



FROM THE PASTOR

One of the “ripples of generosity” our church offers the community is a place to recover spiritually. We hear the stories again and again.Churches and individuals have dumped guilt and shame and false images of God on them.The good news of the gospel has alluded them. And they come to our church and experience the revelation of God’s love and grace in the message of Jesus.

I think we may occupy a unique place in Prescott’s landscape of churches.Our historic building and sanctuary trigger memories of the past for some - a judgmental God leading to guilt and shame. Imagine the healing power of coming into this historic church and finding a “new” God of love and grace here. This irony of old and new is our unique place. And it can be powerful for spiritually damaged people. Of course God has not changed, but sadly false and harsh images of God abound, and that leads to harsh and judgmental people.

How refreshing to hear:
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE! AND GOD WELCOMES YOU TOO!



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Each Week ☐ or Each Month ☐ I plan to give: _____

For an annual total of \$ _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

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SAVE THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORDS

MY PLEDGE

Each Week ☐

Each Month ☐

\$ _____ Annual Total \$ _____

STEWARDSHIP BOOKLET

2019 BUDGET

PLEDGE CARD



TRANSGENDER DAY OF *Remembrance*

Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 at 6pm
First Congregational Church
216 E. Gurley St. in Prescott

With Special Guest &
Keynote Speaker



Trudie Jackson

Free Event
Refreshments
Personal Stories
Keynote
Candlelight Vigil

For more information contact:
gyccinfo@gmail.com



A CHRISTMAS CAROL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

REHEARSALS for ACTORS:

This Saturday, November 17, 10am - 12 Noon

Scripts to actors - First (cold) read through

Monday, November 26, 6 pm - 7pm Optional Read-through for those who want help

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am - Noon: **FULL REHEARSAL**

Tuesday, December 4, 6 pm - 7pm: **FULL REHEARSAL**

REHEARSALS for SOUND EFFECTS PEOPLE:

Wednesday, November 28, 6pm - 7pm (sound effects people only)

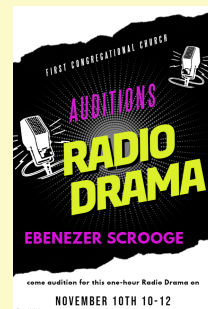
Saturday, December 1, 9:30 am - Noon (full rehearsal)

Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (full rehearsal)

PERFORMANCE:

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 pm

(Role Call in Perkins Hall at 6:45 p.m. - please be on time!)



Acker Night

South of Winslow will be performing again this year on Acker night, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. Please see the sign up table for ways you can help. We will need folks for set up, hosting and clean up.

South of Winslow



PACKER TEAM SCHEDULE

Below are listed the wonderful volunteer FCC Packer Teams members for Nov 19-21, 2018.

This maybe be a very busy week so that is why 3 packers are shown for each day and the 3rd person can make up bags at the ready, or label and perhaps help carry filled order to the shelves. There maybe some donated turkeys to give out as well.

FCC Packer Teams

- Mon Nov 19th: Kathy and Don Stephens, Jim Christopher
- Tues Nov 20: Patty Brenner, Randy Cook, Paul Sandstrom
- Wed Nov 21: Linda and Dave Foote, Angela Imbierowicz

Thank you all
Al Beeson



ADULT OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE, LEARN AND CONNECT

The Most Popular Formats,
Topics, and Times for Adult
Christian Education Opportunities

Thank you all so much for filling out the form about what we want to share and when the best times are. The times, of course, are all over the place because of people's schedules. So I will do my best to accommodate the most popular selections.

Most popular formats:

- Church sponsorship of one-day symposiums of current topics has 12 affirmative
- Small groups, 9, and a spirituality group for sharing personal faith journeys, 8
- Book discussions drew 4

We can do all of these.

Most popular topics:

- Social Justice/Social Gospel/A Just Peace, 12
- Women in the Bible, 10
- Homosexuality in the Bible, and The Four Gospels, a selection of texts, both 9
- Reflecting on our church mission, 6
- The rest of the topics came in at 5th, 6th, 7th, and so on.
- A good suggestion is considering the Parables of Jesus. That sounds interesting.

The most popular time: after coffee once a month. Weekday lunch came in as a second choice. We can alternate topics during the month so we have a full schedule.

*December 10th is Human Rights Day, so Sunday, December 9th seems like a good day to begin a discussion on the Social Gospel, social justice and how our church mission relates. Let's try after coffee at 11:45. If this doesn't work for various reasons, let's try Wednesday lunch. I will announce the room.

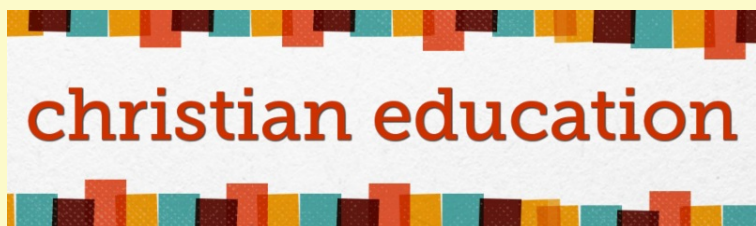
*December 16th and 30th I want to start the Women in the Bible series. "Women of Hope" is a great way to begin. I will suggest biblical texts.

*January is a good month for beginning a series on Homosexuality and the Bible (and the UCC). This will also work well as a one-day symposium. Please tell me other current topics you are interested in. For our spiritual journeys discussions, I will contact those who have expressed interest.

For the book discussion groups, I will display in Perkins Hall materials from the national UCC and books from our library. Please browse the library and bring your suggestions. These will start in January or February.

I am excited about learning from each other and sharing our questions and knowledge! Some groups will have a leader, some will not, depending on the topic and what participants would like. This is shaping up, folks, but will have wrinkles. I look forward to all of it! Thank you for your participation, suggestions, and questions.

