



First Congregational Church

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

This Week at a Glance...

- **Womansong with Ukes Along SATURDAY, MARCH 3 @3:00**
- Chancel Singers Rehearsal: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Pre-Lenten Adult Sessions: Sunday 9:10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
- Alter-Notes Rehearsal: Sunday 12:00 - 12:45
- 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

*This weeks sermon title:
"Jesus Challenges the Purity System"*

I have been troubled for weeks watching the grieving families and friends of the Florida school shooting victims. This was Florida's safest city. The Texas church shooting happened in rural Sutherland Springs. Apparently, there is no safe place. I am grateful for our safety and security team forming and beginning to address our needs on Sunday mornings. Some time ago, we implemented door locking procedures Sunday morning to limit access to the building. But the pace and frequency of mass shooting events have led me to question how much more we should do. Our team met the other day with a Prescott police officer who assists churches in addressing security. Several other churches in Prescott have developed their policies and procedures, so hopefully we can learn and borrow from them. And several other churches in town have one or more off-duty uniformed officers with a squad car in their parking lot for added security. I am sad we live in a time when steps like these are necessary, but I am committed to making sure those who come to our church are as safe as possible. If you are interested in joining our safety and security team, please let me know.

Grace & Peace,

Jay



“Womansong with Ukes Along”, a Joint Concert

March 3 @ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Prescott Ukulele Guild (PUG) co-founder Will Fisher has invited us to collaborate with the Womansong Civic Choir that he directs at 3pm on March 3, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Prescott for the “Womansong with Ukes Along” concert.

Prescott Ukulele Guild



This FUN performance will feature songs from the Womansong choir alone, songs from PUG alone, songs with EVERYONE, and PUG sub-group performances.

Cost to Public: Free, with a love offering
PUG Attire: “Aloha” Wear

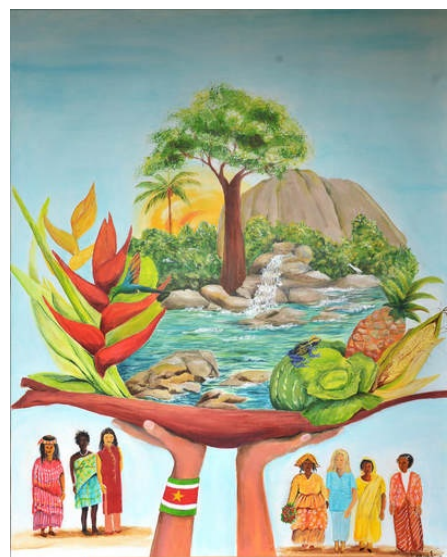
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

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, 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.



**Today is World Day of Prayer, we
are welcome to join in this global
ecumenical program led by woman
from all over the world to pray for
peace and justice.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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

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

Third Gathering - March 7
"Talking About Race and Church"

Fourth Gathering - March 14
"The Cash Value of Whiteness"

Fifth Gathering - March 21
"Spiritual Autobiographies Told Through the Lens of Race"

Sixth Gathering - March 28
"On Becoming an Ally"



Cabinet Meeting on February 22 at 6 p.m. --(adjourned 7:38 p.m.)

Did you know that you could have been with us for this meeting? Meetings are OPEN, and we're in the downstairs waaaaay back in the cozy little Parker Room.

There were nine members of the cabinet at this meeting, and our newly elected co-moderator, Patty Lantrip, directed the meeting very smoothly.

What happened?

Julie McCurdy, treasurer, reported that pledges, contributions, and facility usage funds are looking very good as of January 31 (\$15,625) However, we still had to use FCC Foundation funding of \$10,155 as our expenses were \$22,759. Do the math. What's up with January? It's partly three payrolls because of the Friday configuration, a quarterly insurance payment due, higher gas usage, and partly that we need more income.

