



The Chino Valley Chimes

March 2016



Happening this month:

- Mar 1 ~ Worship Team
- Mar 2 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Mar 2 ~ UMW
- Mar 5 ~ Missions Dinner
- Mar 8 ~ Aroma's
- Mar 14 ~ New Member Class
- Mar 15 ~ Newsletter Deadline
- Mar 16 ~ Trustees
- Mar 16 ~ Finance
- Mar 20 ~ Palm Sunday
- Mar 22 ~ PPE Election
- Mar 23 ~ Ad Council
- Mar 24 ~ Maundy Thursday
- Mar 25 ~ Good Friday
- Mar 26 ~ Holy Saturday
- Mar 27 ~ Easter
- Mar 28 ~ Office Closed
- Mar 30 ~ Arturo's

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—Mondays, 8-9am**
- ◇ **Adult Study—Mondays, 5pm**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays, 6pm**

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Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week begins with the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This day ends, however, with the somber story of his Passion.

We need to experience the whole story in order to understand the greater joy of the Easter celebration. In order to tell the whole story, the church has several opportunities for worship during the week.

Palm Sunday—We joyously enter Jerusalem, waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna!

Maundy Thursday—We sit at the table with Jesus and his disciples, sharing supper. Jesus washes the feet of the disciples and gives us a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

Good Friday—We witness Jesus' arrest and questioning, his beating, Peter's denial, the long walk to the cross, and the hours of agony before Jesus dies.

Holy Saturday—A day of emptiness and waiting. Jesus is dead, he is gone. We are alone and afraid.

Easter Day—The women go to the tomb. He is not there. He is alive and risen! Peter runs to tell the others. In the evening, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side.

He is alive! He is our risen Lord!

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the First Service of Easter. Held after sunset on the eve of Easter, we celebrate the whole of salvation history and Christ's saving work.

The vigil has both historic and symbolic roots in the Jewish Passover, which is why there are so many Old Testament images and why there are so many analogies experienced in Christ. In this service, we experience the passage from slavery to freedom, from sin to salvation, and from death to life.

The service begins in darkness and moves into the light.

Come and join us in the whole story!

From the Pastor



how we use our gifts. Understanding the realm of spirit takes study and training, it is a daily walk. Spiritual energy gives us the confidence that we can overcome the countless distractions the world offers.

Living in the spirit is a gift that allows us to look to the future with hope. It enables us to see beyond this temporal world. We begin where our seed awakens, and we learn how to nurture our emerging skills of spirit by recognizing and using all the challenges in the material world as assets for discovering our wholeness. The invitation is ever before us to make the spirit of Christ visible in all we do.

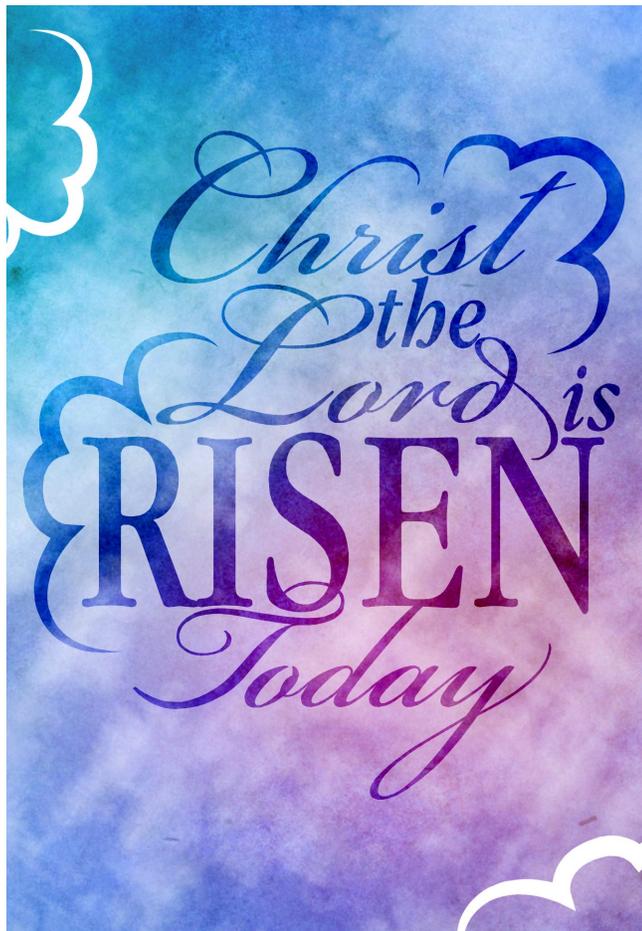
Jesus taught a way of life and invited people to a relationship with God that was vibrant, dynamic and fruitful. Scripture is filled with passages that point to fruitful living...the kingdom of God, eternal life, a peace that passes all understanding, abundant life. Jesus and his disciples developed fundamental spiritual practices that sustained them in God and led them to relieve the burdens that keep people from flourishing by protecting the vulnerable, embracing outcasts, healing the sick, welcoming children, caring for widows, confronting injustice, and preaching the good news. They presented the gift of God's grace to everyone.

