



# The Chino Valley Chimes

January 2016



## *Happening this month:*

- Jan 4 ~ All-Staff Meeting
- Jan 6 ~ Prayer Breakfast: all invited
- Jan 6 ~ UMW
- Jan 10 ~ Combined Service, Bishop Hoshibata, Potluck
- Jan 12 ~ Aroma's
- Jan 13 ~SPRC
- Jan 17 ~ UMW Installation
- Jan 20 ~ Trustees
- Jan 20 ~ Finance
- Jan 20 ~ Newsletter Deadline
- Jan 27 ~ Ad Council

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—  
Mondays, 8-9am**
- ◇ **Bible Study, Mondays,  
5pm, beginning Jan.  
11**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—  
Wednesdays, 6pm**

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## *Welcome Bishop Robert Hoshibata*

Chino Valley United Methodist Church welcomes Bishop Robert Hoshibata to our combined service on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

This is only the second time a sitting bishop of the United Methodist Church has presided over a worship service in Chino Valley. The first time was when the church was dedicated.

The combined service, at 10:00 am, will be followed by a potluck. This is your opportunity, not only for fellowship, but to ask questions of the Bishop and learn more about the Desert Southwest Conference and the United Methodist Church as a whole.

For the potluck, please bring

- A-G Dessert
- H-M Main Dish
- N-Z Side Dish

## *A Winter Note about the Office*

The weather has turned snowy and icy. Our office staff may not always be able to be in the office by 8:00 am, Monday-Thursday. Because of this, we make the following suggestions for your safety and protection.

If you are coming to the office before 10:00 am, call first to be sure someone is there and the office is open. (If the weather is really bad, call any time before you come in.)

If you phone the office and do not get an answer, please leave a message. We will return the call as soon as possible.

## *From the Pastor*



How can we conquer that supremely egotistical conviction that “of all that matters in the world I am all that matters?”

Certainly, by our very presence here we may be testifying to a desire to be delivered from such egocentricity. Surely we realize that to think and act and live only for ourselves, and to relegate the future to death and damnation is socially inexcusable, morally indefensible and humanely impossible. And to say of both the perils and the opportunities of the future: “So What? All that matters is that I survive,” is so unlike some of our colonial ancestors. Again and again Thomas Jefferson alludes to the fact that in all his labors he is aware that he is writing and working not just for his generation but for posterity. John Adams writes to his wife Abigail, concerning the fiery trials through which the writers of the Declaration of Independence, and the

citizens of the new nation would have to go, but how worthwhile it is for they are building for their children and for their children’s children and for all who will come after.

In the following century, Abraham Lincoln pointed out “We, when mounting the stage of existence, found ourselves the legal inheritors of fundamental blessings. We toiled not in the acquirement or establishment of them; they are a legacy bequeathed us by a once hardy, brave and patriotic race of ancestors. Theirs was the task (and nobly they performed it) to possess themselves, and through themselves us, of this goodly land, and to up rear upon its hills and its valleys a political edifice of liberty and equal rights; Tis ours only to transmit these the former unprofaned by the foot of an invader. The latter un-decayed by the lapse of time and untorn by usurpation to the latest generation that fate shall permit the world to know. This task, gratitude to our fathers, justice to ourselves, duty to posterity, and love for our species in general, all imperatively require us faithfully to perform.”

Jefferson, Adams, and Lincoln remind us that the heritage which is ours is ours because in generations past, others thought not primarily of themselves, but of posterity. They did not coldly calculate that while tomorrow all might be lost, at least today would be okay. No, not at all. Somehow, somewhere, they seem to have been well-inoculated against the disease of kings.

And what of us? What of us? Surely a major breakthrough to healing is made when, in deed, as well as in word, by action, as well as by writ, we acknowledge the validity of the divine commandment that “we love our neighbors as ourselves” And that includes our neighbor’s children, and their children’s children. And “ourselves” includes us, and our children, and our children’s children.

Another breakthrough occurs when the Golden Rule becomes a reality rather than a slogan; and one thinks in connection with the future as well as the present. In its simplest, the Golden Rule states: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Born or unborn, living, or yet to live.

Another breakthrough will occur when we look at things with the mind of Christ; when the attitudes we possess are the attitudes He possessed; when our outlook on life is formed by the way He looked at things and at people.

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## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



There is a service called “The Watch Night Service.” It is held on New Year’s Eve. One of the scriptures suggested for this service is Ecclesiastes 3:1-13. This section is titled “A Time For Everything.”

