

# The Parish Caller

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

October 23, 2015

First Congregational  
Church, United  
Church of Christ,  
Prescott



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**This Week at First Congregational Church of Prescott...**

- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Monday Night Discussion Group at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **P.I.E.** at 5:30 pm Wednesday - Chili Cookoff (with trophies!)
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** at 11 am Thursday
- ◆ **Choir Practice** at 9 am before Worship Service next Sunday

**From Pastor Jay**

At the October 14th Wednesday night P.I.E. we enjoyed down home entertainment with Linda Foote playing the dulcimer, Elizabeth Bergthold playing a ukulele, and Gordon Bergthold playing a harmonica.

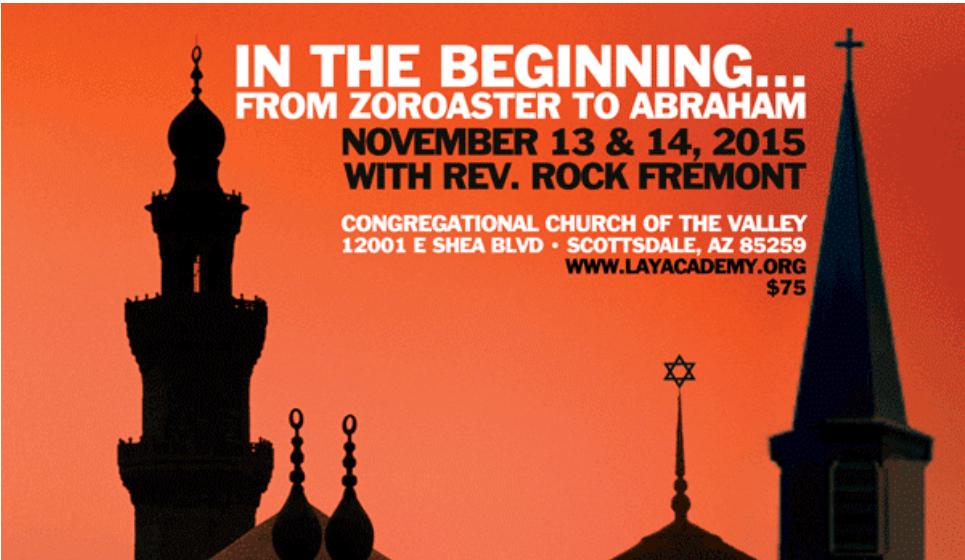


Wednesday, October 14,  
P.I.E. pasta night with  
entertainment.

Linda Foote, Gordon and  
Elizabeth Bergthold entertaining  
us with down home music.



**LAY ACADEMY SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE**



After the success of last year's "Religions of the World in Our Back Yard", where we journeyed together and visited local Vedic religions sites throughout the Phoenix Metro area, we are gathering once again for "In the Beginning ... From Zoroaster to Abraham." This November 13 and 14th, join the Lay Academy Coordinator, Rev. Rock Fremont as we tour multiple religious sites in the Scottsdale area.

