



The Chino Valley Chimes

February 2017



Happening this month:

Feb 1 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb 1 ~ UMW
Feb 4 ~ Leadership Training
Feb 6 ~ All Staff Meeting
Feb 11 ~ Soul Sisters Craft Workshop
Feb 14 ~ Aroma's Pizza
Feb 16 ~ Worship Team
Feb 16 ~ Finance Meeting
Feb 17 ~ Deadline for March Chimes
Feb 17 ~ Soul Sisters Dinner
Feb 19 ~ Arizona Pioneer's Home
Feb 20 ~ President's Day-office closed
Feb 22 ~ Finance Committee

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

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Don & Donna Mohl Return to CVUMC



Don and Donna Mohl will return to Chino Valley United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 19, at both the 9 and 11 am services.

They have been traveling around the country since 1988 sharing the love of Jesus through song. They started in Texas, traveling with "The Master's Travelers" with their sons Daniel and David. From the Fall of 1989 to June of 2010 they were with "Simply His" (3 of those years our boys traveled with them). Now, after much prayer and encouragement from others, they continue on as "Folk Mountain Gospel". The Lord continues to open doors and to direct Don & Donna to continue sharing His message of love and grace in song, and their plan is to follow Him wherever He leads the way. They usually travel on weekends, which allows them to continue their regular jobs during the week (with longer trips 2-3 times a year as vacation time availability allows). Their music is a blend of "mountain" style and folk style gospel. They play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither, Guitar, and Harmonica. They also sing the good old hymns of faith, more recent gospel songs and some songs that their family has written related to family values, the grace of Jesus, our Savior, and the love of God. They appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support as they continue to travel for Him!! Please visit their web site: www.folkmountaingospel.com and sign the guest book if you wish.

Important ~ Please Take Note

Effective February 1, we will be taking Pastor Mike's telephone number off the church voice mail message. In the past couple of months, he have been inundated with people calling him at home, during his time off, primarily asking for money. Most of these people are not members of the church. While this may seem severe, the church simply does not have the financial resources to support all those in need in our community and even outside.

His cell phone number will continue to be on the church directory, and if you have a true emergency, such as being in the hospital, etc., please call him and leave a message. We will also check messages left on the church phone on weekends.

From the Pastor



Jesus taught a way of life and invited people to a relationship with God that was vibrant, dynamic and fruitful. Scripture is filled with passages that point to fruitful living: the kingdom of God, eternal life, a peace that passes all understanding, abundant life.

Jesus and his disciples developed fundamental spiritual practices that sustained them in God and led them to relieve the burdens that keep people from flourishing by protecting the vulnerable, embracing outcasts, healing the sick, welcoming children, caring for widows, confronting injustice, and preaching the good news. They presented the gift of God's grace to everyone. Paul writes, *"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 2:5)

Scripture teaches us about living a vibrant, fruitful, dynamic life with God through following Jesus. Spiritual growth is a lifelong process. But the seed is already within you. The inner world of spirit begins

very small, but once it is awakened within us, we begin to change our priorities and how we use our gifts. Understanding the realm of spirit takes study and training, it is a daily walk. Spiritual energy gives us the confidence that we can overcome the countless distractions the world offers.

Living in the spirit is a gift that allows us to look to the future with hope. It enables us to see beyond this temporal world. I will be speaking more on this topic in future sermons.

We begin where our seed awakens and we learn how to nurture our emerging skills of spirit by recognizing and using all the challenges in the material world as assets for discovering our wholeness. The invitation is ever before us to make the spirit of Christ visible in all we do.

So February is already here and we have had a wet winter with quite a bit of snow, which I do like, but it does make it hard for some to get to church. With any luck, it will warm up for Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm March 1st and for Holy Week, April 9th-15th; with a Sunrise service on Easter Day at 6:30am, a combined service at 9:00am, and brunch between services. All the dates and times for services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil will be announced in the Chimes and during services on the slides plus on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

You be careful out there driving with winter weather conditions the way they have been, and remember; God loves you, and so do I.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike

Don't forget the Men's Prayer
Breakfast, Wednesday, February 1
At 7:30 am.

All men are welcome!



Notes from the Lay Leader



A few days ago our 45th President was sworn in.

With the new President, some were happy and others not so and they protested. But, we as Americans, had and have the opportunity to express our views. WE have the right to vote. The right is one of our most treasured rights.

Now, we need to join together and support him. We, as Christians, know the power of prayer and that God answers prayer. So let's pray for our President, the House of Representatives, and the members of the Senate, as well as all of the other support personnel.

Let us pray, "God, we ask for your help as our newly elected officials take office. Guide them in all of their decisions."

