



The Chino Valley Chimes

August 2020



Happening this month:

All events subject to cancellation for health conditions.

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

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Nothing Seems to Change....

As you are aware, Arizona is showing a record number of new Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations at this time. We are still under Bishop Bob's directive that there will be no services, meetings, or groups on the church campus until further notice, other than for worship planning and videoing. While we are all anxious to get back to some sort of normalcy, we need to follow the directions of the Bishop, Arizona Department of Health Services, and the CDC.

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 in the near future.

CONTACT information



Communication

In this time when we cannot meet in person, we are trying to keep in contact with everyone. We know everyone in the congregation does not have a computer, so we are using a combination of calling teams, one call-tell all (a phone tree that sends a message out to the entire congregation), the Chimes (both by email and postal service).

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From the Pastor



Greetings to all in the name of Christ, It's August and we are still under the grips of the Corona virus and the Bishop has not given us a directive to reopen in house worship. We are able to meet as a small group to prepare and present our online worship and small groups of three or less are able to work within our campus to fulfill essential service. Remember the office is still closed. There is no timeline for opening for now but we have some serious light at the end of this tunnel. I am referring to the excellent online worship that is being presented each week for our congregation to connect to. Thank you to Robert Milligan and the whole worship team. Our hope is that even after we resume in house worship we will continue to present this online blessing for all. Another light is the strength we have in being spiritually united. Remember when Jesus said

that when "two or three are gathered I am there?" You might say, "I live alone so what do you mean by three or more?" This might seem a little unorthodox to some but even when I am by myself I remember that God, Jesus and God's Holy Spirit are always with me. That means four are always assembled wherever we are. A new thought for some, I believe this to be a powerful statement of the presence of the Holy Trinity in our lives. Call on me when needed. Call on your church family. Most of all call on Christ to be your constant companion.

As always, In Christ, Blessings to all,

Pastor Bob Gilfert

Fun fact. I am an avid once a year golfer at the Quartzsite, AZ "Tough Enough Golf Course," when my brother comes out to visit from Kentucky!



Communion

Because we know how important Communion is to this congregation, we will have on-line communion on the first Sunday of every month, beginning August 2. If you receive the Chimes via email, you will receive an instruction/service document with the email. If you receive a printed copy of the Chimes, you will receive a paper copy along with your Chimes. Pastor Bob will also be making a one call-tell all this week with more information for everyone. If you don't have internet, you might want to go to a friend's house for the service.

Notes from the Certified Lay Minister



During my working life I have accomplished several goals and been pushed, by my superiors, into going after even higher goals and achievements. I have always had a faith in God that will help me achieve what He wants. You know, at the same time a wife and two daughters make a guy want to work hard to provide for them.

Achieving rank in any of the branches of the armed forces requires a great deal of push and desire. Those of us who have been there know of what I speak. When working in the civilian workforce I experienced the same situations. If I wanted more pay then I had to work for it. More education, more responsibility, more desire to succeed.

Several years ago, I was approached by our pastor at the time and asked about the Certified Lay Minister (CLM) program. Paragraph 268 of the 2016 Book of Discipline is pretty clear in that in order to do the Certified Lay Minister program

you must first do the Certified Lay Servant (CLS) program. Now, that much does not sound too tough. It is the next couple of statements that make it far more challenging. In order to maintain the status as a CLS you must continue to take classes. So, OK, a couple of classes each year that is not too bad. Oh, it is the next statement for the CLM that makes it more thought-provoking. For recertification as a CLM you must appear before the District Board of Ordained Ministry (DBOM) every two years.

All of this sounds very interesting because at the time I was serving as the Lay Leader here at the church and involved in several committees. But the most exciting part of the CLM is that I get to be back in the classroom with students.

The remarkable part of the program that really caught my interest was the point that I could be of more help and support to the pastor and to the congregation. In the end what pushed me the most was that God told me He needed me to use my overall background to help my church.

Now what in the world does God want with a retired US Marine Corps officer, and a retired Instructor to do in His church? Well, it is like everything there are some plans that God has for us as He pushes and shoves us through life. All we need is faith in God. I started out many years ago thinking that God had a plan for me. He wanted me to do all of this early training to be of help to my pastor and my church.

Now how in the world did Jan and I end up in Chino Valley? Well the first Sunday we came to church here the ushers went down the aisle wearing "blue jeans." That made me say, "this is my kind of people." We were greeted and welcomed by wonderful folks that have continued to bless our daily walk with God.

As a church I hope that we never lose that welcoming, warm feeling that we have for all.

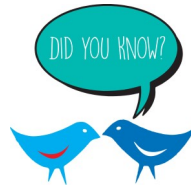
Roger

Committees and Groups



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

Bob Haslett



Did you know the Food Bank is still in operation to assist those in need. In addition, the Salvation Army and St. Catherine Labore church are holding a “drive through” food bank on Thursdays. For more information on either of these, please call the Chino Valley Food Bank or St. Catherine's church.

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.
- eGiving — an easy way 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 direct-pay with your bank. For more information and assistance in getting started, please call Ray Benny, 848-2158.

