



The Chino Valley Chimes

December 2016



Life Line Screening at the Church

Happening this month:

- Dec. 4 ~ Instructed Communion, 1st Service
- Dec. 7 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Dec. 7 ~ UMW Lunch
- Dec. 13 ~ Aroma's
- Dec. 15 ~ Deadline for January Newsletter**
- Dec. 16 ~ All Church Christmas Dinner & Basket Auction
- Dec. 18 ~ Lessons and Carols at Both Services
- Dec. 18 ~ Pioneer Home Service
- Dec. 18 ~ Community Choir Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day Service
- Dec. 26-Jan. 2 ~ Office Closed

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

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Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at The Chino Valley United Methodist Church on 1/9/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/ community-partners. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will send the information to Life Line weekly and they will call you to schedule an appointment.

The church has 4 vouchers for free screenings. These will be auctioned off at the UMW basket auction at the annual Christmas dinner on December 16.



TO YOUR HEALTH

From the Pastor



It may be difficult these days to separate the Christmas season from the image of the rosy-cheeked, white-bearded man with a taste for cookies and milk, but it was actually a poem that offered us the jolly, plump version of Santa Claus known today.

On December 23, 1823, a poem called "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" was published anonymously in the *Sentinel*, the local newspaper of Troy, New York. This piece offered a different take on Santa Claus, a figure who was, until that time, traditionally depicted as a thinner, less jolly, horse-riding disciplinarian, a combination of mythologies about the British Father Christmas, the Dutch Sinterklaas, and the fourth-century bishop Saint Nicholas of Myra.

But the poem in the newspaper painted a different picture: it gave Santa eight reindeer, and even named them; it described a Santa who could magically sneak in and

out of homes via chimneys; and it created the venerated, cheerful, chubby icon that is ever-present in holiday cards, movies, television shows, and malls everywhere: "He had a broad face and a little round belly that shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; a wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread."

The poem, of course, is now known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," after its famous first line. Thirteen years after it was published, Clement Clark Moore took credit for its authorship, though his claim to the poem is now in question. Many believe the poem was actually penned by New York writer Henry Livingston.

That Santa Claus was ever linked to the Christmas holiday is itself remarkable, given that the original Feast of St. Nicholas was historically observed on December 6. The holiday on December 25 is a Christian celebration of the birth of the Christ child, and the images surrounding that event have appealed to poets for centuries.

So as we near the Christmas season, we need to remember what the true meaning of Christmas is about. That we Hope for a new future, live in Peace eternally, praise God with a Joyful voice, and Love each other all the year through.

On Sunday December 4th, we will be having a youth Communion at the first service, where we will be teaching all the children of God about Communion and what it means to us all. Roger Harlow will also be giving a prayer for Pearl Harbor Day, which is December 7th.

The Community Choir will be putting on their program on Sunday December 18th at 6:00 pm at Saint Catherine LaBoure Catholic Church. This will be an especially good program plus, you get to hear some of our choir members sing again.

We have Lessons and Carols on December 18th, and we will celebrate Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 pm and then a combined service Christmas Day at 10:00 am Sunday morning.

Glory to God in the highest,

Pastor Mike.



Notes from a Lay Leader



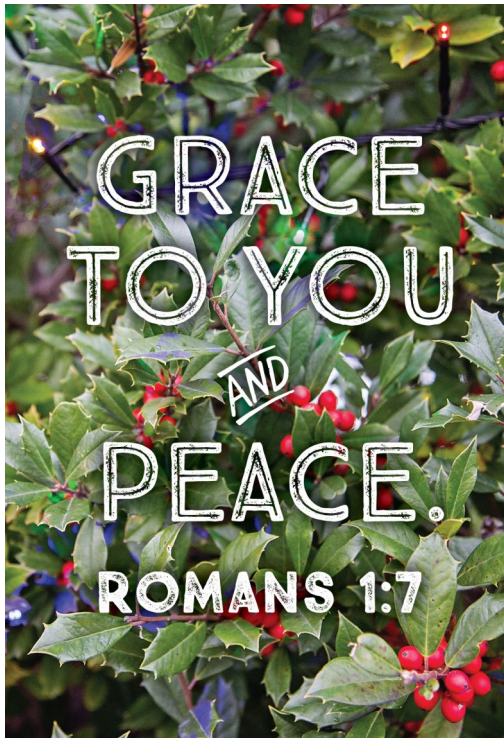
Lay Leadership continues to take an active role at Chino Valley United Methodist Church.

