



The Chino Valley Chimes

November 2016



Annual Charge Conference

The church's annual charge conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, at 10:30 am. In preparation for the conference, please consider the following excerpt from *Just Say Yes! Unleashing People for Ministry* by Bishop Robert Schnase. This will be part of the agenda and discussion time.

Happening this month:

- Nov 1 ~ All Saints Day
- Nov 2 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Nov 2 ~ UMW
- Nov 5 ~ Soul Sisters
- Nov 6 ~ Musical Salute to Veterans
- Nov 8 ~ General Election
- Nov 8 ~ Aroma's
- Nov 9 ~ SPRC
- Nov 10 ~ Office Closed
- Nov 11 ~ Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 ~ Shoebox Party
- Nov 15 ~ Deadline for Dec Chimes
- Nov 16 ~ Trustees
- Nov 16 ~ Finance
- Nov 17 ~ Ad Council
- Nov 19 ~ Charge Conference
- Nov 20 ~ Pioneer Home Service
- Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 24 ~ Thanksgiving Day

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

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Ways people say *No*:

- I don't need that, so why should we do it?
- Only five people signed up.
- They're not our members anyway.
- That's our room.
- That will never work here (and I'll see that it doesn't!)
- They can just join us.
- You're too young, too new, or too different.
- You didn't ask me first.
- Don't rock the boat.
- Things won't be the same.

1. Can you think of a time when you inadvertently used one of these behaviors or attitudes to express your resistance to a ministry idea?
2. Think of two or three successful ministries that have begun in this congregation in recent years. Where did the ideas come from? How were the ideas initially received? What form of resistance did the ideas face at first, and how did the ministries come to fruition anyway?
3. Where do you see "what's in it for me?" thinking at work in this church or community?
4. "Successful churches and effective pastors are willing to do things that declining churches and unsuccessful pastors are unwilling to do. Growing churches say *Yes* to ministries that declining churches say *No* to. Do you agree? What do you see as some of the implications of this for this congregation?"

Read Luke 6:1-11 and Matthew 9:9-13.

Jesus was surrounded by people seeking to restrain him, catch him in any infraction, and otherwise say *No* to his ministry. How did Jesus respond to his critics? How did he reframe encounters in order to direct people toward the mission God sent him to fulfill? How did he empower his disciples to take bold action for God's love?

Stepping Stones of the Steward



Over the years, the church's teaching about stewardship has matured so that it is no longer just about raising money to support the church (as important as that is!), but rather about using all that God has given to us for his purposes.

In a book entitled *Stepping Stones of the Steward*, Ronald Vallet has written about three metaphors drawn from the Scriptures. These metaphors are helpful to consider as we seek to align our lives with God's call upon us. The metaphors, as written by the author, are as follows:

God as Creator and Owner

God created all things. As part of the process of creation, God created human beings in the image of God and gave them particular responsibilities in relationship to the earth. (Genesis 1:27-30) That which God created is owned by God: "The earth is the Lords' and the

fullness thereof..." (Psalm 24:1) God, therefore, may be thought of and described as Creator and Owner.

Jesus Christ as Chief Steward

When sin entered, God established a new covenant through Jesus Christ. Paul referred to God as "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all," (Romans 8:32) and Paul described Jesus as the one "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant." (Philippians 2:6-7)

Jesus Christ is presented not as owner, but as servant/steward. We are called to participate with Christ as "stewards of the mysteries of God." (1 Corinthians 4:1) Since we participate as servants of Christ in the stewardship given to him, it is appropriate to refer to Christ as the Chief Steward.

Our relationship to Christ is to acknowledge him as "Lord Jesus Christ," (Philippians 2:10-11) even as we participate with him in stewarding the mysteries of God. And what are the "mysteries of God?" In short, they are God's purpose and plan for the world (Ephesians 1:9-10) It is another way of describing God's passion for the world and its redemption. (John 3:16) When viewed from this perspective, stewardship and evangelism are two sides of the same coin.

The Church as Steward

Christians are called to be stewards; the church of Jesus Christ is also a steward. The church is a trustee/agent of God's gospel for the world. When the church acknowledges Christ as head of the church (Ephesians 5:23) and stewards of the Gospel, even the power of death cannot prevail against it. (Matthew 16:16-18)

As we consider stewardship in terms of financial support of the church and its ministries, we also need to keep in mind the broader understanding of stewardship, as it provides a Biblical context for seeking financial pledges for the coming year.

From the Pastor



Do not forget to come to Charger Conference Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:30 am. It is important for the congregation to attend and learn what the officers of the church are doing and who the new Chair people will be.

On that note, I remember when I was asked to teach in the Church Bible Study many years ago, I was very insecure about it. However, I always knew not many people were willing to lead, and I felt like God was calling me to do so. So, here is what I have learned from stepping into leadership roles. Leading doesn't require massive amounts of knowledge, but it requires a willingness to show others the love of Christ by walking alongside them in their faith journey. It doesn't mean having all the answers, but it does require a willingness to dive deeper into theological questions together. It means admitting not knowing all the answers and responding, "Let's

find out together." The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all.

