



Sirens & Crooner Belt it Outta the Hall!

Raucous and rhapsodic, the “All American Canteen” variety show featured The American Sirens (a trio of harmonic beauties) and crooner Michael Evans on the staged arena of Agape Hall before an enthusiastic crowd estimated at more than 160 toe-tapping enthusiasts.

The presentation featured music from the '40s to current 'standards' all arranged by the artists. From “Bugle Boy of Company B” to “Come Fly With Me,” or “Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend” to “Mr. Sandman,” the harmonies were reminiscent of the Andrews sisters.

The patriotic songs performed included a tribute to the armed forces, plus Lee Greenwood's “God Bless the USA” in tight, three-part harmony.

A recording of the variety show is available for viewing on the church's YouTube page if you missed the show.





Kevin's Komments

All the faith, hope, and love. None of the judgment

Scripture:

Revelation 21:5-7

As we finished up our series on the book of Revelation, I've been noticing how much the writers in the Bible talk about heaven as a feast. Jesus, John, Luke, and Paul all seem to think that after God "makes all things new" and restores creation to full goodness, God will sit down with all people for an amazing meal. Eternity kicks off with a party, and there's good things to eat.

Which seems to imply: there will be cooking in heaven. So, there's got to be gardening, farming, and milling in heaven. And there's tables, so there must also be woodworking and smithing. We will need to sew cloth for clothes, spin clay into bowls, and make games to humor the children.

All that to say - I've been thinking a lot about how there's going to be work in heaven. But, in all the Bible's visions of heaven no one is afraid, worried, or tired, and there's always enough to go around.

So, if there is work in heaven, it's not work we do to pay the rent or survive, it's work we do for joy and passion — work that enhances our lives, builds community, and satisfies our creativity and curiosity.

When we get to do work out of love and not out of necessity, it will "keep the party going" forever.

I wonder: What kind of work will you want to do?

What kind of work fulfills you, and brings you joy instead of stealing it from you?

I think this is one of the things I love so much about church: church is a little foretaste of heaven! Making church happen certainly takes a lot of work, but it's a beautiful mosaic of each of us giving our time, energy, and skill as a gift of love.

And, just like in heaven, the work we each do for the church makes a space for every person to come to God with us, and brings joy and peace to our neighbors.

I hope you all know how sacred and important the work we do together at PUMC is. Thank you all for your gifts, your skills, and your hearts. I look forward to keeping the party going each week!

— *Pastor Kevin*

United Women in Faith Host Annual Game Day



United
Women
in Faith

It's that time again! The United Women in Faith hosted its annual Game Day that featured board games, fellowship and shared dishes of snacks, main dish items and desserts.

Ladies of Prescott United Methodist Church hosted the event providing dinnerware and beverages, with some attendees bringing their own wares so there'd be fewer spills on the games. Much fellowship and fun was had by all. contact Karon Keeler (928-515-3342).



Among those enjoying the UWF Game day in August were (above, left to right) Phyllis Rhyner, Cheri Hull, Jean Carhart and Sandy Hester. Others included (left, L-R) Laura Seifried, Karen Pinney and Vicki Scott.



First Wednesday Event Hosts People Who Care

People Who Care, as the designated Mission for September, will be the featured presentation at the monthly First Wednesday event held in Agape Hall.

The September 3 gathering begins at 5PM and includes an in-person PWC representative describing the vision and mission of this local non-profit that coordinates essential transportation and non-medical assistance which enables our "neighbors" to live independently and safely.



Assisting our neighbors
to live independently

DESIGNATED
MISSION FOR
SEPTEMBER



Impromptu Antique Auto Show



A prelude to the special "All American Canteen" show held Sunday, August 24, was a car show hosted by the PUMC Methodist Cruisers on the campus patio. A bevy of vintage vehicles were on display just outside Agape Hall featuring the copper coupe and the old Ford owned by Rod and Mary Bauer.

The Preview

September ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations
to all celebrating "significant"
(50+ yrs.) anniversaries this month:

16th Glenda & David McFarland,..... 64 years

20th Marge & Wayne Hunt..... 67 years

*These names and dates are supplied through PUMC's database. If you are anticipating an anniversary of 50+ years and would like to be listed, please contact the church office to supply your anniversary day and year.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Mission in Motion to Rainbow Acres

The PUMC Missions committee is looking for volunteers for its annual 'Mission in Motion' to Rainbow Acres scheduled for Saturday, October 18.

