



The Chino Valley Chimes

April 2017



Happening this month:

- Apr 1 ~ Liturgist-reader class
- Apr 5 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Apr 5 ~ UMW
- Apr 9 ~ Soul Sisters Palm
Cross making
- Apr 11 ~ Aroma's
- Apr 13 ~ Maundy Thursday
- Apr 14 ~ Good Friday
- Apr 15 ~ Easter Vigil
- Apr 16 ~ Easter Day
- Apr 17 ~ Office Closed
- Apr 19 ~ Finance
- Apr 20 ~ Chimes Deadline
- Apr 23 ~ Farewell Potluck
- Apr 29 ~ Soul Sisters' Picnic

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—
Mondays, 8:30-9am**
- ◇ **Adult Study—Mondays
at 6pm**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—
Wednesdays at 6pm**

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Easter's Dawn



On the third day, the friends of Christ coming at daybreak ... found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener, God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn.

—G.K. Chesterton

Easter

Easter is almost here. April 16th is Easter Sunday and we will be having our Sunrise service, followed by Easter Brunch.

We always have a good service with our brunch to follow. We hope that all will plan on attending. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending around a sign-up sheet for the brunch. Please plan on attending and what you would like to bring for the brunch.

It would be wonderful if everyone would attend and worship our RISEN SAVIOUR.

From the Pastor



I have been going to Easter Services all of my life, and without exception they have all been in the morning! Most of the Easter story is so conspicuously in the morning.

Matthew begins his account of the resurrection: *“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week.”* Mark says: *“very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.”* Luke starts out by saying: *“Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb.”* And John, who tells of Mary Magdalene’s Easter experience, claims that Easter occurred not only in the morning but prior to sunrise: *“Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away...”*

The Easter event is so definitely something that happened in the morning! Hence Easter Services are usually scheduled in the morning. Yet for these two men that Luke tells us about, Cleopas and an unnamed other, something happened in the evening! The story begins with a

mystery. Consider that as these two followers and friends of Jesus walked along they saw Jesus, they talked with Jesus, but somehow they did not recognize Him! The mystery could be explained by saying that it was some sort of “supernatural non-manifestation” or that “Jesus’ resurrected body differed from His pre-crucifixion body.” But apply the situation to ourselves, which we believe is an important reason for the Biblical record, and we may be forced to confess – with a great deal of grief and pain – that very often while Jesus is walking with us along life’s way, we do not recognize Him either. *“Something kept them from seeing who it was.”*

There are some things that keep us from seeing Him too! There are times when we do not see Jesus because we do not want to see Him. The most obvious is a pre-occupation with ourselves—something that possibly could be described as a “feverish self-interest.” To see Jesus, to recognize that He should have the Last word on the way we Christians live our lives, does not seem like an advantage to us. We know enough about Him, we believe in Him, and we are quite willing to have Him run interference for us. We will happily allow Him to block out any or all of life’s difficulties, if only He will do it! But we are often not willing to let Jesus interfere with the way we usually live. We do not want Jesus, or the teachings of Jesus, or ideas about Jesus interfering, interfering with our social life, or our bad habits, or our jobs, or our convictions. Across the centuries saints and scholars have seen in Jesus an exemplary life that is worth following, they have seen an insight into an ultimate truth that gives life meaning. Yet we keep on insisting that we know better than He does about how our lives are supposed to go. We prefer to write our own script...and that is not something new! In the story of Cleopas and His friend, we hear them preaching to Jesus, we hear them telling Him how things were, and how they should have been. We even hear them telling Jesus what they expected Him to do! They were writing a job description for God! *“Something kept them from seeing who it was.”*

Somehow they did not recognize Him.” There is a mystery in that! But there is not a great deal of mystery as to why Easter does not happen to us, as to why there is so little sunrise in our souls, as to why the celebration of the resurrection is more a matter of lip service than life service. We do not allow it to happen! Jesus sealed in a tomb, Jesus confined within the covers of the Book, Jesus limited to living in stained glass windows. It is much easier to accept than Jesus waking with us, cajoling us, confronting us, pestering us, interfering with us, even loving us—for there is no limit to what love can do. We say in many areas of our lives...Jesus -stay out of my life!” Is that true with you? *“Something kept them from seeing who it was.”* *“Somehow they did not recognize Him!”* Somehow, sometime the “they” is “us”. Is it you too?

