



# The Chino Valley Chimes

September 2019



## Education Communications

**Happening this month:**

- Sep 2 ~ Labor Day, office closed
- Sep 3 ~ Nominations Committee.
- Sep 4 ~ Men's Group
- Sep 8 ~ Resume 2 services & Sunday School
- Sep 9 ~ All Staff Meeting
- Sep 10 ~ Worship Team
- Sep 10 ~ Aroma's
- Sep 11 ~ SPRC
- Sep 11 ~ Missions
- Sep 12 ~ Sunday school games
- Sep 14 ~ Sunday school movies
- Sep 15 ~ Pioneer Home
- Sep 16 ~ Weekday Adult study resumes
- Sep 17 ~ Education Committee
- Sep 17 ~ Music Team
- Sep 18 ~ Trustees
- Sep 18 ~ Finance Committee
- Sep 20 ~ Deadline for October Chimes
- Sep 21 ~ Praise in the Park
- Sep 25 ~ Ad Council
- Sep 28 ~ Annual Car Show & BBQ

Education Week will begin **Sunday, September 8**, at 10 am with a Bible study in the adult class. Sunday school will begin for children after the Children's Message during the 9 am service. The youth will meet in the Library and the elementary students will meet in the classroom next to the nursery. New this fall, Communion will be given to all youth in their classrooms. We are asking parents to pick up their children from the classrooms at the end of the service. We hope to add an assistant who will help in the classrooms.

**Friday, Sept. 13, from 1:30-4 pm**, elementary and youth (plus parents!) are welcome to bring your friends to CVUMC for an old-fashioned game time. Group activities and Minute to Win It style games will be provided. Bring board games if you have them! Sorry, no electronic games! Please bring bottled water for your family, with a good tight lid!

**Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10am-12:30**, all elementary and youth (plus parents and friends) are invited to 845 N. Reed, the West's, for movies and popcorn. Movies start at 10:15am and end by 12:15pm.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 5:30pm**, there will be a meeting of the Education Committee, addressing the current setup and planning for elementary and youth fund raisers and activities. We welcome all ideas! Come to the meeting or email me at [kateaz@cableone.net](mailto:kateaz@cableone.net).

Kathy West, Education Chair

- ◇ **Office Staff ~ Tuesdays, 9am**
- ◇ **Weekday Adult Study ~ resumes Sep 16**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals ~ Wednesdays, 6pm**

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## Weekday Adult Education

The weekday Adult Bible study class will resume **Monday, September 16**, at 10:00 am. The class will be exploring the first 5 chapters of the Bible, using the book The Pentateuch by Terrence Fretheim.

If you are interested in this class, please contact the office by Sept. 5 so we can be sure to order enough books. The cost of the books is \$17.50. If you wish to do so, you can order the book through Amazon, on Kindle or as a used book at a lesser cost.

Kathy West, Education Chair

## *From the Pastor*



Hello Church,

I pray that God touches our hearts in a very special way this day and every day. As I begin to write this article I am reminded of the words of St. Paul in the letter to the Romans... *“so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”*

I am so blessed to be serving such a hope-filled, outwardly focused and loving community of faith. I make a vow to continue to know each of you personally and not just from a distance. I am here to serve you and shepherd you with the help of God.

One of my passions is the love of worship and liturgy. I have studied it off and on for the last twenty years; but regardless of my interest and little bit of knowledge, I am charged with leading worship as is prescribed in the United Methodist Book of Worship. I know that we are still trying to find our common

ground with the Joys and Concerns, and I thank you for trusting in our ability to journey together to come to a compromise.

Very soon, we will be gathered at two different weekly worship services. On September 8th we will once again offer a 9 a.m. Service and an 11 a.m. Service. We will honor the diverse musical expressions of both, as well as, all the other unique expressions that make each special and meaningful. There will be a slight adjustment of the order of worship at both services. I encourage you to take a close look at the Hymnal in the pew the next time you are in the sanctuary. Please look closely at pages 3-5 in particular which give a basic pattern for Sunday worship.

