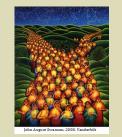
The Parish Caller Weekly Newsletter February 7th 2020

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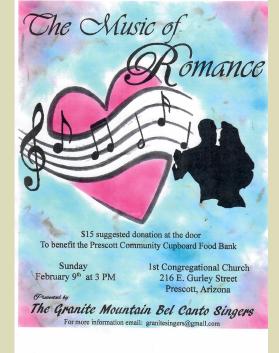
Remember Godspell? Here are some of the words from one of the songs: You are the light of the world! You are the light of the world! But if that light is

under a bushel, It's lost something kind of crucial You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world

You are the salt of the earth You are the salt of the earth But if that salt has lost it's flavor It ain't got much in its favor You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth!

You are the light of the world You are the light of the world But the tallest candlestick Ain't much good without a wick You've got to live right to be the light of the world.

Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-20) are known in the culture and in the church. Salt and light are images easily understood in Jesus' time and our own. The challenge is to figure out the ways we can be salt and light, so on Sunday we will consider how to live the "tasty, lit-up life!"



Offering Counters Feb 10 - Susan and Susanne Feb 17 - Marti and Patty Feb 24 - Linda and Rita Standing by - Angela and Don Money

Thanks for doing this important work.

CALL FOR SINGERS!

Interested in participating in a choral concert to celebrate the 50th year of Earth Day? "Songs of the Earth", a choral work of 10 songs with storytelling, will be performed in Prescott on Sunday April 26th, the week of Earth Day, by a multi-faith choir. The piece was featured at the 2015 Parliament of World Religions



in Salt Lake City, and was also performed in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

Interested singers please contact Mary Lou Prince, music director at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. <u>musicdirectorgranitepeakuu@gmail.com</u>



Mission Outreach Update: Thanks to your generous response to our January mission emphasis project, a \$786 check has been sent to the Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC). PCC serves low income/homeless clients with monthly food bags. If you would like to be a part of our church's team of volunteers who pack the food bags, please contact our co-captain, Angela Imbierowicz (708)712-1448.

February's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS provides shelter to women and children, educates clients concerning local resources, assists clients in their search for employment, and helps clients transition into permanent housing. Volunteers from our church help provide a monthly hot meal. If you would like to help with this outreach, contact our



PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042) or sign your name to the PASS volunteer list found in Perkins Hall. Checks may be made payable to the church, with the memo, PASS.

As a reminder, we have established an on-going fund to assist DACA students needing help with [1] education related expenses and [2] legal expenses relating to their DACA renewal. We continue to help Franceny, a junior at Prescott College and her brother, Francisco, a senior at the U of A. This fund receives donations throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please note "DACA Fund" on your memo line.

Our Mission Outreach team welcomes questions/comments. Team members are: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helanine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson). Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2).

140 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

How should we celebrate and remember the Church's 140 Anniversary? Help us celebrate the Church's history and special events of yesterday. Join the committee to help make this Anniversary a special Celebration full of many memories. Sign up sheet is in Perkins Hall or contact Barbara McCollough or Patty Lantrip.

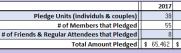
The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for July 4th, so it is time to start planning for this FUN Event. We are forming a committee and we just need YOU to join us. The more the Merrier, that way no one is overworked! Please sign up in Perkins Hall for this IMPORTANT CHARITY EVENT! THANK YOU! At the Annual Congregational meeting, members of the congregation were reminded that the Southwest Conference of the United Church of



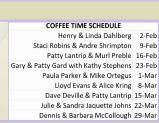
Christ charges each congregation with a \$10 per member per capita apportionment to help defray some of the Conference expenses.

To help underwrite this cost, the Cabinet is asking members of our congregation for a per capita voluntary donation of \$10 per person in addition to our pledges and estimates of giving. Whether you contribute via check or cash, please indicate your desire for your extra gift to be used toward our per capita apportionment. Thank you.

Alan Michael Celebration of Life Service February 29, 2020, 11 am



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NEW BOOK DONATION AND REVIEW

Pete Norum has donated a book he read and recommends called *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf. This from the inside flap: "On the



third Tuesday of the school year, a new kid arrives in Mrs. Khan's class—Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. Everyone is curious about the newcomer, especially since he never smiles and doesn't talk much either. Still, one student is determined to become his friend and learns that standing up for others has the incredible potential to change an entire community for the better."

I read this book and found it touching and enlightening and inspiring. It is set in the UK and the author is the founder and CEO of Making HerStory, a UK nonprofit working to fight human trafficking and gender-based abuses and crimes. She lives in the UK.

Ms. Rauf includes at the end of the book questions of what we can do about these issues and also the helpful distinctions of migrant, immigrant, and refugee. The book is aimed at older children and young adults but anyone with a heart for these global crises can learn and enjoy.

Marti Garrison





Anniversaries

Paul & Diane Sandstrom 02/14 Suzy & Harold Lobaugh 02/19 John & Julie Mccurdy 04/18

Birthdays

Phil Preble 02/11 Harry Strong 02/19 Barbi Beeson 03/02 Betty Corn 03/13 Kathy Stephens 03/13 Patty Gard 03/18 Bret Ely 03/26 Andree Shrimpton 03/28 Susan Wilson 03/30 Janet Steven 04/08 Deana Wilson 04/27 Tom Lloyd 04/28

Watch Sermons Here

• 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 Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise 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".

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