Kathy and T.J. have reactivated Cubby and his "cub" house for our Sunday morning services. They do a terrific job in bringing an additional insight to Pastor Mike's message for the week. T.J. is becoming an important part of our church ministry!

Roger continues to step out to the Pioneer Home on the third Sunday afternoons. The people who attend are most appreciative of his messages.

At the SPRC meeting on November 19 with Rev. Neil Leftwich, our District Superintendent, a lot was discussed concerning our church leadership. We have a fine, hard-working group. At our Charge Conference, later that morning, Rev. Neil gave an inspiring talk on the mission of Methodism and of our church. We all need to continue to do our best for the growth of our church.

Dave Starnes,
Lay Leader



The wondrous season of Christmas is upon us again! AMEN! How grateful we should be to be able to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our November 2nd meeting was well attended, and productive. A new board was elected for 2017. The December 7th sandwich and pot luck luncheon gathering and \$5 gift exchange was discussed and planned. COME and bring a friend!

The only fund raiser this year will be a hosted all-church dinner. The UMW ladies will furnish meat, potatoes, dressing, and gravy; all others attending are asked to bring your favorite side dish to share with at least 8 others. Come and bring family and friends. Anyone who would like is asked to bring a basket-like item to be silent-auctioned off during the evening. These containers must be covered with clear cellophane or have a list of the contents attached. Be creative and bring a basket on Friday December 16th at 5:30pm. Always such fun!

As we end this year and enter the next, we wish you and yours a glorious Christmas and a happy, healthy, peaceful 2017!!!.

Nancy Mitchell, President

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



The Stewardship team would like to thank you all for listening to our presentations on the Biblical meaning of Stewardship and how you can help yourself, our Church, and follow the word of the Lord. We hope it made you think a little. I know it did me. Whether or not you have chosen to offer an annual pledge in support of the Church, please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible. Remember, there are questions and information that will help us learn and understand your commitment to the church and our God.

During the first week of December, you will receive your giving statement covering January thru November. Please take a look at it for content and accuracy. Your statement is also a way for you to view your giving status, and determine if you are where you intend to be with your donations and pledges.

Please contact me to report any discrepancies or ask questions.

Health, happiness and joy to us all!

Ray Benny,
Finance Chair

A Friendly Reminder

If you wish your contributions to the church to be included on your 2016 contribution statement, by IRS tax code they must meet the following date requirements:

- They must be received by the church by December 31, 2016. Since the church office will be closed from December 26 through January 2, this means that they must be received by December 25; OR
- They must be mailed and postmarked by December 31.

If you have any questions, please call Ray at 848-2158 or Sue at the church office, 626-2969.



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. The next directory will be published in January.



This is a group for the men of the CVUMC. We try to have quest speakers at the breakfast. The Men have a breakfast on the 1st Wed of every month. It is a good time and place to meet the men who attend the church. We meet at 0730 but you can come after 0700. At 0730 we start breakfast.

The month of Dec, we are having a lady from the Yavapai Prescott Tribe Curator as the quest speaker.

All men are invited to attend. Hope to see you there. Bob Haslett

MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



Thanks to Volunteers!

On October 31st, Chino Valley United Methodist Church, along with many other churches, businesses and organizations participated in Trick or Treat in Memory Park. CVUMC had a very successful "Fishers of Men" fishing booth where all toys were "caught" as was most of the candy, and no one lost an eye in the process!

