



# The Chino Valley Chimes

November 2015



### Happening this month:

- Nov. 1 ~ All Saints Day
  - Nov. 4 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
  - Nov. 4 ~ SPRC
  - Nov. 4 ~ UMW
  - Nov. 8 ~ Stewardship Sunday
  - Nov. 10 ~ Missions
  - Nov. 10 ~ Aroma's
  - Nov. 11 ~ Veteran's Day ~ Office Closed
  - Nov. 16 ~ Shoebox Party
  - Nov. 18 ~ Newsletter Deadline**
  - Nov. 18 ~ Finance Committee
  - Nov. 19 ~ Ad Council
  - Nov. 22 ~ Shoebox Deadline
  - Nov. 25 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service
  - Nov. 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day ~ Office Closed
  - Nov. 29 ~ Hanging of the Greens
- ◇ **Staff Meeting—Mondays, 8-9am**
  - ◇ **United Methodist Class—Mondays, 5pm**
  - ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—Tuesdays, 6pm**
  - ◇ **Interfaith Choir—Tuesdays, 7-9pm**

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## Advent Begins November 29

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts sundown on December 24 (Christmas Eve) through Epiphany of the Lord (January 6). This is sometimes popularly referred to as "the twelve days of Christmas." As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season "begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today."

God entered our world, not as a conqueror but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

## All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation.

As part of both services on this day, the names of church members who have died since last November 1 will be read and a bell tolled.

Members of the congregation will also have a chance to give the names of family members who have died since last November 1.

## *From the Pastor*



Prayer keeps us connected to God by living the way of the spirit. When we pray, we bring all the stuff of our world before God; the rhythm of the seasons, the celebrations, the struggles, the hopes and fears...asking for new perspective, a new energy to take back into the world.

Wherever we are, whether at home, on a plane, in rush hour traffic, or in a hospital room, what makes it a prayer is the realization that life is being shared honestly and continuously with God. Isn't that what Paul meant when he said to pray unceasingly? Continuous prayer means living with the knowledge that your soul is always in communion with God, even though the heart or mind doesn't always know it.

There will be moments in our lives when we need guidance, encouragement or a new perspective. But as we reach out to God in honest longing,

then God will meet us in our striving...and love will do the rest.

If we ever wonder where God's love is, we need to remember that it is our joy to reveal it. As we give love, the spirit of God is made visible in our giving, our caring, and our doing for others. With God's leading, I look forward to the coming months and discovering the new journeys that we will travel together.

Do not forget that we will be celebrating a Thanksgiving service on November 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Please enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday, and let us not forget to what this day really means for us all and how precious it is to each of us.  
Grace and peace,  
Pastor Mike

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

There are always many things going on during November and December. Here is a list of major church events during these months so you can put them on your calendar now and plan ahead.

#### **November**

- 8 Stewardship Sunday
- 11 Veteran's Day ~ office closed
- 14 **Church Work Day, begins at 8am**
- 15 Veteran's Day celebration
- 18 **Deadline for December newsletter ~ early this month**
- 25 **Thanksgiving Eve, service at 6pm**
- 26 Thanksgiving Day ~ office closed
- 29 First Sunday in Advent ~ Hanging of the Greens, 1pm

#### **December**

- 13 Interfaith Christmas program at the church, 5pm  
(cookies are needed for refreshments)
- 15 **Deadline for January newsletter ~ early this month**
- 18 UMW Christmas dinner and basket auction, 5:30pm
- 20 Service of Lessons and Carols
- 24 **Christmas Eve, service at 6:30pm**
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 Combined service at 10 am
- 28-31 Office will be closed all week**

#### **January**

- 10 Bishop Bob will lead worship and preach

## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



In the mean time I got to thinking about the Discipline and what it says about the Lay Leader's role. ¶251 states the following: (Paraphrased)

- a) Fostering awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world, and finding ways within the community of faith to recognize all these ministries;
- b) Meeting regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry;
- c) Membership in the charge conference and the committees of the church;
- d) Continuing involvement in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the Church's reason for existence and the types of ministry that will most effectively fulfill the Church's mission;
- e) Assisting and advising the church council of opportunities and needs available for a more effective church;
- f) Keeping the laity informed of training opportunities.

On 10 October Kathy West, Dave Starnes, Pastor Mike, and I had the opportunity to attend the District wide meeting of the Pastors, the District Superintendent (DS) and the Bishop. It was a very enlightening gathering.

One of the questions the DS asked was, "What is the Lay Leaders most important role in the church?"

Most of the Lay Leaders answered by saying, "to act as an interface between the pastor and the congregation."

I answered a little differently by saying, "To support the pastor."

My thought is that I can help the pastor AND the congregation by supporting the pastor in any way he asks. I believe by doing so I am supporting both the pastor and the congregation. If one of the church members has a question or issue and I can take that directly to the pastor then I am supporting both and thus the entire church.

As you can see the lay leader acts as the primary representative of the church laity in the local church. A role that the pastor needs help or support in completing.

