



The Chino Valley Chimes

August 2017



Happening this month:

- Aug 1 ~ National Night Out
- Aug 2 ~ Men's Breakfast
- Aug 8 ~ Dine out at Aroma's
- Aug 12 ~ Soul Sisters
Workshop
- Aug 16 ~ Music Team
- Aug 16 ~ Finance
- Aug 20 ~ DS here, potluck
- Aug 20 ~ Pioneers' Home
- Aug 22 ~ New Member Class
- Aug 23 ~ Ad Council
- Aug 24 ~ First Aid Training
- Aug 26 ~ Choir Workshop
- Aug 28 ~ All Staff Meeting

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

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District Superintendent Here Aug. 20

Neil Leftwich, District Superintendent, will be our preacher on Sunday, August 20. Following the service, we will have a potluck lunch. This is your opportunity to get to know the District Superintendent and to ask the questions you have been wanting to ask. Plan now to attend both the 10:00 am service and the potluck lunch on August 20.

Food for the potluck will include sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Sign-up sheets will be passed around in church on Sunday, August 6 and Sunday, August 13.

New Member Class in August

A New Member class will be held on Tuesday, August 22, at 10:00 am. This class is designed for anyone wishing to join the church or who wishes to learn more about the United Methodist Church and Chino Valley United Methodist Church. New member installation and baptism will be held on Sunday, September 3, at the service at 10:00 am.

All are welcome to attend this short, introductory class. If you are unable to attend at the time scheduled, please call the office and we will arrange a class to fit your schedule.

First Aid/CPR Class to be offered

The church is offering a first aid/CPR class on Thursday, August 24, from 9am-12noon. The cost for this class is \$40. With an aging congregation, as well as all the things we do in our daily lives, it is important to know how to perform simple first aid and CPR.

You must register in advance for this class. Call the office at 636-2969 to register. If we do not have enough participants, we will have to cancel the class.

From the Pastor



One night recently, I went to plug my cell phone into its charger and discovered I had spent the entire day missing phone calls! It seems I had inadvertently left the ringer “off” all day, so every time friends or family called; all they heard from me was my outgoing voice mail message. At first I was mortified - especially to miss the important work-related calls. But then as I reflected on what a great day I’d had, full of sunshine and relaxation, time with Janet and time with myself, the cell phone faded into insignificance. It turned out to be a day of Sabbath - a (not so intentional) day of rest and renewal. It was a whole day without email or telephone calls, without reading anything for work or doing anything related to yard work or “Honey Do’s”. It was a day when the Holy Spirit had a better than average chance of getting through the clutter of my normal days. Janet and I shared a special breakfast and lingered over her prayer of gratitude. We then took a drive

to Seligman and looked around the shops. And in the evening I laughed aloud at a movie which transported us to another time and place altogether. Sabbath. We all need it, whether we recognize it or not. We all need those days without busyness, those times for rest for our spirits as well as our bodies. Because Sabbath can turn what feels like “never enough time” into time enough. Sabbath can take the limits of our lives and expand them, making space for all of who we are and all we hope to become. Author Danna Schaper writes, “Sabbath is time spent remembering what time is for.” I like that ... because I suspect when you get right down to it, time is for much more than cell phone calls, and even more than email! Time is certainly for all of who we are and all we hope to become. That is why it is not a once in a lifetime, or even a once a year kind of experience. We need Sabbath on a regular basis and we need to take the time to remember what time is for. As we look ahead to the worship life of this congregation, I pray you will find connections with God and one another. And I pray you will experience Sabbath during our worship as well as during the rest of the week. Sabbath is ours to share; time spent remembering what time is for.

We look forward to our District Superintendent Neil Leftwich joining us on the Sabbath August 20 for a wonderful message and for a potluck lunch.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



There are some very interesting articles in the July/August issue of the Interpreter which is the United Methodists Living Their Faith magazine. All of the articles, in this issue, are dealing with “Experiencing Diversity, Living Well Together.” One of the articles struck me as very fitting for our congregation.

“Diversity” carries different meanings within the United States and our Community. The word “Diversity” can bring to mind many differences among people – physical, age, attitudinal, behavioral, origin of birth, economic background, and religious beliefs.

Within our community we have diversity based on ages, educational levels, socioeconomic backgrounds, and professions.

The article focuses on “Living Together.” How do congregations and communities address issues such as racial and ethnic differences that can be

divisive?

This all struck home as I read the article because when I was in the July SPRC meeting Jan Mauck brought up a very interesting idea. The idea is to call together other congregations around town and have a good old fashion potluck dinner. After which we could sing some songs or have groups from the various congregations present some music. This idea sounds a lot like our getting together in the park except that it is extended and probably best at an indoor setting.

