



First Congregational Church Prescott

United Church of Christ

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here".

FROM PASTOR JAY

*David and Abigail
by Antonio Molinari*

Proverbs 25:11-12 The Message Version:

*The right word at the right time
is like a custom-made piece of jewelry,
And a wise friend's timely reprimand
is like a gold ring slipped on your finger.*

This Sunday we turn our attention to the story of David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25).

Abigail's intervention saves David from his vengeance and murder of Nabal. The truth of David's story is the same for us - we have been "saved" many times by the intervention of others and God. The right word at the right time. A timely reprimand. A calming presence to moderate our rage. A word of wisdom. Thank God for Abigails! I think this is a neglected aspect of the spiritual life. We will think about those interventions during the sermon.

Sunday's music will feature Ann Flannagan and her father and a group calling themselves "The Joyful Noise."

See you Sunday - Jay

1 Samuel 25	Abigail Saves David
1 Samuel 27-29	A Fit of Depression
1 Samuel 30	Receiving Grace and Mercy
2 Samuel 1	David: A Model of Dealing with Pain and Loss
2 Samuel 2-4	Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
2 Samuel 5	Discerning God's Direction and Timing
2 Samuel 6	Encountering the Holy
2 Samuel 7	When God Says No
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles
2 Samuel 16-18	When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22	David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23	The Blessing of Communion
1 Chron. 28-29	Facing Death



CLIP-ON OR LANYARD -- You choose



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If you prefer the lanyard, stop by Perkins Hall anyway to update your card with the new UCC logo to include "a just world for all".



ALTER-NOTES

Would you like to sing or can play an instrument in a fun and crazy group? Anything goes-- pop, folk, blues, spirituals, African, calypso, jazz and even classical. We play in full group or break-out groups, as well as instrumentalists.

Contact Melissa Gates phone:207-391-3276

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Thanks to your generous giving, we delivered a \$1070 check to the Coalition for Compassion and Justice in support of this year’s “Fair Start.” Approximately 1,000 backpacks were packed with school supplies for students in grades K-12.

Now, and continuing through the month of August, our mission emphasis is the Discovery Gardens Preschool. The Discovery Gardens student body includes students who are developmentally challenged as well as those whose parents are living at or below the federal poverty level. For a list of needed classroom supplies, see the list on the donation box in the sanctuary and lists found on the mission table in Perkins Hall. In addition to this, we are also supporting a Discovery Gardens scholarship fund. This fund will help enable the attendance of three-year old children whose parents are in need of financial assistance.



If you want to help support this outreach, please make your check payable to the church with the memo, “Discovery Gardens”. Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. Gary Gard, chairperson (928-910-2455).



STAND AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In 2013, the UN designated July 30th as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Although the numbers vary, it's estimated that nearly 25 million people are exploited for profit. Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, is said to be one of the most profitable forms of transnational crime. Traffickers prey on the vulnerable, forcing them into labor and/or exploiting them in commercial sexual enterprises. Migrants and refugees are especially susceptible and are often targeted by traffickers.

In 2009, the United Church of Christ’s General Synod passed a Resolution urging congregations to engage in action to end human trafficking by educating their members. We have tools at our disposal to combat trafficking. Now we need Congress to act. Call on the House to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA).

Learn More

Faithful Witness at the Border
Faith In Action Many people have asked us,
“What can we do beyond giving money?”

