



# The Chino Valley Chimes

May 2016



### Happening this month:

- May 4 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- May 4 ~ UMW
- May 6 ~ Soul Sisters
- May 7 ~ UMW Mother-Daughter Lunch
- May 10 ~ Aroma's
- May 11 ~ SPRC
- May 11 ~ Univ. No. Colorado
- May 15 ~ AZ Pioneers' Home
- May 17 ~ Special Election
- May 18 ~ Trustees
- May 18 ~ Finance Committee
- May 24 ~ Missions
- May 25 ~ Ad Council
- May 30 ~ Memorial Day: Office Closed

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

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## Mother's Day

### It's not just cards and flowers...

In the late 1860s, before there was an official Mother's Day holiday in the U.S., a Methodist mom organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

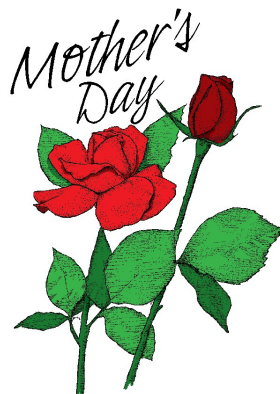
When Ann Jarvis was working to establish Mother's Day as a national event, and when her daughter picked up the mantle from her, they were not thinking about greeting cards and flowers. Instead the Methodist women who invented the idea in America wanted to honor mothers in a deeper way. They were thinking about the work of women and the significant testimony that women could give about the need for peace.

Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs in the 1860s to serve suffering mothers and children. Women came together with their sisters in their locations to respond to the needs that they could see. For Ann, she was in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia. And she could see the effect of the economy of her day on the people that she cared for most directly.

And then the Civil War came along. Ann recruited nurses for military hospitals, and after the war formed friendship clubs to promote reconciliation. She was convinced that mothers had to work for peace because they could see the ravages of war in their husbands and in their sons, in a way that was so focused and so clear that their voices would be powerful. And that's what's at the genesis of the current Mother's Day.

*Information from UM Communications*

## Annual UMW Mother's Day Luncheon



The annual Mother's Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Chino Valley United Methodist Women, will be held on Saturday, May 7, at 11:30am. This year's theme is "Women in the Military." All mothers, daughters, friends, are invited to attend this fun event. Please RSVP to Nancy Mitchell, 928/830-4882, by May 2.

## *From the Pastor*



### **Trust God**

Have you ever had one of those days when everything goes wrong? It doesn't make any difference how hard you try; it just seems that everything backfires on you? The harder you try, the worse it gets. I'm convinced that all of us have had days like that.

I heard a story that illustrates this point very well. It is about a lady at the airport who bought a Kit Kat candy bar to eat while she was waiting for her plane. In the crowded waiting area she spied an empty seat at the end of a row. Rushing to get it, she quickly propped her garment bag against the end of the row, sat down, and placed her purse and several small items on the table between her and a rather large man seated there, and then turned back to straighten her garment bag. With everything finally in order, she was ready to eat her Kit Kat candy bar. But to her surprise,

as she started to reach for it, she saw the man in the next seat unwrapping her Kit Kat candy bar, and she watched in utter amazement as he broke off a section and ate it. She thought, "Well, my goodness, I've never seen such gall." She glared at him, and he looked at her, but no words were exchanged. She was so furious at what he had done that she decided that if he was going to be that brazen about it, she could be brazen, too. So she reached over to him, broke off a piece and ate it herself. Then he broke off another piece and ate it. It became almost a duel between the two of them to see who would get the most. Quickly the candy bar was consumed, and she sat there just boiling that someone would be so rude and so presumptuous as to eat half of her candy bar. Well, after a few minutes of silence, the man got up and left and then came back with another Kit Kat candy bar. He unwrapped it, broke off a piece and started eating. She thought, "Well, since he ate half of mine, I'm going to eat half of his." So she reached over and broke off another piece and ate it. Once again the same scenario was repeated until the whole candy bar was gone. She sat there thinking, "This is the most ridiculous thing that has happened to me in my whole life." She continued to glare at him, and he looked at her, with neither one saying a word. Just then, over the intercom came the announcement that her plane was ready for boarding. So she opened her purse to get her boarding pass and, to her utter embarrassment, there was her Kit Kat candy bar. She had eaten half of 2 of his candy bars, and her candy bar was still in her purse!

