

The Parish Caller

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

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First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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This Week at a Glance...

- ◆Choir Practice Sunday 9 am
- ◆Exploring Faith Sunday 9 am
- ◆Knit Wits Tuesday 1-3 pm
- ◆PASS Meal Wednesday 5 pm
- ◆Bell Choir Rehearsal Thursday 11 am

Thank you to all who donated nursery items for our new nursery.
We now have a beautiful and WELL STOCKED nursery!!

From Pastor Jay

I am pleased to share that the Mike Vax Jazz Quarter will be here for Jazz Vespers on Wednesday, April 27, from 6:30-8:00 PM. It has been interesting to watch the steady growth during our first three months of offering this to the community, and to see the continuing growth of attendees outside of our church family. Mike Vax is well known in the Jazz community of Prescott, so it should be a good crowd for this one – plan to join us!

THE MIKE VAX QUARTET



Mike Vax and his Quartet bring dynamic excitement to audiences wherever they appear. Their music knows no boundaries of time or style. The group attains a swinging feel, while playing tunes from the early years of the 20th century through today.

Members of the band have performed with some of the greatest names in jazz and swing music, including: Stan Kenton, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, The Harry James Orchestra, Terry Gibbs, Al Hirt, Pete Fountain, Mel Torme', Maxine Sullivan, Anita O'Day, June Christy, Joe Williams, Bob Florence, The Four Freshmen, and the Dukes of Dixieland in New Orleans.

The MV Quartet has been performing their own brand of jazz and swing music for over 40 years. The groups have performed for jazz festivals, conventions, cruise ships, hotels, resorts, high school and college concerts and dances, dance clubs, and jazz societies all over the United States.

Leader Mike Vax is very active in the music education field. He has performed concerts and workshops in both the classical and jazz idioms at over 2500 high schools, colleges and universities all over the world, over the past 46 years. He is an international performing artist for the Getzen Musical Instrument Company.

Mike is also the director of the Prescott Jazz Summit, a successful jazz festival and concert promotion group that has been in existence for the past 16 years, in Prescott, Arizona.

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From the Pastor Continued

This Sunday we will consider Psalm 23 and how much we need it throughout life. Everyone should have it memorized. Let's plan on it by Sunday :)



“President John Flicker was at the press conference but didn’t speak”

How funny and rather shocking to discover my picture in a news article from the *Phoenix New Times*, mistaking me for the college president! John let me know the college had contacted the paper to make them aware of their error. And what an error it was! The writer went on to say that not only was John there – and did not speak – but he did not even say anything to the students. I joked with John that I should have done a better job of representing him.

And the reporter could have done a better job by simply asking me who I was!
— Jay

FCC History

FCC History by Dixon
Fagerberg, Jr.

From “Meeting The Four O’Clock Train” by Dixon Fagerberg, Jr.

CHURCHES. Although it had a population of only about 5,000 circa 1920, Prescott had its full share of the country’s typical religious denominations.....



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In most Prescott families, it was firmly established that children were to attend Sunday School, and my sisters and I certainly did.....

My own affiliation, from kindergarten age through high school, was the Congregational Church.....

The Sunday School at our church was a most estimable institution. It was well staffed and had a complete set of age-group classes ranging from toddlers (the “Sunbeams”) to the Men’s Advanced Bible Class. Most Memorable of my own Sunday School teachers were Mr. Emerson, Hilliard Brooke and Dr. Clarence E. Yount. The program each Sunday morning followed a well established pattern. First the entire membership would meet as one group for a song or songs and a brief prayer. Then each class would meet in separate sessions for Bible study and instruction. Finally, the individual classes would reassemble and recite the Bible verse they had learned that day.

Perfect Sunday School attendance was celebrated one Sunday of each year. It was called Rally Day. Different badges or buttons were emblems signifying the number of years of perfect attendance. Quite a number earned five-year badges. Only five or six received ten-year buttons. Next came the heavyweights. One of these, for say, seventeen years of perfect attendance, was Morris Payne. Outranking even him, for say, twenty-three years of being there every Sunday, was Emma Riebeling. Outdoing them all, and representing over thirty years of regular attendance was the Sunday School Superintendent. The champion! M.B. Hazeltine.

April
Announcements

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Our newly adopted local mission outreach project, Discovery Gardens Preschool, is a year long outreach mission. A donation box for needed supplies is in the front of the sanctuary. The children like graham crackers, goldfish crackers, etc.
- ◆ The Sunday morning study group will start again with "Embracing an Adult Faith", with Marcus Borg presenting five topics: God, Jesus, Salvation, Practice and Community. Borg presents traditional and 21st Century views to a small group on DVD, they react, and then we discuss what we have seen. Join us at 9:00-10:00 in the Library downstairs.

Jazz Vespers

JAZZ VESPERS MIKE VAX QUARTET, APRIL 27

Come and enjoy this informal event that is open to everyone of all faiths. The focus is on the music and the opportunity to hear it in an “acoustically alive” historic sanctuary. Admission is free—an offering will be taken for the benefit of the musicians.

John Harper
Memorial

JOHN HARPER MEMORIAL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2PM

Pastor Jay’s 1 year
Luncheon Reception

PASTOR JAY’S ONE YEAR LUNCHEON RECEPTION, MAY 1

Help us celebrate Pastor Jay’s one year anniversary here with us at FCC!

RSVP is required no later than April 24th either by calling Marilyn Skovgard at 928-458-5750 or by signing the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. Since this is a catered affair we need to have the correct numbers no later than the 24th of April. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

**Peace of Mind
Workshop with
Marilyn Skovgard**

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 5:30 PM PERKINS HALL

Marilyn Skovgard will be presenting her workbook that brings peace of mind to families by helping them prepare all the necessary information in one place:
Household Matters A-Z” helps organize it all.

You will learn simple solutions and tips to help you accomplish this task.



IMAGINE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION COMPLETELY ORGANIZED

Technology has changed the way we keep personal, household and financial information. Where to find it? Is it in the computer, the filing cabinet, in boxes, a safe deposit box, the office, a closet, under the bed? Sound familiar? Come and learn why it is necessary to solve the information clutter. You will learn about a simple common sense system to organize this very important information. Your family will love you for it! Class is being offered by Marilyn Skovgard owner of Peace of Mind Workbooks and author of Household Matters A-Z. Workbooks will be available for purchase.

Ongoing & Weekly Events

CHOIR PRACTICE meets
Sundays at 9 am in the
Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if
you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE at 11 am
on Thursdays

KNIT WITS meets
the 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays of every
month from 1-3
pm in the Office
Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is
held the 3rd Thursday of
every month at 10 am, led
by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held
the 2nd Sunday of every
month at 3 pm, led by
Pastor Jay.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions
Study Group
Sunday Mornings at 9
am in the Church
Library
~And~
Monday Evening
Discussion Group 6
pm in the Church
Library

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**PFLAG SUPPORT
GROUP** meets the 3rd
Friday of every month
at 6:30 pm in the
Church Library. See
Julie J. for more details.

PASS MEAL is a once-a-
month ministry where
we provide a meal for
the Prescott Area Shelter
Services the 3rd
Wednesday of every
month at 5:30 pm. Sign-
up sheet is in Perkins
Hall.

Funky Friday
Game Night
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone
Welcome! 7-9 pm
1st Friday of
every Month
starting in
November

CABINET MEETING
meets the 4th
Thursday of every
month at 6:30 pm in
the Office
Conference Room.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets
the 4th Tuesday of every month
from 2-4 pm in the Office
Conference Room. If you are
interested in being part of this
ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.