



The Chino Valley Chimes

January 2018



Happening this month:

- ◇ Dec. 3~
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- ◇ **Staff Meeting—
Mondays, 8:30-9am**
- ◇ **Weekday Adult
Study—Mondays,
10am**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—
Wednesdays 6:00pm**

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 or text the word circle to 797979

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COUNTING THE OFFERING

Jan Mauck, Financial Secretary, and a rotating group of volunteers count the Sunday offerings every Monday morning (Tuesday if the bank or office is closed Monday) from 9:00 am until approximately 10:30 am. They do their work in the church prayer room (adjacent to the Sound Booth and Sanctuary).

The door to this room is locked while they are counting and we ask that you not come in to pick up mail from your mail box, cleaning supplies, or enter the room for any other purpose during this time. This is for confidentiality reasons, as all contributions to the church are kept confidential. Thank you.

From the Pastor



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This is the beginning of a new calendar year for all of us and I, for one, am very thankful for everyone and everything that has been given to me and my family. I would never have the continued health without my church family backing me up and praying for me and Janet, and we truly feel blessed.

When I preach on Sundays and repeat how God loves us all, we need to take that to heart and remember that forgiveness is the key to being blessed by God, because Jesus died for our sins and we have all been forgiven. If you open your heart and let God in, your life is much easier to live as you give everything to God, even the little things.

When I have a difference of opinion with my wife, on most any subject, I pray to God to give me the guidance to come up

with a solution. Invariably God provides that answer, sometimes immediately and sometimes not so immediately and it takes a while, but if you have an open heart you will be more receptive to God's love.

As God and I have been discussing my health quite a bit lately, I will be embarking on new beginnings in January, like losing 40 to 50 pounds, getting off of the steroids, and beginning new drugs to help me breathe and keep some of the infections at bay. When I go back in the spring to see the doctors in Phoenix, we will decide then (if I have lost enough weight) where we will go from there.

Janet and I want to thank everyone for all the continued prayers for both of us, as being a care giver can be trying at best and Janet will tell you I am not always at my best; but I could not have gone this far without my wonderful wife.

We look forward to an exciting New Year with all of you.

Pastor Mike



OUR WEB SITE

We would love to include information about your group on the church's web site.

If you have pictures or other items for the church's web site, please send them to the office by email, chinovalleymc@gmail.com.

If you are sending pictures, please also send a short article or description of what they are.

Notes from the Lay Leader



In June 2017, while I was at Annual Conference, I passed by a room where there was a sign with Wesley's "Covenant Service" advertised. I became very interested in the service, thinking that our church should do the service some time. I began to do some research and found some interesting history.

In 1663, Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published, "A Vindication of Godliness in the Greater Strictness and Spirituality of It". In 1753, it was again published in John Wesley's "A Christian Library."

Wesley used one chapter, "The Application of the Whole," on Monday, August 11, 1755, in what probably was the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement. Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, as expressed in his journal: "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted." (April 1756).

After the time of Wesley, several versions of the

Covenant Service were developed, gradually giving Wesley's material less place in the total service. The present service follows our basic pattern of worship, enables the congregation to participate more fully, and updates language. Most significantly, the liturgy, beginning with the Invitation, is taken directly from Wesley's service of 1780.

The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. This covenant is serious and assumes adequate preparation for and continual response to the covenant. The service has been modified over the years (Wesley's service was over three hours) and the following opening prayer has been added.

*O God, Searcher of all our hearts,
 you have formed us as a people and claimed us for
 your own.
 As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,
 and to enter anew into covenant with you,
 reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.
 Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,
 and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator,
 Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*
 (DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT.)

The service is used once a year, and as you read in the prayer, we are asked to commit ourselves to God and Jesus. With this prayer in mind commit yourself to God and this Church.

See you in church,

Roger

Covenant
 Renewal

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



FILL A SHOEBOX YEAR-ROUND

We sent 128 shoeboxes from Chino Valley United Methodist Church this year. A HUGE THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

As you shop this January, don't forget the shoeboxes. If you find some little items appropriate for the boxes, please pick them up and leave them in the Love Box in the Narthex.

Let's work toward even more shoeboxes in 2018.

Thank you,
Nancy

UMW ~ Our UMW group will not longer be a Unit of the United Methodist Women. At our November meeting, we decided to become a Circle instead. We will be known as the Lydia Circle. We will still meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Our group has gotten smaller and we would love to have more of the women join us so we can eventually go back to being a UMW. We will still work on some fund raisers and helping with things at the church. Ladies, please think about joining us on Wednesday, January 3, at 1pm.

