



The Parish Caller

Established in 1880

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

This Week at a Glance...

- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Prayer Chapel: 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m. Chapel
- Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 11:00 a.m. Hazeltine Room
- Thursday Chancel Singers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. Chancel
- Cabinet Meeting: Thursday 6:00 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

The sale of indulgences shown in *A Question to a Mintmaker*, woodcut by Jörg Breu the Elder of Augsburg, circa 1530.

We come to the end of the sermon series on our stained-glass window with Martin Luther, appropriate for Reformation Sunday, and also the 500th anniversary of his tacking the 95 theses on the Castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The

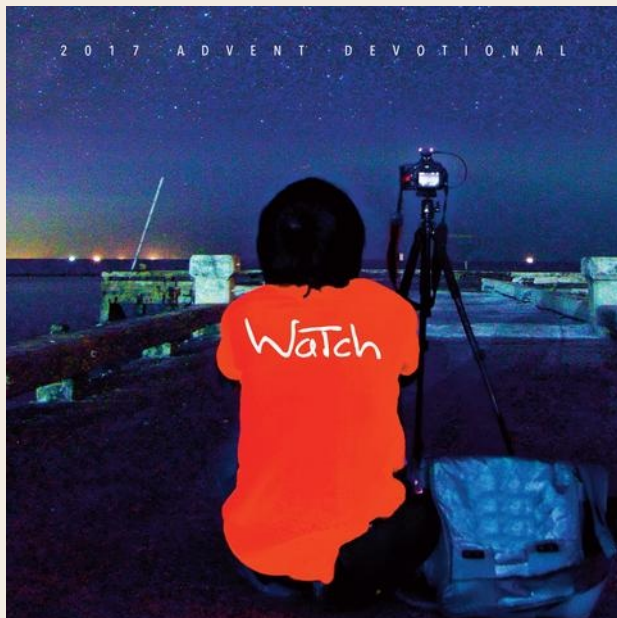
Reformation is a good way to culminate our window series because "more light" has been coming to the church since Luther advocated "grace alone - faith alone - scripture alone - Christ alone - and the priesthood of all believers." Sunday's texts are Leviticus 19:1-4;9-18 and Matthew 22:34-46. Though the Church often gets sidetracked, love of God and love of neighbor is our foundation.

I sought my soul, and my soul I could not see; I sought my God, and God eluded me; I sought my neighbor and found all three.



We had a wonderful time at Jazz Vespers this past Wednesday evening! Thank you Opus!

Sermon Series Concludes with "Martin Luther", Oct. 29th



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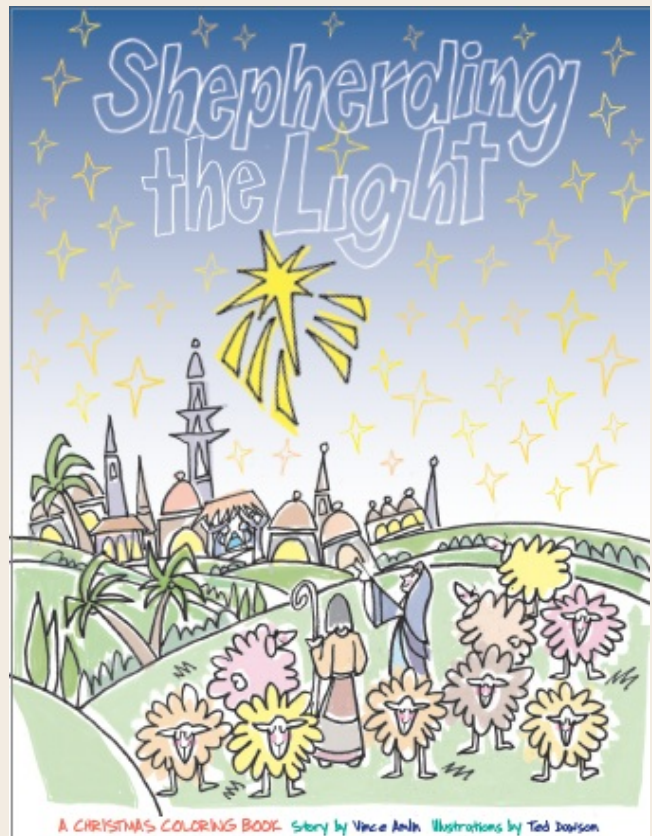
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Developed by the Christmas Fund, [Shepherding the Light](#) is a coloring book to help UCC churches tell the story of the light of God and how we can be active in Shepherding the Light today. Illustrations by Ted Dawson of Judson Memorial Church in NYC. Story by Vince Amlin, co-pastor of Bethany UCC and co-planter of Gilead Church, both in Chicago.

