

March Calendar

Sunday, March 8th

- Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 9:00 am
- Worship Service, Sanctuary - 10:30 am
- Ladies’ Friendly - 12:00 pm (After Fellowship Time), See Sylvia Staats for details.

Monday, March 9th

- Exploring Faith Class, Church Library - 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10th

- Outreach Committee Meeting, Church Office - 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesday, March 11th

- Agape Soup Supper, Perkins Hall - 5:30 pm
- Choir Sectional Rehearsal, Sanctuary – After Agape Soup

Thursday, March 12th

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 11:00 am

Sunday, March 15th

- Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 9:00 am
- Worship Service, Sanctuary – 10:30 am
 - *Reverend Dr. John Dorhauer will be our guest Minister.

Tuesday, March 17th

- Knit Wits, Church Office – 1:00 -3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18th

- PASS Meal (Prescott Area Shelter Services) – Please sign up in Perkins Hall if you can contribute food items for this month’s meal.

Tuesday, March 24th

- Called to Care Ministry, Church Office – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, Mar 26th

- Cabinet Meeting, Church Office - 6:30 pm

Friday, Mar 27- Saturday, March 28th

- Lay Academy, Casas Adobes Congregational Church UCC, Tucson

THE PARISH CALLER

First Congregational Church of Prescott, United Church of Christ

Rev. John Dorhauer Named Candidate To Become UCC's Ninth General Minister And President, Written by Anthony Moujaes



"John is an articulate vision-ary who has a deep love for the United Church of Christ and will help us shape the fu-ture of the church for years to come," said the Rev. Kent Si-ladi, who co-chairs the search committee.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by the trust and con-fidence placed in me by the search committee," Dorhauer said. "I am grateful for the work they have given over the last four-and-a-half months. Taking nothing for granted, I look forward to meeting with the full board in March."

The General Minister and Presi-dent Search Committee has iden-tified a candidate to become the ninth leader of the United Church of Christ. The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, conference minister of the Southwest Conference of the UCC, is the search committee’s candidate, named Friday, Feb.13, chosen to lead the nearly 1-million-member denomination into the future.

"I believe the Holy Spirit envi-sions a future in which the United Church of Christ mat-ters," he said.

Dorhauer served as associate conference minister in the Missouri Mid-South Confer-ence for five years prior to be-ing called to the Southwest Conference and has served

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Rev. John Dorhauer will be giving a sermon here, at the FCCUCC Prescott this coming March 15th!

Welcome Rev.
Edwin
Mendenhall!

Pastoral Ponderings by Rev. Ed

“Thanks so much for your generous and loving reception! Please call me Rev. Ed”

The Rev. Ed Mendenhall, aka, “Rev. Ed,” is our short term, temporary pastor (beginning on Sunday, Feb. 22). Please contact him via his Cell # 480-297-9797 or Email – egmend45@msn.com. Rev. Ed is here late Fridays – late Mondays. Feel free to contact him at any time.

PLEASE USE CELL # IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. LEAVE A VOICE MESSAGE & he will return the call in a timely way.

DO NOT EMAIL in case of an emergency or an urgent situation.

Lent -- That 40 day season, not including Sundays, preceding Easter, wherein the Christian is called to reflect about ways to let go of what hinders one’s relationship with Christ and take on new ways or attitudes which draw one closer to God in Christ. So it is, not only about giving up, but also about receiving new graces. Psalm 51 is the classical “repentance” (turning again to God) confessional psalm of the Old Testament, attributed to David.

The “clean heart” of this psalm is a cleansing which opens us anew to Christ’s deeper and larger intention for our lives. The traditional liturgical color for Lent (Anglo-Saxon for “lengthening” of the days in the spring) is the royal and repentant purple or blue.

Holy Week: Lent concludes with Holy Week, the last week of Christ’s earthly life in the flesh, delineated in Mark 11-15, day by day, beginning with what we sometimes call Palm -Passion Sunday, that is, the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Highlights of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday,

when we celebrate the origin of the Last Supper; Good Friday, when is remembered Christ’s suffering and atonement death (At-One, breaking down the wall of sin, to open up eternal life and the possibility of an “at oneness” with God now and in the life to come, received on our part by an obedient faith); Holy Saturday, a time of solemn rest and reflection.

Easter and the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Celebration: The Resurrection of our Lord is at the center of the Christian faith and the hope that we may be transformed by Christ into reflecting his glory, beginning now and continuing until the complete renewal of all Creation. Best summary of this hope: “To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne” (Revelation 4:21, Jesus speaking; a little read passage but an important one.) More about the Celebration of Easter later. (Easter is Sunday, April 5, a Communion Sunday, as is appropriate!)

