



The Chino Valley Chimes

November 2017



Stewardship

On, November 12th, we celebrate, along with other United Methodist Churches, Stewardship Sunday. This is one event we hope to get everyone involved in for the 2018 fiscal well-being of our church and all who it reaches.

For three Sundays, church members will spend a few minutes describing why they give to the church and what it means to them. Please listen to these persons and Pastor Mike about the meaning of stewardship and how you can help our church financially, by not only a pledge, but in a multitude of other ways.

We are asking the congregation to increase their giving and pledges for 2018 if possible. If individuals or families could increase their giving by 5 or 10%, (that means your \$20 giving would increase to \$21 or \$22,) it would make a difference. An increase of 5 – 10% per week or month is really not that difficult to achieve if you put your heart and mind to it!

We are also asking that you remember that your pledge is to the general fund (operating fund) of the church, and that donations to other funds, such as the Trustees or the Discretionary Fund, should be over and above your giving to the general fund.

To witness the pledges of this stewardship campaign, we will place a wooden cross near the front of the sanctuary, and will attach a fall leaf to it for each pledge received. We are hoping to cover as much of the cross as possible to show our commitment in support of the church.

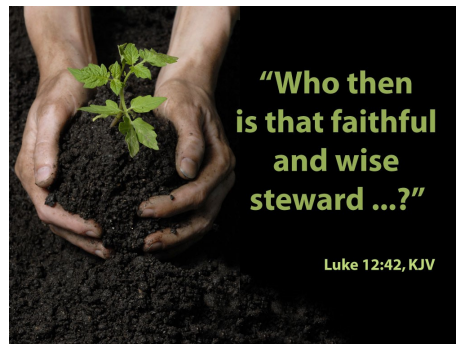
Happening this month:

- Nov 1 ~ Men's Breakfast
- Nov 1 ~ UMW
- Nov 3 ~ Charge Conference
- Nov 3 ~ Soul Sisters' Dinner
- Nov 9 ~ Office Closed for
Veteran's Day
- Nov 11 ~ Soul Sisters' Workshop
- Nov 11 ~ Shoebox Packing Party
- Nov 14 ~ Aroma's
- Nov 15 ~ Trustees
- Nov 15 ~ Finance
- Nov 15 ~ Deadline for December
Chimes
- Nov 18 ~ Kids' Night Out
- Nov 19 ~ Last Day for Shoeboxes
- Nov 19 ~ Pioneer Home Service
- Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day—
Office Closed

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—Mondays,
8:30-9am**
- ◇ **Weekday Adult Study—
Mondays, 10am**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—
Wednesdays 6:00pm**

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From the Pastor



*“God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth be moved, and
though the mountains shake in
the depths of the sea; though its
waters rage and foam, and
though the mountains tremble
with its tumult...*

*“Be still, then, and know that I
am God; I will be exalted among
the nations;*

*“I will be exalted in the earth.’
The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our stronghold.”*

Psalms 46:1-3, 10-11

“Be still, then, and know that I am God.” Those are hard words to follow. Life often feels chaotic, and the author of this Psalm knew that well. Life can feel like an earthquake: like the ground around you is crumbling away. It can be like a rushing river, where we are struggling to find even the shortest gasp of air. It can feel like we are underwater. With so much stress swirling around us, it can

be hard to find the time to take a breath. But God gives us the permission to slow down. “Be still, then, and know that I am God.” There is nowhere you can go where God will not be with you. Even as the mountains tremble, the Lord remains as your stronghold. When you feel that you are lost in the depths of the sea, God abides by your side. God is your refuge and your strength.

During the month of November, as we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, consider taking some time to simply be still. Spend some time in prayer or read a book. Listen to some music or go for a slow walk. Remember all that you have to be thankful for, and do something that gives you rest from the busy world around you. Know that God is always with you. Wherever you may find yourself in the future, remember, God will be carrying you. Be still with God.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday in the church year. The next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, begins a new calendar for the church year. We begin preparing for Christ's coming and we celebrate his birth; then, in the following months, we move through his life, death and resurrection, then to his ascension to be with the Father, then the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church; then we have the Sundays following Pentecost; and now we are about to begin the cycle all over again.

