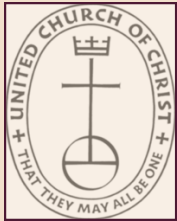


The Parish Caller

"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...

- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time** Sunday 10:30
- ◆ **Jazz Vespers** Wednesday 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** Thursday 11:00 pm
- ◆ **Set Up for Pancake Breakfast** Friday 7-11 am
- ◆ **Pancake Breakfast July 2nd, Saturday 6-11 Parade Too!!**

From The Pastor

Approximately three hundred people gathered outside our sanctuary on Alarcon Street last Friday night for a candlelight vigil in solidarity with Orlando.

Special thanks to Julie Jaquette and Sarah Andrews, Pete Norum, Sue Savage, and Tom Macy for all their preparation work, as well as members of PFLAG and the Yavapai County LGBTQ coalition.



And thanks to Rev. Shirley for making the montage picture of those who lost their lives (shown here left. If you have not seen it yet, it is also displayed in Perkins Hall).

Special thanks to Embry Riddle for loaning us this photo display.



From the Pastor
Continued

The 60th annual Pancake Breakfast is a week from tomorrow!!! We need everyone's help! Last year we fed around 600 people.

This year we are having a float in the 4th of July parade. Look for my old van (The Roscoe mobile) with banners on the sides celebrating our 135 years in Prescott and our efforts in giving birth to Boy Scout Troop #1 in Arizona 100 years ago and Prescott College 50 years ago. The float will have Pilgrims (we are the pilgrim church after all) and scouts and college students. Let me know if you would like to ride along.



I want to share with you the suggestions that you have contributed for our vision and mission statements. The following lists are compiled from the words and phrases that you wrote on the yellow vision/mission tables. Marti Garrison and I will be using this information to form some statements for you to review and discuss. If there are more ideas or concepts that you would like to contribute to the formation of the statements, please contact the church office. Julie will get that information to us.

John McCurdy,
Moderator

VISION: What do we want to become?

Fearless
Guidance
Purposely progressive
Sojourners walking with Jesus
Inspiration
Seeing God in each other. YES!
Care for the environment
Looking forward
All are welcome
Compassionate!
Observant of good which is God!
Compassion and justice for all
Spiritual growth

We are all equal; do not over-emphasize any group
Inclusive
Strong theology
Our distinctive Christian heritage
Covenant: God, creation, community
Covenant: one with all
God made all; God don't make junk!
Caring community

MISSION: How do we work towards what we want?

We've got to accentuate the positive
Embrace our fellow people
Trust God and each other
Humility
"It's never wrong to do the right thing"
Enlightenment
Humility
Worship joyfully
Lead and inspire
"Offerings" of *appropriate* "help/assistance"
What meets each individual's needs?
To live the way we pray
Consciously Christian
Love each other
Promise
Possibilities
Care for community and world missions
Companionship
Learn to accept the things I cannot change in others.
Embrace individuality.
Honor uniqueness!
Prayerful consideration and some definite appreciation
Welcome all with open arms
Welcome all with love and understanding
Caring for all of creation
Fellowship
God wants us to be happy
Believe, care, do
Live outside the box; do it differently
Generosity
Generosity of hearts

Missions and Outreach

List of Fair Start School Supplies Wish List in Perkins Hall

Next week is Knit Wit Sunday

Sunday July 3rd will be “Knit Wit Sunday”! Join us as we show you our knitted and crocheted creations!

The Mission Outreach focus for this month:

This is the last Sunday for those wishing to support our denomination’s offering, Strengthening the Church. Proceeds primarily support new church development and youth ministries at the conference and national levels of ministry. Thanks to all who participated in our Church World Service school bag project. We gathered 22 cloth bags full of school supplies for young children living in refugee camps and impoverished villages around the globe. Beginning today, we will be receiving “Fair Start” donations of school supplies and backpacks for LOCAL impoverished children. See the list of needed supplies posted on the donation box in front of the sanctuary. Last year, over 1200 children (K-12) were served. July 17th 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. Checks may be made payable to the Church, with the memo line, CCJ Fair Start. Thank you, Gary Gard; Outreach Chair

Knit Wits

Knit Wits is a group of women, who, in spite of their name, are intelligent and thoroughly capable people. We meet each first and third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the church office board room. Besides enjoying congenial and often hilarious conversation, we sit and knit or crochet for charitable causes. We make blankets and lap robes, baby caps and booties, scarves, knit caps, and sweaters. Some yarn is provided. Donations of yarn are greatly appreciated.

In the last two years, recipients of our handiwork have included Blankets For Kids; Prescott Valley Community Hospital; homebound people through Called To Care; Catholic Charities of Prescott; Arizona Oncology; PASS women’ shelter; Coalition for Compassion and Justice; Pregnancy Center; Open Door; and the FCC Nursery.

Our skill levels range from beginner to advanced, and if you want to participate in our fun and frivolity, while making a difference for people in need, please join us.

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Summer Activities Here at FCC

June 29: Jazz Vespers, 6:30—8:00 pm

- Wed, June 29 Steve Anabale Jazz Quartet
- Wed., July 27 The Gurley Girls
- Wed. August 31 Opus Jazz Ensemble

More to come – every last Wednesday of the month! These informal events are open to everyone of all faiths. The focus is on the music and the opportunity to hear it in an “acoustically alive” historic sanctuary. Admission is free – an offering will be taken for the benefit of the musicians.



All Hands on Deck

July 2: Our Annual Fourth of July Church Pancake Breakfast. Many of you have signed up to help but the roster isn’t full yet! To do this we need a lot of hands to make this effort successful. Sign-up sheet in Perkin’s Hall.

July 2: Frontier Day’s 4th of July Parade. We are entered in the parade this year and we need help and participants.

- We need a couple to volunteer to be our pilgrims.
- We will also be featuring the 100 year anniversary of our troop one boy scouts.
- 50 year anniversary of Prescott College.

Please see Julie Jaquette or John Huff for more information.



July 14-17: We are hosting Habitat For Humanity Bike & Build group who will be staying at the church (28 participants). We will be providing a hearty grab and go continental breakfast for 28 young athletes before the spend their day building a house for a local family. Please see Julie Jaquette on how you can help with this.

July 17: Rehearsals for the choir will reconvene.

September 25: Church Picnic, more information to come!

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

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

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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