

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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Church of Christ,
Prescott



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This Week at First Congregational Church...

- ◆ **Game Night** TONIGHT at 7 in Perkins Hall
- ◆ **Knit Wits** meet from 1-3 pm on Tuesday
- ◆ **P.I.E. Planning** meeting at 5 pm this Wednesday
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** will NOT be meeting this week (resumes Sept.10th)

A History of First Congregational Church, Prescott, Arizona Part Six By Jay Eby

Eli Payson Clark was born in Iowa, and was educated in the public schools there. He was briefly a student at what would become Grinnell College. He taught school in Iowa and Missouri before coming to Prescott in 1875. Mr. Clark was a saw-miller and secretary-treasurer of the Prescott and Arizona Central Railroad Company, later the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix Railroad with Frank Murphy. He served as Territorial Auditor while in Prescott.

Later he and his brother-in-law, M. H. Sherman, constructed and managed the Los Angeles Consolidated Electric Railway Company then in Portland the Mt. Hood Railway and Power Company. These men then sold their railroads and developed that area in California that is Sherman Oaks.



Lucy Hazeltine Sherman, dubbed by the Weekly Miner, "Prescott's Favorite School Teacher" came to town to join her brother Moses to teach school and then married Eli Clark, the saw-miller, whom we just met. It is at their house on North Pleasant Street that the board meetings for this congregation were held until the first church was built. The Clark's purchased the Burmister's home on North Mount Vernon when R. H. and Maggie B. moved to California.

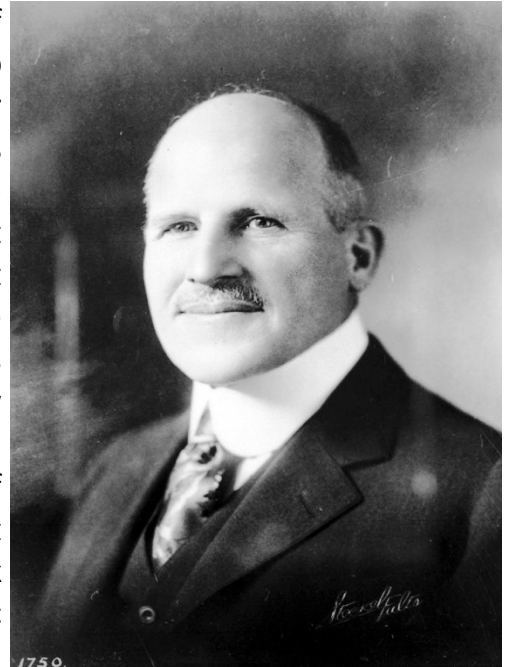
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Moses Hazeltine Sherman was a native of Vermont, Moses attended Oswego Normal School, Oswego, NY, and another school later in Wisconsin. A teacher. He was invited by Governor Safford in 1873 to organize the Territory's schools. In Prescott he built the Prescott Free Academy, the first graded school in the Territory and the second school building in Prescott, across Alarcon Street here in front of what is now Washington School. He was then appointed by Governor Freemont as Superintendent of Public Instruction and later elected to that post in 1880. He and brother-in-law Eli Clark then went into the business of Electric railroads and developing lands.



Angeline Brigham Mitchell from Massachusetts graduated from Holyok Seminary and served as Master of the Young Women's Seminary at Bridgewater, MA. She came to Prescott with her surveyor husband Daniel F. Mitchell and taught in the school. She was appointed to the Territorial Board of Examiners for teachers and was asked by M. H. Sherman to develop a graded curriculum for the Territory of Arizona.

Kathryn A. Dunning was born in Plattsburg, NY. She graduated Oswego Normal School and came to Prescott in 1879 to teach school. Later she married Amos D. Adams a partner of Eli Clark in the sawmill at Lynx Creek. Sharlot Hall contended that Kate Dunning was a great influence on her development while as a young girl she stayed at Kate's home while attending school in Prescott.



Mary S. Snyder was a graduate of Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH. A teacher, she came to Albuquerque and then Prescott as a part of the New West Education Commission. Here she married William E. Hazeltine. For evidently some convenience they were married at Fort Wingate which was about half-way between Prescott and Albuquerque. Her brother, missionary and, the minister of our sister church in Albuquerque officiated at the wedding.

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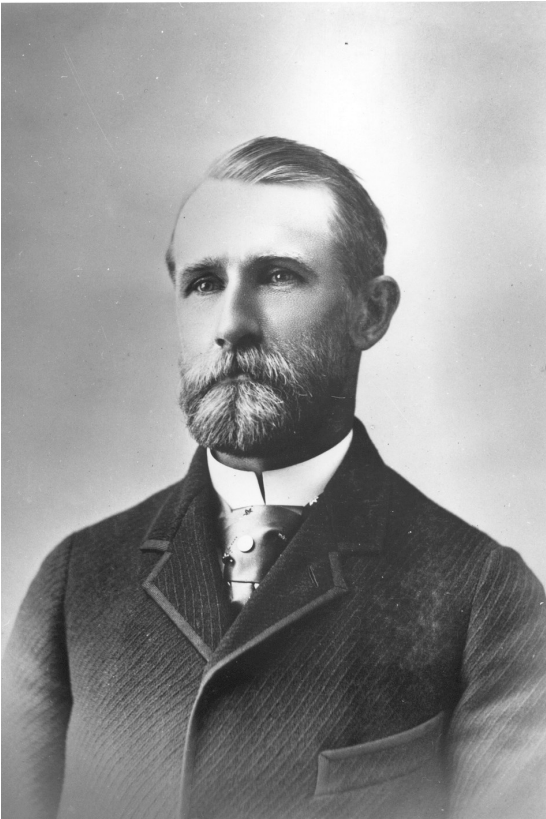
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William E. Hazeltine was born in Suncook, NY. He came to Prescott in 1875 at the invitation of his cousin M. H. Sherman who told him that he believed that he could get him a job clerking in Buffum’s store. He and his brother Moses became bankers. Even before our congregation was established Will Hazeltine was a member of the Board of Directors for the Albuquerque Free Academy for the New West Education Commission of the Congregational Church.

