

The Parish Caller

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

November 6, 2015

First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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This Week at a Glance...

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- ◆ Exploring Faith Monday Night Discussion Group at 6:30 pm
- ◆ P.I.E. at 5:30 pm Wednesday
- ◆ Bell Choir Rehearsal at 11 am Thursday
- ◆ Funky Friday Game Night Friday from 7-9

November is Stewardship Month

"For surely I know the plans I have for you ... to give you a future with hope."
—Jeremiah 29:11. Our theme this year is "Trust in the Promise". Pick up your 2016 budget packet in Perkins Hall after worship service this Sunday

Jazz Worship on All Saints Day

This past Sunday service was jazzed up a bit with Cool Azul jazz quartet leading our worship music!



Tonight is PFLAG Funky Friday Game Night!

Friday, November 6th from 7 to 9 pm, PFLAG will be hosting a **Funky Friday Game Night** here at the church. This is a night for LGBTQ+ advocates and allies to get together and have a good ol’ funky time! There are prizes for the funkiest players! Admission is free, all ages welcome. There will be refreshments available for a suggested donation to help raise funds for PFLAG. This event is open to all!



EXPLORING FAITH DISCUSSION GROUPS LAUNCH TWO NEW TOPICS:

- ♦ **Sunday Morning 9 am: Living the Questions**
- ♦ **Monday Night 6:30-8:00 pm: Countering Pharaoh’s Production**

Living the Questions — A new Adventure

LtQ2 is an open-minded **alternative** to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Instead LtQ2 strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians, and other experts.



What: Presentations in a beautifully produced production by world-renowned Christian thinkers to inspire our study and discussion

Why: To offer a safe and open minded exploration of tough questions asked by open-minded Christians

Who: Open to everyone

Where: Meets in the Church Library at 9 am Sunday mornings

Exploring Faith Monday Night Discussion Group New Topic: “Countering Pharaoh’s Production — Consumption Society Today”

"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again... [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery." —Walter Brueggemann

A study for Progressive Christians. Ideal for Advent and Lent, flexible in format and our relaxed atmosphere lends itself to safe and powerful discussion.

WARNING: THIS PROGRAM MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR CHURCH, SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, AND COULD POTENTIALLY HELP RESTORE THE MEANING OF COVENANT.



Featuring Walter Brueggemann

Walter Brueggemann is an Old Testament scholar and retired professor from Columbia Theological Seminary. Also a United Church of Christ minister, Brueggemann has authored hundreds of articles, several biblical commentaries and more than 50 books, including *The Prophetic Imagination*, *Genesis: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*, *Finally Comes the Poet*, and *Theology of the Old Testament*.

WHATS HAPPENING
“Harmony and Hot
Fudge Sundae Social”

Song of the Pines presents “Harmony and Hot Fudge Sundae Social”

Kick off this holiday season with a performance from “Song of the Pines.” Song of the Pines is a performing and competing Sweet Adeline Chorus that has been an active part of the Prescott music scene for many years.



Song of the Pines Chorus
presents



Harmony &
Hot Fudge Sundae Social

Saturday, Nov. 21st
2:00pm

First Congregational Church
216 East Gurley St. Prescott

Call for Tickets: (928) 778-0888
or (602) 315-8295

Tickets now on sale for \$12.00

Join us for an afternoon of Sweet Harmony

Outreach Ministry
November Focus

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Thinking about Christmas? We begin to plan for our own families this time of year. We have the privilege of reaching out now to help less fortunate families pick out a few gifts for their loved ones by participating in Coalition for Compassion and Justice. Purchase a gift for a child or adult from their Christmas Wish List. Wish list and gift suggestions are posted in Perkins Hall. Bring to the church by December 20th. You will be helping others share the joy of Christmas with their loved ones. Thank you, Outreach ministry.

P.I.E. Honoring
Veterans

P.I.E. (“Play, Inspire, Eat”) Wednesday Night 5:30 pm Taco Night!

- **November 11th:** Calling all veterans! Please join us Wednesday night as we honor our veterans! It is Veterans Day after all this Wednesday - the 11th month, the 11th day, the 11th hour...we will remember that special day in history.

QCollective

QCollective Connection November 12th

A night of support, connection, sharing, and community will be held November 12th from 5-7 pm at the Launch Pad, 335 E. Aubrey Street in Prescott. Launch Pad is an advocacy group committed to building teen leadership through community education and innovation. The Launch Pad facilitates this by providing teens in Yavapai County with educational and social opportunities that encourage learning, active community involvement, and the development of skills to become successful, empowered, contributing members of society. There is a flyer in Perkins Hall if you would like to attend and want more information.

Lay Academy

Lay Academy November 13-14

After the success of last year’s “Religions of the World in Our Back Yard,” where we journeyed together and visited local Vedic religious sites throughout the Phoenix Metro area, we are gathering once again for “In the Beginning... From Zoroaster to Abraham.” This November 13 and 14, join the Lay Academy Coordinator, The Rev. Rock Fremont as we tour multiple religious sites in the Scottsdale area. We’ll gather on Friday at our host site, Congregational Church of the Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, for a tour which will take us to churches from a variety of Christian traditions, as well as a Synagogue, Mosque, and the Bahá’í Center. This is a once-in-a-lifetime session that will feature practical opportunities to hear from people in these traditions. We have held a number of rooms at the Fairfield Inn in Scottsdale, AZ, which is located at 13440 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85254. You may book a room by calling 480-483-0042 and asking for a Lay Academy room under Rock Fremont. *The cost for this session is \$75 and includes meals. REGISTER NOW at www.layacademy.org.*

Last Night of P.I.E.

Last Night of P.I.E. November 18

We will gather on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:30 pm to share a potluck pre-Thanksgiving meal, and then those who wish may proceed to Sacred Heart Catholic Church for a Quad City Interfaith Council-sponsored Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Pastor Jay will be one of four speakers presenting a three minute talk on gratitude. Special music performances will also be included.

Greening the Church**First Sunday of Advent November 29**

Join us as we light the first candle of Advent season. The time-honored tradition of the "Greening of the Church" will take place right after the worship service.

Healing Retreat For Survivors of Rape**Healing Retreat For Survivors Of Rape**

A healing retreat "Steps on the Journey" will be held from Friday, January 22 through Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Phoenix, AZ. It is sponsored by the Southwest Conference United Church of Christ. This is a retreat for any woman, age 18 and over, who has experienced rape, sexual assault, or childhood sexual abuse. Using different activities we will explore steps on the healing journey from the trauma or rape. Trusting in God's love, we will learn together to find a new sense of wholeness in our lives. We will worship and pray together, finding encouragement in our experience of faith and the Divine. Facilitated by The Rev. Moira Finley, Brent Smith, Michele Mellott, and Trish Bruxvoort Colligan.

Ongoing & Weekly Events

Living the Questions Study Group

Sunday Mornings at 9 am in the Church Library starting on November 8

~And~

Monday Evening Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Library

CHOIR PRACTICE meets Sundays at 9 am in the Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am on Thursdays

P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night meets every Wednesday night through November at 5:30 pm in Perkins Hall.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2-4 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

KNIT WITS meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

PASS MEAL is a once-a-month ministry where we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

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Mondays: 1:00 - 4:00

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00

Pastor Jay

Monday - Thursday
9:00 - Noon

Other times by appointment

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Funky Friday Game Night
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone
Welcome! 7-9 pm
1st Friday of every
Month starting in
November

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay.

CABINET MEETING meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.