

Chino Valley United Methodist Church

"Making Disciples of Christ to the Glory of God"



CHIMES NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Sunday Worship

- 9 am
Celebration
- 10 am
Adult Sunday
School
- 10 am
Online
- 11 am
Traditional

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Happy New Year!



Up-to-Date Office News

Pastor Bob and staff keep a close eye on our local virus statistics.

Our church members are very important to us and we take seriously your safety and health.

The office is still not open. Essential employees are here at times. Phone and email are monitored daily.

From the Pastor

Happy New Year!

Greetings to all as we venture into a New year! This is the time we learn from the previous year, then let the past go. That's a hard



proposition for some of us. Personally I want to keep my vision on the horizon of possibilities. Sugar coating what lies ahead of us for this coming year would not be the proper thing to do. This is the time when I will lean on my faith more than I have ever

done before. I hope you will be doing the same. This is a time of praying and caring for each other more than ever.

When I first learned of my appointment to Chino Valley UMC I was able to get the pictorial directory/extended print directory and started to pray daily over each and every member. I have now begun to do that with renewed energy and I hope you will join me.

We still have many restrictions as to meeting size, social distancing, wearing mask/face covering, and all that. However there are no restrictions on praying. I am an equal

opportunity prayer person. For the hurt, grumblers and fence sitters, I'm praying for you! For those who serve, give and stretch their imagination to be in ministry through these different times, I'm praying for you! For the individuals and families that have yet walked through our doors I am praying for you.

Join me in this New Year of compassion, care and yes, prayer! May we, in this New Year, find Peace and Grace on the journey.

In Prayer,
Pastor Bob

New Opportunities for Worship

Chino Valley United Methodist Church will usher in the New Year with several new opportunities for worship and programming.

Our new connection to the internet and the new technology we have installed will allow us to connect to Zoom and to upload videos and essential messaging to the each other with greater speed and better graphics.

Starting on January 3 we will be offering two unique worship services to our congregation. The 9:00 am service will be a Celebration Service with a different approach to worship.

We will still have weekly Communion. The 11:00 am service will remain a Traditional worship.

The second Sunday of each month will continue to have a 4:00 pm Celebration Worship. Great for those who miss Sunday morning.

On January 17th at 2:00 pm Pastor Bob will offer a "Covenant Renewal Service". The Covenant Service was first offered in 1780. Although it has Wesleyan roots, the emphasis is our renewal to our relationship with God.

We will be working to re-start some of the programs and studies we have had to set aside. We will also be preparing new worship and study experiences.

May God bless each and everyone of us in the New Year as we bless our God.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Bob



From the Finance Team

Wow, here we are into a New Year. Hope you were able to celebrate Christmas and the New Year with your family and friends in some way.

Not much happened during 2020 finance wise. The church has stayed solvent, but we are hoping to break away from the past year's restrictions and doldrums with new and old activities for 2021!

One behind the scenes current church project has been the upgrade of the church's internet system to cable. This will allow the church to join the 21st century with high speed internet and the ability to perform on-line streaming (real time viewing) of our Sunday church services and other events. Those of you who know the difference, the church has been on dial up internet since the 1990's. Do you remember those days when your computer was so slow and/or your connection was lost or broken? I do. Well, all that will be history for the church.

Although the Finance and Trustees' teams have not created a fundraiser for this project, the church is certainly open for congregational donations to help with the cost of this internet upgrade.

Fortunately, the church has received a grant from the Conference to cover some of the cost of this upgrade. However, already the cost for

the initial trenching and installation of the underground conduit from the street to the church was above the estimated cost, so we may run short for the remainder of the upgrade.

Yet to be completed is the purchase of several new computers, remote control cameras, a new high definition projector with better colors and new projection screen for the sanctuary. We will also need new software to be able to operate the upgrades.

So I am asking, if you feel you would like to help this effort with a donation to the church, it would be greatly appreciated! Please make note of donation on check or envelop.

Concerning our 2021 Stewardship drive, the number of congregation pledges has not gone very far. As of mid-December, we've had a total of 8 pledges. Typically we would have 25 or more.

I realize that most church members will continue to give at their 2020 level or maybe higher, but the lack of pledge commitments hinders the church in the planning of our church budget. With confirmed pledges, we are able to understand our overall income and therefore plan for the expenses of the church.

Again, I am asking; if you would like to help our church planning for 2021, please

provide your pledge for 2021. Giving statements were sent to all members in November. A pledge card was included with those statements, so you may have a copy available to use. If not, there are pledge cards available in the Narthex.

As a reminder, your pledge can be submitted and changed at any time during the year.

I am hoping and praying that we all can have a very Happy New Year. I miss the church choir, pot lucks, sales, shows, group activities, holiday celebrations etc. and the many other events and activities that make a happy and welcoming church!

Ray Benny
Finance Chair



The Men's Group will not meet until further notice.

If you are interested in heading up this group, please call the church office at 636-2969.

Notes from the Lay Leader



Epiphany - As a festival in the Christian church, the Day of Epiphany marks the end of

Christmas and the beginning of the season of Epiphany. The First Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ and the Last Sunday on the Transfiguration.

