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First Congregational Church Packer
Team Schedule, Sept 9-13 2019

Mon 9-9: Linda & Dave Foote
Tues 9-10: Patty Brenner, Marie Kessel
Wed; 9-11: Angela Imbierowicz, Christy
Dinsman, Pete Norum
Thurs 9-12: Jan & Wm Mauck
Fri 9-13: Kathy Stephens, Randy Cook



SEPTEMBER 29TH,
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED
SEE PATTY LANTRIP IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN

quilted gifts by Ronda



OPEN HOUSE
Thursday Sept. 12th 9-2
1571 CIMARRON DR. PRESCOTT
Free fabric gift bag with purchase
Accepting cash and credit cards

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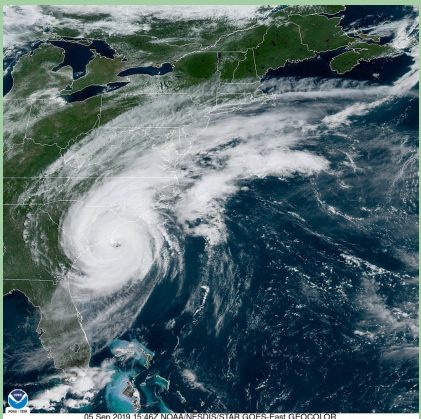


*Leave the world for a while – join us for quiet music,
meditation, and a little peace and quiet.*

Taizé Vespers Service
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Service begins at 6:30 pm

First Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
216 E. Gurley Street, Prescott



HURRICANE DORIAN

Dorian has caused least 20 deaths and unprecedented property damage since making landfall in the Bahamas Sunday, Sept. 2.

The UCC has no congregations in that country, which has historic commonwealth ties to Great Britain, but will monitor relief efforts there through ecumenical partners, including the international [ACT Alliance](#).

Do you want to help? You can by making a donation, just mark your check on the memo line "HURRICANE RELIEF".

It's time for another round of the delicious and fun Nine 'n Dine gatherings! The first round last spring was a great success and now we have new hosts welcoming church members and friends to their homes. To recap:

- You sign up in Perkins Hall where it's posted Nine 'n Dine. You and a few other guests will then be randomly assigned to an unknown host. That is the fun part: meeting new people and sharing a meal and conversation. So far we have three hosts.
- Then the host will contact you about finding a date and time that works for everyone in your group. The host fixes the main dish and asks guests to bring side dishes.
- You all gather at the host's house and have a good time getting to know those in the church you might not know as well as you would like.
- Questions? See Marti Garrison or write garrisonmarti@gmail.com



- **COSTUMES FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** include 3 kings, 2 shepherds, Mary, Joseph and an angel. If you are interested in helping to supply some material please call Melissa (207-391-3276) first to find out color, design, type of material and quantity.



- **VIDEO OF SUNDAY SERVICES:** After the success of our fundraising for our sound system, we are moving on to raising funds to be able to video the worship service each Sunday and have it online - please designate for "video" if you would like to donate.
- **WARM FOR WINTER:** We have a barrel in the front of the sanctuary for donations to the "warm for winter" program. New items for children / gently used items ok for adults. Coats/jackets, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Items will be distributed on October 17, 9am-2pm at First United Methodist Church on Gurley, and on October 19, 9am-2pm at Prescott Church of the Nazarene on Willow Creek Road.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS FOCUS

Our Mission Outreach emphasis for September is our denomination's Neighbors in Need (NIN). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a variety of social justice programs and initiatives. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.



In addition to supporting NIN, our DACA Fund remains open to receive donations throughout the year. Our DACA Fund helps local documented college age students meet their college tuition and classroom expenses.

Questions? Our Mission Outreach Team members are: Becky & Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson).



JUDAISM CLASS:

We have had a large show of support for holding a class on Judaism for non-Jews! We begin October 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in Perkins Hall. This will be a time to discover and understand the discipline and traditions of Judaism.

UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MEMORY LOSS AND DEMENTIA

Ronda Hatfield, LPN, is a retired home health nurse worked with caregivers and facilitated caregiver support groups over the last 15 years of her career. She will lead a presentation and discussion on developing kind and compassionate interactions with those experiencing memory loss and dementia. She will show a DVD by Teepa Snow, MS, occupational therapist and dementia care specialist. This presentation and discussion will be split into one and a half hour sessions, Wednesdays Sept. 18th and 25th, 5-7:30, Fellowship Hall. Ronda notes, "As an inclusive church that welcomes all, this is a way to include members of our church family."



RECYCLING REMINDER

Patrons of Fellowship Hour are wondering what goes into the blue recycling waste basket and what goes in the regular black waste basket. Both are located by the kitchen door. Please help us keep the two separate so they can go into the proper bins outside.

In the blue can: cleanish paper plates (scrape off food into black basket); paper cups without liquid; plastic water bottles; paper items that are not dirty with food. No napkins or tissues or loose plastic bags!
In the black can: everything else.

And: if you take your silverware and cup or glass to the dishwasher by going through the end door, it helps alleviate congestion while the kitchen crew is cleaning up.
Thanks so much for being careful to see which can is which and for placing items accordingly and to using the “dishwasher door.”

The end goal is to not have recycling put in a plastic bag (doesn’t that defeat the purpose?) but loose in the blue receptacle so David can take it out to our big recycling bin and just dump it. -- Your recycling queen



IMMIGRATION NEWS:

Saturday, September 21, 1:00 PM at the United Methodist Church, we are co-sponsoring an immigration panel of speakers including:

- I A Master of Divinity graduate from a Methodist Seminary who is also a professor at Boston University teaching graduate classes on the subjects of immigration and theology.
- II An immigration attorney
- III A holocaust survivor
- IV Dan Streeter, Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent and Board member of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- V Representative of “No More Deaths”, a humanitarian organization based in Southern Arizona.
- VI Member of the local immigrant community
- VII Community organizer and graduate student at Prescott College who has researched local law enforcement practices in Yavapai County.

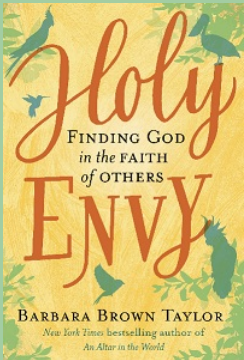
There will be a Q & A time following the panel presentation. Questions? Contact our Mission Outreach chairperson, Gary Gard [928- 910-2455]



HOLY ENVY: FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS by Barbara Brown Taylor

Chapters 1-3 in a series by Marti Garrison and Harry Strong
“There is no one alive today who knows enough to say with confidence whether one religion has been greater than all the others.” Arnold Toynbee

Barbara Brown Taylor, hereafter BBT, begins chapter one with Toynbee’s quote. In the book’s introduction she asked herself, “Could my faith be improved by the faith of others?” Episcopal priest for 15 years and for 20 years professor of Religion 101 at Piedmont College in Georgia, BBT came to the classroom fired up to teach her students in one semester about world religions.



She quickly realized that day trips to a monastery, a mosque, a synagogue and a temple were the most effective ways to learn what other faiths believe and how they practice. One of her goals was to help students learn “the big questions of human existence: Why are we here? What are we supposed to be doing? When we die, is that it?” She adds “Whether the students agreed or disagreed with other people’s answers to those questions, taking them seriously would help them ask better questions of themselves.” Her students included Jehovah’s Witnesses, Missionary Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, Mormons and Pentecostals along with Christians of mainline denominations. “[This] was going to call for a level of theological humility that I had not practiced in quite some time.”

