

# THE PREVIEW

DECEMBER 2025

Prescott United Methodist Church

505 W. Gurley, Prescott, AZ - (928) 778-1950 - [www.PrescottUMC.org](http://www.PrescottUMC.org)

*All the Hope, Faith & Love. None of the Judgment*

## Christmas EVE SERVICES

**Wednesday, December 24**

**3pm** - Daylight Service  
with Communion and Candles

**5pm** - Children & Family Service  
with glow sticks for the youth

**7pm** - Candlelighting Service  
with Choir, Candles and "Silent Night"

ADVENT

Devotional

**"The Sounds and the  
Silence of Christmas"**

**Available in the Church Narthex  
or online: [prescottUMC.org/Advent2025.pdf](http://prescottUMC.org/Advent2025.pdf)**



Prescott  
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*"A Congregational Care Ministry"*

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## Dan's Deliberations

The other day I moved my music stand out of our office/craft room and into the living room where there is more space to practice for our upcoming Christmas cantata. I will be playing my trombone.

I have had my music stand since Christmas of my 5th grade year when I had just begun playing trombone and I asked for one. I asked for the same type of stand we used at school (Manhasset), not the compact portable one like my sister had. I knew I needed something more sturdy.

I still have the stand, and it's in great shape. I can't think of a gift I have kept longer. I don't know if Mom and Dad thought, "This will last him forever," but 50 years, so far, isn't bad.

Of course, other "things" my parents "gave" me have lasted longer. I am thinking of memories. I remember childhood Christmases and Christmas Eve services. I remember lessons learned and values taught.

Most importantly, my family was the role model for my faith. My mom taught me Sunday school, and my dad taught me about tithing. While Mom has been a church leader, Dad preferred to not do committee work, but didn't miss Sunday service even if the kickoff was early.

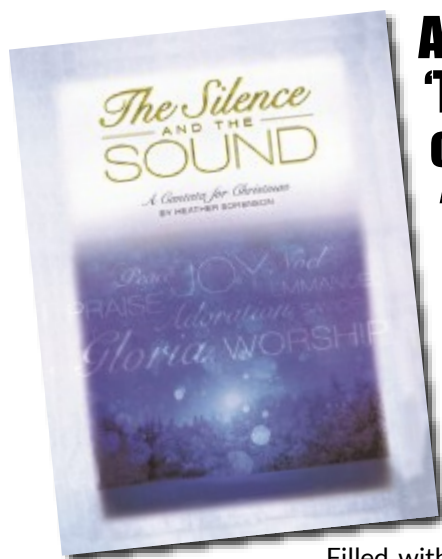
As we move into the Advent and Christmas seasons, I wonder: Who can you share the faith with? Who can you invite to the choir Cantata or Christmas Eve service? You never know, you may be giving a gift that lasts for eternity.

This year our choir Cantata will be on Saturday, December 6 at 7:30PM and Sunday, December 7 at 10:30AM. Christmas Eve services are at 3PM daylight with communion and candles, 5PM for children and families (with glow sticks), and 7PM choir and candles. Come and invite a friend.

See you in Church,  
— **Pastor Dan**







# Annual Cantata Highlights 'The Silence and the Sound' of Christmas, Dec. 6-7

This Christmas, our music ministry invites you to experience our annual Cantata – “*The Silence and the Sound*” by Heather Sorenson – a powerful retelling of the Nativity that moves from the quiet longing of Advent to the joyous proclamation of Christ’s birth.

With our full adult choir, children’s choir, bell choir, and orchestra joining together, this Cantata beautifully weaves Scripture, storytelling, and breathtaking music into one compelling celebration of Emmanuel.

Filled with original sacred songs and beloved carols, this innovative Cantata is not only a beautiful concert moment, but it’s a true worship experience. The richness of both contemporary and traditional elements, along with thoughtful narrations, make this work an excellent choice for blended worship styles, and the stunning orchestrations complete the package.

