



# The Chino Valley Chimes

February 2018



### *Happening this month:*

- Feb 4~New Member Installation
- Feb 7~Men's Breakfast
- Feb 7~Rummage Sale Mtg
- Feb 7~Lydia Circle
- Feb 9~Soul Sisters
- Feb 11~Bound for Glory
- Feb 13~Aroma's
- Feb 14~**Ash Wednesday**
- Feb 17~Kids' Night Out
- Feb 18~Pioneer Home
- Feb 19~Presidents' Day
- Feb 20~Chimes deadline
- Feb 21~Trustees
- Feb 21~Finance
- Feb 28~Ad Council

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

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## *Ideas for Lent*

Lent is a time of reflection. It is also a time many individuals seek ways to deepen their spiritual relationships. Here are some creative ways you might consider for Lent.

**Online Fast:** Unplug from cell phones, email and social media for a day a week or other designated time, giving more time to read or pray during the "fast." Engage by different means, perhaps a hand-written note, thank you card, or letter for children or spouse.

**Stories of Faith:** What is your favorite Scripture and why?

**Gracious Giving:** The idea of giving graciously and generously is a core tenet of our faith. Give generously, in a different way, throughout Lent. The people of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church participate in their own version of this each year as part of their "Christmas is Not Your Birthday" effort. The idea is showing grace in such a generous fashion.

**Go On a Pilgrimage:** If you can't make a physical trip, go virtually using Google Earth. For example, you can download Google Earth coordinates to "walk" the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross). You must first download Google Earth's desktop application to open the file and view the stations.

## *Church Rummage Sale Planning*

The Finance Committee has decided to have a church yard sale fundraiser on May 11-12. We have not yet come up with a name for the sale, so ideas are welcome. In order to make this sale a success, we need the help of as many church members as possible. We have selected Wednesday, Feb 7, at 9am, for the kick off planning meeting for this sale. There will be much to cover, including: volunteers for the 10 or so sale departments, arrangement of storage locations, advertising and more. Please plan to attend.

## *From the Pastor*



### **Ash Wednesday**

I know that Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. I have had several people come up and tell me this. I am assuming these people do not realize I do have a calendar. So let's talk about Ash Wednesday. Ashes are ceremonially placed on the heads of Christians on Ash Wednesday, either by being sprinkled over their heads or, more often by being marked on their foreheads as a visible cross.

The words (based on Genesis 3:19) used traditionally to accompany this gesture are: "for dust you are and to dust you will return." This was based on the words spoken to Adam and Eve after their sin, reminding worshippers of their sinfulness and mortality and thus, implicitly, of their need to repent in time. In the 1969 revision of the Roman Rite, an alternative formula based on Mark 1:15 was introduced

and given first place: "Repent and believe the Good News".

Since 2007, some members of major Christian Churches, including Anglicans, Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists, have participated in the Ashes to Go program, in which clergy go outside of their churches to public places, such as downtowns, sidewalks and train stations, to distribute ashes to passersby, even to people waiting in their cars for a stoplight to change. Anglican priest, Rev. Emily Mellott of Calvary Church in Lombard took up the idea and turned it into a movement, stated that the practice was also an act of evangelism. The Catholic Student Association of Kent State University, based at the University Parish Newman Center, offered ashes to university students who were going through the Student Center of that institution in 2012.

In 2013, churches not only in the United States, but also at least one church each in the United Kingdom, Canada and South Africa, participated in Ashes to Go. Outside of their church building, Saint Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church in Canton offered Ashes to Go for "believers whose schedules make it difficult to attend a traditional service" in 2016. In the United States itself 34 states and the District of Columbia had at least one church taking part. Most of these churches were Episcopal, but there were also several Methodist churches, as well as Presbyterian and Catholic churches.

On Ash Wednesday 2017, Father Paddy Mooney, the priest of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in the Irish town of Glenamaddy, set up an Ashes to Go station through which commuters could drive and receive ashes from their car; the parish church also had "drive-through prayers during Lent with people submitting requests into a box left in the church grounds without having to leave their car". Reverend Trey Hall, pastor of Urban Village United Methodist Church, stated that when his local church offered ashes in Chicago "nearly 300 people received ashes, including two people who were waiting in their car for a stoplight to change."

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## *From the Pastor, continued*

Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period which is an allusion to the separation of Jesus in the desert to fast and pray. During this time he was tempted. Read Matthew 4:1–11; 1 Mark 1:12–13, and Luke 4:1–13. While not specifically instituted in the Bible text, the 40-day period of repentance is also analogous to the 40 days during which Moses repented and fasted in response to the making of the Golden calf. (Exodus 34:27–28)

The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer also designates Ash Wednesday as a day of fasting. This is also an obligation in the Roman Catholic Church. (Some Catholics will go beyond the minimum obligations demanded by the Church and undertake a complete fast or a bread and water fast). In other Christian denominations, these practices are optional, with the main focus being on repentance.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of abstinence from meat (mammals and fowl), as are all Fridays during Lent. Some Catholics continue fasting throughout Lent, as was the Church's traditional requirement, concluding only after the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

In the medieval period, the day before Ash Wednesday was the required annual day of confessing one's sins and receiving absolution and instructions on the penances to be performed during Lent, the reason it was called Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) was also the last day of the Carnival season, which continues until Saturday in areas where the Ambrosian Rite, with its later Lent, is observed. This is also observed as the day all the fats are eaten up before the Lenten fasting.

