

# First Congregational Church



## Ripples of Generosity Stewardship 2019

### FROM THE PASTOR

Thanks to all who have already turned in your 2019 pledges toward our church budget. We will continue to collect them through the end of the year. Remember a pledge is a best guess of what you might be able to give to the church next year. No contracts involved! It just helps us plan what the church can do for 2019.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, remember the ways Jesus gave thanks:

Mark 8 - for bread - thank God for providing for our needs

John 11:41 - for hearing prayer - thank God for being relational, listening and speaking

Matthew 11:25 - for being on the side of the down and out - thank God for caring for the least

Luke 22:19 - for Lord's Supper - thank God for salvation

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Gratitude is an attitude that we exude with certitude and exactitude! Et tu?*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Each Week ☐ or Each Month ☐ I plan to give: \_\_\_\_\_

For an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

SAVE THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORDS

MY PLEDGE

Each Week ☐

Each Month ☐

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STEWARDSHIP BOOKLET

2019 BUDGET

PLEDGE CARD

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### REHEARSALS for ACTORS:

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)

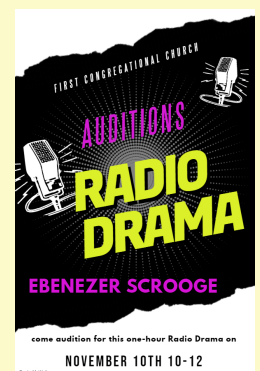
Saturday, December 1, 9:30 am - Noon (full rehearsal)

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



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.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> is Human Rights Day, so Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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



Birthdays  
Josh Taylor, Nov 25



### 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



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



ATTENTION: The first "Angel Tree" is coming to the First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ on November 25. Parents, grandparents and children get ready! All of our Sunday school children and their parents/grandparents are eligible to participate. Stay tuned (weekly bulletins and Parish Callers) for more information.

**ANGEL TREE FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

Pastor Jay and the Mission Outreach Team have decided to have a “Family Christmas Event” for our Sunday school children (“angels”). What a joy it is to have them as part of our church family. Beginning this week, we are introducing our Angel Trees. Next Sunday, December 2, each child will have 2 gift ideas on the trees. For those who want to participate, you can take an angel off the tree and shop for that gift. You then bring it back to church and place it under the angel trees with the child’s name on it. The children will open the gifts during the children’s time on December 23 (if absent, we will get the gifts to them). Partner with someone else if you like - the gifts will be under \$20.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS - CCJ LITTLE TREE HOUSE  
& UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Family Christmas provides children (birth through 18) from low-income families with newChristmas gifts. 1,400 children were served last year. Gift items - teen purses, jewelry, makeup, gift cards, sports equipment, books, dolls, building blocks, toy cars and planes, pajamas, winter clothing, arts & craft kits, games, stocking stuffers. Bring you unwrapped gifts by **December 19**to Prescott United Methodist Church. Low-income families may register at the Little Tree House (505 West Gurley) from 10am-2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**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](http://bethematch.org). If over 60, go to [bonemarrowtest.com](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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.

“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

#### **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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#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00

Friday 9:00 - 1:00

#### **PASTOR JAY**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

other times by appointment