I am glad to be part of these Lenten and Easter Seasons with you! Shalom.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Organist / Bell Choir Carole Sue
Linson
Custodian Bill Linson
Child Care Josh Taylor
Coffee Coordinator Debbie Staats

Lay Academy



March 27-28
Facilitator: Dr. Hester Oberman
<http://www.layacademy.org/upcoming-sessions/2015/3/27/god-science>

How have religion, philosophy, and science shaped our human experience?

For at least 2,500 years, global cultures have struggled with how to incorporate observation and experimentation into the construction of worldviews and beliefs. Far from being a modern phenomenon, the struggle to bridge scientific facts and moral and spiritual values has long been a central issue for humankind.

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Outreach Ministry Barbara McClure



This Month Mission Focus is on One Great Hour Of Sharing.

The churches of the UCC denomination send resources that support international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. The resources are administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

Copies of the 2014 Mission Report will be located on the Perkins Hall table or bulletin board. You will find the stories interesting and good reading. You will discover how we are making a difference in the world. Join us in making a difference, special envelopes will be available during the month, or just contribute during the regular collection, indicating the purpose for the contribution.

Community Cupboard—Month of March Donations: How about some Macaroni and Cheese please. It is and inexpensive meal that helps fill up children and adults. A real comfort food! Our clients really appreciate all that you do for them.
-The Outreach Committee

PFLAG Chapter Launches Support Group



If you are interested in joining PFLAG or need the support for yourself or a friend, contact Julie Jaquette in the Church office: 928-445-4555

Meeting: March 20th, 6 PM,
Church Library

Prescott has a new Emergent Chapter of the National Organization, PFLAG

Vision: PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Mission: By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ

Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ

Moderator’s Message By: John McCurdy

I would like to welcome Rev. Ed Mendenhall to our community. He brings his experience and his heart to us in this time of transition. Introduce yourself and have a conversation, you’ll both enjoy it. Help Rev Ed out with all of our names and wear your name badge.

I am also pleased to announce that our conference minister is going to join us on March 15. It is always a great pleasure to hear John Dorhauer speak. John has been nominated as the candidate for president and general minister of the UCC. I also look forward

to seeing him in May where he will be the presenter at the Lay Academy here in Prescott.

I would also like to announce the Ministry Exchange on March 22, 2015 after worship and fellowship. This is where all the ministries of our church will meet at the same time, allowing them to meet as a group and also make contact with other ministries to share pertinent information. This is also an opportunity for you to check out what the ministries are doing or to explore where you may like to add your voice to our community.

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

New Member Profile: Judy Daly

I moved to Prescott Valley six years ago from San Diego. I’ve spent the majority of my career in the field of human resources and am currently a Consulting Project Manager for Ultimate Software Group. I have two grown sons - John, who lives in Mexico City with his wife, Lace; and Scott who lives in San Diego. In past church "lives" I have

been involved with Single Parent Family Ministry, Worship Ministry and Children’s Church. My interests include volunteer work, travel, reading, singing in the shower, dancing, visiting with friends and taking long walks with my "canine kids", Jack, Bella & Rory. I feel blessed to be part of the FCCUCC Family.

New Member Profile: Brent Walker

I am a third generation Arizonan who was born and raised in the Salt River Valley. Phoenix and the surrounding area was a wonderful place to grow up in the fifties and sixties. We just didn't notice the heat back then. When my parents were not busy working, we were off exploring the back-roads of Arizona. Generally, we had a very tight knit family and always enjoyed each other's company. We were constantly exploring, hunting, fishing, "ghost-towning," or off spending weeks at a time in San Diego or Mexico. Thanks Mom and Dad for an incredible childhood - I was spoiled rotten.

My education started at Madison Park School in what is now practically down town Phoenix. From there it seemed like we kept moving to the outskirts of town until we settled in Scottsdale near the Pima Indian Reservation.

I attended both Scottsdale High School and Saguaro High School. After a few years of college at Mesa Community College and ASU, I started what would become a lifelong career in the landscape and nursery business.

Twenty-five years ago I moved to Prescott and after working for Watter's Garden Center for one year reformed the business I had started in Phoenix - Contour Landscape Resources.