The popcorn giveaway was immensely popular, with long lines and 40 lbs. popped, bagged and consumed!

The costumes and kids were so adorable and all who volunteered had a blast! To those who participated in planning, purchasing toys and decorations, bagging toys and candy, making poles, painting our fishing scene, supplying pumpkins and flowers, providing straw bales, purchasing part of the 68 + lbs. of candy, popping popcorn, getting tables and chairs, supplying canopies, helping setup, manning the booth, taking everything down and taking it to the church, a big THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped—there are too many to name individually and isn't that wonderful and appreciated! If you have ideas for change or suggestions for next year, write it down and put it in the Education Box because we plan on doing Trick or Treat in Memory Park

again for a truly exciting outreach!

Kathy W

HELP NEEDED FOR DECEMBER EVENTS:

Christmas Eve Pageant

We so enjoyed last year's Christmas Eve Pageant that we are going to do it again this year! Monti Colucci will be our narrator, and several others have already volunteered to be Joseph and Mary. We have lots of extra masks so if you would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant, you can let the office or Kathy West know @ 636-5551, anytime between now and Christmas Eve.



Ringing of the Bells for Salvation Army

December 10th 4-6 pm, Safeway, North Door
All are welcome to join the kid's Sunday school



Chino Family Christmas (Hometown Christmas)

December 10th 10 am – 5 pm
Tree Setup Dec. 9th 1-5 (They are requesting all LED lights)



Operation Christmas Child

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child, {shoebox} outreach. 92 boxes were delivered to the drop off point on November 21.

It was very gratifying to have help, physically, monetarily, & emotionally. We reached out as a Church family around the world.

Nancy Mitchell

The Choir Director's Perspective

Your church choir serves the church as the leaders of music in worship. This role is multifaceted.

The most noticeable leadership role is the choir's example of inspiration of faith experiences for your relationship with the Savior and his Spirit.

The inspirational extent of a listening experience is highly varied. Some worshipers hear the musical message with a focus of a person seeking the satisfaction of a pleasurable listening experience. Other worshipers listen for an inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Yet others listen with a study attitude, to interpret and compare with previous experiences.

With each of these perspectives or the blending of these approaches, there is the potential for distortion of a truly worshipful attitude. Each listener has the potential for seeking goals away from worship. For example, seeking listening pleasure ahead of worshipful and prayerful meditation. A choir can contribute to the breakdown of worship attitudes by focusing on entertainment over inspiration and conversation with the Lord.

Your present choir director is constantly admonishing the choir that getting the words and music techniques is not

good enough. They must uncover the spirits of music. We are, after all, of the lineage of David and of Christ's angels.

This brings me to the point of the writing of this perspective about the role of music in worship. The choir has been elevating their views in regard to their attitudes about music in worship. It is time to take one more step up the holy worship ladder of music in worship.

In going higher on this ladder, we will examine the experience of sanctity in music for worship. This is referring to sanctifying grace in the sense that Jesus spoke about this aspect of grace.

Sanctity can become a very holy experience if each choir member, each worshiper, and every listener can share in a musical, prayerful interaction with Christ, in complete reverence and deference to Christ. This can be experienced by the experience of "fasting."

Fasting is separation from something of a personal value, such as pleasure, entertainment, evaluation, or control. This means total submission to Christ for the duration of the music.

Consider that the experience of true reverence should not end with congregational applause for a soloist or a choir. Music examples that fall into this reverent category include "The Lord's Prayer," compositions written with scripture text and music with sanctification texts.

Yielding to instincts of pleasing each other may be a great temptation, but a short "fasting" of these instincts is really insignificant when compared to Christ's sacrifices and how much he appreciates our reverence to his ideals.