As we journey with our Advent theme of “*The Silence and the Sound*,” we hope you’ll join us in worship and wonder as heaven’s silence breaks into the world with this perfect blending of artistry and ministry... and the sound of God’s love. —Heidi Pierce

## The Silence and the Sound by Heather Sorenson

**NARRATION:** **Adult Narrators:** Patti Blackwood and Suzi Jacobson  
**Child Narrators:** Miles Johnson and Rylee Hallowell

### ORCHESTRA:

Janet Moore, *piano*

#### Woodwinds:

Lanette Hanna, *flute*

Dale Barton, *oboe*

Gary Flowers, *clarinet*

#### Brass:

Dean Holbrook, *trumpet*

Kay Keeley, *trumpet*

Brad Freestone, *F horn*

Dan Hurlbert, *trombone*

Dakota Rutt, *tuba*

#### Percussion:

Robin Berry

Clydene Dechert

Dave Kimmel

#### Strings:

Ellen McGowan, *harp*

Craig Fry, *violin*

Nathan Spencer, *violin*

Michele Pearson, *cello*

Scott Rhyner,

*double bass*

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR:

Annie Davidson

Charlie Hallowell

Rylee Hallowell

Jackie Jiang

### BELL CHOIR:

Marina Burnett

Jean Canoose

Jean Carhart

Nancy Downing

Joan Moore

Scott Rhyner

Phyllis Rhyner

Laura Seifried

Matilda Johnson

Miles Johnson

Evangeline Vollandigham

### CANTATA CHOIR:

#### Sopranos:

Marti Burgan

Marian Costanza

Sarah Elliott

Sofia Guzman

Julie Huck

Nicole Mahan

Marian Moody

Kristin Sargeant

Jan Tomlanson

Sandra Williams

Jane Vert

Stephanie Zeh

#### Altos:

Tracey Arnold

Jean Canoose

Danielle Corella

Kris Holt

Gena Soileau

Barbara Mishler

Gretchen Sargeant

#### Tenors:

Nancy Downing

Kate Finis

Joseph Jenkins

David Keeley

Gary Kemp

Jim Melzer

Lynn Oden

Gail Raney

David Somerville

William Vollandigham

#### Baritones

#### Basses:

Dan Blackwood

Rick Gollhofer

Dale Scott

Larry Vahe



## PRAYER CORNER

*Please be praying for...*

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

## 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.

### PRELUDE:

#### Fantasy on Hyfrydol

Featuring: PUMC Chancel Chimes

### CANTATA PROGRAM:

#### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#### Come To Us

Featuring soloist: Marian Costanza

#### Luke 2 (with Silent Night)

#### Sleeping Adonai

Featuring soloist: Matilda Johnson

#### Angels Sing

Featuring: Children’s Choir

#### Unto Us

Featuring: Gretchen Sargeant (alto)  
and Gary Kemp (tenor)

#### Shout! Sing Hallelujah!

#### Worship Christ the King

#### A Tribute of Carols

Featuring: Cantata Congregation

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

“Joy to the World”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



## December

**Congratulations to all celebrating “significant” (50+ yrs.) anniversaries this month:**

11th -	Georjean & Bruce McKeeman	54 years
20th -	Marsha & Mark Leathers	56 years
22nd -	Genanne & Jay Davis	58 years
23rd -	Sandra & Gus Scott, Jr.	64 years
28th -	Mary & Dave Alberts	51 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.

## Online and In-Person Advent Studies Set for Early December

During this Advent season, join in a time of book study, fellowship and reflection. Explore the “themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds as we study:

***An Unlikely Advent – Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story***  
by Rachel Billups.



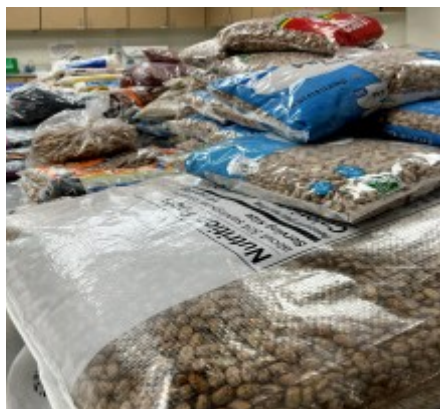
Peggy Rambikur and Rev. Patti Blackwood will offer a Zoom session on the first three Tuesdays of December (2, 9, 16) from 3PM to 5PM. An in-person class will be the first three Wednesdays in December (3, 10, 17) from 4PM to 5:30PM.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex and books will be available for \$10 in the church office. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Peggy at [peg.mos@hotmail.com](mailto:peg.mos@hotmail.com).

