The Parish Caller Weekly Newsletter March 15, 2019

THANK YOU AGAIN

Jane Cheek and Carole Sue Linson -- What a wonderful Taize' service we had this past Thursday due to the sharing of two talented musical artists!! Thank you again!!

WEAR GREEN SUNDAY FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

Patrick depicted with shamrock in detail of stained-glass window in St. Benin's Church, Kilbennan, County Galway, Ireland

I want to give you an update on David Terrell who moved into our church office apartment in January. David had been staying at the CCJ homeless shelter for the previous year. He is elated to have his own place to stay. He began doing janitor duties in January, and we are grateful to Bill and Tom for training and supervising him. David is doing a great job. He is very conscientious and is doing all we ask of him. He also attends worship each Sunday. Thanks to all of you for making it possible for David to have a home! God bless, Jay

LENTEN "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY" EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20, at 6pm – We visit Bible Study at St. Luke Ebony Christian Church
Wednesday, April 3, at 6pm – Members of St. Luke Ebony Christian Church visit our Lenten Bible Study
Friday, April 12, at 6pm – "Everybody's Hometown" – A Dialogue on Race in Prescott

Some of us will be going to Dewey Wednesday night to join with our St. Luke Ebony Christian Church friends for their Bible Study.

12191 Turquoise Circle, Dewey:
69 South – turn right onto Bradshaw Mountain Road – turn right onto E Turquoise Circle – look for 12191 Turquoise Circle

They will come to our church on Wednesday, April 3. The purpose of these gatherings is to get to know each other and begin times of fellowship together.

On Friday, April 12, at 6pm, we will offer to the community a town hall – a dialogue on race in Prescott: Where we have come from – where we are now – and where we would like to go.

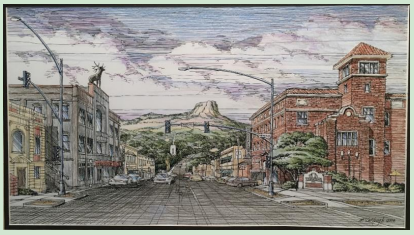
SONG OF THE PINES WILL JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

TAIZE' VESPERS SERVICE APRIL 10
5:45pm SOUP MEAL / 6:30pm SERVICE

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 17	St. Patrick's Day Worship (wear green)
March 20	We visit Bible Study at St. Luke Ebony Christian Church, 6pm
March 24	Song of the Pines in Worship
March 27	Cabinet Meeting 6pm
March 31	Alter-Notes in Worship
April 3	St. Luke Ebony Christian Church joins us for Bible Study, 6pm
April 5-6	Southwest Conference Annual Meeting – First Congregational Church, Phoenix
April 12	"Everybody's Hometown" – A Dialogue on Race in Prescott, 6pm – Perkins Hall
April 17	Taize' Service – 5:45 pm Soup Meal; 6:30 pm Service
April 18	Maundy Thursday 6pm
April 21	Easter Sunday 10:30am
April 24	Member in Discernment Committee Training 5pm
April 28	Holy Humor Sunday
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	Beatles Sunday
May 26	Alter-Notes in Worship

"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. 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 in participating in "ART" and showing your work may contact Julie at the Church office or Barbara McCollough at cbmc4re@gmail.com , 951-297-8311

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The fellowship time after our service is an extension of our 'Extravagant Welcoming.' We all agree that Debbie Staats does a wonderful job. But, we are needing a rotation of men or women (1) to help set up/clean up each Sunday just to help Debbie a bit. Please sign up to be there by 10am and leave or not by 12pm. Sometimes she may not need your help, it's up to her. THANK YOU.