Rev. Marti Garrison, Director of Christian Education



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

This month's Mission Outreach emphasis is a two fold outreach.

- 1. The Coalition for Compassion & Justice shelter for those who are homeless.
- 2. A DACA assistance fund to help DACA college students meet the expense of having to pay out-of-state tuition and the expense of applying for the renewal of their DACA status. Our immediate focus is to help Franceny, a DACA student at Yavapai Community College. Franceny was one of our panelists present at our DACA presentation in March in Perkins Hall.

Questions may be directed to any of our Mission Outreach team. Becky and Bill Bryant, Patty and Gary Gard, and Staci Robbins.

Each month we provide a hot meal to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS), a shelter for women and children. If you would like to help, please see the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Questions may be directed to our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042).



Birthdays

Bill Rouse Nov 15
Andrew Wallace, Nov 18
John Huff, Nov 23
Fay Wilson, Nov 24
Josh Taylor, Nov 25
Bob Bradstreet, Nov 28
Bill Linson, Nov 28
Patti Cichon, Dec 3
John McCurdy, Dec 3
Mac Macalister, Dec 5
Tommie Wildman, Dec 6
Sandra Talbot, Dec 8
Richard, Unkenholz Dec 11



Anniversaries

Janet and Rich Steven Nov 23
Patti Cichon Nov 26



NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov 18, 25: Alice and Jim - Alarcon Street door
Nov 18, 25: Ralph and Susan: Gurley Street
Nov 18, 25: Ritch and Janet

Free Celebration of Thanks
Children and Adult Choirs, Reflections on Gratitude, Singing and Refreshments!

This Fifth Annual Celebration of Thanks brings together all faiths in our community for a night of song and shared reflection. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to St. Luke's Food Pantry. Monetary donations will benefit Yavapai County Suicide Prevention.

Sponsored by the Quad-City Interfaith Council.
For more information, contact Liz Kennedy at (928) 632-3100 or email media@sleep.org.

**6:00 p.m. Thursday
November 15, 2018**
St. Luke's Episcopal Church • 2000 Shepherds Ln. Prescott
Off Hwy 89 & Ruger Rd near the Prescott Airport

HANNAH'S HEART

Hannah's Heart is a play by local playwright, Melanie Ewbank, based on the book by the same name by local author, Diane Iverson. This historical fiction Christmas story takes place in Prescott, AZ in 1935, when 10 year old Hannah Meadows creates a plan to help Santa provide presents for her siblings.

All proceeds go to support the Coalition for Compassion and Justice and the Prescott Unified School District Family Resource Center.

**Hannah's Heart Books Available @ Visitor Information Center
Only \$12.00 / Supports Coalition for Compassion & Justice and PUSD Family Resource Center

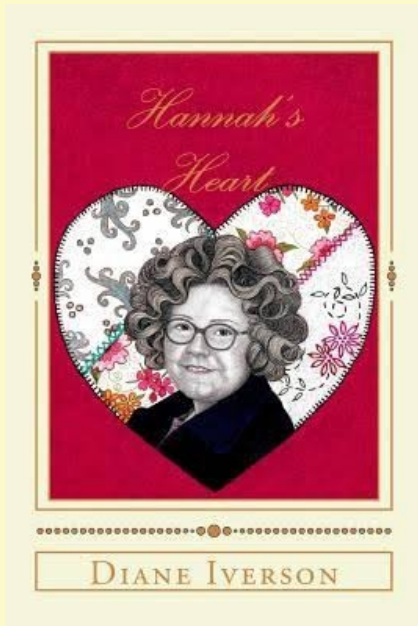
Location:
PUSD Ruth Street Theatre
1050 N Ruth Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

Nov. 30 - 7 pm
Dec. 1 - 7 pm
Dec. 2 - 3 pm

Theater will open one hour before performance.
Adults - \$20.00
Seniors - \$15.00
Students - \$10.00
Children 5 and under free with adult

Tickets available through www.brownpapertickets.com starting in September.

Hannah's Heart is a uniquely Prescott Christmas story for all ages that brings to life a smaller town during a difficult time in our country's history. Hannah is sure to capture your heart.



THANKSGIVING

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church,

2000 Shepherds Ln, Prescott at 6 PM on November 15th. Those attending are asked to bring a can of soup in support of local Food Banks.

NINE 'N DINE

Marti Garrison and Paul Monska and Ralph Wagner and Susan Lemons have volunteered to host. More details on that to come. One person has expressed interest in the **Bake-a-Thon**. The goal of both these is for people to get to know one another better. And they are fun and delicious! Child care is an option. Please indicate if you would like that. Do pick up a form on the table under the newly decorated Christian Education bulletin board in Perkins Hall. We need your input and suggestions!

ALAN MICHAEL’S BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

Please help - If you are under 60, go to the national registry at bethematch.org. If over 60, go to bonemarrowtest.com. Monies are available to cover the cost.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 25

We are planning a Holiday Homecoming!!! Please pick up cards in the sanctuary to send to friends, family and former or missing members as an invitation to join us for holiday services. Please include that services start at 10:30 and a nursery is available as well as Sunday School for children. On Saturday, November 24th we are having a pizza party in Perkins Hall for all who wish to join in on decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. We will gather at 10 am in Sanctuary to decorate with pizza to follow.

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM

Pastor Jay leads a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the church office.

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

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.

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.

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 9:00 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.

ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal on the Chancel each Sunday. If you like to sing or can play an instrument, we are looking for new members. We play folk, pop, Celtic, spirituals and anything else. Contact Melissa Gates phone: 207-391-3276

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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PRESCOTT, UCC**
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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