My rationale for making the adjustment now is that we are all shifting our schedules and reorienting ourselves anyway, and my hope is that this change will help ease us all into a new way of being together at the same time we are exhibiting our mindfulness and commitment to - the connectionalism of the whole United Methodist Church.

My heart, mind, and office door is always open to HEAR your thoughts and feelings about how we best serve God and one another. Know that you are loved and cared for as I pray for you daily.

May God's blessings continue to abound,  
Pastor Clare

### **IMMIGRATION PANEL TO SPEAK IN PRESCOTT**

Prescott United Methodist Church will host a panel on immigration on September 21 at 1:00 pm. This meeting is sponsored by a number of local churches plus the League of Women Voters and the Prescott Peacebuilders.

After the presenters have spoken, there will be time for questions and answers. Refreshments will be provided.

We hope to have a representative from the church attend. For more information, contact the office.

## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



### Fair Play

To be outnumbered two to one is not fair in our way of thinking. But, 450 to one! Wow, that is really not fair. We may need God's help in that one.

Elijah was that outnumbered, 450 to one. The 450 opponents of Elijah were the priests of Baal. God's people had been influenced by these priests to worship their false god, the god Baal, a god who was not a living god; a god who could neither hear nor answer prayers. Elijah, in order to put a stop to such idol worship, challenged the 450 priests of Baal to a contest on the top of Mt Carmel. An altar was made

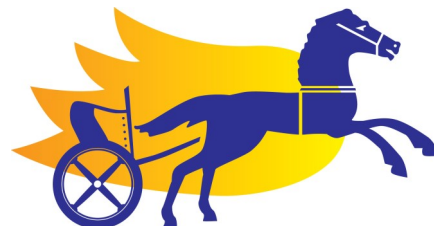
and wood for a fire was laid. "You can have the first turn," said Elijah. "If your god Baal is a true god, then ask him to send down fire from heaven and light the altar fire for you."

The priests of Baal called out to their god to light such a fire. All that morning, and until mid-day, they cried to him. They jumped up and down and became frantic as nothing was happening. All the time, Elijah must have been inwardly smiling. Perhaps this god was busy somewhere else, or perhaps he was sleeping, or away on a journey he suggested.

Then it was Elijah's turn. He dug a trench around the altar and filled it with water. He poured water on the altar and the wood. Then, in the evening Elijah prayed and fire came down from heaven and set fire to the wood and burned it up. This was Elijah's prayer: "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God." And, as a result of his prayer, the people saw that Elijah's God is the Lord of all.

False gods can come in many forms -- pleasure, money, materialism, popularity, and so on. The one true living God is the maker of heaven and earth, our Creator and Redeemer. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we come to God through Jesus, then we discover Him to be a God indeed -- one who hears us when we pray and answers our prayers. We should be prepared to stand up for him as Elijah did, no matter what the odds are.

Dave Starnes



## *Committees and Groups*



The next meeting for the Men's Group is Sep 4. This meeting is held in the Church, meeting in the kitchen at 0730; then to the Multipurpose room. The breakfast is cooked by one of us .

We try to have guest speakers and have prayers for home bound people and for events of the city.

I'm trying to get a member from Hungry Kids to speak this next meeting.

All men are welcome to attend.

### **Photo Directory ~ at last!**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for a color copy of the directory. We will begin printing these after Labor Day. Please sign up if you wish us to make a copy for you. All details are on the sign-up sheet.

### **Requests from the Office:**

Please do not drop off items on the kitchen counter, such as paper plates, napkins, etc. Check with the office about where they belong.

If you have items to post on the bulletin board or leave in the Narthex, please check with the office volunteers. They are in charge of keeping those areas up.