Paul writes, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5) Scripture teaches us about living a vibrant, fruitful, dynamic life with God through following Jesus.

Spiritual growth is a lifelong process. But the seed is already within you. The inner world of spirit begins very small, but once it is awakened within us, we begin to change our priorities and

Let us go with that same spirit in rejoicing the risen Lord this Easter (March 27th) and make a joyful noise unto Jesus who rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, who died for our sins, so that we are forgiven. Amen, and amen.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



Over the years I have wondered why we celebrate certain occasions in our denomination and where they originated. The Lenten season is one of those. So I went searching for information.

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar of our denomination that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers the six week period before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial.

This event, along with its pious customs, is observed by Christians in various denominations including Methodism. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbor).

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus spent, before beginning his public

ministry, fasting in the desert, after which he endured temptation by the Devil.

The number forty has many Biblical references:

- ◆ The forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- ◆ The forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- ◆ The forty days and nights God sent rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:4)
- ◆ The Forty years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33)
- ◆ The forty days Jonah gave in his prophecy of judgement to the city of Nineveh to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 3:4).

It is a traditional belief that Jesus lay for forty hours in the tomb which led to the forty hours of total fast that preceded the Easter celebration.

Some Christian believers add a REGULAR reading of a Lenten daily devotional reading as a spiritual discipline. Our *Disciplines, A Book of Daily Devotions* (2016) are available in the church office.

Lent is a season of grief that necessarily ends with the great celebration of Easter.

Well, I learned a little in my research; do some more research in your spare time.

See you on Sunday,
Roger





KAIROS

There will be a Kairos Outside coming up April 15-17 at the Sky-Y camp here in the Prescott area this spring.

There are many opportunities for serving from preparing agape to helping only one day to serving the whole weekend.

For more information, please contact Donna Norris or Jeannie Ward (at Prescott Valley UMC).

SONSHINE SISTERS

Sonshine Sisters are looking for people who like to knit or crochet. We are doing 'faith' shawls (prayer shawls) for shut-ins, end of life and hospice patients.

If you are interested please contact Becky Davis 602-301-7320 here in Chino Valley.

Thank you for your interest and may God bless your talent.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ~ 2016

SUNDAY (3/20) Palm Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Service

11:00 am Traditional Service



MONDAY (3/21) Monday in Holy Week

8am Staff Meeting

TUESDAY (3/22) Tuesday in Holy Week

WEDNESDAY (3/23) Wednesday in Holy Week

12:30 pm Ad Council

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (3/24) Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service



FRIDAY (3/25) Good Friday

6:00 pm Good Friday Service



Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY (3/26)

6:00 pm Easter Vigil



SUNDAY (3/27) EASTER DAY

6:30am Sunrise Service (outside)

7:30am Easter Brunch

9:00 am Combined Service



Committees and Groups



A few notes from the Finance Committee

Because of changes at Chase Bank, the Church is looking into moving to a more service friendly bank.

The Finance Committee and Ad Council have voted to return to 100% fulfillment of our church apportionments. The apportionments balance due for 2015 was paid in early February.

We are two months into doing our own in-house bookkeeping and accounting record keeping using ACS Church Software. Sue Piper, our office administrator and bookkeeper has been doing a great job in leading the way.

Six church members chipped in to pay for cup advertisement at Big Daddy E BBQ restaurant.

Aroma Pizza income for February was \$51.26, our largest amount in a while.

