

# The Parish Caller

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

January 8, 2016

First Congregational  
Church, United  
Church of Christ,  
Prescott



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**This Week at a Glance...**

- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Sunday Discussion ON HOLD TILL FURTHER NOTICE
- ◆ **Choir Practice** Sunday 9 am
- ◆ **Las Fuentes Worship Service** Sunday 3 pm
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Monday Night Discussion Group ON HOLD TILL FURTHER NOTICE
- ◆ **Men's Fellowship BBQ** Friday 6 pm

**From the Pastor**

What a great experience Sunday to have 102 people in worship! When I started here in April, I asked Jay Eby (our counter) to let me know when we reached one hundred for the first time. As he came forward in the middle of a hymn, I thought to myself it must be lights left on, keys found, etc., but what a pleasant surprise to get the attendance slip! A real Happy New Year!

This Sunday I will be preaching on Jesus' baptism and "The Original Self-Help Guide." Here is a hint:



We are looking forward to the Enneagram workshop on February 5-6 here in Perkins Hall. Robin Cameron from Sedona is our facilitator. I have used this instrument in other churches through the years, and it was always a fun way to get to know myself and others. It fits with New Year's resolutions to improve ourselves, and it fits with Lenten desires to be better people. The \$50 charge is for Robin's expertise, a book, and a lunch. If scholarships are needed, please let me know.

**Fundamentals of the Enneagram  
Through the Lens of Lent**

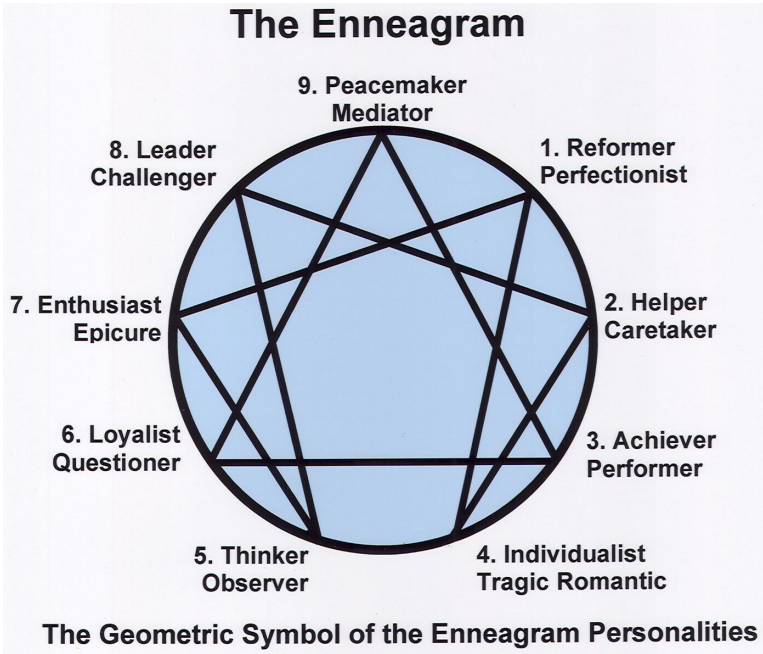
*Hosted by Pastor Jay Wilcher and the  
First Congregational Church of Prescott*

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

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From the Pastor

*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. Participants will learn practical strategies with an enlivened understanding and compassion for themselves and others, increasing their capacity to communicate and love. 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, from 6 pm to 8 pm;  
Saturday February 6, from 9 am 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 \$50.00 made out to First Congregational Church  
by Wednesday, February 3  
Facilitator, Robin Cameron  
Certified Enneagram Teacher and Spiritual Director***

Finally, I invite you to the first “Jazz Vespers” on Wednesday, January 27 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the sanctuary. “Cool Azul” jazz quartet will be with us. I hope this can become a regular monthly event as it is in churches around the country. Prescott has a lot of quality musicians and limited opportunities to play, so we shall see if Jazz vespers “has legs” here. I look at the Enneagram and Jazz events as ways to get our church in the public eye, and a way to cast the net and see if this introduction to our church may lead some to join us.

God bless,  
Jay

Announcements

**Coming in 2016**

**Men’s Fellowship BBQ** will be held at John McCurdy’s House, January 8 at 1833 Autumn Circle, Prescott.

**Annual Church Meeting** will be held January 24 after the Worship Service. Bring a dish to share.

**Jazz Vespers** with Cool Azul will be Wednesday January 27 at 6:30 pm.

**Song of the Pines** formerly known as “The Sweet Adeline's” will be singing for us on February 7 during the Sunday Worship.

**Fundamentals of the Enneagram** will be hosted by Pastor Jay and the FCC on February 5 and 6. 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. Understanding why we and others feel, think, and act the way we do!

**P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, & Eat)** resumes for a 5 week block beginning February 17 at 5:30 pm.

**Jazz Vespers** with Opus Ensemble will be Wednesday February 24th at 6:30 pm.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Today with the Parish Caller News Letter, I also have sent the Annual Report. In an effort to save on paper, I will have a few copies for those who do not receive email. The annual meeting will be held in two weeks on Sunday, January 24th after the worship service. There will be a Church-wide Potluck. Bring a dish to share!

Thank you to all who have submitted reports for the Annual Report. Everyone has worked very hard to bring this report to you, especially Harry Gamble, our treasurer, and John McCurdy, our moderator. Thanks Harry and John!

This year I have changed my office hours a little, I will be in the office Monday through Thursday, 9-4 daily, and half day on Friday, 9-1. The best time to reach me is earlier in the week since I print the bulletin on Friday. Bulletin and Caller submission requests are due by Wednesdays.

Julie Jaquette, your Office Administrator

**Operation Deep Freeze**

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Opportunity to work with family and friends of FCCUCC  
Provide a wholesome meal for the hungry  
January 17-23 Operation Deep Freeze evening meal  
from 5:30-7:30 pm  
Sign-up and How-to in Perkins Hall  
Or call Barbara McClure at 771-9822. It’s Fun!

**Women’s Fellowship**

Women’s Fellowship Group being formed! Those who are interested are asked to gather in Perkins hall after worship service January 31st.

# 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 **ON HOLD**  
~And~  
Monday Evening  
Discussion Group  
**ON HOLD**

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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.