

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Since 1880

First Congregational Church, UCC

MARILYN ELIZABETH EBY
10/28/1936 - 12/24/2019

Marilyn Elizabeth Eby of Prescott, Arizona was born October 28, 1936 in Noble County Oklahoma to Lloyd Wesley and Hazel Elizabeth Moore. She had happy childhood memories of life on the farm with her two older brothers Donald Lee and Kenneth Wayne and two younger sisters Phyllis and Janice.

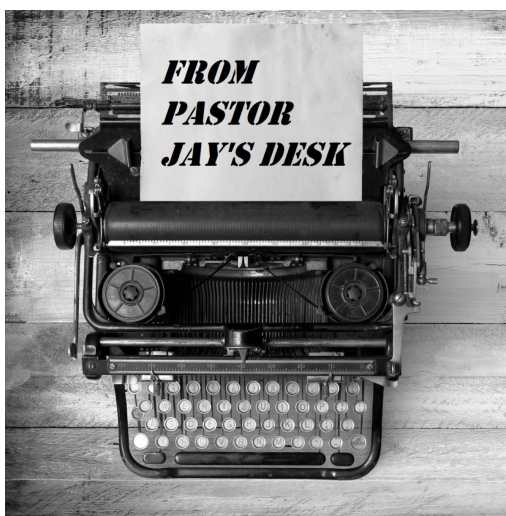
On September 2, 1956 she married Jay W. Eby and to them God gave three children - Teresa, Tamie, and Jay. There followed five grand-children: Noah Bodenhamer, Heather Bodenhamer, Kirsii Eby, Phillip Eby, and Lincoln Eby.



Marilyn attended New Hope rural school with her brothers, Perry High School, and Oklahoma A&M College. She worked for Oklahoma State University to help Jay earn his degree in forestry. She belonged to Mother's Club and the First Congregational Church in Prescott. She loved to paint porcelain china and grow roses.

Marilyn went on ahead December 24, 2019, at home surrounded by her family. She passed over as beautifully and gracefully as she lived.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MARILYN EBY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 4TH AT 2:00 P.M.



Granite Mountain Bel Canto Singers presents
The Music of Romance
Sunday February 9, 2020 at 3:00 PM
First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St, Prescott.

\$15 suggested donation at the door for **Community Cupboard Food Bank.** Non-perishable food will also be collected.

Music celebrating LOVE and ROMANCE... old favorites by Stephen Foster such as "Beautiful Dreamer", "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair", and "O Susanna", light madrigals and love songs. Guest artist baritone Darrell Rowader, director of the Prescott Pops Symphony chorus, will sing his favorite love song.

Enjoy light hearted expressions of love as well as tragic heartbreaking moments in select opera pieces. Composers of every age have been inspired by the great love stories of history. Well loved arias include "Mon coeur" from *Samson and Delilah* and "Porgi amor" from *The*



Micah the prophet, Russian icon from first quarter of 18th century
Iconostasis of Transfiguration church, Kizhi monastery, Karelia, north Russia

Sunday's texts rank up there as some of the most familiar and quoted in scripture. The beatitudes of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12) and Micah 6:8 ("do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God") provide some of our

foundation for Christian living. We could reduce them to commands and test ourselves against them. A sermon could show us how far short of these texts we live, and then call us to the altar for repentance.

I prefer the way of inspiration! I like how Cameron B.R. Howard chose to treat these texts as poetry. She quotes Emily Dickinson: "I dwell in possibility---A fairer House than Prose." Poetry inspires us by "showing" rather than

“telling.” The beatitudes certainly have an eschatological component to them. I think this Sunday we will enter the poetic world of Micah 6 - the mountains and trees are called into the jury box - Israel is called to the witness stand - and the prosecutor is called to present the case - God! Bring your poetic imaginations...

Pastor Jay

Marriage of Figaro. The dramatic tenor aria “E lucevan le stelle” from *Tosca*, sung by tenor Efren Puig, will conclude the concert. Pianists Barbara Freund and Laura Taylor will accompany the Bel Canto Singers.

Your donation at the door goes directly to Community Cupboard and helps us support Prescott's needy citizens. Cash or checks only. Non-perishable foods will be collected for the Food Bank.

