

July 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.

Praise God!

We are gathering and worshipping in church!

We are live streaming our services
for those at home!

We are blessed!

Up-to-Date Office News

Good news! Due to the recent developments in resurrecting ourselves from the pandemic we will begin to have open offices starting in July. July 6th to be exact. Office hours will be 8 am until 1 pm, Mondays through Thursdays. Sandy Jones will be in the Administrative office, the former Volunteer office. Sue Piper will be in the Bookkeeper's office Mondays and Tuesdays. Pastor Bob will be in his office Mondays through Wednesdays. Feel free to drop in to see Pastor Bob although appointments are always best. Pastor Bob is now available by appointment for home visitations and hours outside of the regular office hours. God is good! Grace and Peace, Pastor Bob



Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am
Combined
in church with
Livestreaming @
Facebook/CVUMC2

Adult Sunday School

**Sundays before
service at
9:00 am**

Adult Study

Coming soon...



A Word from Pastor Bob

Let Freedom Ring!

“The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord’s Spirit is, there is freedom. All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” *2 Corinthians 3:17-18.*
CEB

“You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don’t get eaten up by each other!”
Galatians 5:13 CEB

The Fourth of July! It seems we moving forward to some form of normalcy! There will be parades and picnics. We will be singing rousing songs of our freedom. I hope the Scriptures that I put into this article will inspire us to stay grounded in the love of God, the freedom Christ brings and the guidance and freedom found in God’s Holy Spirit. We will sing the refrains of “America the Beautiful” and “America (My Country, Tis’ of Thee).”

As for myself I can’t sing of freedom without lifting up Woody Guthrie’s anthem to the blessing God has bestowed upon us who live in this great nation. In my early years as a young adult I spent many an hour hitch hiking around this country. Granted it was a different day and time. Something that I would not encourage any one to do now days. All I know is it accurately describes the experience of criss-crossing this country. And I can only say, “This Land was made for you and me! This land is your land and this land is my land From California to the New York island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters this land was made for you and me”.

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A Word from Pastor Bob, continued

“As I went walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway.
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.
I roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
All around me a voice was sounding.
This land was made for you and me
When the sun come shining, then I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The voice was chanting as the fog was lifting
This land was made for you and me.
This land is your land. This land is my land.
From California to the New York island
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.
When the sun come shining, then I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The voice come a-chanting and the fog was lifting
This land was made for you and me.”

Woody Guthrie

Amen!

Blessings to all

Pastor Bob

A Note from Bob & Rita Haslett:

We felt your prayers for strength while we were in California for the celebration of life for Caitlin. We learned that her attendance here twice meant a lot to her.

She felt what the hymn we sing says, "the Spirit of the Lord is in this place" and she felt your love and prayers.

There have been requests for opportunities to honor her. Please make any donations to the care and maintenance of the church as we continue to make a difference to many.

Thank you. Rita & Bob Proverbs 20:11; Isaiah 57:1-2

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

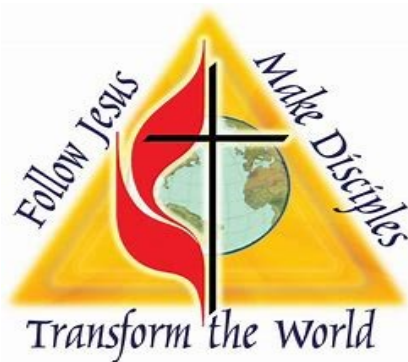
Notes from the Lay Leader

July – We feel the real heat of summer; so we pray for those monsoons!

We remember our Independence Day, July 4, and look forward to picnics, cookouts and a good tasting cool sweet watermelon.

But, most importantly we are the heart of our church and the importance of who we are as Christians.

We have survived something that we thought was the most terrible in our lifetime. But with our unconditional care for each other we are moving on and becoming more confident in becoming better disciples of Christ.



Beginning our fellowship after church service has given us an amazing opportunity to stand and shout "Praise God."

We are still in the midst of Pentecost. We know the season of Pentecost is the longest season of the liturgical year.

The Sundays following Pentecost and the Sundays extending up to the beginning of the new liturgical year in Advent are filled with readings concerning Christian growth. To live in Christ one must grow in the Faith. Spiritual stagnation could ultimately lead to spiritual death and a forsaking of God's Holy Law.

Hoping July gives you peace and comfort.

Sandy

JULY

Scriptures & Messages

July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
6th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	7th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	8th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-12 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	9th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
<u>Message</u> Healing a Woman <i>Mark 5:21-43</i>	<u>Message</u> Instructing the Twelve <i>Luke 9:1-6</i>	<u>Message</u> Genuine Worship <i>John 19-24</i>	<u>Message</u> Kingdom of God in Parables <i>Mark 4:1-8</i>

Meetings & Events

- July 4—Independence Day
- July 5—Office closed for July 4 holiday
- July 7—SPR: 10 am (closed meeting)
- July 13—Dine Out at Aromas: 5:30 pm
- July 14—Missions: 11 am
- July 18—Arizona Pioneer's Home Service: 2:00 pm
- July 21—Trustees' Meeting: 9 am
- July 21—Finance Meeting: 11 am

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

7/6 Ann Harrington
7/7 Fayne Pender
7/7 Bob Myers
7/10 Jennifer Phippen
7/11 Donna Schoefer-Thompson
7/13 Katherine Reimers
7/20 Boston Soza
7/28 Robert Haslett
7/30 Sarah O'Neil

ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Bill & Barb Brooks
7/16 Dan & Jacki Flanagan
7/17 Roger & Jan Harlow
7/21 George & Gail Stoecker
7/29 Ray & Marlys Benny
7/29 Kerry & Jennifer Phippen

2021

January

Sock/Slipper
Collection
**215 pairs and
other goodies
packaged into
89 bags.**

February

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

March

UMCOR
Disaster
Relief—Texas
\$600.00

April

Chino Valley
Animal Shelter
**Kennels, food,
toys, cleaning
supplies.**
\$125.00

May

UMCOR
Administrative
\$130.00

June

DSC Student
Hunger Project
To Date—\$255

Missions

July Greetings!

