

April 2021

Chimes Newsletter

Chino Valley
United Methodist Church

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

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

Holy Week Services

*The Journey of Faith
Toward the Miracle of Easter*

April 1	Holy Thursday	6:00 pm
April 2	Good Friday	12:00 noon

April 4	Easter—Sunrise 6:30 am
	Easter—Combined 10:00 am



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

9:00 am Celebration
10:00 am Online
11:00 am Traditional

Adult Study

10:00 am Monday
Adult Study



A Word from Pastor Bob

Christ is Risen!

Christ Is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! We have finished our journey through Lent. We ended with Palm Sunday the last Sunday in March. We are now journeying through Holy Week and the our glorious Easter Celebrations on April 4. To get there we will worship on Thursday, April 1 at 6 pm. No fooling! Holy (Maunday) Thursday is when we observe the time Jesus spends with his closest disciples and some 120 plus more disciples as they celebrated the Passover. Jesus steps up, washes their feet in a physical and symbolic gesture as to how we are supposed to treat each other. We will gather Thursday evening to remember that time. Normally we would do a foot washing and/or a hand washing for the bashful ones among us. We will not engage in foot washing this year but we will recite the ancient liturgies, sing the hymns from long ago, receive a blessing of oil and receive Holy Communion. Then a few designated persons will strip the church in preparation for Good Friday. Our Good Friday observance will be at noon on April 2. I encourage all to attend as the leadership of the church will be giving their personal responses to the “*Seven Last Words*” of Jesus on the cross. A time of deep introspection. Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 am we will open our Easter celebrations with a sunrise service out on the patio. Think September outdoors worship. Bring a chair or one will be provided. A combined 10:00 am worship will open with the shouts of Christ is risen indeed and the Paschal candle will be lit to show that Christ truly is in the world, today and forever, with us! “When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus’ dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, “Who’s going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. And it was a very large stone! Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, “Don’t be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn’t here. Look, here’s the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.” Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.” Mark 16:1-8 CEB Yes this is how the resurrection ends in the Book of Mark. Scholars unanimously consent the verse after 8 were included at a much later time. Read the resurrection story in Matthew and you will get the picture. So think about how you would have reacted if this was how you found the empty tomb. Then think about how we need to live our lives in the light of the Gospel today. This scripture from Ephesians may help us on the way! “Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.” Ephesians 4:1-6 CEB Christ is Risen indeed! Happy Easter and Many Blessings. Pastor Bob

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Notes from the Lay Leader

April – the month to celebrate our risen Lord!

Christian artist Don Francisco is best known for his narrative style of songwriting where he gets his message across by concentrating on the narratives of the songs, which are frequently the retelling of Biblical events. He explained “the songs that tend to have the most power are stories.”

The inspiration for the song “*He’s Alive*” came while he was playing in concert about Jesus’ crucifixion. He explained “I sat down with the intention of trying to write about the Resurrection, because, let’s face it, the Crucifixion is just half the story, and the worst half by far.”

His original intention when writing the song was to tell it from the perspective of the Apostle Thomas. He planned to set it in the room where the disciples were when Jesus appeared to them and spoke to Thomas. However, he couldn’t



make it work, so he tried instead to do it from Peter’s perspective. By putting a lot of his deepest feelings into Peter’s experience he crafted a consummate telling of the

Resurrection story, which ended up as his best-known song.

The crucifixion and resurrection are two intense gut-wrenching events that forever changed the Christian world.

You loved Him, you worshipped Him then you denied Him. Yet, in all this intensity He still looked into our eyes, brought us to our feet and loved us. How I wish this love could spread throughout our world today.

He’s Alive” will be performed at our 10:00 am combined Easter Sunday service.

Hoping those April showers bring May flowers. Blessings to all.

Sandy

Adult Education—Spring Review 2021

In January we began a study of the Major Prophets of the Old Testament. We are using the book “*Meet the Major Prophets*” by Dr. Ralph Earle, who was a Professor at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

The book covers Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.



The reason for looking at the Major Prophets is that we held a class last year on the Minor Prophets which was extremely interesting.

A future class may be a look at the History books of the Old Testament. There is also a possibility of looking at the lady prophets of the Old Testament.

At the same time, we wanted to cover Rev. Adam Hamilton’s book “*Final Words*” that discusses the seven prayers that Christ said as He was dying on the cross. This was in preparation for the Easter season.

In order to do this, we covered the book of Isaiah from “*Meet the Major Prophets*” and then discussed and finished “*Final Words.*” We will go back to Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel beginning on Monday, April 5.

Material for our fall class is still open for selection. Suggestions are welcome.

