



# The Parish Caller

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Prescott Established 1880

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

## Weekly News and Updates

### This Week at a Glance...

- **LOVE and UNITY MARCH: Tomorrow -- Saturday September 16th, CARPOOL & VAN from Church 8:30 a.m.**
- **Sunday Chancel Singers Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.**
- **Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 p.m.**
- **Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m.**
- **Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 11:00 a.m.**
- **Thursday Chancel Singers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.**

## LOVE AND UNITY MARCH SATURDAY 16th



We are carpooling and taking the Church van to Prescott College for the Love and Unity March. If you would like to secure a seat on the van, or offer to use your vehicle to carpool, we will gather in the Church parking lot at 8:30.

**CARPOOL OR RIDE THE CHURCH VAN -- RSVP JULIE AT: 928-710-1379**

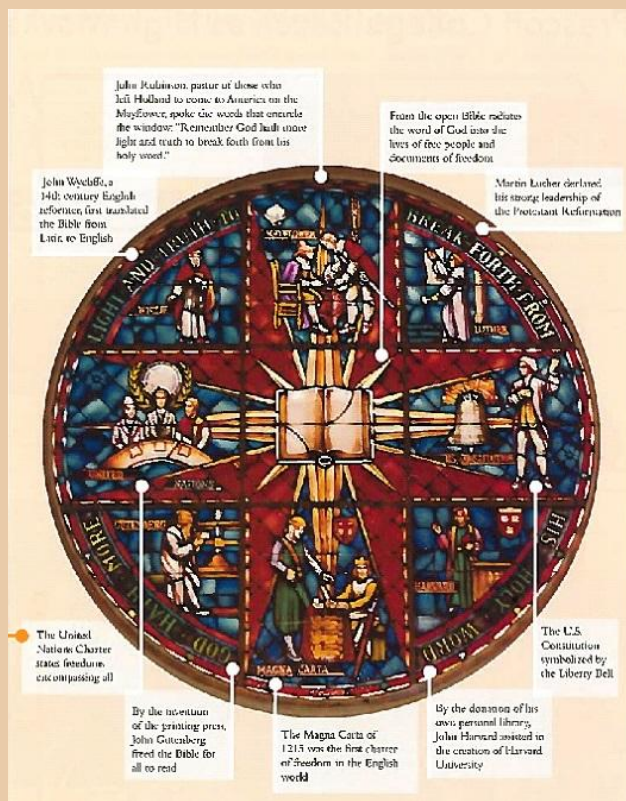
The march proceeds from Prescott College to the Prescott Courthouse Square. This will be a peaceful, sidewalk march and we encourage posters that are appropriate even to our young participants.

**Facebook link to the Event:**  
[Facebook -- Love and Unity March](#)

### FROM THE PASTOR

The sermon series on our stained-glass window got off to a good start with the Magna Carta. We learned how the Book of Deuteronomy informed the freedom notions of the Magna Carta, and how the Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephan Langdon, helped make that happen. By the way, he is credited with being the one who created chapters for our Bibles.

This Sunday, we look at Gutenberg, the creator of the printing press, and how the expansion of knowledge fueled the Reformation and continues in our day, having morphed into social media and the instant sharing of knowledge. The text is Romans 14, where Paul is concerned with Christians not passing judgment on each other. The title of the sermon is "Gutenberg: The Expansion of Knowledge...and Compassion?" We seem to have come full-circle. Whereas the expansion of knowledge certainly helped people understand and accept each other in the past, we seem to have reached a point of too much knowledge, causing us to retreat into our bubbles and silos and judge everyone else as the "other." We will consider Paul's answer to the problem - positive triangulation!



Johannes Gutenberg deserves our attention and his place in our window. Let me conclude by reminding us of his importance:

In 1999, the A&E Network ranked Gutenberg the No. 1 most influential person of the second millennium on their "Biographies of the Millennium" countdown. In 1997, Time-Life magazine picked Gutenberg's invention as the most important of the second millennium.

