Chino Valley United Methodist Church



# The Chino Valley Chimes

June 2017



#### Happening this month:

June 4 ~ Combined **Summer Service** begins June 7 ~ Men's Breakfast June 7 ~ UMW lunch June 10 ~ Soul Sisters' Craft Workshop June 13 ~ Dine out at Aroma's June 15-18 ~ Annual Conference, Glendale June 17 ~ Bob Remp **Memorial Service** June 18 ~ Pioneer Home Service June 20 ~ Chimes Deadline June 21 ~ Finance Committee

- Staff Meeting— Mondays, 8:30-9am
- Weekday Adult Study on vacation
- Choir on vacation until fall

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# Life Line Testing ~ July 5, 2017

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 7/5/2017. 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/ communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

## Summer Servíce Change

Beginning Sunday, June 4, we will have **one combined service at 10:00 am**. Major advantages of one service include:

- Reduction in the cost of electricity, as air conditioning is very expensive;
- Reduction in employee costs;

• The opportunity to get to know people who attend the other service. Adult Sunday school will continue during the summer, at **9:00 am**. Children's Sunday school will also continue, on the **2nd and 4th Sundays, at 10:15 am**, after the children's message. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, to come to church with you!

## From the Pastor



Paul offers advice to the Christians at Corinth and hints at a troubled past relationship between him and the church. Though he urges the community to love the member of the Corinthian church who spoke against him, Paul also defends and justifies himself as an apostle and bearer of the truth. He asks the hearers to open their hearts to him and their pocketbooks in support of the church of Jerusalem. He ends the letter by encouraging the church to heed the words and live in peace with one another before closing with benediction for the church.

How well most of us know that living and worshiping in a Christian community is difficult and often contentious, a petridish in which conflicts grow wildly from the smallest particles of misunderstanding. In the Corinthian community, we can imagine that hearing Paul's letter might have been met with some eye rolls. Put things in order? Agree with one another? Live in peace? These directives are easier said than done, Brother Paul. Without the grace of the Trinitarian God whom Paul names in his benediction, there can be no agreement or unity of effort in the church. Even periods of harmony among leaders of consensus following a particularly hard church decision are often followed by an unraveling of peace within the body of Christ.

Our Creator God, author of the order of creation, creates us and our communities for love. Jesus redeems us for love and provides an example of love that seeks unity and peace. The Spirit moves among us and sustains our community when we are open to possibilities for love and work to dismantle dividing walls. Even when agreement is impossible, the Spirit enables members of the community to love through conflict and to will the good sisters and brothers though disagreement persists. Imagine God as Creator, Redeemer, and sustainer moving through our community of faith to bring unity and peace.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Mike

Volunteers Needed to greet people as they come into the church on Sunday mornings. From June 4 to September 10 there will be one service at 10am. Volunteers need to be at church by 9:45am. Thank you to those who have signed up already. For further information call Nancy Mitchell at 928-830-4882



A good time was had by all who attended the Mother/Daughter luncheon on May 13th.

The next meeting of UMW will be Wednesday, June 7th at 11:30 am. We will be celebrating birthdays so we will have lunch and gift exchange. All ladies are welcome to come. Hope to see you on June 7th.

Notes from the Lay Leader



Well, it is June again and time for Annual Conference. We could probably say that Annual Conferences have been a mainstay within the Church for a long time.

The first conference of Methodist preachers in the colonies was held in Philadelphia in 1773. The ten who attended pledged allegiance to Wesley's leadership and agreed that, as lay people, they would not administer the sacraments. Methodists would receive the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper at a local Anglican parish church. A system of regular conferences was inaugurated, similar to those Wesley had instituted in England to conduct the business of the Methodist movement<sup>1</sup>.

The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God."<sup>2</sup>

Lots of changes and amendments have happened over the years and the history is very interesting to read.

This year the Annual Conference will be held 14-18 June and all of the Pastors and Lay delegates will meet to discuss and vote on church issues.

One of the interesting facets of the various conferences within the UMC is the "Constitutional Structure." This leads to the very important "Connected" natured of our church.

If you have topics that you would like me to pay very close attention to and bring back the discussion for you let me know.

See you in church.

Roger

1. "The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016," p13.

2. Ibid., Section IX, ¶601.



# **COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**



The Missions Committee has become 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 fundraisers 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



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



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

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



The Men's Group meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 0730 at the church.

Breakfast is served. We also try to

have a guest speaker from a group in the area. This is a kick back time when you can meet the men in the church and enjoy it. We support various activities of the church. All men are invited to attend. We also have devotions.

## **MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**



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The Trustees have been diligently working to maintain and improve

our little church here in Chino Valley. Some projects require a bit of planning to get it right, others require a little cooperation from Mother Nature. So we've been planning and praving for the good weather we should be seeing in the very near future. Like sunny windless days. We have made some good progress on a few projects so far this vear. Like the flooring project. We still need to finish the cove molding in the copy room and the All Purpose room. The closet doors in the All Purpose room need to reinstalled and the items placed in the shed during the construction need to be brought back into the church.

I'm sure you have noticed that the All Purpose Room and the two large bathrooms have been brightened up with a fresh coat of white paint. You almost don't need lights in there any more. We have also been working to resolve our hot water issues at the church. The old water heaters have been reconfigured to produce hot water directly to the faucets rather than the old method of running hot from one heater to another and then to the faucets.

Upcoming projects include improvements to the parking lot to reduce mud during the rainy season, improvements with our sound system and projection system. An all new water heating system to replace the old worn out water heaters is on the list as well as some reconstruction on the old sheds that sit out back.

A sub-committee of the Trustees is working on developing solar power for the church to help eliminate peak charges from APS. Another project was created to see what we can do to make the two large bathroom doors easier to open for our members with walkers or chairs.

The Memorial Committee has designated funds to assist the Close Harmony group in improving their sound equipment for their singing at the church.

We have received numerous donations for each of these projects that will greatly help us to achieve these goals. The Trustees thank each and every one who has donated to these projects. Every donation helps no matter how large or small.

Lastly, we have been successful in the selling the county land that was so generously donated by Joyce Mastropiero. Closing on the property should be complete during the week of May 21st.

Thank you all for your continued support in the work that we do for our church and with God's guidance we will have a very good year together.

# **MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**



## Greetings from the Finance Committee

Hope all is well as can be. Summer, along with the heat coming. This is Chino Valley, and I love all the 4 seasons!

In general, the church finances are doing OK. However, we are down a bit on both our pledge and nonpledge giving for the year. Hopefully, this is just a small variance that will catch up soon. I would like to remind all members to make a point to keep up with your summer giving. As we all know, summer is the time for vacations, travel and family visits, and we tend to forget our financial commitment to the church during these months. The income does go down during the summer, but the bills still come, especially our electricity costs. Typically,

they almost double during the hot days of summer when the air conditioning is in use.

Several things are coming up in fall that we are looking forward to. One is a fall community Spaghetti Dinner at the church. This will be a fundraiser, but we are looking to invite any and all family, friends, neighbors and the public in general. The food will be catered, so the overall effort will be much less. And, we will have entertainment. We will be asking the church members to bring salads, drinks and desserts. No date has been selected, but we are looking at the October - November timeframe. More information will follow as time draws nearer. Second, is our annual Car Show. Planning will start soon, so please keep an ear out for the details. We need all the Church members support to make it another great one!

We are also looking at a scaled down version of a Church Yard Sale (or whatever it will be called) next spring, probably in late April or May, 2018. We are not yet in a position to be accept donations, storage issues... but we will be addressing all issues in late fall or early 2018. If you do have things that you want to donate, please hold on to them for awhile.

The Finance Committee has authorized a 2016 internal Church audit. Church audits can be performed by qualified persons, which we have, or by outside sources, such as an accountant or CPA. We have again chosen the internal audit since they can be done by volunteers. As a good business practice, we will have an external audit performed in the future. But, because of the cost, the next will likely be in 2018 or 2019.

Thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we receive. It is up to us to use them wisely.

Ray Benny, Finance Chairperson

#### THE CHINO VALLEY CHIMES

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### BIRTHDAYS

6/2 Janet Greer-Warren

- 6/12 Heaven Nolan
- 6/18 Jan Mauck
- 6/18 George Rist
- 6/18 Barbara Starnes
- 6/19 Marian Stanley
- 6/21 Dave Jenkins
- 6/25 Marti Hays

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/15 Michael & Sandra Fox
- 6/22 Laurence & Freedom Nolan



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### BIRTHDAYS

- 7/3 Marian McElhaney
- 7/8 Michael Williams
- 7/9 Walter Bill
- 7/10 Jennifer Phippen
- 7/13 Katie Reimers
- 7/15 Marge Mastin
- 7/16 George Rose
- 7/20 Boston Soza
- 7/28 Bob Haslett
- 7/29 Bonnie Hayes
- 7/30 Sarah O'Neil
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### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/17 Roger & Jan Harlow
- 7/20 Bob & Sally Reese
- 7/25 Don & Marge Mastin
- 7/29 Ray & Marlys Benny
- 7/29 Kerry & Jennifer Phippen



## **Christian Symbols**

## Bee

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as "flowing with milk and honey" (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God's words "sweeter than honey" (19:10; 119:103). June Liturgis<u>ts and</u>

Readers

Molly Schnieder

Karen Mensing

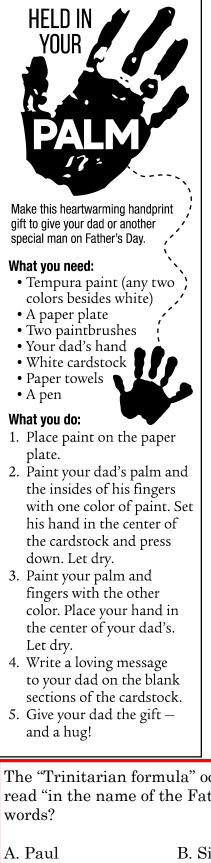
Molly Schnieder

Deb Herod

Available

**Dave Starnes** 

Janet Greer-Warren



Cur heavenly Father Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him? *Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.* w II C\_ll m, F th r, m m \_r.'" G\_d, R ck Sv th m Ps\_Im 89:26, N\_V

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

A. Paul C. Luke B. Simon Peter D. Jesus



Answer: (See Matthew 28:19.)

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## Harvest America



Harvest America is an annual live nationwide free event, streamed to thousands of host locations including churches, theaters, and living rooms. The goal of Harvest America is

to impact a nation desperately in need of hope. The event features top Christian artists and a clear gospel message by Greg Laurie.

Harvest America is designed to be an opportunity for Christians to invite family members, coworkers, friends, and acquaintances to hear the life-changing message of the gospel in an environment that is entertaining and non-threatening. More than 7.6 million people have attended Harvest events in person or online since 1990, with 489,345 of them making professions of faith.

The June 11, 2017 event will be broadcast live, at 5:00 pm, from the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

If you are interested in this program, First Southern Baptist Church, on Hwy 89 in Chino Valley, will be sponsoring a live simulcast. All are welcome to attend.

They are also looking for people who would like to volunteer as prayer warriors, ushers, or counselors. If you are interested in helping, please call Carlene Gillo at 928/710-3912.