—Peggy Rambikur

## Beans, Beans, More Beans! Soup Mixes Start New Year Missions

We need red beans, white beans, pinto beans, and



navy beans for jump-start of soup mixes beginning January 3 and running through the 18th. The Hands-on Mission Project making Bean Soup Mixes will happen January 24-25 after every worship service. Hungry Families thank you! Contact anyone on the Missions Committee or Mary Bauer at [ya-baubau@msn.com](mailto:ya-baubau@msn.com).

— Mary Bauer, Missions

## Adventures-Women Sharing Faith To Study *Marvel & Miracle of Advent*

Adventures—Women Sharing Faith study group began an Advent study the week before Thanksgiving that will continue for the four weeks of Advent, Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

The study will feature “*The Marvel and Miracle of Advent*” by Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. No experience is necessary, and the group meets Thursdays at 3PM in Douglas. Contact Christy Coutts at (760) 220-6966 for additional information and details.



— Christy Coutts

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## Return Angel Tree Gifts, Tags by Dec. 7

Once again, Prescott United Methodist Church will partner with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program to bring hope and joy to families in our community.

We were invited to be a part of it last month with the Angel Tree set up in the church Narthex during services. Congregants were encouraged to choose an “angel” from the tree; sign out the “angel” tag on the clipboard provided; and return your wrapped gift(s) with the angel tag attached by Sunday, December 7, to the collection area in the hallway near the church office. It's time



PUMC Partners with Salvation Army Angel Tree Program to bring hope and joy to families in our community.

Thank you for supporting this Missions project and for helping us share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season.

— Peggy Jo Harwick

## Dinner for Eight Picks Up Again, Second Round Starts February

Did you miss out on the first round of, “Dinners for Eight?” The second generation will begin in February, 2026. These popular monthly dinners either in homes or restaurants provide casual, friendly opportunities for people to become better acquainted, socialize and explore religious topics.

A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex from Sunday, January 4, to Sunday, January 18. There will be an organizing soup dinner in late January, with dinners to begin in February. If you feel “spiritually hungry,” or maybe just want to know people better, join us.

— Sandy Farrell

At this time of year...

**Sharing Food Shares Hope**

...and supports those most in need!



**Hooked on Books**

a “United Women in Faith” sponsored book club  
Contact Karon Keeler, 928-515-3342,  
[doskeelers@gmail.com](mailto:doskeelers@gmail.com)

**Thursday, Dec. 4 (10AM Library)**  
**Book discussion & fellowship offers time to relax together sharing!**



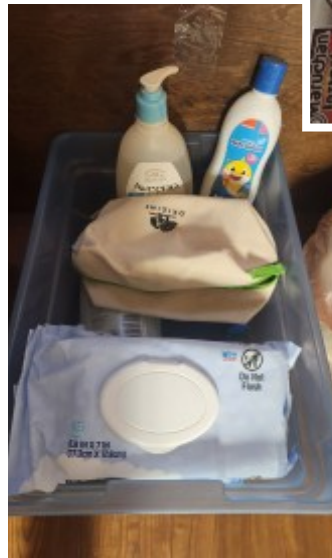




## Granite Creek Hunger Mission

Month in and month out, the engagement of PUMC members with the Granite Creek Hunger Mission goes beyond simply a hot meal and quality time with locals 'on the line.'

The effort includes youth engagement, much-needed toiletries, packaged and non-perishable foods, and a serving line of care — making a difference to someone in need.



## Church Youth Sort Donations, Distribute at Granite Creek Hunger Mission

A floor full of 109 green bags was sorted and repackaged for distribution at a recent Granite Creek Hunger Mission gathering in Esther Hall. "So much food 'n' stuff, it was hard to sort it all," exclaimed one youth.



### Dec. 7 - Nailed It!

Can you recreate an amazing Christmas cake masterpiece?

@PUMC: 12NOON - 2PM (includes pizza lunch)

### Dec. 12 - Night Out: Acker Night!

Downtown Plaza will be full of holiday awesomeness — come join us! Dress WARM!

@PUMC: 5PM - 8PM

### Dec. 21 - Christmas Party

Join us for holiday fun! Treats! Games! Dinner! Bring a silly, 'cheap,' wrapped gift for a White Elephant!

@PUMC: 5PM - 8PM

### BONUS:

### "Board Game Day" During Break

Youth: No traveling for Christmas break? Let's plan a time to get together for board games!

