

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

COME TO CHURCH HUNGRY



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 30TH
AFTER A SHORTENED WORSHIP SERVICE.

Signup sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Bring your favorite
breakfast casserole, potato dish or
sweet goodie.
CHURCH PROVIDES BREAKFAST HAM
AND JUICE

FROM REV. MARTI GARRISON

This Sunday Rev. Marti Garrison will address the story of Hagar (Genesis 16: 7-11, 13-15; 21: 1-21) and the God who sees her suffering; the God she names El Roi ("the God who sees").

A few questions for our consideration are:

- do you believe God sees you?
- How do you see or perceive or name God?
- Sight or seeing are critical to God's ongoing story in our lives.
- God sees us; how do we see and relate to God in our personal lives?

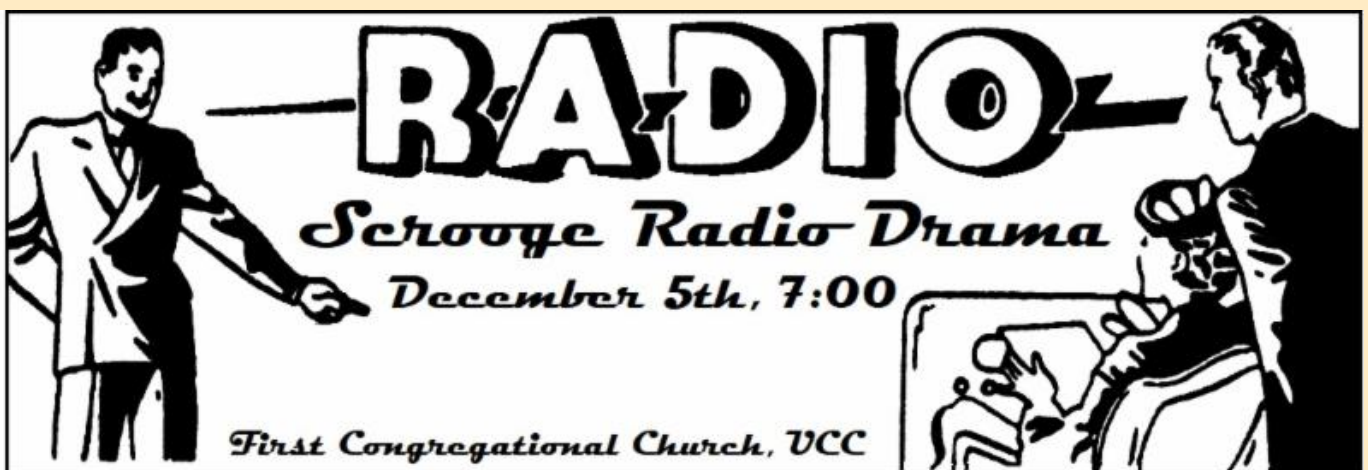
Join us! Anyone who wants to talk further about the sermon and give feedback please join Marti in the back of the sanctuary after you get coffee.

Upcoming Adult Education (I prefer the title "Inquiring minds want to know!") suggested topics are:

1. A brief (very brief) summary of Judaism and Christianity to prepare us for our October visit to the synagogue here in Prescott.
2. "Calling all Bakers, women and men!": A big communal baking fest in the church kitchen to prepare goodies for both regular Sundays and upcoming holidays. Should be fun! Contact me for more information.
3. "Fiery Women, named and unnamed in the Bible." Who are they? Can we name them, identify with them? Let's bring the unnamed women to life.
4. "Homosexuality in the Bible for the UCC." What does the Bible say on this topic? What applies to our time and place and culture? What does not apply?
5. "Still Speaking Bible Study" and "The Bible and the United Church of Christ" are two pamphlets published by the UCC. Both ask thought-provoking questions about how we apply the Bible to our lives and how we can read the Bible in a serious, curious but not totally literal way.

If you have ideas and want to discuss them with other inquiring minds, please let Marti know.

