

# 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  
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Prescott



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### This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ Choir Practice Sunday 9 am
- ◆ Exploring Faith Sunday 9 am
- ◆ Jazz Vespers Wednesday 6:30 pm
- ◆ Bell Choir Rehearsal Thursday 11 am
- ◆ Cabinet Meeting Thursday 6:30 pm

## Wear your "ISLAND" attire this Sunday!!

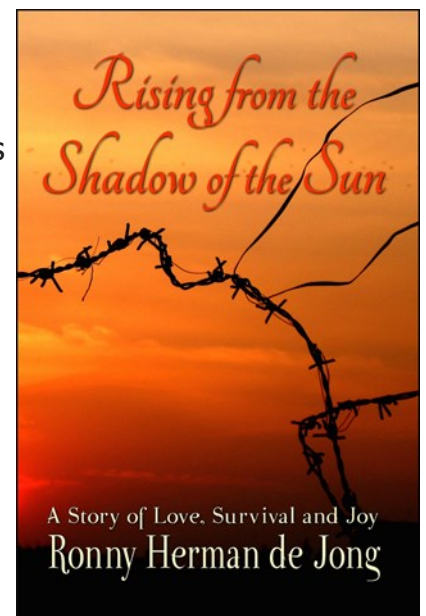


While Jay is at the Southwest Conference annual meeting this weekend, we welcome our own Ronny de Jong to lead the service and share the message. It is **PAAM SUNDAY - Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM)**. PAAM was organized in 1974 at a gathering in San Francisco, California, of representatives from different regions throughout the United States. The vision was to unite and move forward at the national, regional, and local levels as Pacific Islanders & Asian

Americans in the United Church of Christ, sharing our unique gifts with one another. The 18th General Synod passed a resolution designating the last Sunday of April as PAAM Sunday when all UCC churches recognize and celebrate the gifts and contribution of Pacific Islanders & Asian Americans in the life of the UCC.

PAAM has initiated, sponsored, supported and participated in many activities at all levels of the conference, worked for greater PAAM representation on all levels of the conference boards, committees, and staff. PAAM continues to address institutional racism within the church and society, is concerned with issues of human rights and justice, and helps to support and strengthen clergy and lay leadership at the local level.

Ronny Herman de Jong is a survivor of the World War Two Japanese concentration camps on the island of Java. A member of the Professional Writers of Prescott and the Society of Southwestern Authors, Ronny holds a BA in English Literature from Leiden University in the Netherlands. She has authored four books: a 1992 World War 2 memoir *In the Shadow of the Sun*; two editions of a sequel *Rising from the Shadow of the Sun*; plus an anthology, published on August 3, 2014: *Survivors of WWII in the Pacific*.



From the Pastor

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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Woman's Song



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Join us on Sunday, May 1st, to hear the Woman's Song Acapella Choir during the service. Don't miss this special musical event!

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, WEDNESDAY, 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.



Pastor Jay’s 1 year  
Luncheon Reception

PASTOR JAY’S ONE YEAR LUNCHEON RECEPTION, SUNDAY, MAY 1

Come join us in the celebration of Pastor Jay’s one year anniversary here 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 will need to have the correct numbers to be able to order enough meals from Prescott Station. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. Please sign up, we have a wonderful program planned!

Women’s Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women’s Fellowship Group is scheduled for Friday, May 6th. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE - 10:00 am to Noon.** Bring your red notebook and your enthusiasm and ideas for upcoming events!

**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.