

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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Prescott



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This Week at First Congregational Church of Prescott...

- ◆ **Choir Practice** 9 am before Worship Service
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Sunday Class at 9 am
- ◆ **Exploring Faith** Monday Night Discussion Group at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Veterans Educational** at 2 pm Tuesday
- ◆ **P.I.E.** at 5:30 pm Wednesday
- ◆ **PFLAG Forum** at 6:30 pm Wednesday
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** 11 am Thursday
- ◆ **Cabinet Meeting** at 6:30 pm Thursday
- ◆ **Men's Fellowship Barbecue** at 6 pm Friday

Letter from Kevin Nelson

Hi! Just wanted you to know how much I miss you! After moving back to Chicago and donating marrow cells to my brother Shawn, I landed a job at Loyola medical center where he was being treated. Things went sideways after a while as things do sometimes and a tumor was discovered in my left temporal lobe-brain. Was whisked into surgery that night and I think it was a week later was sent to Marion Joy rehab hospital. The staff at both places were just wonderful. My brother has recovered nicely and now is healthier than ever bless him anyway. Since I couldn't stay with my brother anymore, upon my release from Marion Joy my sister's husband picked me up and brought me to live with them in Palm Springs where I'm undergoing chemo and radiation treatments--one for the cancer that is in my lymph nodes and the other to make sure all the cancer cells have been removed from my brain. I'm currently looking for part-time work and am blessed enough to be able to make music again (God bless the therapists at Marion Joy!). I have been invited to play at one of the local places two or three days a week. Anyway, not a day goes by when I don't think of you and all the special friendships that I have had with some of you and am so glad when the caller— now weekly :-) — finds its way to my inbox. Love you, God bless you! Kevin Nelson



History of First Congregational Church Part 7 by: Jay Eby



Moses Bonsall Hazeltine came to Prescott in 1890 to join his brother Will Hazeltine at the National Bank of Arizona just down Gurley Street at the southeast corner of Cortez and Gurley. In just three years Moses took over the operation of the bank.

Moses married Anna Criley on October 12, 1897 in Mansfield, Ohio and they made their home at 202 S. Mt. Vernon in Prescott. Their sons were John Criley 1900, Moses Bonsall 1903, and Sherman 1907. Moses was Sunday School Superintendent for forty-three years at First Congregational. Many of our folk in

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History of the Church Part 7

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Territorial Arizona kept their church membership with the church where they grew up. Mr. and Mrs. Hazeltine evidently did that also. But in 1914 our church decided that in order to hold an office in our church the person should be a member. Moses and Anna transferred their membership to First Congregational Church January 3, 1915.

Anna Margaret Criley Hazeltine was born in Mansfield, Ohio on November 2, 1870 to Dr. John Michael Criley and Martha Jane Yeaman Criley. Anna was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Monday Club, and president of the Women's Fellowship at First Congregational Church. Anna Margaret died in 1944. Downstairs in our Church, the first room on the left is the Hazeltine Room. Set aside as the women's room and dedicated in 1948 to Anna Hazeltine. Her picture has hung over the fireplace in that room for as long as we have memory. As soon as that room is refinished we could find a place for the photographs we have of Anna and Moses there.



Now for some fun with the names and relationships of some of our early members: William E. Hazeltine and Moses B. Hazeltine were brothers. the sons of Moses B. and Catherine M. Sherman Hazeltine. They were cousins of Moses Hazeltine Sherman and Lucy Sherman, whom we have already met, the son and daughter of William and Miranda Sherman. Anna Margaret Hazeltine's father Dr. John Michael Criley had his practice here in Prescott, as did Dr. Clarence E. Yount who married Clara Criley a sister of Anna Hazeltine. All were members here at First Congregational Church along with their children: John Criley Hazeltine, Moses Bonsall Hazeltine, Sherman Hazeltine, Clarence E. Yount, and Martha Yount.

From the Southwest Conference

The Kindness of Strangers (and Strangers No More) by Rev. Tyler Connoley

One afternoon a few months ago, I received a call from a local pastor. Her church had helped a woman we'll call Maria with some food and shelter, before Maria got on a bus and left town for the southeast. A few weeks later, Maria called our local pastor with a desperate need. She had a court appointment to further her case for asylum, and the person she had gone to stay with was sick and couldn't take her. She remembered our local church as a place of safety and help, so she called. I contacted a UCC church in Maria's new hometown, and was able to connect her with a social worker and immigration lawyer, who were members of that church.

Sometimes we think of interdependence only in terms of our connections within the Southwest Conference, but my year as Immigrant Care Coordinator has been a constant reminder of the many ways we depend on those outside the conference as well. It's not just our connections to other UCC churches and to the National Setting, but to all the people who share our values in other denominations, in other organizations, and outside of any organizational structures. Every church in the conference has connections to people in their own communities, and those interdependent relationships make us stronger.

As you think about the ways your church can foster interdependence, remember to look to the people outside the church, as well as those within the Southwest Conference who share your values. It's likely there is someone else in your own community — or even across the country — who shares your passions, and wants to partner with you as you embody God's unconditional justice and love.

What’s Happening

Prescott Food Pantry Donations

September Food Donations to Prescott Food Pantry: This month we are asking for canned fruit. there are baskets at each entry for your donations. Thank You!

Exploring Faith Resumes

Exploring Faith

- ♦ **Monday Night Discussion Group:** meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. The topic is **Genesis**.
- ♦ **Sunday Morning Class:** meets at 9 am in the Church Library. **“Faith and Reason”** series will be continued. Everyone is welcome!

Veterans Education

Veterans Educational Event: Please save the date and join us for a VA Event Tuesday, September 22nd from 2-4 pm in the Sanctuary and Perkins Hall. Three VA Hospital experts will share important information about benefits for vets and families, such as in-home care, respite care, and much more. They will also be sharing information about how to sign up for these benefits. Congregation and community are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. A light refreshment time will follow. See Marilyn Kerstine for more information.

P.I.E.

Second Week of P.I.E. September 23rd at 5:30 pm: For the next 2 Wednesdays we have special events planned. We will have our meal at 5:30 pm and then have guests join us at 6:30 for forums on LGBTQ+ and environmental issues. Children will meet downstairs with Bret and Destiny.

- ♦ **23rd — PFLAG** (Parents, Family/Friends, Lesbians & Gays +) 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.
- ♦ **30th — Caring for Creation** Peter Pierson of Prescott Creeks will help us explore what motivates us to care for creation, and then lead us in a discussion of where we want to focus our environmental efforts.

Both of these events are promoted to the community so please feel free to tell your friends and neighbors to join us!

PFLAG Awareness

PFLAG Awareness Forum September 23rd at 6:30 pm: We are hosting an 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.

Receiving New Members

We Will Be Receiving New Members October 18th: If you would like to become a member of the First Congregational Church, please see Pastor Jay.

Men’s Barbecue

Men’s Barbecue: 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 928-778-2144 Cell 928-899-8283. 1209 Overstreet Drive, Prescott.

Caring for Creation

Caring for Creation Meets Again September 30th at 6:30: Join us as we raise our awareness of our local environmental issues and implement sustainable methods for our church.

Outreach Focus for September

Outreach Ministry September Focus is OCWM: 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!

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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. www.ucc.org/ocwm

Visit Our New Website!

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 on the new website. I hope you'll agree!

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.
- ♦ An **FCC History** page can be found in the Visitor menu. 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

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.

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**Funky Friday
 Game Night**
 Hosted by PFLAG
 Everyone
 Welcome! 7-9 pm
 1st Friday of the
 Month starting
 November

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.

**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.