

## A Message From Pastor Jay



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It's a gift to the church from Coco Lanigan, David Pifer, Sandy and Ed Znetko.

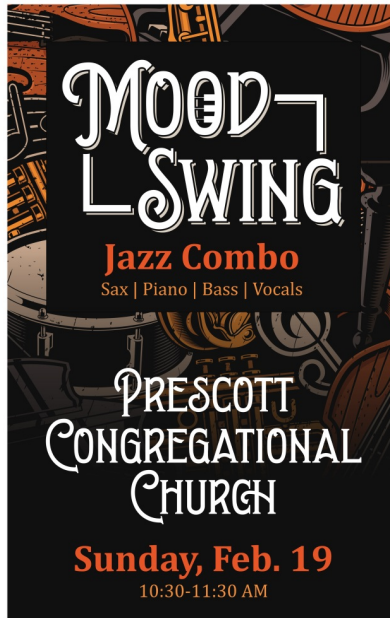
Cards will be available for purchase by the congregation and community with proceeds going to the church. (Coco Lanigan)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM

The Sunday before the start of Lent is always Jazz Sunday! Mood Swing will be our musical guests. I will be preaching on the theology of jazz, using ideas I found in an article from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music comparing jazz and religion. Maybe God wants us to jazz it up! Linda is liturgist and JJ & Ziggy celebrate music as God's gift to us.

The children collected \$237.00 from their 'Souper Bowl of Caring' offering during worship last Sunday! They decided to give the money to the Humane Society.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **WE WELCOME MOOD SWING AS OUR MUSICAL GUESTS SUNDAY!**

Mood Swing is a band that started in 2015 playing swing and jazz music at many venues in Northern Arizona. Our musicians have many years' experience and some have toured in the U.S. and internationally in various bands. We perform for public as well as private events and enjoy bringing this music to listeners and dancers of all ages.

### **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 [bafwriter@gmail.com](mailto:bafwriter@gmail.com), our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto:FCCprescott@gmail.com).

### **COMMUNION WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE WORSHIP STARTING AT 10AM AND AFTER WORSHIP AS WELL**

### **PASS MEAL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 AT 5:00PM**

The PASS meal delivery is Wednesday, March 15 at 5:00 pm. Our church provides a monthly meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, a home for women in transition. We need several items of food for that Wednesday. The meal items are brought to our parking lot at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10AM - ZOOM FAITH FORUM  
THE BOOK OF ACTS – COOPERATIVE MINISTRY (18-20)  
EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE  
FCCPRESCOTT@GMAIL.COM**

**TWO DONATION BOXES ARE ALWAYS PRESENT AT THE FRONT OF THE  
SANCTUARY FOR THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AND DISCOVERY  
GARDENS PRESCHOOL**

**CHURCH CALENDAR (SEE MASTER CALENDAR IN PERKINS HALL)**

FEBRUARY 19 - JAZZ SUNDAY – MUSICAL GUESTS MOOD SWING  
FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE NOON  
FEBRUARY 26 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 27 - CABINET MEETING 5:30PM  
MARCH 2-3 - MOVIE SHOOT / MOVIE EXTRAS  
APRIL 2- TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN – PERKINS  
APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED  
APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY  
April 27 - EARTH DAY EVENT IN PERKINS HALL

**TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN SCHANERMAN  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 1:30PM PERKINS HALL  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – SIGN UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL**

There will be seating for 60. After the end of February, The UU church and Temple members will be invited to fill remaining spots.

**"KNIT WITS" REVIVAL**

Before COVID, we had a group that would meet once a week to knit, crochet, etc. items that would be given to those in need. There is an interest in reviving this weekly gathering at the church. Please let Pastor Jay know if you are interested.

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 27-29 IN EL PASO, TEXAS**

The Southwest Conference staff, along with Annual Gathering Coordinator Karen Richter, have the

planning well underway. Hosting the Annual Gathering in El Paso will require most delegates to travel for the in-person event. As a border city in Texas, El Paso gives us the opportunity to highlight the uniqueness of the geographical region, our local churches and their work and outreach, and the intersectionality of advocacy for social justice, humane immigration, and reproductive liberty.

Thursday, April 27 will be a travel day with a banquet dinner.

Friday, April 28 will be a day full of worship, workshops, reconnecting, and other meaningful experiences.

Saturday, April 29 will be the business day, closing worship, and the day for departure. New this year, we'll be hosting virtual meetings in advance of the in-person dates to work on hearings and resolutions.