Let Kevin know if you're interested... we'll find the best time!





# As We Close Another Year, Year-end Giving Takes New Meaning in Meeting Needs

It is common that church members ask for year-end giving suggestions. With tax laws being what they are and required minimum distributions a fact of life, we sometimes can avoid paying tax by making charitable contributions.

At the church, our greatest area of need is always the general fund. While not necessarily exciting, our general fund pays for the day-to-day operations of the church — each day costing about \$2,600.

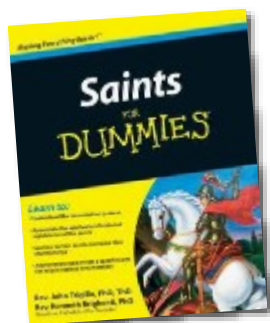
Our Legacy Funds are an excellent giving opportunity. These are our permanently (unless instructed otherwise by the giver) endowed funds. Four percent (4%) of those endowed funds flow into such church ministries each year as music, special children's programs, events, and building expenses. While people often only think of Legacy as an "end of life" gift, giving to these funds at any time is helpful and welcome.

Our missions beyond the church are also a great opportunity to make a difference in Prescott and beyond. (Literature about our missions is available in the Narthex).

As you think about your year-end giving we hope you remember your church.

## Koinonia Compares Catholic Saints During Weekly Study in New Year

On Jan. 4, 2026, the Koinonia class will begin a study of sainthood. Our primary resource will be the book



"Saints for Dummies," written by two ordained Catholic priests. "Saints" is a readable, accessible study of historic and present Roman Catholic belief about sainthood. During the study, we also will consult John Wesley's writings and current United Methodist statements on the subject.

Koinonia class meets at 10:30AM

Sundays in the Douglas room and is also available live on Zoom. Adults of all ages are welcome. For more information or to obtain the Zoom access, contact Paul Wolfe at wolfedan@ix.netcom.com.

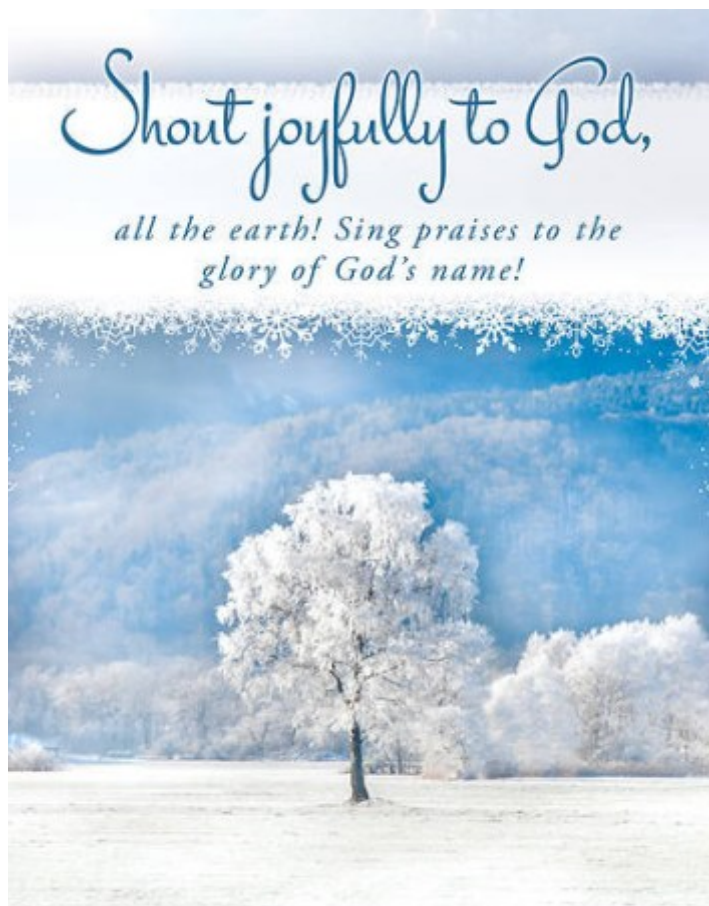
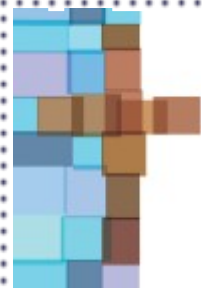
— Paul Wolfe

## Prayer & Bible Study Group

Not Meeting in December

Next: Thursday, January 8

Leader: Beth Peters



## Granite Creek Hunger Ministry Continues in Esther Hall

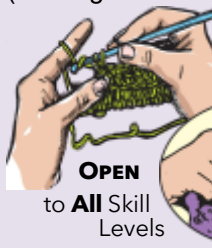
Granite Creek Hunger Ministry continues to meet in Esther Hall for its Saturday 11AM programs during the Winter months. Contact Carol Lark at carol.lark4594@gmail.com for information about this ongoing ministry, a multi-church program for which many PUMC volunteers support.



