

# 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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- ◆ **Woman's Fellowship Group Forming** Meeting after Worship Service this Sunday
- ◆ **Landon's First Birthday Celebration** this Sunday after coffee hour at 12:30

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## Jay Eby Is First 2016 PVHS Speaker by Harry Gamble

Jay Eby will share his rich knowledge of the Rough Riders, a group of horse mounted volunteers who joined the Army in 1898 in the United States' fight against Spain. They sailed to Cuba and helped win two battles, which contributed to a quick victory over the old world colonial power.

Eby, a student of the Rough Riders for the last few decades, will focus his presentation on individual Rough Riders from the Prescott area. He will do so in period uniform wearing the rank of captain.

Eby's interest in the Rough Riders sprang up in 1982 and he, with others, formed the non-profit Arizona Rough Riders Historical Association dedicated to their history. Members wore uniforms, set up camps with period military tents at town functions and at schools for historical instruction and rode horses in parades. He and a couple dozen Arizona Rough Riders once were flown to Florida to act in a History Channel program about the Rough Riders.

Eventually the non-profit was disbanded but a small group still carries out the duties, including Eby and several of his grandsons. It is not unusual to see Eby in full Spanish American War battle regalia walking around Prescott heading out for one of his demonstrations. If you do see him he's hard to forget.

Eby has lived in Prescott with his wife and family for 35 years while employed with the Forest Service. His job included helping ranchers develop grazing management plans. His federal career took him back and forth between New



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Mexico and Arizona.

Eby has been published by the Westerners. He is also recognized as the historian of the First Congregational Church of Prescott located on the corner of Gurley and Alarcon. The church has operated in Prescott since 1880 and many important and well known personages in Prescott have been members, as well as generations of many families.

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**Lake Powell to Willow Creek Road by Harry Gamble**

In late August my wife and I were invited to spend five days boating and camping with Charlie and Alice Kring on Lake Powell. Charlie, a native Arizonan, has lived in Prescott since he was a young man. Alice was born here and is third generation Prescottonian.

During our time on the water, Alice mentioned that one of her uncles had written the book *Willow Creek Road*, which I immediately remembered seeing in the PV Historical Society library. So upon returning home, I started reading it.



*Alice Kring poses near the still-standing barn on the former University of Arizona Experimental Farm site, also known as the dry farm, that her grandfather Carl Clark Sr. operated beginning around 1919. The farm was located in north Lonesome Valley just off Highway 89A. Story and photo by Harry Gamble.*

Later, Alice and Charlie showed me where the properties were so I could get a better fix on the locations mentioned in the book.

The subtitle of the book is "The Story of Three Brothers on an Arizona Ranch." There were two sisters in the family as well. Alice's mother was the oldest daughter, Hazel, who died in 2013 at 101. She

lived next door to Alice on the Granite Dell property her father-in-law owned since the 1920s.

The three boys' father, Carl Clark Sr., came to Prescott around 1919 to manage an experimental farm for the University of Arizona, Carl Sr.'s alma mater. The farm, also known as the dry farm, was located on the edge of Lonesome Valley off Highway 89A. It was here that Richard Clark, author of *Willow Creek Road*, was born in 1922. Older brother Carl Jr. was two years older than Richard, and brother Jack was about half dozen years younger. There was also a brother who died before the family moved to Prescott on the family's farm in Somerton, south of Yuma.

After six years at the dry farm, Carl Sr. started the Jersey Dairy on Willow Creek Road. This began the boy's long days that started before sun up and ended after the cows

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were milked, milk delivered door-to-door to homes and stores, and many other chores were completed.

Later the family sold the dairy and moved a couple miles further out Willow Creek Road to a farm they called the Rock Pile. The boys had wonderful memories of those times and seemed to like that place the most. Carl Jr. described the Rock Pile as “a beautiful piece of land, had several outcroppings of granite rocks with tillable fields in between.” The house was built in the 1880s and they didn’t have electricity for the first year. They later bought acreage in Chino to grow feed for their cattle and a few years later moved the family to the Chino acreage where irrigation water was available.

Eventually the two older boys went off to WWII. The younger boy experienced war in Korea.

The book describes a number of ranches and sawmills in the area, schools the children went to, fond experiences with horses, roaming around the town of Prescott of an earlier time, and escapades the boys stumbled into and escaped.

The book was informative, entertaining and well written. In the book’s acknowledgements, author Richard recognized the Scottsdale Writers’ Group for its help, the stories his brother Jack had written down, and the “remarkable memory” of his older sister Hazel. So in a way it was a family effort.

The final paragraph in the chapter entitled The Rock Pile, in a very heartwarming way, sums up an older man’s view of his rural boyhood in the 1920s and 30s during the depression. “We are all products of our environments to some extent. The Rock Pile was a wonderful place for us boys to play, work, and live in an Eden like undisturbed quarter section of land left the way nature carved it originally. Its enchantment and memories for three boys would last a lifetime. Our family, like many rural families, felt the deprivations of the times. If we didn’t have a lot, neither did anybody else. However our lives on the ranch were rich in experiences that our city friends never had. Responsibilities and priorities have a way of changing a person in time. However, it’s enlightening to look back on a time when my major challenge was pulling foxtails from my sox.” You can tell that Richard Clark reached deeply into his heart and his past to find those words.

## Announcements

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “Stop the traffic, close the road, Landon is turning one year old!” You are invited Sunday, January 31 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. RSVP to 928-710-5427 or 928-533-0046.
- Song of the Pines singing group will be with us in worship on February 7. This is a women’s chorus of 20-30 singers. The Boy Scouts will also be with us for their annual visit.
- The Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm. It will be a brief service and include the imposition of ashes.
- Our newly adopted local mission outreach project, Discovery Gardens Preschool, is being emphasized in February. This will be a year-long outreach mission. A donation box for needed supplies will be found in Perkins Hall.
- A Women’s Fellowship group is forming. Those who are interested are asked to gather in Perkins Hall after worship today.
- Bell practice will resume on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilwoman Jean Wilcox has been tasked with recruiting volunteers to serve on a new Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee for the City of Prescott. Please let Jean know if you are interested in serving.
- The Sunday morning class “Living The Questions” started again at 9:00 am. The topic will be “Evil and Suffering” next Sunday.
- New members will be received during worship on Sunday, February 14. If you are interested in membership, please speak with the pastor.

**Lenten Sermon Series**

**Lenten Sermon Series: The Seven Deadly Sins**

- Jan. 31 - Deadly Sin of Pride
- Feb. 7 – Deadly Sin of Anger
- Feb. 14 – Deadly Sin of Lust
- Feb. 21 – Deadly Sin of Gluttony
- Feb. 28 – Deadly Sin of Sloth
- March 6 – Deadly Sin of Envy
- March 13 – Deadly Sin of Greed

**Fundamentals of the Enneagram**

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Through the Lens of Lent**

*Understanding why we and others feel, think, and act the way we do!*

**Friday February 5, 6 to 8 pm;  
Saturday February 6, 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  
RSVP with check made out to church by February 3**

**Facilitator, Robin Cameron, Certified Enneagram Teacher and Spiritual Director**

**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

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fccprescott@gmail.com  
**Administration Office Hours**  
Mondays: 9:00 - 4:00  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 1:00  
**Pastor Jay**  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 - 1:00  
Other times by appointment  
Cell: 928-899-9066  
jayfccprescott@gmail.com

**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.