Plan is for volunteers to leave the church parking lot to drive to Camp Verde at 8AM, work on a few projects, have lunch with the campers, then leave to come back at 2PM.

All ages and abilities are welcome to join in the fun. Contact Jim Houser at (661) 405-9496 for more information. As an added bonus, the Rainbow Acres Choir will be performing at the First Wednesday event in Agape Hall at PUMC on October 1.

— Jim Houser

"What's Up?" Returns. Learn About PUMC's Outreach Activities, Events

The church-favorite discovery event, "What's Up at Church?" returns on Saturday, October 4, the hour before and the hour after evening service, and Sunday, October 5, between morning services in Esther Hall.

PUMC's Adult Education Committee members will be contacting church committees and groups active on campus to provide further details or participate in the learning opportunities. Contact Sandy Farrell, the committee chair, at sandyfarrell609@gmail.com, for more information.

This is an opportunity to learn of the many outreach efforts and activities available at PUMC, and which of these may interest you. There are never too many hands working with church activities.

— Sandy Farrell



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Facebook.com/PrescottUMC

CHRONIC PAIN
Confidential
SUPPORT GROUP FORMING
Meets in Upper Room - 2nd Monday - 1:30PM

Sunday's Bible Story TODAY
First Wednesday Bible Study
at Las Fuentes Assisted Living
10:15AM - Activity Room
Open to everyone
...not just residents
Las Fuentes Assisted Living Facility 1039 Scott Dr.

PUMC SPOTLIGHT

Jean Canoose, devoted PUMC Financial Secretary

You may (or may not) catch a glimpse of her... quietly slipping into the church during the week... silently climbing the stairs to the church financial office upstairs, but her presence is always felt.

With more than 20 years of experience, Jean Canoose has provided knowledge and dedicated support to our church in more ways than one. From tracking finances, donations, and estates... to managing insurance reimbursements and refunds... she stays incredibly busy... behind the scenes.

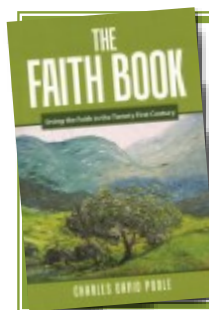
She also plays a key role in preparing and sending out the annual stewardship letters (hint: Be on the lookout for that letter in the mail soon!).

We are deeply grateful for Jean, our devoted financial secretary and an Enrolled Agent, whose tireless work makes a significant impact on the financial vitality of our church.

Always close by is Bruce McKeeman, her trusted sidekick offering support along the way.

Please keep this diligent, kind-hearted woman in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to carry out the vital (and often unseen) work that helps keep our church running smoothly.

— Devin Davis



UMC Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00AM - Upper Room

and ONLINE via ZOOM

from the comfort & convenience of home

Contact: Jerry Lord - (315) 225-3387
gaylord1941@gmail.com

New Members Welcome!

AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN



Tuesday 10AM Zoom Women's Bible Study

"Disciplines 2025"

Contact Peggy Rambikur for online connection: peg.mos@hotmail.com

Sunday's Bible Story TODAY

Wednesday

Bible Study

Open to everyone
...not just residents

at Las Fuentes, 9AM
Craft room, First floor

Las Fuentes Resort Living Facility, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott



PRAYER CORNER

Please be praying for...

Bob Alexander	Jim Green	Jim Nuber	Amy Seigler
Diane Alexander	Charlene Guderian	Gail Oden	Karen Severy
Betty Bartlee	Jan Halgunseth	Beth Peters	Janet Shatzer
Anne Barton	Marvin Heidenreich	Merilyn Pickett	Sharon Simmacher
Marvin Betts	Sandy Hester	Arnie Rice	Jane Skinner
Myra Boyer Turner	Doug Iverson	Clydene Rice	Vera Stewart
Stan Brown	Eric Jacobson	Joe Samford	Chuck Stone
Ron Comón	Nancy Johnson	Marcia Sanders	Vivian Swanson
Lucille Crawford	Dick Mason	Geri Schott	Varen Thorne
Marcia Dunham	Jerry Mumford	Rod Scott	Linda Tredway

SPECIAL PRAYERS ...for our country and the world...for God's guidance and mercy as we move forward in this time of uncertainty...for those who have lost loved ones...for those affected by tragedies both here and abroad, as well as those impacted by the ongoing violence and warfare in our world.



Thank you to our Ushers, Greeters, and Staff who support every worship service and special event at the church. We don't often acknowledge your efforts, but know they are greatly appreciated. — PUMC

We are an active and diverse body united through Christ, where we joyously contribute our God-given talents, study scripture and grow in understanding, deepen our personal relationships with

Our Mission Christ and one another, and live our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Adopted by Church Council, Nov. 23, 2010

PUMC YOUTH SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN 07 FASHION BATTLE

Come throw down in a tournament of digital shirt design! (bring your phone or tablet!)

@ PUMC - *Special Time* Noon-2:00pm

THE WILD RIVER

Will you survive the rocking rapids of the river? And, will Bigfoot find all the ducks?

@ PUMC; 2-4pm

SUN 14

SUN 21 RPG DAY 1: CREATION!

Create a new character for our games this season! @ PUMC; 2-4pm

RPG DAY 2: ADVENTURE!

Your characters bravely embark on an epic quest!

@ PUMC, *Special Time* 3-5pm

SUN 28

MORE INFO: KEVIN@PRESCOTTUMC.COM

Upcoming Events



- ♦ **Hand-bell Choir Auditions, Sept. 2 at 9:30AM**
If you can read music, you can toll the bell! Open auditions for Hand-bell ensemble in Agape Hall; contact Heidi Pierce.
- ♦ **First Wednesday Event: People Who Care**
Sept. 3—5PM Agape Hall. Learn more about neighbors-helping-neighbors providing non-medical assistance to adults.
- ♦ **Choir Rehearsals resume September 3**
Weekly Wednesdays, 5:45PM Celebration Choir in choir room, 6:30PM ALL in Agape Hall; 7:30PM Chancel Choir in Agape.
- ♦ **“When Words Fall Short: How to be there...”** -
“...for our Grieving Friends” - Sunday, Sept. 7 – 2PM Agape Hall. Rev. Patti Blackwood leads this grief presentation.
- ♦ **Chronic Pain Support Group, September 8.**
1:30PM in Upper Room; contact Rich Poynter or Rev. Patti.
- ♦ **“The Gospel of John” Study, Thursdays, 3PM**
Adventures—Women’s Bible Study completes six-week study this month. Contact Christy Coutts: (760) 220-6966.
- ♦ **UMMen’s Breakfast, September 13 - 9AM**
in Mary’s Parlor. Contact C E Mahan, cemahan75@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Stewardship Begins September 15**
Look for your pledge letter in the mail and return it to church office by month’s end. For details, call office (928) 778-1950.
- ♦ **No Hooked on Books in September.** We’ll be back, Oct. 2 – 10AM in Library; Call Karon Keeler, (928) 515-3342.
- ♦ **Kolnonia Continues Every Sunday 10:30AM** study in Douglas & via Zoom. Paul or Susan Wolfe: 928-443-7514.
- ♦ **Rainbow Acres Choir, Sloppy Joes for Oct. 1**
4:30PM meal, 5-ish PM concert for October’s First Wednesday event. Yavapai Food Neighbor Project presentation, too.
- ♦ **All Church Conference set for Sunday, Oct. 5**
Begin working on committee and ministry reports to present to new District Superintendent. Call Ken at (928) 778-1950.
- ♦ **Missions in Motion @ Rainbow Acres, Oct. 18**
8AM - 3PM DATE for work-party activities. Contact Jim Houser for details: (661) 405-9496. Lunch & choir performance, too.
- ♦ **Women’s Away Day, October 25 – 9:30AM - 3PM**
SAVE THE DATE. Contact Rev. Patti Blackwood.
- ♦ **Advent Devotional - Submissions due Nov. 10**
Theme: “The Sounds and the Silence of Christmas.” Digital file (200-250 words) to office, (928) 778-1950 attn: Ken.
- ♦ **Save the Date: Cantata set for Dec. 6-7.**
Performances at 7PM Saturday and 10:30AM Sunday morning.
- ♦ **Paypal Portal available as “Donation Page”**
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=S4AE4K37E8CS2

CHURCH OFFICE: (928) 778-1950

HOURS: 9AM – 4PM

Monday-Thursday, Closed on Friday & Labor Day, Sept. 1

Task Force Challenged To Find Constructive Way Forward for Esther

The Esther Hall Task Force has been meeting; an architectural review has been submitted; concepts, both physical and inclusive, continue to be considered, debated, and explored.

