



# The Chino Valley Chimes

November 2020



## *A Friendly Reminder*

Dear Friends,

We are all so happy to be back inside for worship on Sundays! Seeing our friends and sharing together is a wonderful thing.

We still want to protect all our members and visitors. In order to do this and to continue our indoor services, we need to remember to

- ◇ Wear masks or face covers inside, covering nose and mouth
- ◇ Observe social distancing
- ◇ Refrain from hugging, shaking hands, etc.

We understand that people are tired of doing (or not doing) all these things, but in this time of COVID and flu, we want to keep everyone safe and well.

## *Office Schedule*

The office officially remains closed at the present time. We do have some staff and volunteers here most Mondays and some other days.

If you wish to come in and meet with Pastor Bob or other staff or volunteers, please call ahead and make an appointment so you won't have to wait when you get here.

Thank you,

Office Staff

### **Happening this month:**

**Sunday Worship:**  
**9:00am ~ Indoor Service**  
**10:00am ~ On-line Service**  
**11:00am ~ Indoor Service**  
**Praise Service**  
**2nd Sunday- 4:00pm**

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## *From the Pastor*



“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.” Sound familiar? We’ve sung this song thousands of times in our worship, our retreats and especially around this time of year. This is the month of “Thanksgiving.” Even if only symbolically our harvest is in, winter is coming, and we give thanks. Our thanksgiving for the fortunes or losses of the past year are given a wink and a nod and we vision what the new year will bring.

So what does this time of year mean to me? Time for friends and family. Giving thanks for the best the year has had to offer. And as always giving thanks to God for, well, just being God. I start thinking of the Psalms and what they have to offer us. Ultimately the Psalms take us on an internal journey of the light and dark places of the human heart.

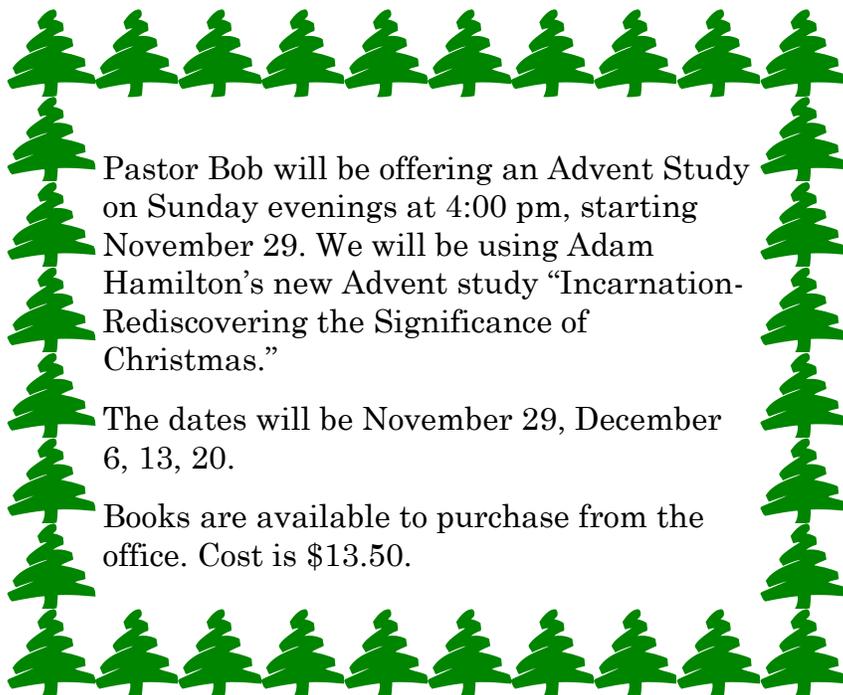
However, they will inevitably end with celebration and thanks to a living God and we can celebrate in the gift of God’s Holy Spirit. Leaves are turning and falling, birds are beginning an ancient memory of their migrations. I give thanks.

Our worlds have been turned upside down by this vicious world-wide infection. I still give thanks. Some days I feel the strength of living and others I am just plain burned out. I give thanks. I’m not even sure how my own family traditions will play out this year.

I give thanks. I am finding my ground in this newly adopted family of Chino Valley United Methodist Church. I give thanks. I hope you will join me as my heart sings; “Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.” Give thanks.

In Christ

Pastor Bob



## *Notes from the Lay Leader*



In the last two years I had the opportunity to go back to my North Dakota home for my nephew's weddings.

However, each had a little twist. Last year's total shutdown of the state due to snowstorms and this year COVID. Both were challenging to say the least.