The Gutenberg Bible is the first substantial book printed in the West with moveable metal type. Before its printing in 1454 or 1455, books were either copied by hand or printed from engraved wooden blocks--processes that could take months or years to complete. Johann Gutenberg invented a printing press that revolutionized

the distribution of knowledge by making it possible to produce many copies of a work in a relatively short amount of time.

Mark Twain sent a letter in April 1900 to the celebration of the opening of the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz:

Your request that I also should contribute my mite to the semi-millennial celebration in honor of Gutenberg gives me great pleasure and I feel highly honored that you have selected me for such a task. All the world acknowledges that the invention of Gutenberg is the greatest event that secular history has recorded. Gutenberg's achievement created a new and wonderful earth, but at the same time also a new hell. During the past 500 years Gutenberg's invention has supplied both earth and hell with new occurrences, new wonders and new phases. It found truth astir on earth and gave it wings; but untruth also was abroad, and it was supplied with a double pair of wings. Science was found lurking in corners, much prosecuted; Gutenberg's invention gave it freedom on land and sea and brought it within reach of every mortal. Arts and industries, badly handicapped, received new life. Religion, which, during the Middle Ages, assumed tyrannical sway, was transformed into a friend and benefactor of mankind. On the other hand, war, which was conducted on a comparatively small scale, became almost universal through this agency. Gutenberg's invention, while having given to some national freedom, brought slavery to others. It became the founder and protector of human liberty, and yet it made despotism possible where formerly it was impossible. What the world is to-day, good and bad, it owes to Gutenberg. Everything can be traced to this source, but we are bound to bring him homage, for what he said in dreams to the angered angel has been literally fulfilled, for the bad that his colossal invention has brought about is overshadowed a thousand times by the good with which mankind has been favored.

*Yours very truly, Mark Twain*

"The Work of Gutenberg," published in *Hartford Daily Courant*, June 27, 1900, p. 7.

God bless, Jay

**Sermon Series Continues...**

- Sept. 17 Johannes Gutenberg
- Sept. 24 John Wycliffe
- Oct. 1 The Mayflower
- Oct. 8 Harvard
- Oct. 15 The U.S. Constitution
- Oct. 22 The United Nations
- Oct. 29 Martin Luther

(October 31 - the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation)



## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

# Annual Church Picnic Sunday September the 24th

You won't want to miss the fun, food and fellowship!

Please help us plan by adding your name to the

- Sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.
- Maps to Goldwater Lake are available in Perkins Hall.
- Parking is free with tickets. They will be available the Sunday of the Picnic.



## MISSION NEWS

Concerning the relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida, the UCC congregations nationwide are making contributions for the relief effort. Our UCC headquarters staff has already begun funneling dollars and supplies to the areas hit by Hurricane Harvey. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to our local church, with a memo line note, "Hurricane Relief."

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED  
OCTOBER 22

If you would like to become a member of our church family, or if you just would like more information about the FCC or UCC, we are having orientation October 8th & 15th after Sunday Worship



# SEPTEMBER

GREETERS

- Sept 17: The Gards and the Gilges
- Sept 24: The Gilges, Staci Robbins, and Bill Rouse
- Sept 30: The Gilges and the Gards

THE CHOIR IS NOW CALLED  
"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. We also practice on Thursday evenings at 5:00. You may attend one of both of these times, depending on what suits you.

For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or [prescottsong@hotmail.com](mailto:prescottsong@hotmail.com).

Anniversaries	
Ralph Wagner & Susan Lemons	5-Sep
William & Rebecca Bryant	22-Sep
Birthdays	
Christy Dinsman	7-Sep
Tom Macy	14-Sep
Mardell Hull	17-Sep
Yoichi Matsumoto	18-Sep
Terri Gamble	21-Sep
Arlene Relth	22-Sep
John Wilson	28-Sep
Destiny Holt	29-Sep
Dave Chatfield	30-Sep
Marilyn Kerstine	30-Sep

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCOVERY GARDENS PRESCHOOL

Volunteers are always needed at Discovery Gardens Preschool. Please see Yoichi or Pastor Jay if you are interested in volunteering, whether it be for an hour a week or more.