The Cabinet approved Melissa Gates' proposal to chair and display "Five Doors Open to All" as has been colorfully displayed at the Albuquerque, N.M. UCC Church. Our own "real" doors will soon be temporarily erected on our church frontage. Check Internet for your visual.

We're seeking delegates to our UCC Southwest Conference. So far the McCurdys have signed up. Please join them. There's (budget) room for \$200 expense for three more delegates. We need you. This annual, historic opportunity for you could be April 19-22.

Church camp is coming up in June, and our budget may not cover the expense. The Cabinet will continue to seek solutions for any of our youth that may be eligible.

Our Conference has been addressing sanctuary issues, and Gary Gard's team will see what's happening locally as well as in the conference. Perhaps we can either help or become better informed.

The FCC Security Team has met with Pastor Jay, and all security measures are being considered at this time.

And...Pastor Jay would really like to see a solution to the usage of our church parking lot--especially on Wednesday evenings when we often have evening church meetings. Are there other available parking sites? Do we need to find other solutions?

Please see our roving team of Staci Roberts and Linda Foote. They're members-at-large. Discuss any thoughts you may have about this evening's agenda.

See these doors here



“EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH” ADULT SESSIONS

We will be using Marcus Borg’s “Embracing an Adult Faith”.

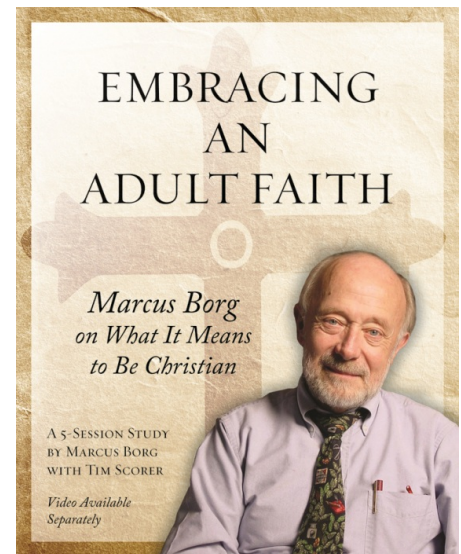
Mar. 4 -- Salvation as Transformation

Each session stands alone, so attend those you can.

Sessions will be offered twice

- 9:10 - 10:10 before worship
- 11:45 - 12:45 after worship

Place: Maggie B. room downstairs.



"SPRING FLING SEMI FORMAL"

Would anyone be interested in attending a Spring Fling Semi-Formal social dance in Perkins Hall in May? It would be ballroom type music supplied by a D.J. or a small



dance band. The per person cost would be set to cover expenses. Don't know how to ballroom dance? Not a problem. Free weekly lessons would be offered long before the actual dance. Before we contract for the music we need to be confident we can cover the cost with attendance. This dance would be opened to the public as well. So - we'd love to have you respond to this survey. Text [207-391-3276](tel:207-391-3276) or email mgates716@gmail.com. All we need is a yes and how many would probably be coming with you, or a no. Thanks.



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

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& the
mint**



SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION CUT OFF IS MARCH 31, 2018



If you are interested in being a delegate representing our church, please let Pastor Jay know.

April 19-22, 2018
Tucson, Arizona

The purposes of the Annual Meeting is to:

- Provide an opportunity for fellowship among the churches of the Conference;
- Elect Officers, Executive Board members, and other positions as provided for in these bylaws;
- Receive the reports of the Officers, staff, committees, member churches and organizations related to the Conference;
- Approve the budget of the Conference;
- Adopt the mission objectives of the Conference when presented by the Mission and Church Vitality Committee;
- Act on business forwarded to the meeting by the United Church of Christ churches, associations and the Executive Board of the Conference according to standing rules.
- Transact any other business which may be properly brought before the Conference.

MARCH GREETERS

Sandra Johns
 Lauren Edwards

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.

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.



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

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

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).

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PRESCOTT, UCC

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Pastor Jay: 928-899-9066

Julie: 928-710-1379

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.

