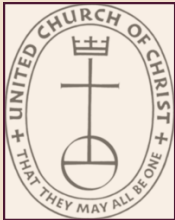


The Parish Caller

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

September 16, 2016



First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott

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BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.



This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Mission/Vision Statement Meeting** Saturday 10:00 am
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **"Mind Fit" Workshop** Wednesday 12:00 pm
- ◆ **PASS Meal** Wednesday 5:00 pm drop off time
- ◆ **Cabinet Meeting** Thursday 6:30 pm



We will be restarting our "Exploring Progressive Christianity" group discussion the first Monday of October. We will begin with "Living the Questions". This is a beautifully produced DVD series that promotes group discussions in a relaxed intimate setting. Join us and journey into a way of life that contradicts the way of the world.

Themes will include:

1. An Invitation to Journey
2. Taking the Bible Seriously
3. Thinking Theologically
4. Stories of Creation
5. Lives of Jesus
6. A Passion for Christ: Paul
7. Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

Honoring Creation

8. Restoring Relationships
9. The Prophetic Jesus
10. Evil, Suffering & A God of Love
11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence
12. Practicing Resurrection
13. Debunking the Rapture
14. Honoring Creation

Call to Covenant

15. A Kingdom without Walls
16. Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
17. Incarnation: Divinely Human
18. Prayer: Intimacy with God
19. Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry
20. Creative Transformation
21. Embracing Mystery

*** Let Julie know in the office if you would like to attend. So far, Monday night at 6:30 was the best time for most. 928-445-4555



Announcements

OUTREACH MINISTRY

This month's mission emphasis is the Discovery Gardens Preschool. There is a needs list found on the box located at the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer writing a check, please make a note on the memo line, "Discovery Gardens".

“Mind Fit” WORKSHOP

Rev. Marti Garrison will continue with her “Mind Fit” workshop each Wednesday, at noon, in the Church Office Conference room, “Brain Fitness and Healthy Minds” or Cognitive Therapeutics. Each session includes overviews and activities for those who want to strengthen memory, focus, and attention. Marti is a Cognitive Therapeutics coach at Home Care Assistance of Prescott. (www.homecareassistanceprescott.com)

PASS MEAL

September 21st Prescott Area Shelter Services meal delivery is due at 5:00 pm.

CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC

September 25th after worship services at noon, meet us at Heritage Park (right next to the Heritage Park Zoo off of Willow Creek). RSVP and food sign-up sheets in Perkins Hall along with a map. Join us for food, oldies music and lots of fun!



JAZZ VESPERS, FEATURING GAIL STEIGER

September 28 at 6:30 pm. Gail Steiger comes from both a ranching and songwriting background. His grandfather, Gail Gardner, wrote several well-known cowboy songs, including Tying Knots in the Devil’s Tail (or Sierry Pete’s), and The Dude Wrangler. Gail Gardner was named “Poet Lariat [sic] of Arizona by Governor Bruce Babbitt.



BARN DANCE FCC FUND RAISER

September 30th at 7 pm in Perkins Hall, the “Folk Happens” Contra Dance group will be hosting a two band, two caller Contra Dance fund raiser to benefit us here at the First Congregational Church. We as a church are invited to attend this special event to see what goes on during a typical Contra Dance and to support this fund raising for a new coat rack for our foyer in the Church.



BOY SCOUT TROUP #1 100 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY

The Scouts will be joining us in worship the Sunday of October 2nd.

PRESCOTT JAZZ SUMMIT

Sunday, Oct. 2nd 2-4:30 All-Star Combos and Vocalists here at the First Congregational Church. For more information, there is a flyer in Perkins Hall or go to www.prescottjazz.com and for tickets call 928-277-1576

SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

October 5th. More information to come!

SONG OF THE PINES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT

October 8th from 2-4 pm the Song of the Pines will be performing. Tickets on sale now, see Suzy Lobaugh, 928-899-7515.

**You won't want
to miss this
picnic!**

- Picnic RSVP sheet in Perkins Hall (please let us know if you plan to attend)
- Food Sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall!
- Free Parking
- Car Pool and wheel chair accessible available (let us know if you need a ride)

JOIN US OUTSIDE!

September 25th
12:00 pm

Church Picnic

Where: Heritage Park Garden Ramada
When: September 25th
Time: 12:00 pm — after worship service

Menu: *Fried & Baked Chicken will be provided
*Grill available for Vegetarian Burgers/Dogs
*Lemonade and iced tea provided

Please contribute your dish on the sign up-sheet
for salads, chips and desserts

Let's Play!!

Games

Oldies Music

**Sign-up Carpooling
& Accessible Van**

Map
Provided in
Perkins Hall!

Restoration Update:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the color selection this past Sunday. Palette #3 won hands down for the sanctuary and palette #1 won the Perkins Hall. So, now that it has been decided we will begin to see new colors on the walls. Work will start in Perkins Hall painting the walls, re-staining the wood paneling, spray painting the existing stage curtain and so on. We will still have the floors. draperies etc to take care of but that will come a little bit later. The project is like a puzzle and we have to fit all the pieces together. We hope to have Perkins Hall painted by the end of September and the Sanctuary in October. Our target is mid -December for completion of all improvements. Keep your comments and suggestions coming, we really appreciate the input.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Skovgard

Pardon our dust



Mission/Vision
Statement
Meetings

Mission/Vision Statement Meetings:

September 17, 10-11 am

September 18, after worship service

September 24, 10-11 am



The Vision and Mission of Our Church

Vision: What is our vision of how our church will grow into the changes and challenges of the coming years while honoring our inspiring past?

Vision Statement to consider: We are a Christian community that fearlessly works together as an inclusive church in covenant with God to care for our natural world and all people no matter where they are on life’s journey
Shorter version. Living out the teachings of Jesus

Mission: How do we work together towards reaching our vision? What do we do?

Mission Statement to consider: As progressive faithful Christians, we will welcome and respect all people, loving and supporting each other and embracing a changing world that needs generous hearts, open minds, and commitment to peace and justice.

Shorter version: Growing God’s community by welcoming, helping, and loving.

Meet Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. September 17, 24; Sunday, noon, September 18.
Julie or John McCurdy, or Marti Garrison will be in Perkins Hall.
Sign up or just show up! All welcome!

(Julie, John, and Marti condensed all of our ideas into these statements for our consideration.)

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

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PASS MEAL is a once-a-month ministry where we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Funky Friday Game Night
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone Welcome!
7-9 pm
1st Friday of every Month

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

CHOIR PRACTICE
9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am on Thursdays

CALL TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 2th Thursday of every month from 12:15 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions Study Group
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested
~And~
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library

CABINET MEETING meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay.