



# The Chino Valley Chimes

July 2016



## **Happening this month:**

- July 4 ~ **July 4th—Office Closed**
- July 6 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- July 8 ~ Soul Sisters
- July 12 ~ Aroma's
- July 17 ~ Arizona Pioneers' Home Service
- July 20 ~ Finance Committee
- July 29 ~ Lay Leadership Training
- July 30 ~ Lay Leadership Training

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—Mondays, 8-9am**
- ◇ **Adult Study—on vacation until fall**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—on vacation until fall**

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## *Lay Leadership Classes at CVUMC*

The Central West District of the Desert Southwest Conference will hold lay leadership classes at Chino Valley United Methodist Church on Friday evening and Saturday, July 29-30.

The purpose of Lay Servant Ministries is to enlist, train, guide and support lay servants as they equip and prepare others "for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12).

Two classes will be presented.

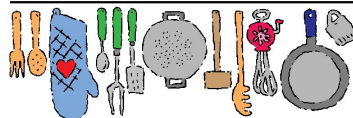
- The Basic Course is an introductory course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in the UMC. The course introduces the three foundational focus areas of Lay Servant Ministries: Caring Ministries, Christian Leadership and Communications. This course will be taught by Jeannie Ward (of Prescott Valley UMC and Roger Harlow.
- The Advanced Course, God's Mission, Our Journey, will equip lay servants for more effective missional engagement in their communities and beyond, providing the theological foundation for mission volunteers. This course will be taught by Neil Leftwich, District Superintendent.

The cost for these courses is \$30.00, which includes dinner Friday and breakfast and lunch Saturday.

If you are interested in these courses, contact the office for registration information.

## *Kitchen Supplies Needed*

**FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE**



**Needs for the kitchen:  
Thanks for your help!**

- 9 or 10 oz plastic cold drink glasses (not Styrofoam please)
- Dish cloths
- Toilet paper
- Glad Press & Seal

## *From the Pastor*



Well, as you may or may not know, Janet and I were gone to Liberty Lake, Washington (suburb of Spokane, Washington) for vacation and more importantly her daughter's wedding on June 11th; and then on to Annual Conference afterwards. We had a wonderful time at the wedding of course, and taking some much needed time off to rejuvenate our senses and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to drink in the truth that Jesus told us.

This trip had me thinking about how many un-churched or "spiritual" people we both have met over the years and I wondered how they would feel, if they truly trusted and accepted Jesus Christ in their lives, how their lives would forever change.

When was the last time you fed a baby oatmeal, peaches or applesauce? How about my all time favorite green beans or peas? Regardless of what you

may be serving, when your baby does not want to eat, their entire body gets engaged in the struggle. The jaws become like cast iron, letting nothing enter the mouth. Any food that may miraculously make it past the lips is pushed out by an iron tongue. The baby develops great eye coordination at these times when you want it to finish the last few bites, but they have had enough. The spoonful headed for the mouth hits the ear instead; a small hand pushes the spoonful into your lap. How many of you have ever been there? Babies need to eat. Good nutrition is important for the growth and development of every infant. However, no matter how hard we may try, and regardless of how tasty the food may be, unless the baby is willing to eat, we cannot "fill it" with food. When the same baby is hungry or thirsty and is crying out, making its desire known, then it is much easier to "fill" the baby.

Similarly, the Holy Spirit does not force Himself to "fill us." In the same way that a baby needs to have a desire for food or drink to be willing to eat, we must also crave the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives in order to be "filled with the Spirit." If we are to receive the Spirit, we must submit our minds, spirits and bodies to Jesus.

*On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Whoever is thirsty, come to me and, Whoever believes in me should drink. As the Scripture says, Streams of life giving water will pour out from his side." Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive. At that time the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not been raised to glory.*" (John 7:37-39) Jesus offers us "streams of living water." Jesus is not the little boy who set up a lemonade stand and offers you a small drink for a quarter; Jesus offers us an inexhaustible or limitless portion of no ordinary drink.

