

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...

- TOMORROW--LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:00-11:00 a.m.
- 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

FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday's sermon is "Family Troubles." We all have them, so it will be good to see how Jesus dealt with his own family issues.

Time flies! As I looked at upcoming Lectionary texts, I realized I had already preached on the gospel texts back in 2015. So rather than repeat them this year, I decided it is time to take a vacation from the lectionary! Starting June 17, I will be preaching through the life of King David using as a resource Eugene Peterson's book Leap Over A Wall: Earthly Spirituality for Everyday Christians. We will follow David through the ups and downs of his very human life and learn spiritual lessons we can apply to our lives.

1 Samuel 16 God Chooses the Ordinary

1 Samuel 17 Living Life Shaped by Fears or by God?

1 Samuel 18-20 The Power of Friendship
1 Samuel 21-22 Running to the Sanctuary
1 Samuel 23-24 Learning to Look to the Lord

1 Samuel 25
1 Samuel 27
29
Abigail Saves David
A Fit of Depression

1 Samuel 30 Receiving Grace and Mercy

2 Samuel 1
 2 Samuel 2-4
 2 Samuel 5
 David: A Model of Dealing with Pain and Loss
 Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
 Discerning God's Direction and Timing

2 Samuel 6 Encountering the Holy 2 Samuel 7 When God Says No 2 Samuel 9 David and Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 11-12 A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power

2 Samuel 14-15 Family Troubles

2 Samuel 16-18 When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22 David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23 The Blessing of Communion

1 Chron. 28-29 Facing Death



May 22, 2018

P.O. Box 2215, Prescott, Arizona 86302

Pastor Jay Wilcher First Congregational Church 216 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301

Dear Pastor Wilcher,

Saturday, June 9th, will mark the 38th Annual Pancake Breakfast presented by the Prescott Area Lions and Lioness Clubs at the First Congregational Church. This is a significant milestone for the Lions Clubs and without the cooperation and support of the First Congregational Church this event could not have endured over almost four decades.

To say "Thank You" to you and your congregation for allowing the Lions to use your church over the years cannot adequately convey our heartfelt appreciation for what this means to the citizens who attend each year and certainly to the charities that receive donation support. As you know, all proceeds raised, less cost of supplies, are dispensed to charitable organizations. For example, in just the last several years the Lions have been able to provide grants to People Who Care, Lions of Yavapai Eye Care Van and Guide Dogs of the Desert.

As we approach this year's Pancake Breakfast, the Lions of Prescott wish to let you know how much we value your continued support and that we look forward to many more years working together for the betterment of our community, and to the camaraderie and spirit of community that this event generates.

We trust that you will again be able to attend the breakfast and enjoy the pancakes and entertainment at this annual social event!

Warmest regards,

Bob Welch

President, Prescott Noon Lione Club



BRENT AND DARCY WALKER HAVE A NEW GRAND BABY!!



Baby Jonas Walker with dad Ion Born 6/3/18 8:48 a.m. Wt. 8.6 L. 20 3/4"

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 include "Asking Questions" in a Faith Journey, "Taking the Bible Seriously", and "Thinking about God". Come for one or all of these sessions.

FCC PACKER TEAM, June 25-29, 2018

Mon 25: Angela Imberowicz, Bill Linson Tues 26: Randy Cook, Stacy Graustein, Wed 27: Christy Dinsman, Paul Standstrom

Thurs 28: Linda & Dave Foote

Fri: 29 Pete Norum, Jim Christopher

NOTES FROM OUR CABINET MEETING (May 24th)

First and foremost, anyone is **welcome** at our meetings. It's an informational and congenial time!!

The *Treasury* Report by Julie McCurdy was GOOD news! We are at 33% of the budget YEAR. Income as of April 30 is 42% of the income budget. This is above target!! Thank you for your continued support in pledges....summer is coming, please don't stop!

We approved *proposals* for electrical upgrading of the church (desperately needed), upgrade in security camera system, and purchase of a safe. Next we discussed installation of carpet on the downstairs hallways. John McCurdy will research.

We will be having a *Church Workday* in three month intervals. We have no ongoing landscape maintenance crew doing the work. Please sign up when the time comes, 2-3 hours at the most, of outside trimming, weeding with enough PEOPLE, FREE DOUGHNUTS!!

The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast' (June 30th this year) planning is in full force, advertising, flyers, Sign UP board is looking good, great committee! Received over \$500 of donations so far, thank you.

Patty Lantrip Co-Moderator

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST--JUNE 30



We need everyone 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 \$500 of \$1,000 for 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

Thank you for volunteering and donating!

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).



---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)

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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

STEWARDSHIP

2018 Budget showing Strong Financial Support from Congregational Giving

Thanks to a very encouraging response to last year's stewardship drive, our budget for contributions from congregational members and friends is more than \$10,000 higher than last year's budget. And the month-by-month giving so far this year is more than keeping pace with the budget. Year-to-date giving is more than \$53,000 which exceeds the YTD target by about \$2,000.

Thank you for supporting YOUR church!

Julie McCurdy, Treasure

0	fferin	g	s	Attenda Month Avera	nly					Outreach Gifts				
May YTD			January	93	January				July	Undesignated Missions				
Pledges	\$ 6,0	35	\$ 39,601	February	113	Prescott Cur		\$	325			YTD	\$	475
Non- Pledge	\$ 2,2	27	\$ 16,133	March	101		Februar	у		August		OCWM		
Facility Use	\$ 89	91	\$ 5,602	April	114	PASS		\$	320			YTD	\$	75
Foundation			\$ 53,463	May	104		March			September				
Memorials				June		HABITAT	Г	\$	275					
Total	\$ 9,1	53	\$114,799	July			April			October				
Expenses, Actual		August		OGHS			\$607							
	N	ay	YTD	Sept			May			November- December				
Expenses	\$ 20,5	17	\$102,666	Oct		Rainbow	Acres	\$	175					
Annual Budget Needs			Nov			June			December					
	Annual			Dec		Pancake Breakfast		\$	400					
Expenses	\$249,30	00				Strengthe Church	n The							

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.

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 or 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. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.



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

REGULARLY SCEDULED

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 amon 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

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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.