One predominant characteristic in both instances was the faith each couple displayed in these altering and life-threatening circumstances. Both weddings proceeded regardless of everything thrown at them and the knots were tied.

My nephew said, "God is not against us, He is for us." I marveled at the positive attitude of these young people. I also was humbled by the faith they had in God and no matter what was thrown at them, they moved

forward. They planned and continued to live despite what was going on.

Every day Jesus was bombarded with many obstacles, but no matter what was thrown at Him, He managed to bring peace to the turbulence.

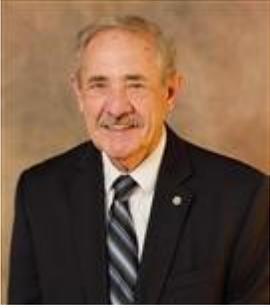
We can do the same.

As we move forward in the remainder of this year, know the obstacles thrown at us are just temporary, It is how we handle those obstacles, whether person, place or thing, where God will say "job well done".

Blessings to all in this month of November. Be thankful. Stay healthy and safe.

Sandy

# *Notes from the Certified Lay Minister*



## **More information on Social Principles**

### **The Social Community**

*As you read through this paragraph, think about the current situations and unrest in our nation.*

The rights and privileges a society bestow upon or withhold from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons or groups of persons.

We, United Methodists, affirm all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation.

Our Bishop recently wrote a letter in regard to the racism issue, condemning it as a sin. Under the paragraph of Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons, “we recognize racism as a sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons.”

Notice the statement about the rights of: religious minorities, children, young people, the aging, women, men, immigrants, persons with disabilities, and rights regardless of sexual orientation.

### **The Economic Community**

We, as United Methodists, claim all economic systems to be under the judgement of God, no less than other facets of the created order. Therefore, we recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of all individuals and corporate entities.

Governments must also ensure full employment and adequate incomes with a minimum of inflation. We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. We further support efforts to revise tax structures and to eliminate governmental support programs that now benefit the wealthy at the expense of other persons.

We believe private ownership of property is a trusteeship under God, both in those societies where it is encouraged and where it is discouraged, but is limited by the overriding needs of society. The ownership of property is considered a responsibility to God.

*More on Social Principles next month.*

## *Committees and Groups*

Greeting from the Finance Committee,

It's already November, and this will certainly be a year to remember! This COVID 19 event has been an unpleasant situation to have to deal with. But, we are getting through it without too many issues and difficulties for most. I'm glad our county and the Chino Valley area have been only slightly affected. I'm looking forward to normal New Year, not a "new normal" as some want to say.

Very soon you will be receiving a letter with your pre-year end giving statement showing your donations and gifts that you have provided to the church. Please remember, this statement is not a bill, just a piece of paper showing what you have given so far for 2020. Hopefully, you will find that you are current and up to date with your giving, or that you need to catch up a little. If you find error or have questions about your statement, please contact me, Ray Benny at [rayn6vr@gmail.com](mailto:rayn6vr@gmail.com), telephone: 848-2158 or in person. I will be glad to help!

Due to the COVID slowdown there has been a very few number of church gatherings and meetings. Because of this, we will not be having a Stewardship drive for 2021. Instead, in this letter you will find a letter signed by Pastor Bob and myself explaining the need for continued Stewardship in our church. Also enclosed is a pledge card for those who would like to begin a pledge for 2021, or for others who want to make a pledge to the church.

As an aside, the church does offer eGiving - Electronic Giving. A small number of members are already using eGiving through their bank, credit/debit card or by signing up through our church web site or through Realm, our church financial software. It's not difficult; we can offer guidance in signing up if you are interested. Please contact me through my information above, or let someone in the church office know. Someone will get back to you.

Here's hoping for a happy and pleasant remainder of the year. I'm sure we are all looking for a nice Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family, and a very nice and enjoyable Christmas season.

In the Lord we thank for all we give and receive.

Ray Benny,  
*Finance Chairperson*

### **Sound Booth Volunteers Needed!**



Now that our church is able to have in house worship again, a plea is going out to have volunteers help with the Sunday morning worship services. Karen is handing over the realm to other members to be in charge of running the clicker for the slides during the 9:00 and 11:00 times. We are asking that one person be able to be at the 9:00 and one person at the 11:00. This is a commitment. She is willing to help train anyone who is interested.

