

**December 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.



**Holiday Hours**

**Offices are closed from December 25, 2021  
and will reopen January 3, 2022.**

Normal offices hours are  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Monday through Thursday.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the Staff, Teams and Committees!**



**Sunday  
Worship Services**

**10:00 am  
in church with  
livestreaming @  
Facebook/CVUMC2  
and Website**

**Adult Sunday School**

**9:00 am  
Sunday before  
worship service**

**Children's  
Sunday School**

**10:00 am  
Sunday during  
worship service**

**Monday  
Adult Study  
10:00 am**



## **A Word from Pastor Bob**

### **The birth of Jesus ...**



“The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.”  
The Message Book of John

“The angel showed me a river that was crystal clear, and it’s waters gave life. The river came from the throne where God and the Lamb were seated. Then it flowed down the middle of the city’s main street. On each side of the river are trees that grow a different fruit each month of the year. The fruit gives life, and the leaves are used as medicine to heal the nations.” Revelation 22:1-2 CEV

These two scriptures have been a steadfast guiding light in my journey through this life. The first quote from *The Message* by Eugene Peterson speaks of the incarnation of Christ, no small thing. It also reminds me that the person I see over my fence, or in the grocery store, or the driver who cuts me off in traffic in some small fashion or other, carries the light of Christ with them. It is a currency exchange. How can I expect people to see the light of Christ in me if I don’t search it out in others which sometimes can be a very difficult task?

The birth of Jesus becomes more than one day a year experience. I hope to carry that birth narrative with all its excitement and reality, every day of my life.

The next thing I like to carry on my journey is the Revelation Scripture. This is one that is only made possible by following the “Way” of Christ. Friends, we are the leaves of healing, and we are supplied, uplifted, and empowered by the “river” that is God’s Holy Spirit.

I do hope you will come and worship with us this Christmas Eve. We will worship and lift up this newborn babe and set out on a journey that leads us to eternity.

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Bob



**Dear friends,**

**We have had a most interesting year as we have begun to fellowship in ways the Covid pandemic had shut down.**

**For this we give God the glory.**

**We have also had a season of loved ones passing into eternity, changes in jobs or homes.**

**We will dedicate our Sunday, December 12 worship to address the needs of those who may not feel like they are ready for lights and music and family gatherings. Maybe you aren't quite up to a Christmas Eve Celebration.**

**On December 12 we will have all the regular elements of worship with a quiet time of remembrance. We hope to see you there.**

**Peace,  
Pastor Bob**

## Lay Leader Note

For some people, the true meaning of Christmas is the warmth and love of our families, a celebration of the home. For others, the real meaning of Christmas is love for other people – “Peace on earth, good will toward men.” And of course, the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

Throughout the past two years, we have gone through so much that we thought would never come upon us. We have come a very long way to be together in worship. Thanks to you, it happened in such a way that we have become stronger. The birth of Jesus is a renewal of our faith and faith in our Savior and service to Him.

As the carols are sung, I have fond memories growing up and being with my family the night before Christmas. This season of Advent in preparation for the birth of Jesus may you find Hope, Faith, Joy, Peace, and Light.

*Merry Christmas and Blessings for a Happy New Year—2022*  
*Sandy*



## Christmas Dinner

*The time has finally come to celebrate  
with a Christmas Dinner  
Friday, December 10, 2021.*

*Starting at 4:30 pm*

*we begin to rejoice in this long-awaited event  
as we meet and greet each other with fellowship  
and appetizing hors d'oeuvres.*


*5:00 pm will begin our feast of a special meal prepared by all.*

*Music, a silent basket auction and  
other plans will complement the event  
to make this evening*

*joyous and memorable.*

*Everyone is invited to  
bring a basket for the silent auction.*

*Donations from the auction are  
designated for our Trustees.*





## **Exciting News!**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**An Emmaus Gathering is planned at the church on Saturday, December 4 at 3:00 pm. All who are interested in the walk are welcome.**

**There will be music, witnesses, a short message and snacks.**

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**Tuesday, December 7**

**Life Line Screening at the church**

**Pre-registration is required.**

**Call 1-888-653-6450 for an appointment.**

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**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**Vitalant Blood Drive at the church**

**To make reservations go online to  
[www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org)**

**or call Donna Norris at 928-379-1882.**

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**Are you home bound or do you know someone who is home bound? We have people who are willing to bring communion to you.**

**Contact us to make arrangements for communion, visitation or anything you may need. We are here to help and hope that you take the opportunity to let us help you.**







## **2022 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE SUMMARY**

The Finance Team wishes to thank those who have returned their pledge form to the office. The response was very good in commitments in both services to the church, and also in the number of pledges and the total amount pledged.

To date, 26 pledges have been made which total 50% of our 2022 adopted church budget. This is the best we've had since pre-COVID days.

