



The Chino Valley Chimes

October 2020



Happening this month:

Sunday Worship:
8:30am ~ Indoor Service
10:00am ~ On-line Service
10:30am ~ Indoor Service

Make a reservation for the indoor services.

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Change Is in the Wind

We have been very please and excited to start outside worship services in September. On September 6, we had about 50 people, and on the 13th, we had 32.

We are now beginning to look toward the future and the ability to be inside the sanctuary. Do we know when that will be? **Yes, we will have inside services beginning October 4, baring many new COVID cases in Chino Valley.**

Information on the reservation system has been sent via email and will also be sent via snail mail and on our one call-tell all system.

Reservations open on Monday, at 8am for the following Sunday and closes on Thursday, at 4 pm. This week only, reservations will open at 1:00pm.

Example:

For Worship Service - Sunday, October 4

Reservations - opens Monday, September 28

Reservations - closes Thursday, October 1

All reservations will be confirmed on Friday or Saturday of that week and verified by email or phone call. It is imperative that all email addresses and contact phone information are up-to-date and provided to the office.

If people register for a service that is full, they will be contacted to reschedule as soon as possible after the request is received.

Office Schedule

The office officially remains closed at the present time. We do have some staff and volunteers here most Mondays, so if you need to come by the office or talk to someone here, please call to be sure we are here.

We are also able to have at least some group meetings here, either outside or in the narthex.

Pastor Bob has started “Meet and Greet” on Tuesdays. He would very much like to meet people in the congregation. Since we want to keep the groups small, you will be contacted and invited for a specific date.

From the Pastor



Greetings to all in the name of Christ,

Remember the story of Rip Van Winkel? The man who fell into a deep sleep only to awaken and realize how his world had completely changed during his slumbers. At first, the fairy tale tells us how confused he was. Then slowly he realized most of his trials and tribulations were behind him and he lived a full and happy life. While this may not be a fully accurate description of our church coming back to a “normalcy” after our shutdown due to Covid-19, it gives me pause to think about our new awakening. After months of learning new ways of worship and how to do meetings at a distance we are awakening to new life. It kind of looks like our old life in some ways but it has definitely changed. Meetings that were once gathered to further the life of our church ministry, were also times of fellowship. Times to

laugh and cry together. Then, everything became virtual. A distance of the soul you might say. Fortunately we are coming out of that virtual world bit by bit, step by step. We are now transitioning from online Zoom meetings and far too many emails to resume, with caution, Bible studies, in house meetings and worshipping in person once again. We can celebrate this awakening! God is good! Right now our worship is very different than before as it leads us from outside to inside. We recognize that our online worship will continue as it has become an awesome tool to strengthen our faith community and also reach out to many new persons. Our online worship also gives us the chance to sing at the top of our lungs the hymns we love so well. Something we can't do in our worship gathering at this time. Imagine that! Christian education is once again outlining studies that bring us together to deepen our relationship with God and each other. Some will start with Zoom but all will transition back to face to face. Can I get an Amen! I guess I could go on and on with the transitions and birthing pains that we will go through but all I really want to say is, Thank You! Most of all for an awesome God that continues to lead us to new horizons. Thank you to each and every member of our congregation for staying true to the Word and your support of Chino Valley UMC. And a few more words... As we move into fall I have been reflecting on the things I miss the most that have been altered or done away with due to our current pandemic. Now don't brand me as some kind of heretic but I'm really going to miss Halloween. Yes I said it Halloween. I will miss all the harvest festivals and politically correct retooling of the many October festivities but I will miss Halloween. I will miss the imagination that goes into creating characters and costumes. I will miss the laughter and delight it brings to children of all ages! So my solution. Our family will have a small in-house party! Some fun and games shared together. I still might decorate my house with suitable harvest decorations with a few Jack-o-lanterns and skeletons thrown in even though we will not see any trick or treaters. I will miss Trunk or Treats. What I will celebrate is the soul of a child that lives in each of us. What did Jesus say, 'We must become like these little children.' Amen!