This is just the beginning of the list of our members that had a major influence on the development of our city. If this presentation has sparked some interest I would invite you to join our Archives Committee. We have work to do, but that will put you in touch with a world of information about our First congregational Church and the history of Prescott.



What’s Happening
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Planning Meetings:

- ◆ September 2nd at 5:00 pm, P.I.E. Family Night (Play, Inspire, Eat) meets in the Church Conference room. Please join us if you would like to be part of the planning for our P.I.E. Family Night.
- ◆ September 9th at 4:00 pm, “Caring for Creation” meets in the Church conference room

Sue Conrad

A Family Gathering Will Be Held to Celebrate Sue Conrad’s Life

September 12th a reception and open house will be held from 1-4 pm at 850 Northwood Loop, Hidden Valley Ranch, Prescott.

P.I.E.

P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night

September 16th at 5:30 pm we gather in Perkins Hall for pizza followed by a variety of structured activities for children and adults that loosely center around that Sunday’s worship theme. Our vision is that each week will be unique and include an "entertainment" aspect such as storytelling, special music, games, hands-on tasks, etc. Watch for updates and watch for ways you can help as plans materialize! Schedule and more information is in Perkins Hall.

Veterans Education

Veterans Educational Event

Please save the date and join us for a VA Event Tuesday, September 22nd from 2-4 pm in Sanctuary and Perkins Hall. Three VA Hospital experts will share important benefits for vets and families for in-home care, respite care, sign-up and much more. Congregation and community are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. A light refreshment time will follow. See any Called to Care minister for more information.

PFLAG Awareness

PFLAG Awareness Forum September 23rd

Our church is hosting a PFLAG Forum to build awareness. This event will be promoted to the community. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

<div>Men’s Barbecue</div> <div>Caring for Creation</div> <div>Ministry Opportunities</div>	<div>Men's Barbecue September 25th at Brent Walker's house at 6 o'clock, bring items for potluck. Brent's address will be sent later, along with a list of food items that could be brought. If anyone has questions please call Brent Walker 928-776-8459.</div> <div>Caring for Creation Meets Again September 30th at 6:30 Join us as we raise our awareness of our local environmental issues and implement sustainable methods for our church.</div> <div>Ministry Opportunities At our recent cabinet meeting, several opportunities for members to get involved were identified. We need volunteers to help in the following areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Habitat for Humanity Church Liaison — Volunteer to represent our churchKitchen Coordinator — <i>Lillian Morales has filled this position! Thanks Lillian!</i>Dress the Church — banners, flowers, etc. for SundaysGardeners — <i>We already have two volunteers!</i>P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night Co-Coordinator — to work with Tawnya Worthington on our Wednesday night program September to NovemberYouth/Christian Education — <i>We have hired Bret Ely and Destiny Hoitt!</i>Thanks to all that have already stepped forward! This is an exciting time to get involved! Let us know in the church office if you’re interested in lending a hand!</div>
<div>ONGOING AND WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE CHURCH</div>	<div>EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS Sunday morning class is currently on Summer Break and will resume after Labor Day. ~And~ Monday evening discussion group is taking August off, and will resume on Labor Day.</div> <div>CHOIR PRACTICE meets Sundays at 9 am in the Sanctuary. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!</div> <div>BELL CHOIR PRACTICE is on hold till Sept. 10th</div>
<div>Ways to Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Caller:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Send the office an email verifying your email addressFill out the Weekly Caller Subscribe Sheet in Perkins Hall</div>	<div>P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) meets every Wednesday night starting September 16th at 5:50 pm in Perkins Hall.</div> <div>CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2 to 4 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>KNIT WITS meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 1 to 3 pm in the Office Conference Room.</div>
<div>First Congregational Church of Prescott, UCC 216 E. Gurley Street Prescott, AZ 86301 928-445-4555 fccprescott@gmail.com</div> <div>Administration Office Hours Mondays: 1:00 - 4:00 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00</div> <div>Pastor Jay Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon Other times by appointment Cell: 928-899-9066 jayfccprescott@gmail.com</div>	<div>LAS FUENTES SPIRITUAL LIVING SERVICE is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry. ~And~ Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay. Address: Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott.</div> <div>CABINET MEETING meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.</div> <div>PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.</div> <div>LADIES’ FRIENDLY goes out to dinner after church the 2nd Sunday of every month. Currently on Summer Break.</div>