



# First Congregational Church

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

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

- **Chancel Singers Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- **Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
- **Prayer Chapel:** Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursdays 9:30 downstairs in the Chapel

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

The mission work of our church extends to my involvement in the community, and one of the ways I do that is through serving as Vice-President of the Coalition of Compassion & Justice. I serve representing our congregation. You make it possible. So, I wanted to update you on a program CCJ has done for years and one that our church has helped make happen. CCJ is able to be a catalyst for change in the community by being agile and open to collaborations with other groups. We hope the change in the "fair start" program will lead our community to cover these costs for all students.

Additional information is provided in this Caller. We will continue to do what we can for our neighbor - Discovery Gardens Preschool.

## **COALITION FOR COMPASSION & JUSTICE "FAIR START" PROGRAM REVISED**

*(Summary of Article from Prescott Courier, by Nanci Hutson)*

CCJ has collected and distributed donations of back-to-school supplies to students from low-income families from throughout the region for 15 years. A weekend distribution event where eligible children and teens came and pick out their supplies and backpacks on a first-come, first-serve basis was the old model. CCJ has adopted a new model - rather than ask families to come and pick up donated supplies, CCJ will equip school classrooms with the amount of supplies they need for all their students. In that way, all the student must bring is an empty backpack. The teacher will supply the rest of the crayons, pencils, notebooks and other things they need for the start of school. An individual buying the supplies for the backpack pays \$80. If all are purchased through a bulk rate, the cost is lowered to \$20!

CCJ will launch the pilot project with the selection of one school from each district: Lincoln Elementary in Prescott Unified; Chino Valley High School in Chino Valley Unified and Mountain View Elementary in Humboldt Unified. The goal will be for a community collaboration so that within the next five years every classroom in every school in the three districts is equipped with all the supplies a student might require.

Chino Valley High Principal Heidi Wolf wholeheartedly endorses the project. "I'm proud and humbled and happy," Wolf said of their selection to be one of the inaugural schools in this revamped program. Too often, she said, high schools are forgotten when it comes to these back-to-school efforts. "When kids get older, people assume kids are getting their own stuff, and that's not necessarily true," Wolf said. Supplying the individual classrooms will be beneficial for students who do not have the transportation to attend a particular event, as well as reducing any embarrassment a student might have about asking for what they cannot afford, Wolf said. This way, a teacher will be able to let students know she has those items in her classroom for anyone to take so there is no stigma, she suggested. "I love the idea. I think it's wonderful. I'm so pleased, and grateful, they chose us," Wolf said. This is a first step, but an important one to assuring all children get a "fair start."

## **CCJ MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"We believe schools should have the necessary funding to pay teachers and staff in a way that recognizes and supports their professionalism."*

*"We believe schools should have the necessary funding to provide school supplies for every student, regardless of a student's ability to pay."*

*"Until such time as there are enough funds for schools to meet the above needs, we believe our Tri-Cities communities must support all of our childrens' needs for school supplies."*



*"Teaching: The only profession where you steal supplies from home and take them to work!"*



Join with your neighbors to  
fully supply our schools!

## Fair Start 2018:

In this first year we will supply:

- Mountain View Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Chino Valley HS

Each School District chose the school to receive the 2018 supplies.

We hope to expand the schools we support each year until we can support entire districts.

**Fair Start Generates  
4 X's the Buying Power!**  
\$80 for parents

**\$80** for parents to outfit one student.

**\$40** for backpack programs using some bulk purchasing power.

**\$20** with efficiency of buying all in bulk.



Donations: 2018 Goal = \$30,000

We are grateful for your cash donations! You can direct your donation to the School District of your choice, PUSD, HUSD or CVUSD or contribute to the whole!

Individual/Small business

**Bronze - \$500-\$999**

**Silver - \$1000-\$4999**

Gold - \$5000+

Corporate Fund a School

**Bronze - \$5000-\$9999**

**Silver - \$10,000-\$14,999**

Gold - \$15,000+

**Donation Deadline:** July 15 to be used for 2018

Donations qualify for the  
State of Arizona Charitable Income Tax Credit  
Up to \$400/individual and \$800/couple

Additional backpack needs? Yavapai Food Bank will distribute backpacks July 21 9am to 1pm. Call 928-775-5255 for more information.

## Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #

Email

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**Address**

\$ Amount

District/Whole

Checks made payable to CCJ – Please put Fair Start/(School Name)in memo line

Mail to: CCJ 531 Madison Ave. Prescott, AZ 86301

Contact Jessi Hans at CCJ for more information: 928.445.8382



Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts							
		May	YTD	January	93	January		July			Undesignated Missions	
Pledges	\$	6,035	\$ 39,601	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325				YTD	\$ 475
Non-Pledge	\$	2,227	\$ 16,133	March	101	February		August			OCWM	
Facility Use	\$	891	\$ 5,602	April	114	PASS		\$ 320			YTD	\$ 75
Foundation			\$ 53,463	May	104	March		September				
Memorials				June		HABITAT	\$ 275					
Total	\$	9,153	\$114,799	July		April		October				
Expenses, Actual				August		OGHS		\$607				
		May	YTD	Sept		May		November- December				
Expenses	\$	20,517	\$102,666	Oct		Rainbow Acres	\$ 175					
Annual Budget Needs				Nov		June		December				
	Annual			Dec		Pancake Breakfast	\$ 400					
Expenses	\$249,300					Strengthen The Church						

