



The Chino Valley Chimes

December 2018



“Experience the Magic of Christmas thru Music”

The CVUMC Music Team is undertaking the development of a renewed Chino Valley Community Choir.

The main goal is to once again engage the entire community, schools, churches, businesses and surrounding areas to come, bring friends and family and join the choir.

What better time to start this venture than the 2018 Christmas season? This new beginning will be the foundation to many performances in the coming years. A committee of community members will be established early next year to design programs to suit everyone’s wishes.

Looking to bring in the holiday season singing Christmas carols? Looking for a free concert listening to some of the most heart-warming pieces written for the holiday season? Bring family and friends and join in singing with the choir or attending an event to remember.

The concert is Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 2 pm in the Heritage Middle School Cafeteria, 1076 North Road 1 West, Chino Valley. Two rehearsals at the Heritage Middle School cafeteria – Tuesday, November 27 from 7 pm – 8 pm and Thursday, December 6, from 7 pm – 8 pm. Comments or questions contact: cvazcommunitychoir@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you!

Happening this month:

- Dec 3 ~ All-Staff Meeting
- Dec 5 ~ Men’s Breakfast
- Dec 5 ~ Lydia Circle Lunch
- Dec 6 ~ Community Choir Rehearsal
- Dec 8 ~ Community Choir Program
- Dec 11 ~ Aroma’s
- Dec 15 ~ Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 15 ~ Chimes Deadline
- Dec 16 ~ Pioneer Home ~ Caroling
- Dec 19 ~ Trustees
- Dec 19 ~ Finance
- Dec 23 ~ Combined Service: Lessons & Carols
- Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25-Jan 1 ~ Office Closed

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

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2019 Disciplines

It has been our practice to order a number of copies of the Disciplines (daily Bible readings and meditations) and make them available to members of the congregation.

This year, we will only be ordering as many as are preordered, so that we do not have a lot of unused copies and spend unnecessary funds.

The cost will be approximately \$15. There will be no shipping charge if we order 5 or more copies. If you would like more information or if you would like to order a copy, please let the office know on or before December 15.

From the Pastor



Sometimes things in the Bible can appear confusing or even contradictory. How can the Bible say in some places that I am already holy and yet turn around and command me to be holy?

Why does the Bible call people of faith “saints” when they live such “un-saintly” lives? Holiness can be seen in a most unusual event in the life of Moses when he sees, remarkably, a burning bush and hears the voice of God say, *“Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”* (Exodus 3:5) What made the ground holy? Did it look different than the ground 10 feet away? It didn’t. That’s why Moses didn’t notice and God had to tell him he was standing on holy ground.

Remember that to make something “holy” means to

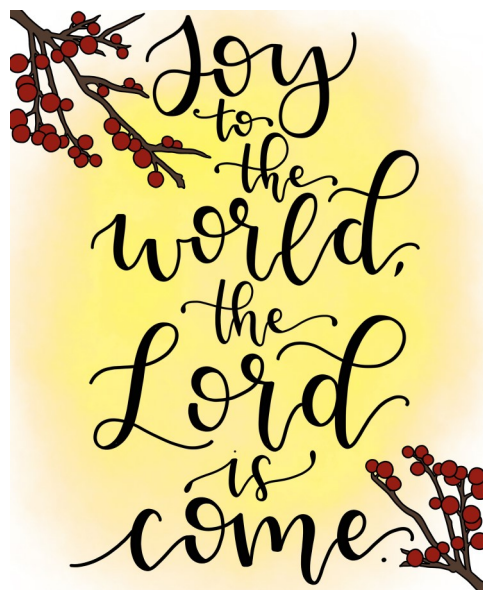
separate it from something “common” to something “uncommon.” The ground upon which Moses stood was holy because God separated it for His purposes to reveal His divine plan for the nation of Israel and His new leader, Moses. The moment that revelation was complete, that same ground became unholy again.

Think about it, the change was not in the make-up of the soil, but in God who used it at that precise moment for His purposes. God tells us in the Bible that Christians compose “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation.” How can we be a “holy nation” when so many Christians are anything but holy? The answer is that the Lord Himself separated all believers, in His mind, from unbelievers.

In the same manner, the Bible describes believers with the word “saints.” If you read the first couple of verses in Paul’s letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians and Philippians, you might be stunned to see that he calls all believers in those churches “saints.” In Greek the same root word for “holy” is the identical word for “saints.”

Let all of us saints be Disciples of Christ.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike



Notes from the Lay Leader



Bread from Heaven

Moses had a long, hot, windy, and dusty walk after crossing the Red Sea and going through the wilderness. No corn would grow in the wilderness and without corn, there would be no bread. Without bread, the people of God could not live.

First, the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron. We, too, grumble when we can't get what we want. How often we wish for things we think will make us happy. "I wish I had a million dollars." "I wish I had a bigger house." There is no proof that these people are more happy.