Marti Garrison, Director of Christian Education



TALENT, WILLING PARTICIPANTS, HUMBUG--
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PART OF THE HOLIDAY MAGIC THIS SEASON

AUDITIONS FOR EBENEZER SCROOGE RADIO DRAMA
TO BE HELD

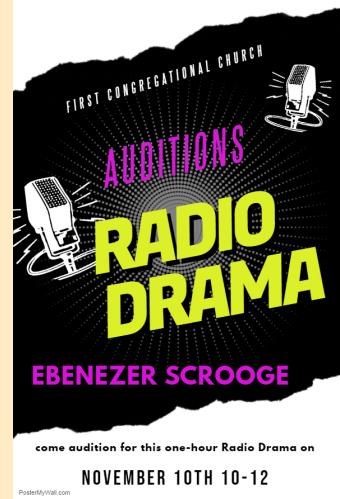
NOVEMBER 10TH 10 a.m. - 12:00

SIGN UP SHEET IS IN PERKINS HALL

NEEDED:
VOICE CHARACTER ACTORS

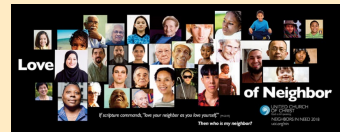
BEHIND THE SCENES AND SOUND EFFECTS

FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK THE SIGNUP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL OR SEE
BRIAN MOORE



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

This month's mission emphasis is "Neighbors in Need". Two-thirds of the NIN supports UCC ministries of justice and compassion. One-third will support American Indian ministries. As one of its projects, NIN has adopted "Hope Station". Hope Station is a newly forming border ministry in Nogales, Mexico. Its ministry will include shelter, programing, and counseling services for migrants arriving from the south and migrants recently deported (including DACA students whose DACA status was not renewed).



With the devastation caused by hurricane Florence, the UCC Church is already at work to help. Unlike other aid agencies, 100% of your gift goes to relief efforts. If you would like to donate, please make you check payable to the church, with the memo "hurricane relief".

Immigration information packets have been placed on the literature table in Perkins Hall; (1)"Myths and Facts About Immigrants and Immigration" -and- (2) Immigration 2018.

On the third Wednesday of each month, our church provides a hot meal for women and children sheltered at the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). There is a sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.

Questions may be directed to our PASS meal coordinator is Patty Gard ([928 460 3042](tel:9284603042)).

Thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Marilyn Kerstine's new address:
200 Talga Glen. Waleska, GA. 30183

Climate Change Workshop



Sept. 30 Temple B'rith
Shalom

2077 Brohner Way

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Refreshments to follow

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Suzanne Broussard

Suzanne was born in Lafayette, Louisiana. She grew up in the Catholic Church. She is retired and currently volunteers in the church office on Fridays. She enjoys orchid growing and is a member of the Prescott Orchid Society. She also enjoys hiking, reading, and photography. (Suzanne would appreciate our prayers, she is undergoing recovery for her arm after surgery.)

Brian Moore

I grew up in New Jersey surrounded by nature and music. My first music teacher was a roller rink organist so it's no surprise that the rink was the first place I played in public. We attended a small Catholic church. In high school I became a church organist and had a mentor who gave me a wide variety of substituting jobs. We got a new pastor: Fr. Stan had a conversion experience which changed him from a "letter of the

law” to a “love and compassion” person. The Bishop thought him too “radical” and sent him to our small church, figuring “what harm could he do there.” Stan brought it to life, got people involved, and hired two Religious Sisters. The one who taught the Adult Ed classes was a Biblical scholar and inspired me to study Scripture; Stan even let her preach occasionally, saying, “What the Bishop doesn’t know won’t hurt us.” Later I spent four years at an experimental Monastery in New Mexico, integrating spirituality with Jungian psychology. In 1997 I became Director of Music and Liturgy and music teacher/play director at St. Gregory’s Catholic Church and School in Phoenix. I’ve studied Buddhism, Quakerism, Metaphysics, and Earth-based spirituality. I joined First Congregational Church in Phoenix in 2004, attending and helping as I was able. Interested in sustainability and Intentional Communities, and having had enough of the noise, air pollution and traffic in Phoenix, I bought a house in Manzanita Village, Prescott in 2016, moving here in 2017.

