



# The Chino Valley Chimes

December 2017



*Happening this month:*

- Dec. 3~Usher Meeting
- Dec. 6~Men's Breakfast
- Dec. 6~UMW
- Dec. 8~Acker Night
- Dec. 9~Kids' Night Out
- Dec. 12~Aroma's
- Dec. 13~SPRC
- Dec. 13~Music Team
- Dec. 15~Deadline for January Chimes
- Dec. 16~UMW Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 17~Pioneer Home Service
- Dec. 17~Community Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24~Lessons & Carols (10am)
- Dec. 24~Christmas Eve Service, Children's Pageant (6pm)
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1~Office Closed
- Dec. 31~Combined Service (10)

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

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## *Lifeline Screening*

Once again, Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Chino Valley United Methodist Church on 1/8/2018. 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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979

## *A Friendly Reminder*

If you wish your contributions to the church to be included on your 2017 contribution statement, by IRS tax code they must meet one of the following date requirements:

- They must be received by the church by December 31, 2017. Since the church office will be closed from December 25 through January 2, this means that they must be received by December 24; OR
- Be in the offering plate on December 31; OR
- They must be mailed and postmarked by December 31.

If you have any questions, please call Ray at 848-2158 or Sue at the church office, 636-2969.

## *From the Pastor*



Christmas is fast approaching. It seems to get here earlier and earlier every year. Is that an age thing or is that just me....So do we know what the meaning of Advent is? The word advent means "coming" or "beginning." It represents a new start. And so, with the beginning of Advent each year, we may find ourselves thinking about how things will be different this year. This year the stress of the season won't lead to arguments or unhealthy overindulgence; this Advent we will truly sense God's presence, be mindful of what it's about; this Advent and Christmas will be happy, peaceful and perfect. This longing may be a holdover from childhood...or a residual feeling left from years of romantic holiday movies...but the season's temptations to stress and excess challenge our longing. Advent invites us to wait, slow down and stay awake to look for the coming of Christ, to open ourselves to receive this perfect gift. The culture around us crams our bodies and senses so full that there's little room

left for the holy family to dwell...no room in our calendars, no room in our minds, no room in our budgets, no room in our bodies. The journey we begin this month calls us to direct our longings toward God and the promises for transformation that we receive in Jesus Christ.

Remember that we will have one combined service at 10:00 am on December 24th and December 31st and our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 pm. The staff and volunteers here at Chino Valley UMC pray that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pastor Mike



## Prince of Peace

## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



In the fall of 1984 I was offered, and accepted, a position with Maricopa Community Colleges. It was a position teaching in the Technology Department.

Over the years I was involved in interviewing many men and women for teaching positions. One of my favorite questions was, “what is your definition of Technology?” Technology is one of those words that requires an adjective to be proper. In other words, to me “technology” is the incorporation and interface between the human and a machine of some sort. Or the application of some system to solve a problem.

From a historical standpoint can you imagine where we would be if Archimedes had not visited Egypt during his life time (287 – 212 BC) and conceived the screw pump to transfer water from the Nile to the fields. This was the development of the screws we use to hold many items together today. It is said that the most important technological development was the electric motor. You would not be able to make your cup of coffee if it were not for the motors to drive

the required machines.

In the recent “*United Methodist Interpreter*” there is an interesting article about Technology. In the article the author, Reverend Jeremy Steele, states that “John Wesley used cutting edge printing technology to do more than make copies of the Bible. He printed everything from hymnbooks to texts filled with home remedies by the thousands. This enabled the people involved in the Methodist societies to grow in their love of God, in a way that was accessible to only a very few before printed books were available to enable the spiritual growth of the masses.” One must remember that Johann Gutenberg had developed the “movable type” printing press during the 1400’s. Thus about 300 years before Wesley.

The point of the article is simply the application of modern day computer technology to publish sermons, devotional material, and display the material in ways that we as individuals can access it for enjoyable reading and learning.

We as United Methodists need to become more technologically literate so that we can learn and communicate with one another our love of Christ. It is through the use of modern day informational technology we have the ability to obtain and read new material that stimulates us in our love of God.

