



The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott Established 1880

"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...

- ♦ Choir Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 am
- ♦ Sunday Lenten discussion: 9:30 am
- ♦ Sunday Worship Service and Fellowship time: 10:30 am
- ♦ AltarNotes Rehearsal: 12:00 pm
- ♦ Wednesday Lenten soup and discussion "Barabbas": 5:30 pm
- ♦ Bell Choir Practice: Thursday 11:00 am

FROM PASTOR JAY

"Misogyny and Moralism at the Well" is the title of Sunday's sermon (John 4:1-42). The "woman at the well" has suffered centuries of unfair sermons by men regarding her plight. Come Sunday and hear a more balanced perspective thanks to women theologians.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or they may 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).



The Water of Life Discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well by Angelika Kauffmann, 17-18th century



Alter-Notes

A new, alternative music group, to sing on occasional Sundays needs singers and instrumentalists. If you don't have the time to commit to every Sunday but like and want to sing or play an instrument, come and join us. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsals at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276



Parish
Stewardship

Offerings		
	March	YTD
Offerings	\$ 8,801	\$ 28,404
Other	\$ 5,704	\$ 11,804
Total	\$ 14,505	\$ 40,208

Expenses		
	March	YTD
Budgeted	\$ 11,803	\$ 55,706
Non-Bud	\$ 1,027	\$ 6,876
Total	\$ 12,830	\$ 62,582

Outreach Gifts			
	2016		2017
Jan	\$	135	\$ 270
Feb	\$	170	\$ 265
Mar	\$	949	\$ 490
Apr	\$	165	\$ -
May	\$	279	\$ -
Jun	\$	415	\$ -
Jul	\$	4,373	\$ -
Aug	\$	215	\$ -
Sep	\$	240	\$ -
Oct	\$	1,009	\$ -
Nov	\$	625	\$ -
Dec	\$	1,492	\$ -
Total	\$	10,067	\$ 1,025

Attendance	
1-Jan	78
8-Jan	105
15-Jan	104
22-Jan	92
29-Jan	128
5-Feb	114
12-Feb	82
19-Feb	77
26-Feb	81
1-Mar	31
5-Mar	94
12-Mar	93

The faces of Habitat for Humanity

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity Update by Christine Mack



Lefevre family

Construction plans are underway for the Ornelas family (#86) house in Chino Valley, for which we hope to break ground in late spring. The Madison Park Cottages project in downtown Prescott moves forward as we engage in soil excavation work.

PAHH dedicated the Nelson family (#83) home December 16, 2016 in Chino Valley. Currently, PAHH is



Nelson family

begin the application process for new homeowner families. Once the Family Support and Family Selection committees have made their recommendations to the Board of Directors in May, the 2017 class of homeowner applicants will be announced.

We are sad to report that for the first time in over a decade, PAHH will not host a Bike and Build bicycling team during the summer of 2017. Following the tragic death of Anne Davis on last year's B&B Central U.S. route, the national Bike and Build leadership decided to pare down the number of this year's cross country routes from 8 to 3, thus eliminating the North Carolina to San Diego route that included a stop in Prescott and volunteer work with



Laura Stark

PAHH. We continue to pray for Laura Stark, Anne's teammate who was critically injured and paralyzed from the chest down by the same vehicle that struck Anne. After two months in the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho, Laura was able to return to her family home in Jackson, Michigan, where she continues to have regular physical therapy.

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) celebrates the coming of spring (and drier weather) with the on-going construction of two houses. We hope to complete the Prescott Valley house for the Lefevre family (PAHH family #84) in April, and our goal for the Martinez family (#85) house in Chino Valley is a summer dedication.



Martinez family

working with thirteen families who are homeowner applicants in various stages of sweat equity completion, and we have just

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDY GROUP FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT, STARTING MARCH 5

Meet in the downstairs large meeting room (former library), 9:30-10:15. Topics from the Series “Great Figures of the New Testament” by Amy-Jill Levine.

- March 12: Pilate
- March 19: Barabbas
- March 26: Centurions

These topics (parallel to those to be given the following Wednesday evenings by Rev. Harry Strong) are scheduled for those who prefer the Sunday morning time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES BEGINS MARCH 8 – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Each Wednesday we will gather at 5:30 pm for a meal and then watch a video of Rev. Harry Strong portraying a character from the passion narrative.