There are times, I suppose, when things really start to go wrong. Your whole world seems to be crumbling around you and you wonder what is going on. That is probably about the way the apostles were feeling in the 14th chapter of John. Their week had begun gloriously with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and people waving palm branches and shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!*" (John 12:13) But Jesus had not come to establish an earthly kingdom, and He refused the crown. Disappointed and thwarted in their dreams of a Jewish kingdom, with Jesus as their miracle working king, the fickle crowd began to change. And soon the priests were once again seeking someone to betray Jesus into their hands.

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## *From the Pastor, continued from page 2*

So as the 14th chapter of John opens, we see Jesus and His apostles in the upper room, where they have eaten the Passover meal together. Jesus knew exactly what the next few hours would bring. He knew Judas would betray Him. He knew about the illegal trials of the night, and how troubled the apostles would be. He knew of the cross, and the borrowed tomb. And He tried to prepare the apostles for all that. So He begins to comfort them.

Is there anyone who needs comfort? I know that there are. We lose loved ones. People lose jobs. Some have physical or spiritual problems. Others are lonely and depressed. We experience all kinds of troubles. But Jesus says that part of the solution to a troubled heart is trust, and He tells His apostles to trust in 3 things. First of all, trust in My presence. Secondly, trust in My promises. Thirdly, simply trust in Me.

Jesus tells them, You can trust in My presence. In verse 1, Jesus begins by saying, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.”*

You see, we have always found it easier to trust in things that we can see and touch. We have a little bit of Thomas in us, don't we? Remember, Thomas said,

*“Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it”* (John 20:25). So Jesus shows him and he believes. Then Jesus told him, *“Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed”* (John 20:29).

Jesus tells them, You can trust in My promises. In verses 2 and 3 Jesus says, *“In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”* God gave many promises both in the Old and New Testaments. He promised the children of Israel a land where there would be milk and honey. It took a while for the promise to be fulfilled, but finally it was fulfilled. God promised a Messiah, and that took a long time. But it, too, was fulfilled. Jesus the Savior was born. Now God promises that He is coming back for us. Someday we'll be with Him forever and ever. Sometimes we grow impatient, but the scripture says, you can trust the promises of God. This promise will be fulfilled, too. Jesus is saying trust in Me. In verse's 4-6 Jesus says, *“You know the way to the place where I am going.”* Thomas said to Him, *“Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”* Jesus answered, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* What a wonderful promise! He is saying, I'm not just going to show you the way, or tell you the way, or write out the instructions on how to get there. I am going to come and take you by the hand, to My Father's house. Then you'll be home.

Whatever your burdens are, the solution to a troubled heart is still the same, to trust: to trust in His presence. I'll never leave you, he said, I will always be beside you. Don't forget My presence. Secondly, trust My promises. When everything seems dark and gloomy, when everything seems to be falling apart, remember My promises. Then trust in Me. You won't get lost. You won't go astray. I'm the way, and I'll take you by the hand, and lead you to My Father's house.

Amen.

## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



### **VOTE**

Recently I had the opportunity to lead a discussion on “Economic Inequality.”

During that discussion many ideas were expressed. But one, that I believe all of the participants agreed upon, was that we need to become educated on various topics and then to get registered to vote and then to VOTE. I am NOT going to try to say HOW to vote, I just want to ask you to get out and vote.

In the final report that we submitted to our Pastor, and he then forwarded to the District Superintendent, and on to the Bishop, was a comment that I made. I know that our Pastors cannot tell us how to vote and really should stay away from politics all together. But, the Lay Leaders can ask all to get out and VOTE. So that is what I am doing.

Here in Arizona you can vote with an “Early Ballot” and you can do it from home. Going to the polls is not much of a problem either.

We have three big elections coming up during the rest of this year. May 17th is the election on the 123 issue. It is very important on the education funding problem. August 23rd will be the National Primary election and November 8th is the National Election for the House of Representatives and some of the Senators as well as the President. There will also be a series of ballot issues that will require your vote.