Esther Hall and its landmark location form the nexus of this effort. "We really need to do something" remains the underlying issue and costs a primary factor for the 'blue sky' task force with no pre-specified limitations to potential size, scope nor end-use considerations.

Objective for the task force is to have a recommendation (as an executable concept) ready in as timely a manner as possible, perhaps as early as the first quarter of 2026. Regardless the recommendation, it will ultimately go before the entire Congregation for final consideration."

Study areas already being deliberated by the task force include an assessment of physical plant needs (repairs, upgrades, re-use possibilities, etc.), identification of use opportunities and impediments, architectural considerations and op-



The iconic bell tower of Esther Hall and the building's façade at the corner of Summit Ave. and Gurley Street remains a visual landmark of downtown Prescott.

All Church Conference with District Superintendent Set For October 5

The annual All Church Conference, where the status and future of Prescott United Methodist Church is on full display, will be held Sunday, October 5.

Look to the "Weekly Reminder" and the October edition of "The Preview" for details. Committee and ministry reports are to be submitted by September 18, for inclusion in the published report presented to the visiting District Superintendent.

tions, and an assessment of possible community needs for the physical site.

The church, with its 155-year history as Prescott's first church and Arizona's first Protestant church, has long been considered a business incubator and charter enterprise. This landmark site remains a community destination.

The Esther Hall Task Force continues its almost weekly meeting schedule where discussions include the building needs assessment (a new room, a clean and inviting environ, adequate restroom facilities, modernized and efficient HVAC solutions, etc.), congregational needs (additional meeting space), community needs (service and meeting space for events, groups, activities), community engagement, church growth, and more.

As a task force, its mandate is to explore all options, provide options for moving forward unconstrained by preconceptions, and facilitate wide buy-in across the congregation.



ADVENT
Devotional

THEME: "The Sounds and the Silence of Christmas"
...taken from the title of this year's cantata.

Please write about your favorite Christmas sounds or your best thoughts in silent moments.

Deadline for submission: November 10

Methodist Cruisers

Meets Second Tuesday each month in Douglas or at a destination site.
Contact Jim Myers, 928-237-0677
All are welcome to join us!





Yarn Twisters

(Knitting & Crochet Group)

4th Monday - 2PM
UPPER ROOM

Open to **ALL** skill levels.
Men welcome.
Call Gayle Kemp **901-331-1777**



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

\$7 per person
9AM - Mary's Parlor
Saturday, Sept. 13

RSVP to C.E. Mahan
cemahan75@gmail.com



Support, Service & Fellowship Groups

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN. SUPPORT

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday (**September 15**), 10AM
in Deborah. CONTACT: John Meier, (928) 771-2144.

BRIDGE

Meets first Monday (except Labor Day) 12:30PM in Esther
Hall. CONTACT: Joni Broderson, (928) 308-5028.

CARDS OF CARING

Meets first Thursday (**September 4**), 2PM in Douglas. CONTACT:
Nola Burkhard, (978) 846-2046, nolaburkhard@icloud.com

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT

Meets second Monday (**September 8**), 1:30PM, Upper Room.
CONTACT: Rich Poynter, rlpointer2@gmail.com or Rev. Patti
Blackwood at the church office, (928) 778-1950

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Meets second Tuesday (**September 9**), 1:30PM, Purple Room.
CONTACT: Marilyn DeVan, marilynlddev@gmail.com

GRANITE CREEK HUNGER MINISTRY

Meets Saturdays, 11AM at Granite Creek Park (spring,
summer) or in Esther Hall (fall, winter). CONTACT: Jim or Carol
Lark, carol.lark4594@gmail.com

HOOKED ON BOOKS

No meeting in September; Meets first Thursday (**Oct. 2**),
10AM, Library. CONTACT: Karon Keeler, (928) 515-3342,
doskeelers@gmail.com

METHODIST CRUISERS

Meets second Tuesday (**September 9**), 12NOON in Douglas or
a local destination. CONTACT: Jim Myers, (928) 237-0677.