Please attend and join in the fun! Remember, we meet at Aroma's on the first Tuesday of every month, at 5:30pm. You can also order take out and mention it's for the Church for us to receive a 10% return.

Ray Benny, Chair



The Missions Committee will host a Chili, Soup and Pie Supper, including a Pound Auction, on Saturday, March 5, at 5:30 pm. This activity will benefit the Chino Valley Meals-on-Wheels program.

If you would like to make a donation of a pot of soup or chili or a pie for dessert, we would appreciate it. You can sign up in church or call Janet Bailey, 636-6025, and let her know what you plan to bring.

The evening will also include a Pound Auction. Your donation for the auction should be placed in a bag, and you can write a hint on the bag as to what the item is or how it could be used. Our auctioneer, Charlie McGibbon, will introduce the items and conduct the auction. It's always fun to see what the auctioned items are and how they can be used.

We hope you can come and support the Meals-on-Wheels program for the elderly and shut-in members of our community.

Janet Bailey, Chair

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Here we are in the midst of the Lenten Season.

When our Lord was welcomed with palm branch-strewn streets, we celebrated. When He was tried, crucified, died, & was entombed we mourned. When He AROSE, we again celebrated with wonder & renewed belief.

It is my feeling, that during this period of Lent, we, instead of giving UP, should give TO some one or group in memory of our Lord & Savior's suffering.

In keeping with this thought. The United Methodist Women have invited Katie Norris to talk to us about the PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES (PASS). We have helped with support for many years. Many of our newer members are unaware of the great work done by PASS right here in Prescott. Come and hear for yourselves & bring a friend,

March is traditionally our Prayer & Self Denial collection. We have been praying & denying ourselves of something we like but do not really need: coffee, candy, movie, lunch out, etc., during the past year,

and placing the cost in a container. This is the time to bring in your offerings to be sent to the district for Mission outreach for women & children around the world.

Don't forget the Easter Brunch, served between services on Easter Sunday, March 27th at 7:30am.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 1pm.

Nancy Mitchell, President



The next Men's Prayer breakfast is Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 am.



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa



Education News

Two Opportunities for Adult Education

Economic Inequality and the Church; Why Should We Care

For more than two decades, there has been remarkable growth in income and wealth of the top one percent of U. S. society, with greater poverty at the bottom and stagnation in the middle. An even more startling statistic is that the world's richest 85 individuals have as much wealth as the poorest half of the world's population.

This short seminar's objective is to build awareness that economic inequality is a faith issue that requires our action.

The seminar, with videos, will be held on Mondays, March 7, March 14, and if needed March 21st, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

A Study of the Gospel of John

A study of the Gospel of John, based on John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton, will begin on Monday, April 4, at 5pm.

We are making the assumption that Monday evening and a start time of 5:00 pm is OK. Any change suggestions let the office or Roger Harlow know.

Books for the class will be ordered as soon as we have a count of how many plan to attend the class.

Please call Roger or the church office, 636-2969, to sign-up for the class and to let us know how many books we need to order.

Roger Harlow

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PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

Please remove Terry & Rhonda Costello as they have moved to Florida.

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Sharon (cell) 307/235-5253
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WILLINGHAM, Jim & Erin
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A revised directory was sent out in early February. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/4 Marlys Benny
- 3/5 Kerry Phippen
- 3/6 Irene Rampley
- 3/9 Deryl Jevons
- 3/17 Pat Jones
- 3/22 Jim Moses

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/8 George & Joani Rose
- 3/18 Chuck & Lu Magoon



BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3 Kevin Nolan
- 4/5 Karen Mensing
- 4/12 T.J. O'Neil
- 4/13 Roxann Lathrop
- 4/19 Nina Lam
- 4/23 Anna Houston
- 4/23 Pastor Michael Keffer
- 4/24 Joyce Mastropiero
- 4/27 John Dean

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/3 Bob & Laura Bell
- 4/12 Rick & Alice Merriman
- 4/21 Bob & Rita Haslett
- 4/25 Pete & Karen Mensing