This is when Darcy walked into my life. Darcy

and I bought a home in Prescott and raised three children. Darcy's oldest daughter was already out on her own. Darcy has daughters, Anne, Allison and Kiley. I have a son, Ian. We have three grandchildren, Theran, Conner, and Kenna. I have a younger brother, Brian that still lives in Scottsdale. We lost my father, Belton, almost three years ago. My mother Billie is still living in her home, in Scottsdale, at the age of eighty-four.

From an early age my interests have been art and music. I have shown my paintings in Scottsdale and Old Town Albuquerque. Currently I am showing my paintings and found object art sculptures through the "Tis Gallery" on Cortez Street in Prescott. At the age of sixty-three, landscape maintenance is still in my job description as I have accounts from Haisley to Mount Vernon to Kingwood. Many have been my clients for over twenty years and are like family to me.

I would like to again thank this congregation for all of your support and prayers over the last seven months. I look forward to joining this community and I will do whatever I can to help.

Sincerely,
Brent Walker

A History of First Congregational Church Prescott, Arizona, By Jay Eby

It seems to me that the current popular history of Prescott would like to emphasize the wild west, Indian wars, mining boom town, and of course Whisky Row.

All of these are of course a part of our history. But, as the Capital City of the new Territory of Arizona, there was within our community a concerted effort to make our town a well planned civil place to live and raise a family. In spite of all the sin and distractions of Whisky Row, they did just that.

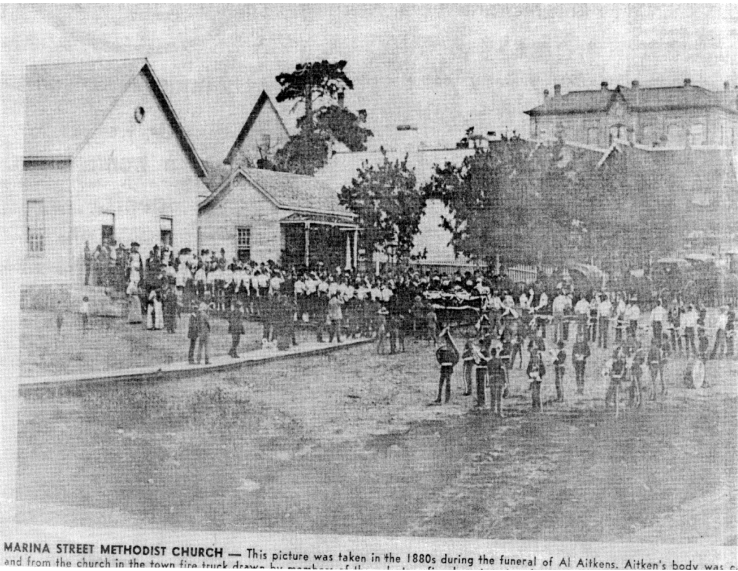
Our predecessors in the faith at First Congregational Church worked hard to make this happen.

They did it by example and action to bring churches, schools and culture to what was then a wilderness Capital in the Wild West.

First Congregational Church was not the first Christian fellowship in Prescott. The persons that formed this congregation had been in fact a part of other fellowships before.

All of the written histories of First Church start with: "First Congregational Society of Prescott, Arizona was organized with thirteen charter members on September 26, 1880, at the home of T. W. and Pamela Otis. This church is the oldest Congregational Church in Arizona and what is now the Southwest Conference."

Most church histories, including ours, highlight the buildings built, the Ministers that served, and the numbers of persons in the membership. These are important, but I



MARINA STREET METHODIST CHURCH — This picture was taken in the 1880s during the funeral of Al Aitkens. Aitken's body was in the hearse in the foreground.

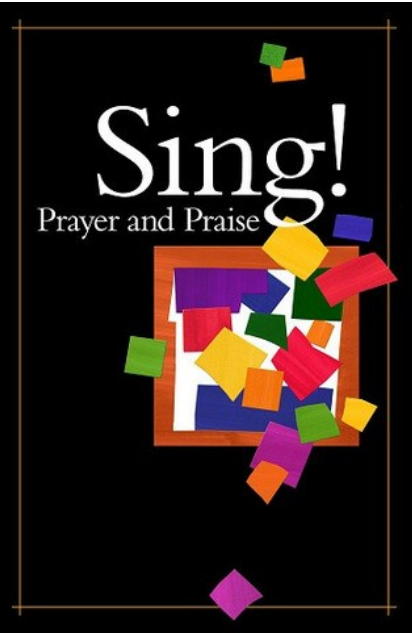
would like to celebrate those men and women that built and sustained our City of Prescott as a great place to live and raise our families.

