



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 9:30 am
- ◆ **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am
- ◆ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 pm in the Hazeltine Room
- ◆ **Bells Rehearsal:** Thursday 11:00 am

FROM THE ADMIN OFFICE

I don't get to do this very often, take the front page... but with Pastor Jay on vacation, I can't have a glaring white, blank front page of the Weekly Parish Caller, now can I? With summer activities abounding here in Prescott, I wanted to feature this Sunday's "3rd Annual LGBTQ Family & Friends Picnic" at Watson Lake. This is a once a year chance when every identity and color of the rainbow celebrate community and build bridges with our friends, family, supporters and allies.

The 3rd Annual LGBTQ Family & Friend Picnic at Watson Lake

This is also an opportunity to spread the word about our church community and our "Open and Affirming" stance. Thanks to the many of you that signed up to help with representing our booth at this event!

Our booth will be represented from 12-3 pm, with **short 30-minute** shifts. Most of the slots are full but we do have a couple of openings. If you haven't signed up yet, and want to, let me know in the office, so we can plug you in.

This is a much-anticipated event for Prescott! The turnout is expected to be good. This is a "family", friend and ally event, so everyone is welcome to come. There is a pot luck if you want to share a dish-- and there will be grills for grilling your own meat (or veggie burgers). Please join us for food, fun and friendship!



Live Music — Recreation — Fellowship — Fun — Resource booths



EVERYONE DESERVES A SAGE RIDE TO CHURCH!

The church has a van! This vehicle, parked in the back of our lot, holds ten and has a wheelchair lift. It is available for those who want a ride to and from worship and other church events. At least four home-bound congregants are needing rides. I hope we hear from more who would love to join us in worship and other activities, but cannot get themselves here.

We have several volunteer drivers but we could use a few more. Getting certified as a driver is easy and quick: an on-line review required by our insurance company and a check of driving history.

The Cabinet is calling for those who want a ride to call the office and tell Julie Jaquette. And please call her if you are interested in becoming a driver.

Everyone deserves a safe ride to church! Thank you. Marti Garrison, Moderator

NEW CHURCH PROJECT

Remember those pavers that were removed from our sidewalk earlier this year? This was done to keep them safe from bulldozers and backhoes. Well, it is almost time to put them back.



With the City of Prescott nearing the end of work on our street, we are preparing to reset our pavers and extending our sidewalk area. This job will take approximately 100 labor hours. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. We will also need to collect about \$600 for tooling and rental costs for incidentals. See John McCurdy if you would like to help. He will be posting a volunteer work schedule soon. If you would like to contribute monetarily, mark your donation "Paving Stones" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

This is our second (and last) Sunday to respond to the emergency appeal issued by the World Council of Churches regarding the famine facing millions living in the region of the South Sudan. Last week, we collected \$510!!

International aid officials warn that this is one of the biggest humanitarian disasters since World War II. The need is immediate. If you can help, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo line, -"Food Assistance".

We are continuing to receive your donation of school supplies for the Church World Service "School Bag Project" through June. These supplies go to impoverished villages (including Refugee Camps) around the globe. Items needed are:

There is a donation box in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continuing support of compassion and justice issues. Gary Gard, chairperson [\(929\) 910-2455](tel:9299102455)



Nin-Duo will be
our musical guest
at this
Wednesday's Jazz
Vespers at 6:30
p.m.

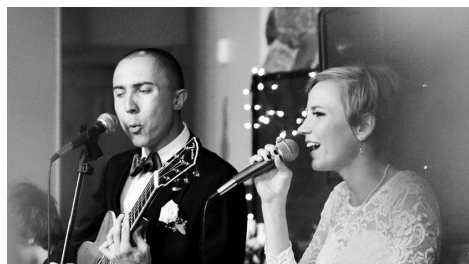
School items needed are;

1. Scissors-blunted with rounded tip
2. Rulers-12"
3. Pencils-unsharpened
4. Large erasers
5. Box of crayons-24 pack
6. Spiral notebooks -50-70 pages.

Jazz Vespers Featuring Nin Duo

May 31 @ 6:30 pm

Nin Duo is a Jazz, mixed, duo and features Margarita, who is from Russia and Brian from Arizona. These two met while working on a cruise ship, and they've been making music since!