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Dear PASS volunteers,

Once again, "thank you" all so very much for your generous contributions to our PASS ministry. The staff and residents of the shelter were so very thankful and appreciative of our church's on-going mission outreach as their dinner meal was delivered last Wednesday.

As usual, they had full occupancy. Not only was it "full occupancy" but there was a young mother with four children - including her two teenage boys - in residence. Brenda, the staff member who helped us unload the car, gave a huge smile as she said, "Your church is not only one of the most generous with the quantity of food you bring, but everything is always SO good. Even our teens will have plenty to eat tonight. THANK YOU!"

As we are "blessed to be a blessing," please know that your loving efforts make a difference in the lives of the many women and children staying in the shelter. We continue to try to recruit new volunteers. In the meantime, it is your faithfulness and commitment that has enabled our PASS ministry to continue.

Peace and grace,
Patty & Gary



11.11.17 / 3:00-5:00
531 Madison Ave.

The Coalition for Compassion and Justice is pleased to celebrate our First Anniversary at our new location! Join us at the CCJ/Howard Mechanic Social Justice Center

531 Madison Ave.
3:00- 5:00 pm
November 11

Tours of the Stagger Straight Community Shelter
Creeside Trail Walk with Music, Housing Stories & Rock Art
AZ State Tax Credit Information---Receipts given on site!!!
 Contact 928.445.8382 ext. 3 yavapaiccj.org

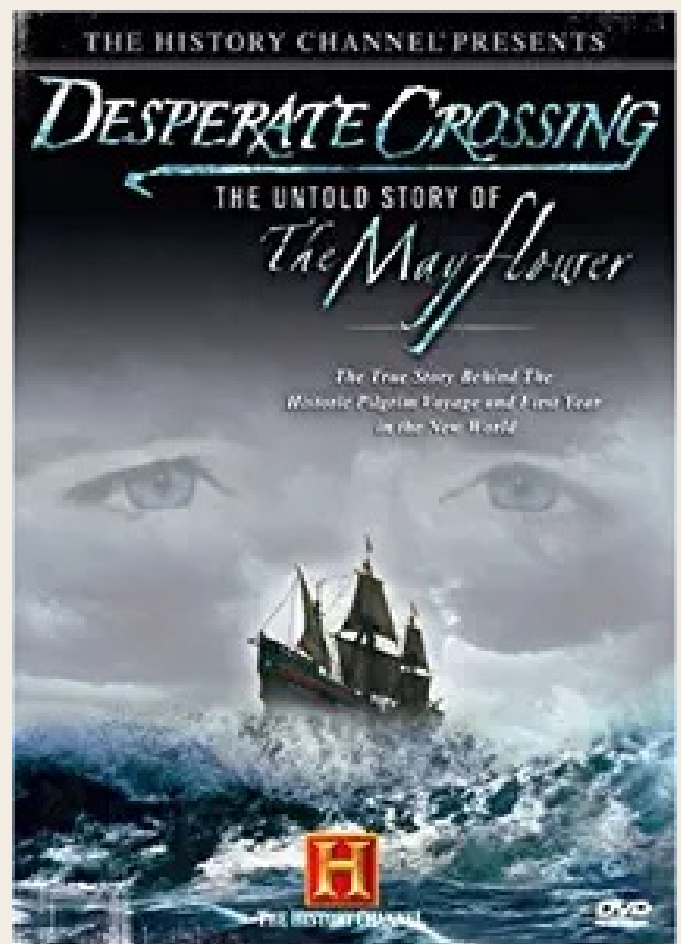
MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FCC

Wednesday, November 15th, 4:00 p.m.
 Perkins Hall

Desperate Crossing -- The Untold Story of The May Flower From their self-imposed exile in Holland and perilous Atlantic crossing in the Mayflower to unimaginable hardships encountered in their new land, this is the definitive story of the Pilgrims and how they came to live--and ultimately prosper -- in harsh climate of an unfamiliar world.

