

February 2021

# Chimes Newsletter

## Chino Valley United Methodist Church

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and*

*Our Vision—Chino Valley United Methodist Church is a vibrant, Christ-Centered Church and a beacon of hope through our witness, service, and prayer.  
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### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 17 is the date for Ash Wednesday. You might say it is the gateway to all our Lenten studies that lead us to Holy Week and then Easter. Understanding we all are still under certain restrictions and need to keep each other safe during this pandemic we have decided to do an imposition of Ashes as a drive by ceremony.

Pastor Bob, assisted by Roger Harlow and Mary Taken will be in our **church parking lot between 12 noon and 1:30 pm on February 17** to give words of encouragement, impose the ashes and give each person a card to remember this solemn event in the yearly cycle of our Christian walk. I am looking forward to each of you as we begin our preparations for Easter. May God richly bless each of us!

Pastor Bob

### **Up-to-Date Office News**

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

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

While the office is officially closed, phone messages and emails are checked daily.



### **Sunday Worship Services Sunday School Adult Study**

9 am Celebration

10 am Online

11 am Traditional

4 pm Celebration  
(2nd Sunday of each month)

10:00 am Monday -  
Adult Study



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### **A Word from Pastor Bob**

What better story to engage during Black History month than the story of Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Acts 8:26-40.

It appears the Lord spoke to Phillip to go to a certain road and there he met this Ethiopian Eunuch. This man employed by his Queen had gone to Jerusalem to worship God. Most scholars agree he was turned away because he was a eunuch. Damaged goods in the eyes of church (temple) law. Disappointed by his journey he was sitting in his chariot reading from the Book of Isaiah. "Like a sheep he was led to slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he didn't open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was taken away from him. Who can tell the story of his descendants because his life was taken from the earth?"

After Phillip approached him and heard his story the Eunuch had cried out, "How can I understand these things with no one to teach me?" Phillip explained the Good News of Jesus Christ and when they came to some water Phillip baptized him.

We get to take away a couple of very important things pertinent to our Christian faith. First off we all need a mentor. A spiritual guru if you will who will help us in understanding the twists and turns of the Testaments (Hebrew and Christian). It could be a pastor, a friend or a study group to be involved in.

Second and maybe the most important. All of God's peoples are of sacred worth and valued in the eyes of God. No One Is Turned Away! No One. We may not seem alike, but we are of sacred worth in the eyes of God. We may not look alike, talk alike, or have different customs but we are all of sacred worth in the eyes of God. We may disagree on various things, but we are all of sacred worth in the eyes of the Lord. Did I say we are all of sacred worth in the eyes of God? February is always viewed as the "Love Month" as many will celebrate Valentine's Day. How about keeping the fire of Jesus' teaching and the "Love" of God alive every day in our lives!

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Bob

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# Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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## Notes from the Lay Leader

January really flew by! I don't know about all of you, but I am settling into 2021. Although I am missing all the greens, candles and poinsettias that adorned the sanctuary. Thanks Terry and Monte.

**February** features Groundhog Day (that pesky little critter better get it right this year), Black History Month, Valentine's Day (*remember folks!*) and yes, Ash Wednesday, February 17, which means Lent and Easter are around the corner!

We have a great and successful 10:00 am online traditional service via our website and Facebook page. The 9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditional in church services are bringing us together in ways the Lord intended. Add to this mix a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 4:00 pm Celebration Praise service and your heart and soul are filled and satisfied.

Just in case you missed any one of the Sunday services or you want more, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 4:00 pm Celebration Praise service, is another great opportunity to come together. You say - "but I am home and comfortable and just cannot get up and go out again." That is OK. This once-a-month service is intended as a time to relax, focus, decompress, listen to some

great music, partake in communion, pray, and sit back as Pastor Bob brings a brief message to all. The music is outstanding with Donna and autoharp, Close Harmony acapella, soloists, and Pastor Bob and guitar. More music and musicians are coming in the future. Just missing is the coffee and lounge chairs.