Bob Reese



Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 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

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Nancy Mitchell
- 1/6 Gayla Remp
- 1/7 Jack Heller
- 1/9 Rick Merriman
- 1/10 John Peterson
- 1/12 Monte Colucci
- 1/17 Dave West
- 1/19 Laura Bell
- 1/23 Patricia Pehl
- 1/29 Terry Colucci
- 1/31 Margaret Pehl

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/19 Bill & Diane Harris

December Readers

1st Service

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

- 12/4 Meg Goodall
- 12/11 Available
- 12/18 Molly Schnieder and others
- 12/25 Combined Service

December Liturgists

2nd Service

- 12/4 Janet Greer Warren
- 12/11 Joyce Wise
- 12/18 Dave Starnes and others
- 12/25 Monte Colucci



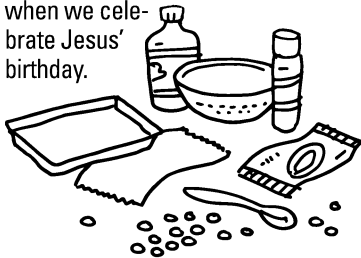
Angel

Christian Symbols

Angel, which means “messenger” in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus’ upcoming birth, and “a multitude of the heavenly host” (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior’s arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

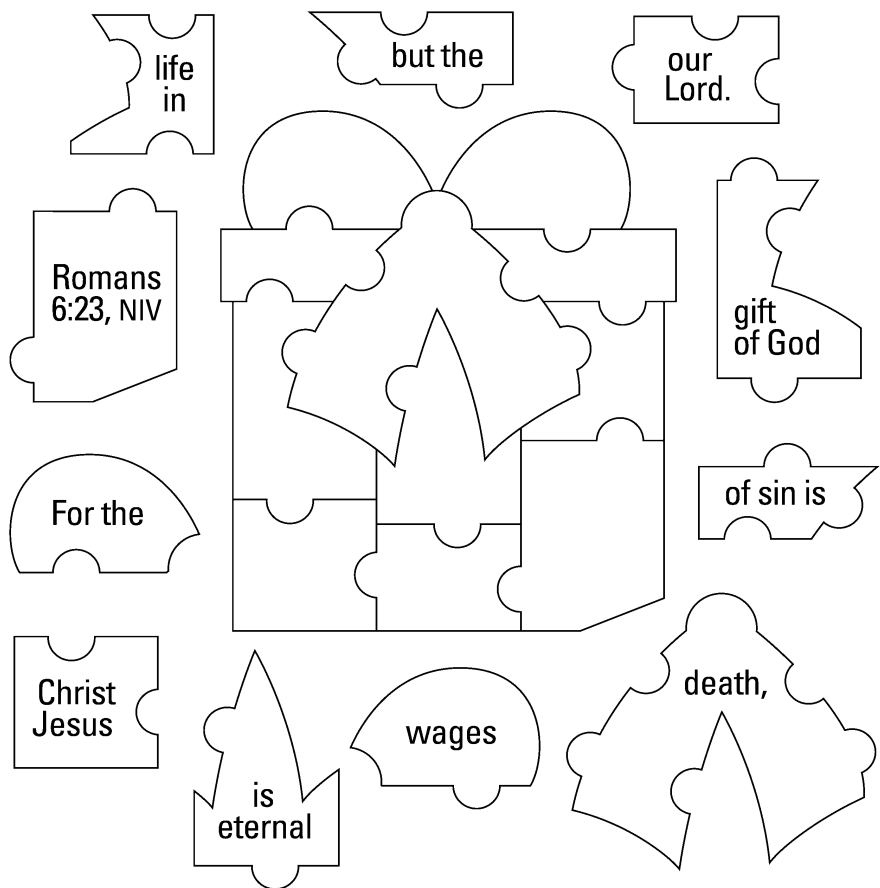
1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

PUZZLE

The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition. What very special gift has God given to you?

Directions: Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.



How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.



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IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

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

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

12/18 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