Through this riveting documentary experience, you will be amazed at the difference between historical fact and what you thought you knew, and you will be surprised how much more there is to the UNTOLD STORY OF THE MAYFLOWER.

POPCORN AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.



“Many Voices of Faith”
Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner
November 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
 150 Fleury Avenue
 Prescott, AZ 86301



GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

- Randy Cook
- Jim Christopher
- Alice Kring
- Paul Monska

If you would like to become a greeter, see Anne Solt

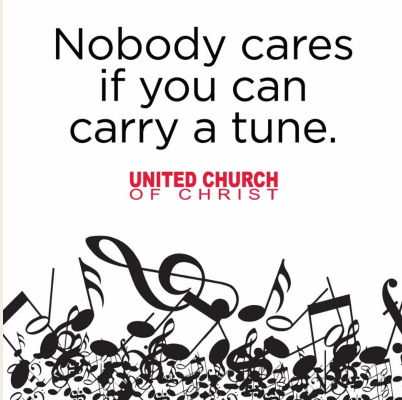
ALTER-NOTES

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 1 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](tel: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. We also practice on Thursday evenings at 5:00.
 You may attend one of both of these times, depending on what suits you.

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

	Sandra Johns	1-Nov
	Marti Garrison	1-Nov
	Julie Mccurdy	1-Nov
	Nancy Gale	3-Nov
	Deborah Lyons	3-Nov
	Harry Gamble	8-Nov
	Carolyn Prohaska	10-Nov
	Judy Ely	11-Nov
	Eddie Hoitt	11-Nov
	Bill Rouse	15-Nov
	Andrew Wallace	18-Nov

ANNIVERSARYS

Jane & Alex Osborn	11-Nov
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SWC Conference Disaster Coordinator update

October 21, 2017 in Conference News

From Phil Shea, Conference Disaster Coordinator, Southwest Conference

Greetings fellow members of our SWC UCC Congregations,
 It is a challenge to keep you posted about multiple disasters without overwhelming you. I thought it may be helpful to focus each post on a specific disaster story and then a specific response that can provide assistance and hope to those affected by each disaster. Today I'd like to focus on California and I want to share with you the importance of forming volunteer teams.

I had the opportunity this week to communicate with my counterpart in northern California/Nevada as well as with our national Executive for Disaster Ministries. One pastor lost their home and ended up in one of our church shelters.. 40-50 congregants were displaced. They are only beginning to return to their homes. They are just beginning the "assessment" stage to determine the damage. There is a significant number of retired clergy in the area. Pacific American Ministries is already planning a fundraising concert. We are anticipating some specialty ministry needs which I cannot specify at this point because of the sensitivity. UCC Solidarity Grants are being offered by the UCC Disaster Ministries for early assistance and clean-up. The Community Church of Sebastopol UCC continues to offer shelter.

Those of us who live in the western United States understand our particular affection and understanding of life and threats. As a native of Arizona I understand the unique threats and impact of wildfires. We always want to respond with a sense of urgency. Your best immediate response is financial to **UCC disaster ministries** . This support the Solidarity Grants and initial assistance.You can designate your gift to a specific disaster. I challenge you to do that and also think beyond that. I call it the "Inn Keeper" ministry. After the Good Samaritan administered to the initial need of the injured person beside the road he/she left some money and charged the innkeeper with the continued recovery. The injured communities in California, Texas, Florida, Louisiana need us to be healing innkeepers and volunteers for long term recovery. Please contact me to sign-up for a volunteer team in the months ahead and sign up on the UCC volunteer site.

I would like to connect with you and begin coordinating volunteer teams to help these communities recover. If you want to organize a team from your church or join other churches to form a team, please contact me at philipshea@justicestar.org or 602-663-5065.