Peter and John were such a mess. They were thrown in jail, discouraged, and threatened by religious leaders to stop talking about Jesus. They were recognized by the council as uneducated and inexperienced followers of Jesus. Do you hear this? John and Peter had few qualifications to lead the early Christian church. What made them able to lead? They were followers of Jesus and given authority by Christ. They spoke out with boldness about what they had seen and heard. They went forward praying for boldness and giving God all the glory! They continued to grow the church and to lead others to Jesus Christ.

Please don't wait until you are feeling qualified in order to help others grow in their faith.

Don't be discouraged if you feel unqualified to lead. In order to be an efficient leader, you should research and continue to grow in your faith while listening to the Holy Spirit, but please don't wait until you are feeling qualified in order to help others grow in their faith. Can you imagine if Peter and John listened to the discouragement of the council and stopped leading others because they felt unqualified?

If you are thinking about leading, teaching, or mentoring others, then stop hesitating and just do it. Don't be afraid to fail and learn something with others. Or if you are already leading and feeling insecure, I pray you will experience boldness like Peter and John. Stop waiting until you have everything together and are feeling qualified. Go forth with faith that God can do more through you than you could possibly imagine.

Maybe it's time to read all of Acts 4 again.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Mike

Notes from the Lay Leader



Two topics have been bouncing around in my head for the past few days; 1. I have to prepare to teach the class on “The Call, the Life and Message of the Apostle Paul” and 2. The stewardship project.

I was reading through 1st Corinthians 12 and came across verses where Paul is talking about: “An abundance of spiritual gifts that existed in the Corinthian church.” Then it struck me that we have the same situation. Within our laity we have gifts and capabilities that we need to use very wisely. We have committees that need membership and leadership for our church to fulfill its mission.

John Wesley helped us discover the content and meanings of Chapter 12 by pointing to Paul’s description of the unity of the body of Christ, the diversity of members and services required, and the excellent way to exercise gifts. Laypersons are included and contribute to the body’s unity through gifts and graces used

in leadership.

Wesley fostered lay leadership in small groups, thereby demonstrating that many members making up one body need one another. We are all leaders within our congregation. Some of the Lay Leaders of our church are going to be coming to you to ask for your support of the stewardship campaign.

This is an annual project whereby the Finance Committee will determine our income for the continuation of our many and varied requirements as we support the church and its missionary work. Do not forget that statement that we agreed to when we joined this church,” we will faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.”

Oh, by the way, the class is open to all.

See you in church. Roger

PLANNING AHEAD

A Christmas pageant, “The Story,” will be presented on Christmas Eve and we need children and adults to make it come alive!

This production is based on “Tobias’ Story” written by Carolyn Peters, Grace Presbyterian Church, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

This is an unrehearsed telling of the night Christ was born with three small and one large reading parts, including Joseph, a Shepherd, an angel and a narrator. In addition to the reading parts we need animals who will make animal sounds. The wise men, other angels and shepherds, star and Mary, are all silent.

All are welcome to participate! We do have a few costumes for those reading the parts, and there are masks for some non-speaking parts. We have a baby doll stand in if there is no willing baby.

More information will be available on Christmas Eve prior to the pageant. Please call Kathy at 636-5551, or the church office (636-2969) if you can help.

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



Greeting from the Finance committee

Here we are beginning the fall season, where has the time gone? I'm not quite ready for the cold weather, but I will enjoy it when it comes.

The Church finances are not quite up to where they should be. We have been running a small deficit almost monthly, that is, spending more that we are bringing in. This deficiency has been building and needs to be fixed. We are planning some fundraisers, but these are not long term fixes. The finance committee and others are hoping that our year end stewardship campaign will help the congregation increase their giving and pledges for 2017. For those who are able, we are hoping you will increase your giving or pledge to overcome this deficit.

Please listen to the Stewardship speakers and Pastor Mike on the meaning of Stewardship and how you can help our church, not only with a pledge, but in a myriad of other ways.

On another subject, the idea was brought up during one of the past Committee meetings of a individual Birthday

giving. Remember the days, long ago, when it was your turn to drop the pennies into a can or jar to indicate our age and commitment to the Lord? Well, we talked about doing something similar but perhaps replacing pennies with dollars. This idea was agreed upon but was not announced and promoted. A few persons who were in the committee have privately given their birthday gift to the church. I would like to see the idea go further and will bring it up to Admin board for full consideration. Until then, you are welcome to participate with a Birthday giving on your special day. To me, it's a wonderful way for me to have the Lord recognize my birthday!

The Peace and Love of the Lord be with us all.

Ray Benny



PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

STOECKER, George & Gail
2215 Constellation Dr.
(street number correction only)

A revised directory was sent out in October. Please let the office know if you need a copy. The next directory will be published in January.



The Men's Group meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at the church. All men are invited to attend and learn more about the

group and what they do. The group attempt to have speakers to inform the group of different groups thru out the County. The group has breakfast cooked by one of group's members. We discuss things that the group can do and what the group is interested in.

This is a great way of meeting men of the church and to get involved in the church. Again all MEN are invited to join the group and see that is a good group to be with.

MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



The UMW met in October to celebrate autumn weather and services provided to women and children around the world. \$100 was given to cover the cost of 5 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

At our November 2 meeting we will nominate and vote for officers to serve in 2017. We need all women to come to make several decisions and plan the all-church Christmas dinner and basket auction on December 16.

Remember ~ Wednesday, November 2 at 1pm.

His servant,
Nancy Mitchell



Operation Christmas Child

Lots of shoeboxes and brochures have been picked up, to be returned on or before Sunday, November 20, so they can be blessed before going on their way here in the United States and internationally.

If you would like to pay the \$7 shipping fee on-line, you can track your box wherever it ends up, in the arms of a grateful child.

Pick up a brochure and share a box with a boy or girl, 2 to 14 years old.

Won't you help us fill 85 boxes this year?

Any questions, please call Nancy Mitchell, 928/830-4882.

KAIROS INSIDE

By Donna Norris

I want to thank all of you for your support of the KAIROS OUTSIDE ministry that I have been involved in this year. Your prayers and the colored shields have been invaluable in making the weekends successful.

As I begin training for the KAIROS INSIDE weekend in November, I am asking for your prayers as well. This weekend inside the women's prison is the first ever in Arizona and will set the tone for any future programs for women in prison. Our focus must be on God's movement in the lives of those we meet on the inside. Those of us working this weekend need to focus on being the "face of Christ" to all we meet.

Kairos Prison Ministry brings the light, love and friendship of Jesus Christ into the lives of prisoners. Remember reading in Matthew 25:36 "...I was in prison, and you came to visit me."

Kairos Inside creates Christian communities inside prisons. These communities can transform lives, decrease prison violence, and reduce recidivism. Hearts are changed, prisons are less violent, recidivism rates are reduced, and communities are safer.

If you want more information, please go to the website below.

Again, please pray for this ministry.
<http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/>

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Bob Bell
- 11/6 Sue Mitchell
- 11/15 Vaughn Whalen
- 11/18 Shirl Garrett
- 11/20 Alice Merriman
- 11/22 Lewis Pehl
- 11/24 Janis Heller
- 11/25 Robert Remp
- 11/28 Rita Haslett
- 11/30 Peggy Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10 Ralph & Joyce Wise
- 11/12 Rob & Barbara Robinson
- 11/15 Vaughn & Janice Whalen
- 11/18 Deryl & Linda Jevons
- 11/20 Doug & Jan Mauck

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/2 Don Drentlaw
- 12/3 R.J. Bell
- 12/4 Robert Reese
- 12/5 Deborah Culjak
- 12/8 Lyall Miller
- 12/13 Laurence Nolan
- 12/18 Joani Rose
- 12/19 Janet Bailey
- 12/20 Connie Hoeffner
- 12/20 Ginger LeGendre
- 12/21 Geoffrey Lam

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/24 Bob & Gayla Remp
- 12/26 Dave & Kathy West
- 12/27 John & Ilona Dean

November Readers

1st Service

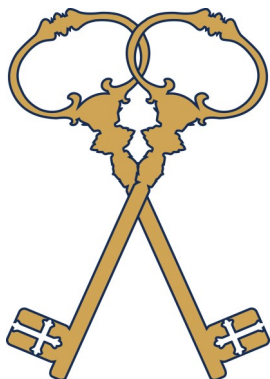
If you are interested in reading at the 1st service on Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex.

- 6 Molly Schnieder
- 13 Available
- 20 Available
- 27 Molly Schnieder

November Liturgists

2nd Service

- 6 Janet Greer-Warren
- 13 Monte Colucci
- 20 Dave Starnes
- 27 Terry Colucci



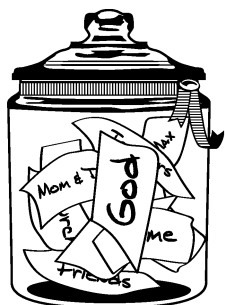
Christian Symbols

Keys

A key symbolizes the church's authority to forgive sins in Jesus' name. In Matthew 16:19 (ESV), Jesus says to Peter, who would come to represent the Christian church, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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“ All _____ ”

28:2, NIV

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: “Bless the LORD, O my _____, and forget not all his benefits.”

- A. people B. soul
C. heart D. children

Answer: (See Psalm 103:2, ESV.)



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IMPORTANT NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DATES

*Put these dates on your
calendar now ~ you won't
want to miss these fun
events!*

11/6 3pm: Musical
Salute to Veterans,
St. Catherine's
Church

11/19 10:30am:
Annual Charge
Conference

11/23 6pm:
Thanksgiving Eve
Service

11/27: **Advent 1**

12/4 **Advent 2:** Instructed Communion at 9am service

12/11 **Advent 3**

12/16 5:30pm: Annual Christmas Dinner and Basket Auction

12/18 **Advent 4:** Lessons and Carols at both services

6pm: Annual Community Choir Christmas program at
St. Catherine's

12/24 **Christmas Eve:** 6pm service

12/25 **Christmas Day:** 10am service

1/1 **New Year's Day/Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus:**
10am combined service

12/26 ~ 1/3 **Office Closed**