

The Parish Caller

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

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First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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- ♦ **PFLAG Funky Friday Game Night** at 7 pm Friday

Jazz Worship on All Saints Day

This Sunday, November 1st we will have "Cool Azul," a jazz quartet joining us that morning. Cool Azul has played regularly at Hassayampa Inn and El Gato Azul. Come and experience singing together "When the Saints Go Marching In!"



Winners of the Chili Cook-off — From the Pastor

The Chili contest on Wednesday night was fun and well attended. Our guest judge for the evening – Frank (Barb McClure's grandson) did a thorough and extensive taste test of all eight entries. Trophies were presented to the top three winners, and since we found two zucchini on the table, two additional winners were presented with a zucchini! Trophies were almost not available as I dropped them on the way from the office to the church and broke two, but thanks to super glue, they were in one piece at least for the presentation. No guarantees they made it home intact.

The top five winners were:

Tracy Hill

Andrea Worthington

Brent Walker

Marilyn Skovgard

Chuck Budinger



1st Place Winner!
Tracy Hill



2nd Place Winner!
Andrea
Worthington

3rd Place Winner!
Brent Walker



Gavin Worthington
Matty Milisen
Bo Milisen
Eddie Hoitt
Hanging out by the stage!

WHATS HAPPENING

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WHATS HAPPENING

PFLAG Funky Friday Game Night

Friday, November 6th from 7-9 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.

Living the Questions — A new Adventure

Someone once asked their rabbi, “Why is it that rabbis always answer a question with another question?” The rabbi answers, “So what’s wrong with a question?” — from Living the Questions Session 1.

What: Study and discussion using presentations via DVD by renowned Christian thinkers to get our thoughts and ideas perking.

When: Starting Sunday mornings this fall November 8th from 9-10:15 am in the church Library

Why: To offer a safe and open-minded exploration of what’s next for Christianity — and possibly for FCC.

Each Sunday’s session is self-contained, centers on an important aspect of Christian thought, allows for those attending to express questions and comments without being judged, provides Christian education for adults, and encourages safe participation and camaraderie in a small group environment.

Outreach Ministry November Focus

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.

QCollective Connection November 12th

A night of support, connection, sharing and community will be held November 12th from 5-7 pm at the Launchpad, 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

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, 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 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.*

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.

Harmony & Hot Fudge Sundae Social

Song of the Pines Chorus is going to be entertaining on Saturday, November 21st at 2 pm here at First Congregational Church. This is their annual fundraiser. Tickets are on sale for \$12, Call (928) 778-0888 or (602) 315-8295 for more information.

P.I.E.**P.I.E. ("Play, Inspire, Eat") Wednesday 5:30 pm**

Food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth is scheduled for this week's P.I.E.

- **November 4th:** Stuffed Baked Potato Night
- **November 11th:** Taco Night
- **November 18th:** Pot Luck Variety Meal

Inspiration time guided by Pastor Jay. Come and have a slice of P.I.E!

Healing Retreat For Survivors of Rape

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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 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.

**Funky Friday
Game Night**
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone
Welcome! 7-9 pm
1st Friday of every
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.

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**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.