**United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast**  
\$7 per person  
9AM - Mary's Parlor  
**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
RSVP to C.E. Mahan  
cemahan75@gmail.com



(Knitting and Crochet Group)



OPEN  
to All Skill  
Levels

## "Yarn Twisters"

4th Monday - 2PM  
UPPER ROOM

CONTACT GAYLE KEMP  
gjkemp@comcast.net



# Methodist Cruisers Featured In Veterans Day Parade

For the Veterans Day Parade this past November 11, the PUMC Methodist Cruisers' entry included vintage cars (below) and a parade float (right) carrying a contingent of church Veterans being honored. Thanks to Lay Leader Jim Myers and the Cruisers for coordinating the annual activity.



## PUMC Cruisers Celebrate Bob Pratt's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**C**entenarian Bob Pratt was surprised to see six Methodist Cruisers at his doorstep this past Wednesday presenting him a box of donuts.

Fortunately, there was only one sparkler and two small candles on the glazed dough representing the 102 years attained. "Don't want ya burnin' down the place," he chided.

The Methodist Cruisers added festive balloons and greetings from PUMC for the birthday surprise visit.



More than 70 attended the First Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner in November (above and below) that featured the music of JazzOn in celebrating the season. The United Methodist Men hosted the event that highlighted CE Mahan's favorite Meat Sauce with pasta.



## Methodist Cruisers

No meetings in December or January.  
See you next year: **Tuesday, February 10**  
Contact Jim Myers, (928) 237-0677.

**All are welcome to join us!**





# UWF Showcases Agape House, Transitions Homeless Families

United Women in Faith (UWF), at its November meeting, was blessed to have speakers from Agape House, both Prescott and Prescott Valley.

This organization gives homes to families experiencing homelessness. Agape House "walks with these families" from beginning to their new lives, according to Becky Mitchell, Agape House executive director, who told us so many wonderful and heart-warming stories about the individual housing they have procured for homeless families in Prescott Valley and apartment-type housing for homeless singles in Prescott.

When a family comes to them and needs housing as they are living in their car or out in the woods Becky and her staff of volunteers put together an entire household with sheets, pillows, blankets, bedspreads and towels plus kitchen items: dishes, stainless eating utensils, pots & pans coffee pot, toaster kitchen towels everything needed by a family including a washer & dryer!

Agape House volunteer Cynthia shared stories of how their "families" overcame their individual obstacles. She shared how the program sets up the trailers for each new family. During their six-months with Agape, they're trained in job interviews, family counseling, bible study, family budgets and many other requisite skills that the family needs for success.



Becky Mitchell and volunteer Cynthia of Agape House.

Families then pack all items to take to their house or apartment so they don't have to go to an empty home and they have a great start! One little boy was so thrilled about the washer as they were living out in the woods with no access to that luxury. "Now we can wash our clothes," he said, "and the kids at school won't call me Stinky anymore!"

A father in a family said, "How great to have hot water for showers, especially when it's cold outside!" These families are so blessed with the smallest things that we take for granted.

Becky Mitchell has such a heart for this service which she and Agape House volunteers are providing. On their Agape House site, they even have an Amazon site available with their wish list to keep the housing items supplied for the new families when they arrive!

This was such an eye-opening program and everyone was surprised and in wonder of all they are doing to assist homeless families in our area!

— Karon Keeler

## Missions Committee.

## No One Should Go Hungry, Become Part of the Solution

Become a part of The Yavapai Food Neighbors Project (YFNP) — that's the strong suggestion extended by your PUMC Missions Committee.

We feel that this is the most effective and efficient way to provide food to the one-in-eight households in Western Yavapai County who do not have enough to eat. It's simple. Go online at [yavapaifoodneighbors.com](http://yavapaifoodneighbors.com) or call (928) 848-7266 to sign up.

