

Be my Valentine **First Congregational Church** Be my Valentine  
"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

**The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr: An Interactive Lenten Study**

Who is Father Richard Rohr? A Franciscan priest? A Roman Catholic? Aren't we Protestants? Why would we care what he has to say? Fair questions. But might his questions (and answers!) be our questions too?

- Why does it matter that "Christ" was not Jesus' last name?
- What changes when we opt for "original blessing" over "original sin"?
- What if, when Jesus said "This is my body" he meant us, not bread?

For six weeks, members of our church will engage in study to explore answers to these and other questions. We hope you will join us. Study begins Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. Feel free to ask Harry or Anna Strong or Michele McFadden on Sunday for more information.



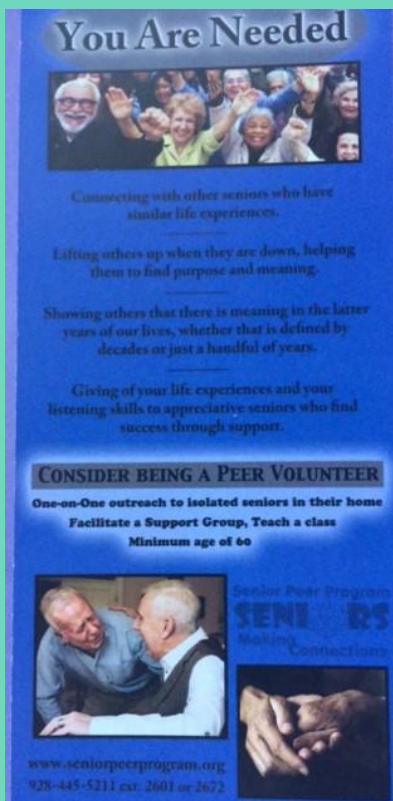
**CALL FOR SINGERS!**

Interested in participating in a choral concert to celebrate the 50th year of Earth



Day? "Songs of the Earth", a choral work of 10 songs with storytelling, will be performed in Prescott on Sunday April 26th, the week of Earth Day, by a multi-faith choir. The piece was featured at the 2015 Parliament of World Religions in Salt Lake City, and was also performed in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

Interested singers please contact Mary Lou Prince, music director at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. [musicdirectorgranitepeakuu@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirectorgranitepeakuu@gmail.com)



"The most rewarding volunteer work I have experienced in Prescott is being a senior peer in the Senior Peer Program. Their office is on S. Cortez in the West Yavapai County Guidance Center. I have been visiting a woman for almost two years, which has been such a delight, and I think we are a perfect match.

We talk at her table, enjoy rides to feel the fresh air, and go to the frozen yogurt shop, among other things. We have become good friends. She can't leave her home on her own so my visits are truly beneficial.

This flyer explains more of how this program can be such a benefit for both volunteers and



Mission Outreach Update: Thanks to your generous response to our January mission emphasis project, a \$786 check has been sent to the Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC). PCC serves low income/homeless clients with monthly food bags. If you would like to be a part of our church's team of volunteers who pack the food bags, please contact our co-captain, Angela Imbierowicz (708)712-1448.

February's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS provides shelter to women and children, educates clients concerning local resources, assists clients in their search for employment, and helps clients transition into permanent housing. Volunteers from our church help provide a monthly hot meal. If you would like to help with this outreach, contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042) or sign your name to the PASS volunteer list found in Perkins Hall. Checks may be made payable to the church, with the memo, PASS.

As a reminder, we have established an on-going fund to assist DACA students needing help with [1] education related expenses and [2] legal expenses relating to their DACA renewal. We continue to help Franceny, a junior at Prescott College and her brother, Francisco, a senior at the U of A. This fund receives donations throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please note "DACA Fund" on your memo line.

Our Mission Outreach team welcomes questions/comments. Team members are: Becky



participants. Consider calling them or looking at their website:

[www.seniorpeerprogram.org](http://www.seniorpeerprogram.org) or 928 445-5211 x 2601 or 2672.

My Peer and I are so grateful for this wonderful program.

Marti Garrison"

and Bill Bryant, Helanine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson). Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2).



### Our Packers at Prescott Community Cupboard

for the week of February 3 - 7 were:

Kathy & Don Stephens,  
Patty Brenner & Marie Kissel,  
Sue Hodge-Parker & Julie Pindzola,  
Bill Linson & Alice Kring,  
Pete Norum & Patty Lantrip.

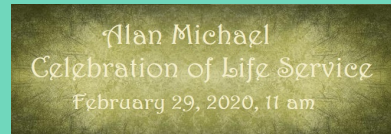
Thank you for serving as volunteers for this much-needed community service.



Thank you Rita Day for graciously accepting the role of organizing the Volunteers for our Sunday Coffee Hour!

We are still in need of more Volunteers to help set up. Please email Rita at [ritzaroma@yahoo.com](mailto:ritzaroma@yahoo.com) to let her know you want to be on the volunteer schedule.

Just a reminder that there is a sign up sheet near the Coffee Bar to bring snacks for our Sunday Coffee Hour  
THANK YOU





#### COFFEE TIME SCHEDULE

Patty Lantrip & Murl Preble	16-Feb
Gary & Patty Gard with Kathy Stephens	23-Feb
Paula Parker & Mike Ortegus	1-Mar
Lloyd Evans & Alice Kring	8-Mar
Dave Deville & Patty Lantrip	15-Mar
Julie & Sandra Jaquette Johns	22-Mar
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	29-Mar

	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Pledge Units (individuuls &amp; couples)</b>	38	46	64	37
<b># of Members that Pledged</b>	55	54	47	42
<b># of Friends &amp; Regular Attendees that Pledged</b>	8	12	17	0
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 65,462	\$ 97,020	\$ 97,274	\$ 84,320

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

### M-TH: 9-2 & F: 9-1

#### Anniversaries

Paul & Diane Sandstrom 02/14  
Suzy & Harold Lobaugh 02/19  
John & Julie Mccurdy 04/18

#### Birthdays

Harry Strong 02/19  
Barbi Beeson 03/02  
Betty Corn 03/13  
Kathy Stephens 03/13  
Patty Gard 03/18  
Bret Ely 03/26 Andree Shrimpton 03/28  
Susan Wilson 03/30  
Janet Steven 04/08  
Deana Wilson 04/27  
Tom Lloyd 04/28

#### • 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 Thursday 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".

Watch Sermons Here