

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

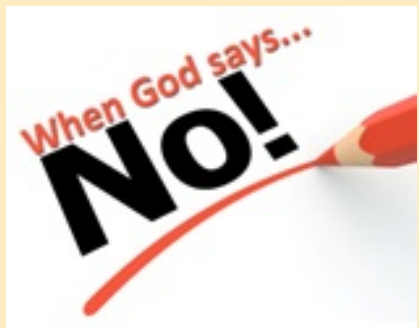
**THIS SUNDAY WE TURN 138!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR BRUNCH**

(right after worship service)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!!**

Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, potato dish or
breakfast muffin

CHURCH PROVIDES HAM AND JUICE



FROM THE PASTOR

Most of us find “no” hard to take when it comes to our prayers and hopes for our lives.

It would be hard to prayer as the Puritans did:

I thank you that many of my prayers have been refused. I have asked amiss and do not have, I have prayed from lusts and been rejected, I have longed for Egypt and been given a wilderness. Go on with your patient work, answering ‘no’ to my wrongful prayers, and fitting me to accept it.”

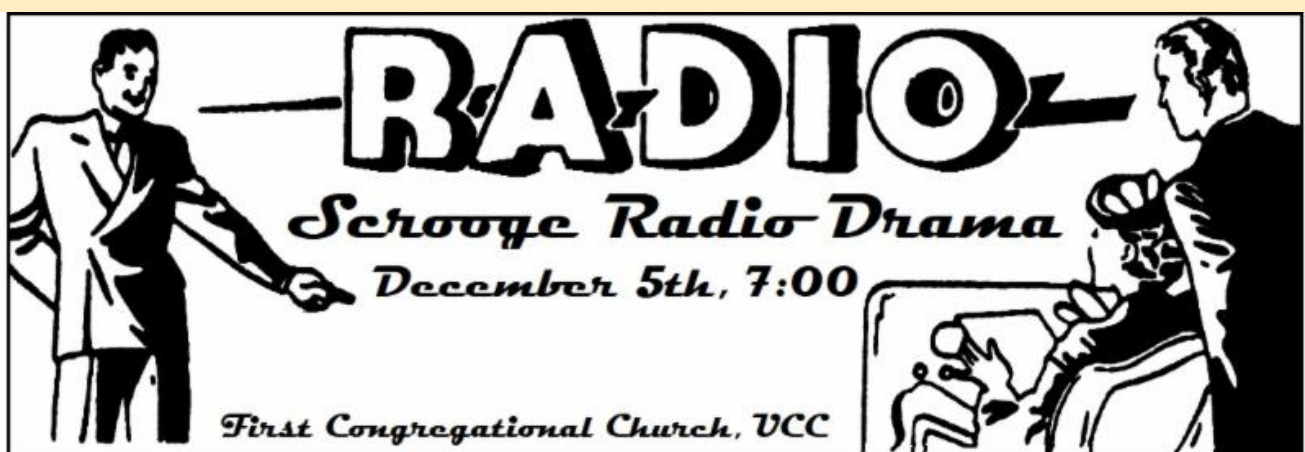
This Sunday we will hear what happens when King David sets out to build a house for God and receives a “no” from God (2 Samuel 7). When things do not go as we wish, what are we to do? David models the way.

Our church birthday was Thursday - we turned 138 years young! Come and celebrate with us on Sunday!

Jay

DAVID SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

2 Samuel 7	When God Says No
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 11-12	A “Me Too Moment” - Abuse of Power
2 Samuel 14-15	Family Troubles
2 Samuel 16-18	When You Are at Your Lowest
2 Samuel 22	David: Fully Alive to God
2 Samuel 23	The Blessing of Communion
1 Chron. 28-29	Facing Death



**TALENT, WILLING PARTICIPANTS,
HUMBUG--ites AND HOLIDAY LOVERS NEEDED!! BE
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



Birthdate

[WILSON, John](#) September 28
[HOITT, Destiny](#) September 29
[KERSTINE, Marilyn](#) September 30
[GILGES, Ralph](#) October 9
[GATES, Melissa](#) October 13
[MONSKA, Paul](#) October 13
[FOOTE, David](#) October 17
[GATES, Elizabeth](#) October 21
[LOBAUGH, Harold](#) October 22
[LOBAUGH, Suzy](#) October 23
[LANTRIP, Patty](#) October 25
[DUFFY, Buz](#) October 26

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.

