



The Chino Valley Chimes

September 2020



Happening this month:

Sunday worship -
8:30am ~ Outdoor Service
10:30am ~ On-line
Service

All events subject to
cancellation for health
conditions.

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Nothing Seems to Change....

Although we are beginning outdoor worship services on September 6, the church office remains closed until further notice. If you drive by, you may see a car or two, as essential employees and volunteers must be there from time to time.

However, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE.

If you need to contact the pastor or office staff, please leave a message on the church phone (636-2969) or send an email to the office (chinovalleyumc@gmail.com) and we will return your call or message. Both are checked every day.

We all hope it will be safe to get together again in person at the office in the near future.

Please remember that this is for the protection of everyone - church members and staff.

Sunday Service

Beginning Sunday, September 6, we are offering an outside service at 8:30am. Parking will be in the front or over by the food bank, with the worship area in the middle of the parking area (where cars are parked for the car show). The service will be brief and no bathrooms will be open or available during this time.

We ask that you bring a folding "camp" chair if you have one and an umbrella if you need shade. Masks or face coverings are recommended and we all need to remember to remain at least 6 feet apart for everyone's protection.

More information will be found on the Outdoor worship page attached to this newsletter. Please call the office, 636-2969, if you have questions.

From the Pastor



“Good News”

Through the good work of the leadership teams of Chino Valley United Methodist Church I have some really “Good News” to share with everyone.

First we got approval from our conference Covid-19 task force, our District Superintendent and our Bishop approval for our plan return to worship indoors when we are given permission to do so. I thank everyone for their good work in getting it done. It was not an easy task. It took many hours of revisions and communicating with all parties involved to accomplish. As church we can celebrate!

What is even more exciting, again through the good work of our church leadership, we will come together to begin weekly Sunday Worship on September 6th. This will be an outdoor worship, at

8:30am, whereby we are taking positive steps towards an eventual return to indoor worship. Both plans keep the welfare of all our congregation and visitors the highest priority. There will be some social distancing and some priorities set in place to ensure we are all safe to come together. *“I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let’s go to the Lord’s house!” Psalm 122:1 CEB*

Looking to the future, on September 6th, we will launch an online Praise service to compliment our already existing, excellent traditional online worship. Please keep your worship teams and church leadership in your prayers as we begin these endeavors to bring the light of Christ to our congregation, Chino Valley and the world.

During these difficult and different times we stand in solidarity with Christ to bring the Gospel to the world.

Please read the priorities we have established to open our outdoor worship and Celebrate! Jesus looked at them carefully and said, *“It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.” Mark 10:27 CEB*

All that’s left to say, is “Praise the Lord”

In Christ,
Pastor Bob



Outdoor Worship

Notes from the Lay Leader



As Christians and as members of the United Methodist Church, we have vowed to support the church - in good times and in bad times. It is not a time to turn and run. Was there a time when Jesus gave up on us? I do not think that is God's plan. So, I remind myself daily it is not about me, but about our vision to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world and to bring people to the Discipleship in Christ.

Membership Vows of the United Methodist Church

- To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin
- To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
- To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord
- To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world
- To be loyal Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries
- To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness
- To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

Ahhh September. Autumn with colorful falling leaves, cooler days, and nights (well hopefully), the smell of rain, the garden harvest. Yes, all just around the corner. The simplicity and sophistication of God's world is utterly amazing.

A stark reality and challenge has been not being able to gather for worship. Opportunities of communication abound through emails, text messages, and video conferencing. Is it the way we communicate; or how we communicate; and do we communicate?

I found the Membership Vows of the United Methodist Church and thought to share with all of you at this time, if only as a reminder. We have so much in our lives which remains familiar and unchanged; and much in our lives that has forced us to change.

Blessings and see you all soon!

Sandy Jones

Notes from the Certified Lay Minister



CLM Thoughts on Social Principles

Within the 2016 Book of Discipline, Part V is titled “Social Principles.” The preface to the Social Principles section emphasizes that they are “instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit.”

These Social Principles are guide posts for us as we live our lives in God’s gracious love for the world. The Principles give us clear direction as United Methodists to be a connectional church.

We must look at some world history in order to more fully understand where the Principles have come from. First, as we read the books of the Old Testament, we see the prophets trying to help the Israelites survive in slavery and maintain their faith in God.

Secondly, when John Wesley (1703-1791) was developing what has become the Methodist movement, a great many things were occurring within the world. Imperialism and colonialism, mass incarceration,

and human trafficking were rampant. Wesley spoke out for religious tolerance and the dignity of all people. Now look at history during Wesley’s life time and consider what was happening within what was to become the United States. The Revolutionary War was fought and won. We became a Nation.

