

The Parish Caller

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

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First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott

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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time:** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **Church Picnic: Heritage Park Garden Ramada:** Sunday 12 after worship service
- ◆ **Jazz Vespers:** Wednesday 6:30
- ◆ **Barn Dance Fundraiser:** Friday 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Scouts 100 year:** Saturday 9 am tree planting and Open House at 11:30-1

From the Pastor

In last Sunday’s sermon I referenced a book by two Stanford professors. The book is “Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful life.” I think it is due out soon.

Several of you have asked about the status of our church van. It took a while to pin down driver requirements from our insurance company, and for them to load our policy into their database so we could take their online safety test. Since it is under 15 passengers (seats 10), we do not have to have the special CDL driver’s license to drive it, but our insurance company requires the passing of a safety test that is online:

GuideOne’s requirement is that the church either needs to have a CDL driver (typical for 15+ pass vans whether seats are taken out or left in) or go thru a Defensive Driving Course. GuideOne offers such a course online thru SafeChurch.com (many free training sessions and materials for GuideOne Insureds, staff, and volunteers). The course will need to be passed and receipt or certificate sent into the carrier or our office.

Also, drivers over 70 need an additional medical form from a physician – the form is available in the office.

I have passed the test! Actually, it is very easy, so anyone interested in driving the van for church functions, let me know, and we will provide a link to the online test materials.

I will drive the van to our church picnic Sunday, so if you need a ride let me know.

I serve on the board of Coalition of Compassion and Justice, and at a recent board meeting we learned that CCJ is looking for a facility to house our expanding programs. In addition to the Open Door Resource and Advocacy Center, it would house the “Safe Legal Sleep” part of the ministry (around 50 homeless persons now sleep in the thrift store parking lot each night). We are hoping to have a building before winter sets in.

I include two program attachments below – one giving thanks for your efforts on helping kids get a fair start at school, and the other promoting the “warm for winter” efforts. Thanks to all you did and will do to support helping low-income families and children.

God bless, Jay



At Prescott United Methodist Church
Winter Wear for Low-income Families and Individuals

October 29, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 505 West Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301
 Information: Diane.Iverson@YavapaiCCJ.org or 928-445-8382
A Project of Coalition for Compassion and Justice



Donation sites
 Open Door, Prescott United Methodist Church,
 CCJ Thrift Store, Windermere Real Estate
 Prescott and PV, Xhale Convenience and Smoke,
 Bloomtree Realty, Republican Women of Prescott,
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints



COALITION FOR COMPASSION & JUSTICE
 A Community-Wide Response to Poverty

Fair Start provided school supplies for 1,340 children for the 2016-17 school year, as well as shoes and socks for 400 preschoolers. Thank you to our major organizational sponsors: Prescott Fund of the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County, The Daily Courier, Good Samaritan Society, MOMS Club of Prescott, Prescott United Methodist Church, Quad City Interfaith Council, Peregrine Book Company and Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc. Together we make a big difference in the lives of children.



Thanks also to the following:

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 Temple B'rith Shalom
 Toni Kaus and Mary Trevor
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 Trinity Presbyterian Church
 United Health Care
 United Way
 Yavapai College
 Yavapai Toy Makers

Thanks also to the many generous individuals who contributed time, funds and/or supplies.

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 www.yavapaiccj.org
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LTQ? discussion group
 begins October 3rd,
 Monday at 6:30 pm
 downstairs.

Many of you have expressed a desire to attend "Living the Questions" however can't make it on Monday night. If you are interested in attending a Sunday Morning discussion group for Living the Questions, Let Julie in the office know. 445-4555

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.

Pardon our dust



As we work through our restorations to the church property, you may be inconvenienced somewhat with machinery, tools, dust and a coating of mess.

To keep the Congregation up to date, you can look at the rolling white board in Perkins Hall to see what has been accomplished and what is scheduled. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

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Introduction: In thinking about the esteem and position that our leadership and congregation members have had here in our world, our place, our current efforts to restore our building could lead to more than redecoration. I believe we are on our way to doing that.

In late-nite TV listing manner, I propose we pledge that :

WE WILL RESTORE OUR PLACE

- 5. As our physical spaces become again the historic downtown Prescott location for life-changing meetings and events
- 4. As a continuing role being a patron of local arts, visual and performing
- 3. As a model for Prescott known for extravagant welcome, inclusiveness and generosity
- 2. As a respected voice for reform and action in Arizona
- 1. As a persistent supporter for compassion and justice in the world

Suggestions you have to add to this list will be gratefully received.

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".

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.



Barn Dance Fund Raiser for the First Congregational Church , UCC

**"Folk Happens" Contra Dance Group that meets
and dances here is hosting a fund raiser to
benefit the First Congregational Church! This is
an opportunity to see what Contra Dance is all
about! Come out to dance or just watch!
Proceeds will go to providing a new Coat Rack
for the Foyer**

**When: September 30th 7 pm here: 216 E. Gurley
Street, Prescott**



WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

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

Contact Us:
216 E. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-4555
fccprescott@gmail.com
Administration Office Hours
Mondays: 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
Cell: 928-899-9066
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

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

CALLED 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.

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

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

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.