

The Parish Caller

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

December 23, 2015

First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott



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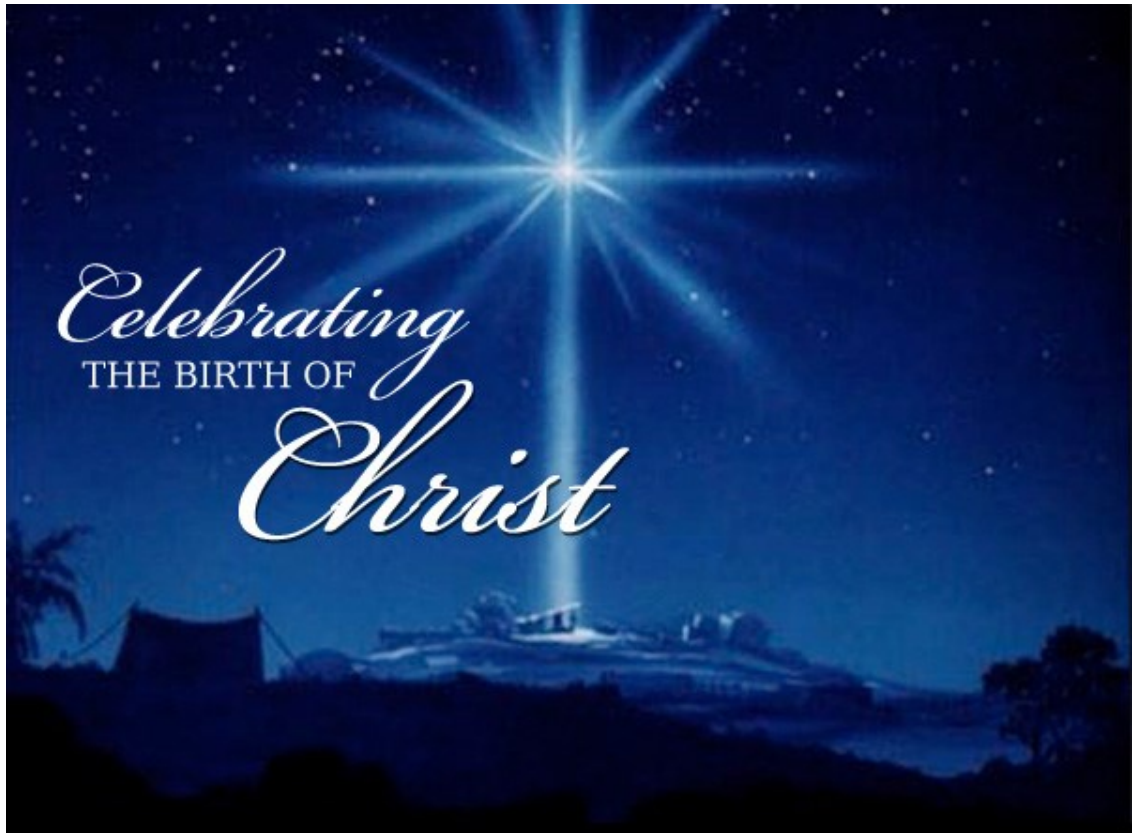
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Operation Deep Freeze Volunteers

- ◆ We will be providing an emergency meal for 20 or more homeless folks. Thank you volunteers for signing up! Meals may be needed for every night of the week of December 27 through January 2.
- ◆ Place: The Salvation Army Dining Room, on South Montezuma one block S. of Goodwin. The meal is served about 6:45 when the men are all signed in
- ◆ Food: Will be planned by the volunteers - if you need help with the food, let Barbara know when you are planning, not the same afternoon - we serve a full meal to 25-30 men the food must be purchased or prepared at the Salvation Army kitchen - they have all the necessary equipment, pans, stoves etc...
- ◆ I call the Salvation Army about 1 pm to see if they are going to open (25 degrees or below or ground wet, or snowing at the time). The decision is made on a daily basis I will call the volunteers as soon as possible.
- ◆ Times: You can begin preparation about 5:30 pm. Servers and Clean-up crew can come in about 6:30 - volunteers stay until all is cleaned up I plan at this time to be there daily at 5:15.

Have fun planning and preparing a nurturing meal for these homeless men.
Barbara McClure 771-9822

We are still collecting Pledge Cards for 2016, it's not too late to get yours in if you have not already! Let Julie know in the church office if you would like to turn yours in!