November 26 is referred to as Christ the King Sunday or the Reign of Christ and in a fitting way to climax all that Christ means to us, we celebrate his exalted role at the right hand of the Father, *"far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come,"* as Paul writes in Ephesians 1.

I would like to focus on why Jesus is so important to us.

Christ the King is infinitely beyond all that any one name could express. Let's focus on the most critical reasons we celebrate the coming of Christ into our world.

First, we celebrate Christ as our King because he reveals to us the very nature of God. He reveals that nature in his teaching, and he reveals that nature in his own life. The Torah uses beautiful, poetic language to describe the majesty of God. But did you know that, according to scholars, Jesus was the first person to actually call God Abba, Father? As you know, Abba can be translated as a term of intimacy, "Daddy." Jesus would pray, "Abba, Father . . . everything is possible for you."

But there is another reason this day is so important to us: In his death on the cross Christ made it possible for us to have new life in him. He died that we may live. Christ not only revealed to us the nature of God, but in his death on the cross Christ made it possible for us to have new life in him. When we stand at the foot of the cross and look at his hands and feet which were pierced in our behalf, we know just how much God loves us and we are led to live for Him.

One more thing needs to be said: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is our constant companion today as we seek to live for him. What a simple but beautiful reminder of a choice we make every day--to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders or to yield that burden to our friend who sits at the right hand of God.

Knowing that Jesus is on our side should surely be enough to make us winners in the game of life. We have a champion, a big brother, a friend in high places who will accompany us into any hardship, help us carry any burden, even give his life for us. Don't give in or give up. After all, you have a friend in the highest of all places. His name? Jesus the Christ--King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

See you in church.

Roger



COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

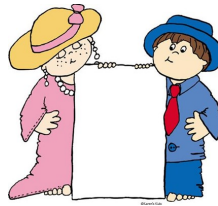


Education News

A group of 14 plus have been really enjoying our Monday morning class on Moses, facilitated by Roger Harlow. We have seen video of the places that Moses saw and learned much more about this "Reluctant Prophet".

Our next class which will start on Monday morning November 6th, will be an in-depth view of "Joseph:" the Joseph who was the step-father of Jesus. This will be a wonderful time of getting to know this man who helped raise Jesus in the first years of his life. This class, based on Adam Hamilton's latest book, will be a great way to look forward to the Advent and Christmas season.

Remember, too, to bring your children, grandchildren and kids from you neighborhood to the first service on Sunday mornings, where, after the children's message, Mary Taken will take them to Sunday school where they can play and learn.



KIDS' NIGHT OUT

First Kids' Night Out is planned for November 18. If you would like your kids to have a fun-filled evening or if you know of others who would like this for their kids, call the office for registration information.



SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters next gathering will be a Harvest themed Soup Dinner at the home of Joani Rose on Friday evening November 3rd. All women are invited to join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and good food. This evening is solely for the purpose of getting to know each other better and join the bond of the women of Chino Valley UMC.

Joani's address is 25650 N. Burgundy Way, Paulden, 636-3081.

Directions to her house:

Turn on Big Chino Rd in Paulden, 3.3 miles west to Raven Crest. Turn right on Cabernet and the 1st left is Burgundy. Turn west and Joani's house is 2nd house on left. If you have any questions, please call me at 899-0863 or Joani at 636-3081. Also, you can let me know if you will be bringing soup or dessert.



Thank you, veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).



The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be Wednesday,

November 1st at 1 pm. We will have a guest speaker from the Chino Valley Pregnancy Center.

Ladies come and join us.

Joyce Wise
President



REMEMBER, the last day to return your filled OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoe boxes plus \$9 shipping for each box (one check for multiple boxes is ok) is on Sunday, November 19th. The boxes will be blessed on that day!

Thank you to each one of you who is filling one or more boxes. You will make a child happy!!

Nancy Mitchell



PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

Myers, Bob & Cindy

No longer have home phone

Bob—928/499-1805

Cindy—928/499-2390

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 mid-January.