So come to Ash Wednesday service and find out if I went out into the community to mark peoples forehead with a cross from ashes.

Pastor Mike



## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



### VALENTINES DAY

Valentines Day is coming up and I thought about 1 Corinthians 13: 3-4:

*“Love is patient. Love is kind. It is does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”*

Try replacing the word love with your name. Make it all the way? I did not!

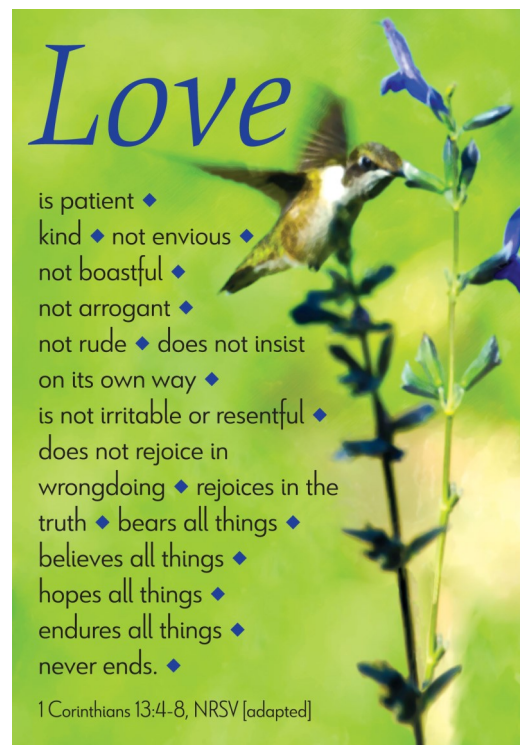
In Bishop William H. Willimon’s book, “This We Believe,” he spends a chapter discussing our, as United Methodists, beliefs in the Holy Spirit. I am going to paraphrase one of Bishop Willimon’s sentences. His sentence is, “The Holy Spirit tells Christians what to think about God and how to speak to and for God.”

My version would be, “The Holy Spirit tells Christians what to think about; the way we live, the way we interact with one another, and what we need to read and study, and also, how to pray.” The Holy Spirit is a great instructor, telling us things and helping us do things. We could never come up with our thought patterns and abilities to do things on our own. What made you bake that cake yesterday, or repair that leaking faucet? In the end we need to listen to the Holy Spirit as we go about our daily lives.

One of our most cherished rights, as citizens, we have, is the right to vote. Over the next few months we will be asked to express our opinions and vote for Senate and House seats on both the Federal and State levels. We will also be asked to vote on State, County and Town issues and taxes. Most of the ballots will be mail-in. Become informed, read the information available, and vote! The Holy Spirit will guide you!

See you in church.

Roger





# COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



Last year, 2017, was financially an up and down year. We have been able to keep all our bills paid in spite of being a bit down in income.

About mid- January, you received your 2017 year end giving statement that you may be able to use for tax deduction purposes. If you have any question about it, please contact me.

I wish to thank all who provided a stewardship pledge for 2018. Last year, as in previous years, about 60% of the church income has come from pledges, and about 40% from non-pledge and other offerings.

When we have more committed pledges we are better able to project how we will fill our budget expenses, and plan for increases in meeting our church goals. This includes expanding Christian Education and community outreach, to mention a few. Remember, you can always start a pledge or change your pledge anytime of the year. Pledge cards are located in the narthex or available from the office staff.

There are a number of things to look forward to from the Finance Committee. There will be another Church sale, more details on page 1. Electronic giving, “eGiving” is something that will be introduced soon. This is where you can set up automatic bank or credit card deduction to make your Sunday offering. You can also use your credit card to make other payments such as support of a building fund project, a memorial donation, pay for church function sales, and books, etc.

Bill Mitchell, Vice Chair of Finance and our church historian, has agreed to head up the effort to create a new church directory. Bill is great with a camera, but needs help with the other details and is asking for helpers. Please consider helping as a scheduler, a telephone reminder caller, a teller, a setup person and whatever is needed. There will be a meeting soon to discuss the details. More to follow.

One last note, if you donate or purchase something for the church and do not request reimbursement, by using our Non-Cash Donation Form, you may be able to claim that amount as a deduction on your taxes. These forms are available from the church office or from me.