Ritch Steven

Ritch was born in Minneapolis, Mn. and raised in Plymouth Congregational Church there. After serving in the military, he was a hospital administrator in Phoenix for nearly 30 years. He taught health administration at Gateway Community College in Phoenix, and for the 18 years volunteered extensively - both nationwide and statewide - with AARP in a variety of capacities. In addition to volunteering with AARP, he enjoys reading, physical fitness, cars, OLLI classes, and advocacy activities at the state capital and Corporation Commission

Janet Steven

Janet grew up in Alton, Illinois and the Methodist church there, and was later confirmed at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Iowa. She retired as a registered dietician in acute care in Phoenix. She is a Master Gardener, serves on the library board, is a member of P.E.O., the League of Women Voters, OLLI, and an AARP volunteer.

Jennifer Cortez

Jennifer was born in Concord, New Hampshire. She was baptized in the Assembly of God Church. She is employed in the asset protection department of Best Buy. Jennifer enjoys horseback riding, singing, exercise, science - any activity involving nature, softball, and fixing things. Together with Brian, they are planning their wedding here next year, and we are glad they bring the 3 kids each week: Alayna, Eli, and Malachi.

Bruce Jorden

Bruce was born in Phoenix. He is a department manager at Walmart. He enjoys softball, model building, and U.S. Military history. Together with Jennifer, they share 3 children - Alayna, Eli, and Malachi. They are planning their wedding here in our sanctuary next year.

Sue Hodge Parker

Sue is a retired teacher from Phoenix. She and husband Kelly have a son who teaches special ed. in Phoenix and a daughter who is a lawyer in LA - as well as two stubborn Schnauzers and a feisty cat. She enjoys thrift stores and museums. Sue is transferring her membership from First Congregational in Phoenix where she was baptized "when mid-century modern was modern." She taught Sunday School for many years and served as a deacon. After splitting time, the last 8 years between Phoenix and here, she is transitioning here full-time.

Patty Cichon

Patti grew up in Chicago (St. Charles). She retired from a career in the graphic arts and printing industries. She has a Presbyterian background. She moved here 2 years ago and looked for an inclusive congregation and found us. She enjoys sewing, crochet, and is a fervent Cubs and Bears fan. She also volunteers at Bethany's Gait Therapeutic Horse Ranch.

CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 30 AFTER CHURCH

Given our active monsoon season, we decided to move our picnic to Perkins Hall this year. And this year it will be a brunch! The worship service will be 10:30 until 11:00 and include music, sermonette, and of course - an offering! At 11:00 we will move to Perkins Hall for the brunch. The church will provide ham, coffee, and orange juice. A sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall for pot-luck items to bring to the brunch. Come join us for this fellowship opportunity and a chance to get to know new people!

PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES (PASS) OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 17, 1-4 PM

PASS will welcome the community to an open house October 17. PASS is a women and children shelter for women in crisis or homeless. The address is 336 North Rush Street.

RINGING BELLS REHEARSAL TIME IS MOVING TO 9:00 THURSDAYS

We are looking for new ringers that would like to come and try with us. It is necessary that you read treble clef music. Call if you are interested. Director Carole Sue Linson M.M. 928 717 4494

SECURITY TEAM

Do you have an interest in security matters? We are looking for new team members to help with our churches security protocol each Sunday.

ACTIVITY BAGS

To help your little ones pass the time before the Children’s Time, you will find colored activity bags hanging on the entry doors of the sanctuary for the children to enjoy. Please leave these activity bags in the pews when the children leave for Sunday school.

**TALENT WANTED
AUDITIONS FOR DECEMBER RADIO DRAMA
TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 10TH 10 a.m. - 12:00**

**RADIO DRAMA PERFORMANCE
DECEMBER 5TH 7:00 p.m.**



Would you like to sing or can play an instrument in a fun and crazy group?Anything goes-- pop, folk, blues, spirituals, African, calypso, jazz and even classical. We play in full group or break-out groups, as well as instrumentalists.

Contact Melissa Gates phone:207-391-3276
Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday.

Regularly Scheduled

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Conference 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 Tuesdays 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

THE RINGING 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 membership. We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m.before worship services.

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel 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).



CONTACT US

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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