History of our Church: Jan Con Sang the Powerful

By Jay Eby

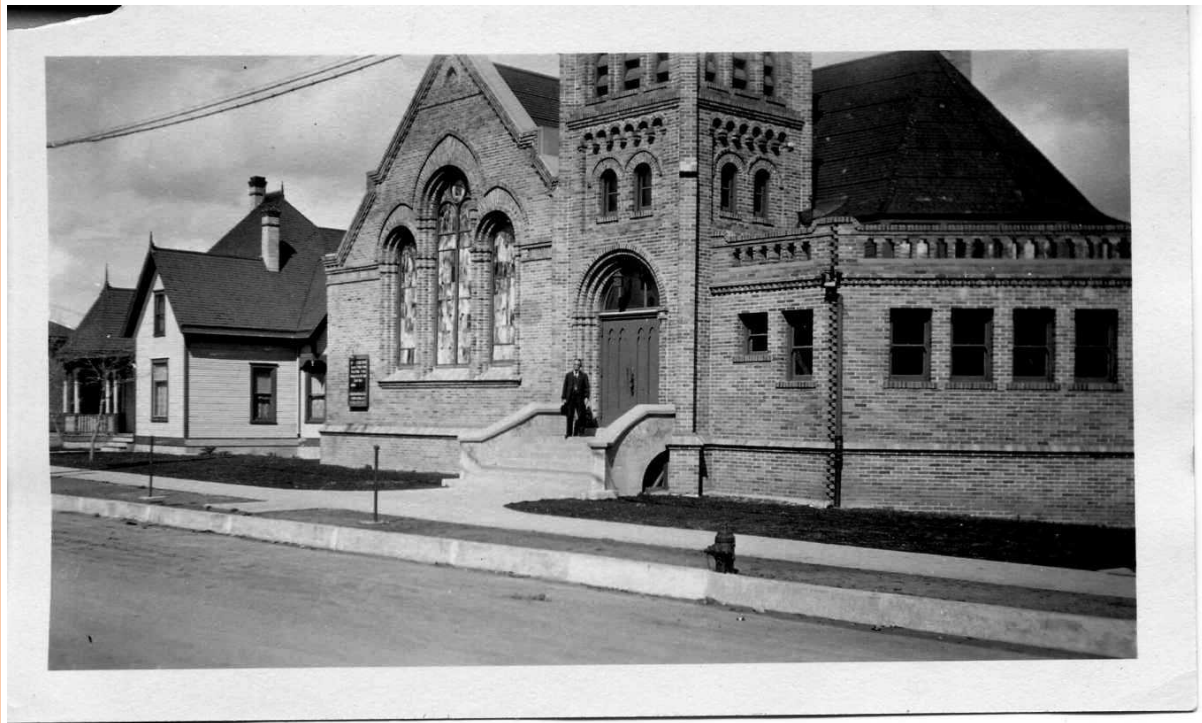
Jan Con Sang the Powerful

Jan Con Sang the powerful, was known during his stay in Prescott as Charley Wann or Charlie Jan Wan. He was pictured at the Christmas program standing next to Rev. McLean. Born in Shek Kee, Chang Shaan District (Kwaung Tang, Chun-Shan) about 1861 he left his home in China for San Francisco at age 14 (1875). He married a lady in San Francisco, Look Shee, February 4, 1886. By the time of the school program in 1895 he is “a well known Chinaman” in Prescott. He joined First Congregational Church in January 1896, his membership was transferred to the Bethany Church, San Francisco, February 11, 1897, and back to First Congregational in July 1897.

The Geary Act or Sess.1 Chap. 60, 52nd Congress: May 5, 1892, extended the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act for ten more years and required persons of Chinese decent to acquire and carry an Identification Card.

Juliana Cheng (his great granddaughter) found this record: One Chas Jan Wan registered with the Internal Revenue Service agent in Santa Fe, NM. No. 10073 of the United States of America Certificate of Residence issued on 27th day of February 1894, lists him as Chinese Laborer-Restaurant Helper. He is 34 years old, five feet three inches, brown eyes with a light olive complexion and Identification scar over left eye. Collector of Internal Revenue who signed the certificate was C. W. Thompson.

The 1900 census of Prescott lists him as 40 years of age and married. However he returned to China in 1902 to begin his own business. His Sincere Company Ltd. consisted of seven large stores in the major cities of China as well as ships and railroads to distribute his goods. He established churches, schools, and hospitals along with these stores. The book written by Rev. Charles A. Nelson lists all of his accomplishments.

