



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- **Chancel Singers Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- **Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m. **FAY WILSON BAPTISM**
- **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
- **Prayer Chapel:** Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursdays 9:30 downstairs in the Chapele

FROM THE PASTOR

*Three Angels being hosted
by Abraham at Mambré, Andrei Rublev,
1411, Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow*

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Understanding the Trinity can be challenging, but for Sunday we will focus on the famous Russian icon and Professor Lewis' challenge to pastors. Come and contemplate the dance of the Trinity and what that means for us.

From Karoline Lewis, Associate Professor of Preaching and the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minn.:

And if you preach that the Trinity insists that relationship is what truly matters, then that becomes the litmus test for what faith looks like in the world. It is the test for leaders in the church whether or not they are actually Trinitarian. There are a lot of binitarian believers out there. Even unitarian. As if Jesus can be extricated from the God of the Bible. As if Jesus can be separated from the God of Scripture who could not NOT be in relationship and therefore calls to Abram. As if Jesus showed up and erased the history of God's relationship with God's people.

Relationship, you see, is rather inconvenient truth about God, especially when God is simply a vehicle for your own power and the way of Jesus is justification for decisions meant only to keep your own power. "Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth."¹

But this is the kind of Trinitarian heresy that abounds now in our society. "Jesus is the only way" is an anti-Trinitarian statement. Any kind of speech or act that even hints at anti-Semitism is anti-Trinitarian. Any kind of belief system that asserts a rapture theology with deliverance for true believers with the rest of us sorry souls left to wage battle on evil is anti-Trinitarian. A millenarian mindset, a binary in its insistence that some will be saved and others will not, is anti-Trinitarian. So yes, the Trinity does matter -- it matters a lot.

Without the Trinity, people can make claims that justify the hatred of entire peoples and call them animals. Without the Trinity, people can validate their leadership as a manifestation of a self-fulfilled prophecy. Without the Trinity, churches that claim to be church will carry on with self-centered, naval-gazing programs, eschewing hospitality and decency, collaboration and community.

So, Dear Working Preachers, truly preach the Trinity -- a glimpse of what can be if relationship is at the heart of who and what the church strives to be. An expectation that we experience the love of God in relationships that are good and whole and solid and loving. A hope that, in the end, the Trinity will outlast those who try to deny its truth or hide in its complexity. A trust that to confess the Trinity means that God is then committed to a relationship with you.



FCC has been leading this interdenominational monthly class for over five years. The participants actually choose the subjects we explore, but Marilyn Kerstine has been facilitating. Since Marilyn is moving, we need one or more leaders to have fun with them every 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-11:00 am. We are now reading Philip Gulley's short stories of the fruit of the Spirit, **HOMETOWN TALES**. We have shared our faith with joy and laughter. There are 15-20 seniors, including our beloved members Jean Woodburn and Mardell Hull. We begin with a prayer, explore and discuss the humorous book and end our class with laughter, and jokes usually from Sylvia Statts or Tom Macy and the Lord's Prayer. It is delightful to hear their stories of faith☺. Anyone would leave feeling blessed with God's Love and Joy☺. Call Marilyn for more info. 771-1452

IT IS TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST--JUNE 30

We need every one to participate in some way with this annual event, it is a big one and we need all the help we can get. Thank you for volunteering and donating!

YOU CAN HELP:

- Join the planning committee
- Volunteer the day before to help with set up
- Volunteer the day of to help with serving, cooking and clean up
- Donate toward the overhead of this event
- Funding a portion of what is on our list

Sign-up in Perkins Hall.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, please see Patty Lantrip, palantrip@gmail.com

UPDATE: WE HAVE COLLECTED \$210 IN FUNDS TOWARDS OUR GOAL TO PAY UPFRONT OUR OVERHEAD COSTS! KEEP THOSE DONATIONS COMING!!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Thanks to your giving, a check for \$607 is being sent to support the work of the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. OGHS funds support national/global programs which fund (1) Health, Education, and Agricultural projects (2) Disaster Relief and (3) Refugee settlements.

This month's mission emphasis project is **Rainbow Acres**, in Camp Verde. Rainbow Acres services the needs of adult-age clients (ages 20-80) who are developmentally disadvantaged. Their campus (50 acres) hosts 95 residents and provides an atmosphere wherein each individual is given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. This happens in multiple ways: participating in educational programs, farming and animal-care activities, arts-n-crafts programs, discussion groups, sports programs, working off-campus, etc. Your contribution will help support a client needing financial assistance to meet the cost of residency at Rainbow Acres. Presently, 38 clients (called, "Ranchers") are aided by scholarships. Mark your gift on your check or on the envelope "Rainbow Acres".



For those desiring to know more about the **DACA** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, please refer to the DACA information packets found on the mission display table in Perkins Hall. The packets contain facts which are not only informational, but also surprising. For example, did you know that since June 2012, DACA participants have paid approximately \$20 billion into Social Security, approximately \$4.6 billion in Medicare taxes, and approximately \$12 billion in state/local taxes. (Huffington Post.com "A Guide to read about DACA")

For questions or comments concerning any of our mission outreach projects, please contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455)

ALTER-NOTES

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of bringing alternative styles of music to our worship service? Come join Alter-Notes! We rehearse at 12-12:45 p.m. on Sundays, after social time. Music styles vary -- calypso, spirituals, folk, Celtic, pop, rock and everything in between. **Show up and/or call Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276.**

THE CHANCEL SINGERS

You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join us! The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel.

For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or prescottsong@hotmail.com.

VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is 602-769-5770. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts											
		May	YTD	January	93	January		July			Undesignated Missions					
Pledges	\$	4,000	\$ 37,566	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$	325					YTD	\$	475	
Non-Pledge	\$	1,687	\$ 15,594	March	101	February		August			OCWM					
Facility Use	\$	772	\$ 5,482	April	114	PASS		\$	320					YTD	\$	75
Foundation			\$ 53,463	May	104	March		September								
Memorials				June		HABITAT		\$	275							
Total	\$	6,459	\$112,105	July		April		October								
Expenses, Actual				August		OGHS		\$607								
		May	YTD	Sept		May		November- December								
Expenses	\$	16,811	\$ 99,150	Oct		Rainbow Acres	\$	175								
Annual Budget Needs				Nov		June		December								
		Annual		Dec		Pancake Breakfast		\$	210							
Expenses	\$	249,300				Strengthen The Church										



HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

REGULARLY SCEDULED

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine 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.

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care holds a weekly prayer time at 11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Chapel downstairs. Place your prayer requests in the prayer box in Perkins Hall.

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.

VAN MINISTRY

If you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please let Bill Rouse know by the Saturday before. 602-769-5770

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 11:00 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

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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).

CONTACT US

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ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:00
PASTOR JAY
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00
other times by appointment