Grace and Peace to all! Pastor Bob

Notes from the Lay Leader



I am looking for enthusiasm. I looked under chairs, in the refrigerator, on the couch, in closets, the garage, the garden, around the corner. But it seems to be hiding somewhere. I will keep looking because it is important. Where am I going with this you ask? Uh oh. Is she out in left field again?

As noted in the United Methodist Church Guidelines Lay Leader / Lay Member booklet, some of my duties as Lay Leader are to “represent the laity, be the primary focus of linking the local church and community, meeting consistently with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry, and to represent all of you at our church committee meetings.” I have found it helpful to do a bit of historical research. Many of you have 20-30 years of being involved in this church and it is always a treat to listen to your stories. I did come across most of the Chimes Newsletters from 2015 to present and have been going through them to see how our church has evolved from past to present.

In an older Chimes Newsletter article entitled, “Notes from the Lay Leader July 2015”, Roger Harlow, wrote the following:

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, I was at the Finance Committee meeting and the term “obligation” came up. I wondered what the concordance had to say. So, I started reading and found an interesting reference in Numbers 30 Verse 2.

“When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.”

Then after some more thinking, doesn't the reception into the local congregation say something that leads all of us to an obligation?

“As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?”

So, if my thought process is correct, as a member of this congregation, I have an obligation to support the church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

We all get to say we have obligations in many different ways. We have obligations to our families, friends, towns, and our nation as well as our church. I still like to think of the church as the people within to me - that means I have an obligation to you.

So, PEOPLE WITHIN, I ask you to think of the obligation you feel within this congregation. Ask God to help all of us to meet, and maybe exceed, our obligations with love for all in Christ's name.

Roger

Yes! There it is! Enthusiasm or passion is extremely important in supporting our church with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. These are unusual times, but this is nothing compared to what Jesus went through to bring us to Him. Enthusiasm, yes, it is still here!. We need to let go and unleash it as we journey together to become closer to each other and God. If He can do it, so can we!

Enjoy fall!

Sandy

Notes from the Certified Lay Minister



**More
information
on Social
Principles**

The Natural World

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to us as human beings. We must recognize the responsibility of the church and its members to place a high priority on changes in economic, political, social, and technological lifestyles to support a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world leading to a higher quality of life for all of God's creation.

What we read in this broad statement is how we as human beings treat the world that God has created matters and we must act responsibly in the use of His resources.

The Nurturing Community

The term Nurturing Community starts with the personal family and is extended to include the rest of our towns, states, and countries.

Our community provides the potential for the development of human beings into the fullness of their human race. We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals. Our Gospel tells us that all persons are of importance – because they are human beings created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ and not because they have deserved significance. WE, as United Methodists, support social climates in which human communities are maintained and strengthened for the sake of all persons and their growth. We also encourage all individuals to be sensitive to others by using appropriate language and actions.

Within this section we look at: culture and identity, the family, marriage, divorce, single persons, women and men, human sexuality, family violence and abuse, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, abortion, adoption, care for dying persons, suicide, sexual assault, pornography, and bullying. Note how the topics are asking us to be aware of each other and to support one another as Christians.

More on Social Principles next month.

Committees and Groups

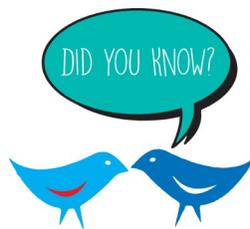
Shoes from the Shepherd

Our Shoes from the Shepherd program this year was a big success. Some of the ladies from the Mission's Team were able to fill 38 gift bags this year with bibles, books, goodies and a \$25.00 gift card for Target. The bibles, books and the gift cards were given to us by the Prescott United Methodist Church and the goodie bags were provided by our church. A big thank you to PUMC for their generous gifts. Since we were not able to open this to the public like we have done in the past, we were able to give 9 bags to the children of our church. The bags that were left were donated on September 2nd to Laurie Marley, Homeless Kids Program in Chino Valley. She was very appreciative of this generous donation. The Chino Valley Review was there for the presentation and an article with photos was in the Wednesday, September 9th Review.

