



The Chino Valley Chimes

October 2015



Happening this month:

- Oct. 2-3 ~ Lay Leadership Training, Cottonwood
- Oct. 7 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Oct. 7 ~ UMW
- Oct. 13 ~ Dine Out at Aroma's
- Oct. 13 ~ Interfaith Christmas Choir begins
- Oct. 15 ~ United Methodist class
- Oct. 17 ~ Wedding rehearsal
- Oct. 18 ~ Wedding
- Oct. 20 ~ Newsletter deadline**
- Oct. 21 ~ Trustees
- Oct. 21 ~ Finance Committee
- Oct. 28 ~ Ad Council
- Oct. 28 ~ Dine out at Arturo's

Staff Meeting—Mondays, 8-9am

Choir—Tuesdays, 6pm

Interfaith Christmas choir—Tuesdays, 7-9pm

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Information Update Needed

We are in the process of trying to get all our records updated. Enclosed with this issue of the Chimes is a "Membership Information" form. We are asking everyone who attends the Chino Valley United Methodist Church to complete this form and return it to the church (either to the office or in the offering plate). We know that you may have done this in the past, but we do not have this information for everyone; and in some cases, our information is incomplete or out-of-date.

IMPORTANT NOTE: in order for our records to be complete and entered properly in the computer programs, we need the YEAR of your birth, marriage, etc., as well as the month and day. This information will not be public and will not show up anywhere. We also do not give out email addresses.

Please be sure to complete the back of the page, as well as the front, especially the emergency contact information. This has proved to be invaluable on more than one occasion!

Thank you for helping us update our records!

Interfaith Choir Begins Rehearsals

The Chino Valley Interfaith Choir will begin rehearsing for the annual Christmas program on Tuesday, October 13, from 7 to 9pm at the Chino Valley United Methodist Church. This is a short-term commitment of 9 Tuesdays and 1 Saturday dress rehearsal, plus the program on December 13 at 5pm.

This is always a fun event, full of fellowship with members of other churches.

For more information, talk with Jan Harlow or call the church office.

From the Pastor



As October arrives, winter visitors return, the leaves turn and fall off the trees. As they do, even more opportunities present themselves. Choir, dinner with friends, Bible Study, and new Bible study and confirmation classes are beginning. Leaders return so committee and boards can continue their work.

We had our Charge Conference Saturday, September 26, 2015, with our new District Superintendent Neil Leftwich.

People were able to serve at the church in the various other activities this past summer too. We had the Antique Car Show and Ice Cream Social on September 19, 2015. What a wonderful experience that was with all the classic and antique cars and trucks and all the food and the prizes given away.

The fact is that even after all I have just shared with you; this only begins to tell the story of Jesus at Chino Valley UMC.

They went into the house, and when they saw the Child with his mother Mary, they knelt down worshipped Him. They brought out their gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, and presented them to Him.....(Matthew 2:11).

This is the account of the Wise Men who traveled from a distant country to find Jesus. Their actions are very important for us to remember because it shows us how to act in the presence of God. Let's look at three ways we can come into God's presence and worship Him.

We come into God's presence

- A. When we attend worship at church;
- B. When we read our Bible; and
- C. When we pray.

We are to praise Him in all situations.

When we worship, we should worship Jesus just like the Wise Men did. We should praise Him for who He is: our Lord and Master; our Savior, who paid for our sins; and our High Priest, who goes before the Father on our behalf and claims us as His children. These are just a few reasons why we should Worship Him. So let's think about how thankful we should be that Jesus loves us so much.

Now here are a couple of questions we should be thinking about:

1. Can you think of other reasons why we should worship Jesus?
2. And how do we know Jesus loves us?

During the month of October, you can stop me anytime and give me your answer to these two questions.

Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



On 19 September a wonderful time was had by all at the car show. Too many folks helped in many ways to name them all. A very large "THANK YOU" to all who helped is required.

