



First Congregational Church Prescott

United Church of Christ

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

The Parish Caller Weekly Newsletter February 15, 2019



SPECIAL CONCERT for the PRESCOTT COMMUNITY

*Womansong
and
The Prescott Chamber Players Trio*

Saturday, March 2, 2019
3 pm

1st Congregational Church, 216 E Gurley St, Prescott

Choral Music of the Renaissance and American Folk Traditions
Instrumental Trios of the Classical Period

Free to the Public



Taizé

Taizé Service, March 13, 6:30
p.m.

Soup before at 5:45

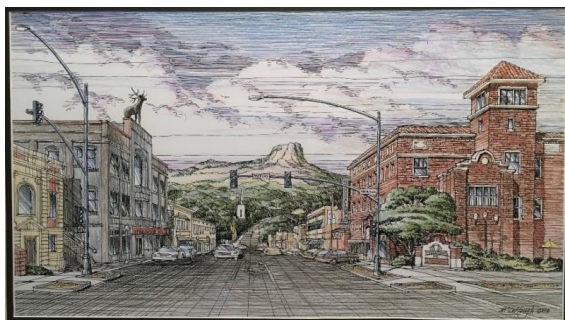
See Marti for details

MISSIONS NEWS

Mission Outreach Update: Following our mission emphasis for February, a check for \$345 is being sent to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). Thank your support of this ministry. In addition to what we donate financially, each month we prepare/deliver an evening meal for the women and children staying at the shelter. Thank you, again, to our "helping hands" who provide this meal ministry. Without you, this ministry would not be possible. We have posted a "Thank You" note in Perkins Hall from the PASS staff, which reads: "Dear FCUCC meal provider volunteers; volunteers do not necessarily have time, they just have the heart. Thank you for all your nutritious meals for women and children in need. You make a huge difference and we are so grateful for your support. Carmen (Director) and Katee."



Our mission emphasis for March is the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH). Since its founding in our area in 1989, over 90 low income families have been helped into their own homes. Presently, there is a new PAHH home under construction in Chino Valley with another one on the drawing boards. There is a home being rehabbed in Prescott Valley, and two new homes here in Prescott. You may make a donation by making your check payable to the church, with the memo line, PAHH. Additionally, if you would like to participate in a home construction project, contact Gail Martin at 928-445-8003.



"Celebration of God's Gift to Art"

The Church is planning an Art Fair here on June 15th and would like to invite any members interested in showing their work or would like to help plan and work at the event to attend a planning meeting after Church on February 17th.

Pastor Jay has organized similar events in the past and is enthusiastic about opening the

Church to the community for the event. Pastor Jay suggested the theme to be "Celebration of God's Gift to Art"

Anyone interested may contact Julie at the Church office or Barbara McCollough at cbmc4re@gmail.com , 951-297-8311

THANK YOU AGAIN

Many thanks go out to Debbie Staats for always setting up the

most inviting fellowship time 'table' for us and our visitors. ADD to that, the wonderful treats, cookies, cakes, veggies etc that our MEMBERS thoughtfully bring.



Thank you all for the LOVE you put in to the baking and/or buying to present a welcoming and delicious spread!! As you know, there is a SIGN UP sheet close to our table should you wish to volunteer to bring something. This is helpful (in advance). The budget was reduced in this area and we are depending more on contributions and less on buying each week.

PARABLES PERUSAL!

March 16, 11-3, Meeting room 1, below Perkins Hall.
Lunch included

Come to a round table discussion of these parables

led by august members in our midst, although we are all theologians: we think about God, right? And we study the Bible...



- Bill Linson: Matthew 20: 1-6, The laborers in the vineyard
- Ralph Wagner: Luke 10: 25-37, The Good Samaritan
- Harry Strong: Matthew 25: 14-30, The parable of the talents
- Marti Garrison: Luke 6: 39-41, Judging Others

Everyone's voice is welcome! Come for a stimulating Saturday!

Questions: see Marti or garrisonmarti@gmail.com

Women's Gathering in April. Get ready for lively times and deeper looks into how women are presented in the Bible. Who are they? How do we relate...or not? Date, time, and place TBA.

Questions and Suggestions: see Marti Garrison in church or at garrisonmarti@gmail.com



"MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND KEEP THE OLD"

Here's how at First Congregational: We are initiating a new fun way to make friends with congregants you may not know well---yet!

NINE 'n DINE FOR MARCH, 2019

This is a great opportunity to share hospitality and meet congregants both recent and established over an informal meal at a host's home. Your host will contact you about a convenient date and ask that each person bring a side dish. The host will provide the main dish.