## *Committees and Groups, etc.*



### 2020 MISSIONS EVENT

The Hotel Coronado on Coronado Island, San Diego, replaced all their sheets this August, and the Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) of CalPac received the used sheets (all crisply ironed and folded) for use with shelters and fire survivors. District South West Disaster Response volunteers were invited to come get some. August 19 we filled a pickup with a covered bed, and August 27 we filled a 15 passenger van (Red Mountain UMC) and brought them to Phoenix.

We sorted kings and queens and decided to split the kings lengthwise to provide twin-compatible sheets for UMOM and the Sierra Vista shelter, who were delighted with the largesse of such amazing linens. Then sheets were delivered to volunteers by having them come out to our cars and remove as many as they thought they could stitch. We picked them up the same way, and delivered them in 4 batches to UMOM. Two volunteers who are seriously isolating drove the sheets to Tucson where clergy and their District Superintendent (DS) there had arranged for 2 volunteers from Sierra Vista to meet us halfway.

Even in a crisis like Covid, mission presents as an option, and the Church responds. The breakdown of volunteers: 1/4th of the seamstresses came from St. Matt, and 2/3 from Red Mountain UMC. 4 from Anthony Tangs church and 5 from Chino Valley UMC, plus about 5 others. Total volunteers involved: 46 different people.

Here is the breakdown of the donations to the UMOM homeless shelters:

305 pillow cases      451 queens      1357 twins (split Kings)

The Sierra Vista Shelter:

15 pillowcases      10 queens      82 twins (split Kings)

Total time volunteered: 436 hours!

288 seamstress time

10 hours delivery, then pickup from Chino Valley seamstresses

16 delivery to Sierra Vista (involved a relay)

36 sorting/splitting sheets (14 volunteers over 2 days)

71 travel to San Diego/loading: pickup with cover trip + 15 passenger van trip

25 distribution/pick up to seamstresses and delivery to UMOM

While this was not a Disaster Response, there are the volunteers who will say YES, and then find safe ways to make it happen. All of those who formed the core group to recruit seamstresses, do deliveries/pickups and the sorting were ERT members.

*Contributed by Donna Norris*

### Beyond heroism

At a recent anti-racism protest, Black participant Patrick Hutchinson saw a white counter-protester fall. Fearing for the injured man's life, Hutchinson hoisted him over his shoulder and carried him through the crowd to seek help. Hutchinson was called a hero but says he just wanted to do the right thing.

According to Jesus, the right thing is to "love your enemies [and] do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27). It's easy to love and be kind to our friends and people with similar beliefs. But when someone shows kindness to a member of an opposing group, we witness more than a hero; we see Jesus' love in action.



The Men's Group will meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am when we can meet. The November

Breakfast will be held at Roger Harlow's home. Please call to let either Roger or Bob Haslett that you will attend.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Bob Bell  
 11/11 Mim Houts  
 11/16 Sue Mitchell  
 11/18 Shirl Garrett  
 11/22 Lewis Pehl  
 11/24 Cassie Botel  
 11/28 Rita Haslett  
 11/29 Janis Heller

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Ralph & Joyce Wise  
 11/20 Doug & Jan Mauck

## Scripture Readings from the Lectionary

### November 1, All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;  
 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12  
 Sermon: "Sermon on the Mount, Part One"  
 Luke 6:20-23; Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:17-23

### November 8, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13  
 Sermon: "Sermon on the Mount, Part 2"  
 Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 6:29-35

### November 15, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14:30  
 Sermon: "Life's Greatest Questions:  
 Philippians 4:7; 1 Timothy 4:16

### November 22, Feast of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;  
 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46  
 Sermon: "Jesus: Prophet-Teacher"  
 Matthew 5:1; Mark 1:22; John 4:19

### November 29, Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

## 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, Bob Reese, Beth Vandenberg, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Janet Bailey, Barbara Starnes-Friesen. Church members: Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Deedee McHenry-Soir, Ilona Dean, Dave West. 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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## Solitude as soul care



Richard J. Foster (Celebration of Discipline) says solitude is “more a state of mind and heart” than a place: “There is a solitude of the heart that can be maintained at all times. Crowds, or the lack of them, have little to do with this inward attentiveness.”

Although Jesus preferred crowd-free alone times, that’s not always feasible. But no matter your surroundings and responsibilities, you can carve out intentional time to “be still” (Psalm 46:10). Try these tips for adding solitude to life’s rhythms:

- Take a day. Every month or two, enjoy a day of solitude. Turn off your phone and spend the day with God.

- Take an hour. Treat this time as an important calendar appointment. Keep it free to protect your solitude.

- Take a minute. Before a big meeting or as you’re answering the phone, breathe deeply and invite God into the moment.

—Janna Firestone