“If there is only one God, why are there so many religions?” This is one of the main questions BBT and her students wrestled with as they examined the teachings of Buddha, Mohammed, the Torah, Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament.
Their first outing was to the Hindu Temple of Atlanta, the only one in Georgia. An Indian colleague who accompanied the students to help them understand asked BBT, “I have nothing against the Lord Jesus. As a Hindu I love him too, but loving him does not mean I cannot love Lord Vishnu. Do you see?”

One student ran out the door as they were waiting for the priests to complete devotions to the goddess Padmavathi. BBT went to girl who was sobbing, “They are all so lost, and they don’t even know it!” To her they were worshipping statues when they could be worshipping Jesus. Yet BBT’s Hindu colleague had “impeccable hospitality...welcoming all of us to join her at the high altar in her temple without asking what we believed.”
BBT ends this chapter asking, “Who had convinced us that faith was a competitive sport and that only one team could win for eternity?”

Chapter three focuses on Buddhism. “The Buddha’s teachings never mention God and...Buddha taught that ‘Enlightenment is its own reward, the peace that passes all understanding. If we want something to do while we are learning to let go of our demands about the way life ought to be, we can devote ourselves to relieving the suffering of others.’”

They attended a lecture by a monk who spoke on Cultivating Happiness. He said that “our unhappiness is a product of our own minds, as we persist in locating the source ‘out there’ instead of ‘in here.’” BBT writes that she realized that “In the Buddhist way, belief is optional. Try it and

see...walk the way for a while and decide for yourself what is true.” BBT finds this thrilling in that her “own tradition seems to have much less confidence in my ability to decide anything for myself.”

“”You are a Jew?” the Dalai Lama asked him. When Kevin said yes, His Holiness said, ‘Judaism and Buddhism are very much alike. You should learn more about both and become a better Jew.’”

Marti Garrison
Next week, chapters Harry’s commentary and questions on chapters 4-6.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS -- THANK YOU!!

To help with a smooth-running Fellowship hour, here are three guidelines:



- 1. Set up. Arrive by 9:50/10:00 at latest.**
All the cupboards and drawers are labeled.

- A. Put cookies on trays unless they are already on trays when people bring them. Some items will be in the freezer. Snacks are in cupboard to left of sink.
- B. Fill water server and put in ice if we have any. Freezer is small white appliance next to big gray refrigerators.
- C. Get orange juice if we have any and fill other server. Put both on serving counter.
- D. Get out tea bags, sugar, creamer from small cupboard above Mr. Coffees. Put water in the Mr. Coffees for tea.
- E. Arrange glasses cups and sugar, etc. on counter. If Tom has not already put out glasses, they are above the dishwasher.
- F. Put coffee maker on counter and plug in at 10:20. Ditto with hot water.
- G. Arrange cookies, etc. on table and cover with clean white cloths...found in drawer next to sink.
- H. Leave service about 10 minutes early to remove cloths and make sure everything is ready.
- I. Make sure sign up clip board visible. Have money basket out.
- J. Stay in kitchen to serve people and make sure anything needed is replenished.

- 2. Clean up starts when people seem to be finished.**

- A. Put all foods away or wash empty containers in sink. Put on kitchen counter where owners will see them. Clean water servers and coffee maker. Any juice left put in refrigerator. Ditto with creamer or butter.
- B. Follow directions for amounts of water and coffee and put in coffee maker so next week person only has to plug it in. Directions are on inside of door of condiment cupboards (where tea, etc. is). Usually 35 cups of water and one cup plus of coffee.
- C. Put all glasses etc. lying around into dishwasher. Turn on dishwasher! See Tom about how to use dishwasher.
- D. Clean out sink and wipe off all counters and the table. Julie will pick up money. If she is not there, probably Tom will.
- E. Make sure all is clean and tidy.

- 3. Bringing Goodies**
Cookies, fruit, veggie platter....all welcome.
Please, to make kitchen staff's job easier, arrange your goodies at home and just drop off at kitchen, ready to go on the table.
Take home any extras unless you and staff decide to freeze it for the next week.