Might be fun next spring during the Lenten season. What do you think? I’ll be the first to volunteer to not sing. But I’ll help in other ways.

Another article that is very interesting and deals with the call for a General Conference on 23-26 February 2019. This Conference was called by the President of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Bruce Ough.

Some history on this call is worth presenting. At the General Conference in May of 2016 the rules, within the current Discipline, regarding same—gender marriages, and “self—avowed practicing” gay clergy caused an intensified debate. This debate caused rumors of a possible split in the Church.

In order to maintain order within the Church, Bishop Ough asked the Council of Bishops to appoint a “Commission on a Way Forward.” This Commission will be examining every paragraph within the 2016 Book of Discipline related to human sexuality and possibly recommending revisions.

The report of the Commission will be made to the General Conference in February 2019 with the hope and prayer that the Denomination will remain together.

All of the Bishops are asking for all to pray about the issue. I am asking that you talk with me, as your Lay Leader, so that I can forward your wishes to the Pastor and the District Superintendent.

See you in church

Roger

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Summer is here and as expected, congregational offerings are down. However, they are down more that we have experienced in several years. We are quite able to pay the Pastor's and staff wages and benefits, and our everyday bills but our reserve for such situations is decreasing faster than we would like.

In early July, you should have received your mid-year giving statement. Please take a look at it to see where you are with your pledge or giving. If you are behind, please consider catching up if possible. If you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions on our situation, please let me know.

To help offset some of the overall decrease in income, the Finance Committee is proposing three fundraisers that may occur in coming months. First is an evening Spaghetti dinner at the church for the fall season. Second would be "Kid's Night Out", a church sponsored evening out for adults with young family members. Parents would bring their children to the church and be entertained while the parents are having their night out. We are still working on the logistics and details for these two events. Lastly is a Church sale for April or May of 2018. We were very successful with our previous sale, so we plan to do another but probably

a somewhat scaled down version.

Please remember that your giving or pledge is your commitment to the Lord and our Church. Everyone benefits!

In the Lord's name we thank and pray.

Ray Benny

Finance Chairperson



The Men's Group is a group that the men of the Chino Valley Methodist Church can get together for a breakfast and discuss items that pertain to the church and community. The group aids the community and church with what is needed. The group also tries to have a guest speaker to inform us what is going on around the area. We meet at 0730 in the kitchen usually and then eat in the multipurpose room. The cooking is divided up among the men by volunteering and same with devotions. The Men's Group is open to all men in the church and all are WELCOMED.



Choir Rehearsals
Resume

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS and SINGERS (or anyone who loves to sing).

Choir will be starting again soon. We are planning a choir workshop on Saturday August 26th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm; to be held at Sandy Jones' house. It will be a time of fellowship, food, ideas and going over the music for the fall season. Regular choir rehearsals will resume starting Wednesday, September 6th and our first choir Sunday will be September 17th. If you've thought that you might enjoy singing please join us.

NEW DIRECTORY SOON

A revised directory will be emailed out the week of July 31,. A few copies will be printed and put in the Narthex. If there are any corrections or changes, please let the office know.

MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters had a lovely evening at Sandy Jones' home the

other evening. Besides having a good time socializing, we discussed their part in helping with the Annual Car Show and BBQ. Soul Sisters will be in charge of the food preparation, serving and cleaning up.

In order to have the food line run smoother this year, the menu is changing a little bit. Still having Brats and Hamburgers with the trimmings, plus Cole slaw, beans and potato chips. For desserts, the Ice Cream Social will be held in Remp Hall by the UMW ladies. Naomi Richards is in charge of that part of the meal.

In lieu of food donations this year, we will be asking for donations of money to pay the cost of the food. The reason for this change is that in order to serve the community, all food must be prepared at the church, with a licensed food handler in charge.

2nd event is the Craft and Jewelry sale that will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28. We are in need

of a Sister who would be willing to head up the organization of that event. It is our plan to start again to have craft work days the second Saturday of each month starting in August.

See you there,
Janet and Karen

GREAT NEWS!!! The music program of our church is growing!! To address this growth The Worship Team has established a subcommittee called, The Music Ministry Team.



Members: Carrie Cattabriga, Terry Colucci, Sandy Jones, Donna Norris & Bob Reese

COMING UP: We are planning a good old fashioned hymn sing for Sunday, September 3rd, which is the last combined service of the summer. Start thinking about your favorite hymn and look for a slip in your bulletins starting August 6th. We will be collecting everyone's requests, putting them all in a hat and drawing from that hat on September 3rd. Will be a lot of fun!!!

Remember the days, long ago, when it was your turn to drop pennies into a can or jar to indicate your age and commitment to the Lord? Well, we talked about doing something similar but perhaps replacing pennies with dollars. This idea was agreed upon by the Finance and Administrative committees but was not openly announced and promoted. However, a few persons who were on the committees felt the urge anyway to give a special birthday gift to the church in celebration.