Roger Harlow
Adult Education

April Scriptures & Messages

<u>April 4</u> 10:00 am	<u>April 11</u>	<u>April 18</u>	<u>April 25</u>
Acts 10:34-43	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
<u>Message—Sunrise</u> Sunrise Journey to Hope <i>Mark 16:1-8</i>	<u>Message</u> Emmaus Road <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	<u>Message</u> Post Resurrection Jesus <i>John 21:1-7a</i>	<u>Message</u> Baptized by the Holy Spirit <i>Acts 1:1-11</i>
<u>Message—10:00 am</u> Resuscitation or Resurrection <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>			

April Events

April 22—Earth Day

April 30—Arbor Day

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

April 5—Karen Mensing
 April 10—Cynthia Giles
 April 10—John Giles
 April 12—TJ O'Neil
 April 19—Nina Lam
 April 19—Don Niedermeyer
 April 23—Anna Houston
 April 23—Michael Keffer
 April 24—Serenity Davis
 April 27—John Dean

ANNIVERSARIES

April 21— Rita & Bob Haslett
 April 25—Karen & Pete Mensing

2021

January

Sock/Slipper
Collection
**215 pairs
packaged into 89
bags along with
wipes, small
toiletry items**

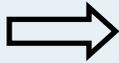
February

Chino Valley
New Horizons
Assisted Living
**Magazines,
toiletry items,
cards,
disposable
undies**

March

UMCOR
Disaster
Relief—Texas
100% goes to this

April

Chino Valley
Animal Shelter
See 
writeup

May

UMCOR
Administrative

June

DSC Student
Hunger Project

Missions

April Greetings!

Love Offerings have surpassed expectations as you can see on the next page. The big smiles and heartfelt appreciation from the personnel of the Salvation Army and Veterans Homeless Programs, and CV New Horizons Assisted Living was extremely gratifying.

Our **March Love Offering** is doing very well with your donations to UMCOR Disaster Relief—Texas.

Chino Valley Animal Shelter is our **April Love Offering**.

Financial donations along with items such as paper towels, dish soap, unscented laundry soap, bleach and dryer sheets, collapsible wire kennels, brain stimulating toys, leashes, puppy and medium collars and food. Volunteers are always needed at the shelter. For more info on helping, contact the shelter at 636-4223 ext. 7 or our Missions POC Nancy Mitchell for any questions.

Our next Missions Team meeting is scheduled 10:30 am Wednesday, April 14.

2021

July

Chino Valley
American Legion

August

Chino Valley
Teachers

September

Car Show
Donations TBD

October

TBD

November

TBD

December

Christmas
Dinner
Donations TBD

Love Offerings

**Thank you Church for making a difference
in our community!**

Veteran's Homeless Program

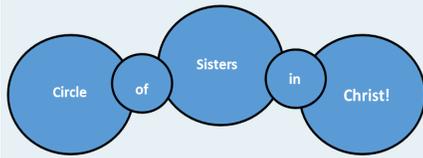


**Chino Valley
New Horizons
Assisted Living**



**Salvation
Army
Homeless
Deep Freeze
Program**





The Circle of Sisters is anxiously awaiting warmer weather to gather and be together.

Maybe in a couple of months we can again meet, social distanced at Memory Park with a cup of coffee or cocoa sharing stories, laughing, and praying together.

Finance

Your generosity makes it possible for our church to continue our mission.

Several options for financial donations are available 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.

Contact Ray Benny, Finance Chair, for more information or questions.

Be informed...



Do you see something that may need attention in our church or on the grounds?

Yes, reality is that we are all getting a bit older, but **together**, sharing the workload, our ideas and our talents is very much appreciated.

Remember
God's church is your church.

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

Did You Know?

- ⇒ May 17 is the new deadline to file federal income taxes.
- ⇒ State taxes are still due April 15.

Tax questions? Donna Norris may be able to answer some your questions.

- ⇒ Our church is getting closer to be up and running with live streaming our worship service. Thanks to Tina Rodriguez for heading up our live streaming production.
- ⇒ **TOPS** will resume meeting here on Tuesday, April 6 from 7:30-9am. For more information, contact Donna Norris.

Sanctuary and Church Displays

Throughout the year displaying appropriate seasonal paraments and decorations is provided by many talented people whose creativity is astounding. Contact Terry Colucci if you have suggestions.



In our thoughts and prayers this month:

Our church, church family, Pastor Bob and youth.

Our country, President Biden, and leaders.

Our military men & women.

All first responders.

Chino Valley Police and Fire Departments

Personnel in hospitals, assisted living and nursing homes.

Home bound and Care Home residents:

Alma Holt, Bob Reese, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Janet Bailey, Barbara Starnes-Friesen.

Church members: Pastor Mike Keffer, Terry Braner, Deedee Studebaker, Ilona Dean, Dave and Kathy West, Dan Flanagan, John Magarrell. Cindy & Bob Meyers for the loss of Beth Van de Berg, Barb Robinson and family for the loss of Rob Robinson.

Friends & family of members: Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Caitlin, Michael Ledbetter, Ernie.

Spiritual comfort is important.

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

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And remember

God Loves You...

...and So Do I!

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PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Return Service Requested