Neighborhood Coordinators provide you with a free bag to fill. Every even month on the second Saturday, put the filled bag on your porch; it will be collected and you will receive a fresh bag. All food is unloaded at central collection spots where it is distributed to Quad City area food banks and schools.

In October 40,440 pounds of non-perishable food was collected and distributed! With this steady source of food, it helps food banks to plan more efficiently and creates a kinder, stronger community.

If you are unable to participate, PUMC will still have a box in the back of the Sanctuary for non-perishable food for The Community Cupboard which is the fiscal agent for YFNP.

—Mary Bauer, Mission Chair

## UMC Men's BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays, 9AM**

**Hybrid & In-Person**

**Upper Room**

**Call for Zoom link**





## Coffee

8AM

Granite St., Prescott

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

RSVP to C.E. Mahan, [cemahan75@gmail.com](mailto:cemahan75@gmail.com)

CANCELLED







## Have You Signed Up for the '26 Scenic Rhine River Cruise?

The dates will be Oct. 26 thru Nov. 2, 2026, aboard the *Amadeus Riva*. Journey down the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland through Strasbourg, Mannheim, Rudesheim, Cochem, and Cologne, Germany before arriving in Amsterdam, Netherlands on November 1 for an overnight stay.

Journey with Rev. Dan and Marci Hurlbert on this scenic Rhine River Cruise, with study opportunities provided by keynote speaker Tod Bolsinger and Pastor Dan.



Included in the trip are excursions in each port where you will see castles, cathedrals, markets, and more, plus extra time in Basel, Switzerland (Oct. 24-25), extra time in Amsterdam (Nov. 1-3), plus the opportunity for an added train to Paris, France, to complete the late-Fall Scenic Rhine River/European excursion.

An informational meeting was held at the church on October 29. Brochures remain available in the Narthex and church office. Contact Pastor Dan for more details.



## Love Offering

As a church, we traditionally give a love offering at the end of each year to the pastors and staff to thank them for the outstanding service they give to all of us throughout the year.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will be making announcements during services Dec. 13-14, thus collecting this love offering prior to Christmas. Please prayerfully consider your gift of thanks to those who work so hard to guide, care for and minister us all year long. Place your contribution in the envelope labeled "Love Offering" and leave it in the offering plate or drop it at the office. Thank you..

— Staff/Parish Relations

## Service of Solace and Hope or 'Blue Christmas' set for Dec. 14

On Sunday, December 14, at 3:00pm, Prescott United Methodist Church will offer a "Service of Solace and Hope." Sometimes called "Blue Christmas" or "Longest Night," this is a time of meditation and remembering.

Dealing with the death of a loved one, coping with the loss of a job, facing life after divorce or separation, living with a disease that puts a question mark over the future, or any number of other life circumstances can make holiday parties, celebrations, and worship difficult for many in our community.

If this has been a year of challenge or loss, or if the approach of this holiday season feels more like a time of sadness than one of joy and peace, come and gather with us for a Spirit-led quiet time of music, Scripture, and candle lighting.

Congregational Care Ministers will be present and available to support any who desires prayer and comfort. Worshipers will be encouraged to remain in the sanctuary as long as they wish at the conclusion of the service that will be led by Rev. Patti Blackwood — all are welcome.

The service begins at 3PM on Sunday, Dec. 14, in Agape Hall at the church. Call the church at (928) 778-1950 with any questions.


— Rev. Patti Blackwood

**Sunday, Dec. 14**

*Service of Solace & Hope*

**Gather with us  
for a Spirit-led time of Music,  
Scripture, Memories and Hope...**

**3 p.m. in Agape Hall.**



**United Women in Faith**  
Formerly United Methodist Women

**(CHRISTMAS PARTY — 11:45AM)  
December 16 in Douglas**


Contact Karon Keeler at (928) 515-3342 or Cheri Hull at (623) 523-1444. email: PUMCUWF@gmail.com

**AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN**

**Tuesday 10AM Zoom Women's Bible Study**

*"Disciplines 2026"*

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





United Women in Faith  
**Christmas Cookie Walk & Sale - Dec. 13**  
 Sign up through Dec. 5 in narthex;  
 Deliver baked goods Dec. 12, in Douglas  
 funds raised help support Community Food Bank

## Cookie Bakers! Start Your Ovens: Cookie Walk Set for Dec. 13

Hello! All you Cookie Bakers at PUMC and surrounding areas! Start your ovens and break open your favorite cookie recipes! We have sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the Dec. 13 United Women in Faith Annual Cookie Walk.