Thanks,
Joyce Wise



Education News

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 4:00 pm. This class is for those who are interested in joining Chino Valley UMC and for those who just want to refresh their knowledge and understanding of the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome at this class. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES TO START IN JANUARY

Beginning Monday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 16, Roger Harlow will be leading a course on "Creeds." These classes, based on a book by Adam Hamilton, will not only be educational, but will help attendees on their spiritual journey. Everyone is invited.

The Monday class will meet at 10:00 am; the Tuesday class at 4:00 pm.

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS and SINGERS

(or anyone who loves to sing). We are planning a choir workshop for Saturday January 13th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm; to be held either at Sandy Jones' or Carrie Cattabriga's house. (We will announce the venue on Sunday, January 7th) It will be a time of fellowship, food, ideas and going over the music for the spring season. If you've thought that you might enjoy singing please join us.



TRUSTEES

If anyone finds a problem with the building, such as a leak or something broken, etc., please let John Giles or one of the other trustees know. Also, please put a note in the trustees' box.



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.



SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters will gather on Friday, January 5, at 5:00 pm, at the home of Sandy Jones. This will be our Christmas/ New Years/ Epiphany party. We will have a white-elephant gift exchange and celebrate with Oriental food. All ladies are welcome to join us. Please let Sandy, Janet Keffer, or Karen Mensing know if you will be able to attend.



We had a very interesting speaker at our last meeting. The subject was mostly about the Border.

Our next meeting is January 3, at 7:30 am. We do not yet have a speaker. All men of the church are invited to attend the meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 am.

Come, meet other men from the church, have a great breakfast and good fellowship.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Nancy Mitchell
 1/6 Gayla Remp
 1/7 Jack Heller
 1/12 Monte Colucci
 1/13 Margaret Pehl
 1/17 Dave West
 1/19 Laura Bell
 1/23 Pat Pehl
 1/25 Jerry Powell
 1/29 Terry Colucci

ANNIVERSARIES

1/10 Walter & Debra Herod
 1/18 Deryl & Linda Jevons

BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Sally Reese
 2/6 Jean Henry
 2/10 Donald Mastin
 2/13 Dan Terry
 2/13 Beth Vandenberg
 2/15 Dave Starnes
 2/16 Doug Roberts
 2/20 Andrew Lam
 2/20 Pete Mensing
 2/21 Jan Harlow
 2/21 Cindy Myers
 2/21 Tina Rodriguez
 2/26 Don Warren

ANNIVERSARIES

2/3 Bill & Sue Mitchell
 2/5 Pastor Michael & Janet Keffer
 2/14 John & Cynthia Giles

January Liturgists and Ushers

January 7

1st: Janet Keffer
2nd: Janet Greer-Warren
Ushers:
 Bob Haslett, Jean Henry, Bill Brooks, Janet Bailey

January 14

1st: Molly Schnieder
2nd: Marti Hays
Ushers:
 Deryl Jevons, Cassie Botel, Doug Roberts, Irene Rampley

January 21

1st: Dave West
2nd: Danielle Robinson
Ushers:
 Dave Starnes, Pat Clingman, Chris Botel, Nancy Mitchell

January 28

1st: Molly Schnieder
2nd: Cassie Botel
Ushers:
 Ray Benny, Marti Hayes, Don Sappington, Joyce Wise

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.

Christian Symbols

XPICTOC

This set of letters spells "Christ" in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from

which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
 QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
 MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
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At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer: (See John 8:11.)



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Coming Events

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

January 2—Music Team, Worship Team

January 5—Soul Sisters

January 8—Life Line Screening

January 9—New Member Class

January 13—Choir Workshop

January 13—Kids' Night Out

February 10—Kids' Night Out

February 11—Bound for Glory,
both services

February 14—Ash Wednesday

February 19—Office Closed ~ Presidents'
Day

March 6—High School Choir Concerts

March 10—Kids' Night Out

March 13—Election Day

March 16-17—Soul Sisters' Craft Sale

March 25—Palm Sunday

March 29—Maundy Thursday

March 30—Good Friday

March 31—Holy Saturday

April 1—Easter Day (6:30 and 9am,
brunch at 7:30)

April 2—Office Closed

April 14—Kids' Night Out

April 20-21—Church Rummage Sale



**What's
ahead**