Thank you all! ~~ Marti and Patty

RADIO DRAMA

Are you an aspiring actor, or have you sometimes thought of being in a play but the thought of memorizing lines scares you half to death? Can you read well in front of an audience? This is your big opportunity!

On Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m., First Congregational Church will perform the Radio Drama version of Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life”. This is a fun and easy way to put on a play because *nobody needs to memorize any lines!* There are 33 roles, both large and small. We also need people to do live sound effects and play additional recorded sound effects and music on a computer.

AUDITIONS will be Friday, November 1 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 2, from 10:00 am to Noon in Perkins Hall. If interested, please pick up a list of roles on the table in Perkins Hall. If you have questions, see Brian Moore after church or email him at brianm9943@yahoo.com.



GEORGE BAILEY	Dreamer/Loan Officer (male)
CLARENCE	Angel, Second Grade (male/female)
SUPERINTENDENT	Boss of Angels (male/female)
MARY HATCH BAILEY	George’s Wife/Librarian (female)
ANNOUNCER	Radio Announcer (male/female)
MR. POTTER	Warped, old financier (male)
UNCLE BILLY	Absent-minded clerk (male)
SAM WAINWRIGHT	Successful businessman (male)
POP BAILEY	George’s father (male)
MA BAILEY	George’s mother (female)
DR. CAMPBELL	Board President (male/female)
GOWER	Pharmacist (male/female)
NICK	Ornery shareholder/bartender (male/female)
ERNIE	Cab driver (male)
BERT	Local policeman (male)
MARTINI	Italian café owner (male/female)
YOUNG GEO. BAILEY	Boy, age 10 (male/female)
PETEY BAILEY	Boy, age 9 (male/female)
JANIE BAILEY	Girl, age 8 (female)
ZUZU BAILEY	Girl, age 6 (female)
COUSIN TILLY	Loan office clerk (female)
MRS. HATCH	Mary’s mother (female)
TOLL-TAKER	Bridge Toll-Taker (male/female)
CHARLIE	Difficult shareholder (male/female)
MRS. DAVIS	Shareholder (female)
MRS. THOMPSON	Shareholder (female)
MR. WELCH	Irate husband (male)
CARTER	Bank Examiner (male/female)
IMPATIENT NEIGHBOR	Impatient neighbor (male/female)
SHERIFF	County Sheriff (male/female)
BANK TELLER	Bank clerk (male/female)
RANDY	Shareholder (male/female)
RADIO DIRECTOR	(NON-SPEAKING PART)



EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

CHANCEL SINGERS

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

ALTER-NOTES

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after “Children’s Time”.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Cheryl Gilges
09/09
William & Rebecca Bryant
09/22
Janet & Ritch Steven 11/23

BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Broussard 09/06
Christy Dinsman 09/07
Tom Macy 09/14
Yoichi Matsumoto 09/18
John Wilson 09/28
Destiny Hoitt 09/29
Ralph Gilges 10/09
Melissa Gates 10/13
Paul Monska 10/13
Dave Deville 10/15
David Foote 10/17
Elizabeth Gates 10/21
Harold Lobaugh 10/22
Suzy Lobaugh 10/23
Patty Lantrip 10/25
Marilyn Eby 10/28
Marti Garrison 11/01
Sandra Johns 11/01
Julie Mccurdy 11/01
Debbie Staats 11/01
Carolyn Prohaska 11/10
Judy Ely 11/11
Bill Rouse 11/15
Andrew Wallace 11/18
John Huff 11/23
Fay Wilson 11/24
Bob Bradstreet 11/28
Bill Linson 11/28
Patti Cichon 12/03
John Mccurdy 12/03
Carole Sue Linson 12/08
Sandra Talbot 12/08
Randy Jay Wilcher 12/17
Pete Norum 12/18
Jay Eby 12/24
Dillan Osborn 12/25

