



The Chino Valley Chimes

September 2015



Happening this month:

Sep. 2 ~ Men's Prayer
Breakfast
Sep. 2 ~ UMW
Sep. 5 ~ Territorial Days
**Sep. 7 ~ Labor Day—office
closed**
Sep. 8 ~ Aroma's
Sep. 9 ~ SPRC
Sep. 12 ~ New Member class
Sep. 14 ~ Bible study meeting
Sep. 16 ~ Trustees
Sep. 16 ~ Finance Committee
Sep. 17 ~ New Member Class
**Sep. 19 ~ Annual Car
Show & BBQ**
Sep. 23 ~ Ad Council
Sep. 25 ~ Church Anniversary
**Sep. 26 ~ Annual Charge
Conference**
Sep. 30 ~ Arturo's

**Staff Meeting—Mondays,
8-9am**

**Weekday Bible study:
Tuesdays, 9:45am**

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Annual Car Show and BBQ

Saturday, September 19

The annual Antique Classic Car Show will take place at the Chino Valley United Methodist Church on September 19, 2015. The Car Show will be held from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and is free to the public.

A barbecue dinner and ice cream social dessert will be held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Donations will be accepted for the barbecue. Dinner will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers, and bratwurst, with accompanying salads. A sign-up sheet is available for people to sign up to provide salads and other items for the meal.

Prizes for First, Second, and Third Place cars will be awarded. There will also be door prizes, available from many local vendors and friends.

We expect to have a lot of cars this year for the show. Come, bring your family and friends and enjoy our 8th Annual Car Show.

For your convenience, Walgreens will hold a Flu Shot Clinic at the church from 3:30 to 5:30. Bring your insurance card and get your flu shot while you enjoy the show.

Annual Interfaith Christmas Program

The Annual Chino Valley Interfaith Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 13, at our church. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings, from 7-9pm, beginning October 13.

Part of our responsibility for this program is to provide refreshments. We know December is a busy month, so as you are baking cookies now, **please make an extra dozen or two** and bring them to the church. We are turning on the big freezer in the kitchen, just for Christmas program refreshments. You can bring your cookies to the office during the week, or just put them in the freezer on Sundays.

From the Pastor



Worship is a significant part of any church's life. A particularly meaningful example of what worship ought to be is found in 1 Chronicles 16. This chapter tells how David brought back the Ark of the Covenant and set it up in a tent, which David had erected for it. Then David appointed the singing of praise music to the Lord to be led by Asaph and his family.

As I meditated on chapter 16, especially the lengthy song of praise, I concluded that I ought to use the Chimes article to explore the nature of worship.

As I read the chapter over and over again, what became clear is that worship is an active verb. I ascertained this as I noticed the number of active verbs with worship of God....

- Verse 8: Give praise. **Proclaim** His Deeds.

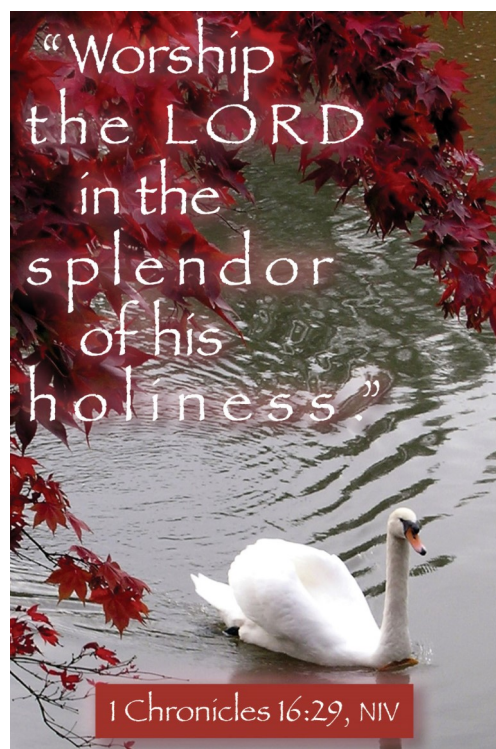
- Verse 9: **Sing** to Him. **Praise**. **Tell** all about His wonderful works.
- Verse 12: **Remember**.
- Verse 23: **Sing** to the Lord. **Proclaim** His salvation.
- Verse 24: **Declare** His glory.
- Verse 28: **Ascribe** to the Lord glory and strength.
- Verse 29: **Ascribe** to the Lord the glory of His name. **Bring** an offering. **Worship** the Lord in the beauty of His holiness.
- Verse 34: **Give** thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

In other words, when we enter the Lord's house for worship, we are not there to simply sit and listen, to be entertained and then to call the activity worship. No!

