



REACHING OUR STEWARDSHIP GOAL

UPDATE ON
WHERE OUR
PLEDGES FOR
2019 STAND:

November
25th: \$78,154

November
18th: \$52,820

GOAL \$127,000

There are pledge
cards in Perkins
Hall, or you may
download and
print this one that is in the Caller.

A dashed-line border containing a form for a pledge card. It includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and a section for "MY PLEDGE" with checkboxes for "Each Week" and "Each Month". It also has a section for "For an annual total of \$" and "Date" and a "Signed" line. A small circular diagram with colored dots is on the right.

PLEDGE CARD

2019 BUDGET

STEWARDSHIP BOOKLET

Wonderful 'Thank YOU'

Last Sunday we were pleasantly surprised to be informed that we had a fellowship time meal prepared for us by Pastor Jay and Cherie (well, mostly Cherie, the cooking part!). It was a "THANK YOU CONGREGATION" gesture which many people enjoyed and appreciated. Now, thank you from grateful members who do not take anything for granted!
Patty Lantrip - Moderator

Acker Night has been canceled, South of Winslow has backed out.

Thanks to all who volunteered to help! I appreciate it!!

Now you can go and enjoy Acker Night downtown. Julie J.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

REHEARSALS for ACTORS:
Saturday, December 1, 9:00 am - Noon
&
Tuesday, December 4, 6 pm - 7pm

REHEARSALS for SOUND EFFECTS PEOPLE:
Saturday, December 1, 8:30 am - Noon
Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

PERFORMANCE:
Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 pm
(Role Call in Perkins Hall at 6:45 p.m. - please be on time!)



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP!

Here is a schedule of events and discussions folks have expressed interest in. I am really looking forward to these and more!



December 3, 17, and 31, Mondays noon-1, “Personal Spiritual Journeys: listening and sharing” Ongoing as participants wish. Here are a few questions for reflection to get us started. Add more as you wish. We will meet in the **church library**, downstairs.

1. In a few words or phrases, describe how you are presently doing.
2. How have you experienced God lately?
3. What has been life-giving? What has been life-draining?
4. What things are presently occupying your mind and heart?

December 9 and 23 and ongoing as we wish: Sundays, 1:00, “Social Justice: past, present, and future for the UCC and beyond.” What does social justice mean for us? What were the Social Gospel and Liberation Theology and how have those movements shaped our understanding of social justice? What actions can each of us take, can the church take to shape justice in our communities?

“Reading the Parables: Many interpretations, No easy answers.” A discussion group. Dates and times to be announced, starting early in 2019.

“Homosexuality and the Bible (and the UCC): what do the scriptures really say?” Either a one-day seminar or a series of presentations. February, 2019

“Women in the Bible: a women’s retreat” Spring, 2019. Powerful women, unnamed women, “bad girls,” suffering women, joyful women. We will look at the texts and play around with alternative versions. The library has many good books on theology through a woman’s eyes and experiences.

Look over the books under the Christian Education bulletin board for possible topics for small group discussions or for seminars. These books plus many resources in our library will inspire us to take on new and unexpected opportunities. All the topics and formats you have indicated on the forms you returned will be scheduled as best as possible. Thank you! See me for thoughts, suggestions, and questions. Rev. Marti Garrison, Director of Christian Education.

MISSIONS OUTREACH FOR DECEMBER

Our December mission emphasis includes;

1. Our denomination’s Christmas Fund which supports low income clergy and their spouses, and
2. Our DACA Assistance Fund, which helps college age DACA students meet the expenses of paying out-of-state tuition and the expense of applying for the renewal of their DACA status. Presently, our DACA Fund is supporting Franceny, who was a part of our panel of students at our March DACA presentation in Perkins Hall. Franceny needs \$5000 to meet the out-of-state tuition for her last semester at Yavapai Community College. The last Sunday date for being able to help Franceny meet her goal is Sunday, December 23rd. Franceny was brought to the United States when she was only 4 years old. Through high school and college, she has maintained mostly “A’s” while taking Honor Classes. Use your check memo line to indicate which mission emphasis you prefer.



Questions are welcome to any of our Mission Outreach team members: Gary Gard, Chr, Becky and Bill Bryant, Patty Gard, Staci Robbins. As always, thank you for supporting our church’s ministries of justice and compassion. We have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patti Cichon December 3
John Mcurdy December 3
Tommie Wildman December 6
Carole Sue Linson December 8
Sandra Talbot December 8
Richard Unkenholz December 21
Randy Jay Wilcher December 17
Pete Norum December 18



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

Charlie Hille December 19
Dakota Wilson December 20
Jay Eby December 24
Dillan Osborn December 25
Don Stephens December 25
Christopher Hoit December 27

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 new Christmas 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.

ACKER NIGHT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

"South of Winslow" cancelled on us! So, we will not be hosting a group this year.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH POTLUCK MEAL - DECEMBER 23 AFTER WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00 PM

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.

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 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).



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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