As we come to Jesus with the desire to be filled, we must choose to yield our bodies, specifically our tongues to God, in order for Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit. The Bible says we should "offer the parts of your body to Him" (Romans 6:13). Our tongue is the instrument which God empowers to speak an unknown language.

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Let me put it to you in the simplest way I know; you cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit if you are unwilling to speak. If you “lock your jaw” like the baby who doesn’t want to be “filled” with food, then you will remain silent, and God won’t fill you. Only as you choose to open your mouth can God give you the Spirit inspired words to speak and be filled with the Spirit.

Jesus didn’t say, “If you are thirsty, come and be refreshed by my living water;” Jesus said, “*If you are thirsty, Come to Me and drink.*” Jesus’ emphasis is not upon what He will give you to drink; the focus is on Him as the one who provides you with what will satisfy your thirst.

“Come to me! Come to me and drink!” Jesus is the baptizer and He will fill you as you look to Him. We need to believe in Jesus. We need an open mind to be filled with the spirit. Jesus said, “*whoever believes in me should drink*”. *As the Scripture says, “Streams of life giving water will pour out from his side.”* (John 7:38).

We must believe in Jesus; accepting Christ as our personal Savior and being forgiven of our sin makes it possible for us to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you accepted Jesus? Do you believe that Jesus wants you to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? Is it your desire to be filled? Are you ready to yield control and speak as His Spirit enables you? I certainly have, have you?

Peace and Grace,  
Pastor Mike



### On-Going Outreach Projects

1. Bibles, hymnals, Sunday School materials & other inspirational materials are sent through Love Packages to missionaries around the world. (We have already mailed 59 lbs. this year.) 300 tons have already been sent out by Love Packages in 2016. For example:
  - A. 120,000 lbs to South Africa
  - B. 40,000 lbs each to Bahamas, Jamaica, Liberia, Thailand, and Uganda
  - C. 80,000 lbs each to Ghana, India, and Kenya
1. Clear water bottle lids, to be made into syringes for dialysis
2. Empty medicine bottles (labels removed) to be used for liquids, soap, etc., for Prescott area homeless.
3. Motel-size sundries (lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, brushes, etc), individual size cereals, soups, hot chocolate, cider, etc., are used by Prescott Area Shelter Services.

All the above items may be left in the LOVE Box, found under the table in the Narthex.

5. Don't forget our Chino Valley Food Bank. Any food you place in the red wagon is delivered to the food bank weekly. People need to eat all 12 months of the year ~ the food bank is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Questions or need help with any of these ~ please call Nancy Mitchell, 928/830-4882.

# *Notes from the Lay Leader*



## **Connectionalism**

That is a big word with a lot of meaning to us Methodists.

This past week I had the honor of representing this congregation in part of that connectionalism.

On November 19 of this year we, CVUMC, will hold the beginning of the Methodist church's connectional journey. This is called the "Charge Conference." The term "Charge" comes from the Pastor's being assigned to a "Charge." This is the foundation to the concept of connectionalism. We will convene and agree to the budget, elect members to various committees, elect some chair persons, and make reports to our District Superintendent.

When the churches of the Desert Southwest Conference gathered together this past 16-19 June an "Annual" conference was convened. The theme for this year's

conference is: "Infuse." "I am the vine, you are the branches." Many decisions were reached, Pastors were moved, and a name was submitted to the Jurisdictional Conference so that they could elect a new Bishop.

This past May all worldwide conferences sent representatives to gather for the "General" conference. This conference is convened every four years and has representatives from the world wide church.

It is this concept of conference gatherings that leads to connectionalism within the United Methodist Church. It is this large scale gathering that connects all Methodists churches. We are one of the few denominations that have such a system. We are connected as a denomination.

If you are interested in further information the book; "Let's Go Fishing" covers this very nicely. I have a copy that you may borrow.

Psalm: 115:1  
See you in church.  
Roger



*Address Changes*

### **PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY**

NAOMI RICHARDS  
c/o Debbie Berg  
1021 W. Hoffman, Prescott 86303  
928/642-7907

A revised directory will be sent out in July. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

# COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



Summer is here and many of us will be off on vacation or visiting family and friends out of the area.