The Social Principles connect the United Methodist Church as we express our faith in connectional and cooperative practice. The Social Principles speak to our ethical ambitions for the common good in our policies and personal commitments.

We must look at some more history and what was happening in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s to understand why what was to become the Social Principles was drafted. The first Social Creed was written and approved by the General Conference in 1908. It was the first document written by a church. It was written during a time of rapid industrial growth and the relocation of rural folks into the cities. Mass immigration and corporate greed were unchecked. The Methodist Episcopal church took the opportunity to act to protect workers. Partially because of those efforts, safety requirements and the union movement came into being.

The Social Principles, while not to be considered church law, are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General Conference to speak to human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in United Methodist traditions.

Part V is divided into six paragraphs or sections. We will look at these individually;

- The Natural World
- The Nurturing Community
- The Social Community
- The Economic Community
- The Political Community
- The World Community

The term “Social Principles” was used for the first time in 1972. It included these six major sections and concluded with a Social Creed. The General Conference asked that “Our Social Creed” be read regularly in every congregation and used frequently in Sunday worship services.

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Notes from the Certified Lay Minister

The Social Principles have evolved over time and will continue to do so as the church adapts to changing social mores. They reflect our common theological task to be at once critical and constructive, individual and communal, contextual and practical.

If we take a look at the six sections individually, we see on going issues that we as Methodists are involved in and are trying to react to in our daily lives. As we look at the individual sections I ask that you think about our current national and worldwide situations.

Our Social Creed

“We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

“We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

“We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

“We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

“We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

“We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

“We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.”

Note: *We will provide information on the other 5 social principles in the upcoming issues of the Chimes.*



Committees and Groups

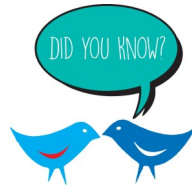


All in-person meetings of the Men's Group have been cancelled until the church reopens.

Bob Haslett

Lydia Circle is still on sabbatical since we cannot get together. Hope all are well during this time. I miss you all and I hope that it won't be long before we can get together again. Please be in prayer that we can get Lydia Circle going again.

Love and blessings,
Joyce



Did you know every Saturday morning Pastor Bob makes a phone call to everyone in the church with a personalized recorded message?

The short recording is a friendly reminder of the upcoming Sunday worship service, scriptures, sermon topic, and prayers that our congregation will be together soon to worship in church.

Two important things to remember:

- When your phone rings and the Caller ID shows "Church Office" or "CVUMC", answer the phone and listen to the message; **or**,
- When your phone rings and the Caller ID shows "Church Office" or "CVUMC", let the phone ring and have it go directly to voice mail. You can listen to the message later.

There is no need to call the church office after you receive the recorded message. Be patient. Follow #1 or #2 and you will be delighted to know the message is a way to connect to you.

PS: Is it time to check your voice mailbox and get rid of those old, saved messages? If your mailbox is full, nobody can leave you a message!!

Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks
Thanks

NOTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A huge thank-you to everyone who has continued giving to the church on a regular basis. Even though the office is closed and we are not having in-person services, we still have the utility bills, apportionment, insurance, etc. to pay.

- Second-Mile giving - We realize that these are difficult times for everyone. Last year at the end of July we had received 49% of our projected giving -- pledges, non-pledge

offerings, and plate offerings. This year at the end of July we have received 45% of our projected giving. If you are able to give over and above your regular contributions to the church, it would be greatly appreciated.

- eGiving and Bill Pay — easy ways to make contributions to the church. You can set up eGiving from a bank account or from a debit or credit card. You can also set up bill-pay with your bank. For more information and assistance in getting started, please call Ray Benny, 848-2158 or the church office.

Committees and Groups, etc.

Missions

What a year! It is already September!

Prescott United Methodist Church has again invited us to partner with their Shoes from the Shepherd program this year. Their program began over 10 years ago and has been a tremendous success in the tri-cities area. This is our third year in participating, giving our local children a little something to help with their school year. Our hope and plan for next year will be for us to expand on this program, bringing more outreach to our Chino Valley and Paulden communities.

Of course, the challenges this year brought about a creative way of helping with the program. Thanks to Prescott UMC, our church family members' school age children K-12, will be given a gift bag of goodies including a \$25.00 Target gift card, Bibles, socks, books, and a few other fun things. We will have a drive-thru at the church where Missions members will hand out the bags. An added bonus will be seeing Laurie Marley and sharing these bags with some of our homeless children in the area.