We accept all the cookies you have time to bake as we hope to break our 2024 record in cookie sales (\$3,500) since there are so many community groups we'd like to help with funds!

We also have half-sheet flyers to hand out to your family and neighbors to invite them to shop with us! We will take in cookies on Friday, Dec. 12, in the Douglas Room from 10AM until about 2PM, and then from 9AM to 10:30AM on Saturday morning, as the sale begins at 10AM and it's better to have as many cookies ready for sale as possible.

Note: if you cannot come on Friday or Saturday, but wish to bake cookies, contact Karen Keeler to let us know where you want her to pick up your cookies. We'll need them by 3:00pm at the latest on Thursday Dec. 11 to take them over to Douglas for Friday sorting. Please put your cookies in Ziplock snack or sandwich size bags depending on the size of the cookies 4-8 per bag. (If the cookies contain nuts, please put the type of nuts on the bag as allergies to nuts vary.)

Those purchasing cookies will buy a box for \$15 and select bags of cookies filling the box full (as long we can tape it shut)! At about 4PM on Saturday (13th) we will begin making up pre-boxed cookies to sell after the 5pm service or after Sunday 9AM service, if there are any left! — **Karon Keeler**

**2026 Endowment Distribution Requests**  
 Applications now available in the Church office.

**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

## The Best Christmas Gifts Support Farm Co-Operative

You can help small-scale farmers AND get a delicious bag of goodies for a friend or family member by shopping at our Equal Exchange table (in the Narthex after the Saturday evening service and in Esther Hall before, after and in-between Sunday services).

If you spend at least \$15, you can get a free gift bag and we will even put it together for you! Choose from coffee, tea, or chocolate products. We will soon have dark chocolate chips (70%) to make your Christmas treats healthier.

The Equal Exchange cooperative, an interfaith model, eliminates the middle man, so that they can give a fair price to the struggling farmers.

All crops are grown sustainably. It allows small farmers to stay in their villages and use their sustainable farming skills. Because they do not have to compete directly against large corporate interests, their profits allow for the construction of village schools and medical clinics.

All products are fair trade, organic, and shade-grown Under the tropical forest canopy. Ten percent of profits go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), as well as \$0.15

for each pound of products sold. At PUMC, we sell all products at our cost, as the purpose is to have earnings go to the farmers. Not a bad bargain for delicious coffee, chocolate and other products. Available in the narthex and Esther Hall.

— Jan Lynne



**Before, After and Between Worship Services**

**Equal Exchange**

Saturdays in Narthex or  
Sundays in Esther Hall

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

**EQUAL EXCHANGE**  
 would like to acknowledge  
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# Support, Service and Fellowship Groups

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSN. SUPPORT

Meets first and third Monday (**Dec. 1, 15**) at 10AM in Deborah.  
CONTACT: John Meier at (928) 771-2144.

## BRIDGE

Meets first Monday (**Dec. 1**) at 12:30PM in Esther Hall.  
CONTACT: Joni Broderson at (928) 308-5028.

## CARDS OF CARING

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

## CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT

Meets second Monday (**Dec. 8**) at 1:30PM in Upper Room.  
CONTACT: Rich Poynter, rlpoynter2@gmail.com or  
Rev. Patti Blackwood at church office, (928) 778-1950

## COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Meets second Tuesday (**Dec. 9**) at 1:30PM in Purple Room.  
CONTACT: [Marilyn DeVan](#), marilynlddev@gmail.com

## GRANITE CREEK HUNGER MINISTRY

Meets Saturdays, 11AM in Esther Hall (Fall, Winter) or West  
Granite Creek Park (Spring, Summer). CONTACT: Jim or  
[Carol Lark](#), carol.lark4594@gmail.com



## HOOKED ON BOOKS

Meets 1st Thursday (**Dec. 4**) at 10AM. In Library. CONTACT:  
[Karon Keeler](#), (928) 515-3342, doskeelers@gmail.com

