



First Congregational Church

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

Alan Michael

Celebration of Life

February 29th, 11:00 a.m.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JAY

Lent has begun! On the first Sunday of Lent, we will focus on the traditional first Sunday theme of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). If you have visited St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, there is a mosaic in the church that illustrates the three temptations very well - see if you can remember what the three were from looking at the mosaic.



The Temptations of Christ. 12th century mosaic at St. Mark's Basilica, Venice

Every year my task is to try to save Lent and this temptation story from simple and easy interpretations. Lent is more than giving up chocolate, and temptation is more than "the devil made me do it." Here are some quotes to ponder for Sunday...

"It is not that suffering or failure might happen, or that it will only happen to you if you are bad (which is what religious people often think), or that it will happen to the unfortunate, or to a few in other places, or that you can somehow by cleverness or righteousness avoid it. No, it will happen, and to you! Losing, failing, falling, sin, and the suffering that comes those experiences - all of this is a necessary and even good part of the human journey." (Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward*)

"There are several good protections against temptation, but the surest is cowardice" (Mark Twain)

"Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection....When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions....Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence." (Henri J.M. Nouwen, *20th century*)

"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you."
(St. Augustine, *Confessions* 1.1.1)

MISSION NEWS AND UPDATES

This month's mission emphasis is the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH). PAHH helps low income families realize their dream of owning their own home. Those who qualify commit to doing "sweat equity" and to making mortgage payments based upon their annual income. Checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo, Habitat for Humanity.



Thanks to your generous giving to February's mission emphasis, a check for \$555. is being sent to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

We continue to assist our "adopted" DACA student, Franceny Gardea, a student at Prescott College. This week, a check is being sent to help her make a tuition installment payment. We have established a special DACA fund to which you may donate anytime throughout the year.


Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2). Comments/questions can be directed to our mission outreach team. Becky & Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard, chairperson

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TO ALL THE WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Your volunteer service enables all of us to enjoy coffee and snacks after our church service. What's more important, it allows all of us to get to know our fellow church members better. So your service is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

With the current list of volunteers, if each of you are willing to serve once every 3 months, we have the year covered. Attached is a TENTATIVE schedule for the next 3 months beginning April 5 thru June 28, 2020.

I basically used close to the same schedule as the last 3 months. If the date I selected for you is Not convenient, you can do one of two things.

1. Find someone willing to switch with you and let me know who you're switching with.
2. Let me know which dates would work better for

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE	DATE
Paula Parker & Mike Ortegus	3/1/2020
Lloyd Evans & Alice Kring	3/8/2020
Dave Deville & Patty Lantrip	3/15/2020
Julie & Sandra Jaquette Johns	3/22/2020
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	3/29/2020
Jane Cheek & Helaine Berman	4/5/2020
Linda Kaul & Michele McFadden	4/12/2020
Hal & Rhonda Hatfield	4/19/2020
Jim Christopher & Christy Dinsman	4/26/2020
Henry & Linda Dahlberg	5/3/2020
Staci Robbins & Andre Shrimpton	5/10/2020
Kathy Stephens & Murl Preble	5/17/2020
Gary & Patty Gard	5/24/2020
Paula Parker & Mike Ortegus	5/31/2020
Lloyd Evans & Alice Kring	6/7/2020
Dave Deville & Patty Lantrip	6/14/2020
Julie Jaquette & Sandra Johns	6/21/2020
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	6/28/2020

you & I will try to rearrange the schedule.

Please respond back by March 8 (2 weeks from today). If I don't hear from you, I will assume the date I scheduled for you is OK. After I hear from those who need to reschedule, there will be some changes made. However I won't reschedule you without first checking with you. Then, I will send everyone a final schedule. After this, if something comes up and you can't make the date you are scheduled for, you can find someone to switch with. This final schedule will have everyone's phone number and email. If you notice any errors in my typing of your phone or email on the attached schedule, let me know, so I can correct it on the final schedule. Thanks for all you do!

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The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr: An Interactive Lenten Study

Why does it matter that "Christ" was not Jesus' last name? What changes when we opt for "original blessing" over "original sin?" What if, when Jesus said, "This is my body," he didn't just mean 'the bread,' he meant 'YOU AND ME'?

For six weeks, members of our church will engage in study to explore answers to these and other questions. We hope you will join us. The study begins Wednesday, March 4 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Copies of *The Universal Christ* will be available in Perkins Hall following the worship service on Sunday, March 1, for \$10. Due to the interactive nature of the study (in pairs and small groups), a concurrent meal is not possible, but participants in the class are urged make plans to eat with one another before 5:00 p.m. or after 6:30 p.m.

Tapestry & PUG Concert! March 7 @ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Join original PUG director Will Fisher and his vocal group Tapestry as we collaborate with the PRESCOTT UKULELE GUILD for this fun concert.

Subgroup performers are : (in this order)

- Strummin' Ukes
- Sand Fleas
- The Remnants
- Kanikapila

safetALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone

A suicide prevention workshop
Monday, March 30, 2020
9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they make help to stay alive. safetALK teaches participants to recognize these indicators, engage with the person with thoughts of suicide, and connect them with resources to help them be safer from suicide.

Attend the half-day safetALK program and learn to:

- Notice and respond to situations where suicide thoughts may be present.
- Recognize that invitations for help are often overlooked.
- Move beyond the common tendency to resist, dismiss, and avoid suicide.

Who should attend the workshop?

- By providing a universal model with adaptable components, safetALK offers useful skills to every audience.
- Anyone over the age of 13 can attend.
- Formal caregivers use safetALK skills, but students, teachers, first responders, public and private employees and professional athletes also benefit from the program.

What can I expect?

- safetALK is a powerful experience.
- You'll feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful.
- At the end of the workshop, you'll have a chance to practice these new skills.

Seating is limited! RSVP today for this FREE event.

RSVP: matforce@calabone.net or (928) 738-0100

Cost free, includes a safetALK Participant Resource Kit

Location: Step One Coffee House - Large Conference Room
6719 E. 2nd Street, Prescott Valley




Betty Corn
Celebration of Life
April 3rd, 2:00 p.m.




NEW OFFICE HOURS
MON-THUR: 9:00-2:00
FRI: 9:00-1:00
FCCPRESCOTT@GMAIL.COM
928.445.4555

Birthdays

- Barbi Beeson 03/02
- Betty Corn 03/13
- Kathy Stephens 03/13
- Patty Gard 03/18
- Bret Ely 03/26 Andree

• EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

• MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

• PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

• CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise

Shrimpton 03/28
Susan Wilson 03/30
Janet Steven 04/08
Deana Wilson 04/27
Tom Lloyd 04/28

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announced.

- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

- **CHANCEL SINGERS**

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

- **ALTER-NOTES**

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".