The Southwest Conference is calling for a week of Faithful Witness at the Border, August 26 - 30, 2018 that will include:

- A humanitarian mission to the Mexican side of the border to visit and take supplies to asylum-seekers in shelters and camped out at the ports of entry due to a slowdown in applications being received.
- Solidarity actions at the detention facilities in Eloy and Florence where parents of kids separated from their families are being held.
- Training and strategy sessions around ‘Being an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation’ and ‘Acting as an Advocate and Ally’ with members from the UCC Washington office
- Conversations with local ministry partners in Arizona - The Samaritans and other immigration ministry groups.
- A visit to Operation Streamline immigration court where parents whose children were taken away are appearing in the hope of finding their kids.
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SIGN UP NOW TO ATTEND

HOUSING INFORMATION:

We have a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western Green Valley Inn.
Click here to make your reservation.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Faithful Witness FOR the Border

We will also call congregations and conferences to host their own local Faithful Witness for the Border events that might include: Begin the process for becoming an Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation

- Organize and attend town halls and candidate forums and ask questions about how candidates

- would approach immigration policy.
- Set up in-district visits with your members of Congress to share your UCC faith witness on immigration.
 - Submit letters to the editor and editorials in your local and regional papers.
 - Raising money and collecting supplies for humanitarian relief at the border—

PLEASE USE THIS VERY SPECIFIC LIST OF SUPPLIES.

- Writing letters of welcome IN SPANISH that can be distributed to asylum seekers as missives of love and welcome, an alternative message to the government (No need for example letter. The ones we are getting are terrific)
- Fundraising to support living expenses of migrants seeking asylum and who are prohibited by law from holding employment in the US while their case is processed.
- Participate in an immigrant detention visitation program in your area (<https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/visitation-network/>)
- Partner with local immigrant rights groups to join/organize a rally at an immigrant detention facility for adults, ICE office, or border patrol station nearby. (<https://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities>)
- Host a fellowship event with a local migrants/an immigrant group in your community to get to know one another and listen to their stories.
- Contributing to the UCC “Keep Families Together” campaign.

CHURCH BASEMENT FLOOR AND BATHROOMS TO BE UPDATED

August 6-10 has been designated as the week the basement floor and bathrooms will be renovated. All our outside groups meeting in the basement have been notified that they will not be able to meet here during that week. Floor materials and pricing are currently being investigated. There will be opportunities to donate toward this work. One goal is to make the basement look more pleasing to new parents who bring their children to the nursery - an extension of our extravagant welcome.

PAINTING BATHROOMS DOWNSTAIRS

If you would like to have some fun painting the downstairs bathrooms, let pastor Jay know

SECURITY TEAM

Do you have an interest in security matters? We are looking for new team members to help with our churches security protocol each Sunday.

RINGING BELLS

Ringling Bells will resume rehearsals Thurs. August 9 at 11am. We are looking for new ringers that would like to come and try with us. It is necessary that you read treble clef music. Call if you are interested. Director Carole Sue Linson M.M. 928 717 4494

PRAYER CHAPEL - TUESDAY

On Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. in meeting room #2, Called to Care continues a weekly Prayer Chapel open to whomever wishes to pray with us.

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM

Pastor Jay leads a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the library downstairs



Seeking part time caregiver/companion for Joanne Lussier. Minimal hours, Prescott Area, please contact Jeanne Carter [928-632-2042](tel:928-632-2042)

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts						
July		YTD	January	93	January		July		Undesignated Missions		
Pledges	\$ 5,450	\$ 52,351	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325	CCJ Fair Start	\$ 970		YTD	\$ 1,025
Non-Pledge	\$ 1,921	\$ 20,038	March	101	February		Discovery Gardens	25	OCWM		
Facility Use	\$ 1,563	\$ 8,820	April	114	PASS	\$ 320	August			YTD	\$ 175
Foundation		\$ 53,463	May	104	March						
Memorials			June	102	HABITAT	\$ 275	September				
Total	\$ 8,934	\$134,672	July	108	April						
Expenses, Actual			August		OGHS	\$607	October				
	July	YTD	Sept		May						
Expenses	\$ 16,839	\$141,680	Oct		Rainbow Acres	\$ 355	November				
Annual Budget Needs			Nov		June						
	Annual		Dec		Pancake Breakfast (PCC)	\$ 2,876	December				
Expenses	\$249,300				Strengthen The Church	\$ 559					

VAN MINISTRY

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

**REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
PROGRAMMING**

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.

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.

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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

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other times by appointment