From the Pastor, continued.

Nevertheless, Jesus keeps trying. He began to explain it all over again to Cleopas and his friend. "Beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets, he explained to them what was said about Himself in all the scriptures and went on from there.

Yet they still did not know Him! It is a mystery. Why do we keep trying to keep Him out of our lives? Easter became real to Cleopas and his companion in Emmaus. Which was outside of the borders of Jerusalem. Easter can happen anywhere! Easter happened not only in Joseph's garden, but in a very real sense in someone's kitchen! The realization that Jesus was not dead, but alive, came as Cleopas and his friend sat together at supper. At a mundane meal, in the breaking of ordinary bread, they came to know the truth about the resurrection. So Jesus is alive, not only in places like gardens, and in lily bedecked churches, he is alive everywhere! He is alive on the dusty road; he is alive on a highway. He is alive in a great cathedral, with organ, choirs and trumpets and vast multitudes to proclaim the fact. He is alive in humble homes, where "two or three are gathered in His name." He is alive and multitudes of others can testify to you that often it is; wherever the going is toughest, wherever the obstacles are greatest, wherever the storms are fiercest. Wherever the stakes are highest-Christ is alive-where you are! Waiting and

wanting to give you the help you need, the guidance you require, the power to endure, the ability to go down into the valley of the shadow of death, saying, "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me," The knowledge that He is saying; "Because I live, you, too, shall live!" He-is-alive. In his aliveness, he sometimes challenges us, sometimes rebukes us, and sometimes chastens us-but he also strengthens us, comforts us, guides us-and blesses us. He is alive—wherever you are! It is not only a matter of place that is important.

There is great significance in the time element. For Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and all the others at the empty tomb, the dawn of the idea that Jesus was not dead, but alive, came in the morning. For Cleopas and his friend, Easter happened in the evening. *"As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying; 'Stay with us, the day is almost over, and it is getting dark.'"* Who knows for how many of us the day is almost over and it is getting dark? Be that as it may, whether we are at the high noon of life or at five minutes to midnight, whether we are facing literal or figurative situations, it is when the light is failing, rather than when the sun is shining, that we have the greatest need of faith and hope and Divine companionship. It is when the failures of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow gang up on us like evening clouds swallowing up the sun, turning the way ahead into nothing more than a multitude of murky shadows that we long for light. Life wears us down and there is so much doom in our minds and gloom in our spirits, that "mostly cloudy", is an optimistic appraisal of our condition. We find within us the pervasiveness and hopelessness and despair that seals not the Christ, but us, in tombs of our own making. Of our own making, yes! Let us admit, that like the disciples immediately following the resurrection our minds are not often in a mood to be changed. The women of their company told them of the resurrection but they dismissed it as an "old wives tale." We are accustomed to fearing the best and believing the worst! But along comes Jesus: Whether it is on the road to Emmaus, or on the "street where you live". And he fulfills the prediction of the prophet "At evening time there shall be light." (Zechariah 14:17d) There are betrayals and wounds everywhere, and hate and blood and defeat, and greed and loneliness and death. The shadows are heavy and the way is dark. But along comes Jesus....and there is forgiveness and healing. There is goodness and beauty, there is love and life, at evening time-there IS light! And Easter says, "Walk in it!" Very early on Sunday morning, The Easter story begins. But it is a continued story.

Peace and grace

Pastor Mike

Notes from the Lay Leader



The Days of Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week immediately preceding Easter: Resurrection Sunday. It is observed in our church as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus through various observances and services of worship.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was executed by the Nazis, wrote of the Cost of Discipleship and warned of the “cheap grace” that did not take seriously either the gravity of sin or the radical call to servanthood: “When Jesus bids a man come, he bids him come and die.”