After all the grumbling by the people, Moses told them what God was going to do. He was going to send them "Bread from Heaven." Each evening

God provided them with small game birds for them to eat. Each morning there was a ground covering called manna, a food for them to eat.

They lived on manna for forty years in the wilderness. Strange as it may seem, this manna tasted like whatever food they wanted. God provided this food for forty years until they ate the food of the land of Canaan. But there is something more wonderful still: when Jesus Christ came into the world, He became God's real, true bread from heaven. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life...if any man shall eat of this bread, he shall live forever."

Moses, through God, provided water for the people to drink by striking a rock with his staff.

This is like our Communion -- bread and water for life. Jesus is known as living bread and water. When the Israelites were in the wilderness "of sin," they were given manna. It was because of this that we need Jesus as our bread and water. To come to Jesus and put our faith in Him means receiving the means of spiritual, eternal life -- living Bread and Water.

Dave Starnes



CONFERENCE-WIDE MISSION OPPORTUNITY:

The Desert Southwest Conference is having a 3-day Home Build in Mexico from March 1-4, 2019.

The group will travel south on March 1, build the home on Saturday and Sunday, finishing about noon Monday and then travel back to Arizona.

For more information, contact Mike Eyer, cinmwe@gmail.com.

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 December meeting is from the Chino Valley Historical Society.**

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.

This year's Chamber of Commerce and Town of Chino Valley's Halloween in the Park event held at Memory Park on Wednesday, October 31, was a huge success!

Thanks to all our church volunteers and their energetic enthusiasm bringing the 78 pounds of popcorn to an all-time record of popping, bagging and passing out fresh popcorn to everyone in 3 hours; and, the 676 bags of goodies for those little ones who entered the "fishing" booth and managed to get their "catch of the day"!

As always volunteers – "JOB WELL DONE"!

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.

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86323

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PO Box and phone remain the same



"Jingle Bells" Christmas Gift Faire and Bake Sale Saturday, December 1, 2018 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Great variety of arts and crafts from Prescott, Chino Valley, Dewey, Prescott Valley – and delicious Bake Sale items, too.

Prescott Valley United Methodist Church
8944 E. Sommer Dr., Prescott Valley.
Nearest cross streets: Navajo Dr./Sommer Dr.
Contact: Jeannie 772-6760



Committees and Groups



A Friendly Reminder from the Finance Committee

If you wish your contributions to the church to be included on your 2018 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, 2018. The church office will be closed from December 25 through January 1. This means they must be in the offering plate on December 30; OR
- They must be mailed and postmarked by December 31.

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



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.

MEMORY CANDLE



In 2019, we will do the Memory Candle a little differently.

Instead of having a sign-up sheet for the entire year, we will do one quarter (3 months) at a time. The sign-up sheet for January-March will be in the narthex, beginning December 2. The second quarter sign-up sheet (April-June) will be out the beginning of March.

We hope that signing up this way will make it easier for everyone. If you have questions, please call Joyce Wise or Sue in the church office.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION

The annual Christmas Dinner and Basket Auction will be on Saturday, December 15th at 5:00. We would love to make this one of our biggest dinners ever. We will provide the turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and gravy as in past years and we will ask for the congregation to sign up to bring something. We will pass around a sign-up sheet in the next couple of weeks so you can tell us what you would like to bring to share. Donations to help pay for the turkeys are requested.

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. Please, let's make this a very special evening for all.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

12/3 R.J. Bell
 12/4 Bob Reese
 12/8 Lyall Miller
 12/18 Joani Rose
 12/19 Janet Bailey
 12/21 Geoffrey Lam
 12/29 Tony Botel

ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Dave & Kathy West
 12/27 John & Ilona Dean



The next meeting of Lydia Circle will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:30 a.m. This will be our Christmas Luncheon and we will be going to El Charro Norte at 2879 N. Arizona Trail, Chino Valley. We will be having our lunch and gift exchange. We would love to have all the ladies attend. Please bring a gift of \$10.00 to exchange. Hope to see you there.
 Joyce

Readers and Ushers

December 2

Readers:

Molly Schnieder, Dave Starnes

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

December 9

Readers:

T.J., Joyce Wise

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

December 16

Readers:

Meg Goodall/Boston, Monte Colucci

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

December 23

Readers:

Lessons & Carols

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

December 24

Reader: Roger Harlow

December 30

Reader: Janet Greer-Warren

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

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.



Five-Pointed Star

Christian Symbols

The star of Bethlehem is often shown as a five-pointed star. Roughly shaped like a human being, it symbolizes Christ's incarnation. It also calls to mind the wise men's journey: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him'" (Matthew 2:1-2, NIV).

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Coming Events

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

December 25 ~ January 1
OFFICE CLOSED

December 8 ~ A Christmas to Remember at
Memory Park

Community Choir Concert

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



**What's
ahead**