We are beginning a new year. In this scripture God reminds us about the seasons and rhythms of life. We are looking toward the New Year with anticipation, and where we’ll go as individuals and as a congregation.

We place our trust in God, the One who will be by our side every day. We pray for the growth of our congregation and the health and wellbeing of each of us. We pray for our Pastor and all of the committee members.

This is an important year in our lives. It is the year we go to the polls and elect a new president, a new mayor and many other officials. No matter your political affiliation get registered and vote.

I just finished reading a small book from Abingdon Press titled “WHAT the PRAYERS of JESUS TELL US

ABOUT the HEART of GOD.” It was written by Reverend Shane Stanford.

In it Reverend Stanford says that there are more than 60 prayers by Jesus scattered throughout the New Testament. I was highly impressed, first of all, by the quantity and secondly, by the number of thoughts that could lead to small group discussions.

Look up Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:9-15. What do these scriptures say to you? To me it is the basis for any prayer that I may say. An introduction, a section where we are petitioning God for something. Food or health or thanks for a joy. Basically the prayer is describing a relationship between each of us and God. They are the “model” for our prayers. Note that the prayers of Jesus describe his relationship and interactions with God.

Keep praying and may God be with you.

Jan and I wish you a very happy New Year.

Roger

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Unerringly, Paul sounded this note when he wrote to the Christians of Philippi, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ.” To me this sums up the need of the hour, of the day, of the year, and of all generations; to think and act in life looking at ourselves, looking at our generation, looking at tomorrow, looking at tomorrow’s generation with the mind of Christ.

Not by the most far-out stretching of the imagination can we conceive of Jesus saying: “at least there will be peace and security in my day” or “After the flood – so what! Let’s live it up!”

Solutions to our problems will not be easy, neither our personal problems, nor the world’s problems. But surely it is ours to think with the mind of Christ. To pray with the earnestness of Christ. To work with the energy of Christ, that we shall NOT be victims of the disease of kings, but in our generation, we be counted among the healers and the healed. Let this be the plan for this and many more New Years to come. Have a safe and happy New Year.

Pastor Mike

# Committees and Groups



The Trustees have been busy with setup for the Interfaith Choir, the UMW Christmas Dinner & Auction, and the Christmas Eve Pageant.

We are looking forward to a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Dave West  
Chair

The Education Committee wishes to thank all who helped with the Pageant!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Kathy West, Chair

## MEN'S GROUP

- ✓ The next meeting of the Men's Group is Jan 6, at 7:30am.
- ✓ The guest speaker will be the Assistant Supervisor for the Chino Valley School District, Cindy Daniels.
- ✓ Women are invited to attend. Please ladies, sign the roster so the Men's Group knows how much food is going to have to be cooked.
- ✓ The school choir will sing and the school JROTC will talk about the unit.

*Thanks  
Many Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks*

**Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and helped set up and clean up for the Interfaith program December 13!**



Choir news

We have had another successful year with our church choir, adding new voices to enhance our sound.

We changed our rehearsal night to Tuesday to make it easier for CVUMC to participate in the Interfaith Choir. What a special, beautiful night filled with music.

News, News! Starting in January we will go back to Wednesday night rehearsal at 6:00 and Bob Reese will be stepping in as our new choir director. Bob brings many years of knowledge and musical experience to us. It has been a fun and rewarding experience being choir director these past few years; now it's time to pass the reins to another.

Now for you who love to sing, come join this wacky, fun group and help us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

With much love and a song forever in my heart,  
Terry Colucci

## More Committee and Group News



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Here we are in the New Year of 2016. Jesus Christ is born to bring the word of God to us humans. Peace, love one another, and do no intentional harm, while spreading that Word far and wide.

The purpose of the United Methodist Women is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand the concept of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church. We try each day to be guided by this purpose.

During 2015, we visited and took goodies to a local care home monthly. We supported the C. V. Food Bank, made and delivered “we care” gifts to shut-ins, corresponded with missionaries world-wide, hosted a Spring Tea and the annual Christmas dinner and basket auction. You all helped assemble shoeboxes for 83 children, to help ensure they can come to know Jesus Christ.

We are small but active with God’s help! For some, if not most, of these activities we could not accomplish

them without the support of the whole church family — thank you.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month, usually at 1pm. If we have a luncheon, we meet at 11:30am. Two meetings during the year are held at 5pm so our working ladies can join us.