In worship we show up to give thanks, to proclaim God's deeds for us, to sing to Him, to praise Him and to remember what He has done. We are there to declare God's glory and to ascribe to Him glory and strength and every other attribute of which we can think.

So the first thing to be learned about worship is that it is an action on our part directed heavenward.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

This is one of the nicest e-mails I have seen:

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received. I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He

seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here? I asked." "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord." "What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness. You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation. You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married....you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"

The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.....

ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.

"Thank you Lord, for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."

If you have read this far, and are thankful for all that you have been blessed with, how can you not send it on?

I thank God for everything, especially all my family and my church friends.

Received from Jan's brother.

For many years Jan and I, and when our girls were still at home, have travelled back and forth across the USA. The girls are married now, but Jan and I still like to travel across the USA. On 23 August we will leave for Plymouth, MA for the Harlow family reunion. Then come back home by way of Washington state to see one of our grandsons. We will be back about 9 September.

Please take care of Pastor Mike while I am gone and thanks for all of your prayers while we travel.

Roger Harlow

"Nothing worthwhile is easy,
and he who is taking it easy is doing nothing worthwhile."

PIANIST

Chino Valley United Methodist Church is looking for a pianist who has good music reading ability, is able to get along well with others, and can take direction from the choir director. (A background in religious music is preferred.) You will be required to play at two services each Sunday and weekly choir rehearsals (September through May). You will also be expected to be available for weddings and funerals and extra services during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Send resume to
Chino Valley UMC
735 East Road 1 South
Chino Valley AZ 86323

Call the church office at 928-636-2969 for more information.

Compensation: \$33 per service/rehearsal.



BOOKKEEPER

The Church is looking for a part-time, experienced bookkeeper, estimated to take 3-4 hours per week.

This person will maintain financial records and transactions, manage general ledger, perform bimonthly payroll, process federal and state payroll reports, and provide monthly reports. Accounts payable and receivable experience is a plus. Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Excel and Word) is required. The bookkeeper must demonstrate a high level of professionalism in dealing with confidential and sensitive information.

Send resume to Karen Mensing, Staff Parish Relations chair at oldnorth5@gmail.com or call 928-776-7979 for more information. **Deadline for applications: September 18, 2015.**

Candidates do not have to be a church member.

This is a paid position, with hourly compensation depending upon experience. (\$12-\$15 per hour)



DON'T FORGET

Territorial Days parade and booth at the park, Saturday, September 5.



Part 2

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, WITNESS AND SERVICE

As you are probably aware, much of the work related to the day to day operation of the church is achieved through volunteers.

- The bulletins are printed, folded, stuffed with flyers, and set out for Sunday services by a volunteer.
- The bathrooms are cleaned by volunteers.
- The trash is emptied by volunteers.
- A volunteer reviews attendance weekly and either calls or sends cards to those who are absent for a few Sundays.
- The sanctuary and narthex are vacuumed by volunteers.
- A volunteer sets up the sanctuary with liturgically appropriate colors, banners, and items to enhance the worship experience.
- Volunteers serve on committees and teams to carry out the business of the church.
- Snacks are provided between services and on special occasions by volunteers.
- The choir and choir directors are volunteers.
- The bulletin board and announcement board are updated by volunteers.
- The sidewalks are swept by

volunteers.

- The plants around the church are cared for by volunteers.
- A volunteer takes food left in the little red wagon and donated fruit and vegetables to the food bank each week.

There are always jobs that need to be done which go by the wayside due to the lack of volunteers.

Some of our volunteers have been doing a job for 2 or more years. Please, consider helping the church by taking on just one of the volunteer jobs.

Serving God takes on many forms. Contact the office today and let us know that you are ready to serve.

GOD NEEDS YOU!

Our **communion steward** has been doing this job for some 17 years and would like to “retire.” He says this takes about 10 minutes per service on Sunday mornings, and is willing to train you. Please call the office or Monte Colucci if you are interested.

