

# The Parish Caller

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

September 11, 2015

First Congregational  
Church, United  
Church of Christ,  
Prescott



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## This Week at First Congregational Church of Prescott...

- ◆ **Sue Conrad Open House** Saturday from 1-4 reception and open house
- ◆ **Choir Practice** meets at 9 am before Worship Service next Sunday
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Sunday Class meets at 9 am
- ◆ **Empty Bowls** Sunday on the Courthouse Square 11-2
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Monday Night Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Knit Wits** meet from 1-3 pm Tuesday
- ◆ **PASS Meal** delivered to the Church Parking lot at 5 pm on Wednesday
- ◆ **P.I.E.** starts on Wednesday at 5:30
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** meets 11 am Thursday

## From Pastor Jay

We were sad to receive word last week of the passing of a much beloved pastor of this church, Rev. John Hollowell. He was pastor here from 1976 to 1987. A celebration of his life will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Tennessee. His daughter Jenny sent a letter to us that is included in this Parish Caller as well as where memorial contributions may be sent. Let us pause on Sunday at 4:00 pm to give thanks for his life and ministry!

Please remember tomorrow, Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. is an open house and reception to celebrate the life of Sue Conrad at 850 Northwood Loop, Hidden Valley Ranch, Prescott. She passed away on July 1. Sue was involved in the Women's Fellowship here. She had a long interest in minerals and metal and studied through the Gemological Institute of America. She contributed her skills in making custom jewelry to the women's annual "Country Store" fundraising effort.

Our long time member Lil Jorgenson has entered hospice care in Scottsdale. I have been in contact with her children, and they appreciate our prayers for Lil and the family. I hope to visit Lil next week. She was our first female moderator and active on the Cabinet and in the church for many years.

I am pleased we have this weekly communication vehicle (The Parish Caller) to get these important messages out in a timely manner. The old method we all used in church for many years was the monthly mailed paper newsletter. Waiting four weeks to get news out always made me feel like a historian reporting on past events. Our thanks to Julie in the office for all the work to make this happen.

Regarding the importance of communication, much work has been quietly going on in the background to improve our website and Facebook pages. Julie has been working to refine and improve both. Please check out our website at: [www.fccprescott.org](http://www.fccprescott.org)

It is still a work in progress, but you will find a lot of pictures and details about the church there, and also a calendar of events to remember dates and times for church events.

Also, please check out our Facebook page and "like" us. Ask your family and friends to do so as well. The more "likes" we have, the more information we receive about the quantity of "looks" our page gets. There are pictures of recent events on there as well as other information:

[www.facebook.com/fccuccprescott](http://www.facebook.com/fccuccprescott)

I am encouraged as I think of all the things that have happened in the roughly four months I have been here. Thanks for all you do to help this church continue to proclaim and live out the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God bless, Jay

Celebration of the life of John Hollowell



Rev. John C. Hollowell

- Born 1922
- Graduated College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas
- Navy Pilot in WWII
- Attended the University of Chicago Divinity School
- Served as our Pastor 1976-1987

Dear friends,

I am writing to tell you that my dear daddy, John Hollowell, passed from the earth on July 9, 2015. He went to church and out to Sunday dinner with his good son Pete, and had passed by Thursday. The doctor said he didn't have much wrong with him, but he had mentioned he missed his sweet Evelyn. She had passed in February of this year.

Daddy was born in 1922, graduated from the college of Ozarks, and was a Navy pilot in WWII. He attended divinity school at the University of Chicago and was a United Church of Christ minister for over fifty years. He and Evelyn had sixty-eight years of wedded bliss. He was a great Daddy too.

We are having a celebration of life at his church in Franklin, Tennessee on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. This will be at Franklin First United Methodist Church: 143 5th Ave. S., Franklin, TN 37064. I know most of you will not be present in body, but we can all be one in spirit that day to celebrate a life well lived.

With love,  
  
Jennifer (Hollowell) Young

*Thanks for sharing this with others.  
This is a very sad time for me.  
Daddy loved the Prescott church so much.*

Memorial contributions may be made to:  
**The University of the Ozarks**  
**Raymond Munger Memorial Chapel**  
**415 N. College Ave.**  
**Clarksville, Arkansas 72830**

New Website: fccprescott.org

From: Julie Jaquette

One of the many challenges churches face is getting the word out about what is happening. We print announcements in the bulletin and Weekly Caller and now, our new website will have the up-to-date information. Getting around is easy and information is simple to find. I hope you'll agree on the new website.

[www.fccprescott.org](http://www.fccprescott.org)

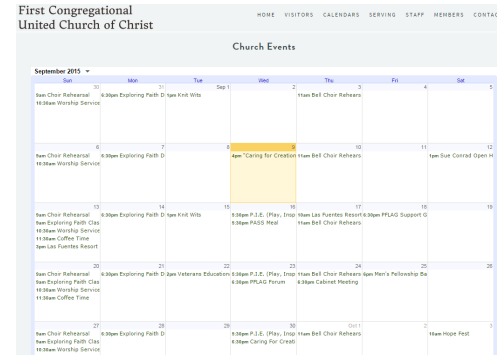
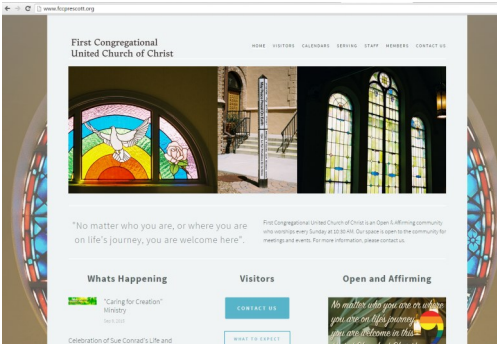
My favorite part is the calendars! In the menu you will find two calendars, one for **Church events** and one for the **Community events**. You will be able to click on the event on the calendar for more details.

