

The Parish Caller

Established 1880

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

This Week at a Glance...

- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 p.m.
- "Tea and Tunes": Sunday 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Prayer Chapel: 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- Pastor's Bible Study: Thursday 9:30 a.m. Chapel
- Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 11:00 a.m. Hazeltine Room
- Thursday Chancel Singers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. Chancel

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

"GOD IS WATCHING" The scriptures remind us that God is not a distant observer in the heavens. Through the words of Isaiah, we hear God say...



FEAR NOT

I have redeemed you; I have
called you by name, you are mine.

FEAR NOT

I am with you.

ISAIAH 43



"Keys, Pedals, & Stops, the Art of the Organ"

Sunday | November 12 | 2:00 PM



tunes & tea

"Tunes and Tea" Organ Concert

Sunday, November 12th 2017, 2:00 p.m. here at the FCC

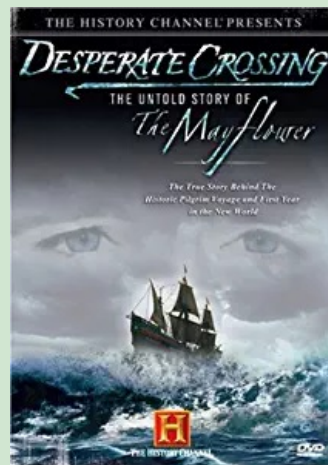
Featuring Organists of the Prescott Area

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FCC

Wednesday, November 15th, 4:00 p.m.
Perkins Hall

Desperate Crossing -- The Untold Story of The Mayflower From their self-imposed exile in Holland and perilous Atlantic crossing in the Mayflower to unimaginable hardships encountered in their new land. This is the definitive story of the Pilgrims and how they came to live -- and ultimately prosper -- in the harsh climate of an unfamiliar world.

Through this riveting documentary experience, you will be amazed at the difference between historical fact and what you thought you knew, and you will be surprised how much more there is to the UNTOLD STORY OF THE MAYFLOWER.



POPCORN AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.

November Missions

The Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ) has conclude their "Warm for Winter" distribution of warm clothing to those who are homeless and impoverished. Over 500 men, women, and children were served. In addition to the \$200 which our church donated, we are thankful for those of our church family who donated warm clothing and blankets.

Northern Californians are starting to recover and rebuild following the devastating fires that ravaged their communities. Thanks to your donations, we have forwarded a \$360 check to our denomination's Northern Californian Fire Relief Fund.

Our mission outreach project for November/December will be the CCJ's "Family Christmas", which will happen December 20-22. A donation box to receive new toys and clothing items is located at the front of our sanctuary. In the very early writings of our faith community, we have heard that we are blessed to be blessing.

[Genesis 12:2] Thank you for all you do to make a nice difference in this world.

Gary Gard, Mission Outreach Chairperson [928-910-2455]

This week is P.A.S.S. week. Wednesday the 15th, 5 p.m. in the church parking lot. Thank you goes out to: Marti Garrison, Kathie Calder, Patty & Gary Gard, Alice Kring, Patty Lantrip, Sandra Talbot and Julie Jaquette, for putting together this meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services. All your meal contributions gives these woman, a healthy meal that they can rely on which is so

November is Stewardship Month

In the weeks to follow, we will be taking a look at the financial and human resources needed for our church home in the next year. You may download this presentation booklet here or view them in the following pages of the Parish Caller.

Pledge Card and Time an Talent Cards can be dropped of in Perkins Hall these next few weeks. Our budget committee needs your help to plan on the 2018 budget. Thank you!

[Download 2018 Stewardship Booklet Here](#)





By providing a safe place that welcomes all who enter our doors, we spread the good news that "God is Still Speaking" through our worship and outreach programs.

As you review these pages and consider your financial commitment, please reflect on this: *How much does this church mean to you, the community, the world?* I think we would all agree that the value is beyond measure. God has blessed us with not only each other, but this wonderful historical building, the land, and the Foundation. God has entrusted us with a great task ahead. These pages reflect the monetary and resource commitment needed to continue and progress as a vital and caring church.