We are also in need of someone who can take any left over donated fruit and vegetables to the food bank on Monday or Wednesday. Please call the office if you can help.



Committees and Groups



THANK YOU TRUSTEES!

On August 18, Mike Fox, Dave West, Pete Mensing, and Rick Merriman installed two new (comfort level) toilets in the women's restroom and moved one toilet from Remp Hall to the "family restroom" behind the library.

This was a big job and took most of the morning.



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Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks
Thanks



The Men's Group's next meeting is September 2 at 7:30 am. Unfortunately, the scheduled guest speaker, Congressman Paul Gosar, had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict.

The Chair, Bob Haslett, is working to reschedule the Congressman for a date later in the year. We will let everyone know about the new date as soon as we know.

In the meantime, the regular Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet at 7:30am on September 2. The speaker for this meeting will be announced.



PLEASE MAKE THESE
CHANGES IN YOUR
DIRECTORY

Beth Vandenberg
5496 N. Bronco Ln.
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-5831

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.



More Committee and Group News

The Church is due for an annual audit or financial review. Because of the cost, it has been decided that the Church will do an internal financial audit vs. a formal audit. A professional audit can cost \$5K or more, a professional financial review can cost about \$2K. We did a financial review last year. However, the United Methodists, Book of Discipline allows a Church to perform an internal review using 'knowledgeable church members'. This is the route the Finance committee and Administrative board have chosen.

With this said, the Finance Committee is looking for two or three volunteers to perform our Church audit. As stated in "The Local Church Audit Guide for The United Methodist Congregations", an independent audit must conform to generally accepted auditing standards, and can be performed by persons with "some accounting principles, gained by experience through bookkeeping, office management, or accounting

courses". "The person must devote time and have the initiative to follow through by asking for information that verifies the Church's financial data, record keeping and reports". This audit guide provides a check list on to how to perform a church audit. It is available in the Church Office for anyone interested. Please ask Sue Piper or myself for a copy. Please consider, we really need your help!

This audit process usually takes about two weeks, part time at the Church. Church committee chairpersons are able to assist in gathering most of the required paperwork, documents and records. And, we do have several experienced Church attendees that are available for consulting those doing the audit. Please think about helping, the church really needs your service!

Ray Benny,
Finance chairperson



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Where has this year gone? After a restful summer, the UMW will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 1pm. This meeting, hosted by Kathy West, is most important as we will acknowledge the plight of women and children around the world. We will also plan our activities for the remainder of 2015.

Mark your calendars with the following upcoming events:

- October 7, 5pm—evening meeting to allow working women to attend.
- November 4, 1pm—finalize December fun
- December 2, 11:30am—Christmas pot luck & gift exchange
- December 4, 11:30am—Red Candle Tea, Prescott
- December 18, 5:30pm—Church Family Christmas Dinner & Basket Auction

As you can see, we will be busy and need all our new ladies to participate in this ministry of Jesus in outreach to home and community.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

In Jesus' service,
Nancy Mitchell
President



Beginning Sunday, September 6, there will be a big change in how the announcements are done on Sunday mornings.

In order to improve the flow of the Sunday worship services, all announcements will be moved to

- ♦ Before the 9am service, and
- ♦ Between the services.

They will be on a continuously looping power point presentation on the big screen. No announcements will be made during the services themselves.

We will continue to print the weekly calendar in the bulletin, so you can take it home with you.

The deadline for Sunday announcements will be 9 am the Thursday before. This will allow time to prepare the presentation.

Please call or email the office with your announcements by 9am Thursdays.

Let's All Help...

We as a congregation will begin to collect school supplies as well as socks and underwear for the local school children. This will include ages from elementary to high school.

Even though the school year has begun, these needs continue throughout the year. There will be a bin available to collect items in the Narthex. Once items are collected, they will be grouped and taken to the schools for the children. Let's all do our part and collect what we can – Let's help our local children!!

Thank you.