Supplies

In the past, many people generously donated "stuff" (i.e. toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning spray, toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap, coffee, creamer, Kleenex, dish soap, and/or anything else that helps with the everyday upkeep of the church). We encourage your donations. Please bring these items to the church on Monday mornings between 9 and 12 noon and leave them in the volunteer office. If you wish credit on your contribution statement, forms will be available in the front office. Please remember that you will need to wear a mask when entering the building.

Committees and Groups, etc.

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Team of Donna Norris, Mary Taken, Joyce Wise, Nancy Mitchell, Jacki Flanagan, Meg Goodall, and Sandy Jones continues serving our church and our community.

But YOU, the church, are an integral and important part of our team. Granted we are not able to physically meet, but in spirit through emails, phone calls, video conferencing, that is a challenge God has brought forth to continue His mission.

Look around you and what do you see? Our mission is not limited to just financial. We MUST be mindful of the many ways we can provide comfort and help to those who need us as much as we need them.

We realize everyone has limited funds and appreciate tithes and contributions to the church and, encourages any Love Offering you might give as part of servitude to our community. We are grateful for any help offered in love to the following.

August - Chino Valley School District Nurse and Teachers

September - First Responders – Police, Fire and Ambulance Service

October - UM Student Day – Head Start

November - Chino Valley Food Bank

Stay safe and healthy. 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

FROM SPRC

The SPRC is in the process of finding a person to do cleaning and sanitizing of the church property. They would prefer to hire an individual, but if they cannot locate someone, they will have to hire a professional cleaning company.

The duties of a sexton would include:

Weekly

- Vacuum all floors (sanctuary, narthex, kitchen, hallway, offices, etc.
- Clean, sanitize, and restock all restrooms.
- Wash kitchen floor.
- Wash restroom floors.
- Clean kitchen counters and sinks.
- Empty all wastebaskets.
- Empty large trash bin in kitchen.

Monthly or as needed

- Dust sanctuary
- Vacuum Remp Hall
- Wash floors in Remp Hall
- Leave a list of needed supplies for the office.

The person hired must be at least 18 years old and willing to be fingerprinted and have a background check.

If you are interested in this position or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Molly Schnieder as soon as possible.

Committees and Groups, etc.

FROM KAREN MENSING

Greetings to church members.

After much soul searching and prayers since the beginning of the year, I have decided I should relinquish most of my activities I have undertaken throughout the 20+ years but will continue until the end of the church year. I have loved being a strong part of the church and definitely will miss everything I have and am doing. I am embarrassed to say that I have taken on many roles, mostly due to the fact that nobody else would step up to the plate and volunteer. The positions listed below will resume once church has started up again. We pray that this will happen soon.

The first major item is

Treasurer. 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-Min 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.

Sunday mornings will be harder to find someone to take over. This includes running the clicker for slides, usually setting up communion for 1st service and preparing refreshments and coffee for fellowship hour after 1st service. The clicker part can be broken up between both services. Refreshments are set up by Joyce at second service. Not hard, just dedication of being there or finding a sub if something comes up and you can't be there. You might want to come in and put the slides on the sound booth computer during the week to become more familiar with them for Sunday.

Memorial and Wedding Coordinator helps families who are having either a memorial service or wedding at the church. That person works with the Pastor and families and should plan to be available during the actual services. They act as host or hostess and also work with the Fellowship coordinator if refreshments are involved.

In-house Event Coordinator works with committees who are planning on special fundraisers at church or special programs if needed. Coordinates with Trustees in how Sanctuary or Remp Hall is to be set up for Potlucks, parties or meetings.

I have been an office volunteer for many years and have substituted for different office administrators during the past years.

I will be happy to assist anyone who is willing to take over any of these areas.

Love and Blessings,
Karen



Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

2-Aug Deb Herod
 4-Aug Maraca
 5-Aug Marilyn Jenkins
 6-Aug Jenn Luebke
 10-Aug Danielle Robinson
 11-Aug Roger Harlow
 12-Aug Donna Norris
 12-Aug Sue Piper
 13-Aug Lu Magoon
 13-Aug Molly Schnieder
 18-Aug Don Sappington
 21-Aug Eric Frayer
 25-Aug Kevin Nelson
 25-Aug Joyce Wise
 29-Aug Meg Goodall
 30-Aug Ellie Magarrell

ANNIVERSARIES

2-Aug Marti & Gary Hays
 9-Aug Janis & Jack Heller
 6-Sep Betsy & Dan Terry
 20-Sep Carrie Cattabriga & Don Sappington

Scripture Readings from the Lectionary

August 2, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15
 Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
 Sermon: "The Lord is Near!"
 Philippians 4:1-9

August 9, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-5, 16-22
 Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23
 Sermon: "John the Baptist: Preparatory Ministry" Luke 3:1-6

August 16, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28
 Sermon: "The Messiah Arrives"
 John 2:1-12

August 23, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124;
 Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:19-20
 Sermon: "Nic at Night"
 John 3:1-3

August 30, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26;
 Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
 Sermon: "The Messiah Among You"
 Nehemiah 8:1-9

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 Vandenberg, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Janet Bailey.
Church members: Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Deedee McHenry. **Friends & family of members:** The family of Willie Chapman upon his passing, 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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God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God

was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland

