



The Chino Valley Chimes

November 2018



Happening this month:

Nov 4 ~ All Saints' Sunday
Nov 5 ~ All Staff Meeting
Nov 6 ~ Election Day
Nov 7 ~ Men's Group
Nov 7 ~ Lydia Circle
Nov 11 ~ Veteran's Day Concert,
St. Catherine's
Nov 12 ~ Office Closed
Nov 12 ~ SPRC
Nov 15 ~ Chimes Deadline
Nov 17 ~ Shoebox Party
Nov 18 ~ Pioneer Home Svc
Nov 21 ~ Trustees
Nov 21 ~ Finance Committee
Nov 22 ~ Thanksgiving Day:
Office Closed
Nov 25 ~ Hanging of the Greens
Nov 27 ~ Community Choir Reh.
Nov 28 ~ Ad Council

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

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"One Step He Leads"

What we do with our money and time indicates who we are and what we love. If we believe that all creatures matter, our gifts will reflect that. As David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk and author, says, "Abundance is not measured by what flows in, but by what flows over." Generosity is prayer in action. Giving to another is a powerful thing. It creates relationships and extends our values into the world.

This notion of generosity challenges our culture's individualistic, materialistic norms. Giving is such a potent spiritual practice because it demonstrates that we need each other. And it shows that gathering more things and experiences isn't the meaning of life. The things we need more of are relationships, not things or experiences.

Giving to others is not a possibility for those who are already living at or above their means. There is nothing extra to share. That is why we are to live on less than we have, saving the extra for sharing with others. Additionally, we can donate our unneeded items to nonprofit organizations that provide help for those in need.

When we increase our willingness to give and our capacity for giving, there is only one thing more we need -- love. Without love, giving is a hollow exercise. So, guided by God's love within us, we see needs and give out of our abundance to help others. It is prayer in action.

Car Show Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make the annual car show and barbecue such a big success! We have even had people ask for the recipe for sloppy joes.

After all the expenses were paid, we received a total of \$1,677.25. We will be giving the Hungry Kids Project and Adopt-a-Family for Christmas \$800 each, with \$77.25 reserved as seed money for car show expenses next year.

From the Pastor



We have accomplished a lot since I was appointed at Chino Valley UMC and I feel Janet and I are leaving a wonderful group of disciples of Christ to carry on and to grow the church even further.

I have complete faith that our new District Superintendent Nancy Cushman, Bishop Bob and the Cabinet will do a terrific job of finding a replacement pastor for the church, one with more energy and breathing ability.

As time goes on for all of us, we have people who need to move on, whether it's because of new jobs in another city, maybe a different life in some town, or possibly the health of a loved one who needs to be taken care of.

Janet and I absolutely love you all and we will never forget any of you.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike

Many of you heard at Charge Conference on Saturday, October 20, that I have decided to retire from ministry at the end of June 2019.

I will be leaving Chino Valley UMC with a heavy, heavy heart as my health is continuing to decline and I feel I would be doing a disservice to the congregation by staying on. I also would like to spend some quality time with my wife and family before I get too sick, or even if I am lucky enough to have a lung transplant in the near future.



Thank you all for the special cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday October 21st. I do feel loved at this church and in this community but, know this, I love you all even more.

Pastor Mike



We will honor our veterans of all branches of service, active or retired, on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11.

Veterans - wear your medals and/or service ribbons to church on the 11th.

Our Pastor

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,
And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him thank you,
For being there, when times are tough,
For comforting words and fervent prayers
When trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night
And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.
He gives up his comfort of quiet rest
And comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor,
For preaching God's word to help us understand,
For all the times he has asked for things
That will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list
And ask the Lord to surround him with loving care,
To give him strength and walk with him,
To help him with the burdens that he must bear.

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Read by Monte Colucci
October 21, 2018

Notes from the Lay Leader



There are some very important dates within the month of November.

Probably one of the most forgotten was the Armistice of World War I. The day has become known as **Veterans Day**.