In the end all that I am asking you to do is, get registered, try to understand the issues, and VOTE.

See you in church  
Roger



### **SPECIAL MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY**

SAVE THE DATE—Wednesday,  
May 11, 7:00 pm

The University of Northern Colorado Chamber Choir will present a program of music at Chino Valley United Methodist Church. More details will be forthcoming — watch the announcements on Sundays.

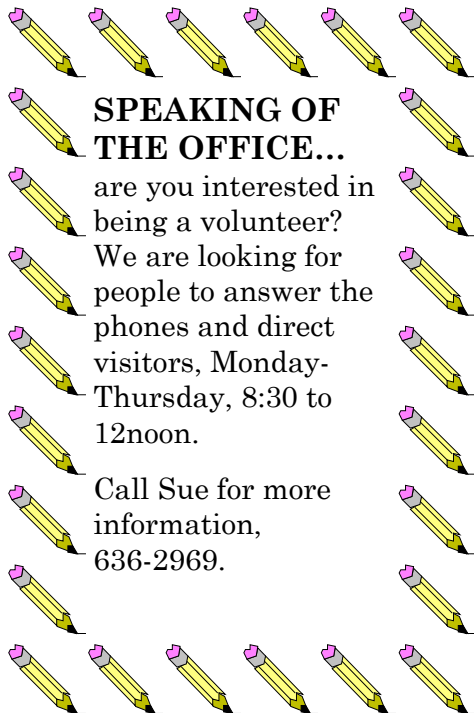
# COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



## TRUSTEES

The Trustees have been busy moving Sue Piper and Ilona Dean's offices into the old library room and all the books out. Roger is building new bookcases for the library which is now at the north end of the hallway.

We are planning the work on raising the chancel (stage) on both sides of the current chancel and adding a step across the front.



### SPEAKING OF THE OFFICE...

are you interested in being a volunteer?

We are looking for people to answer the phones and direct visitors, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 to 12noon.

Call Sue for more information, 636-2969.



## Soul Sisters' Gathering

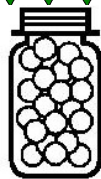
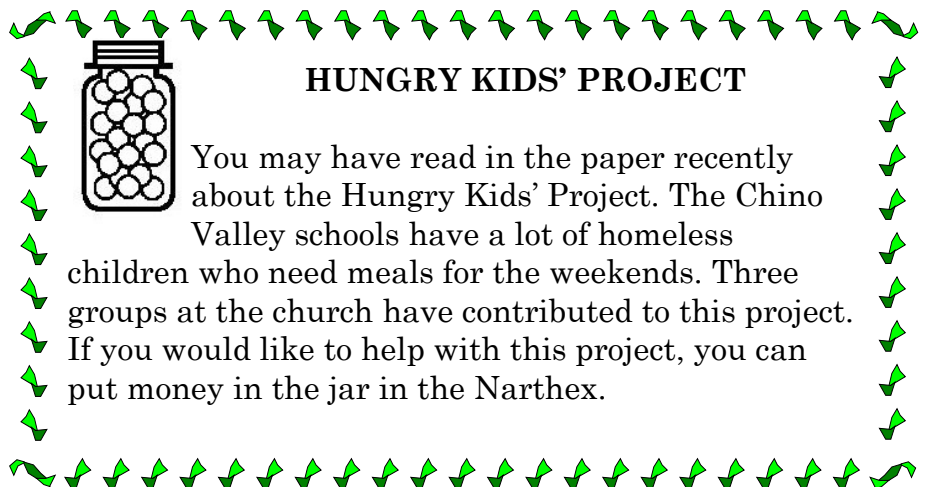
Soul Sisters will be gathering on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Jones. Address - 2750 North Mountain Meadow Road, Chino Valley. (This is off road 4 North, west side of 89). Directions are located in the narthex. Plans are for a taco salad bar with fixings and sides; and, of course, fried ice cream. There will be a Mother's Day surprise.....If you haven't been before, we are a causal group of ladies who meet for fun and fellowship.

We are planning to hold a Craft and Tchotchke\* sale this fall to benefit those who are graduating out of the Foster Care System in the Tri-cities area. So start working on your crafts and dust off those tchotchkes that you no longer want and help us with this worthwhile project.