I believe that there is one more issue that the Bishops have brought up. That is the pastor's need for a break once in a while. This is why our pastor and I have come to the agreement that you will see me taking the services once in a while.

Anyway - it is a very rewarding position in the church and I enjoy it.

See you in church Sunday.  
Roger

# Committees and Groups



## CHURCH WORK DAY

The Trustees are hosting a church work day on Saturday, November 14, beginning at 8:00 am.

They plan to accomplish the following tasks:

- ◆ Burn leaves and limbs;
- ◆ Mow the yard;
- ◆ Paint in the church building;
- ◆ Clean and seal gutter joints;
- ◆ Patch concrete cracks;
- ◆ General cleaning and window washing.

**There is something here for everyone and everyone is welcome to come and help!**



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will hold their next breakfast on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 am. All men of the church are invited to share good food and good fellowship.



The Missions Committee will meet on the 10th at 1:00 pm.

We will have the names, sizes, etc., for the two families for Christmas this year. We will decide the amount to be spent on the families and who will do the shopping for them. This is our final project for this year. The money for this project was raised at the Car Show held in September.

We also made a donation of \$600 to the Prescott Area Shelter Services from the Car Show. We have received a lovely thank you note from them.

We could use some new members on the committee, which does many good things for agencies in the community. Won't you join us at our November meeting.

Janet Bailey, President



**PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY**

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Brookdale Prescott  
211 Bradshaw Drive  
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A revised directory was sent out in October. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

The next revision will be available in January.



Greetings to all,

Fall is rapidly approaching, with time to think about the coming cold weather, gardens, animals, home heating, getting some indoor chores done and maybe catch up on some reading. And, time is approaching for our annual stewardship drive, which will begin on Sunday, Nov. 8th.

I would like to present Donna Norris' letter that was requested by the Finance Committee and read to the congregation on Sunday, Sept. 27:

*It is the duty of the Finance committee to keep everyone up to date on the financial status of the church. The committee would like to express their appreciation for all that each of you have done to help move this church toward a firm financial foundation.*

*The Spring Sale was a big success due to your donations of items for sale, the time you donated to help make it a success, and your willingness to purchase items from the sale. The proceeds from this event helped to close the gap between our expenses and our income.*

*You also prayerfully considered increasing your regular giving and this has also had a direct affect on the bottom line. We are in much better shape thanks to those in the congregation who have increased their monetary commitment to the church. Your individual efforts are recognized and appreciated. When we all work together toward supporting God's work in this community through our efforts, we all are winners.*

*However, our income still doesn't completely cover our expenses. After many prayers and long deliberation, the finance committee voted to reduce the funding of our conference apportionments until we can afford to completely fulfill this obligation again. This action, along with several other belt tightening choices, will help to give us some breathing room toward getting our financial feet under us.*

*Please continue to keep this church in your prayers. We all want to continue the work of this church to show God's love and support for the people of this community and for each other.*

On, or before Nov 8, all church attendees will receive information about our current stewardship drive. We will have several members of the church speak about the drive each Sunday for a short few minutes on words of thought, devotion and service to the Church.

As mentioned in Donna's letter, the church Spring Sale balanced the budget through June. However, since then we have had months of being in the black and in the red. This stewardship drive hopes to show how by increasing your pledge by 5% - 10%, we can balance the books for at least the near seeable future. It is truly our hope to be able to pay fully our monthly apportionments, and to be able to meet our budget figures. This way, we can attempt to meet goals in serving our church, our community, outreach programs, and of course, our Lord! For me, I receive great satisfaction in knowing that I have helped as best I can. I think you will too.

A few other notes, the internally audit team has been formed and hopes to complete their findings and recommendations to the Finance Committee by Dec 1.

Our Aroma Pizza fun night out brought in \$39.62 for the church budget. We are also receiving funds from Arturo's Mexican Restaurant night out, but I do not know that amount.

As points of information for the Congregation, Ilona Dean has volunteered to become our Church treasurer with Alice Merriman remaining as assistant treasurer. Our office administrator, Sue Piper, wearing a second hat, will become our bookkeeper. With Sue as bookkeeper, we will be eliminating our CPA (at good savings). We will be moving to our own in-house computer accounting software, ACS/Realm, in which Sue Piper has experience.

Finally, there is a list of committees, functions and members on the bulletin board. Copies will be available on the table under the window or from the office.

This all sounds like good progress for the Church. Let's see how you can get involved!

Love and Peace to all,

Ray Benny  
Finance Chairman

## More Committee and Group News



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

or leave them in the office to help create more boxes to bring Jesus into a child's life.

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE.....

Nancy Mitchell, President

10 ladies met at 5pm on October 7th, enjoying a program on Thankfulness presented by Kathy West and a chili supper made and served by Naomi Richards.

Our next meeting will be at 1pm on Wednesday November 4th. Among other things will be the election of officers for 2016. We will also be discussing the activities for the rest of this year: Red Candle Tea, Cookies for the Interfaith Choir performance, church family Christmas dinner and basket auction, as well as other items.