Official or not, 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, along with the feeling that I am helping the Church.

Thanks be to our Lord!

Ray Benny



Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS



8/5 Marilyn Jenkins
 8/6 Doloris Skinner
 8/11 Roger Harlow
 8/12 Donna Norris
 8/12 Sue Piper
 8/13 Lu Magoon
 8/13 Molly Schnieder
 8/18 Don Sappington
 8/23 Erin Willingham
 8/25 Kevin Nelson
 8/25 Joyce Wise
 8/29 Meg Goodall
 8/30 Colleen Siler

ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Gary & Marti Hays
 8/12 Richard & Mary Jo Boller
 8/19 Jack & Janis Heller

BIRTHDAYS



9/5 Sandy Jones
 9/6 MaryJo Boller
 9/9 Freedom Nolan
 9/11 Keigan Willingham
 9/12 Michael Fox
 9/13 Ralph Wise
 9/17 Sheila Peterson
 9/24 Sharon Niedermeyer
 9/27 Todd Hoeffner
 9/28 Jim Willingham
 9/30 Jay Goodall

ANNIVERSARIES

9/6 Dan & Betsy Terry
 9/10 Todd & Connie Hoeffner
 9/13 Jim & Erin Willingham
 9/20 Don Sappington & Carrie Cattabriga

August Liturgists and Readers

8/6 Molly Schnieder
 Janet Greer-Warren
 8/13 Diane Judge
 Monte Colucci
 8/20 Janet Keffer
 Deb Herod
 8/27 Karen Mensing
 Dave Starnes

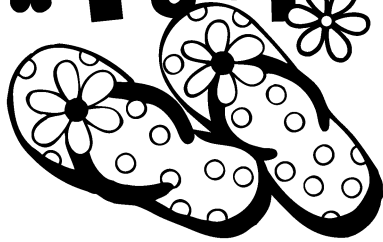


Scales

Christian Symbols

In biblical context, scales symbolize judgment, particularly divine judgment. In Daniel 5:27, the king is told he has been “weighed on the scales [by God] and found wanting.” Job also uses scales as a metaphor for judgment: “Let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless” (Job 31:6, NIV). Finally, scales may represent the archangel Michael, who is sometimes considered responsible for “weighing” the souls of the dead.

Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

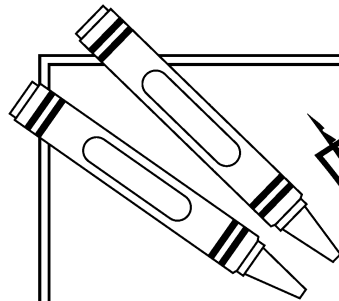
What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

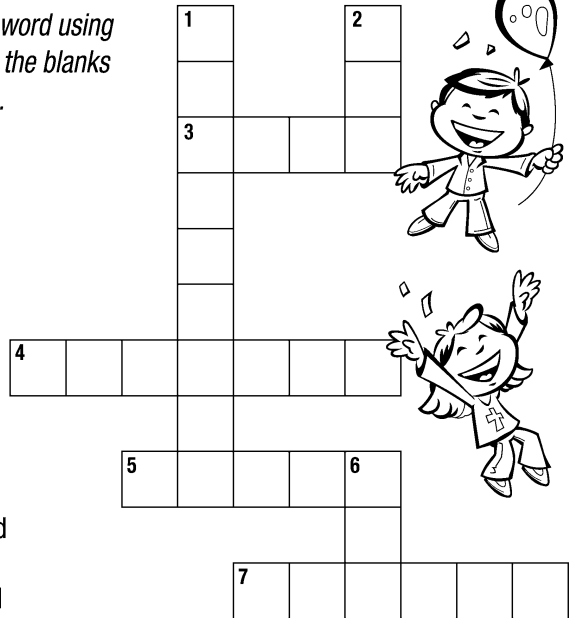
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



“But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____.” 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- Zilpah
- Bilhah
- Leah
- Rachel

Answer: (See Genesis 30:19-21.)



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CVUMC to participate in National Night Out

On **Tuesday, August 1st**, neighborhoods throughout Chino Valley are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "34th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

The community celebration will be held from 5-9pm at Memory Park. We will be giving away popcorn and hosting a fishing booth for kids. Help is needed with set up, serving the public, and clean up. We will have 2 shifts of people during the event itself, from 5-7 and from 7 to 9. Set up will be earlier in the afternoon (time to be announced) and clean up immediately after the event ends.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by Chino

Valley Police Department, will involve over 16,540 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 38.1 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime".

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

If you can help, please call the church office at 636-2969.