Least we get to prideful we must recognize that our beginnings were with the cooperation and assistance of other congregations of faith that existed in Prescott before us. We know that Bishop Lamy from Santa Fe held at least Christmas Mass in Prescott in 1863. That that has been described as Sunday School classes were held in several buildings in Prescott from the beginning. The teaching was often augmented by Army Chaplains from Fort Whipple.

The first building in town specifically built for worship was on Marina Street by those that called themselves Methodists. A Baptist congregation shared this building for some time as well as a Catholic and Presbyterian congregation.

FCCUCC WELCOMES A NEW ARRIVAL!

“Sing! Prayer and Praise” is here!: Jane Osborn



A few years ago, Pastor Jane invested in new song books for the choir titled, “Sing! Prayer and Praise.” We have employed a number of these songs as worship responses and anthems.

A few weeks ago, we began to use songs from this book in our worship as hymns, printed as inserts in the order of worship. It was a goal of Pastor Jane to put these song books in our pews as an accompaniment to the New Century Hymnal.

Sunday, February 15, 2015, that goal became a reality. “Sing! Prayer and Praise” is endorsed by the UCC and their website offers

identical worship resource tools for both the “New Century Hymnal” and the “Sing! Prayer and Praise” books.

“The music of the church is God’s gift to us; how we receive and use it is our gift to God.” ~Rev. Scott A. Ressman, editor.

The following information comes from the UCC website and tells the story of “Sing! Prayer and Praise.”

Brief History of Sing! Prayer and Praise

The long process to create *Sing! Prayer and Praise* began in the fall of 1994 when The Worship and Education Team of Local Church Ministries began the "Praise and Worship Music Project," which included the Praise Song Songwriting Competition, as means of developing new musical content, and the creation of the [Praise Song Advisory Team \(PSAT\)](#), a diverse group of musicians, theologians and worship leaders from around the UCC.

New Member Profile: Diane Fournot

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. I met my husband when we were teenagers, got married and had 3 beautiful and wonderful children. After 10 years of being married we divorced and I raised my children alone for the next 20 years. I met my second husband and then we moved to Phoenix. We were planning to retire and have a good life, but unfortunately he died – it will be 12 years next month. A girlfriend told me about Joel Osteen - and believe it or

not he got me through some tough times. I started listening every Sunday, got some of his books and to this day I still watch him.

Somebody mentioned to me about meeting some men on the Internet dating scene. To my surprise I met Paul and you all know what GREAT guy he is! We have been dating for two years, and we will live together before we decide about making it permanent.

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churches in rural Missouri. Dorhauer has a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, where he studied white privilege and its effects on the church.

Dorhauer’s candidacy must be confirmed first by the United Church of Christ Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote at its upcoming meeting March 19, then by the delegates of the 30th General Synod, meeting in Cleveland June 26-30, with a 60-percent majority.

The [18-member search committee](#) spent four-and-a-half months on the process to identify a candidate for the next general minister and president. They were seeking a leader who is "a person of faith, an articulate and theologically-grounded preacher and speaker, and an innovator who leads with clarity and purpose" to act as CEO and chief spokesperson of the UCC. Dorhauer would be charged with preparing the denomination for the future by planning, coordinating and implementing the mission of the church.

"The committee made its decision after careful prayer and intentional deliberation over the past months," said the Rev. Bernard R. Wilson, co-chair of the search committee and chair of the UCC Board of Directors. "We are enthusiastic about his recommendation."

Friday's announcement concludes a search process set in motion in mid-August, when current General Minister and President the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black announced his plans

to retire at the conclusion of General Synod.

The committee has spent the last several months combing through a list of potential candidates, discerning and dissecting the skills and qualifications of each applicant. In mid-January, the committee interviewed its top applicants by web conference and met with the final candidates for face-to-face interviews on Feb. 12-13.

"We are grateful to the search committee for their diligence, for their commitment to the process and for the ways in which the Holy Spirit moved among us," Siladi said. "And we are grateful for the pool of applicants representing the broad diversity of the UCC."



Past presidents and general minister and presidents of the UCC:

- Fred Hoskins & James E. Wagner, co-presidents (1957-1961)
- Ben M. Herbster, president (1961-1969)
- Robert V. Moss, president (1969-1976)
- Joseph H. Evans, president (1976-1977)
- Avery D. Post, president (1977-1989)
- Paul H. Sherry, president (1989-1999)
- John H. Thomas, general minister and president (1999-2010)

Geoffrey A. Black, general minister and president (2010-present)