



The Chino Valley Chimes

July 2020



Happening this month:
All events subject to
cancellation for health
conditions.

- ◇ **Weekday Adult Study ~
Mondays, 10am**
- ◇ **Sunday Adult Study,
9am**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals ~
Wednesdays, 3pm**

Nothing Seems to Change....

As you are aware, Arizona is showing a record number of new Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations at this time. We are still under Bishop Bob's directive that there will be no services, meetings, or groups on the church campus until further notice. While we are all anxious to get back to some sort of normalcy, we need to follow the directions of the Bishop, Arizona Department of Health Services, and the CDC.

The church office remains closed until further notice. If you drive by, you may see a car or two, as essential employees and volunteers must be there from time to time.

However, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE.

If you need to contact the pastor or office staff, please leave a message on the church phone (636-2969) or send an email to the office (chinovalleyumc@gmail.com) and we will return your call or message. Both are checked every day.

We all hope it will be safe to get together again in person in the near future.

Upper Room

We have received the July-August issue of the Upper Room. If you would like a copy, please call or email the office and we will mail one to you. We are asking a donation of \$2.50 for each copy, which covers the cost of the publication and the postage.

Please remember, the office is closed, so you cannot come in and pick up a copy. Just let us know and we will stick it in the mail. (If you are unable to afford the donation, we'll send it for free.)

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From the Pastor



Chino Valley Hello

Greetings to all in the name of Christ,

In these strange and difficult times I would like to introduce myself. The usual SPRC meetings have taken place, by Zoom. We are still at a time of uncertainty as to how we as a congregation can greet and get to know each other, with proper social distancing, of course. All the usual parameters of potlucks, hand shakes and getting close enough to see the whites of our eyes are still in a fluid and somewhat uncertain state. With the help of the leadership here at Chino Valley UMC we will find ways to get to know each other and to help me get the lay of the land.

My wife, Ruth, and I have been living here in Chino Valley for

the past four years. The reason we have come to live here will probably echo the reasons many of you are here. Beautiful temperate climate, beautiful scenery . Being central to most activities we enjoy is a huge plus. Our grand kids are just two hours away in Chandler, AZ. (Recently moved from Rhode Island) As life resumes to the “new normal” we will inhabit, I look forward to getting to know each of you. We will keep focused on Jesus; we will “Love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength.” I will continue praying for God to guide us by the power of God’s Holy Spirit. We know that “all things are possible” with God as our guide. Join me on this incredible journey as I join you!

With prayers and blessing for all,

Pastor Bob



Notes from the Lay Leader



My favorite time of day? Pre-dawn. Most days year-round I am up before the sun rises

to greet the day.

A few weeks ago, walking down the driveway at 4:45 am with JennieLee, our pup prancing ahead to ensure there is nothing to give us alarm, I stopped and realized the deafening of the quietness. Then as the sun begins to rise the birds start chirping, the quail start their ritual, the doves start cooing, in the distance the donkey starts to bray, and the rooster starts to crow. A new day begins. But in those moments of quiet, I realize that God has prepared this day for you and me. Every single day He has carefully planned and laid out for us as Christians why we are here, what we need to do and how we choose to embrace the day before us - one day at a time. The drive-thru for Pastor Clare and Aubree brought about a very stark realization that we are so in need of being together – that human connection. Duly noted were the many comments of appreciation, comments of it was great seeing each other for

the first time in many months and the smiles and laughter we have sorely missed. Everyone took the necessary precautions for themselves and others. This day was meant to be.

I can only imagine the frustration and patience Jesus had when he was teaching the Word to believers and non-believers. Eventually we will all be together, tis a matter of time and patience. We are very fortunate to have our on-line worship presence. And the best part is that these services can be seen anytime. I know video conferencing is not the same as physically seeing each other; nor is the phone call, email, letter or text. But for now, this is what we have. Can we embrace it? Yes! It is more important than ever to keep the under-utilized ways of communication to connect to each other. And, yes, you can teach an old dog (sittin' right here) new tricks.

Pentecost, the longest season in the Christian church ? year, commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world. The purpose of marking Pentecost is to focus on the power of the Spirit of God, how it accomplishes what it sets out to do, and to reflect upon how the God and Father of mankind lavishly gives out His love – not as a worldly leader might do – to all that believe, and not just to those that believe but through them to many more people in this world that needs Jesus.

The 7 fruits of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. So, you see we really are connecting our present experiences of new beginnings / changes and that of the past. In today's world am I afraid, cautious and weary? Yes! But I also have God and the Holy Spirit that overrides any fears. We are Christians. We all have the Holy Spirit. Trust, believe and pray.

As we look forward to Pastor Bob and his knowledge and wisdom in these trying times may God and Holy Spirit be alive within us to embrace all that is before us.

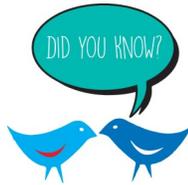
Blessings to all. Sandy Jones

Committees and Groups



All in-person meetings of the Men's Group have been cancelled until the church reopens.

