



The Chino Valley Chimes

February 2020



Happening this month:

- Feb. 3 ~ All-Staff Mtg.
- Feb. 5 ~ Men's Group
- Feb. 10 ~ Office Volunteers
- Feb. 11 ~ Aroma's
- Feb. 12 ~ SPRC
- Feb. 12 ~ Missions
- Feb. 15 ~ Chimes Deadline
- Feb. 16 ~ Pioneer Home
- Feb. 17 ~ Office Closed
- Feb. 19 ~ Trustees
- Feb. 19 ~ Finance
- Feb. 22 ~ Soul Sisters
- Feb. 26 ~ Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26 ~ Ad Council

- ◇ **Admin. Mtg. ~ Tuesdays, 10am**
- ◇ **Weekday Adult Study ~ Mondays, 10am**
- ◇ **Sunday Adult Study, 9am**
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals ~ Wednesdays, 3pm**

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Learn, Eat, Enjoy the Music!



Are you interested in learning how planned and legacy giving can provide benefits for you?

Join others with the same interest at Prescott United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 3-4:30 pm for a presentation by the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation. Following the presentation, you will be treated to dinner and jazz music from 5-6:00pm.

Some of the advantages you may receive from planned and legacy giving include:

- ◆ Possibly reduce or limit some tax liabilities (estate or income);
- ◆ Simplify your estate transfer for you and your heirs, giving you greater peace of mind;
- ◆ Provide ways to financially support your church while possibly improving or simplifying your personal financial circumstances;
- ◆ Potentially provide some tax advantages.

The presenter, Kelley Tetzlaff, has been in the charitable planned giving and legacy field for over 20 years, helping people plan and implement their charitable estate plans.

Prescott UMC has asked us to provide an estimated number of attendees by February 16, so please let the office know if you plan to attend.

A Winter Note about the Office

The weather is snowy and icy. Our office staff may not always be able to be in the office by 8:00 am, Monday-Thursday. (If the buses are on delay or cancelled, we are on delay or canceled.) Because of this, we make the following suggestions for your safety and protection.

If you are coming to the office before 10:00 am, call first to be sure someone is here and the office is open. (If the weather is really bad, call any time before you come in.) If you phone the office and do not get an answer, please leave a message. We will return the call as soon as possible.

From the Pastor



Hello Church,

Be Alert! Keep your head in the game! Stay Awake! And there are hundreds more of these sayings as well... to remind us that we are to be mindful of being in the present all the while we are planning and looking for our next move.

That goes for our physical safety as church as well as our organizational structure as church. The UMC is in flux. Who we are and what we will be is being discussed and will be proposed at General Conference in May. Decisions will be made by the representatives that have been elected.

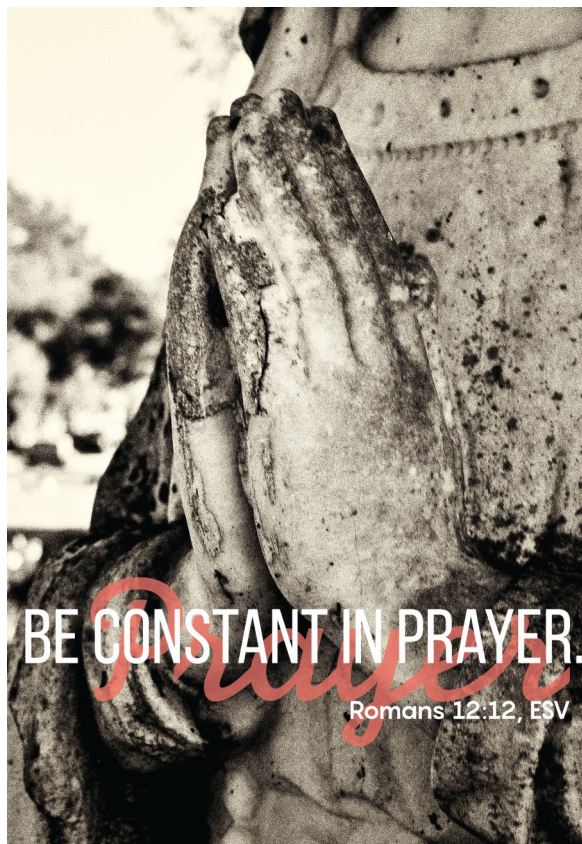
Collectively, we are to pray and be informed about the issues and then to pray some more about the proper action to take. We ask the question, "Where is God leading us?" Just as we do here at the local church, issues surface and we pray about how God would have us resolve them. We listen

and look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit moving in each of us.

We place our trust in God. We profess God's love and light through Christ in all times and in all circumstances. We live our love and forgiveness at all times and we shine Christ's love to all the world.

We begin in prayer and we end in prayer. However, we are to be living lives of prayer. May our prayers be centered on "where and how" God is leading us into the future.

See you in Church,
Pastor Clare



Notes from the Certified Lay Minister



I happen to receive the communication letter from the Pacific North West Conference. This past week Rev. Kathy Neary wrote an article that struck me as very relevant to our church.

She titled it, “What makes a church a Church?”

I like to think of the word “church” in two ways. First it is the physical plant, the building. Secondly, and more importantly, I believe the term means the congregation, the people of the church. So, what is your definition?

Rev. Neary, “brings out some interesting points about churches. Some are actively exploring new ways to become and make better disciples for Christ. They are alive in the Spirit and actively seeking deeper relationships with God and Christ. Some have completely forgotten why they are a church.” So, we have two ends to the continuum. Those who are ACTIVE and those who are INACTIVE. Where does CVUMC fall? What do we do about becoming far more ACTIVE?

The conversation that could be held in very small groups or very large groups in our Church is that of faith. Where do we stand individually and as a congregation?

I challenge us to speak of “salvation” and “evangelism.”

We are different but just need to get back on the track that Christ wants us on, “To make disciples for Him.”

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve you.

See you in Church.

Roger

Committees and Groups



The next meeting of the Men's Group will be February 5, 2020, at 7:30am.

This group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month.

All men of the United Methodist Church are welcome to the meetings.

The Chino Valley United Methodist Church Men's Group has the responsibility of assisting and maintaining programs in the church and the community, and to promote the ministry and growth of the United Methodist Church.

The Leader of the Men's Group is a member of the Administration Council.

Bob Haslett



HEIFER PROJECT

Between the congregation and the youth of the church (mostly the youth!), we collected \$300 for the Heifer Project in 2019. With this, we were able to purchase 1 goat, 3 flocks of chickens, and 2 trios of rabbits.

In addition, we were able to send the money at a time when our contribution was tripled by a group of anonymous donors, making it a total of \$900!



Due to the fact that most ladies are very busy at this time of the year it has been decided to put Lydia Circle on Sabbatical for the next few months.

We will try to start back in the fall after vacations and maybe things will slow down.

Please ladies, I would request that you pray about Lydia Circle and about becoming a member so that we join together to help keep this important part of our church viable.

May God bless each and every lady in our church as well as your families.

Joyce Wise

Lydia Circle Chairperson

Committees and Groups



Is it just me, or is the time going by at record speed? Here we are almost into February.

It is often said the best things in life are free...but so are the most powerful things as well, which include – compassion, forgiveness, prayer, love, respect and peace.

Many, many times over, we, as a church, go above and beyond, showcasing all those things mentioned above. “The church with a big heart” rings true to who we are and the very core of our Christian beliefs.

No matter what church committee plans an event, all are inclusive of our mission as Christians. In the past couple of months, we were finally able to present our donations to the Chino Valley Food Bank and Adopt-A-Family at Christmas from the car show; and Yavapai County CASA for Kids from the Soul Sisters Craft Sale. It was truly humbling to see and feel the appreciation from these organizations. To our church and our community – a job well done!

The Soup & Salad Supper held on the 12th night, hosted by the Choir, was a success. Good food, fellowship,

entertainment and plain fun presented itself to wanting more.

Next month we will present an outline of our plan for the year. Keeping in mind the mission of our church and community outreach, we will make 2020 a stellar year.

Your Missions Team would gladly love to hear from you – comments, suggestions.