This was such a blessing to see what Laurie does to help the Homeless Kids in our community and to know that our church was able to be a small part in helping the kids.

Next year we are hoping that we can do this program on our own. Please be in prayer that we will be able to accomplish this. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding program.

Joyce Wise,
Mission's
Team



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Go to smile.amazon.com, designate Chino Valley United Methodist Church as your charity, start shopping and the rest is all done for you.

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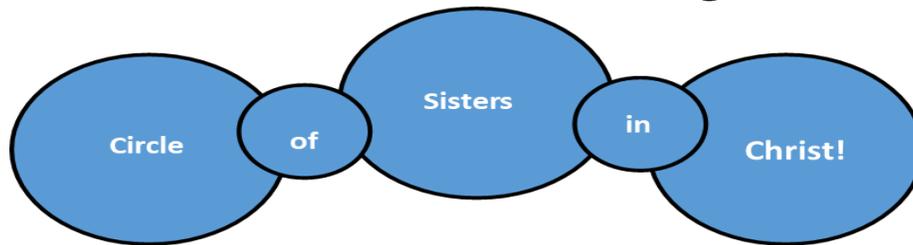
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100% of the donation amount generated from eligible purchases will be donated. The donation amounts generated by your eligible purchases are combined with the donation amounts from all other customers that selected the same organization. Another great way to support our church.

Each quarter the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to registered charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer and generally transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Just in time for the holidays! Happy shopping!

Committees and Groups, etc.



Some things in life come full circle. But there is still a need for purpose and meaning.

For the past two months, ladies of the church, whether involved in Lydia's Circle, Soul Sisters, or not, have gathered for coffee hour at Chino Valley Memory Park.

The time spent together was an answer to the many months of not physically seeing each other and just catching up on life.

At the most recent gathering, a unanimous decision was made to encompass and embrace all women into one group. The "Circle of Sisters in Christ" is officially introduced as a group of women who follow Christ.

It is a simple group who wishes to continue and maintain the integrity of serving the church and community and take time for a bit of socializing and fun.

The next gathering will be 9 am on Saturday, October 17 in Chino Valley Memory Park near the library. Stay as long as you want. It is a comfortable relaxing setting with really no agenda.

Women, please consider being a part of this new adventure. There may be a few decisions to be made, but for the most part God has given us another opportunity to serve but in a good way of all being together.



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

Bob Haslett

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 yet having in-person services, we still have the utility bills, apportionment, insurance, etc. to pay.
- 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

10/5 Janet Keffer
 10/6 Ray Benny
 10/8 Carrie Cattabriga
 10/21 Phyllis McDaniel
 10/22 John Magarrell
 10/28 Deidre McHenry
 10/30 Dick Liska
 10/30 Kathy West

ANNIVERSARIES

10/3 Bob & Cindy Myers
 10/3 Steve & Mary Taken
 10/12 Dave & Marilyn Jenkins
 10/15 Monte & Terry Colucci

Scripture Readings from the Lectionary

October 4, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
 Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
 Sermon: "Jesus Heals a Leper/Paralytic"
 Mark 1:40-45, 2:1-3

October 11, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 108:1-6, 19-23;
 Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
 Sermon: "Sabbath Controversy"
 John 5:1-6; Luke 6:1-2

October 18, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
 Sermon: "Healing of Multitudes/Disciples
 Selected"
 Matthew 12:15-21; Luke 6:12-16

October 25, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
 Sermon: "Being Content"
 Philippians 4:11-13

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, Barbara Starnes-Friesen. Church members: Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Deedee McHenry-Soir. 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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When I was a child, my parents loved me not because I was good but because I was ... their child. I loved them, and I wanted to please them, but their love of me did not have to be earned.

Neither does the love of God. We are loved because we are his children, because we are. If we feel that we ought to be loved because it is our due, or because we deserve it, the less we will truly feel the need of God's love; the less implicit will be our trust; the less we will cry out, *Abba!*

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*