Also, You will be able to access the **"Weekly Caller"** from the Home page. Near the bottom is a button that takes you to several back issues.

A **FCC History Page** can be found in the Visitor Page. It is loaded with historical photos of the building and of the founders of the Church.

Coming Soon to the website:

- ◆ Members Only online Directory (secured area, will be accessed with a password)
- ◆ Online Giving's Page. Gives you an opportunity to share your pledges and offerings with a secure click of the button.
- ◆ Foundation Page



September Missions	What’s Happening
Empty Bowls	<b>Empty Bowls</b> is this Sunday from 11-2 pm on the Court House Square, in which members from the Unitarian Universalist Congregations in Prescott, Arizona, organize local Artists and local Chefs to raise money for local Food Banks to feed the hungry. More information can be found on a flyer in Perkins Hall.
Prescott Food Pantry Donations	<b>September Food Donations to Prescott Food Pantry:</b> This month we are asking for canned fruit. there are baskets at each entry for your donations. Thank You!
Exploring Faith Resumes	<b>Exploring Faith</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ <b>Monday Night Discussion Group:</b> Meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. The topic is <b>“Everyone wants to go to heaven, But do you want to go today?” The Rapture Revealed.</b></li><li>♦ <b>Sunday Morning Class:</b> meets at 9 am in the Church Library. <b>“Faith and Reason”</b> series will be continued. Everyone is welcome!</li></ul>
P.I.E.	<b>P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night:</b> We are set to begin our fall gatherings on Wednesday nights. The church will provide pizza as the meal on the 16th. We will eat together as a family from 5:30-6:15, play together as a family from 6:15-6:45, and learn together as a family from 6:45-7:30. The family dynamic will be fellowship and fun above all. Please help us know how many to expect for dinner by signing up. If you need a ride on Wednesday, please let us know. Come and enjoy some P.I.E. – Play, Inspire, Eat!
Veterans Education	<b>Veterans Educational Event:</b> Please save the date and join us for a VA Event Tuesday, September 22nd from 2-4 pm in Sanctuary and Perkins Hall. Three VA Hospital experts will share important benefits for vets and families for in-home care, respite care, sign-up and much more. Congregation and community are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. A light refreshment time will follow. See Marilyn Kerstine for more information.
Receiving New Members	<b>We Will Be Receiving New Members October 18th:</b> If you would like to become a member of the First Congregational Church, please see Pastor Jay.
PFLAG Awareness	<b>PFLAG Awareness Forum September 23rd at 6:30 pm:</b> We are hosting a LGBTQ+ forum to build awareness and support. Come and hear the many stories of “Accepting Who We Are.” There will be a time for Q&A and discussion.
Men’s Barbecue	<b>Men's Barbecue:</b> September 25th at Brent Walker's house at 6 pm, bring items for potluck. Brent's address will be sent later, along with a list of food items that could be brought. If anyone has questions please call Brent Walker Home <u>928-778-2144</u> Cell <u>928-899-8283</u> , 1209 Overstreet Drive, Prescott.
Caring for Creation	<b>Caring for Creation Meets Again September 30th at 6:30:</b> Join us as we raise our awareness of our local environmental issues and implement sustainable methods for our church.
Outreach Focus for September	<b>Outreach Ministry September Focus is OCWM:</b> In the national setting of the United Church of Christ there are four Covenanted Ministry partners who are supported by gifts from Our Church's Wider Mission. We work together to change lives! <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ The General Ministries support the offices of the President and General Minister (John Dorhauer). The programs from this office vary and are often discussed on the UCC website.</li><li>♦ Local Church Ministries supports local churches in many ways with programs for ministerial education and support, congregational vitality education, lay leader and leader education to name some of the programs.</li><li>♦ Wider Church Ministries is most known for the mission outreach work of the UCC because of our disaster ministries. This arm of the church also serves congregations and other settings of the church who strive to be inclusive, as in multicultural/multiracial, open and affirming, global or accessible to all.</li><li>♦ Through the month of September, the members of the Outreach Ministry will bring you more information about OCWM. Further information can be found on the United Church of Christ Website. <a href="http://www.ucc.org">www.ucc.org</a></li></ul>



**Ministry Opportunities**

We need volunteers to help in the following areas:

- **Habitat for Humanity Church Liaison** — Volunteer to represent our church
- **Dress the Church** — banners, flowers, etc. for Sundays
- **P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night Co-Coordinator** — to work with Tawnya Worthington on our Wednesday night program September to November. Thanks to all that have already stepped forward! This is an exciting time to get involved! Let us know in the church office if you're interested in lending a hand!

**Letters to Josh Taylor...**

Military personnel may receive correspondence but they must comply with the following:

- ♦ Hand-written letter
- ♦ Envelope does not contain anything except letter
- ♦ NO stickers or smiley faces or messages on the envelope
- ♦ Hand-written addresses on envelope

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# Ongoing & Weekly Events

**EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS**  
Sunday Morning Class meets at 9 am in the Church Library  
~And~  
Monday Evening Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Library

**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

**P.I.E. (Play, Inspire, Eat) Family Night** meets every Wednesday night starting September 16th at 5:30 pm in Perkins Hall.

**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.

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

**CABINET MEETING** meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

**Las Fuentes 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. Address: Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott.

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Mondays: 1:00 - 4:00  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00  
**Pastor Jay**  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 - Noon  
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**Funky Friday Game Night**  
Hosted by PFLAG  
Everyone Welcome! 7-9 pm  
1st Friday of the Month starting November

**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.