January 3, the beginning of Epiphany is a Christian feast day celebrating the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. The two scriptures associated with the Day of Epiphany, which is actually January 6th, are the arrival of the wise men at the

stable of Bethlehem (revealing Jesus as a savior to the Gentiles as well as Jews) and the baptism of Jesus (revealing Him as the son of God).

The Season after the Day of Epiphany is a season of Ordinary Time, which includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This year January 3 is Epiphany Sunday and Epiphany ends February 7 – the 5th Sunday after Epiphany. It is called “ordinary” because its Sundays are given ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.) after the Feast of Epiphany (January 6).

It stands between the two

great Christological cycles of (1) Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and (2) Lent-Easter-Pentecost. Its central theme is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. Joy to the World! The Lord has Come! He shows the world Faith – to carry us through all that comes before us; Vision – to look forward; and our Mission – to “act” as and “make” disciples of Christ.

Whatever 2021 brings, new adventures are around the corner. Wishing you nothing but happiness in this new year.

Sandy Jones
Lay Leader

Did You Know?

Our church has a vision to grow.

2020 literally threw us at warp speed into new technology for meetings and church services.

Updated technology is extremely important for our church to expand outreach and ministry, add new members - young and old, and the ability to connect to

more groups of people ensuring our church is ready for future ministry and outreach.

A Conference (New People New Places) Grant was available from the Desert Southwest Conference. A plan was proposed, and it was approved. This grant money goes to defraying partial cost of the project.

You may have already noticed the project started with a trench excavated from the street to the church to accommodate the cable services. Our vision is in motion.

Donations have been received and are greatly appreciated anytime in helping with this project.

From the Missions Team



Happy
New
Year!

The Missions Team welcomes your input for continued outreach. And we must stay flexible in that any plans may change.

Gifts that are so marked and received on the 4th Sunday of the month go to our Love Offerings. These contributions not only come monetarily, but also in the form of volunteering or in tangible items.

The United Methodist Church designates several Special Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting specific ministries.

This year your Missions Team plans the following for:

January - Special Sunday - Human Relations Day. Our local project this month is to collect and donate socks and / or slippers to our homeless, our veterans, or whomever would benefit from the warmth. Pre-packaged, clean items can be dropped off at the volunteer office or narthex. Team members will sort, package, and distribute. If you would like to help, let us know.

February - New Horizons Assisted Living Facility in Chino Valley is the only assisted living facility in our town. They currently have eight residents and could use incidentals they may not otherwise have on hand or the residents cannot afford. Your financial donation will be used to purchase items for the residents.

March - Special Sunday - UMCOR Sunday. In past

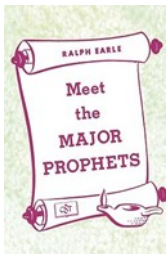
years, our church has been able to support this relief to reach out through worldwide ministries. Funds received on this day pay the administrative costs of UMCOR so that all other donations go directly to the projects designated.

April - Chino Valley Animal Shelter is an organization we assume is doing OK. But did you know they are always in need of volunteers to help at the shelter, food for the animals, clean towels, and blankets for their comfort.

The Missions Team's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Thank you for your continued support in our outreach to the local community.

Sandy Jones,
Chair



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Starting: January 11, 2021, lasting 6 to 7 weeks

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Teacher: Roger Harlow

Book: Meet the Major Prophets, Beacon Hill Press

Author: Ralph Earle, Th.D.

Cost for book: \$12.00

Please sign up as soon as possible by calling the church office (636-2969) so we can order enough books.



Birthdays

- 1/1 Nancy Mitchell
- 1/1 Doug Pender
- 1/5 Jimmie Houts
- 1/6 Athena Davis
- 1/7 Jack Heller
- 1/12 Monte Colucci
- 1/13 Margaret Pehl
- 1/17 Bill Brooks
- 1/17 Dave West
- 1/23 Pat Pehl
- 1/25 Jerry Powell
- 1/29 Terry Colucci

Anniversaries

- 1/10 Deb & Walt Herod
- 1/18 Deryl & Linda Jevons

Scripture Readings from the Lectionary

January 3: Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
 Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
 Sermon: "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"
 Matthew 5:1-3

January 10: Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
 Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
 Sermon: "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn (Grieve)"
 Matthew 5:4

January 17: Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18'
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
 Sermon: "Get Together"
 Luke 23:24

January 24: Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
 Sermon: "Blessed are the Meek"
 Matthew 5:5

January 31: Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
 Sermon: "United Methodist Social Principles"

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, Ernie Sanchez, Dan Flanigan, John Magarrell

Friends & family of members: Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, JoAnne Ledbetter, Marge Mastin & family at the death of Don, Ernie.

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



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Sufficient for the Day

John Newton (1725-1807), author of “Amazing Grace,” wrote: “We may easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed for it. But the load will be too heavy for us, if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add tomorrow's.”

This maxim might be easy to dismiss unless we knew about Newton's troubled life.

Having been pressed into naval service and then slavery,

Newton was finally rescued but became a slave-ship captain. He faced abuse, contemplated murder-suicide, suffered a stroke and was caught in a storm. When he cried out to God, the waves subsided, prompting a spiritual conversion for Newton, who became a priest and abolitionist.

We never know how God will transform our sinful past into future good, but we can trust he will. That adds power to

Newton's advice, which echoes Jesus' words: “Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34, ESV).

