

# 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  
Church, United  
Church of Christ,  
Prescott

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

- ◆ **Barn Dance Fundraiser:** Friday 7:30 pm —TONIGHT!—
- ◆ **Scouts 100 year:** Saturday 9 am tree planting and Open House at 11:30-1
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time:** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **Jazz Summit Concert:** Sunday 2-4:30
- ◆ **Living the Questions:** Monday 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Knit Wits:** Tuesday 1-3 pm

**From the Pastor**

I wish you all could have joined me Tuesday at the city council meeting as our member (and council member) Jean Wilcox read the city proclamation for Boy Scout Troop One’s Hundred Year Reunion on October 1. You can actually watch the video on the city web page – city council meetings. What an amazing achievement by both the scouts and us! One hundred years of continual meetings and sponsorship is a rare accomplishment. Saturday at noon is the scout celebration. If you are new to our church or have never seen the scout room downstairs, I encourage you to wander in Saturday or Sunday. There is probably not a nicer scout room anywhere. And new carpet will be installed this week in time for Saturday’s event. —Jay

## Proclamation

***“Boy Scout Troop One’s Hundred Year Reunion”***  
***October 1, 2016***

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, this same year the first Boy Scout Council in Arizona was formed with the Prescott Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Prescott is the home of the first Boy Scout Troop in Arizona, Troop One was organized by Morris W. Payne and has been sponsored by the First Congregational Church for 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest Boy Scouts in Prescott were very active in sports, with the “Thumb Butte Trophy” as perhaps the most coveted sports prize. Ten scouts from each troop would run a relay that started from the Courthouse Plaza to the trailhead – a distance of 3.5 miles – then up the mile-long, 800 foot elevational increase to the base of the outcropping where the winner would plant the troop’s flag. At the outset, this was a monthly event, when weather permitted; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the services that the Boy Scouts offered back to the community in their earliest days included visiting and entertaining school children and “pioneers”, helping Fish & Game distribute literature on conservation, ushering at all the fairs held in and around Prescott, and sharing of first aid knowledge at the Elk’s Theater; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1920, the boys extinguished a wildfire by themselves at the base of Mount Union, they also reported leaks in the Groom Creek pipeline several times; and

**WHEREAS**, Troop One very much appreciates its hundred-year sponsorship by the First Congregational Church, and enjoys meeting each week in the Scout Room, which is full of troop memorabilia; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a Hundred Year Reunion held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the church at noon, and all former Scouts, leaders, friends and family are invited to attend.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Harry B. Oberg, Mayor of the City of Prescott, Arizona do hereby declare October 1, 2016 as:

**BOY SCOUT TROOP ONE’S HUNDRED YEAR REUNION**

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Prescott to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2016.





HARRY B. OBERG, MAYOR  
City of Prescott

ATTEST:



DANA R. DeLONG, CITY CLERK  
City of Prescott

Outreach

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Each month we highlight particular mission projects that our congregation supports. These projects reach from our local community to projects around the nation and globe. In recent months locally, we helped address the needs of children returning to school. The Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ) “Fair Start” program and the Discovery Gardens Preschool both received our help. School supplies for impoverished children, including backpacks, and a check for \$250 was gifted to “Fair Start”. Classroom and playground supplies, including sand for a sandbox, and a check for \$200 was gifted to the Discovery Gardens. In October, our local mission emphasis will be to support CCJ’s “Warm for Winter”. “Warm for Winter” provides warm clothing/coats for the homeless and impoverished living in our community.

On the national/international scene, October’s mission emphasis will be the denomination’s Neighbors in Need (NIN) program. Two-thirds of donated receipts to NIN will support ministries of justice and compassion. One-third will support the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries. For those desiring to contribute to our October project offerings, a check may be made payable to the First Congregational Church, with a note on the memo line specifying which project you desire. Or, you may simply write “Mission” on the memo line, and the Outreach Committee will use your donation at their discretion.



Announcements



BARN DANCE FCC FUND RAISER—TONIGHT—

Friday Sept. 30th at 7 pm in Perkins Hall, the “Folk Happens” Contra Dance group will be hosting a two band, two caller Contra Dance fund raiser to benefit us here at the First Congregational Church. We as a church are invited to attend this special event to see what goes on during a typical Contra Dance and to support this fund raising for a new coat rack for our foyer in the Church.