Pastor Mike and the Missions Committee

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 Dates in September

September 19 Annual Car Show and BBQ,
3:30-5:30 pm Flu Shot Clinic

September 26 10:00 am Annual Charge Conference ~
Open to all. A very important meeting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Mary Jo Boller
 9/9 Freedom Nolan
 9/12 Michael Fox
 9/17 Sheila Peterson
 9/27 Todd Hoeffner
 9/30 Jay Goodall

ANNIVERSARIES

9/6 Daniel & Betsy Terry
 9/10 Todd & Connie Hoeffner
 9/13 Jim & Erin Willingham



BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Dick Liska
 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 Kathy West

ANNIVERSARIES

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

September Liturgists

2nd Service

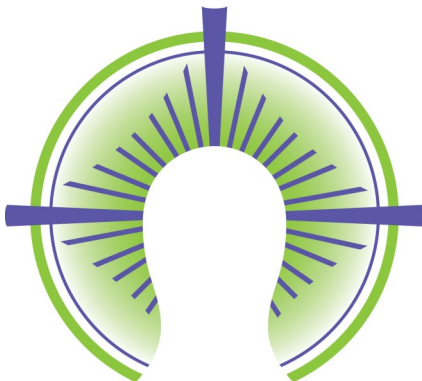
6 Janet Warren
 13 Jennifer Phippen
 20 Dave Starnes
 27 Monte Colucci

September Readers

1st Service

6 *available*
 13 *available*
 20 Molly Schnieder
 27 Kevin Gualderama

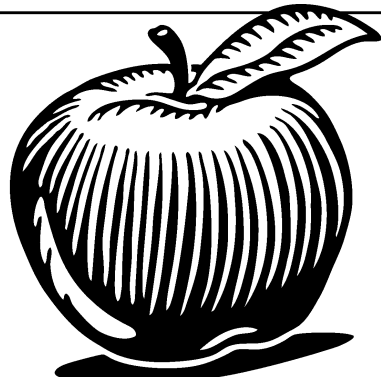
If you are interested in reading at the 1st service on Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex.



+ Christian Symbols +

Nimbus

The nimbus is a halo of light often shown in art behind the head of a religious figure such as Mary, Joseph, the disciples, the four evangelists and so forth. Though often just a simple circle, one with three rays symbolizes the Trinity, so this style of nimbus — or a triangular one — may be seen behind Christ.



AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

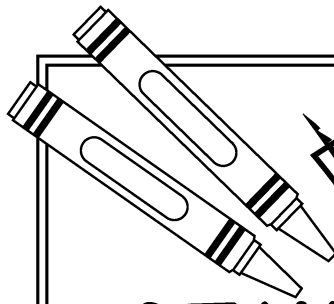
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



PUZZLE

STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own ;

 the  and shun .

This will bring  to your 

and nourishment to  bones.

 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.

Answer: (See Mark 5:25-29.)



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A Brief History of the Christian Church

The Church of England in America

When the settlers, including the Pilgrims, came to North America, one of the most important things on their agenda was religious freedom. However, their idea of religious freedom was not what we think of, but rather the freedom for everyone to believe as they believed. Because of this, most of the original 13 colonies had some sort of semi-official religion.

The Church of England, the state church of the United Kingdom, came along with the settlers from England. The official birthday of the Anglican Church in North America is June 16, 1607. This is the day when Captain John Smith and 104

others celebrated the Lord's Supper with their Church of England priest, Robert Hunt, in Jamestown, VA.

Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in America, and part of what they brought with them was the 16th century Protestant Reformation. While the Church of England sent priests (ministers) to the colonies, there were no bishops. This suited the colonists just fine, as they wanted more control over their churches.

The last of the thirteen English colonies to be established in what is now the United States was Georgia. The colony was in part a philanthropic enterprise organized by James Oglethorpe, to give those who had fallen on hard times a new start in a new land. Among those who helped in establishing the early colony were John and Charles Wesley, sent out in 1735 as missionaries by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Charles was also to serve as secretary to Governor Oglethorpe.

On Board the Wesley brothers' ship to America were also twenty-six German Moravians. Both John and Charles were impressed by the hymn singing of these evangelistic Christians and realized for the first time that hymn singing could be a spiritual experience. Charles became ill and only stayed in Georgia four months; John stayed another year. In 1737 in Savannah, John printed a Collection of Psalms and Hymns for use in his congregations. Half of the songs were by Isaac Watts. The community was not pleased and a grand jury charged Wesley (among other things) with "introducing into the church . . . hymns not authorized." John hastily fled the colony before his case came to trial.

Next month, more on the Wesley brothers.