



From the Pastor

A Dialogue on Race in Prescott Event April 12 - Perkins Hall

Around 100 gathered including the mayor, head of the state NAACP, and members of The Arizona Commission on African American Affairs.



Reaching out in inclusive love is part of our DNA. Whether helping Chinese immigrants in the late 1890's; hosting the Jewish temple when they were without a building; welcoming the LGBTQ community; assisting DACA students; or offering the community

events on racial dialogue and white privilege, our congregation seeks to follow the way of Jesus. I share these thoughts because I am currently in the early stages of planning an anti-semitism event with Temple B'rith Shalom, a Latino town hall, and a town hall on "white privilege." A commitment to anti-racism seems to come naturally, part of our DNA.

The racial dialogue of April 12th impressed many people in our community interested in social justice issues. I have heard from some of them. It reminded me of our importance in this community. Though small in size, we are not afraid of tackling issues that would make others uncomfortable or nervous. Our ability to follow the "still speaking God" on issues of justice and mercy help us fulfill our mission in Prescott. We are rooted in Prescott's history but progressing toward God's shalom for all. Thank you for joining with me in this anti-racism work. It would be easy to stay in our comfortable "white bubble" here in Prescott, but God call us to venture out of our comfort zone - to be a blessing...and to be blessed!

God bless,
Jay

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| • May 26 | Alter-Notes in Worship |
| • May 27 | Memorial Day |
| • May 31 | Free Chamber Music Concert |
| • June 1-2 | Johnson Wedding |
| • June 7-8 | Zynda Wedding |
| • June 8 | Lions Pancake Breakfast - our parking lot |
| • June 8 | Women's Tea |
| • June 9 | Pentecost |
| • June 15 | Celebration of Art, 10am-5pm |
| • June 16 | Father's Day/Trinity Sunday |
| • July 6 | Church Pancake Breakfast |
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SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE - \$4974

T-Mobile purchased the 600 MHz range of our wireless system which caused us to have to buy new wireless receivers.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!!

If you would like to contribute to the sound system upgrade, please reference "sound system" in the check memo line – thanks!

FREE Chamber Music Concert, Friday, May 31, 6:30 pm:
The Manzanita String Quartet presents Mendelssohn E-flat major, opus 12; plus... Prière (from Suite Gothique) by Boëllmann (organ) and a piano/organ duet. All are welcome! First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St. Facebook.com/manzanitasq



WOMEN'S TEA - JUNE 8

Tea! Ukulele music! Friendship beads! Scrumptious tea sandwiches and sweets! All this and more at the June 8 women's tea. Marti Garrison and Ronda Hatfield will host at Ronda and Hal's, 1571 Cimarron Dr. in Prescott, from 2-4. Look for the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Parking is a tight fit so please consider car-pooling. Rain or shine, this will be a simply lovely event! (Garden party hats welcomed.)



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Just a reminder – THERE ARE NO ENTRANCE FEES OR COMMISSIONS FOR EXHIBITORS
We are hoping the Fair will be a wonderful Event for the Exhibitors and Community.
QUESTIONS – call Barbara McCollough 951-297-8311

Pancake Breakfast



PANCAKE BREAKFAST JULY 6

Our congregation has provided a pancake breakfast on parade day for 64 years!

We will need lots of help for the actual event and SIGN-UP sheets will be available the first week of June. You may sign up to make monetary donations for the purchase of food and other expenses as well. Tickets will also be available to buy and/or sell again this year.

The committee looks forward to a successful event this year with your help. Our profits will be given to DISCOVERY GARDENS PRE-SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

A special thank you to the committee members who have volunteered their time to plan and organize this year's breakfast: Dennis McCollough, Henry Dahlberg, Jim Christopher, Alice Kring, Angela Imbierowicz, John Huff, Yoichi Matsumoto, Hal Hatfield, Lloyd Evans, Al Beeson, Pastor Jay and Patty Lantrip!

MISSIONS NEWS

May's Mission Outreach emphasis will support interdenominational ministries aiding those who are registered asylum seekers. Many faith communities in Tucson, Phoenix, and Yuma are serving as "Hospitality Churches." These churches temporarily shelter immigrants who are in transit to other parts of the United States. Their hospitality includes providing needed supplies; such as, travel bags, clothing, food, etc. Donations we receive will be channeled through the Shadow Rock UCC Church in Phoenix.



Thanks to your generous contributions to earlier mission programs, we have sent a check for \$979 in support of the One Great Hour of Sharing and a \$482 check to the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH).

In gratitude for our support of PAHH, we received this note: "Dear Friends at FCUCC, In this Easter season I think of an observation by Cardinal Basil Hume; 'The great gift of Easter is hope, which makes us have confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and His goodness and love which nothing can shake.' On behalf of the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity, thank you for embodying Christian hope, and for your generous donation of \$482 in support of our building fund. --- Easter blessings, Christine Mack." (Note: construction is underway for a Habitat home in Chino Valley and for two cottage homes in Prescott.)