Pancake Breakfast lovers are encouraged to be on the committee to organize the Annual Pancake Breakfast. This is a FCC UCC tradition. The first meeting would be to decide if this will continue/change and when etc. An informational binder was made last year to follow. A SIGN UP SHEET will be available or you can call or email Co-Moderators Patty Lantrip (480-227-2170, palantrip@gmail.com) or Rev. Ralph Wagner (585-733-9772, puritan720a@gmail.com) THANK YOU

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

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MISSIONS NEWS

Update: Following our mission emphasis for February, a check for $370 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.

"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.

GREETINGS!

Yea! Our DUCC (Disciples-Ucc-Church-Camp) registration is now live! I want to give you some initial instructions to use and/or pass on to the person in your church who is responsible for camp registrations.

- **All registrations will be online.** All participants - youth and adults - will fill out the same registration form. If you have families in your church who cannot fill out an online form, please assist them (i.e. set up a laptop after church one Sunday to walk them through the registration process). The signature of a parent or guardian is required on forms for all campers (including High School youth and graduates).
- The **REGISTRATION FORM is ADAPTIVE.** That means that depending on what box you check, new items pop up. So, if you just scroll down without checking a box, you won't see all the options. If you make a mistake you can go back and uncheck something.
- **Our website has info, FAQs, and link to the registration form:** http://www.uccswc.org/camp

- **WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW for you as a church camp registrar? Understand what are scholarship and gift codes.** Campers registering for camp who are being scholarshipped by either/both the Conference and/or your church will need codes to put in their payment section which will reflect the reduction of costs. Gift codes are also the way that other family and friends can pay a camp registration fee for someone. The tricky part is that the registrant needs the codes BEFORE they register in most cases.
- **THE 1/3 SW CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP CODE: SWCCAMP** This is the code you can give to camper families requesting the conference scholarship. This code will reduce the full-week fee by $137, and the Sprouts Camp half-week by $82. We're not requiring any description of need, or that your church needs to be paying another third, but we ask that you don't just automatically give out the SWC scholarship code to everyone. Make sure families are asking for it or you know they need it. We were very pleased last year that even though on the registration form last year, it only took a click to get a scholarship, less than half the families requested one. So, that really helps reserve our Sow the Seed fund to serve families who really need it. **This code will only reduce the fee by either $137 or $82, regardless of if campers are registering after the early bird deadline and have a higher fee.
- **HOW TO DO CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS:** Use the registration form and read the instructions carefully. You will put in your name and click on what you are doing. You will be *"Paying for one or more campers."* Then, you are *"A church paying for one or more campers."* After that, you can purchase as many one-third scholarships as you want by adding the camper's name and the parent's email just by clicking on "add a voucher" after each person. You can then pay by credit card. If you don't yet know the specific campers, purchase as many gift registrations as you want, using the church's or pastor's email. The codes will then be sent automatically to the email indicated. Each church's code will be unique.
- *Since space is limited and time is of the essence,* you might want to begin purchasing some gift codes as the church if you know you will be giving out scholarships, so you will have the codes when people ask. You also can limit the amount you purchase now, and add more at any time later if needed or when you receive donations to cover them.
- *Individuals can also purchase guest registrations for specific campers.* Instruct interested donors to go the the registration form. They are *"paying for one or more campers,"* and "*I am wanting to purchase one or more gift registrations*." They put in the amount they want to purchase, and the recipient's email. The gift code will be emailed to the camper family to use on their registrations.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, you are welcome to call me: (602) 468-3830 office, 480-243-2796 cell. or Matthew Clark in the DOC office (602) 468-3815. (Matt is the one who is coordinating all registrations and also set up the form, so if I'm not available, don't hesitate to call him for help).

I hope this is not too daunting! Once we get use to it, I think it promises to really help streamline our registration process!

In recent years, I know participation in camp from New Mexico and El Paso has dwindled. But, I'm sending you folks these instructions as well just in case there is interest. Please know that in the past, we've arranged for chaperones to pick-up campers at the airport and take them to the camp bus to and from camp and return to the airport. Talk to me!

Thanks for your efforts!

Blessings, Barb

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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
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