The business session on Saturday will be the only portion of the event that will be hybrid (available online to delegates who are not able to travel).

Pricing is as follows:

\$199 early registration per person closes March 1

\$250 regular registration closes March 24

\$275 late registration closes March 31

All meals are included except for Friday dinner (includes Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast & lunch, Saturday breakfast & lunch).

All worship, meetings, and workshops will be held at the Radisson-El Paso Airport, where we have a room rate of \$129 per night.

Travel reimbursement is available for \$225 for airfare or driving. Other scholarships may become available.

If your church would be interested in carpooling with another church or two, please indicate that on the survey. We can help coordinate.

**Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in being one of our five delegates.**



## FEBRUARY MISSION NEWS

### FEBRUARY MISSION OUTREACH UPDATE

Each month throughout the year, our Mission Outreach team identifies particular mission programs to support. Our emphasis for February is Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) provides shelter for local women and children in need. Volunteers from our church family also provide a monthly hot meal, along with miscellaneous snacks, personal hygiene items, and laundry supplies for those sheltered there.

Here's a recent thank you note to our congregation from Katee Norris, Director of Programs at PASS:

"It is hard to put into words how much it means to the guests we serve to have a delicious meal to come back to each evening. Being homeless and living in a shelter brings about many challenges, but the things we can do to provide some comfort truly make a difference. Thank you so much for providing a meal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month over the years! We wish there were more ways to express our gratitude, thank you does not feel like enough, but THANK YOU."

If you wish to contribute financially, please make your check payable to the

church, with the memo of PASS. Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

We are thankful for all of our PASS volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with the PASS meal once a month, please reach out to our PASS lead contact, Carolyn Christians, at 505-500-0533. (Also, a special note here to honor Patty Gard's many years of dedicated service as PASS Team Captain—Patty, we are deeply grateful for all your good work!)

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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).

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## CHURCH VISION 2023

### **What do you wish us to be:**

I love the Sat. classes, but don't have time right now. Linda Moore

Always still be open to all- James Olney

The sermons are awesome- keep up the good teaching

Loving, open community

Continue to be open to all. Maybe host community events with live music in Perkins, soup kitchen, coffee house, coat/clothing drive

Continue "before church" Sunday School for adults

Find ways to welcome young people from Launch Pad intentionally/ Plan activities & gatherings with other churches

### **What do you want us to do:**

Service opportunity, Vibrant prayer ministry, Some newer & more contemporary worship songs- more variety of old and new

Nurture relationships with other/minority congregations or other faiths (eg Jewish, Muslim, Indigenous

Does CCJ need support in furnishing the living spaces they find for folks?

Coffee House- Melissa

Rent out rooms to outside groups

Car wash

More community involvement, better use of kitchen- use more often for various groups

Rummage sale/donate what is left

Clothing drive

Pancake breakfast

Do we support any local social worker or social service groups with giving critical times off like Christmas, Birthday, or the children of families

“Eat with Eight” where couples/individuals sign up to host dinners- David and Edie, Linda and Laura

July 4<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast

Small group get-togethers for dinner or other meet ups

More activities for kids, music, performances, Christian education, youth group, Sunday school for older elementary age

Sandbags for 2 downstairs classrooms, fallout shelters, water and snacks for 7-10 days for 20 people- JD

Sponsor an immigrant family

Adult class at 9:30am Sunday mornings

Sandbags for basement windows

More involvement with CCF and PCCFP

Consider partnering with Great Hearts school in rural communities- Aimee Anderson (573) 298-5466

Christmas Pageant with kids

Painting workshop and/or art tour

I’m wanting to re start a prayer group that meets maybe twice a month/ no financial impact – Sandy Z.

In home small group bible study

½ day retreats for women, men and kids

More mid-week gatherings

Rent kitchen to local people for use as commissary

I’d like to see more Christian in the form of weekly classes. Subject matters like forgiveness, spirituality, grieving

More outreach to find ways to invite more kids/ young people/families

Secret Santa – people can sign up if they want to participate and then get assigned to get someone a gift. Andrea will organize!

Outreach focus and organization through volunteers

Find ways to connect with people in need to offer help directly (food, clothing, housing)

I would like to have communion before Sunday school so kids can have communion- Winnie

More small group/weeknight fellowship or study discussions/ or just for fun

Start looking forward to the kids growing. More education/service based activities

Game night

**BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "What a Wonderful World"

Mood Swing

Words of Welcome – Announcements - \*Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song: "My Favorite Things"

Mood Swing

Call to Worship (based on Exodus 34:29-35 and Psalm 99)

Linda Foote

One: We hear your challenge, O God, and your call:

Many: **Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!**

We are assembled in this sanctuary, this holy place. Meet us here, away from the distractions of the world.

**Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!**

You have shown yourself to be a forgiving God, therefore we exalt your name.

**Yes, O God, we will come with excitement and anticipation, to your holy mountain!**

Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

**Come! Regain insight to see the least among you, those whose rights have been trampled upon.**

Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

**Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.**

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One.

**Come! Let us worship God!**

Song: "Amazing Grace"

Mood Swing

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Transfiguration Prayer

Linda Foote

Holy God, with every dawn you beckon us, calling us to welcome each new day as a story to be lived. But today brings with it uncertainty and challenges, and we are hesitant to step forward into a story unknown. Instead, we prefer to cling to the old chapters—choosing the easy pathway, wandering down safe lanes, and missing holy moments. But in those moments when we give in, step forward in faith to embrace your way, you are there with blessing beyond measure. Loving God, help us to surrender to your Spirit, take the leap of faith that propels us into the heart of life, and live into the faithful story of Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Linda Foote

Sermon: "Jazz and Theology"

Pastor Jay



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Song: "Wade in the Water"

Mood Swing

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Pennies from Heaven"

Mood Swing

\*Epiphany Doxology. (*Tune: Old Hundreth*)

**Praise God the source of life and breath; Praise Christ, now born to conquer death; Praise Holy Spirit's mystery: One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Linda Foote

God of Awe and Glory, receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you. Bless the givers and those who desired to give. Multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent. Guide the disbursement of them according to your will. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song: "I Go To The Rock"

Mood Swing

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude:

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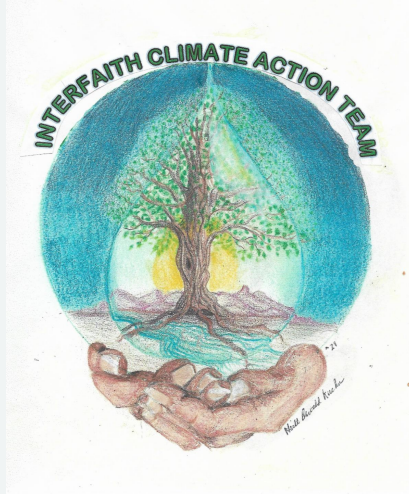
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## TREASURER REPORT

### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY JANUARY 2023

INCOME is \$18,100  
EXPENSES are \$17,158  
Net INCOME is \$942

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## ICAT

**YCCC, Interfaith Climate Action Team, Sierra Club/Yavapai Group, NAZCCA**

We want all residential and non-residential electric power users to know that a rooftop solar power Co-op is forming in the Quad Cities this early Spring! Non-profit ***Solar United Neighbors*** - [SUN](#) will help us recruit participants and solicit RFPs from interested rooftop solar providers through a regional Co-op structure. See the Link. Cheaper by the dozen!

***STAY TUNED for UPCOMING DETAILS in March 2023!!***

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO JOIN ON EASTER - LET PASTOR JAY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER!**

### **From our church bylaws:**

#### ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

This church welcomes into its fellowship any person who subscribes to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Membership is open to all without regard to age, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, faith, marital status, and personal ability. Members may participate in any activity of this church and may serve in an elected or appointed position of leadership. Members have the right to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Membership may be determined as follows: 1. By satisfactory and public profession of the Christian faith as evidenced by the covenant of this church with the United Church of Christ. 2. By the rite of Confirmation in this church. 3. By a letter of transfer from another Christian Church. Members covenant to participate fully in the life of the congregation by: 1. Attending worship, 2. Celebrating Communion, 3. Seeking to learn about and understand Holy Scripture and its implications for our lives as Christians, 4. Sharing time and talent

dedicated to church work, 5. And supporting the financial and spiritual welfare of the membership and community to the best of their ability.

Full rights and privileges of membership are granted to those members wishing to retain membership with other Christian Churches. Members shall be granted, on request, a letter of transfer to another church. Church membership rolls will be updated periodically by members of the Cabinet. 3 We recognize as friends those who are active in the life of First Congregational Church, but who choose not to join as members. They share fully in the spiritual life of this church and may participate in all its programs and activities. Friends may serve with the Ministries, but are ineligible to serve on the Cabinet or be elected an Officer. Friends are also granted the privilege of voice without vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

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## SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Online – go to our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://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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