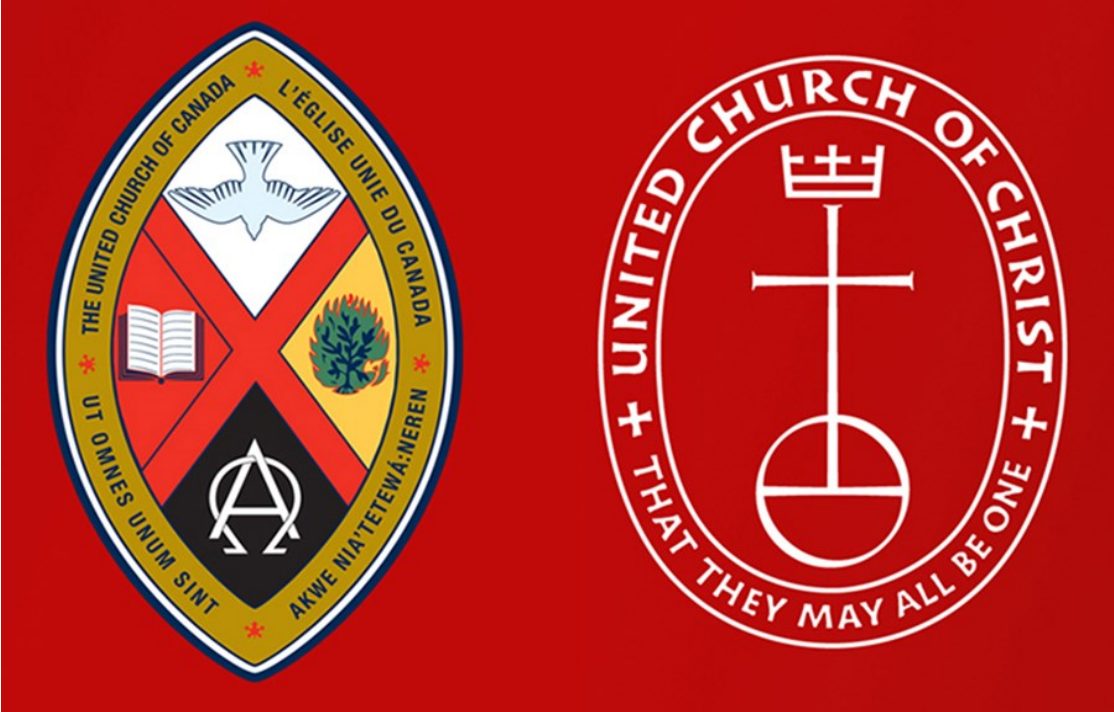
SW Conference  
Lay Academy -  
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We'll gather on Friday at our host site, Congregational Church of the Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, for a tour which will take us to churches from a variety of Christian traditions, as well as a Synagogue, Mosque and the Baha'i 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](http://www.layacademy.org).**

Communion with  
Canada



Written by **Anthony Moujaes**

**Love thy neighbor.**

When the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Canada gathered in Niagara Falls in mid-October for worship to celebrate a full communion agreement, the two North American denominations will live out that call to love they neighbor. The governing bodies of both denominations approved the full communion agreement this summer, setting the stage for the churches to formalize their new relationship on Oct. 17 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at St. Andrews United Church (of Canada).

"I think it's important for us to share in our common witness of faith through a liturgical service," said the Rev. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, UCC ecumenical and interfaith officer. "We are both bringing our board of directors and our leadership together to share our common witness and we see that as a good way to start out — centered on our faith traditions — in this journey together. The agreement is so new in the life of the UCC that we thought it would be an opportunity, because of the shared border between our two countries, for us in the United Church of Christ to cross the border into Canada. It shows unity through international lines."

UCC national officers and members of the United Church of Christ Board, who met Oct. 14-17 in Cleveland, left for Canada via bus the morning of Oct. 17 to be part of the celebration. At the service, leaders of both churches signed a formal document, followed by worship.

"It was an opportunity we recognized that couldn't be missed. We'll bring almost 100 people from across Canada representing our national committees, staff members and senior officers, to Niagara Falls for the service," said the Rev. Bruce Gregersen, United Church of Canada senior advisor of theology and faith. "We deeply appreciate the willingness of the UCC Board to join us in Canada. Hopefully we will have many opportunities in the future to reciprocate."