AMEN

Roger Harlow

A Winter Reminder 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 here 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.

Soul Sisters' Next Outing

Soul Sisters will be having a Pot Luck dinner at Peggy Nelson's home on February 17th beginning at 5:30. This will be a true potluck, bring whatever you wish. Let Peggy know if you plan on attending. We would love to have more women come and join the fun that the Soul Sisters have. The plan is to car pool from church at 5:00pm to Peggy's home. The address is 641 N Hopi Tr, Dewey. Phone # is 636-4723. If you would like to car pool, give Karen a call at 899-0863 so she can coordinate transportation. A map will be printed closer to the dinner date.

The Soul Sisters also have a craft work day every 2nd Saturday of the months unless there is a conflict with the church schedule. Bring any craft that you are working on or bring a craft project for some of the ladies to work on that you think that could be sold at our 2nd Annual Craft Sale on October 27-28. This is a great time to get to know more ladies of the church in a relaxed environment.

See you there,

Janet and Karen

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Sally Reese
 2/10 Donald Mastin
 2/13 Dan Terry
 2/13 Elizabeth Vandenberg
 2/15 David Starnes
 2/16 Douglas Roberts
 2/20 Joseph Culjak
 2/20 Andrew Lam
 2/20 Peter Mensing
 2/21 Janet Harlow
 2/21 Cindy Myers
 2/21 Tina Rodriguez
 2/26 Don Warren

ANNIVERSARIES

2/3 William & Suellen Mitchell
 2/5 Pastor Mike & Janet Keffer



BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Marlys Benny
 3/5 Kerry Phippen
 3/6 Irene Rampley
 3/8 Dale Hayes
 3/9 Deryl Jevons
 3/17 Pat Jones
 3/31 Cherri Redd

ANNIVERSARIES

None

February Readers

1st Service

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

2/5 Molly Schnieder
 2/12
 2/19
 2/26 Dave West

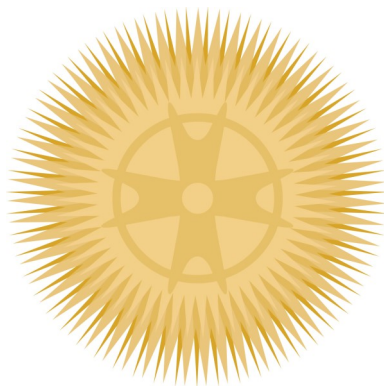
February Liturgists

2nd Service

2/5 Janet Greer-Warren
 2/12 Monte Colucci
 2/19 Nancy Mitchell
 2/26 Dave Starnes

Christian Symbols

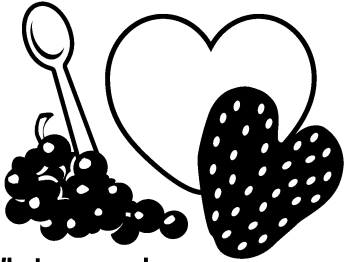
Aureole



From the Latin for "gold," an aureole is a golden image symbolizing divinity and supreme power. It's used sometimes in medieval art to surround Mary and the Christ Child, or Jesus alone. The elongated or almond-shaped form of an aureole is called a mandorla.

Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.




What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



PUZZLE

Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love.
How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here:
(12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! _____

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

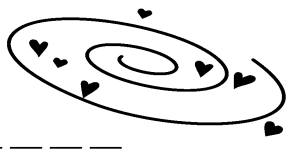
(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____


(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____


(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____





"Honor _____ and _____, and _____ your _____."



Matthew 19:19, NIV

What unique characteristic of the judge Ehud enabled him to outsmart King Eglon of Moab, who had been oppressing ancient Israel?

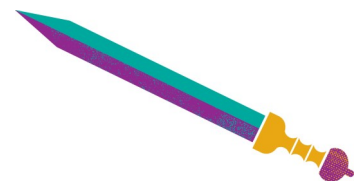
- A. He was left-handed.

C. He was very fat.

B. He was blind.

D. He was exceedingly strong.

Answer: (See Judges 3:12-26.)



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You may have noticed a change in the Love Offering at the end of January.

For 2017, the Missions Committee has decided to feature one organization each month, rather than have several choices available.

In January, we featured the Pregnancy Center, a Christian ministry that provides services and emotional help to women who are pregnant.

In February, we will feature the Chino Valley Food Bank. Albina Abbott, a long-time member of our church, was instrumental in getting the Food Bank up and going. This Christian ministry provides food boxes to families in need in our area.

We also support the food bank through your donations of non-perishable food placed in the red wagon in the Narthex of the church.

Tune in to the next issue of the Chimes to see who we are featuring in March.