Proposed Budget: \$249,625



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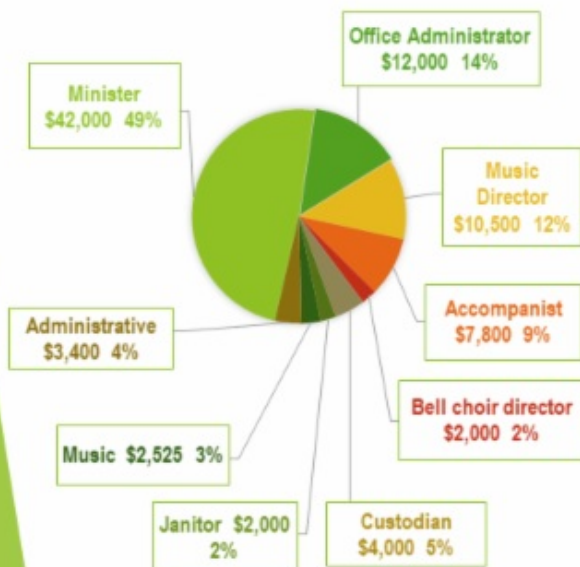
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caring for Each Other, budget: \$86,225



Worship

► Sunday Worship involves many people and resources.



1. Pastoral preparation for worship, bulletin and preaching
2. Administration, time and office supplies
3. Musical talent, rehearsals and performance
4. Building maintenance, cleaning and preparation
5. Organization of volunteers, greeters, ushers and offering counters

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caring for Each Other, budget: \$78,325



► Congregational Care

1. Pastoral Counseling/Visits
2. Communion
3. Sanctuary Preparation
4. Fellowship

► Caring for our Children

1. Sunday School teachers

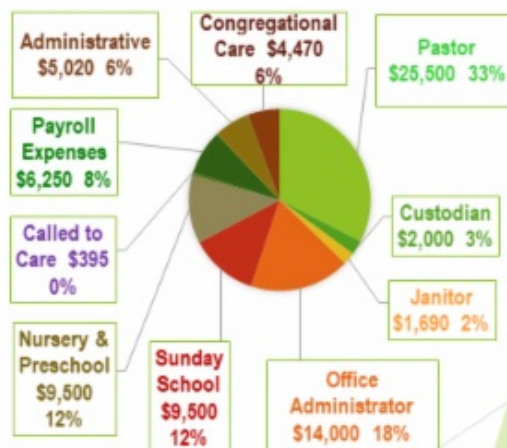
We will be continuing our commitment to our children by providing them with professional staff.

► Called to Care

1. Pastoral Care and visitation with communion
2. Providing for practical needs, comfort and prayers

► Adult Education

1. Pastor's Bible Study



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caring for our Community, budget: \$30,930



Our building benefits many outside groups, most of which offsets the budget by as much as \$12,000.

► Regularly Scheduled Community Groups

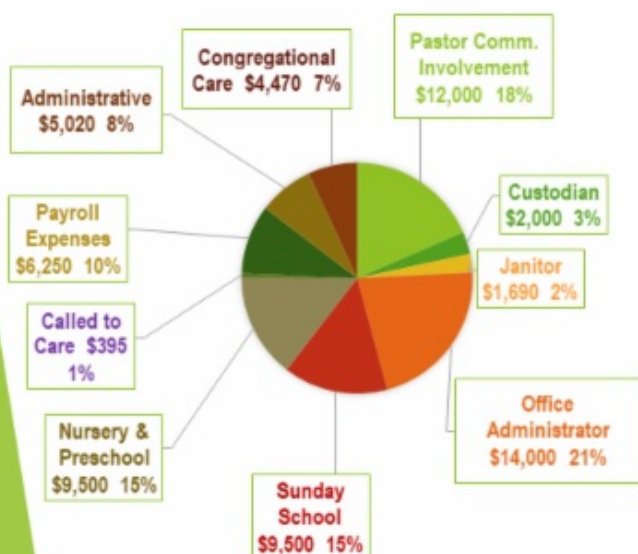
1. 23, 12 step groups
2. 2 meditation groups
3. 3 community support groups
4. 3 dance groups
5. 1 local chorus group

► Annual Meetings, Fundraisers and Others

1. Weddings/Funerals
2. Music Groups
3. Veterans Education
4. Philanthropic Educational Organization
5. Lions Club

► Pastor Community Involvement

1. Weddings
2. Baptisms
3. Member of the CCJ Board



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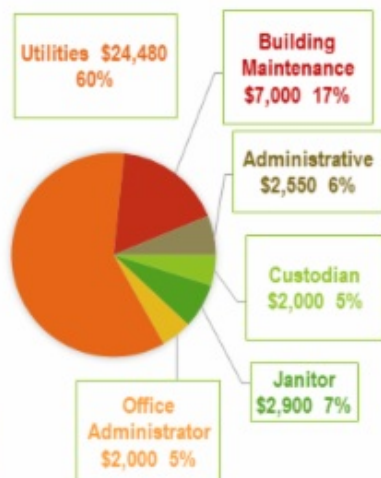
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caring for our House, budget: \$40,930



Ministry of Physical Resources

- Our building provides us with a safe and comfortable environment to worship, to gather for fellowship and to serve the community. We strive to preserve its historical beauty while maintaining modern comforts.