Yes, over the past year we have had to adjust, adapt to new ideas and be creative. Well, "teachin' this old dog new tricks" ain't easy. But if we don't at least try, then creativity and growth are stifled. Herein lies our challenge. God has intended for this time in our lives to become better Christians, think outside the box, help in the church as we can, and love one

another more.

As a matter of fact, because of and thanks to all of you, we are fortunate to be able to worship in the church. Everything we do is intended at loving and protecting you, our church members, and visitors. You have taken seriously our protocol of social distancing and face coverings which have literally prevented us from a total shut down as other churches and businesses have had to do. The more responsible we are the sooner we can fellowship. Have a blessed, safe, and healthy February.

*Sandy Jones*



# Black History Month

Greetings to all this month of February,

February is Black History Month. Our conference has a 21-day study on systemic racism. Due to the recent cultural divisions and controversies a coalition was put together to help us navigate these troubling times.

We will not be doing structured classes on this study but we encourage each and every member who has the necessary access to the internet to participate in this self guided study.

At the end of February we will put together a discussion group for those who have participated to engage in talking about responses to this study.

To participate you simply go to the conference website—[www.dscumc.org](http://www.dscumc.org), click on the RACE icon and start. Some days have multiple choice readings or videos. You can participate in as many of them as you wish.



It takes quite a bit to keep God's church, your church, in tip top shape.

To name a few things—cleaning, grounds maintenance, IT, music, etc.

Whatever you desire to share with your church is valuable and appreciated.

Contact the office if you would like to help in any way.

## **February Scriptures & Messages**

<u><b>February 7</b></u>	<u><b>February 14</b></u>	<u><b>February 21</b></u>	<u><b>February 28</b></u>
Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
<u>Message</u> Blessed Are Those Who Hunger	<u>Message</u> Blessed Are The Merciful	<u>Message</u> Blessed Are The Pure In Heart	<u>Message</u> Blessed Are The Peacemakers

### **February Events**

February	Black History Month
February 14	Transfiguration of the Lord
February 14	Valentines Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday

## **February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

February 1—Sally Reese  
 February 6—Jean Henry  
 February 8—Gail Stoecker  
 February 13—Dan Terry  
 February 13—Beth Vandenberg  
 February 20—Andrew Lam  
 February 20—Pete Mensing  
 February 21—Jan Harlow  
 February 21—Cindy Myers  
 February 21—Tina Rodriguez  
 February 24—Pastor Clare H. Sullivan  
 February 26—Don Warren

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

February 3—Sue & Bill Mitchell  
 February 5—Janet & Mike Keffer  
 February 12—Fayne & Doug Pender  
 February 14—Cynthia & John Giles

## 2021

### January

Sock/Slipper  
Collection for  
Homeless, etc.

### February

CV New Horizons  
Assisted Living

### March

UMCOR Admin.  
Expenses

### April

CV Animal Shelter

### May

TBD

### June

TBD

### July

TBD

### August

TBD

### September

TBD

### October

TBD

### November

TBD

### December

TBD

## Missions



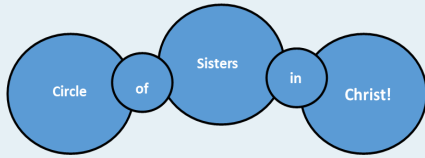
We closed out 2020 with your Love Offering donation of \$653.48 to the Chino Valley Police Department for the Shield 616 program. On Wednesday, December 16, Pastor Bob met with members of the police department and presented the donation. The program will outfit each officer with rifle-rated plates for their vests. Pastor Bob commented not only the church's appreciation but the entire community for their dedication to their work and to the community.

Our **January Love Offering** sock collection was also a success! The packing party in mid-February will follow with distribution to residents of the Veteran's Hospital, Salvation Army's Operation Deep Freeze program to name a few.

**February Love Offering** is going to the only assisted living facility in Chino Valley, New Horizons Assisted Living Facility. We will shop for the residents and deliver items in mid-March.