A little update on a trip Jan and I took. 7,945 miles across our beautiful nation. The corn is turning brown and the alfalfa is being cut and baled. We never did figure out what they are going to do with all of that alfalfa. But we saw a lot of cattle. I called them "steaks on the hoof."

Got to see some of the Harlow family at the reunion and at Pullman, Washington. Of course we detoured a little to pick up some hobby supplies (wood). God looked out for us and the Highway Patrol stayed away and we only saw the aftermath of two accidents. We came down through Idaho along the Salmon River and I saw many spots where a small camp fire and a fishing pole would be a lot of fun.

God has truly blessed us with a beautiful country and we need to take care of it.

Speaking of our nation, we have some very important elections coming up and we need to make wise decisions. Study the material, good and bad, and get registered. I know it is hard to determine who is telling the truth but our creator is there for us to talk with and ask for guidance. He will help us.

See you in church,
Roger

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee are pleased to

announce that with a unanimous vote from both committees, Sue Piper will be hired as the bookkeeper for the church. Sue comes with an outstanding resume relating to her thirty years of expertise in bookkeeping skills. She has already proven to be an excellent office administrator and will continue in that position also. Sue will be working hand-in-hand with the Treasurer and the Finance committee.

And this leads us into another announcement: Ilona Dean has volunteered to become the Treasurer for the church. She has had much experience working with different churches in that capacity. She is working with Alice Merriman, the Assistant Treasurer, to become familiar with the Treasurer's duties.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: PIANIST IN OUR MIDST!

SPRC and the Worship Committee would like to present one of our own as the new pianist. Sandy Jones, who is an accomplished pianist and has played in many churches, will come on board near the end of October. Sandy is helping right now with choir practices on Tuesday evenings.

We are thankful to have Sue, Ilona and Sandy become part of the Chino Valley UMC team. When you see them, tell them thanks for their willingness to serve.

Love and Blessings,
Karen, SPRC Chair



Committees and Groups

The Missions Committee is proud to announce that the Car Show was a big success.

Each year, we have had more cars than the year before. This year, we had 54 cars that registered. In addition, we had 6 who did not register, for a total of 60.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped ~ ~ those who set up for the show, those who prepared the food, those who worked in the kitchen, and those who cleaned up at the end. We appreciate everyone who shared in the work that needed to be done! Thank you, one and all.

The money donated totaled \$1,227.00. There are a few expenses we have to pay from this amount, but we are sure we will have a good amount to go the Prescott Area Shelter Services and Adopt-a-Christmas.

Janet Bailey,
Chair

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 7:30 am. Roger Harlow is providing breakfast.



A revised directory was sent out in July. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

The next revision will be available mid-October.

**PLEASE MAKE THESE
CHANGES IN YOUR
DIRECTORY**



More Committee and Group News

Greetings,

Some good news, the Church is receiving about \$75 to \$100 a month from our dinner-out gatherings at Aroma Pizza, and the new Arturo's Mexican restaurant. We have a great time visiting, fellowship and enjoying the meal. Come join us! Aroma Pizza night is on the second Tuesday and Arturo's is on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 or earlier.

On a serious note, the Church financial situation has not improved and has been running in the red most months. The finance committee has made budget cuts of almost \$1000 per month to help reduce expenses. Cuts include reducing our monthly apportionments payments to half, eliminating most advertising and reducing our pest spraying.

In addition, several members have taken on additional tasks instead of paying someone outside to perform them. The Church Sale did a lot to bring us into the black, but for only for a few months.

If anyone has additional

thoughts or ideas on cutting expenses or increasing church income, please share your ideas with someone on the Finance committee. In the end, bringing new members has the greatest benefits to the Church in so many ways.

One recent suggestion received to increase income is to attract more non-profit groups to rent Remp Hall. We currently have three organizations that use Remp Hall regularly. If you know of a non-profit group, club or organization that might be interested in using Remp Hall, please mention it to one of the Trustees. The Trustees have a rental schedule available.

And, if you do not know the Church Committees, what they do and who they are, take a look on the south wall of the Narthex. We have posted a list of what's what, and who's who.

The Church will also be having its annual Stewardship drive in November. You will be reading and hearing more about it soon.

Lastly, the church will not be purchasing individual giving envelopes in the near future. So, for the 12 new Church members that recently joined, I will be giving you Giving envelopes over the next few Sundays. And for others who do not have donation envelopes, giving and love envelopes are located in the rear seat chair pockets in the sanctuary, and in the Narthex. Take as many as you can use.

Love, cheers and peace to all!

Ray Benny, Finance chairperson

People Who Care

People Who Care is an organization that helps members of the community, both here in Chino Valley and in Prescott. Some of their ministries include driving people to medical appointments, taking people shopping, occasional sitting with the homebound, helping with other needs. As many of you know, People Who Care has a lending "closet" here, with walkers, wheel chairs, and many other items.

The Prescott office of People Who Care hosts an orientation on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Occasional orientations are held in Chino Valley as well. If you are interested in helping or learning more about this ministry, please call Peggy at the Prescott office, 445-2480, or Barbara at the Chino office, 636-3295.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/4 Norma Liska
- 10/5 Janet Keffer
- 10/6 Ray Benny
- 10/21 Phyllis McDaniel
- 10/24 Alma Holt
- 10/26 Sandra Fox
- 10/26 Sharon Gibson
- 10/26 Deidre McHenry
- 10/30 Dick Liska
- 10/30 Kathy West

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/3 Bob & Cindy Myers
- 10/12 Dave & Marilyn Jenkins
- 10/15 Monte & Terry Colucci

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/6 Sue Mitchell
- 11/18 Shirl Garrett
- 11/20 Alice Merriman
- 11/22 Lewis Pehl
- 11/25 Bob Remp
- 11/28 Rita Haslett
- 11/29 Janis Heller
- 11/30 Peggy Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/20 Doug & Jan Mauck

October Liturgists

2nd Service

- 4 Janet Warren
- 11 Jennifer Phippen
- 18 Dave Starnes
- 25 Monte Colucci

October Readers

1st Service

- 4 Dave West
- 11 Molly Schnieder
- 18 Available
- 25 Available

If you are interested in reading at the 1st service on Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex.

+ Christian Symbols +



Oak

Oak trees are common in Israel, and, according to tradition, Jesus' cross may have been made of oak.

In the Old Testament, oaks often symbolize strength and longevity.

In Hebrew, the words for oak and providence are related, and some important biblical events take place near, or are marked by, oak trees; for example, "The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ..." (Genesis 18:1, NRSV).

BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.



meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



"B _____
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MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

In response to Jesus, Zacchaeus vowed to repay people he had defrauded; by how much did he promise to do so?

- A. In full B. Twice the amount he had stolen
 C. Threefold D. Fourfold

Answer: (See Luke 19:8.)



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A Brief History of the Christian Church

**John &
Charles
Wesley**

Holy Club. Bible Moths. Methodists ~These are just a few of the names people called Charles and John Wesley and those gathered around them before anyone called their group a movement, let alone a church. Charles and John Wesley are considered founders of the Methodist movement that led to what is now The United Methodist Church.

It all began around 1728 with a few men at Oxford

University, where Charles was finishing his studies. Charles Wesley had not always been very good at focusing on his studies or his faith. His first year at school was full of diversions like playing cards and enjoying music, theater and dancing. Nevertheless, by his final year, he was ready to devote himself to a more focused method of engaging study and faith. Charles knew he could not do this on his own. He gathered with others in a small group, a practice common at Oxford in those days. The Wesleys met in a small group at Oxford's Christ Church.

Originally, the group discussed classical literature, but they eventually moved onto spiritual materials. According to Dale Patterson of the United Methodist Archives and History agency, they would read classical literature during the week but on weekends, especially Sundays, read works about divinity or theology as we call it today. Even with these conversations, Charles continued to feel like he was struggling. He reached out to his brother John for assistance.

A UMC.org feature by Andrew J. Schleicher

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Next month, more on the Wesley brothers.