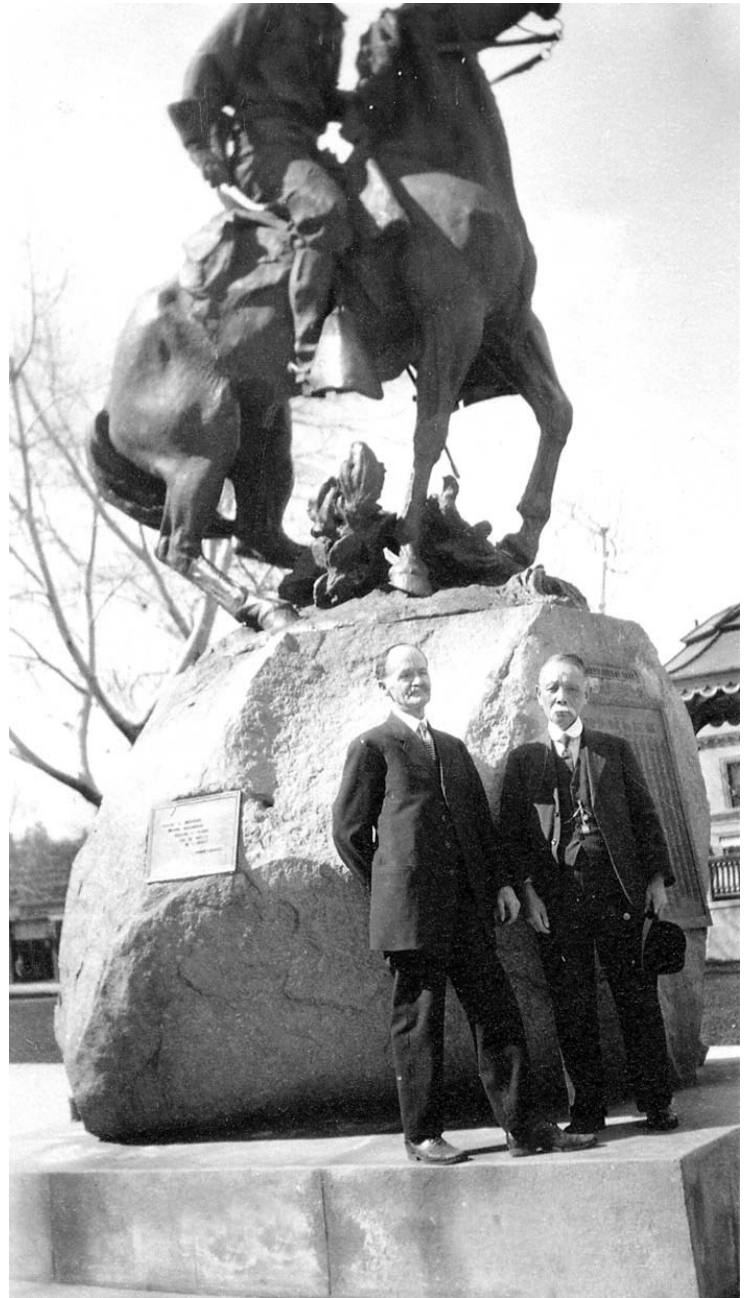


Jan Con Sang visited here in America in 1927 – 28 and reminisced about the years he spent in less than good pursuits before his acceptance of Christianity. He is pictured here on the steps of the new Church.

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**History of our
Church: The Chinese
School
By Jay Eby
continued**

This photo of Mr. Jan and Edwin C. Payne is certainly taken in the winter on the Plaza.



Moses Hazeltine and his children sailed to Hawaii in September of 1927 and returned to San Francisco. I do not know whether they went to meet Jan Con Sang or not. In another document recovered by Juliana Chang her great-grandfather lists M. B. Hazeltine as his reference in America and says that one of his reasons for a visit is to see M. B. Hazeltine.

He corresponded here with Moses Hazeltine and Edwin Payne of our church and we have this and other pictures of he and his family at several of his houses in China. The last communication from Jan Con Sang was in 1940. The Japanese invaded China in 1941.



Coming in 2016

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Lay Academy will be held January 8-9 in Sahuarita, Arizona. See John McCurdy for details.
- ◆ Agape Soup is Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30 pm in Perkins Hall.
- ◆ Men’s Fellowship BBQ is Friday, January 15 at 6pm at the McCurdy home (1833 Autumn Circle, Prescott)
- ◆ The annual meeting of the congregation will be held January 24 after worship.
- ◆ The first Jazz Vespers with Cool Azul will be Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30pm

Fundamentals of The
Enneagram Through the
Lens of Lent

**Fundamentals of the Enneagram
Through the Lens of Lent**
*Understanding why we and others
feel, think, and act the way we do!*

The Enneagram is a system of nine personality types that weave traditional wisdom, neurobiology, and psychology into a powerful tool for understanding ourselves and others.

It provides a map to show us how to recognize the strategies of each type, including our strengths, challenges, and blind spots.

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Appropriate for individuals, couples, parents, and high-school aged students*

Come – join us in this invitation to growing in Wholeness, Freedom, and Hope!

***Friday February 5, 6 to 8 pm;
Saturday, 9am to 4 pm***

***Location – First Congregational Church, 216 East Gurley Street,
Prescott, Arizona***

***Cost – \$50.00 (Enneagram book and lunch included)
For further information contact the church: 928-445-4555
Facilitator, Robin Cameron, Certified Enneagram Teacher and Spiritual
Director***