BOY SCOUT TROUP #1 100 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY

The Scouts will be joining us in worship the Sunday of October 2nd.

PRESCOTT JAZZ SUMMIT

Sunday, Oct. 2nd 2-4:30 All-Star Combos and Vocalists here at the First Congregational Church. For more information, there is a flyer in Perkins Hall or go to [www.prescottjazz.com](http://www.prescottjazz.com) and for tickets call 928-277-1576

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Perkins Hall. We have many decisions to make and need your input. Lunch at a new tea room recently opened following meeting.

SONG OF THE PINES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT

October 8th from 2-4 pm the Song of the Pines will be performing. Tickets on sale now, see Suzy Lobaugh, 928-899-7515.

MIND FIT RESUMES

October 12th at noon in the Conference room. Let Marti know if you would like to attend.

JAZZ VESPERS

October 26th at 6:30 pm— Road 1 South

2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

November 9th

HEALING SERVICE — Communion

November 16th Led by Called to Care Team

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LIVING THE QUESTIONS

LTQ? discussion group begins October 3rd, Monday at 6:30 pm downstairs.

Many of you have expressed a desire to attend “Living the Questions” however can’t make it on Monday night. If you are interested in attending a Sunday Morning discussion group for Living the Questions, Let Julie in the office know. 445-4555

This is a beautifully produced DVD series that promotes group discussions in a relaxed intimate setting.

Join us and journey into a way of life that contradicts the way of the world.

Pardon our dust

RENOVATIONS NOTE:

The renovation committee would like to thank all who commented on the painting of the sanctuary. We took your suggestions to heart and lightened the palette up considerably. We think that should satisfy every ones concern. We will display the colors as soon as we can.....we need to wait until the Boy Scout event is over. Framers, plumbers, painters, electricians etc. have started their work so many people will be in and out of building for the next several months.

Thanks again for your interest, in case you miss one of the restoration committee members (Marilyn Skovgard, Tom Macy, Pete Norum, Angela Imbierowicz) to ask questions, just leave us a note on the white out board in Perkins Hall. Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Skovgard.



From the UCC.org:  
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Written by Connie Larkman

Sick and tired of the mudslinging ads in this election, and the hate speech that has taken over the 2016 political campaigns? Join the 'We Stand With Love' messaging movement.

Launched Sept. 15 by a partnership of faith-based and progressive organizations, including the Center for Progressive Renewal, the We Stand With Love campaign invites Americans to "come together to say NO to the hate rhetoric that threatens to divide us and YES to more just and generous ways of living with and loving one another, especially when we disagree."

And to help "overcome evil with good," and share wisdom and unity after a





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From UCC.org: We  
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rhetoric

hostile and divided election season in social media and during worship, [the campaign website](#) offers free resources, sermon samples, music playlists and daily meditations that will be available for the next ten weeks to both individuals and churches.

"Now, more than ever before, we need faith leaders to be the voice of love in our communities," said the Rev. Cameron Trimble, CEO of the [Center for Progressive Renewal](#) and [ConvergenceUS](#). "The We Stand With Love campaign resources these leaders with the rhetoric and materials needed to transform the public conversation into a more loving and compassionate one."

"I am proud to stand with the Center for Progressive Renewal in its effort to make love the centerpiece of this election," said the Rev. John C. Dorhauer, UCC general minister and president. "I too have heard politicians broker in fear and divisive rhetoric. I will filter my own choices through the lens of love. I will remember the scriptural imperative to love my neighbor as myself. Standing with love, I will make choices I believe to be most consistent with this mandate. I am grateful to Cameron Trimble and the Center for reminding us all how powerful love can be. Here we stand."

To sign up for daily meditations and for free access to the 10 weeks of content, please visit the [We Stand With Love website](#).



# WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://www.fccprescott.org)

Contact Us:  
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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](mailto:jayfccprescott@gmail.com)

**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

**KNIT WITS** meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!  
**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
at 11 am on Thursdays

**CALL TO CARE MINISTRY** meets the 2th Thursday of every month from 12:15 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

**PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP** meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

**EXPLORING FAITH**  
**Living the Questions Study Group**  
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested  
~And~  
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library

**CABINET MEETING** meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 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.