

JUNE 30, 2018



First Congregational Church

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



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday June 30
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Come early, parking will be
on the street

FROM THE PASTOR

Romans 13 was recently "textjacked" by our attorney general to call for obedience to our government's border policy. We will look at Romans 13 on Sunday and try to find its meaning and application. On this weekend before July 4th, it will be a good Sunday to consider what patriotism looks like in our day. This may also be a good time to dust off The Barmen Declaration for a fresh read, and as a reminder that Romans 13 was invoked in that day as well.



The Barmen Declaration, 1934, was a call to resistance against the theological claims of the Nazi state. Almost immediately after Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, Protestant Christians faced pressure to "aryanize" the Church, expel Jewish Christians from the ordained ministry and adopt the Nazi "Führer Principle" as the organizing principle of church government. In general, the churches succumbed to these pressures, and some Christians embraced them willingly. The pro-Nazi "German Christian" movement became a force in the church. They glorified Adolf Hitler as a "German prophet" and preached that racial consciousness was a source of revelation alongside the Bible. But many Christians in Germany—including Lutheran and Reformed, liberal and neo-orthodox—opposed the encroachment of Nazi ideology on the Church's proclamation. At Barmen, this emerging "Confessing Church" adopted a declaration drafted by Reformed theologian Karl Barth and Lutheran theologian Hans Asmussen, which expressly repudiated the claim that other powers apart from Christ could be sources of God's revelation. Not all Christians courageously resisted the regime, but many who did—like the Protestant pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Roman Catholic priest Bernhard Lichtenberg—were arrested and executed in concentration camps. The spirituality of the Barmen Declaration profoundly influenced many of the first generation of pastors and laypeople who formed the United Church of Christ in 1957. (UCC website)

SERMON SERIES ON THE LIFE OF DAVID

It is time to take a vacation from the lectionary! I will be preaching through the life of King David using as a resource Eugene Peterson's book *Leap Over A Wall: Earthly Spirituality for Everyday Christians*. We will follow David through the ups and downs of his very human life and learn spiritual lessons we can apply to our lives.

1 Samuel 18-20	The Power of Friendship
1 Samuel 21-22	Running to the Sanctuary
1 Samuel 23-24	Learning to Look to the Lord
1 Samuel 25	Abigail Saves David
1 Samuel 27-29	A Fit of Depression
1 Samuel 30	Receiving Grace and Mercy
2 Samuel 1	David: A Model of Dealing with Pain and Loss
2 Samuel 2-4	Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
2 Samuel 5	Discerning God's Direction and Timing
2 Samuel 6	Encountering the Holy
2 Samuel 7	When God Says No
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A "Me Too Moment" - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles

2 Samuel 16-18When You Are at Your Lowest

2 Samuel 22David: Fully Alive to God

2 Samuel 23The Blessing of Communion

1 Chron. 28-29Facing Death

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our mission emphasis for June is, "Strengthen The Church" (STC), a program of our national denomination. STC donations will support: (1) New church development (2) ministries working with refugees and immigrants (3) church programs targeting youth and young adults. Checks may be made payable to the church, with a memo, STC. Thank you for your support of our mission outreach endeavors. Gary Gard, chairperson ([928 910 2455](tel:9289102455)).

---In addition to our participation in the "Strengthen the Church" offering, we are helping a local DACA student re-apply for the continuation of his DACA status. The cost of that reapplication is approximately \$500. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to the church, with a memo of, "DACA". Thank you for your caring and support as we do ministry in remembrance of the words of Jesus, -"as you did it to the least of my children, you did it to me". (Matthew 25:34-40)

For those desiring to know more about the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, please refer to the DACA information packets found on the mission display table in Perkins Hall. The packets contain facts which are not only informational, but also surprising. For example, did you know that since June 2012, DACA participants have paid approximately \$20 billion into Social Security, approximately \$4.6 billion in Medicare taxes, and approximately \$12 billion in state/local taxes. (Huffington Post.com "A Guide to read about DACA")

For questions or comments concerning any of our mission outreach projects, please contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard (928-910-2455)

Fair Start

School Supplies

Join with your neighbors to
fully supply our schools!

Fair Start 2018:
In this first year we will supply:
• Mountain View Elementary
• Lincoln Elementary
• Chino Valley HS

Each School District chose the school to receive the 2018 supplies.
We hope to expand the schools we support each year until we can support entire districts.

Fair Start Generates
4 X's the Buying Power!

\$80 for parents to outfit one student.
\$40 for backpack programs
using some bulk purchasing power.
\$20 with efficiency of buying all in bulk.

Donations: 2018 Goal = \$30,000
We are grateful for your cash donations! You can direct your donation to the School District of your choice, PUSD, HUSD or CVUSD or contribute to the whole!

Individual/Small business
Bronze - \$500-\$999
Silver - \$1000-\$4999
Gold - \$5000+

Corporate Fund a School
Bronze - \$5000-\$9999
Silver - \$10,000-\$14,999
Gold - \$15,000+

Donation Deadline: July 15 to be used for 2018
Donations qualify for the
State of Arizona Charitable Income Tax Credit:
Up to \$400/individual and \$800/couple

Additional backpacks needed? Vowpal Food Bank will distribute backpacks July 21 9am to 1pm. Call 928-775-5255 for more information.

..... Donation Form

NamePhone #Email

Address\$ AmountDistrict/Whole

Checks made payable to CCI - Please put Fair Start/(School Name)in memo line
Mail to: CCI 531 Madison Ave. Prescott, AZ 86301

Contact Jessi Hans at CCI for more information: 928.445.8382

Congregational Giving remains strong in 2018

As of May 31, members and friends have contributed nearly \$58,000 in support of the annual budget. This exceeds the YTD target by nearly \$6,000!

Summer is typically a time when Sunday attendance drops. If you'll be away for the summer, we'll miss you! But don't forget to keep your pledge-giving up-to-date!

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer

JULY GREETERS

James Olney
Bill Rouse
Sylvia Staats
Anne Solt, and Tom Macy.

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 12-12:45 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:2073913276).

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.

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

VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is 602-769-5770. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings			Attendance Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts						
	June	YTD	January	93	January		July		Undesignated Missions		
Pledges	\$ 4,150	\$ 45,851	February	113	Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$ 325	CCJ Fair Start			YTD	\$ 800
Non-Pledge	\$ 1,984	\$ 18,117	March	101	February		August		OCWM		
Facility Use	\$ 1,655	\$ 7,257	April	114	PASS	\$ 320				YTD	\$ 125
Foundation		\$ 53,463	May	104	March		September				
Memorials			June	94	HABITAT	\$ 275					
Total	\$ 7,789	\$124,688	July		April		October				
Expenses, Actual			August		OGHS	\$607					
	May	YTD	Sept		May		November- December				
Expenses	\$ 21,642	\$124,456	Oct		Rainbow Acres	\$ 355					
Annual Budget Needs			Nov		June		December				
	Annual		Dec		Pancake Breakfast	\$ 640					
Expenses	\$249,300				Strengthen The Church	\$ 359					

REGULARLY SCDEDUED

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



THE RINGING 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.

CHANCEL SINGERS

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ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal in the Hazeltine Room each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates phone:207-391-3276

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).

HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

CONTACT US

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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 a.m.