There are many applications (apps) that give us daily access to spiritual devotional material. Cokesbury.org and many other publishing houses have thousands of books for us to read and learn from. An interesting app that the article mentions is “d365 Daily Devotions.” It is worth looking up.

It is hard to imagine what all of the various “technologies” will look like in the next few years. When Motorola developed the first “cell phone” it was a box about 3” square and 9” long. If you look at the latest cell phone the size and capability has come a long way in a very short period of time.

See you in church,

Roger

# COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



## FILL A SHOEBOX YEAR-ROUND

With your donations to the church for postage, we were able to pack 34 more boxes this year! Thank you for your wonderful postage donations.

In December and in all of 2018, please consider picking up one or two items for shoeboxes each month. For example, after Thanksgiving you might be able to pick up some small stuffed turkeys, holiday-wrapped Kleenex or other small items on sale. If you are shopping on Black Friday, there are many small “stocking stuffers” that would be appropriate for shoeboxes. (Please remember, no candy or toothpaste.)

You can drop all your items in the Love Box in the Narthex and we will store them until next fall when we again begin packing the shoeboxes for shipment to children in this country and around the world.

Thank you,  
Nancy

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY



1. There is a bag in the Narthex on the “Christmas” table for hats, mittens, and socks for children from the age of 5 through high school. This is part of the Hungry Kids Project. You can leave your gifts in the bag through December 10. They will collect the bag during the week of December 11.
2. Angel Tree — In order to stretch our Adopt-a-Family for Christmas dollars, we will have an Angel Tree set up in the Narthex. Names (and ages of children), as well as something they have listed as a need or want will be on the tree on Sundays, December 3 and 10. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 17, so they can be taken to the schools before they are out on December 21. You may wrap your gift or we will wrap it — just please return the tag from the tree with your gift so we can be sure it gets to the right person.



**CALLING ALL USHERS** ~ There will be a meeting on **Sunday, December 3**, following the 11am service for those who signed up to be ushers, those who are ushers now, and anyone interested in ushering. The meeting will be in the multi-purpose room.

Grab your coffee and refreshments and head down the hall to this short, but important meeting! See you there. Bob Haslett.

# MORE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION

The annual Christmas Dinner and Basket Auction will be on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00. We are planning some new things for this year that we hope will make this a really special evening. We would love to make this one of our biggest dinners ever. UMW will be providing the Turkey, Ham, Stuffing and Gravy as in past years and we will be asking for the congregation to sign up to bring something. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet in the next couple of weeks. Also, please plan on making a basket for the auction. We would love to have a lot of baskets to auction off. It is always fun to see the baskets and find out who won it. Please, lets make this a very special evening for all.



Lets make this a very Special Birthday for Jesus!  
Joyce

## NEXT UMW MEETING

The next meeting of UMW will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:30. This will be our Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange.

We would love to have all of the ladies of the church attend. We will be doing a Baked Potato bar with all the fixings for our lunch. If you would like to attend please let me know so that we have enough baked potatoes and if you would like to bring a topping.

Please either e-mail me at wisemikie3@aol.com or call me at 928-710-2051. If you plan to attend and want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$5.00 gift. It is always a fun time and good food so think about joining us.



Hope to see you there,  
Joyce



## Education News

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce that beginning Monday, December 3rd we will be offering an Advent Study at 10:00 a.m. This will be a helpful way to get the most out of the Christmas Season and to share with others on their spiritual journey. Please join us.

Also note that beginning the first week in January, in addition to the Monday morning class, we will be offering a Bible Study at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Please start planning now to attend one of these special educational opportunities.

Janet Keffer



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FAIRE**  
At Prescott Valley United Methodist Church, 8944 E. Sommer Dr., Prescott Valley on December 2 from 9am to 3pm.

Arts & crafts, gifts, bake sale. There is something for everyone! All are welcome.

### Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters will not be gathering in December due to the busyness of everyone's schedule. We will be celebrating the Christmas Season about the time of Epiphany with a fun evening of fellowship and white elephant gifts. Please watch for more information.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to clean out and reorganize the church library.

When the library was moved from one room to another, we did not have the bookshelves in place, so the books were not moved in an organized way.