It is our hope that some of the newest ladies in our church family will come and see what we are all about for themselves.

Nancy Mitchell, President

### HAVE YOU NOTICED?



The lovely white candle burning at the left side of the pulpit burns in memory or in honor of loved ones each Sunday.

For a donation of \$10, you too may remember a special date of someone dear to you.

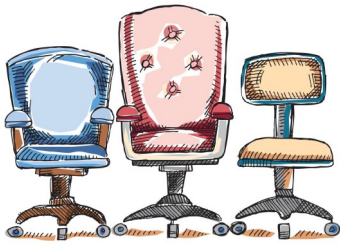
There is a list of Sundays in the Narthex. Sign up with your name and the name(s) of those being honored. Names are published each week in the Sunday bulletin. Give your donation to Sally Reese, Nancy Mitchell or leave in an envelope in the church office. (The UMW maintains this candle.)

### 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.





## STAFF PARISH

We have new faces on the Staff Parish Relations Committee for 2016. Please welcome Marilyn Jenkins, Jan Mauck, and Dave Starnes. Our continuing members are Roger Harlow, Pastor Michael Keffer, Karen Mensing, Nancy Mitchell, Doug Roberts, and Colleen Siler.

I would like to thank Kevin Gualderama and Betsy Terry for being able to sit on the committee for part of last year until family issues came up. A special thanks for Marti Hays for her expertise as secretary of the committee for 2015.

I feel we have an excellent group this year and it is our goal to follow the SPRC guidelines and duties to the best of our abilities. Some of the duties of the SPRC are to encourage, strengthen, nurture, support and respect the pastor and staff and promote unity in the church.

That being said, I am going to stress the most important duty of SPRC,

and that is to take care of the Pastor. It is imperative that he be allowed to have his two days off just like the rest of us. Friday and Saturdays are his scheduled days off, and just like all of us, he needs to be able to use these days as he wishes. I am asking that he not be called or emailed unless it is an absolute emergency. I might add that he needs to have Sunday mornings to pray and prepare himself for worship. Pastor Mike is in the office Monday-Thursday and usually visits members or attends outside meetings involving church related activities in the afternoons. Please be respectful of his time off. We appreciate him and want to keep him healthy and happy.

I would like to emphasize the importance of communication between SPRC and all who attend our church regarding any issues that arise which pertains to any employee or volunteer of our church. Please find a committee member listed above and ask to speak with them and another member to discuss your concerns and we will do our best to remedy any situation.

Thank you all for being such a wonderful congregation. As a personal note, I just love being a member here where we care about each other and can find it in our hearts to bless and nurture all who come through our doors.

Love and Blessings for the New Year!!

Karen Mensing, Chair





Greetings, and a Happy New Year!

We're into a new year already! Where did 2015 go?

We did get a lot of things done for the church in 2015, but there are new opportunities and challenges to be faced. Beginning now, Jan 1, we are using a new church financial package, ACS, to perform what our hired CPA did in the past. Not only are we saving money by performing all financial accounting in-house, but we are able to do our daily business more quickly and efficiently. And, we are also able to develop our own tracking procedures and reports to follow all income, expenses and where funds eventually go or belong.

For December, giving was very good. We hope this continues. However, our pledges have not yet come close to last year's level. The pledges are the basis for meeting the church budget expenses. Pledges typically cover 50% of our expenses, with non-pledge giving, donations, fundraisers, etc. making up the difference. Please consider making a commitment to the church with a pledge. This is your way of seeing that our church is able to pay the bills, perform our church functions, and expand our word into the community. Pledges are accepted anytime of the year.

As mentioned during the stewardship campaign, please consider helping the church in other ways. Please look at the list of committees in the Narthex and see if you are interested in helping by

attending or serving on one. The Trustees can always use help with the building and yard maintenance. By being on a committee you see firsthand the workings of the church and you are then in a position to help it work better.

We thank you for your giving, your service, your time and prayers.

Thanks be to the Lord!

Ray Benny  
Finance Chairperson

## A NOTE FROM THE COUNTERS

If you are giving cash on Sunday and you want it listed on a contribution statement for tax purposes, please be sure to write your name on the offering envelope. Without a name on the envelope, we are unable to give you credit for your offering.



PLEASE MAKE THESE  
CHANGES IN YOUR  
DIRECTORY

No changes this month.