► Utilities \$24,480

- This year we saved \$602 in electricity since the 2016 Restoration Project's electrical improvements.
- We have been able to lower our utilities budget by \$1,360 over last year.

► Building Maintenance \$7,000

- Continuing to keep our building clean and maintained.
- Improving our sidewalks and church grounds.

► Funding from our Foundation will help to offset these projects:

- Make additional safety improvements to our electrical system.
- Finish the basement restoration.

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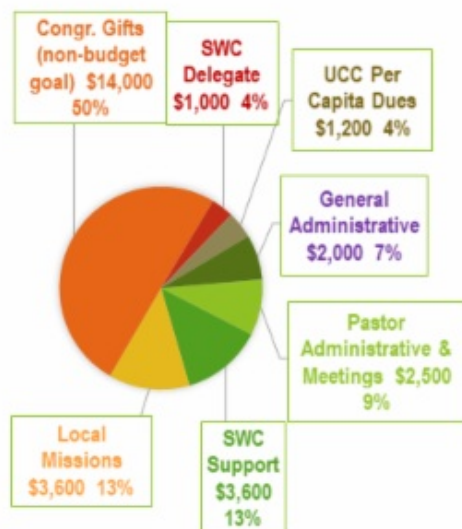
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caring for our World, budget \$13,900



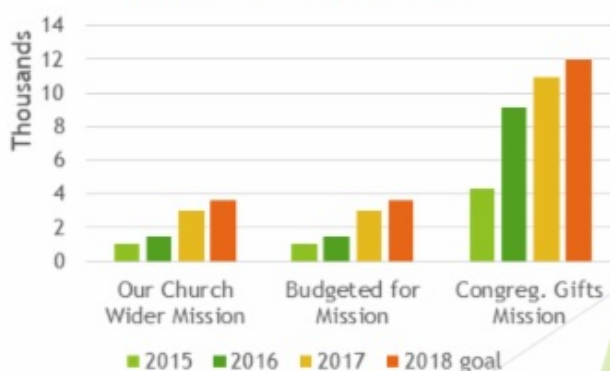
Ministry of Outreach and the Southwest Conference

- Two years ago we made a commitment to reach the goal of giving 10% of our overall budget to missions by increasing on a year-by-year incremental basis.



We have more than tripled our Outreach giving since we set our goal in 2015.

Outreach & Missions



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It is an honor and privilege to be a member of this loving spiritual community.



How much are we willing to invest in its ongoing missions? Each of us has something to share, to contribute, to give back. In good faith, let us take this opportunity to pledge our talents, time, and financial support. God loves a cheerful giver. Let's give until it feels good.



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Let us enter stewardship time
prayerfully and with grateful hearts.

Stewardship Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for this opportunity to participate in the ongoing mission of this church, your church.

Help me to remember that everything I have comes from You.

Open my heart and hands with generosity as I promise my support.

Use my talents and financial commitment to continue your work in this church and in the world. Amen



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Pledge Card

Every pledge matters, no matter how large or small.

"...if you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do... if
you haven't got a ha'penny then God Bless you!"
~ "Christmas is Coming" carol

Fill in and turn in during Pledge Sunday, November 19th

Or, send to First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

Turn This In

Name: _____

Address: _____


City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Each week ☐ month ☐ , I plan to give: \$ _____