July Love Offering is planned for the Chino Valley American Legion.

The **American Legion** is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization aimed at advocating patriotism across the U.S. through diverse programs and member benefits.

The June Love Offering

for the Desert Southwest Conference Student Hunger Project was a success thanks to your donations to help students on university campuses across the country who have difficulty securing regular meals.

Our next Missions Team meeting is scheduled 11:00 am Wednesday, July 14.

2021

July

Chino Valley
American Legion

August

Chino Valley
Teachers

September

TBD

October

Car Show
CV Food Bank

November

TBD

December

Christmas
Dinner
Donations TBD

Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army has requested volunteers to assist with their fire response in the Globe area.

Four persons are needed each day for the next 2 weeks on a rotating basis to assist processing clients (intake), packing food boxes, and assisting survivors with selecting relief items.

You need not be ERT certified for this project.

To volunteer, contact Polly Turner at pollhyjt@outlook.com who is coordinating the effort.

Finance

It looks as though we are nearing the end of the COVID era and I hope we are able to return to a more normal life style.

At this time, I would like to bring up the status of the Church's finances. Currently the Church is just in the black. But compared to 2020, we are possibly approaching a financial strain.

Last year the Church received \$16,100 to supplement the church payroll expenses from a PPP loan, \$10,000 from the Conference for payroll expenses, and \$5,000 for our church technical upgrade to be able to do real time steaming of our services. There were also some individual members who provided donations for the technical upgrade. We thank them.

With the dollar influxes in 2020 we were able to end the year in the black. However, overall congregational giving did not stay strong mainly due to the limitations placed on the Church by the COVID restrictions.

Currently, the Finance committee is in the process of developing the church budget for 2022 and finding that without the external influx of income in the past, we may have a difficult time meeting our projected budget expenses.

So, we are looking to the congregation to step up and meet their pledges and donations for the remainder of the year. As a reminder, and is typical for the summer months, giving declines due to a drop in attendance caused by members traveling and taking vacations.

About mid-July, the church will be sending out giving statements that show your giving for the first half of 2021. We ask that you review it and see how you stand. We would hope that you can make up the giving if you are not current. And, if you have the ability, consider giving an extra amount to help the church to maintain its financial health. If we all chip in, it will make the difference. I thank you for your attention and consideration to our situation.

In the Lord's name we pray for a healthy future, and give thanks for what we have received. And, if you travel, have a safe and good time!

Ray Benny
Finance Chair

Coming Soon...

More Good News!

I'm happy to announce that Chino Valley UMC will be sponsoring a new Girl Scout Troop. Troop 04536 will begin meeting in August bi-weekly on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in Remp Hall. The new Girl Scout Troop is forming for girls entering 4th grade this year. Chino Valley UMC is overjoyed to support Troop 04536.

We've come a long way since the lock downs and restrictions on meeting the pandemic imposed on church usage. It's exciting to be able to open up our facilities to the community of Chino Valley. Girl Scouts is a movement dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

This is a great opportunity for girls who have not yet been a part of Girl Scouts to get started. Use the link to sign up:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html> and enter Forming - Troop 04536 under your zip code 86323.

If you have questions please contact Troop Leader Amber Caulkins at arcaulkins@gmail.com or call 401-588-1792.

Exciting times,

Pastor Bob



The newly created Trustees
“**Garden Team**” plans on keeping our
church grounds in tip top shape.
Contact Pat Pehl, Lee Morris, Jacki & Dan Flanagan,
Pete Mensing and Ralph Wise if you have ideas or
would like to help keep our grounds looking good.

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.

If you have suggestions or would like to help in any way, contact the Trustees or the office.

Did You Know?

Have you noticed the new round patio table near the Sanctuary entrance? The old table was starting to disintegrate under our Arizona weather extremes. It had seen better days...

The story behind it; about eight years ago it was donated to the church. But recently Ray Benny noticed its poor condition and looked for a replacement. Fortunately it had a lifetime warranty and with one phone call to the manufacturer, it replaced at no cost. What a pleasant surprise!

It sure looks nice and we hope it will give us another eight years of comfort.



Another Trustees Project ... Trustees are busy! They have decided to “spruce up” Remp Hall. The building may be a bit old and tired, but it is still functional and has many capabilities to accommodate not only our church but outside groups. With restrictions lifted, a newly formed Chino Valley Girl Scout group is starting in the near future. Plus, other community groups have expressed an interest in using the Hall.

The plan is making the building a bit more eye appealing and comfortable. To start - a bit of painting, update lighting, eventually replace carpet and whatever needed to renew life in the building. Your financial support truly makes a life-changing difference in moving forward with our mission. Your donations are appreciated and make a noticeable change in attaining that mission. There are many people and groups looking for a church home; and we can offer that with “sprucing up” Remp Hall. Annotate your donations to “Remp Hall Spruce Up.” Thank you.



In our thoughts and prayers this month:

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

Our country, President, 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: Terry Braner, Deedee Studebaker, Ilona Dean, Dave and Kathy West, Ralph Wise, Janis Heller, Joe Simpson, Taken family.

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

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

Spiritual comfort is important.

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

cvumckneemail@gmail.com

***Remember ...
God Loves You ...
... and So Do I!***



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PLACE
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