Message from Marilyn Kerstine

Dearest Friends,
Not only did Pastor Jay and Patty lead an extravagant welcome for so many gifted and lovely new members, but also led an extravagant farewell party. Thank you! Your lovely gifts will be cherished forever. The picture of the the church will always live in my office. Yoichi, your thoughtful signed picture of all the folks at Las Fuentes was once again brilliant and a treasure. My heart stopped when Carole Sue and the Bell Choir thoughtfully dedicated the Prelude to me...I so love the bells and your roses lasted all week! Your deep felt cards and goodbye wishes continue to overwhelm me with love, tears of joy and thankfulness for each of you and the gifts that God has brought together to make First Congregational another most loving church I have been privileged to serve among. A giant thank you! May your blessings return to you as richly promised.

In Christ's Love,

Marilyn Kerstine

Marilyn Kerstine's new address:
200 Talga Glen.

Climate Change Workshop



Sept. 30 Temple B'rith
Shalom

2077 Brohner Way

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Refreshments to follow

CABINET MINUTES: A LITTLE WRITE-UP BY ANNE THE CLERK

Meeting held August 23, 2018

Nine members of the Cabinet met this evening at 6 p.m. in one of the subterranean rooms which are now reached on newly carpeted hallways. Co-moderator Patty Lantrip opened the meeting, and Pastor Jay prayed it would be a good meeting. It was.

Julie McCurdy happily reported that while our budget is at 58% of the year, we are *ahead* of budget targets on pledges and facility usages. *The 12 Step* groups are at 85% . While we are still receiving *FCC Foundation* funding: \$76,800 for the year so far, we have not had to transfer any funds from reserves. New expense: Security Guard: \$2,435. Church expenses: \$15,100 for electrical upgrades and \$369 for basement improvements-- both covered by the Ashenfelter Fund. Al Beeson will attend the September Cabinet meeting to answer the question: "*What are the funding possibilities of the FCC Foundation for future church expenses?*"

A motion to paint the entire downstairs women's toilet and washroom white was approved by most of the cabinet. Patty gets to find the painter.

A major event for this evening's meeting was their unanimous approval to hire the Rev. Marti Garrison for the position of *Minister for Education*. Her employment begins September for on a 4-month trial basis. Funding will come from the Favour Fund for up to \$10,000. She has an ambitious and exciting proposed agenda. Ask her about it.

A Picnic committee is being recruited for our *First Annual In-Church Potluck Picnic* on September 30. Expect the church service that morning to be abbreviated to a half-hour..

Julie Jaquette will work with the *FCC Foundation*, bringing us news on *Legacy Gifts*.

Pastor Jay happily reported that church attendance has increased from 80-a-day in 2017 to *over 100 each Sunday this year*. He noted that just about every area of our church has been renovated in the past five years. Gary and Patty Gard have attended *Faithful Witness at the Border* this past week. *Don't miss their report September 12 at 6 p.m. in Perkins Hall*.

Ministry reports:

Called to Care ministry has had happy visits with Marilyn Lummel and Joanne Lussier thanks to Yoichi and Patty. Kathy and Don Stephens prepare AND deliver goody bag to these shut-ins while Carole Sue Linson is busy at home making calls to them.

Tom Macy, whose home has now relocated to downtown Prescott, prepares the after-church service communion. The *Las Fuentes* class is continuing with Pete Norum. Marilyn Kerstine is nearing her last weeks of care ministry before their move to Atlanta.

Mission Outreach has a project each month. In June we funded a DACA student \$500, *Strengthen the Church*: \$539 and in July the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast netted \$2875 to the *Community Cupboard* and we were able to give \$1070 to CCH "Fair Start".

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!

TEMPLE B'RITH SHALOM

Our joint services with our Jewish friends will not take place in October as planned. Please pray for Rabbi Holly, she is recovering from a broken tibia.

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.

ALTER-NOTES

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.

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

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

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.

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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