All are welcome.

Contact Janet Keffer at [jekeffer@gmail.com](mailto:jekeffer@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

\* tchotchke= a small object that is decorative rather than strictly functional – a trinket



## HUNGRY KIDS' PROJECT

You may have read in the paper recently about the Hungry Kids' Project. The Chino Valley schools have a lot of homeless children who need meals for the weekends. Three groups at the church have contributed to this project. If you would like to help with this project, you can put money in the jar in the Narthex.

# MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Spring is here, along with the wind. Depending on how you view it, God is blowing everything clean OR stirring up the dust. He has his plan!

After a program prepared by Nancy and before refreshments provided by Jan Mauck, the ladies of the UMW will be busy with finishing touches for the annual Mother-Daughter-Friend luncheon. There will be surprises for all on Saturday, May 7. See you there to celebrate military women.

Our June meeting will be a potluck lunch on Wednesday, June 1, at 11:30am. This is the month when we celebrate the birthdays of all of our members. A \$5.00 gift exchange will be held for all attendees. Mark your calendar now.

We continue our ongoing gathering of plastic water bottle caps and empty pill bottles (labels removed, please), and sundries. Just drop them off in the Love Box in the Narthex.

In His Service,  
Nancy Mitchell  
President  
829/830-4882



The Missions Committee will hold their next meeting on May 24, at 1:00 pm.

At the meeting, we will make the final plans for the dinner we will hold, at the church, on June 11.

We would like to have you come to our meeting and be a new member of the Missions Committee. Come to the meeting and see what we do to provide donations for some of the organizations in the community, all of whom provide support for others.

Janet Bailey  
Chair



At the last Men's Group meeting, there were approximately 30-35 people. Representative Gosar was the speaker.

The turn out was good and the Men's Group wants to thank the people that helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting is May 4. All the men are invited to attend the meeting at 7:30am. We'll have breakfast and discuss what is going on with the church.



## PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

**MYERS, Bob & Cindy**  
928) 775-6435.

**WHALEN, Vaughn & Janice**  
Vaughn—626/410-5499  
Janice—602/315-2977

A revised directory was sent out in April. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

- 5/3 Naomi Richards
- 5/5 Ilona Dean
- 5/5 Betsy Terry
- 5/7 Bill Harris
- 5/12 Jessica Benny
- 5/14 James Willingham
- 5/16 Alice Harris
- 5/26 Ann Moses
- 5/27 Richard Boller
- 5/31 Diane Judge
- 5/31 Bill Mitchell

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Dick & Norma Liska
- 5/12 Don & Janet Warren
- 5/15 Geoffrey & Nina Lam
- 5/19 Kevin & Peggy Nelson
- 5/25 Joseph & Deborah Culjak
- 5/26 Jim & Ann Moses
- 5/26 Lewis & Margaret Pehl
- 5/28 Dave & Barbara Starnes



## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Janet Greer-Warren
- 6/5 Marita Christensen
- 6/12 Heaven Nolan
- 6/18 Maureen DeLaCruz
- 6/18 Janet Mauck
- 6/18 Edith Rieck
- 6/18 George Rist
- 6/18 Barbara Starnes
- 6/19 Marian Stanley
- 6/21 David Jenkins
- 6/25 Marti Hays

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/15 Michael & Sandra Fox
- 6/22 Laurence & Freedom Nolan

## May Liturgists

### 2nd Service

- 1 Janet Greer-Warren
- 8 Monte Colucci
- 15 Todd Hoeffner
- 22 Monte Colucci
- 29 Dave Starnes

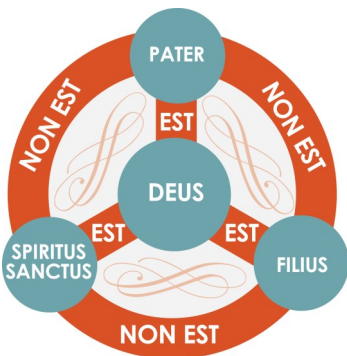
## May Readers

### 1st Service

- 1 Diane Judge
- 8 Molly Schnieder
- 15 *available*
- 22 Molly Schnieder
- 29 *available*

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

## + Christian Symbols +

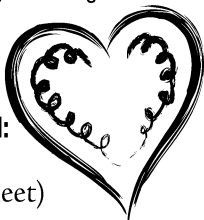


### Shield of the Trinity

This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.