Your donations are more than appreciated! We definitely are the church "with the big heart"

The next Missions Team Meeting is scheduled at 10:30 am March 10 in the church. We welcome your presence, suggestions and comments.



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## **Men's Group**

All women and men of the church are invited to be a part of the Circle of Sisters and Men's Group.

While no meetings or activities are currently planned, each group supports through phone calls, emails and cards until such time we can meet in person.

## **Finance**

Finance is always busy crunching numbers, ensuring all our monthly obligations are met. Always on the forefront are future budgetary needs.

Your generosity in gifts of time, ability and money to the Chino Valley United Methodist Church makes it possible to continue our mission. Several options available are for your convenience:

### **Donate by Mail**

Chino Valley United Methodist  
735 E Road 1 South  
Chino Valley, AZ 86323

### **Bill Pay**

Many banks offer a "Bill Pay" option. Check with your banks to see if they offer this customer service. If they do, the bank will send your gift directly to the church.

### **Online**

Contributions can automatically be debited online from your checking or savings account. When travel or other circumstances prevent you from attending worship, this program will allow your financial gifts to continue uninterrupted.

For more information, contact Ray Benny, Finance Chair

## **Trustees**

We are still looking for someone to lead and chair our Trustees Board. Roger Harlow and past chairs have done a tremendous job. But to maintain the integrity of our building and grounds we are looking for someone to provide their experience, knowledge and expertise to keep us up and running. The current and past Trustees are always available to advise and help. Trustees are always busy! Whether it is shoveling snow, to grounds maintenance, to moving tables and chairs, to replacing a light bulb, rest assured you can count on them no matter what!

## *Be informed...*

### **SUPPORT THE CHURCH BY SHOPPING ON AMAZON SMILE**

*from Donna Norris*

Just in case you missed it, I read in the Chimes that I could have a portion of my purchases on Amazon donated to the Chino Valley United Methodist Church.

I went to Amazon.com and was redirected to Amazon Smile. I was able to have all my Christmas purchases contribute a portion to the church. You can do this too.

I will continue to do this. Every little way we can help the church is a step forward.

The **AmazonSmile** Foundation will **donate** 0.5% of the **Purchase** price from customers' eligible **AmazonSmile** Purchases to the **charitable** organizations they select.

[AmazonSmile Org Central: Customers shop. Amazon gives.](#)

### **Did You Know?**

We have many opportunities obtaining church information.

- ⇒ Monthly Chimes Newsletter - email and hard copy
- ⇒ Website - [www.chinovalleyumc.org](http://www.chinovalleyumc.org)
- ⇒ Facebook Page - Chino Valley United Methodist Church
- ⇒ One Call Tell All - recorded message.
- ⇒ Call the office at 928-636-2969, talk to the staff or leave a voice message.

REMEMBER to inform the office of any updates to your contact information such as phone number, address and email. This is important for our records and to ensure you receive the latest information from our church.



### **PAY IT FORWARD**



In a recent news article, an item caught my eye. You might have recently received OR will soon receive the new stimulus check. If it helps you with your rent, food, utilities, and other necessities, I am very happy for you. However, if you are able to donate all or a part of it to the church, you can be sure that it will be used to keep God's word moving out into this community.

*Donna Norris*





Our church & church family, Pastor Bob, and our youth.

President Biden, our country and its leaders, our military men & women.

Chino Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Fire Department and all first responders.

Hospital personnel and nursing homes.

Home bound and Care Home residents: 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, The West Family at the loss of Kathy's dad, Mack, Ernie Sanchez, Dan Flanagan, John Magarrell,

Friends & family of members: Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, JoAnne Ledbetter, Ernie, Linda Brazer and Sexton family at death of Bob Sexton.

***Spiritual comfort is important.***

***Prayer requests, joys and concerns can be added to our knee mail at***

***cvumckneemail@gmail.com***



***And remember***

***God Loves You...***

***...and So Do I!***

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