**Thank you!**



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Missions events. As always, participation as a volunteer or spectator is greatly appreciated

- Saturday, August 31 – Territorial Days, promotion booth Memory Park
- Saturday, September 28 – 12th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show
- Thursday, October 31 – Halloween Trick or Treat, Memory Park

Love Offerings are an amazing avenue to continue efforts in helping our community. While the last Sunday of the month is designated for Love Offerings, your charitable gifts are welcome throughout the year. These local organizations are designated in the coming months:

September – CVUMC Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
 October – Hungry Kid's Program, Chino Valley  
 November – People Who Care  
 December – Bikers Against Child Abuse

Contact any Missions Team member or the church office for more information.



## *Committees and Groups, etc.*



### **Greetings from the Finance Committee**

We are  
approaching  
the end of

summer and personally, I will welcome the lower temperatures; it's been too hot!

There are several items that I want to bring attention to the church congregation:

First, the Finance committee has approved a new budget for 2020. It is very similar to the 2019 with only a few percent overall increase. Some of the increases are included to accommodate our new Pastor. Remember, Pastor Mike was at retirement age and joined Medicare, and since he was retired, the church did not have to pay into his retirement fund or full insurance. These payment decreases did help the church financially. However, since Pastor Clare is not in the same situation, we are now again making these payments for her as we have in the past for our non-retired Pastors.

Second, the church had an outside audit performed this year. There are some suggestions and recommendations that the church will consider, but there were no bookkeeping, accounting or office procedures violations. The church office staff and the

church committees are continually looking at ways to improvement to our church operating procedures and policies.

Third, the Trustees subcommittee has created an Endowment Fund Policy. It is still under final review at the Conference, so hopefully in the future you will be hearing more on this and how the congregation can participate.

Fourth, our annual stewardship campaign will begin at the beginning of November and end just before Thanksgiving. We intend to have a guest speaker to open the campaign on Nov 3rd. More information will follow.

Thanks to the Lord for our bountiful life!

Ray Benny,  
Finance Chairperson



Summer is soon coming to an end and Lydia Circle will be starting our meetings again on Wednesday, October 2nd. We have been working with Soul Sisters over the summer on craft projects for the Craft Sale in November. We will still be having more workshops in September and October so ladies plan on coming to one or more. We have a lot of fun.

Be thinking of our upcoming meetings and if not a member, we would love for you think about joining Lydia Circle.

Hope to see you there,

Joyce Wise, Chairperson

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

9/5 Sandy Jones  
 9/13 Ralph Wise  
 9/17 Leo Davis  
 9/21 Barb Brooks  
 9/24 Sharon Niedermeyer  
 9/30 Jay Goodall

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/6 Dan & Betsy Terry  
 9/20 Don Sappington & Carrie  
 Cattabriga

## Readers and Ushers

### September 1

#### Readers:

Don Sappington, Marti Hays

**Ushers:** Dave Starnes, Pat Clingman, Nancy Mitchell, Ann Moses

### September 8

#### Readers:

Dave West, Janet Warren

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

### September 15

#### Readers:

T.J., Joyce Wise

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

### September 22

#### Readers:

Molly Schnieder, Nancy Mitchell

**Ushers:** Deryl Jevons, Tony Botel, Irene Rampley, Bill Mitchell

### September 29

#### Readers:

Deb Herod, Monte Colucci

**Ushers:** Dave Starnes, Pat Clingman, Nancy Mitchell, Ann Moses

## Prayers are asked for...

In our thoughts and prayers this month: Our church & church family, Pastor Clare, our youth, President Trump, our country and its leaders, our military men & women, Chino Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Fire Department, those in nursing homes.

**Home bound:** Alma Holt, Marge & Don Mastin, Pat Jones, JoAnne Ledbetter, Norma Liska. **Church members:** Bob Reese, Ralph Wise, John Magarrell, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Richard Boller, Pastor Mike Keffer. **Friends & family of members:** Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, Kyle Larsen.

If you would like a name added or deleted from the prayer list, please call the church office.

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please contact the church office.*

## Coming Events

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

September 21 ~ Praise in the Park

September 28 ~ CVUMC 12th Annual Car  
Show

October 4-5 ~ Annual Artists' Studio Tour

October 31 ~ Trick or Treat at Memory Park