It is this facet that is well served by Holy Week observances, as they call us to move behind the joyful celebrations of Palm Sunday and Easter, and focus on the suffering, humiliation, and death that is part of Holy Week. It is important to place the hope of the Resurrection,

the promise of newness and life, against the background of death and endings. It is only in walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, only in realizing the horror and magnitude of sin and its consequences in the world incarnated in the dying Jesus on the cross, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Sunday morning.

Holy Week begins with the sixth Sunday in Lent known as Passion or Palm Sunday. This Sunday observes the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as the messianic king. The Gospels tell us that Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, enacting the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, and in so doing emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom he proclaimed. The irony of his acceptance as the new Davidic King (Mark 11:10) by the crowds who would, in only five days, cry for his execution should be a sobering reminder of the human tendency to want God on our own terms.

The Thursday of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, is remembered as the time Jesus ate a final meal together with the Disciples. According to Luke, as Jesus and the Disciples were eating their final meal together before Jesus’ arrest, he washed the disciples’ feet to illustrate humility and the spirit of servanthood. After the meal, and as they walked to Gethsemane, Jesus taught the “new” commandment John 13:34-35; “...that you love one another...”

Good Friday or Holy Friday, is the day we commemorate Jesus’ arrest, his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.

Holy Saturday, or the seventh day of the week, is the day Jesus rested in the tomb.

Our Pastor has a week of celebrations and events planned for us. Hope to see you at all of them.

See you in church.

Roger

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The UMW will meet on Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00. We will be planning our Easter Brunch and also finishing plans for our Mother-Daughter Banquet to be held on May 13th.

We would love to have more of the women come join us. We have a good time, so think about joining us or at least visiting to see what we are about.

Hope to see you on April 5th.

Joyce Wise
President



The Finance Committee is planning a 2018 spring yard sale to support the church budget. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to encourage you to set items aside that you consider donating. By consciously setting them aside now, we ought to be prepared with a wide variety of items by next spring.
Donna Norris

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ~ 2017

SUNDAY (4/9) Palm Sunday



9:00 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Traditional Service

MONDAY (4/10) Monday in Holy Week

TUESDAY (4/11) Tuesday in Holy Week

WEDNESDAY (4/12) Wednesday in Holy Week

THURSDAY (4/13) Maundy Thursday



6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY (4/14) Good Friday



6:00 pm Good Friday Service

Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY (4/15)



6:00 pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY (4/16) EASTER DAY



6:30am Sunrise Service (outside)
7:30am Easter Brunch ~ Remp Hall
9:00 am Combined Service
2:00 pm Arizona Pioneer's Home Service

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



The Missions Committee has become so small that they feel they are unable to keep up with their mission commitments on behalf of the church. They are willing to serve as advisors for fund-raisers devoted to the mission of the church.

It would be truly amazing and wonderful if there were those among us who are willing to take up the torch and expand the Missions Committee into a more vibrant organization again. If this is where your heart is, please, step forward and let Pastor Mike know.

In the mean time, the Administrative Council will do their best to coordinate the voluntary efforts of all committees who step up to support the mission of the church. One of the major fund-raisers of the year for missions is the Fall Auto Show and Bar-B-Que. In the upcoming days, a committee you are involved with might be asking for your input and support of this event. I would encourage you to step up and help this church reach out to our community in mission.
Donna Norris



TRUSTEES

The Trustees thank Monte and Terry Colucci who gave two stoves to the church. They replaced two stoves that were full of grease and had gas leaks, making them unsafe to continue using. Because these were a gift to the church, no funds were needed to purchase them.

They also wish to thank the generous donors who gave a significant sum of money to the trustees for “ maintenance and general improvements.”

NEW ADULT CLASS TO BEGIN APRIL 24

On April 24, at 6:00 pm, a class will begin to cover the first few chapters of the 2016 Book of Discipline. All Methodists should have an understanding of the Book of Discipline and its impact.

At a later time, the paragraphs that cover specific committees will be offered.



PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

McDANIEL, Phyllis

No longer has land line—use her cell 713-8052

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



The Men's Group is an opportunity for all the men to get together and enjoy the companionship of other men. We get together for breakfast and devotions. We also discuss items that pertain to the church and community.

The guest speaker at the April meeting will be from YRMC.