## ADULT STUDY GROUPS

### ♦ KOINONIA CLASS - HYBRID MEETING

Meets Sundays, 10:30AM in Douglas or via **Zoom**.  
LEADER: [Paul Wolfe](#), wolfeden@ix.netcom.com

### ♦ UMC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Tuesdays, 9AM in Upper Room or via **Zoom**.  
[Jerry Lord](#) (315) 225-3387, jalord1941@gmail.com

### ♦ PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meets Thursdays, 10AM Upper Room. & via **Zoom**  
LEADER: [Beth Peters](#), toriamre4@gmail.com

### ♦ Sunday's Bible Story Today

Wednesdays, 9AM - Las Fuentes Resort Living facility,  
Craft Room (1st floor), 1035 Scott Drive.  
**Open to ALL, not just residents.** Pastor Dan Hurlbert.

### ♦ WOMEN SHARING FAITH BIBLE STUDY

"Adventures" Group meets Thursdays, 3PM  
in Douglas. LEADER: [Christy Coutts](#), (760) 220-6955.

### ♦ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Tuesdays, 10AM via **Zoom**.  
LEADER: [Peggy Rambikur](#), peg.mos@hotmail.com

### ♦ WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

No meetings in December. Next meets first and third  
Tuesdays (**Jan. 6, 20**) online at 6PM via **Zoom**.

## METHODIST CRUISERS

Normally meets second Tuesday; on hiatus until second month  
of new year (**Feb. 10, 2026**), 12NOON in Douglas or at a local  
destination. CONTACT: [Jim Myers](#), (928) 237-0677.

## PRAYER QUILTERS

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

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Meets second Saturday at 9AM for full breakfast in Mary's Parlor  
or at 8AM (**Jan. 10**) for coffee/conversation at *Founding Fathers*.  
No event this month. [C.E. Mahan](#), cemahan75@gmail.com.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Meets first Saturday (**Dec. 6**) at 10:30AM in Douglas; CONTACTS:  
Karon Keeler, (928) 515-3342 or Cheri Hull (623) 523-1444

## YARN TWISTERS - KNITTING & CROCHET

Meets fourth Monday (**Dec. 22**) at 2PM in Upper Room.  
CONTACT: [Gayle Kemp](#), gjkemp@comcast.net



- ♦ **Advent Devotional Available in Narthex**  
*Theme: "The Sounds and the Silence of Christmas."* Printed version in Narthex; digital file available on request.
- ♦ **Online, In-Person Advent Studies Begin**  
*Explore themes of hope, joy, peace with "An Unlikely Event" Advent study, online 3PM Tuesdays (Dec. 2, 9, 16) or in-person 4PM Wednesdays (Dec. 3, 10, 17). Contact Peggy Rambikur, peg.mos@hotmail.com.*
- ♦ **Join Us for the Choir Cantata, Dec. 6 & 7**  
*7:30PM Saturday and 10:30AM Sunday featuring full choir, children's choir, handbells, orchestra.* Heidi Pierce, director.
- ♦ **Love Offering Set for Dec. 13-14 Services**  
*SPRC asks you to consider 'thank you' for pastors and staff.*
- ♦ **UMF Coffee Time, 8am at Founding Fathers**  
*Saturday, December 13 at 8AM; Enjoy a cup of Joe and fellowship.* Contact CE Mahan, cemahan75@gmail.com.
- ♦ **UWF Cookie Walk & Bake Sale, Dec. 13**  
*10AM sale begins; need cookies by 12th at 10AM. Start your ovens, open your favorite recipes. Signups in Narthex.*
- ♦ **Service of Solace and Hope, Dec. 14**  
*Sometimes called "Blue Christmas," offers time of Reflection and Candlelighting.* 3PM in Agape Hall with Rev. Patti.
- ♦ **'Marvel & Miracle of Advent' Thursdays, 3PM**  
*Adventures—Women's Bible Study focus on Advent study, Dec. 4, 11, and 18." Contact Christy Coutts: (760) 220-6966.*
- ♦ **Koinonia to Start 'Saints for Dummies' Study**  
*10:30AM study in Douglas & via Zoom begins Jan. 4. Contrasts Roman Catholic beliefs in contrast to UMC doctrine. Call Paul or Susan Wolfe at 928-443-7514 for details.*



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday, 9AM - 4PM  
**CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

Christmas Day & December 26  
Half-Day close at 1PM, Dec. 29-31

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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.**