### LAS FUENTES SPIRITUAL LIVING MINISTRY CLASS NEEDS HELP

FCC has been leading this interdenominational monthly class for over five years. The participants actually choose the subjects we explore, but Marilyn Kerstine has been facilitating. Since Marilyn is moving, we need one or more leaders to have fun with them every 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-11:00 am. We are now reading Philip Gulley’s short stories of the fruit of the Spirit, HOMETOWN TALES. We have shared our faith with joy and laughter. There are 15-20 seniors, including our beloved members Jean Woodburn and Mardell Hull. We begin with a prayer, explore and discuss the humorous book and end our class with laughter, and jokes usually from Sylvia Statts or Tom Macy and the Lord’s Prayer. It is delightful to hear their stories of faith☺☐. Anyone would leave feeling blessed with God’s Love and Joy☺☐. Call Marilyn for more info. 771-1452

### DEANA AND SUSAN EXCHANGE VOWS



This past Sunday after Fay's beautiful performance during her Baptism, Deana and Susan Wilson exchanged vows in a tear jerking ceremony after being together 42 years.

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUPS** will start again in June. On June , 10, 17, and 24. Before worship from 9:15 - 10:15 and after worship from 11:45 - 12:45 downstairs in the Maggie Room. Topics from Living the Questions series including Asking Questions in a Faith Journey, Taking the Bible Seriously, and Thinking about God. Come for one or all of these sessions.

### ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST--JUNE 30

We need every one to participate in some way with this annual event, it is a big one and we need all the help we can get.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- DONATE:** We have collected \$400 towards our goal of \$1,000



of overhead costs.

- **SELL TICKETS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:** See Julie Jaquette for tickets
- **FILL A VACANCY:** Our schedule has a few spots open for helpers, beverage prep, coffee making etc. Schedule in Perkins Hall or see Patty Lantrip, [palantrip@gmail.com](mailto:palantrip@gmail.com)

**Thank you for volunteering and donating!**

# Pancake Breakfast



## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our mission emphasis for June is, "Strengthen The Church" (STC), a program of our national denomination. STC donations will support: (1) New church development (2) ministries working with refugees and immigrants (3) church programs targeting youth and young adults. Checks may be made payable to the church, with a memo, STC. Thank you for your support of our mission outreach endeavors. Gary Gard, chairperson ([928 910 2455](tel:9289102455)).



--In addition to our participation in the "Strengthen the Church" offering, we are helping a local DACA student re-apply for the continuation of his DACA status. The cost of that reapplication is approximately \$500. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to the church, with a memo of, "DACA". Thank you for your caring and support as we do ministry in remembrance of the words of Jesus, "as you did it to the least of my children, you did it to me". (Matthew 25:34-40)

For those desiring to know more about the **DACA** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, please refer to the DACA information packets found on the mission display table in Perkins Hall. The packets contain facts which are not only informational, but also surprising. For example, did you know that since June 2012, DACA participants have paid approximately \$20 billion into Social Security, approximately \$4.6 billion in Medicare taxes, and approximately \$12 billion in state/local taxes. (Huffington Post.com "A Guide to read about DACA")

For questions or comments concerning any of our mission outreach projects, please contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard ([928-910-2455](tel:9289102455))

## JUNE GREETERS

Linda and Henry Dahlberg  
Carol Dosse  
Suzy Lobaugh

## ALTER-NOTES

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of bringing alternative styles of music to our worship service? Come join Alter-Notes! We rehearse at 12-12:45 p.m. on Sundays, after social time. Music styles vary -- calypso, spirituals, folk, Celtic, pop, rock and everything in between.

Show up and/or call **Melissa Gates**, [207-391-3276](tel:2073913276).

## THE CHANCEL SINGERS

You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join us! The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel.

For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at [928-713-4752](tel:9287134752) or [prescottsong@hotmail.com](mailto:prescottsong@hotmail.com).

## VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is [602-769-5770](tel:6027695770). Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.



**HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH  
OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED**



**PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY**

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine 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 scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

**PRAYER CHAPEL**

Called to Care holds a weekly prayer time at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Chapel downstairs. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box in Perkins Hall.

**PASS MEAL**

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

**CABINET MEETING**

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

**VAN MINISTRY**

If you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please let Bill Rouse know by the Saturday before. 602-769-5770

**THE RINGING BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**

If you would be interested in playing with us, we will train you! This is a fun and rewarding contribution to our worship. We meet for rehearsal at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

**CHANCEL SINGERS**

If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship services.

**ALTER-NOTES**

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal in the Hazeltine Room 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 phone:207-391-3276

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS**

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or wait until the children’s time with the pastor and then go to Sunday school. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service at the discretion of the parent(s).

**CONTACT US**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**PRESCOTT, UCC**

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Pastor Jay: 928-899-9066  
Julie: 928-710-1379

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**PASTOR JAY**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00  
other times by appointment



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.**