The disaster by the numbers:

- 15 major wildfires are still raging
- 41 confirmed dead
- More than 200 missing
- Nearly 100,000 ordered to evacuate; 40,000 still displaced
- More than 3,000 in Red Cross and community shelters across the state
- 217,000 acres have burned
- More than 5,700 structures including thousands of homes have been destroyed
- More than \$3 billion in damage
- 9,192 FEMA registrations

[Keep up to date on our response efforts to all 3 hurricanes HERE.](#)

MISSION NEWS

California Fire Relief

Our denominational headquarters has established a Northern California Fire Relief Fund. Unlike some other organizations, 100% of what is donated goes to support the needs of those whose lives have been devastated by the fire. The First Congregational/UCC of Santa Rosa reports, .. “30-40 of our congregants have been displaced, at least six families have lost their homes”. Whatever donations are received will help families such as those at the Santa Rosa FCUCC Church. If you would like to donate, please make a check payable to our church, with the memo line, “Fire Relief Fund”. Any questions can be directed to Gary Gard, Outreach Mission chairperson [928 910 2455]. As always, thank you.

“Warm for Winter”

This month’s mission emphasis is “Warm for Winter”, a project of the local Coalition for Compassion and Justice. The last Saturday of this month, free warm clothing will be made available to those who are homeless or living in an impoverished family. New or gently used coats, sweaters, blankets, gloves, socks and hats are needed. If you would like to make a check donation, please make your check payable to the church with a memo note of “Warm for Winter”. **For those wanting to help display the Warm for Winter items, set-up will be Friday, Oct 27, 9:00-1:00 in Esther Hall, Methodist Church. Distribution of the items will be Saturday, Oct 28, 9:00-1:00.**

P.A.S.S.

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) provides shelter for women and women with children. In addition to shelter, women receive help to find employment and permanent housing. Monthly, volunteers from our congregation provide a hot meal, side dishes, and dessert. Patty Gard coordinates this ministry. In addition to thanking Patty, our thanks to those who have helped provide meals:

Sandra and Lionel Talbott, Marti Garrison, Paul Monska, Patty Lantrip, Barbara McClure, Chris Richmond, Staci Robbins, Cherie & Jay Wilcher. Julie Jaquette, Month-after-month, each of these volunteers has been generous with their commitments. However, we need others to help. Please give this your prayerful attention. If you can help provide a hot meal, side dish, or dessert, please add your name to the PASS sign-up list found in Perkins Hall. Questions? Phone Patty Gard ([928 460 3042](tel:9284603042)).

Shelter Facts

- Since opening in February 2009, PASS has served over 2000 women and children, provided over 32,000 bed nights, and on average 1050 bed nights per year are utilized by the children we serve.
 - Over 90% of our Shelter Guests transition into permanent housing.
 - PASS provides emergency services to homeless women and children, some of whom suffer from mental illness and are recovering from substance abuse.
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STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts					
October		YTD	January	102	January		July		Undesignated Missions	
Offerings	\$ 6,824	\$ 86,272	February	89	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 580	Pancake Breakfast	\$1,337		YTD \$ 900
Facility Use	\$ 1,549	\$ 10,432	March	89	February		August		OCWM	
Foundation		\$ 47,876	April	108	PASS \$ 140		Discovery Gardens \$ 65			YTD \$ 325
Other		\$ 5,511	May	101	March		September		J.	
Total	\$ 8,373	\$150,091	June	79	Habitat for Humanity \$ 165		Neighbors in Need \$ 495			YTD \$ 274
Expenses, Actual			July	96	April		October		Famine Relief	
	October	YTD	August	91	One Great Hour Share	\$1,683	Warm for Winter \$ 160		Special Offering	\$ 795
Expenses	\$19,503	\$231,008	Sept	90	May		November		Hurricane Relief	
Annual Budget Needs			Oct	91	Church World Service	\$ 319	\$ 495		Special Offering	\$4,600
	Annual		Nov		June		December		Fire Relief	
Expenses	\$	254,276	Dec		Strengthen the Church	\$ 280	\$ 495		Special Offering	\$ 50

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

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

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.

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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).

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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



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30

