First Congregational United Church of Christ The Parish Caller August 11, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY 10:30 AM

From the Pastor

The text for Sunday is 1 Kings 19:1-18, which is about Elijah running for his life and pouting under a broom tree. We will see what God does with this discouraged servant, and we will learn what God might do for us when we have had all we can take. Alter-Notes provides music; Carrie is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy are in deep depression.

The statue of Elijah at the Saint Elias Cathedral, Aleppo, Syria



Looking Ahead

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 16 – PASS MEAL 5PM (THANKS TO OUR YOUTH!)

AUGUST 25 – COFFEE HOUSE, 4-6 AUGUST 26 - EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPEL TO GREET NEW STUDENTS (MELISSA & ELIZABETH) SEPT. 9 – RETURN OF ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM SEPT. 24 – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY WITH CONFERENCE STAFF OCTOBER 4 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – PARKING LOT – 4:00 PM

OCT. 28 - PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – PERKINS HALL 1:00-4:00 PM

FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE!

After a three year hiatus, the Clothing Exchange at Emmanuel Lutheran Church is back!

Scheduled for Friday, August 18th from 3pm to 6pm,

shop for clothing for all ages!

If you have clothing you would like to donate, our crew will be accepting donations beginning Tuesday, August 15 th, from 9am – 4pm.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

7763 E Long Look Dr. ~ Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 928-772-3145 office

Watch Worship Services Here

MOVIE FILMED AT CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW

LOOK FOR PATTY, ANDY, WYATT, AND WINNIE IN THE FILM OUR SANCTUARY AND PERKINS HALL ARE IN SEVERAL SCENES I FOUND IT BY SEARCHING ON FUBO

At long last, the movie that was filmed in Prescott with many scenes filmed in our facilities has premiered. Saturday evening July 30 the movie was shown for the first time. It has a new name, **The Abagail Mysteries.**

It was on Great American Family. You can check their website for information on where you can find their channel.

It also can be streamed on Pureflix.com. They are now a division of Great American Family. They have been offering a free week of Pureflix.

Very interesting to see our beloved church in a movie!

"SUP WITH SEVEN" IS PLANNING ANOTHER ROUND OF DINNERS IN HOMES. A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN PERKINS HALL

ZOOM FAITH FORUM WILL RETURN SEPTEMBER 9 AT 10AM LET PASTOR JAY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

LAUNCH PAD TEEN CENTER - BETTER TOGETHER INITIATIVE We have 17 who have signed up to participate. We are planning initial gatherings into small groups at this time.

A small group of people (family unit, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.) will schedule a day to come together once per quarter (every three months) to have a meal and discuss one of the topics in the TAC Better Together Guidebook. We also ask that you share your experiences by checking in with a teen from the Teen Advisory Council or completing a short survey after each meal.

The goal is to practice speaking and listening techniques outlined in the Guidebook around issues our community (through our Better Together Survey) deemed challenging to discuss. The goal is to have conversations in a respectful manner NOT to change people's perspectives, opinions, or ideas. The Teen Advisory Council hopes to allow everyone to share their point of view and to feel heard and valued, even around issues that sometimes cause friction or division.

FACEBOOK UPDATE

"We have a new Facebook group, First Congregational Church Prescott FCC - which you can join. We will be posting events, and meetup information for the community, as well as exploring ways to bring back our outreach partners; the LGBTQ community youth, AA, etc. and other groups who have used the church pre-Covid for meeting spaces. Please join the group, and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, you can email Brit and Mike Flores at <u>bafwriter@gmail.com</u>, our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at <u>FCCprescott@gmail.com</u>.

EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPEL OPEN HOUSE OUR THANKS TO MELISSA AND ELIZABETH FOR ATTENDING AGAIN THIS YEAR! Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Fred and Fay Haas Memorial Interfaith Chapel will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. As has been done in previous years, we are inviting local religious and spiritual organizations to participate in this event. This event will allow for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University parents and students to become acquainted with the different faith and spiritual organizations represented in the Prescott area.

Each organization participating should have 1-2 representatives present to engage with incoming students and their parents to help them become acquainted with your organization. You are encouraged to bring pamphlets, memorabilia representing your group, and a calendar of anticipated activities that your organization has planned for the upcoming months that the student may wish to attend. Each group will have a table and chairs set up in our main chapel space, unless otherwise requested. If you have any special requests or accommodation needs, please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

PICTURE DIRECTORY OF CONGREGATION

THE DIRECTORY IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE UNDER RESOURCES THE PASSWORD IS THE SAME AS THE REGULAR DIRECTORY EMAIL THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE IT: fccprescott@gmail.com We are still working on the quality of the photos

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- **July 2** and **Sept 24** we will host an ice cream social after church with lactose free options, sherbet and all the trimmings for making sundaes.