October Mission  
Focus

**What's Happening**

**Outreach Ministry October Focus is NIN**

Did you know that some 53 percent of 67 million children around the globe who don't go to school are girls? Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering

<div>October Mission Focus - Cont'd</div> <div>P.I.E.</div> <div>P.I.E. Chili Cook Off</div> <div>Jazz Worship on All Saints Day</div> <div>Funky Friday Game Night</div> <div>Song of The Pines Social</div> <div>Prescott Community Cupboard Donations</div> <div>TRIAD Meeting</div> <div>Pre-Thanksgiving P.I.E.</div>	<div><p>of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Your support of the NIN offering provides small grants and programs that seek to address the systemic injustices.</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Two-thirds of the offering is used by UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Imagine a world where educating women and girls is a priority.</li><li>♦ One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries.</li><li>♦ “Reading Changes Lives,” the UCC’s newest all-church initiative, is a program that focuses on literacy, stateside and abroad.</li></ul><p>If you would like to contribute to the NIN, please indicate your wishes by noting it in the check memo or on your offering envelope. Thank you!</p><p><b>P.I.E. (“Play, Inspire, Eat”) Wednesday 5:30 pm</b></p><p>Food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth is scheduled for this week’s P.I.E.</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>October 28th:</b> Chili Cook Off followed by a focus on Mark 12:28-34</li><li>• <b>November 4th:</b> Stuffed Baked Potato Night</li><li>• <b>November 11th:</b> Taco Night</li><li>• <b>November 18th:</b> Pot Luck Variety Meal</li></ul><p>Inspiration time guided by Pastor Jay. Come and have a slice of P.I.E!</p><p><b>P.I.E. Chili Cook Off</b></p><p>Our P.I.E. focus on October 28 is Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor, so we thought it was a good time to invite your neighbors and friends to join us! We will have a chili cook off with trophies for the top three entries. Bring your best chili recipe to this fun event!</p><p><b>Jazz Worship on All Saints Day</b></p><p>Sunday, November 1st we will have a jazz quartet joining us that morning. The quartet has played regularly at Hassayampa Inn and El Gato Azul. Come and experience singing together “When the Saints Go Marching In!”</p><p><b>Funky Friday Game Night Hosted by PFLAG...</b></p><p>Friday, November 6th from 7-9 pm, PFLAG will be hosting a <b>Funky Friday Game Night</b> 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.</p><p><b>Harmony &amp; Hot Fudge Sundae Social</b></p><p>Song of the Pines Chorus is going to be entertaining on Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m. here at First Congregational Church. Tickets are on sale for \$12.00, call (928) 778-0888 or (602) 315-8295 for more information.</p><p><b>October Food Donations To Prescott Community Cupboard</b></p><p>This month we are asking for canned meat. Convenient and non-perishable protein is a much needed food item for those in need. Baskets are available at each entry for your donations. Thank You!</p><p><b>TRIAD Meeting In Flagstaff</b></p><p>Linda, Tawnya and Pastor Jay will be attending a TRIAD meeting that includes us, Dewey and Flagstaff churches to give an update on what each church decided to try as a new ministry this fall. Ours was P.I.E. (“Play, Inspire, Eat”), so we will be updating and evaluating our Wednesday night program. Please share your evaluations and ideas with our leaders. We want to try new things in the spring.</p><p><b>Last Night of P.I.E. November 18</b></p><p>We will gather on Wednesday, November 18th, at 5:30 pm to share a pot luck 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.</p></div>
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**Survivors Retreat****Healing Retreat For Survivors Of Rape**

A healing retreat "Steps On The Journey" will be held on 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.

**Sunday Morning Group Study****Living the Questions Sunday Morning Group Study**

This study and discussion group will start Sunday, November 8th, to be held in the Library starting at 9:00 am. The course study will be "Living the Questions." The following topics will be held on November 8th - Questions; November 15 - Bible; November 22nd - God; November 29th - Creation; December 6th - Jesus; December 13 - Paul; and December 20th - World. Plan to check out this opportunity if you are interested in one or more of the topics. For more information contact Pete Norum 776-8867 or peternorum@cableone.net - especially if you are ready to join the group!!

# Ongoing & Weekly Events

**Living the Questions Study Group**

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

~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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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 the Month starting in November

**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.

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

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