Bob Haslett



Did you know the Food Bank is still in operation to assist those in need. In addition, the Salvation Army and St. Catherine Labore church are holding a “drive through” food bank on Thursdays. For more information on either of these, please call the Chino Valley Food Bank or St. Catherine's church.

NOTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Aroma's Pizza—although we have had to get our pizza as take-out, we have continued to do fairly well, earning \$20.97 in March, \$18.36 in April, and \$32.38 in May. Remember, in order for the church to receive funds from Aroma's, you need to call in your take-out order on the second Tuesday of each month and tell them you are from the church.
- 2021 budget — the Finance Committee is beginning the budget process. If you received a request for budget input for 2021, please get it in to Ray or the church office by the end of June.
- eGiving — an easy way to make contributions to the church. You can set up eGiving from a bank account or from a debit or credit card. You can also set up direct-pay with your bank. For more information and assistance in getting started, please call Ray Benny, 848-2158.
- A huge thank-you to everyone who has continued giving to the church on a regular basis. Even though the office is closed and we are not having in-person services, we still have the utility bills, apportionment, insurance, etc. to pay.

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Committees and Groups, etc.

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Chino Valley United Methodist Church Mission Team, even though we are still not able to worship together, plans to continue serving our community and neighbors through our Love Offerings and fund raising.

For the past 12 years our church has held the Antique & Classic Car Show to benefit local groups in our community. However, we have decided to cancel the 2020 Car Show as the Desert SW Conference's guidelines prohibits any UMC in-house activity or event on church grounds until further notice.

To continue in our mission, the Team is asking that funds raised normally through the annual Car Show be directed to the Annual Conference's Mission Project - Water for the Navajo Nation which provides water to the people of the reservation in the four corners area. For more details refer to the article in the June Chimes Newsletter

For AC Mission Project 2020: Water donations:

Electronically

In "Purpose of Payment" annotate AC Mission Project 2020: Water; and, In "Other Details" list your church name

Mail-In

Desert Southwest Conference, PO Box 32830, Phoenix, AZ 85064

Annotate on your check: AC Mission Project 2020: Water

List your church name

Desert SW Conference Link

Use the following link to send your

contribution

<https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/mission-project/>

Our Missions Love Offerings are still planned for the balance of the 2020 church year and are accepted throughout the year for any of these organizations.

July - Honoring our Veterans through the American Legion, Chino Valley

August - Chino Valley School District Nurse and Teachers

September - First Responders – Police, Fire and Ambulance Service

October - UM Student Day – Head Start

November - Chino Valley Food Bank

We realize everyone has limited funds and appreciate the usual tithes and contributions to the church; and, encourages any Love Offering you might give as part of servitude to our community. Just annotate on your check, offering envelope, bank draft, etc. what you are supporting. A little goes a long way.

We pray all are keeping healthy during this time and look forward to when we will be able to meet again and praise God for the blessings of family, church, and community.

The Missions Team



Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

7-Jul Fayne Pender
 10-Jul Jennifer Phippen
 13-Jul Katie Reimers
 20-Jul Boston Soza
 28-Jul Bob Haslett
 29-Jul Bonnie Hayes
 30-Jul Sarah O'Neil

ANNIVERSARIES

2-Jul Bill & Barb Brooks
 17-Jul Roger & Jan Harlow
 20-Jul Bob & Sally Reese
 21-Jul George & Gail Stoecker
 21-Jul George Stoecker
 29-Jul Ray & Marlys Benny
 29-Jul Kerry & Jennifer Phippen

Scripture Readings

July 5, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 10:12-13
 Galatians 5:13-14
 Psalm 36

July 12—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112
 Romans 8:1-11
 Luke 10:27

July 19—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 6:25-34

July 26—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Prayers are asked for...

In our thoughts and prayers this month: Our church & church family, Pastor Bob, our youth, President Trump, our country and its leaders, our military men & women, Chino Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Fire Department, those in nursing homes.

Home bound: Alma Holt, Pat Jones, Bob Reese, Beth Vandenberg, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny. **Church members:** Pastor Mike Keffer, Pastor Clare, Deedee McHenry. **Friends & family of members:** Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, JoAnne Ledbetter, Marge & Don Mastin, Ernie, the family of Naomi Richards.

If you would like a name added or deleted from the prayer list, please call the church office.

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God's Constant Creativity



In Isaiah 43:19, God proclaims, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (NIV). God’s process of

creating is active and ongoing, meaning there’s always something new for us to notice, grasp and learn.

“God’s will is not an abstraction,” writes Thomas Merton in *No Man Is an Island*. “It is a living concrete reality in the lives of [people], and our souls are created to burn as flames within his flame. The will of the Lord is not a static center drawing our souls blindly toward itself. It is a creative power, working everywhere, giving life and being and direction to all things, and above all forming and creating, in the midst of an old creation, a whole new world which is called the Kingdom of God.”