for an annual total of \$ _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

Keep For Your Records



Each week ☐ month ☐

I plan to give: \$ _____

for an annual total of \$ _____

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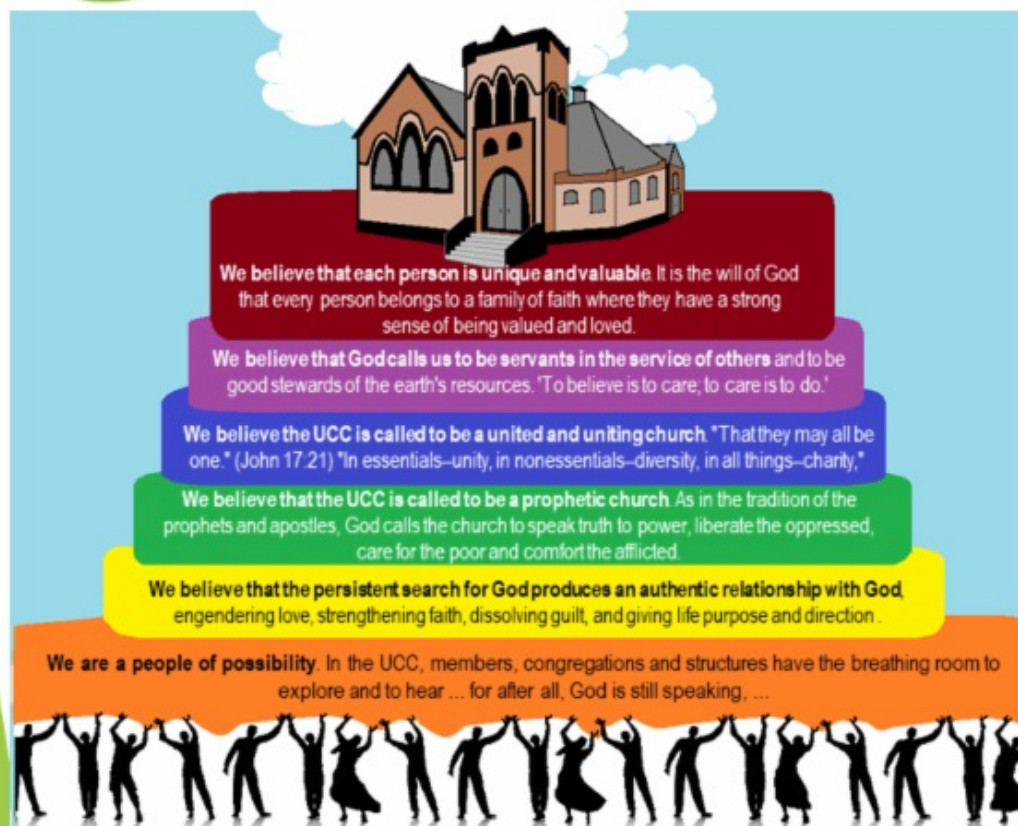
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caring for and supporting our beliefs



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Decorating: Put your talent to work! Christmas decorating, flower displays, table settings and the like. I would like to volunteer for this _____	We need volunteers to help with our sound system during Sunday worship service, and other various musical functions. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Usher: Sunday morning worship service, pass out bulletins, assist with the offering and count heads. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Van Ministry: Coordinate pickups, drive the van and arrange for repairs. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Shovel Snow: It doesn't take any special skill to help us with snow removal! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Communion: Prepare the elements for communion or help to serve. I would like to volunteer for this _____
P.A.S.S: Once a month, Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. provide a portion of a meal for 20-30 woman in the PASS Shelter. Covered dish, dessert, salad, vegetables or bread. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Building Trustees: Be part of the physical resources team to oversee the maintenance with the church grounds, by preserving and improving our buildings. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Donate Goodies: Do you like to bake? Store bought are good too! We always need fresh goodies for coffee hour, memorials and various fellowship gatherings. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Called to Care: There are many ways to serve; note and birthday cards, visit the homebound, prayer group and many others. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Chancel Singers & "Alter Notes" are welcoming new members. Your musical instrument talent is also a plus! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Newcomer notecards: Each week we would like to send out welcome notes to our visitors. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Greeter: Sunday morning worship service, greet folks with a friendly face. This is a long-standing UCC tradition that is exceptionally important! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Nursery Helper: Periodically we need a second person to help with the children's ministry when one of our staff is off. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Are you tech oriented? We are looking to expand our online presence by recordings and tapings our services in 2018. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Special Events Hosts and Coordinators: offer your party organizational skills to organized helpers for the many extra events that are held here: Acker, Picnic, Christmas, Potlucks, etc. I would like to volunteer for this _____	If your special gift or talent isn't listed here. That's ok, let us know how you can help. If you see an area that needs attention, then most likely it needs you! 	OTHER:



HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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 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

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).

CONTACT US

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PRESCOTT, UCC

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Pastor Jay: 928-899-9066

ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00

Friday 9:00 - 1:00

PASTOR JAY

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30