VAN MINISTRY

Our Van Ministry is up and running! Bill Rouse has volunteered to head up this vital ministry. If you need a ride to church, please give him a call by Saturday. Bill Rouse: 602-769-5770. Our many thanks to Bill for this ministry!

USHERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers as ushers. Please volunteer. See Jay Eby, Tom Macy, or call the office 445-4555

SUNDAY GOODIES WANTED

We need more goodies for coffee hour. Goodies provide greater fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Irma makes devastating impact on South Florida



September 11, 2017  
Written by Connie Larkman

United Church of Disaster Ministries teams are reaching out to pastors and congregations across the entire peninsula of South Florida, as all involved try to assess the damage left behind by Hurricane Irma. The job is being made more difficult by chaos created by the ferocious winds, driving rains and surging waters of the hurricane, which made landfall twice on Sunday along the Gulf Coast as a powerful Category 4 storm. Downed power lines, uprooted trees and lingering flood-waters present challenging conditions to the first responders. [Almost six million people across the state remain without power.](#)

"Power might be at a premium for a while," said the

Rev. Alan Coe, UCC Florida Conference disaster coordinator. "200,000 people in Collier County are without power in the Naples, Marco Island area, and there's a boil-water alert. They will have to rebuild the electrical system. 170,000 people in Lee County are without power - including the cities of Fort Myers, and Bonita Springs. Crews are going out doing assessments, how they can get power on to most people the fastest. It's a waiting game."

"All the communities in the path are struggling with power issues," Coe continued. "There is no gas — but once it is delivered, the stations will need power to pump fuel. After Hurricane Wilma, in 2016, some of the church folks said power was out for eight days, and this is worse than that."

Coe, who with his wife left his home in Naples and rode out the storm with friends in Bonita Springs who have a generator, was almost certain their place would be flooded. He was hoping to get by there today, to check it out.

"We dodged a bullet with the storm surge, when the hurricane went back into the gulf — that was a relief for the whole county. When we were getting ready, packing up to come over here, we were moving things up to higher ground. We expected to get flooded."

He is also hoping to get by to check on his church, Mayflower Congregational UCC in Naples.

Then, he said, once some of the obstacles hampering rescue efforts have been handled, and the millions of displaced Floridians begin returning to their homes, the UCC Disaster Ministries team can make some initial assessments and long-term recovery work can begin.

"Our denomination helps those nobody else is going to help. That process takes time to identify," Coe said. "After Hurricane Katrina, we were able to be there a couple months after the storm. We will help those who don't have the means to do it themselves. We do what we can with the money that comes in for recovery efforts."

The United Church of Christ launched an [appeal for Hurricane Irma](#) just before the storm hit, and has collected \$2,000 as of this morning. One hundred percent of all gifts are going to disaster recovery in Florida and in the Caribbean.

As of Monday, Sept. 11, [seven people in the U.S. have been killed by the storm, with 37 more fatalities in the Caribbean.](#)

STEWARDSHIP



Offerings			Attendance; Monthly Average		Outreach Gifts					
	September		YTD		Jan			July		
Offerings	\$	4,799	\$	75,276	January 102					
					February 89			Pancake Breakfast \$ 3,027		
Facility Use	\$	490	\$	8,884	March 89			August		
Foundation	\$	-	\$	42,876	April 108			Discovery Gardens \$ 65		
Other				5,509	May 101			Sept		
Total	\$	5,289	\$	132,545	June 79			Neighbors in Need \$ 146		
Expenses					July 96			Undesignated Missions		
	August		YTD		August 91				YTD	\$ 825
Expenses	\$	10,107	\$	200,531	Sept 94			Famine Relief		
Annual Budget Needs					Oct			Special Offering \$ 795.00		
	August		YTD		Nov			Hurricane Harvey		
Expenses	\$	254,276	\$	200,531	Dec				YTD	\$ 460

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

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 Mondays 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

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

If you like to sing, the Chancel Singers are eager to increase its membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship services and Thursday nights at 5:00 p.m. Come when you can.

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).

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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