The Men's Group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

4/3 MaryPat Lujan
 4/3 Kevin Nolan
 4/5 Karen Mensing
 4/10 Cynthia Giles
 4/10 John Giles
 4/12 T.J. O'Neil
 4/13 Roxann Lathrop
 4/19 Nina Lam
 4/19 Don Niedermeyer
 4/23 Anna Houston
 4/23 Pastor Michael Keffer
 4/24 Dorothy Junkins
 4/27 John Dean

ANNIVERSARIES

4/3 Bob & Laura Bell
 4/12 Rick & Alice Merriman
 4/21 Bob & Rita Haslett
 4/25 Pete & Karen Mensing



BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Ilona Dean
 5/5 Betsy Terry
 5/12 Jessica Benny
 5/13 Naomi Richards
 5/14 JR Willingham
 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
 5/26 Lewis & Margaret Pehl
 5/28 Dave & Barbara Starnes

April Readers

1st Service

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

4/2 Molly Schnieder
 4/9 Laura Flood
 4/16 T.J.
 4/23 *Available*
 4/30 Molly Schnieder

April Liturgists

2nd Service

4/2 Janet Greer-Warren
 4/9 Deb Herod
 4/16 Nancy Mitchell
 4/23 Barbara Starnes
 4/30 Dave Starnes



Christian Symbols

Agnus Dei

This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

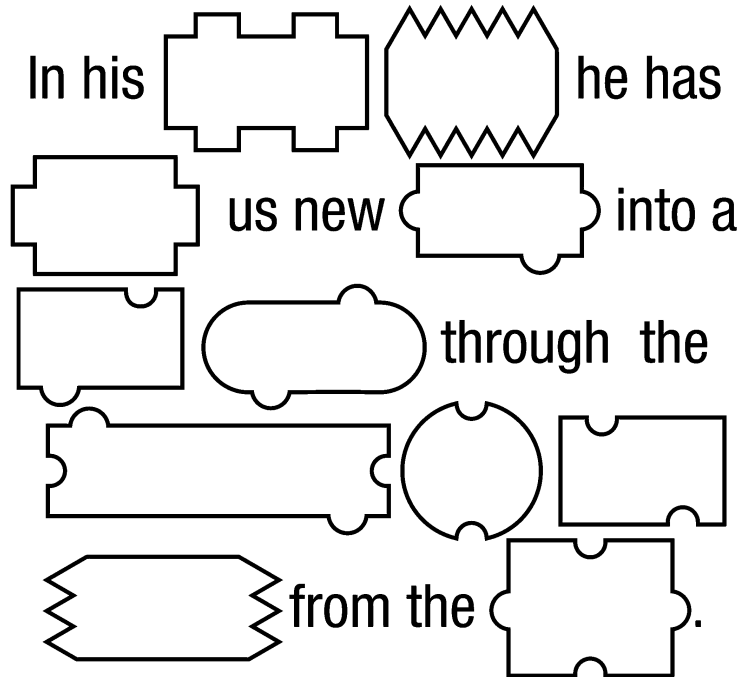
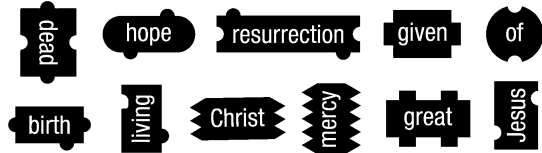
1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

Answer: (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)



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Soul Sisters' News

The Soul Sisters will meet at 9am on Saturday, April 8, for their monthly workday. The focus on the 8th will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday (April 9). All women are welcome to come and learn how to make the crosses.

Soul Sisters will have their regular monthly social meeting on Saturday, April 29, at Sue Piper's home. The group will meet at 1pm for a potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share. Plates, plastic ware, and iced tea will be provided. All women are invited to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Along with your dish, bring your ideas about where our money from the fall craft show might go.

Information on carpools from the church and driving directions will be provided closer to the date.

Farewell Potluck

A no-host potluck will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 1-4pm for John and Sheila Petersen who will be moving to Butte, MT.

Please bring a dish to share. Plates, plastic ware, coffee and punch will be provided.

All are invited to attend.