# A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



## What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

## What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

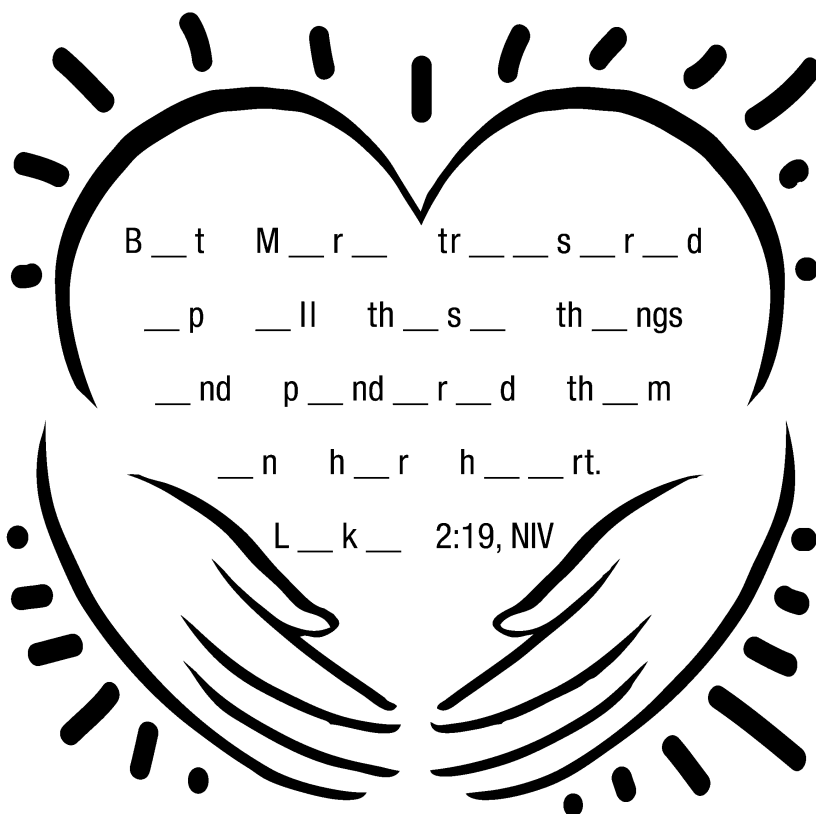


## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels

Answer: (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9.)





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# LESSER KNOWN CHURCH FACTS

## Come, Holy Ghost: A Wesleyan perspective on the Spirit

While most United Methodists can articulate what they believe about Jesus and are reasonably comfortable talking about God, our confidence might waver when talking about the Holy Spirit.

Maybe that is because we can relate to Jesus as a human being and understand God through personified imagery like “Heavenly Father.”

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The symbols we use to talk about the Holy Spirit, on the other hand, are far less human. At Pentecost we read about the Spirit as fire and wind. In Baptism, we recognize the work of the Spirit through water and a dove. Not to mention the confusion caused by referring to the Spirit as the Holy Ghost.

Additionally, cultural understandings talk of specific work attributed to the Spirit like ecstatic utterances and other highly emotive responses. While we do not discount those experiences, many of us have not had them and wonder about the Holy Spirit’s role in our lives.

Hymn writer Charles Wesley, brother of John, wrote a song known to many United Methodist congregations even today. “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” (The United Methodist Hymnal 603) shares many of the same themes that help us better understand the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Spiritual Gifts:** Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ.

- Learn more about the spiritual gifts described in the New Testament.
- Take an online assessment to help you discover and cultivate your gifts.

**Fountain of love:** From the earliest days of the Methodist movement, John Wesley sought to help Christians live faith in the midst of ordinary lives of family, friends, work, bills, and more. He encouraged the Methodists to participate in what he called the “means of grace,” which included acts of piety like worship and prayer, along with acts of service like feeding the hungry and giving to the poor.

These acts are gifts strengthening us to live into the two-fold nature of discipleship: loving God and our neighbors.