**Nin Duo plays at the
Hassayampa Inn every Saturday
night.**

**Come and sample wine and cheese
while we enjoy live music in the
Sanctuary.**

*This is a free concert. A collection will
be taken to benefit the musicians.*

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes, an alternative music group, singing on occasional Sundays, needs singers and instrumentalists. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

Summer Choir and Music

Music will be provided by:

June

4 Alter-Notes
11 Joell Gall
18 Alter-Notes
25 Denise Nasso

July

2 Alter-Notes
9 Song of the Pines
16 Joell Gall
23 John Huff
30 Bound For Glory Gospel Quartet

ANNIVERSARIES

Melissa & Elizabeth Gates	3-Jun
Al & Barbi Beeson	23-Jun

BIRTHDAYS

Gavin Worthington	1-Jun
Gary Gard	4-Jun
Kelli Jo Bradstreet	6-Jun
Laramie Jarvi	6-Jun
Alice Kring	8-Jun
Linda Foote	18-Jun
Sylvia Staats	19-Jun

WE ARE ENTERING INTO OUR TIME OF PANCAKES

For 61 years we have celebrated our community's involvement in Prescott. Each year we come together in fellowship to provide pancakes for a large number of people, 600 last year. Again this year, on parade day, we will serve pancakes to our Prescott community—with our proceeds in support of Prescott Community Cupboard, who provide food to those in need.

We are faced with many challenges as we get ready for the Pancake Breakfast. We must gather supplies, make sure all the equipment is in place, talk with the Lions and Boy Scouts (60 years of participation), publicize, and manage other operational activities.

Consider participating in these preparations for the Pancake Breakfast. There is the reward of a well-executed event, supporting Prescott Community Cupboard, and building fellowship.

I am forming a group to get these many things done. We will meet on May 27, 2017 at 9 am in the Youth room in the basement. Look for a sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.

John McCurdy



PAVING STONE PROJECT

Now that the Cory Replica stewardship project is complete, we embark on a new focus: **The Paving Stone Project.** This project will require a minimum of 100 labor hours and \$600 in supplies and tool rental. If you are interested in helping, let John McCurdy know!



Monday Prayer
Chapel at
11:00 am in the
Church Library



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Administration Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 - 4:00

Friday: 9:00 - 1:00

Pastor Jay

Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00

Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
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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 9:30 am
before worship
on Sundays. See Jane
Osborn
if you would like to
join the choir!

ALTER-NOTES

Meets at 12:00 for
rehearsal in the Hazeltine
Room after worship
service.

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 6:00 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.

COMMUNION

An informal "Every Sunday
Communion" will be in the
sanctuary after worship on
Sundays except the first
Sunday of the month which
is our regular communion
time.

SUMMER GREETER SCHEDULE

See Anne Solt for details

4-Jun Paul & Diane Sandstrom; Suzi & Hal Lobaugh
11-Jun Andy Wallace, Julie Jaquette, Sarah Andrews
18-Jun Randy Cook; Barbara McClure; Nitaray Thomas
25-Jun Bill & Sylvia Neely, Pete Norum

2-Jul Sandra Johns, Anna Strong, Harry Strong
9-Jul Christy Dinsman, Connie Vandre
16-Jul Patricia Brenner, Bill & Sara DeRouchey
23-Jul Marilyn Kerstine, Andree Shrimpton
30-Jul Mac MacAlister, Paul Monska, Marti Garrison

6-Aug Chuck Budinger, Jim Christopher, Sarai Payne
13-Aug Alice Kring, Angela Imbierowicz,
20-Aug Gary & Patty Gard; Sandra Palacios
27-Aug Ralph Wagner & Susan Lemons; John & Patsy Jo Huff

3-Sep Staci Robbins; Shirley Mahlberg, Phyllis Herchenroeder
10-Sep Patty Lantrip, Al Beeson, Yoichi Matsumoto
17-Sep Jim Christopher, Linda & David Foote
24-Sep Marti Dial, Ralph & Cheryl Gilges

SUNDAY WORSHIP, MAY 28

Thank you, Rev. Harry L. Strong, for filling in for
Pastor Jay this coming Sunday. His sermon title is
"Remember to Forget".

Thanks also to Barbara Siuta, our guest organist.



CORY PAINTING

We have received the full amount for the cost
for the Cory replica from many generous
givers! Thank you to all!
Check out our new project — "Paving Stone"
Project.

**EVERY WEEK COMMUNION AFTER WORSHIP IN
FRONT OF SANCTUARY**

Communion is available in the front of the sanctuary after worship
on Sundays other than the first Sunday of the month. The first
Sunday of the month is our regular congregational communion
service.

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).