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked and honored for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half-mast. A period of

silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am. In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should, "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

The second day to remember is **Thanksgiving Day**. The intention and purpose of the day is becoming less known. The upcoming Thanksgiving is on Thursday November 22nd, 2018. Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth Thursday of November. It is a time to give thanks for the harvest of the preceding year. Today, Thanksgiving means spending time with family and friends over a large feast. Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1863.

Notes from the Lay Leader

Thanksgiving Day centers around family and friends where a meal is shared. The meal traditionally includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, gravy, and pumpkin pie. It's a time to reflect and give thanks for what we have. Parades and festivities are held in some cities, portraying Thanksgiving and marking the start of the Christmas season. The traditional Thanksgiving holiday is traced to a sparsely documented celebration in 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Currently, the town of Plymouth is planning large celebrations in 2020 which was the year of the first settlement. The feast was prompted by a good harvest. But the very first Thanksgiving was actually in 1623, giving thanks for the rain that ended a drought. The holiday spread to various dates in different communities and even more than once a year. The first national Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed by George Washington, on November 26, 1789.

The third day in November is **Christ the King Day**. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, Christ the King Day is a holiday which falls on the final Sunday of the Liturgical

Calendar, in the Protestant denominations. Although it was originally a Roman Catholic Holiday – known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – it has since been adopted by other Christian denominations as well. The purpose of this holiday is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the “King of all kings” and it was originally intended as a way to bring God back into a secular world.

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. “Look, he is coming with the clouds, “and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So, shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” [Revelation 1:4-8]

On this day, many Christian churches have services that celebrate Christ. Most major Protestant and Anglican congregations observe this holiday on the final Sunday of their liturgical years, the next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year. Included in the list of denominations is the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in North America, the Church of England, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church, among others.

The Gratitude Attitude

John F. Kennedy said, “We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” It seems to me that during the month of November we have at least three very important days and times to be very thankful.

See you in church.

Roger

Committees and Groups



The Men's Group is a group of men that attend the UMC Chino Valley. We meet the 1st

Wednesday of the month at the church. The meeting starts between 7AM-7:30AM.

We meet before breakfast in the kitchen.

We try to have a guest speaker at each meeting. The speaker is usually a person of interest from the area. **The speaker at the November meeting is from Bikers Against Child Abuse.**

Breakfast is fixed by a member who volunteers and devotion is given by a member.

ALL YOU MEN COME ON OUT AND ENJOY A GATHERING OF MEN AND WORSHIP WITH US.



The hanging of the greens is a Western Christian ceremony in which many congregations and people adorn their churches with Advent and Christmas decorations.

This is done on or directly before the start of the Advent season, in preparation for Christmastide. The service involves the placement of evergreen vegetation in the church. Items such as the evergreen wreath, in Christianity, carry the religious symbolism of everlasting life, a theological concept within that faith. As such, during the liturgy, "Biblical passages and other readings help explain the significance of the holly, the cedar, the Advent wreath, the Chrismon tree, and any other special decorations". In the Western Christian world, the traditional day when Christmas decorations are removed is Twelfth Night.

We will decorate the church on Sunday, November 25, following the 11:00 am service. All are welcome!

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 January.



Thanks to all who ordered t-shirts this fall. After all expenses were paid, we made \$485 for the general fund of the church.

They looked so great at the Car Show and at Charge Conference. Remember to wear them at church activities, and around town, too -- they are a great conversation starter!

Committees and Groups



Are you thinking ahead to the Operation Christmas Child?

I realize it is only November, but the shoeboxes we shop for, pray over and send with love must have time to travel worldwide to children who may have never received a gift. They realize someone loves ME: JESUS CHRIST! This is a Christen outreach.

We have 15+ Boxes filled, but need the \$9 postage for each, if you wish to donate money just give a check through the Church; be sure to put OCC in memo line.

REMEMBER:

- 1 Pick up boxes and brochures in the Narthex.
- 2 Return on or before Sunday November 18th.
- 3 Add your \$9 postage.

There are many ways to participate in this annual outreach. One will be on Saturday, November 17th. This will be our packing party, starting at 10am. We will pray over all boxes on Sunday, November 18, and they will be sent on their way.....