Questions may be directed to members of our Mission Outreach team: Bill and Becky Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson). Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

Just a reminder - on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, volunteers from our church family provide a hot meal for women and children staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services facility (PASS). **June 19** next month. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Questions can be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard. Anyone from our Mission Outreach team would be glad to address any of your comments or questions. Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

Education Report, April 2019 Marti Garrison, presented to Cabinet April 24

In March and April I focused on Lent by changing the display on the table in Perkins Hall and contributing to the Caller thoughts on Lent for both children and adults. I ordered Lenten reflections booklets from UCC resources and set them out for people to take. All but one of 12 were picked up, with some positive feedback. I also displayed books on Lent from our library.

The children's Lenten series were posted on both Perkins and downstairs bulletin boards and I gave the kindergarten teachers some Lenten materials for the children's projects. The children's times are going quite well. We have three dedicated and energetic teachers.

For Easter I changed the display to reflect the season: the table all in white. After May 24, the bulletin board will reflect educational ideas, plus a display of books available in our library. Check it all out!

On April 17, I led a Taize service. About 20 people came for the service and about 12 for the soup supper before. Ann Flanagan sang beautifully during our time of reflection and prayer.

Another event I am planning with Ronda Hatfield and Carol Dosse is a women's tea on June 8, at Ronda and Hal's home. A sign-up sheet will be in Perkins Hall starting May 5.

An event I would like to see happen in early fall is called The Human Library. "The Human Library

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Human Library is an international organization and movement that first started in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2000. It aims to address people's prejudices by helping them to talk to those they would not normally meet. The organization uses a library analogy of lending people rather than books.

These people have "experienced prejudice, social exclusion or stigma," and participants can ask them questions so as to "learn about the other person and also challenge their own prejudices." The Human Library Organization is active in over 80 countries, in which there are a few permanent Human Libraries but most happen as events."

I was inspired by our race relations Town Hall when I heard people's stories and saw how important it is for all of us to be seen and heard. Our unique stories are worth sharing and hearing.

By "lending people" it means that the people telling their stories are like living books....books some of us might never read.

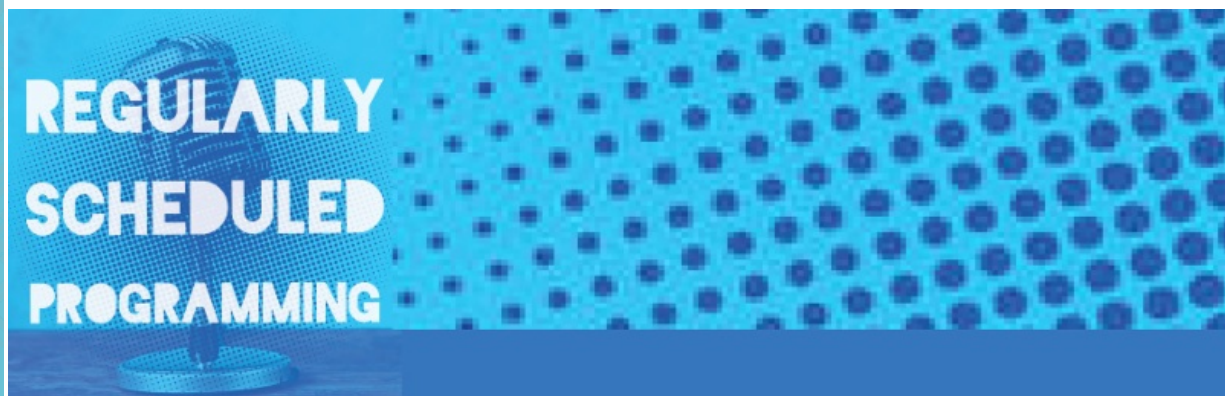
This will require advertising and a lot of preparation. Any thoughts from readers are welcome. It will be an important follow-up of the Town Hall.

I will go through the questionnaires people turned in about what classes or activities they are interested in and see if some of those or new ones I have yet to think of fit the summer months.

Any suggestions, let me know!

One idea for a congregational gathering is picnicking and hiking on the Peavine Trail.

P.S. If anyone has read any of Barbara Brown Taylor's books and in particular her latest, *Holy Envy*, let's talk about a BBT series in the fall! She is fascinating and challenging and also very readable, even humorous!



Anniversaries

Don & Kathy Stephen 05/20

Deana & Susan Wilson 05/27

Melissa & Elizabeth Gates

06/03

Neely, Bill & Sylvia 06/11

Al & Barbi Beeson 06/23

Harry & Anna Strong 07/14

Wilson, John & Sonya 07/23

Birthdays

Gerri Lyons 05/03

William Bryant 05/05

Ritch Steven 05/17

Nancy Blevens 05/18

Anne Solt 05/18

Joanne Lussier 05/25

Sarah Huff 05/26

Sarah Andrews 05/28

Anna Strong 05/28

Gary Gard 06/04

Alice Kring 06/08

Sylvia Neely 06/13

Linda Foote 06/18
Sylvia Staats 06/19
Bill Neely 06/24
Staci Robbins 07/01
Linda Moore 07/02
Jennifer Cortez 07/05
Martie Dial 07/10
Patsy Jo Huff 07/13
Jean Woodburn 07/16
Mary Lloyd 07/22
Bruce Jordan 07/25
Ann Flanagan 07/29



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 Wednesday 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
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