March 22 — soup	Barabbas (Rev. Harry & Rev. Gary Gard)
March 29 — stew	Simone of Cyrene (Rev. Harry & Pastor Jay)
April 5 — soup	Centurion (Rev. Harry & Marilyn Kirstine)

Please help with the meal by signing up in Perkins to bring meal items each week!

EASTER SERVICE AND CHURCH WIDE FAMILY POTLUCK BRUNCH

There will be a potluck meal after worship service, signup sheet is in Perkins Hall.

NEW MEMBER / INQUIRER CLASSES APRIL 2&9

After worship, Moderator Marti will meet with those joining the church, and also anyone interested in learning more about the church for about 45 minutes. All are welcome. New members will be received on April 16.

EASTER SERVICES APRIL 16TH

Church Wide Family Potluck will follow the service. Signup sheet in Perkins Hall.

OUTREACH FOR MARCH

This month's mission emphasis is the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH). PAHH is entering its 28th year of serving working low income families. Thus far, 87 families have been helped to settle into their new homes. Construction volunteers may phone Gail Martin at 928 445 8003.

From last month's mission emphasis, a check for \$490 is being sent to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS provides shelter and social services to women with children.

Thank you for your support of our outreach to a world in need of compassion and justice. Gary Gard, Mission Outreach Chairperson

CHAR TARR MEMORIAL

April 9th, 2 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

CORY PAINTING

Thank you to those who have made contributions to the Cory Replica. We have received \$270 so far to go towards the final cost for the digital copy, printing on canvas and framing, is \$1,026.68. If you would like to contribute to the expenses, please designate Cory on your gift. Thanks to all!

March Birthdays	
Betty Corn	13-Mar
Kathy Stephens	13-Mar
John Feuerriegel	15-Mar
Amy Wilson	15-Mar
Patty Gard	18-Mar
Andrea Worthington	19-Mar
Mack Gilpin	21-Mar
Jim Gilpin	22-Mar
Chuck Jarvi	22-Mar
Bret Ely	26-Mar
Andre Shrimpton	28-Mar
Roz Vedda	29-Mar
Sherry Hager	31-Mar
Kristin Steele	4-Apr
Wesley Bradstreet	5-Apr

LETTER FROM JOSH TAYLOR

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Regularly Scheduled**PASS MEAL**

Once a month we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets 9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets for rehearsal at 11 am on Thursdays

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care weekly prayer group meets at 11:00 am on Mondays in the Chapel

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library/Chapel. See Julie J. for more details.

KNIT WITS

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

Lenten Series Schedule

March— April 5th
 Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for meal and "Great Figures of the New Testament"

Sunday Lenten Series Schedule

For the month of March, Sunday morning at 9:30 "Great Figures of the New Testament"

Hello Church Family,

First, thank you for the letters and cards. I really do appreciate them.

Things here are pretty good, actually if a little busy.

I got sent on a trip to various bases in Iraq. I thought that was fun. I can't say much about it as they were more or less active zones, but it was interesting learning and fixing new things. Currently I'm standing by in Kuwait which looks a lot like 29 Palms by architecture but Prescott Valley by vegetation.

I'm currently taking on the classes for the Marine Corps and might pick up sergeant around Dec, which would be cool. I work nights which I like cause it isn't so hot out and we have AC in our tents when there is power; so it's a pretty sweet setup. I apologize for the disorganization and terrible hand writing but long nights and long days make you tired. We don't have weekends or holidays but there are slightly shorter shift days. Those are nice. I can't really think of anything else worth mentioning. So I hope things are going well back home. I hear the renovations went well. Howa are the Sunday School bunch? (teachers included?), actually how is everyone? I miss you all.

Love

CPL Joshua Taylor

P.S. Does anyone know a "Uvula" that works for the school district? Or did?

PLEASE SHOWER JOSH TAYLOR WITH LOVE, CARDS AND LETTERS

Josh is now a Marine Corporal deployed to Saudi last December. For anyone who doesn't know him, Josh was our beloved staff Childcare provider for years, our dedicated staff security guard who lived in the church parsonage and our compassionate one who was always "there" with a smile and a hug whenever any of us had a need. Now he needs, not our care packages, but our caring notes, letters and cards from home to cheer his "Mail Call" moments! Just let him know how you are doing, what's happening, or introduce yourself! Fun cards are great too! Military rules are strict so please address all mail like this with first class postage:

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