Thank you one & all!
Nancy Mitchell

On November 4, we celebrate, along with other United Methodist Churches, Stewardship Sunday. This is one event we hope to get everyone involved in supporting the 2019 fiscal well-being of our church and all it reaches.

For four Sundays, church members will spend a few minutes expressing why they give to the church and what it means to them. Please listen to these members and Pastor Mike about the meaning of stewardship and how you can help and support our church.

The Finance Committee and others are hoping that our annual year-end stewardship campaign will help solidify our church financial position. We are asking the congregation to increase their giving and pledges for 2019. If individuals or families could increase their giving or pledge by 5% or 10%, that means a \$25 pledge or giving would increase to \$26 or \$28. This will make a difference! An increase of 5% – 10% per week or month is really not that difficult to achieve if you have your heart and mind into it! It might make you feel a bit of satisfaction knowing that you are helping the church. The Finance Committee and the Lord thank you.

You should have already received a stewardship letter with more information on our annual stewardship campaign. There is also a form to provide a pledge, if you choose. This form will also provide you with other additional ways that you can help with the Church through your personal commitment and prayers.

We pray to our Lord and thank him for all we have received.

Ray Benny,
Finance Chairperson



Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Bob Bell
 11/16 Sue Mitchell
 11/18 Shirl Garrett
 11/22 Lewis Pehl
 11/24 Cassie Botel
 11/28 Rita Haslett
 11/28 Steve Nash
 11/29 Janis Heller
 11/30 Peggy Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Ralph & Joyce Wise
 11/20 Doug & Jan Mauck

TREASURES OF ITALY

Featuring the Passion
 Play of Oberammergau
 11 Days: Sept. 3-13, 2020

Rev. Ann Lyter from Scottsdale is leading an 11-day trip to Italy and Austria in 2020. The cost of \$4549 per person includes round trip airfare from Phoenix, taxes and surcharges, most meals, first class accommodations, hotel service charges, entrance fees, flight insurance.

We have more information in the office if you are interested.

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.

Readers and Ushers

November 4

Readers:

Molly Schnieder, Janet Greer-Warren

Ushers: Ray Benny, Marti Hays, Don Sappington, Joyce Wise

November 11

Readers:

Meg Goodall/Boston, Dave Starnes

Ushers: Bob Haslett, Jean Henry, Bill Brooks, Janet Bailey

November 18

Readers:

T.J., Monte Colucci

Ushers: Deryl Jevons, Cassie Botel, Irene Rampley, Tony Botel

November 25

Readers:

Dave West, Marti Hays

Ushers: Dave Starnes, Pat Clingman, Chris Botel, Nancy Mitchell

Christian Symbols

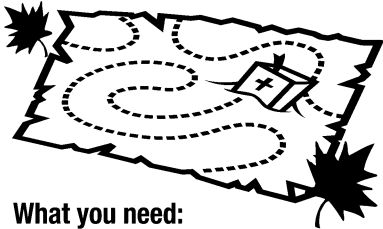
Sun of Righteousness



The sun is often used as a symbol for Christ, especially during church-year seasons that use prophetic imagery and focus on Jesus' second coming. Malachi 4:2 — "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (ESV) — is echoed in the Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing": Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

PUZZLE

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.

72 yield 81 indeed LORD 85

peach land harvest give good

“The will what is , and will its .”

: , NIV

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth B. Enoch
C. Shem D. Lamech

Answer: (See Genesis 4:25.)



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Coming Events

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

November 6 ~ Election Day: Be sure to vote
November 11 ~ Vets Concert: St Catherine's
November 12 ~ Veteran's Day ~ Office Closed
November 17 ~ Shoebox packing party
November 18 ~ Pioneers' Home Service
November 22 ~ Thanksgiving Day ~
Office Closed
November 25 ~ Hanging of the Greens
December 8 ~ Hometown Christmas
December 15 ~ Annual Christmas
Dinner
December 16 ~ Pioneers' Home Service
(caroling)

December 23 ~ Lessons & Carols
(combined service)
December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service
December 25 ~ Christmas Day
December 30 ~ Combined Service
January 1 ~ New Year's Day

December 25 ~ January 1
OFFICE CLOSED