MEN'S GROUP

On Nov 1, the Men's Group is having Dr. Downing (specialist in palliative care) as a guest speaker at our meeting. We are inviting the congregation to attend. Dr. Downing will start at 7:30am because of his schedule. Please be at the church by 7:15 so everyone will be seated and we can start as soon as Dr. Downing arrives. Breakfast will be served after his presentation, consisting of finger food and coffee, water and juice.

There is a notice passing around the Sunday services so we will know how many will be attending.

What's your rule?

J. Wilbur Chapman, a traveling evangelist in the late 19th century, practiced what he called a rule for Christian living: "Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."

St. Paul offers similar advice — presented in positive terms — for Christians: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8, ESV).

What guidelines do you follow in your daily walk with Jesus?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Bob Bell
- 11/15 Vaughn Whalen
- 11/16 Sue Mitchell
- 11/18 Shirl Garrett
- 11/22 Lewis Pehl
- 11/28 Rita Haslett
- 11/29 Janis Heller
- 11/30 Peggy Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10 Ralph & Joyce Wise



BIRTHDAYS

- 12/3 R.J. Bell
- 12/4 Bob Reese
- 12/8 Lyall Miller
- 12/13 Laurence Nolan
- 12/18 Joani Rose
- 12/19 Janet Bailey
- 12/21 Geoffrey Lam

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/20 Gary & Jean Henry
- 12/26 Dave & Kathy West
- 12/27 John & Ilona Dean

November Liturgists and Readers

- 11/5
 - 1st Margaret Pehl
 - 2nd Janet Warren
- 11/12
 - 1st John Giles
 - 2nd Deb Herod
- 11/19
 - 1st Molly Schnieder
 - 2nd Nancy Mitchell
- 11/26
 - 1st Karen Mensing
 - 2nd Dave Starnes

Christian Symbols



Crown

A crown, of course, symbolizes royal authority. As a Christian symbol it represents both Christ as King of kings (Revelation 17:14, for example) and the eternal life promised to Christ's followers: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, ESV).

Holiday PLACE MATS



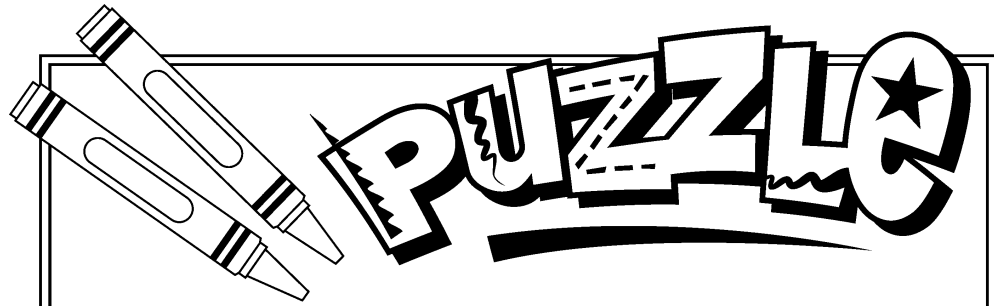
Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.

What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

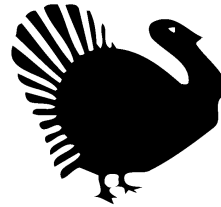
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

“ _____ will _____
 _____ , _____ name in _____
 and _____ with
 _____ ”

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count

Answer: (See Daniel 3:25.)



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please contact the church office.*

Coming Events

Watch this space each month for coming events in the next few months.

November 3—Annual Charge

Conference: 10am

November 9—Office Closed for Veteran's Day

November 15—Deadline for December Chimes

November 18—Kids' Night Out

November 19—Pioneer Home Svc.

November 23—Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

December 9—Kids' Night Out

December 15—Deadline for Jan Chimes

December 16—UMW Christmas Dinner: 5pm

December 17—Pioneer Home Svc.

December 17—Community Christmas Program: 6 pm

December 24—Combined Service, Festival of Lessons and Carols: 10am

December 24—Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant, 6pm

December 25—January 1—Office Closed

December 31—Combined Service: 10am

January 8—Life Line Screening

January 13—Kids' Night Out

February 4—Bound for Glory, both services

February 10—Kids' Night Out

February 17—Spaghetti Dinner

February 19—Office Closed