choosing Curriculum

AUTHORJOANNAPOSTED ONJUNE 12, 2019CATEGORIESWITS-ENDS-DAYSTAGSCHURCH, CURRICULUM, HUMOR, PASTORS

It's true that no curriculum, not even what I wrote for Shine (#ShamelessSelfPromotion), will perfectly impart the fullness of God's grandeur, love, and grace. But there is a lot of happy middle ground between perfect and spiritually damaging.

So before you purchase materials to share with children, ask yourself (or possibly someone more qualified than yourself):

Is this curriculum racist?

- Does it involve children "dressing up" as people of a particular racial or ethnic group? Is there any type of face paint or ceremonial headdress worn?
- Does it involve pretending to speak another language by making nonsense sounds? (For example, speaking Mexican by adding an "o" to the end of every word, or speaking African by . . . well . . . you get the idea . . .)
- Are almost all of the pictures in the student materials of white people—including fact-defying depictions of white Middle Eastern biblical characters?
- Are the contemporary stories shared mostly about white people? Or about non-white people being helped by white people?

Is this curriculum sexist and/or heterosexist?

- Does it use the term "helpmeet" or "weaker sex" or "little lady"?
- Does it use exclusively male pronouns for pretty much everyone-Divine and human?
- Is the sin of all mankind laid on Eve's shoulders?
- Is the phrase "homosexual lifestyle" or "homosexual agenda" or "practicing homosexual"—really "homosexual" in any configuration—used, even just in the teachers' manual?

Will this curriculum create trauma and/or trigger children who have previously experienced trauma?

- Do any of the lessons involve surprising children with potentially frightening things (like snakes or loud noises or lions)?
- Are the children expected to act out horrific events such as the flood or the story of Jephthah's daughter or slavery or the crucifixion?
- Are children asked to share intimate personal details with relative strangers under the guidance of teachers who have had, at most, 32 minutes of training in how to facilitate such discussions?

Does it seem that the person who wrote this curriculum has a less-than-adequate understanding of the Biblical context and content?

- Is Genesis treated as a scientific textbook?
- Are texts that were written as encouragement for oppressed communities treated as self-help mantras for privileged individuals?
- Are Paul's words about women and/or same sex relationships taken completely out of their historical context? (See also "Is this curriculum

sexist and/or heterosexual?.)

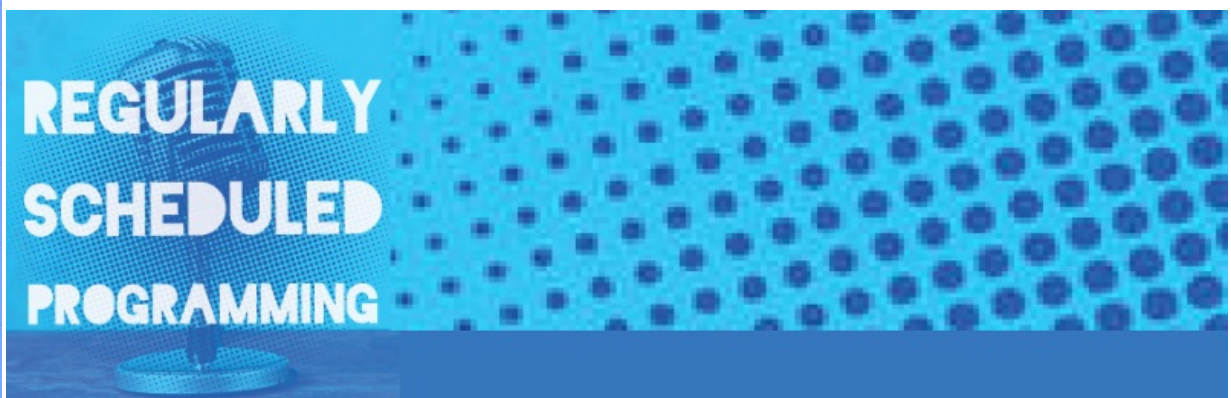
- Are simplistic lessons drawn that make no sense based on the given biblical story? For example, do they try to tell kids that the moral of the story of Jacob and Esau is that you shouldn't lie to your parents? (Because kids are not dumb and they will realize that, actually, lying works out really well for Jacob, and Esau is a sucker.)

Is it likely that any of the activities suggested in this curriculum will lead to the maiming and/or death of teachers and/or children?

- Do they want you to give switchblades to the kids playing the robbers when you act out the Good Samaritan story?
- Does the Pentecost lesson involve an open flame near anyone's head?
- Will anything potentially explode?

If the answer to any of the above questions is "yes," consider dropping the curriculum you are holding as fast as you can and running far, far, away from it. Or, you know, set it down gently and move on to evaluate your next option.

Rev. Joanna Harader serves as pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS. She blogs at SpaciousFaith.com; and she has indeed written some of the Jr. Youth curriculum for Shine.



Anniversaries

Al & Barbi Beeson 06/23
Harry & Anna Strong 07/14
Wilson, John & Sonya 07/23

Birthdays

Alice Kring 06/08
Sylvia Neely 06/13
Linda Foote 06/18
Sylvia Staats 06/19
Bill Neely 06/24
Staci Robbins 07/01
Linda Moore 07/02
Jennifer Cortez 07/05
Martie Dial 07/10
Patsy Jo Huff 07/13
Jean Woodburn 07/16
Mary Lloyd 07/22
Bruce Jordan 07/25
Ann Flanagan 07/29

	PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY An informal study group on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am in Conference room. All adults are welcome.	
	EVERY WEEK COMMUNION "Every Sunday Communion" takes place in the sanctuary after worship on Sundays. Communion is open to all.	
	ONCE A MONTH COMMUNION Our regularly schedule communion is held the First Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.	
	PASS MEAL We provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3 rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.	
	CABINET MEETING Meets the 4 th Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Conference Room.	
	THE RINGING BELL CHOIR PRACTICE If you are interested in playing with us, we will train you! This is a fun and rewarding contribution to our worship. We meet for rehearsal at 9:00am on Thursdays.	
	CHANCEL SINGERS If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00am before worship services.	
	ALTER-NOTES Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00pm for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates (207) 391-3276.	
	SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS Parents may take children to Sunday School downstairs before the service begins, or wait until after the children's time with the pastor and then to go Sunday school. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service at the discretion of parent(s).	

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