We need to "weed out" the books that are duplicates or are not useful for us, which will then make room for new books as we get them. If you can help, please call the office, 636-2969. Thank you.



### PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

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.



The next meeting for the Men's Group is Dec 6 at 7:30am at the United Methodist church. This is a good time for the men of the church to get together as a group and discuss stuff that is going on pertaining to the church and the Men's Group. This meeting will be discussing donating to the Food Bank for Christmas and other items. Men, we would appreciate having new members. The guest speaker this month is Ed Head who was with the Border Patrol and worked at Gunsite as an instructor. There will be breakfast served at 7:30.

All men are invited.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## 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

If we have not listed your birthday or anniversary, it may be because we do not have it on our list. Please fill in the information form that was sent to you via email or is available from the office and return it to the church and we will be sure that your information is correctly listed. Thank you.



## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

### December Liturgists and Readers

- 12/3
  - 1st Gail Stoecker
  - 2nd Janet Warren
  
- 12/10
  - 1st Molly Schnieder
  - 2nd Deb Herod
  
- 12/17
  - 1st Meg Goodall
  - 2nd Available
  
- 12/24
  - 10am Various
  - 6pm Roger Harlow
  
- 10/31
  - 10am Marti Hays



## Christian Symbols

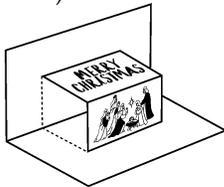
Isaiah used the image of a new tree growing from what appears dead to foretell God's redemption of Israel: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit" (Isaiah 11:1, NIV). During Advent, this prophecy assures us of the coming of the Messiah, descended from King David, and thus his father, Jesse.

# POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

## What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



## What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



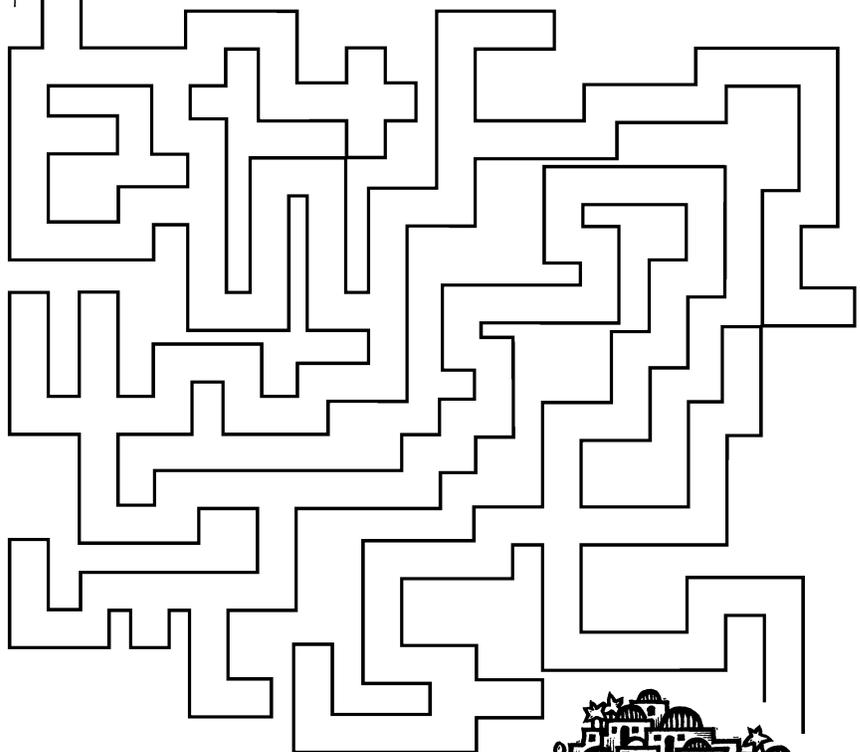
## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM



After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther                      B. Elizabeth  
C. Anne                         D. Anna

Answer: (See Luke 1:39-40.)



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## Coming Events

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

December 9—Kids' Night Out  
December 15—Deadline for Jan. Chimes  
December 16—UMW Christmas Dinner: 5pm  
December 17—Pioneer Home Service  
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 14—Ash Wednesday  
February 19—Office Closed ~ Presidents'  
Day