

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
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Prescott

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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time:** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **Jazz Summit Concert:** Sunday 2-4:30
- ◆ **Living the Questions:** Monday 6:30 pm

From the Pastor

This Sunday we welcome the Rainbow Acres Choir to our worship service.

Rainbow Acres was founded in 1974, but existed as a dream long before. Rev. Ralph Showers grew up to be an accomplished American Baptist pastor and a social visionary, but spent much of his childhood struggling through school with learning disabilities, including dyslexia. He dreamed of creating a place where adults with developmental disabilities could lead lives guided by meaning, purpose, dignity and spiritual strength. Through physical, emotional and operational setbacks, this dream survived to become Rainbow Acres – a special place where miracles occur every day. The ranch, once double-wide trailers and a grain barn, has grown into a 50-acre, state-of-the-art facility capable of housing 130 Ranchers (what residents are called) in beautifully furnished homes and offering many enrichment programs. Rainbow Acres is located in Camp Verde.



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It was quite a week of celebration for the Boy Scouts 100th anniversary in our church. It started with a city council proclamation which was read by council member (and church member) Jean Wilcox at the city council meeting.

And then on Saturday the scouts hosted an open house in Perkins Hall.



We welcomed the scouts to worship on Sunday, and they presented us with the "Hats Off" plaque.



Boy Scout Troup 1

100 years!

1913-2016

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**From Pastor Jay
continued:**

Finally, on Sunday afternoon we hosted a jazz event as part of the Prescott Jazz Summit. I counted 11 musicians filling our front at one time. Quite a show!



The theme for this Sunday is gratitude. Remember the story where Jesus heals 10 lepers and only one returns to offer thanks? Here is a quote to get us thinking for Sunday:

“The tenth leper’s faithful, untainted gratitude for God’s mercy is humbling to see. He realizes that life is a gift, that ‘just to get up each day is windfall’ (John Claypool). Life can make you feel as if you have lead in your shoes. It can leave you lost, wandering and wondering. But gratitude brings buoyancy. It is the antidote for fear. Gratitude flips despair on its back and says, “You’re not robbing me of today!” (Barbara Sholis)

See you Sunday, Jay

Advent Devotional

OUR 2016 UCC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This year again, our church is putting together an Advent Devotional: a work of love *by* our members *for* our members and friends, a booklet with favorite stories, personal memories of a Christmas past, poems, favorite recipes, all relating to Christmas while we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Handwritten, typed or emailed entries may be handed or sent to:

Angela Imbierowicz: 708-712-1448
angelaprescottaz@gmail.com

Ronny de Jong: 928-541-7743
ronnyhermandejong@gmail.com

Absolute deadline: Sunday October 30, 2016

Interested in volunteering to put this together? Let us know!



Restoration Project Update

Announcements

MIND FIT RESUMES

October 12th at noon in the Conference room. Let Marti know if you would like to attend.

JAZZ VESPERS

October 26th at 6:30 pm — Road 1 South

2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

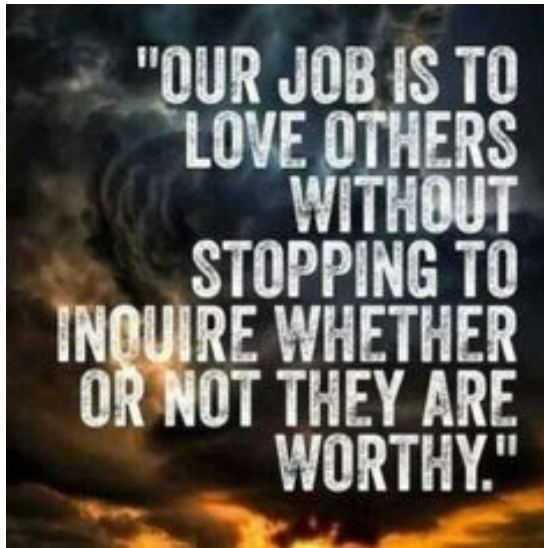
November 9th

HEALING SERVICE

— **Communion**

November 16th
Led by Called to Care Team

Restoration Project Update: New sanctuary sample colors are painted on the wall. Please take a look and let us know what you think (Marilyn, Angela, Tom) can answer questions for you. Much will be happening in the next month....new flooring, electrical work, more painting, window replace, shutters etc. Target completion date is still about December 19th. Reminder, each room we are working on will not necessarily be completely finished....like a puzzle certain work needs to be done at certain times. However, as I said, everything should be pretty much done by the target



LTQ? discussion group began this past Monday at 6:30 pm downstairs with a nice turn out!

Many of you have expressed a desire to attend "Living the Questions" however can't make it on Monday night. If you are interested in attending a Sunday Morning discussion group for Living the Questions, Let Julie in the office know.

445-4555

This is a beautifully produced DVD series that promotes group discussions in a relaxed intimate setting. Join us and journey into a way of life that contradicts the way of the world.

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

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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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE
9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
at 11 am on Thursdays

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 2th Thursday of every month from 12:15 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

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.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions Study Group
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested
~And~
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library