Please do not forget the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. If you do not like to or do not have time to shop, you may donate cash for shipping the boxes packed at our packing party on Monday, November 16 at 10am at the church. If you packed boxes and have items left over (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, toys, school supplies, sox, combs, etc.) bring them to the party, give them to Nancy Mitchell,

### 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.

### Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Bob Bell  
 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



## BIRTHDAYS

12/4 Bob Reese  
 12/5 Deborah Culjak  
 12/8 Lyall Miller  
 12/13 Laurence Nolan  
 12/15 Rhonda Costello  
 12/18 Joani Rose  
 12/19 Janet Bailey  
 12/20 Connie Hoeffner  
 12/20 Ginger LeGendre  
 12/26 Chuck Magoon  
 12/26 Don Niedermeyer

## ANNIVERSARIES

12/24 Bob & Gayla Remp  
 12/26 Dave & Kathy West

## November Liturgists

### 2nd Service

1 Janet Warren  
 8 Monte Colucci  
 15 Nancy Mitchell  
 22 Dave Starnes  
 29 Monte Colucci

## November Readers

### 1st Service

1 Available  
 8 Available  
 15 Jennifer Phippen  
 22 Available  
 29 Available

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



## + Christian Symbols +

### Scepter and crown

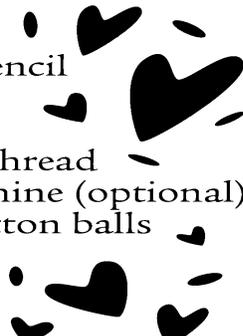
The scepter and crown are symbols of a king's authority. In Christian tradition, they represent Christ's triumphant rule over all. The final Sunday of the liturgical year — November 22 this year — is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate this very thing. Hebrews 1:8 (NIV), echoing the book of Psalms, reads: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."

# Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

## What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

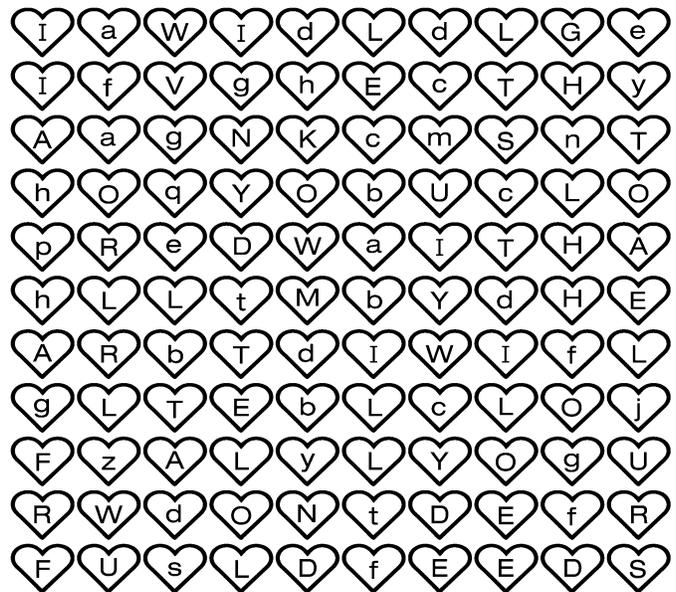


# With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

*Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_”

PSALM 9:1, NIV

Of what ethnicity was the one leper out of 10 healed who returned to thank Jesus?

- A. Syrophenician
- B. Samaritan
- C. Syrian
- D. Judean

Answer: (See Luke 17:16.)



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# A Brief History of the Christian Church

**John and  
Charles  
Wesley**

John had been away for a time helping at his father's parish since he had already graduated and was ordained. When he returned to Oxford, where he was also a fellow, he soon assumed leadership of the group and brought to it his organization skills and some initial instruction.

Others started noticing the group. Some called them "Sacramentarians," that is they sought the sacrament of communion frequently. The Wesleys thought it good to have communion at least weekly, though the common thought was monthly was satisfactory.

This was one of the first items to grow out of their meetings. They

had to search out communion since no single Protestant congregation offered it every week.

Others called the group "Enthusiasts." Were they religious fanatics of some sort?

"That was an insulting term," says Patterson. "People claiming to be spirit-filled [or enthused] were considered suspicious." The term pointed back to "the wild-eyed people of a century ago," during the English civil war.

Despite that, John Wesley considered himself a "reasonable enthusiast," says Patterson.

"Supererogation-men," was another term applied to this small, but growing, group. Supererogation refers to their desire to go beyond what is typically required by most religions in hopes of winning divine approval.

It was common for the Wesleys and their companions to engage regularly in prayer, fasting (twice a week), giving alms and visiting those in prison. Many of these activities were not even the Wesleys' ideas, though John would check in with the local bishop to ensure there was no problem with their activity.

"These guys are accused of doing too much good," says Ted A. Campbell, professor of Church History at Perkins School of Theology. The supererogation-men nickname was also, Campbell continues, "a veiled accusation of Catholicism." There remained tension in those days between Protestant and Catholic supporters, and the practice of Catholicism was restricted.

*Next month, more on the Wesley brothers and the Methodist Church*