



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."

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This Week at a Glance...

- ♦ **Sunday Choir Practice:** 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 p.m. in the Hazeltine Room
- ♦ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Maggie B. Room

FROM THE

"The Christian Life Takes Some Work" is the title of the sermon this Labor Day weekend. The text is Romans 12:9-21 and it contains these verses: ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Come Sunday to find out what this strange idea is all about – please do not heap any burning coals!

I am excited to announce a sermon series on our stained-glass window! It is a very unusual window for the front of a sanctuary. I remember the first time I saw it. It was strange to see no picture of Jesus or the apostles, but rather Luther and Wycliffe – and Harvard? All will be explained as we focus on each segment of the window. Here is your chance to join me in the study of each of these people, institutions or historical events, and then try to link them to our church and scripture. A challenge for all of us!



- Sept. 10 The Magna Carta
- 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 500th anniversary of the Reformation)

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the old library downstairs, the Hazeltine room. The group goes over the Lectionary readings for Sunday.

EVERY WEEK COMMUNION

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month. In addition to that, Communion is available in the front of the sanctuary after worship on Sundays other than the first Sunday of the month.

CHANCEL CHOIR

If you like to sing, the choir is eager to increase its membership. Contact Jane Osborn 928-713- 4752

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes, an alternative music group, singing on occasional Sundays, needs singers and instrumentalists. Folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Rehearsal at noon on Sundays. Contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Parents may take children to Sunday school downstairs before the service begins, or they may 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).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries	
Ralph Wagner & Susan Lemons	09/05
William & Rebecca Bryant	09/22
Birthdays	
Christy Dinsman	09/07
Tom Macy	09/14
Mardell Hull	09/17
Yoichi Matsumoto	09/18
Terri Gamble	09/21
Arlene Relth	09/22
John Wilson	09/28
Destiny Hoitt	09/29
Dave Chatfield	09/30
Marilyn Kerstine	09/30



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
September is here! On September 24th after Sunday Worship service we will gather at Goldwater Lake for our Annual Church picnic. 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.

MISSION NEWS

I Prescott Area Shelter Services [PASS]

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, volunteers from our congregation provide an evening meal for PASS. PASS shelters homeless women, and women with children, as they seek to find employment and housing. Can you help by providing a portion of the meal? Maybe you could help provide a main dish. Or perhaps a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Our PASS food coordinator, Patty Gard (928) 460-3042 can provide more details and answer questions.

II Prescott Community Cupboard [PCC]

Periodically throughout the year, volunteers from our church family help to fill grocery bags for distribution to local impoverished families. Because PCC is a program supported by several local congregations, our volunteers serve only on dates identified by the PCC. Our congregation's team captain, Al Beeson (928) 717-9915, contacts and schedules volunteers. Al is in need of a co-captain. Contact Al for more details. We have located a donation box in the front of the sanctuary to receive your donation of canned/boxed food items.

III Neighbors in Need [NIN]

NIN is one of our denomination's annual national offerings. Two thirds of donated funds are used to support justice and compassion ministries throughout the United States. One third of donations support service/advocacy projects identified by the UCC Council for Indians Ministries. Checks can be made payable to our church, with a memo line of, "NIN".

Each month we identify a particular mission project needing our support. Last month, in addition to class room supplies, we gifted the Discovery Gardens Preschool with a \$210 gift card.

As always, thank you for your support of ministries of compassion and justice. Gary Gard, (928) 910-2455

LOVE AND UNITY MARCH

The Love and Unity March is being organized with the mission to celebrate and promote diversity and inclusiveness in a growing climate of division. We believe that Prescott has a strong sense of community that is welcoming to all and supports equality. We ask this community to show that heart by gathering at the Prescott College Crossroads Center at 9am September 16, 2017. We will enjoy hearing from a few inspiring, local speakers and be lead in song by local musicians. The march will then proceed 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. There will be an 11:00 wrap-up meeting in order to organize further efforts to support equality in the Prescott area.

Facebook link to the Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1946471948944711/>



Sponsors:

Coalition for Compassion and Justice
First Congregation Church

Speakers:

John Morris

Organizers:

Jessi Hans
Victoria Abel
Montana Morris

Parish
Stewardship

Offerings		
	August	YTD
Offerings	\$ 7,284	\$ 74,789
Facility Use	\$ 1,536	\$ 9,394
Foundation	\$ -	\$ 42,876
Other		\$ 5,509
Total	\$ 8,820	\$132,568

Expenses		
	August	YTD
Expenses	\$ 23,663	\$187,197

Outreach Gifts		
Jan		
Prescott Comm. Cupb.	\$	490
Feb		
PASS	\$	140
March		
Habitat for Humanity	\$	165
April		
One Great Hour Share	\$	1,183
May		
Church World Service	\$	319
June		
Strengthen the Church	\$	280
July		
Pancake Breakfast	\$	3,027
August		
Discovery Gardens	\$	65
Sept		
Neighbors in Need		
Oct		
CCJ "Warm for Winter"		
OCWM		
Nov		
CCJ Family Christmas		
Dec		
CCJ Family Christmas		
UCC Christmas Fund		

Undesignated Missions		
	YTD	\$ 825

Famine Relief		
Special Offering	\$	795.00

Attendance; Monthly Average	
January	102
February	89
March	89
April	108
May	101
June	79
July	96
August	91

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Administration**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday

9:00 - 4:00

Friday: 9:00 - 1:00

Pastor Jay

Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 1:00

Other times by appointment

Cell: 928-899-9066

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Regularly Scheduled

PASS MEAL

Once a month we provide
 a meal for the Prescott Area
 Shelter Services the 3rd
 Wednesday of every
 month at 5:00 pm.
 Sign-up sheet is in
 Perkins Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

On Summer Break

ALTER-NOTES

Meets at 12:00 for
 rehearsal in the Hazeltine
 Room after worship
 service.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Meets for rehearsal at 11:00
 am on Thursdays

PRAYER CHAPEL

Called to Care weekly prayer
 group meets at 11:00 am on
 Mondays
 in the Chapel

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Thursday of
 every month at 6:00 pm
 in the Office
 Conference Room.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of
 every month at 6:30 pm in
 the Church Library/Chapel.
 See Julie J. for more details.

KNIT WITS

Meets the 1st & 3rd
 Tuesdays of every month
 from 1-3 pm in the Office
 Conference Room.

COMMUNION

An informal "Every Sunday
 Communion" takes place in
 the sanctuary after worship
 on Sundays except the first
 Sunday of the month which
 is our regular communion
 time.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group
 meets on Thursday mornings
 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hazeltine
 room. All adults are
 welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL SINGERS NEEDED!

The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. The Chancel Singers provide an important element in worship and this is your opportunity to serve our congregation as a worship leader. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel. If case you need one more reason to join...the early bird gets the worm (or, in this case, a closer parking space!) For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or prescottsong@hotmail.com.

REKEYING THE CHURCH ENTRANCE DOORS

If you are a current key holder, or if you have business with the church that requires you to have a key, the new keys are available now. Please let Julie know in the office if you will need a new key. 445-4555

CHURCH FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Please help us by serving on our foundation board – quarterly meetings on Thursdays at 5:15 pm. If interested in learning more, please see Dave Foote or Pastor Jay.

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.

PREACHING SERIES ON OUR STAINED-GLASS WINDOW

How does our church and scripture relate to the scenes in our window?

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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.