

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***

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>

<b>April 4</b>	<b>Easter—Sunrise</b> <b>6:30 am</b>
	<b>Easter—Combined</b> <b>10:00 am</b>



### **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

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# ***Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors***

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## ***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><b>April 4</b></u> <b>10:00 am</b>	<u><b>April 11</b></u>	<u><b>April 18</b></u>	<u><b>April 25</b></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—10:00 am</u> Resuscitation or Resurrection <i>Matthew 28:1-10</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>

## **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**

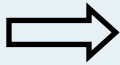
### February

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

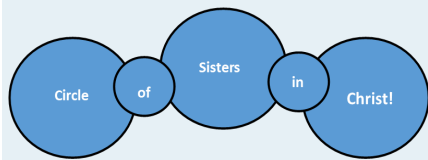


## Chino Valley New Horizons Assisted Living



## 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***

***cvumckneemail@gmail.com***



***And remember***

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

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

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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Return Service Requested