A revised directory was sent out in October. Please let the office know if you need a copy. A new directory will be available mid-January.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Nancy Mitchell
- 1/4 Wendy Gualderama
- 1/6 Gayla Remp
- 1/7 Jack Heller
- 1/7 Dave West
- 1/9 Rick Merriman
- 1/10 John Peterson
- 1/10 Cornelia Sparks
- 1/12 Monte Colucci
- 1/13 Patricia Pehl
- 1/14 Kevin Gualderama
- 1/19 Laura Bell
- 1/29 Terry Colucci
- 1/31 Margaret Pehl

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/18 Deryl & Linda Jevons



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Sally Reese
- 2/10 Donald Mastin
- 2/13 Dan Terry
- 2/13 Beth Vandenberg
- 2/15 David Starnes
- 2/16 Doug Roberts
- 2/20 Joseph Culjak
- 2/20 Andrew Lam
- 2/20 Pete Mensing
- 2/21 Jan Harlow
- 2/21 Cindy Myers
- 2/26 Don Warren

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/3 Bill & Sue Mitchell
- 2/19 Bill & Diane Harris

### January Liturgists

#### 2nd Service

- 3 Janet Warren
- 10 Roger Harlow
- 17 Todd Hoeffner
- 24 David Starnes
- 31 Barabara Starnes

### January Readers

#### 1st Service

- 3
- 10 Combined Service
- 17
- 24
- 31

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

## + Christian Symbols +



Shell

### Shell

A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.



# GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



### What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

### What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

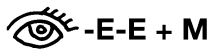


# LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

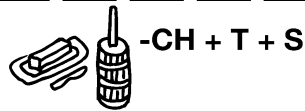
*Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.*



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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

According to the Gospel of John, which disciples led others to Jesus, and whom did they lead?

- A. Matthew led Judas.
- B. Andrew led Simon-Peter.
- C. James led John.
- D. Philip led Nathanael.
- E. All of the above.
- F. B and D.

Answer: (See John 1:40-42, 45ff.)



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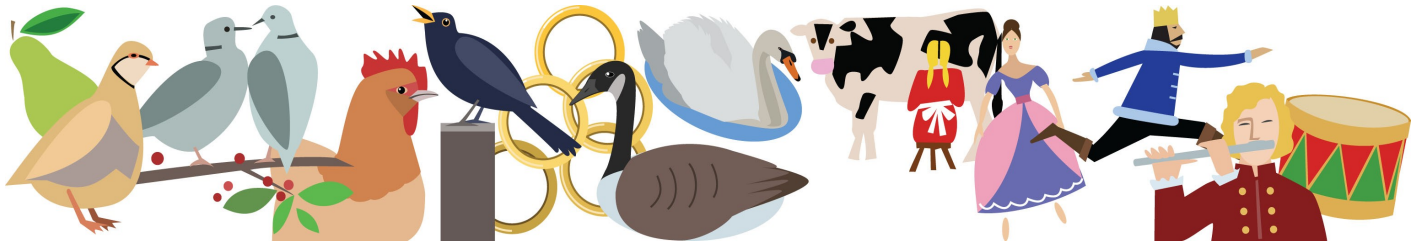
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# LESSER KNOWN CHURCH FACTS



## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Everybody knows what the Twelve Days of Christmas are, right? After all, we've been singing the Christmas song since we were old enough to talk: On the First Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me  
A partridge in a pear tree.

As the song progresses, the lucky recipient piles up gifts, each day receiving what he or she received the day before, as well as a new item—or rather items, since the generous giver pegs the

quantity of his gifts to the number of the days of Christmas: Two turtledoves, Three French hens, Four collie birds (blackbirds; often mispronounced as "calling birds"), Five golden rings, Six geese a-laying, Seven swans a-swimming, Eight maids a-milking, Nine ladies dancing, Ten lords a-leaping, Eleven pipers piping, and Twelve drummers drumming.

But wait! There's more. While little harm (other than the perpetuation of misinformation) is likely to come from the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song, it would be better to use that space to celebrate the real Twelve Days of Christmas—the period between Christmas Day and Epiphany, in which we celebrate some of the most important, interesting, and spiritual symbolic feasts of the entire liturgical year. Some of these include:

First Day of Christmas—Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Second Day of Christmas—Dec. 26: St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr (Acts 6)

Fourth Day of Christmas—Dec. 28, Holy Innocents (Matthew 2)

Eighth Day of Christmas—Jan. 1, Holy Name Day (Luke 2)

Twelfth Day of Christmas—Jan. 5, Twelfth Night, Eve of the Epiphany