



*This Week at a Glance...*

- **Chancel Singers Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- **Worship Service:** Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- **Alter-Notes Rehearsal:** Sunday 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
- **Prayer Chapel:** Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room 2
- **Lenten Series:** Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
- **Pastor's Bible Study:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. Chapel downstairs
- **Bell Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday 11:00 a.m.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

*Way to Calvary, Andrea di Bartolo,  
circa 1400, Thyssen-Bornemisza  
Museum, Madrid*

We are deep into our Lenten journey, so it seems appropriate to turn our attention to the cross this Sunday. The text is John 12:20-33 and the title of the sermon is "Why the Cross?" We will consider theories of the atonement. This may seem esoteric, but a lot of people struggle with forgiving themselves or believing God can forgive them, so come Sunday to hear how the cross might help in that regard.



Tom Macy continues to recover at Good Samaritan Rehabilitation in Prescott Valley. Our thanks to Julie Jaquette and Angela Imbierowicz for checking on Tom and helping to get him to the hospital. It is a good reminder of the importance of belonging to a church family.

Serving on the board of Coalition for Compassion and Justice, I invite you to a CCJ brunch in honor of Diane Iverson on March 24 at 9am at First United Methodist Church. Diane and husband Doug have worshipped with us many times. Diane helped found CCJ. RSVP online at [yavapaiccj.org](http://yavapaiccj.org) or call 928-445-8382.

Serving Christ With You,  
Jay

**SERMON NOTES**

John 12:20-33: "Why the Cross?"

- Atonement = at-one-ment with God
- Substitutionary Atonement - blood
- Legal, Financial, Moral Influence, and Military Images of Atonement
- Feminist Issues - redemptive suffering - No!
- Helps to remember God is subject and not object with Atonement
- John's Gospel - Jesus' Crucifixion judges the world and drives out Satan
- The world (cosmos) = system of domination, violence, and death (Walter Wink)
- Atonement remains mystery - real love and forgiveness is costly (John 3:16)

Listen to Jay's Sermons

Mar. 18	Alter-Notes Provide Music
Mar. 21	PASS Meal 5pm
Mar. 23	Fundraiser for "Sugar and the Mint"
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday
Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm
Apr. 1	Easter Sunday



Apr. 8                Holy Humor Sunday  
Apr. 15              Beatles Sunday  
Apr. 25              Denise Nasso & Opus – Potluck and  
Dancing



**FREE CONCERT @  
First Congregational Church  
Friday March 23, 2018**

6:00—6:30 open for silent auction  
6:30-7:30 Sugar and the Mint Show

Donations accepted to cover new album & 2018 travel expenses

**sugarandthemint.com**

**2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival  
band contest WINNERS**

**sugar  
& the  
mint**



**SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM**

The team met this past week with a Prescott Police officer to begin the process of developing our own policies and procedures. It will probably take around six months to get everyone trained and procedures in place. Until that time, an off-duty police officer stationed outside may be utilized.

**PRESCOTT MARCH FOR OUR LIVES**

**Courthouse Square**

**120 S Cortez St**

**Prescott, AZ 86303**

**When: Saturday, March 24, 12:00 PM**

**Join us and stand with the victims of the shooting in Parkland, Florida.**

**It's time for action and so we march for our lives.**

**THE CCJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS & JIM AND LINDA LEE HOST  
"DIANE IVERSON LEGACY BRUNCH CELEBRATION"**

**Saturday, March 24, 9:00am – Prescott United Methodist Church**

**RSVP: [yavapaccj.org](http://yavapaccj.org) or 928-445-8382**

**MELISSA GATES NEEDS OLD DOORS FOR A MARKETING DISPLAY ENTITLED  
"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL"**

**PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU HAVE A DOOR TO CONTRIBUTE**

**WHITE PRIVILEGE SERIES WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM AND WILL INCLUDE A SOUP MEAL!**

**LENTEN SERIES STARTS WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM AND  
INCLUDES SOUP MEAL**

Fifth Gathering-- March 21

"Spiritual Autobiographies Told Through the Lens of Race"

Sixth Gathering-- March 28

"On Becoming an Ally"

"We're halfway through our six-week Lenten Series on white privilege. In the first gathering, we laid the groundwork for recognizing white privilege in our society, and the ways in which it shapes individuals' worldviews. The second gathering focused on the American experience of race, with discussion of how the



received version of our history often is shaped by a white perspective. We watched an interview with Dr. Cornel West, who spoke about the Black prophetic tradition in the US, and discussed the value of seeing American history and society through the lens of race. In the third week, we talked about race and the church, discussing the ways in which familiar dimensions of our church experience often assume a white perspective. We watched a video discussing the experience of people of color in white-dominant churches. We also discussed passages of scripture that speak to our obligation to work for inclusion and justice.

In weeks ahead, we will examine the operations of white privilege in areas such as housing, healthcare and education. We'll consider our own spiritual autobiographies in relation to race, and we'll look at ways in which white people of faith can become allies to people of color."

Bill Bryant

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## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our mission emphasis for March is the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity [PAHH]. Four new home building projects are underway, two in Chino Valley, and two in Prescott. Since its founding in 1989, by the end of this year, 90 poverty-level families will have become first-time home owners. Volunteers are always needed to help with: (1) construction projects (2) office needs (3) ReStore Used Items Store, and with (4) Committees... such as the Family Selection Committee, Family Support Committee, and Land Acquisition Committee. If interested, contact the PAHH Volunteer Coordinator Gail Martin at 928-445-9003. For monetary donations, checks may be made payable to the church, with a memo line of "PAHH".

Thanks to your contributions to last month's mission project, the Prescott Area Shelter Services, PASS, will be receiving a check for \$320. Our thanks again to those who have been helping provide a monthly hot meal to the women's shelter at PASS. In addition to meals, there is always a need for new cleaning items: Pine Sol, Lysol All Purpose Cleaner, Comet, Window Cleaner, etc. Any questions may be directed to our PASS coordinator, Patty Gard, [928-460-3042]. See our volunteer sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.

Thank you for your support of our outreach ministries of compassion and justice.  
Gary Gard, Outreach Ministries Team chairperson, 928-910-2455.

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### MARCH GREETERS

Sandra Johns  
Lauren Edwards  
Patty Lantrip  
Liz Spence

### VAN MINISTRY

Bill Rouse has agreed to be one of our van drivers to pick up and take home those needing a ride to church. If you would like the church van to pick you up Sunday morning, please let Bill know by Saturday. His number is 602-769-5770. Our thanks to Bill for this ministry.

### ALTER-NOTES

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of bringing alternative styles of music to our worship service? Come join Alter-Notes! We rehearse at 12-12:45 p.m. on Sundays, after social time. Music styles vary -- calypso, spirituals, folk, Celtic, pop, rock and everything in between.  
**Show up and/or call Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276.**

### THE CHANCEL SINGERS

You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join us! The Chancel Singers are seeking people who love to sing. Anyone interested is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Chancel.

**For more information, please contact the Music Director, Jane Osborn, at 928-713-4752 or [prescottsong@hotmail.com](mailto:prescottsong@hotmail.com).**



## HELP US BUILD OUR SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED

#### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

An informal study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Hazeltine 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

#### 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.

#### ALTER-NOTES

Alter-Notes is an alternative music group that meets at 12:00 for rehearsal in the Hazeltine Room 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).

If you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please let  
Bill Rouse know by the Saturday before. 602-769-5770

## 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



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.**