Typically, we see a significant drop in offerings during the summer months, but the bills and salaries must be paid monthly as usual.

With our continuing tight budget situation, we hope you will consider maintaining your offerings before you leave, rather than waiting until you return to Chino Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

On another note, we will be printing half-year contribution statements and will have them available at church by mid-July. Please review your statement carefully and let us know if there are any errors.

Stay cool and have a wonderful summer!

Ray Benny  
Finance Chair

## *Soul Sisters Kabob Nite ~ July 8*

Soul Sisters will meet at Deb Herod's home on Friday, July 8, at 5pm. Deb and Sally have created menu suggestions for dinner. Please call, text or email Deb with any suggestion, questions or volunteer items. Below is a list of suggested things to bring. We welcome any suggestions or surprise dishes you may want to bring. Since we have had so much food in the past, feel free to bring a dish enough for 8-10 people.

- Appetizers - Chips and salsa & veggie platter with dip
- Sides - Corn on cob, salads, fruit platter with dip, baked beans, fruit salad
- Desserts - Root Beer Floats and Brownie Sundaes

**Already volunteered** are: chicken, beef, peppers, red onions and zucchini (cut up for kabobs), pasta salad, potato salad, brownies, and water bottles. **We still need:** pineapple chunks, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, , corn on the cob, veggie and/or fruit platter with dip, fruit salad, lemonade, sangria/wine, root beer, vanilla ice cream, and whipped topping for dessert.

**Directions to Deb and Sally's:** 2415 W Tuscan Trail, Chino. We are just North of Pastor Mike and Janet's house. Off Center and Reed Roads. Go West on Center Street past Reed Road, turn left on Mountain View (dirt road). Veer left at fork in the road. Turn right on Tuscan Trail, 4th house on the left. It is a plum colored house with plum barn and other plum buildings (can't miss it). Come to 2nd open gate after windmill. Can also get to Tuscan Trail from Road 1 South but Mountain View sign is hard to see.



**MEN'S GROUP** The Men's Group met on June 1, with 11 in attendance. The speaker was a representative from the VA Hospital. He was from the PR office, and explained several items to the group.

The next speaker, at our July 6th meeting, will be from the Prescott Forest Service Fire Center. All men are invited to attend the Men's Group meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 0730 for breakfast and gathering.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

- 7/3 Marian McElhaney
- 7/3 Alice Saunders
- 7/8 Michael Williams
- 7/9 Walter Bill
- 7/10 Sarah O'Neil
- 7/10 Jennifer Phippen
- 7/13 Katherine Reimers
- 7/15 Marjorie Mastin
- 7/16 George Rose
- 7/20 Boston Soza
- 7/25 Barbara Huey
- 7/28 Robert Haslett
- 7/29 Bonnie Hayes

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/17 Roger & Jan Harlow
- 7/20 Bob & Sally Reese
- 7/29 Ray & Marlys Benny
- 7/29 Kerry & Jennifer Phippen



## BIRTHDAYS

- 8/5 Marilyn Jenkins
- 8/6 Doloris Skinner
- 8/11 Roger Harlow
- 8/12 Donna Norris
- 8/12 Sue Piper
- 8/13 Lucia Magoon
- 8/13 Molly Schnieder
- 8/18 Don Sappington
- 8/23 Erin Willingham
- 8/25 Kevin Nelson
- 8/25 Joyce Wise
- 8/29 Margaret Goodall
- 8/30 Colleen Siler

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 Gary & Marti Hays
- 8/12 Richard & MaryJo Boller
- 8/19 Jack & Janis Heller

## July Liturgists

### 2nd Service

- 3 Janet Greer-Warren
- 10 Marti Hays
- 17 Todd Hoeffner
- 24 Jenifer Phippen
- 31 Dave Starnes