140 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

How should we celebrate and remember the Church's 140 Anniversary? Help us celebrate the Church's history and special events of yesterday. Join the committee to help make this Anniversary a special Celebration full of many memories. Sign up sheet is in Perkins Hall or contact Barbara McCollough or Patty Lantrip.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for July 4th, so it is time to start planning for this FUN Event. We are forming a committee and we just need YOU to join us. The more the Merrier, that way no one is overworked! Please sign up in Perkins Hall for this IMPORTANT CHARITY EVENT! THANK YOU!



Mission Outreach Update: Thanks to your generous response to our January mission emphasis project, a \$786 check has been sent to the Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC). PCC serves low income/homeless clients with monthly food bags. If you would like to be a part of our church's team of volunteers who pack the food bags, please contact our co-captain, Angela Imbierowicz (708)712-1448.

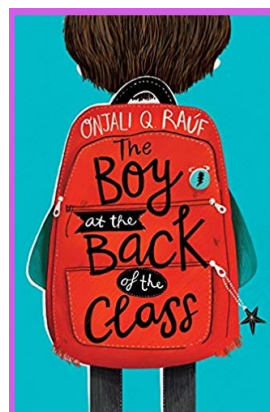
February's mission emphasis project is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS provides shelter to women and children, educates clients concerning local resources, assists clients in their search for employment, and helps clients transition into permanent housing. Volunteers from our church help provide a monthly hot meal. If you would like to help with this outreach, contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042) or sign your name to the PASS volunteer list found in Perkins Hall. Checks may be made payable to the church, with the memo, PASS.

As a reminder, we have established an on-going fund to assist DACA students needing help with [1] education related expenses and [2] legal expenses relating to their DACA renewal. We continue to help Franceny, a junior at Prescott College and her brother, Francisco, a senior at the U of A. This fund receives donations throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please note “DACA Fund” on your memo line.

Our Mission Outreach team welcomes questions/comments. Team members are: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helanine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, and Gary Gard (chairperson). Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2).

NEW BOOK DONATION AND REVIEW

Pete Norum has donated a book he read and recommends called *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf. This from the inside flap: “On the third Tuesday of the school year, a new kid arrives in Mrs. Khan’s class—Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. Everyone is curious about the newcomer, especially since he never smiles and doesn’t talk much either. Still, one student is determined to become his friend and learns that standing up for others has the incredible potential to change an entire community for the better.”



I read this book and found it touching and enlightening and inspiring. It is set in the UK and the author is the founder and CEO of Making HerStory, a UK nonprofit working to fight human trafficking and gender-based abuses and crimes. She lives in the UK.

Ms. Rauf includes at the end of the book questions of what we can do about these issues and also the helpful distinctions of migrant, immigrant, and refugee. The book is aimed at older children and young adults but anyone with a heart for these global crises can learn and enjoy.

Marti Garrison

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pledge Units (individuls & couples)	38	46	64	36
# of Members that Pledged	55	54	47	42
# of Friends & Regular Attendees that Pledged	8	12	17	11
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 65,462	\$ 97,020	\$ 97,274	\$ 82,220



COFFEE TIME SCHEDULE		
Henry & Linda Dahlberg	2-Feb	
Staci Robins & Andre Shrimpton	9-Feb	
Patty Lantrip & Murl Preble	16-Feb	
Gary & Patty Gard with Kathy Stephens	23-Feb	
Paula Parker & Mike Ortegus	1-Mar	
Lloyd Evans & Alice Kring	8-Mar	
Dave Deville & Patty Lantrip	15-Mar	
Julie & Sandra Jaquette Johns	22-Mar	
Dennis & Barbara McCollough	29-Mar	



NEW OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9-2 & F: 9-1

Anniversaries

Paul & Diane
Sandstrom 02/14
Suzy & Harold
Lobaugh 02/19
John & Julie
Mccurdy 04/18

Birthdays

Rebecca Bryant 02/02
Susan Lemons 02/04
Brian Moore 02/04
Phil Preble 02/11
Harry Strong 02/19
Barbi Beeson 03/02
Betty Corn 03/13
Kathy Stephens 03/13
Patty Gard 03/18

● EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

● MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

● PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

● CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced.

● BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

Bret Ely 03/26 Andree
Shrimpton 03/28
Susan Wilson 03/30
Janet Steven 04/08
Deana Wilson 04/27
Tom Lloyd 04/28

- **CHANCEL SINGERS**

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

- **ALTER-NOTES**

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".

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