March Liturgists

2nd Service

- 6 Janet Warren
- 13 Jennifer Phippen
- 20 Todd Hoeffner
- 27 Monte Colucci

March Readers

1st Service

- 6
- 13 Molly Schnieder
- 20
- 27

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

+ Christian Symbols +

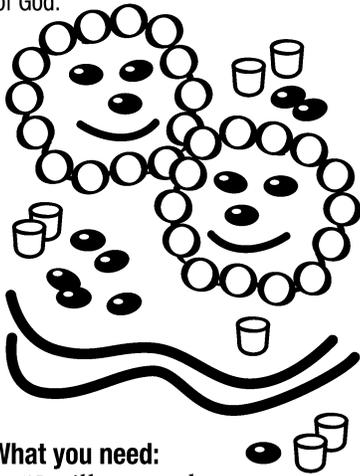


Ewer and basin

The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of the foot-washing, the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

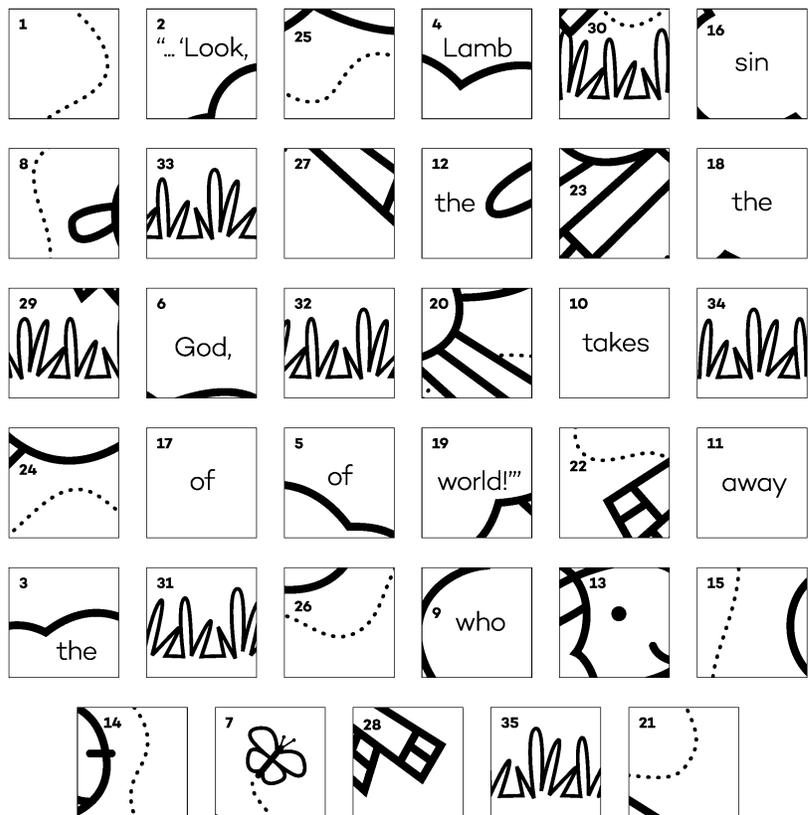
1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!



Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus. 

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



While Jesus was dying on the cross, who mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

- A. Priests B. Scribes
C. Elders D. All of the above

Answer: (See Matthew 27:41-42.)



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LESSER KNOWN CHURCH FACTS

A fresh look at Holy Communion

A minister was having lunch with a retired college professor when the professor said that he looked upon Communion as a form of cannibalism. The pastor was so astounded that he decided to examine the meaning of the sacrament again.

His reexamination of the meaning of the Lord's Supper yielded these thoughts:

1. Communion is extremely important because Jesus asked his followers to follow the practice often – in remembrance of him. (See Luke 22:19) Was that a request we should ignore?
2. Communion is significant because it reminds us of the price Christ paid for our salvation – his death on the cross. “This is my body, which is given for you” (Luke 22:19, NRSV).
3. It is also a symbol of the new covenant which God has made with us in Christ. Upon taking the cup of wine, our Lord said, “This is my blood of the new covenant” (Matthew 26:28, NRSV). He is our Lord. Communion helps us remember that we are his people, servants of the covenant-maker.
4. The sacrament is a vivid reminder that we are grateful that we are tied to Christ and look forward to his ultimate triumph on Earth. We partake of Communion joyfully, thanking God for the gift of Christ and anticipating his final victory when he shall be known worldwide as “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16, NRSV).