In the Lord we pray and thank,

Ray Benny,  
Finance Chairperson

# COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

## CHRISTIANITY & WORLD RELIGIONS

Did you miss this class when Roger taught it here? If so, Prescott United Methodist is holding this class from February 7 through March 7 from 3pm to 5pm. There will be speakers, refreshments, and childcare will be provided. If you are interested, please call the Prescott UMC office to register, 928/778-1950.



Please note, we no longer have an outlet for toilet paper rolls, plastic caps, or medicine bottles.

Thank you.

## DAY OF LEARNING

The West District Day of Learning will be held on Saturday, February 17, at Dove of the Desert UMC, Glendale. Cost is \$15 if you register on or before February 9. Lunch is included. There are many workshops to choose from.

Register online at <https://dscumc.org/event/west-district-day-learning> or call Carla at 602798-8236.



Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in the buying of gifts for the families. Also, thanks to UMW for their generous gift of money. With the help of everyone, we were able to give the children all of their wishes and not have to use any of the money from Missions. So now, if something should arise with the need of missions' help, we will be able to help.

Thanks again,  
Marilyn Jenkins



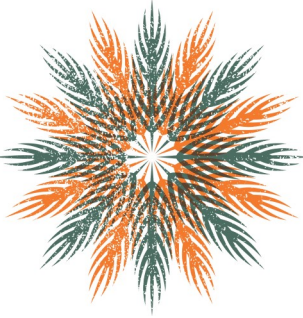
## Staff-Parish Relations

Knowing that all church members could not attend the church Charge Conference in November, I would like to give you a list of the members of SPRC:

Pastor Mike  
Roger Harlow, Lay Leader  
Marilyn Jenkins, SPRC Chair  
John Dean  
Dave Starnes  
Doug Roberts  
Jan Mauck, Secretary  
Carrie Cattabriga, Vice Chair  
Nancy Mitchell  
Molly Schnieder


If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the SPRC members.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Jenkins



Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



A gentle reminder thank you for being so supportive of the memory candle. The year is almost full – there are a few open spots. The sign up sheet can be found on the table in the narthex.

Please remember that a \$10 donation is suggested for each Sunday. Your donation can be placed in an envelope and marked “candle.” It will then be recorded on your contribution records. This helps pay for the oil and candle decorations.


Lydia Circle



The next meeting of the Lydia Circle will be on Wednesday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m.

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

Joyce Wise  
Chair



**PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY**

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



The Men's Group is a part of the church's organization. The group rules are to help the church as needed and to help the community's projects as needed. We set up for different events at the church. We meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am and have breakfast. We also try to have a speaker. This is a good way to meet the men of the church. The breakfast is cooked by a volunteer. We find who cooks the best. All men are invited to attend and to bring a guest.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## February

### 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

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.



## March

### BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Marlys Benny  
 3/5 Kerry Phippen  
 3/6 Irene Rampley  
 3/8 Dale Hayes  
 3/9 Deryl Jevons  
 3/12 Stephanie Botel  
 3/17 Pat Jones  
 3/25 Luke Starkweather  
 3/27 Steve Taken  
 3/31 Cherri Redd

### ANNIVERSARIES

3/20 Eric Frayer & Athena Davis

## February Liturgists and Ushers

### February 4

**1st:** Janet Keffer  
**2nd:** Dave Starnes

#### Ushers:

Bob Haslett, Jean Henry, Bill Brooks, Janet Bailey

### February 11

**1st:** John Giles  
**2nd:** Joyce Wise

#### Ushers:

Deryl Jevons, Cassie Botel, Doug Roberts, Irene Rampley

### February 18

**1st:** Cynthia Giles  
**2nd:** Sandy Sorenson

#### Ushers:

Dave Starnes, Pat Clingman, Chris Botel, Nancy Mitchell

### February 25

**1st:** Chuck Thompson  
**2nd:** Monte Colucci

#### Ushers:

Ray Benny, Marti Hays, Don Sappington, Joyce Wise

## Christian Symbols

### Lark



Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval and Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of the priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.





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please contact the church office.*

## Coming Events

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

February 4 —New Members, 11am service  
February 7—Rummage Sale Kickoff Meeting  
February 11—Bound for Glory,  
both services  
February 14—Ash Wednesday: 6pm service  
February 17—Kids' Night Out  
February 17—Day of Learning, Glendale  
February 19—Office Closed ~ Presidents'  
Day  
February 20—Chimes Deadline  
March 6—High School Choir Concerts  
March 13—Election Day  
March 17—Kids' Night Out  
March 25—Palm Sunday

March 29—Maundy Thursday, 6pm svc  
March 30—Good Friday, 6pm svc  
March 31—Holy Saturday, 3-9pm prayer  
vigil  
April 1—Easter Day (6:30 and 9am,  
brunch at 7:30)  
April 2—Office Closed  
April 21—Kids' Night Out  
May 11-12—Church rummage sale  
May 19—Kids' Night Out