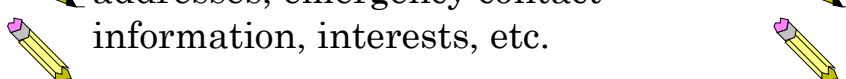
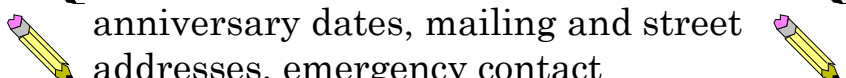
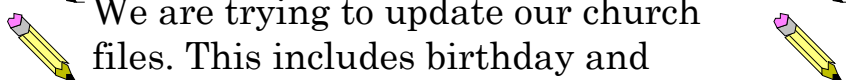
Sandy Jones
Missions Chair



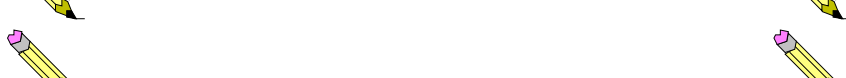
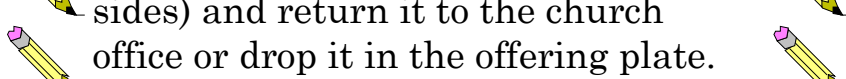
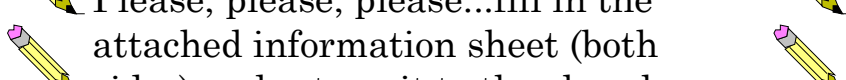
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are trying to update our church files. This includes birthday and anniversary dates, mailing and street addresses, emergency contact information, interests, etc.



Please, please, please...fill in the attached information sheet (both sides) and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.



Committees and Groups, etc.



SOUL SISTERS

As the new Chair for the Soul Sisters, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year! I would like to encourage all women of Chino Valley UMC to consider coming to have fellowship, enjoy good food and conversation, and get to know one another and have a good time.

Our meeting at Joani Rose's house on January 11th was a huge success. We had a large turnout, great conversations, lots of food, and, all in all, had a great time! I would like to thank Joani for being a great hostess for our gathering.

Our next gathering of Soul Sisters will be Saturday, February 22nd, at 1:00 pm at Pat Clingman's home. Additional information and directions to Pat's home will be emailed and available in the narthex at a later date.

Save the date! - Feb. 22, 1:00 pm.

Ellie Magarrell, Chair



The traditional Ash Wednesday words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we're always safe in God's love.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 26. Plan now to attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Sally Reese
 2/6 Jean Henry
 2/8 Gail Stoecker
 2/13 Dan Terry
 2/13 Beth Vandenberg
 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 Michael & Janet Keffer
 2/12 Doug & Fayne Pender
 2/14 John & Cynthia Giles

Readers and Ushers

February 2

Readers:

T. J., Janet Greer-Warren

Ushers: Bob Haslett, Bill Brooks, Robin Fox, Don Sappington

February 9

Readers:

Meg Goodall & Family, Sandy Jones

Ushers: Deryl Jevons, Irene Rampley, Ann Moses, Jacki Flanigan

February 16

Readers:

Molly Schnieder, Carrie Cattabriga, Don Sappington

Ushers: Sue Mitchell, Chuck Thompson, Nancy Mitchell, Bill Mitchell

February 23

Readers:

Dave West, Monte Colucci

Ushers: Ray Benny, Marti Hayes, Pat Clingman, Joyce Wise

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, Pat Jones, Bob Reese, Coleen Siler, Beth Vandenberg, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny. **Church members:** Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Kevin Grell. **Friends & family of members:** Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, Kyle Larsen, JoAnne Ledbetter, Marge & Don Mastin.

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

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OFFICE HOURS:

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Coming Events

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

February 15 ~ Chimes Deadline

February 16 ~ Arizona Pioneers' Home Svc.

February 17 ~ Presidents' Day - Office Closed

February 26 ~ Ash Wednesday

March 15 ~ Arizona Pioneers' Home Service

March 15 ~ Chimes Deadline

April 5 ~ Palm Sunday

April 9 ~ Maundy Thursday

April 10 ~ Good Friday

April 11 ~ Holy Saturday

April 12 ~ Easter Day

April 13 ~ Easter Monday - office closed