Sign up in Perkins for an evening (or brunch) of good food and good discussion at this get-to-know-you. It's sure to be fun! Please sign up before the end of February. Questions? See Marti at church or email garrisonmarti@gmail.com.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FOUNDATION

Minutes of Meeting
November 15, 2018

Board Members Present: President Al Beeson, Vice President Angela Imbierowicz, Susan Lemons, Treasurer John McCurdy, Julie McCurdy, James Christopher and Rev. Dr. Jay Wilcher.

Also present: Amy Jaspers, CPA

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by the President and Pastor Jay Wilcher gave the invocation.
2. Amy Jaspers presented her financial report for the period ending September 30, 2018.
3. President Al Beeson read a resignation letter from Will Fisher. Due to personal and family issues he felt that it was not advisable to try to continue membership on the board. Al has approached two church members to possibly replace Will and Jay Eby, who had previously resigned.
4. Jim Christopher agreed to act as Fdn Secretary of the board and was appropriately elected as such.
5. Approval of Minutes. The Minutes of the August 16, 2018 quarterly meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions.
6. Prescott Station Update.

- A. The Prescott Station Corporation Commission filing has been corrected to show the correct business address. The correction now shows on the Corporation Commission web site.
- B. Roof repair for the Prescott Station building has been completed and paid for, the leak was around the new A/C unit and is reported to be fixed.
- B. The base rent deposit due to an additional deposit made in October, is now at \$4,285.00.
- C. A problem or moisture seepage at the base of East wall of the building continues. The following possible solutions were discussed and will be explored:

Clear the ground between the East wall and the building next door to reduce the
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moisture that accumulates there.

Pour concrete between the two buildings --- shape it as a gutter to drain off moisture.

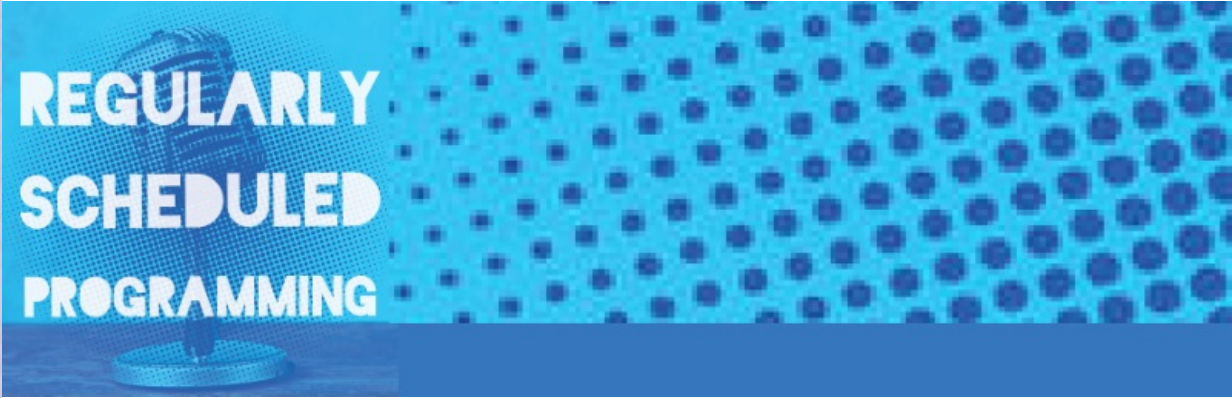
Explore the instillation of a gutter on the East wall.

Place a moisture barrier on the lower section of the East wall.

- 7. The Foundation has paid the final 4th quarter installment for church 2018 needs and the taxes due for this period.
- 8. A initial proposal for a new Foundation promotion folder was introduced. An extended discussion followed regarding what type of giving that we want to encourage and what a pamphlet should include. Angela and John will work on developing some ideas for the next meeting.
- 9. President Beeson discussed the presentation that he had made to the cabinet regarding Foundation funds available for their utilization. It was moved and passed that the Foundation authorize, [a pending request] in the amount of \$1,954 from the E & C Smith Memorial fund go to the church in the final quarter of 2018.
- 10. Julie announced that the cabinet will be requesting the following from the Foundation for the 2019 fiscal year.
Pastor’s salary \$85,000
Education \$23,000
Total \$108,000
- 11. There was discussion of a bylaws change to not require two signatures on checks. Susan noted that it is often difficult and inconvenient to find a second signatory for checks. After a bit of discussion it was decided to leave the policy as it currently exists.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019
Meetings in 2019 will take place on May 16, August 15 and November 14.



Anniversaries	
Geri Lyons	02/03
Suzanne Brouard	02/12
Suzy & Hal Lobaugh	02/19
Birthdays	
Susan Lemons	02/04
Brian Moore	02/04
Phil Prebble	02/11
Dan Bradstreet	02/12
Harry Strong	02/19
Barbie Beeson	03/02
Betty Corn	03/13
Kathy Stephens	03/13
Any Wilson	03/15
Patty Gard	03/18
Bret Ely	03/26
Andree Shrimpton	03/28

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

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 9:00 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 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 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).

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