- We plan congregation involved potlucks for the **fifth Sunday** of each month that has one - **July 30, Oct 29 and Dec 31**

- **Dec 17**, birthday celebration Sunday, we plan a Christmas cookie share and exchange involving the whole congregation.

The rest of the time will remain as it is with congregants signing up to provide something substantial for sharing and the church providing salty snacks, cookies and fruit as needed.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023

*Those who are able may stand

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "His Eye is On the Sparrow"--sung by Morgan Greenwald Mark Achuff

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "You Are Holy"

Alter-Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy (Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Call to Worship (from Psalms 42 & 43)

Carrie Decker

Leader:	Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.
People:	We come in search of help and hope.
Leader:	Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.
People	We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.
Leader:	Come, you who are in need of good news.
People:	We come in search of joy, truth, and light.
Leader:	Come and find refuge in God your rock.
All:	Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

Unison Invocation (from 1 Kings 19:8-15a)

Carrie Decker

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

New Century Hymnal #12

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-10

*Hymn: "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Hebrew Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-18

Sermon: "Dealing With Depression"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Soon and Very Soon" by Andrae Crouch

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Offertory: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"--arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

New Century Hymnal #423

Carrie Decker

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Pastor Jay

Alter-Notes

Carole Sue Linson, Piano; Mark Achuff, Organ

*Doxology

Mark Achuff

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Carrie Decker

Loving God, we share what we have because you share so abundantly with us. May our sharing be an act of thanksgiving and praise for all you have done and al you will continue to do for us. We dedicate these gifts and offer ourselves to you service. With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.

*Hymn: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

New Century Hymnal #303

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "With a Joyful Hallelujah!"--David Paxton

Mark Achuff

AUGUST MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Our August Mission Outreach will be directed toward two funds dedicated to helping local immigrant students attain degrees in higher education—our congregation's own DACA Fund and Prescott College's Freedom Education Fund.

Our **DACA Fund** has previously assisted the Gardea family—Francisco, Franceny, and Fernando—for the past several years, providing support for their educational expenses and tuition at Arizona postsecondary schools including ASU, Prescott College, and Yavapai College.

The federal government has granted registered DACA enrollees legal status and the right to obtain a work permit. These rights are subject to a two-year time period, which can be renewed. We're eager to assist additional local families achieve their educational goals with the help of your generous support.

Prescott College's Freedom Education Fund was established to grant scholarship money to students hoping to "pursue the experiential and transformative higher education of Prescott College. . .where donations have the power to truly make a difference in the recipients' lives."

Priority will be given to students with the most financial need and who are pursuing social or environmental justice work in their degree or activism. **The Freedom Education Fund** will not only provide money, but also set the foundation for future development of full-ride fellowships and more. Donation checks may be made to the church with the memo **DACA/FEF**. Checks marked simply "Mission" will be used at the discretion of our mission team.

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

Mission Outreach Committee members are Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, and Becky Bryant, chairperson. If you would like to serve with us, or have any other outreach matters to discuss, please contact Becky at (928) 910-2820 or beckybryant2255@gmail.com.

PASS - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES OUR THANKS TO THE YOUTH FOR TAKING CARE OF THE AUGUST MEAL!

PASS, our local women's shelter, serves as a place for women and children experiencing homelessness. The **third Wednesday of every month (August 16)** our church provides dinner for the guests at the shelter. Meal items are brought to the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and then taken by one of our members to the shelter. Carolyn Christians has taken over this role from Patty Gard. We need new members to sign up to help each month. The sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

TREASURER REPORT FOR JUNE 2023

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

July 2023

Income is \$122,254 Expenses are \$113,244 Net income is \$8,671

SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Online – go to our website: www.fccprescott.org and look for the tab on the front page You can set up regular, ongoing giving or one-time giving.

Use your credit card and get some points!

Your bank may have free online bill pay. You find the tab on your online account, fill in the details of the check as you would a regular check, and the bank will mail it for you! You can set up a one-time check or recurring scheduled check amount.

Make a check out to the church and mail it to: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

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