This year our participation in the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) New Student Orientation was a virtual online presentation. Along with other area churches, our church provided a brief presentation for their virtual tour.

In a recent letter to the church from the Chino Valley Senior Center, they are looking for volunteers for their Meals on Wheels Program. Drivers are desperately needed. Whatever anyone is willing to offer – one day a week or as a substitute. Contact the Chino Valley Senior Center at 928-636-9114 for more information.

Even though we have designated monthly Love Offerings, any one of the recipients is appreciative of any donations throughout the year. Just let us know where you want your offerings to be distributed.

September is designated as our local First Responders – Police, Fire and Ambulance Service. This month our donations would support the most recent announcement from our Chino Valley police officers to wear armor panels on vests. They are working with the nonprofit organization Shield 616. where their mission is to provide life-saving protection to law enforcement and fire officials in the form of armor panels that are fully integrated into their current outer carrier/vest carriers and worn by the officers at all times. Annotate on your love offering check with CVPD Armor Panels or visit website shield616.org and donate. A very worthwhile cause.

We pray all are keeping healthy during this time and look forward to when we will be able to meet again and praise God for the blessings of family, church, and community.

The Missions Team

CENSUS HELP

Donna Thompson works for the U. S. Census Bureau and is willing to work with anyone who has not completed their 2020 Census questionnaire. She is willing to work with each individual to do the census via phone or in person. Please call her at (909/301-1717) It will take about five minutes and helps with our community down the road.

Committees and Groups, etc.




Chino Valley United Methodist Church is looking for a treasurer. Although some training will take place in 2020, this job will actually begin in January 2021.

This is a very easy task that doesn't take much time, but needs to have someone who is familiar with bill keeping and filing. The treasurer basically okays payment of invoices and make sure there is enough money in the checking account for the bookkeeper to pay them and verify that checks balance with the invoices after payments.

The treasurer keeps track of income received each week and gives a written report to Financial Secretary for Finance Committee meetings. It involves attending both the Finance committee meeting and the Ad-Council monthly meetings.

The bookkeeper does a marvelous job of paying bills and balancing end of month bank statements which makes the treasurer's position easier.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please call the church office at 636-2969.




WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

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Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

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	paper	—○—
	wisdom	— —○—
	read	— — —○
	play	— — — —
	learn	○ — — —
	grow	—○— — —
	pencils	— — — —
	pray	—○—
	art	— — — —
	student	— — —○—
	kids	— —○— —
apple	— —○— —	

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

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

Scripture Readings from the Lectionary

September 6, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
 Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
 Sermon: "Disciple-Making Fellowship"
 John 13:34-35

September 13th, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;
 Sermon: "Woman at the Well"
 John 4:4-42

September 20, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
 Sermon: "Galilean Ministry"
 Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15

September 27, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
 Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
 Sermon: "Sabbath in Capernaum"
 Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:31-41

Prayers are asked for...

In our thoughts and prayers this month: Our church & church family, Pastor Bob, 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/Care Homes: Alma Holt, Pat Jones, Bob Reese, Beth Vandeberg, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Janet Bailey.
Church members: Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Deedee McHenry. **Friends & family of members:** Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, JoAnne Ledbetter, Marge & Don Mastin, Ernie.

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

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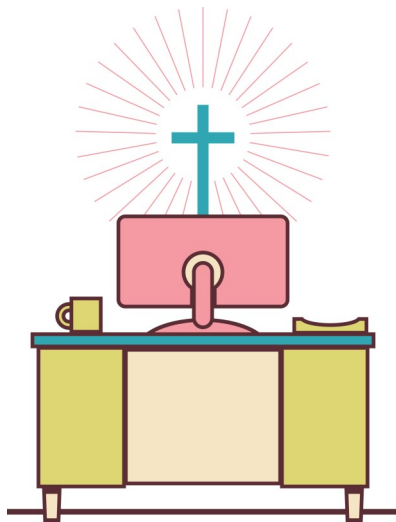
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Witnesses at work



It is at work more than at church that the real moral — and immoral — decisions are being rendered about the health of our planet, our bodies, our children, our very souls.

Work is the adult arena for spiritual decision-making, whether we are talking about the waste our species spews into the earth, or the violence and titillating sex that dominates our television programming, or the

inane political issues that get raised to fever pitch in order to drown out the real issues. It is in our work ... that the moral issues of our lives play out. And ... it is in our work that spirituality itself will be redeemed.

—Matthew Fox, Confessions