

The Parish Caller Weekly Newsletter November 15, 2019

The First Congregational Church



DON'T BE LEFT OUT - YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED

This is your chance to let us know "WHAT YOU THINK"!

The Cabinet and the Long Range Committee need your voice, your answers will be used to help build a Mission Statement, give feedback to leadership and help the Long Range Planning Committee shape the next 3-5 years.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO DOWNLOAD YOUR QUESTIONS.](#)

We will have a box on a table in Perkins Hall on the next 3 Sundays during Coffee Hour where you can place your answers, or if you may choose to email your answers to SandraSJohns@gmail.com **Your answers will be kept anonymous unless you indicate otherwise.**



**COFFEE HOUR FRIENDLY
REMINDER
Goes to Angela and Alice!
Thanks!**

HANNAH'S HEART

The Second Annual Showing of a play based upon a book published by local author, Diane Iverson, Hannah's Heart will be performed at the Prescott High School Auditorium on December 6th & 7th at 7:00 PM, along with December 8 at 3:00 PM. Proceeds support local family programs here in Prescott. Tickets are available through www.hannahsheartaz.org or may be purchased from Gary Gard.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

During the holidays, do you find yourself reminiscing about your past Christmas traditions? Do you share these memories with your children and grandchildren with a wish that they continue these traditions in your family for years to come? Our Church family has grown over the past several years, and we would like to learn a little more about each of you. Please share these memories with us, and we will compile them into a booklet which will be available during the holidays. Write about your favorite memories, family traditions, funny/interesting happenings, favorite meals, Christmas songs, prayers, recipes, etc. It can be as short or as long as you like (but not the first great American novel, please). Send it by e-mail to Angela Imbierowicz at angelaprescottaz@gmail.com, and Marti - Garrison and I will edit it (if you so desire) and include it in what we believe will be a wonderful treasury of our congregation's Christmas memories. Thank you.





Mission News

Prescott's Coalition for Compassion (CCJ) is this month's mission outreach emphasis. CCJ's goals focus upon those who are homeless. This happens in multiple ways. (1) Provide a safe place of shelter for those whose lives have endured the trauma of life on the streets. (2) Provide counseling and job training to help stabilize and empower those who have known mostly despair and defeat. (3) Provide tools necessary to secure employment. Nightly attendance at the shelter has been greatly reduced. This year over 30 people have experienced the joy of moving into their own safe space. A place to call home. If you'd like to help, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo, "CCJ".

Last month's mission emphasis, Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), received \$363 in donations. This amount will be coupled with the \$3600 already committed in our Church's Operation Budget.

DACA family update (the Gardea family) Because of your faithfulness in support of our on-going DACA Fund, we have been able to help Franceny meet DACA renewal expenses and Prescott College tuition installment payments, and help her brother, Francisco (U of A) meet his tuition installment payments. After years of pursuit, Francisco has just been granted "Legal Permanent Status" by an agency of the US government. Hallelujah! Here's a note we received from Franceny. From her heart and from her family, she wrote: -- *"We are so very grateful God crossed our paths! You and your church family have been a true blessing, and we are so thankful. You have been a huge part of our family's journey. Many blessings have been because you have given us your unconditional love and support. We are forever grateful, and are very happy to share all of these incredible blessings with you. Love you all."* [Our DACA Fund welcomes donations year around.]

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) meals: Thanks again to those who are helping provide a monthly hot meal to homeless women and children staying at the PASS shelter. If you would like to help provide this meal on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, please sign your name to the PASS list found in Perkins Hall. Questions? Contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard.

Aware that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2), our church is making a difference. Thank you. Our mission outreach team is: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard Chairperson



LOOKING AHEAD

Schedule for "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Play

- Sat, Nov 16, 9:30 am LIVE & RECORDED SFX QUICK RUN-THROUGH
- Sat, Nov 16, 10:00 am - Noon FULL REHEARSAL



- Sun, Nov 17, 12:30 pm DRESS REHEARSAL with Audience
- Tue, Nov 19, 6 - 7pm, FULL REHEARSAL, IF NEEDED
- Wed, Nov 20, 7pm: PERFORMANCE (pls be in Perkins Hall 6:30)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PRESENTS

It's a Wonderful Life

A LIVE-RADIO-PLAY

November 20th 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE

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MANY VOICES OF THANKS
INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

Free Celebration of Thanks
Children and Adult Choirs, Reflections on Gratitude, Singing and Refreshments!

This Sixth Annual Celebration of Thanks brings together all faiths in our community for a night of song and shared reflection. Everyone is invited to attend.

 Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Prescott Community Cupboard. Donation opportunities will also be available to help support Operation Deep Freeze.

Sponsored by the Quad-City Interfaith Council.
For more information, contact Molly Freibott at azfa@trbridge@gmail.com

6:00 p.m. Thursday
November 21, 2019
Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 150 Fleury St., Prescott

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

12-24-2019 @ 7:00 PM

Lessons and Carols by candle light

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ACKER NIGHT
Concert

DECEMBER 13th 2018
To Be Determined
First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St.
December 13th @ 5:30 pm




Christmas
Potluck
DECEMBER 22ND
After Worship service
Bring a dish to share
Food, Fellowship & Fun!
Sign-Up Sheet in Perkins Hall

Christmas Pageant
December 22nd during Worship Service

Adult and Children's Participation
Volunteers needed!
email Melissa Gates: mgates716@gmail.com

Music by: Alternotes and the Chancel Singers



Experience Taizé
A Service of Prayer, Song, and Contemplation

Due to our heavy Holiday schedule here at the church, Taizé will resume in January on the 15th of the new year. Join us at 6:30 p.m. 1/15/2020

ANNIVARSARYS

- Jane & Alex Osborn 11/11
- Linda & Charles Kaul 11/16
- Janet & Ritch Steven 11/23

Dennis & Barbara
McCullough 11/27

BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Prohaska 11/10
Judy Ely 11/11
Eddie Hoitt 11/11
Bill Rouse 11/15
Andrew Wallace 11/18
John Huff 11/23
Fay Wilson 11/24
Bob Bradstreet 11/28
Bill Linson 11/28
Patti Cichon 12/03
John Mccurdy 12/03
Carole Sue Linson 12/08
Sandra Talbot 12/08
Helaine Berman 12/13
Randy Jay Wilcher 12/17
Pete Norum 12/18
Jay Eby 12/24
Dillan Osborn 12/25
Don Stephens 12/25
Christopher Hoitt 12/27
Ralph Wagner 01/01
Don Hull 01/09
Brent Walker 01/10
Darcy Walker 01/10
Nitaray Thomas 01/15
Katie Bradstreet 01/19
Jane Cheek 01/25
Julie Jaquette 01/28

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EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY 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 Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

CHANCEL SINGERS

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

ALTER-NOTES

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".

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