PRAYER QUILTERS

Meet as needed. *All who sew welcome!* (928) 778-1950.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

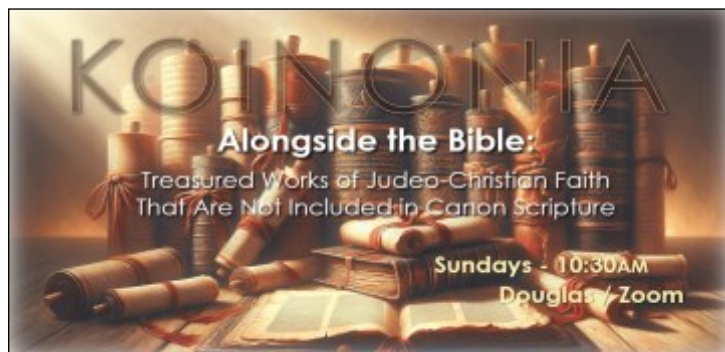
Meets second Saturday (**Sept 13**) at 9AM for breakfast in
Mary's Parlor or **Oct. 11** at 8AM for coffee (*Founding Fathers*)
for breakfast. CONTACT: CE Mahan, emahan75@gmail.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

No meeting in September; meets first Saturday at 10:30AM
in Douglas. CONTACT: Karon Keeler (928) 515-3342 or
Cheri Hull (623) 523-1444.

YARN TWISTERS - KNITTING & CROCHET

Meets fourth Monday (**September 22**), 2PM in Upper Room.
CONTACT: Gayle Kemp, gjkemp@comcast.net



ADULT STUDY GROUPS

- ♦ **KOINONIA CLASS - HYBRID MEETING**
Meets Sundays, 10:30AM in Douglas and on **ZOOM**.
LEADER: Paul Wolfe, wolfeden@ix.netcom.com
- ♦ **UMC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
Meets Tuesdays, 9AM - Upper Room and **ZOOM**.
Jerry Lord (315) 225-3387, jalord1941@gmail.com
- ♦ **PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets Thursdays, 10AM - Upper Room;
LEADER: Beth Peters - toriamre4@gmail.com
- ♦ **SUNDAY'S BIBLE STORY TODAY**
Meets Wednesdays, 9AM, Las Fuentes Resort Living,
Craft Room (1st floor), 1035 Scott Drive, and
Meets first Wednesday (**Sept. 3**), 10:15am, Assisted
Living Center at Las Fuentes, Activity Room, 1039
Scott Drive; **Open to ALL, not just residents.**
- ♦ **ADVENTURES-WOMEN SHARING FAITH**
Meets Thursdays, 3PM - Douglas. LEADER: Christy Coutts,
(760) 220-6966.
- ♦ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
Meets Tuesdays, 10AM via **ZOOM**.
LEADER: Peggy Rambikur, peg.mos@hotmail.com
- ♦ **WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**
Meets first and third Tuesdays (**Sept. 2, Sept. 16**), 6PM
via **ZOOM**. LEADER: Rev. Patti Blackwood



Before, After, Between Worship

Equal Exchange

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

*Saturday in Narthex or
Sunday in Esther Hall*



Hooked on Books

a "United Women in Faith" sponsored book club

Contact Karon Keeler, 928-515-3342,
doskeelers@gmail.com

NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

10am in the LIBRARY.

**Book discussion & fellowship offers
time to relax together sharing!**





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CLOSED LABOR DAY — SEPT. 1

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The Preview

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Wherever you are in your faith journey, you have found a home at Prescott United Methodist Church, “for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7) We seek to be an active and diverse body united through Christ. We include all persons without regard to age, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status, socio-economic level, religious affiliation, or personal ability.

“We welcome all and exclude no one.”

— Supported by Church Council, 2/17/2015

Worship In-Person

Saturdays - 5PM

Sundays - 9AM and 10:30AM In Agape Hall

Children's Sunday School

At the 10:30AM Worship Service, children are dismissed following the “Children’s Moment” and escorted to the Sunday School Rooms to enjoy a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

During worship, masks are optional.

Worship Online

**Every Saturday at 5PM and
Sunday at 9AM and 10:30AM**

on PUMC’s Facebook.com/PrescottUMC page or on YouTube video. You can still watch the services even if you do not make it in time to watch it “live.”

**“Prayer Time” - Monday and Wednesday
at 2PM on Facebook.**