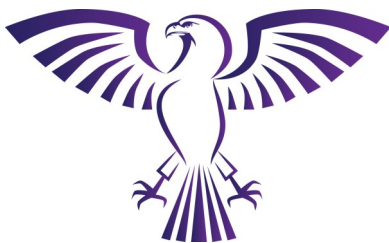
## July Readers

### 1st Service

- 3
- 10 Molly Schnieder
- 17
- 24
- 31 Molly Schnieder

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

## + Christian Symbols +



**Eagle**

Eagles came to symbolize the Resurrection thanks to ancient legends that they renewed their youth, plumage or eyesight by flying near the sun, then diving into water. The eagle's upward movement made it a symbol of Jesus' ascension. John the Evangelist is represented by an eagle, for his "soaring" description of Christ's divinity. God's care is likened to an eagle in Bible verses such as Exodus 19:4: "I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you myself." (ESV).

# SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

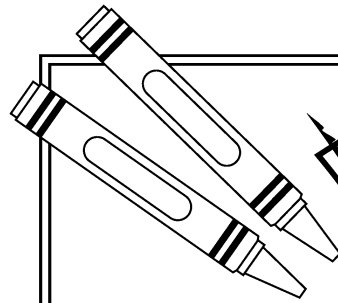
## What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

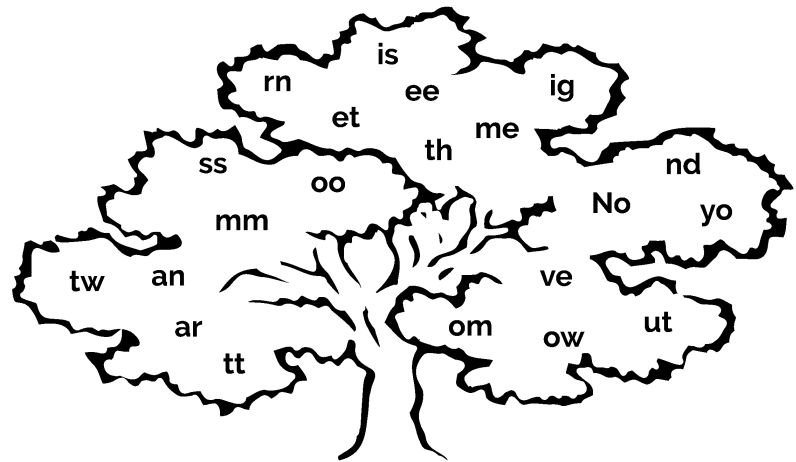


# PUZZLE

## Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.*



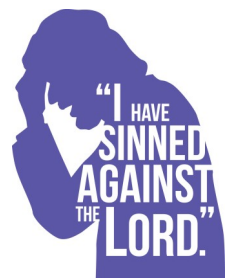
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Ma \_\_\_ hew 24:32, NIV

Who said to the prophet Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD”?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother’s birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel’s greatest king

Answer: (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)



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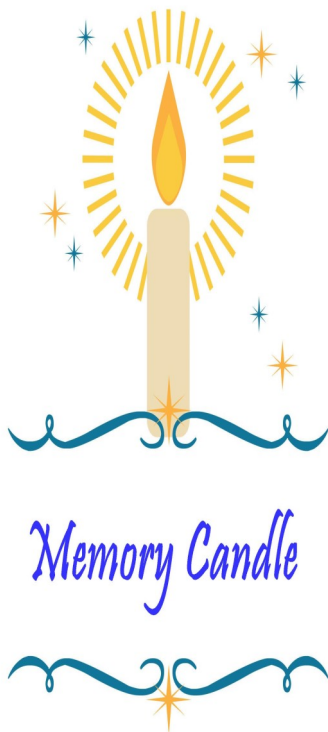
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## UMW Memorial Candle



The candle that burns brightly each Sunday on the left side of the pulpit is maintained by the United Methodist Women.

It may be dedicated in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or for a celebration or other special occasion. The UMW asks for a \$10.00 donation for each dedication. Just find a Sunday near your special date, and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Your donation may be given to Nancy Mitchell or Sally Reese or place it in an envelope, label the envelope, and turn it in to the office.

Watch for your special Sunday in the bulletin!