And, the Finance committee would also like to thank those who gave to the church weekly, monthly or annually during Sunday services. In comparing year 2020 to 2021, plate givings have also been above previous years. With the anticipated giving for 2022, the church is well on its way in fulfilling our commitments and ambitions for the church and our community.

Your time, service and financial commitment is ongoing. Service and pledges are accepted at anytime of the year.

Your commitments and efforts are much appreciated and will help our church prosper and grow.

We thank you!

Ray Benny  
Finance Chair

PS: As a note, all persons who gave in 2021 will receive a final giving statement in mid-January, 2022. You can use this statement to see your 2021 givings, and if necessary, as evidence of your givings for tax purposes.

# CHRISTIAN education

## **Children's Sunday School**

10:00 during worship service

Thank you to Amber Caulkins for volunteering to teach the Children's Sunday School Class. Amber is a middle school teacher in Chino Valley. She is excited about teaching the children and has lots of energy to do so. Ruth Gilfert has also volunteered to help. When you see Amber and Ruth, please thank them for giving of their time and energy.

We ask others to help in this area of our ministry. Background checks are required on all volunteers who work with the children. Please pray that God will send us more children to teach His Word! If you are interested in helping, contact Mary Taken at 575-491-2500 or the church office.

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## **Adult Sunday School**

9:00 am before the worship service.

Adult Sunday School will resume January 2 after the holidays. Rita Haslett has volunteered to teach our program. We are studying the Book of Isaiah which has 66 chapters, the same number as books in the Bible.

We will be starting on Chapter 12. All adults are welcome. Bring your Bible and join us in the multi-purpose room next to the kitchen.

Contact Rita or the church office if you are interested.

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## **Children's Moment**

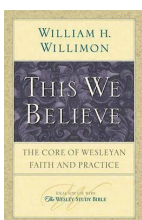
Thanks to our Christian Education Team of Mary Taken, Kathy West, and Gayle Wise for bringing the children's moment to the third Sunday worship services.

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## **Adult Study**

### **10:00 am Monday Adult Study**

Roger Harlow continues to be faithful in teaching the Monday morning Adult Study class. The current class is an Advent study using a book by Adam Hamilton, "*Not a Silent Night; Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem.*"



A new study will begin January 3, 2022 — "*This We Believe, The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice*", by Bishop William H. Willimon. Contact Roger or the church office for more information and study books.

# Missions

**2021**

**January**

Sock/Slipper  
Collection  
215 pairs &  
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  
\$230.00

**June**

DSC Student  
Hunger Project  
\$255.00

**December Love Offering**

once again supports our Trustees to replenish their funds for any major concerns to the property or buildings. Their funding is separate from the General Fund so this helps immensely should anything major need our attention.

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Through your donations the **November Love Offering** provided our Trustees with a significant amount to add to their coffers. A final tally will be provided at the Christmas Dinner, Friday, December 10.

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**Next Meeting**

11:00 am  
Wednesday, December 8

**2021**

**July**

Chino Valley  
American  
Legion  
\$305.00

**August**

Chino Valley  
Teachers  
\$435.00

**September**

Trustees  
\$110.00

**October**

Car Show  
CV Food Bank  
\$650.00

**November**

Trustees  
\$665.00

**December**

Christmas  
Dinner  
Trustees  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Circle of Sisters

Circle of Sisters in Christ is a group intended to have all women of the church meet in a social setting, get to know one another, fellowship, and pray together. There are a few things on the horizon such as the next meeting in February with all the ladies. Stay tuned.

The brunch was a huge success, bringing out many women who had not seen each other in awhile along with some new faces and thoughts about upcoming events.

The Craft and Bake Sale was a phenomenal success! There were 20 outside vendors to showcase their creative crafts. In addition the women of the church outdid themselves in their baking. Ellie and Joyce extend a huge thank you to all who participated!



### *Trustee's Ministry*

Contact any Trustee for information and volunteer opportunities.



Enhance our sanctuary and church with poinsettias for the season.

Terry Colluci would like to have them delivered to the church the week of December 15. Thank you.

### MEN'S MINISTRY

Contact Bob Haslett for Men's Prayer get together 7:30 am the first Wednesday of the month.

### Leadership Board

Effective January 1, 2022 welcome Roger Harlow and Howard Patrick as newly appointed members to the Leadership Board, along with returning members Mary Taken and Donna Norris. This board values your opinions and suggestions. Contact any one of them to share your thoughts and visions for our church.



*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 and women

All first responders

Chino Valley Police and Fire Departments

Personnel in hospitals, assisted living and nursing homes

Home Bound and Home Care Residents: Alma Holt, Jack & Janis Heller, Jessica Benny, Barbara Friesen-Starnes, Janet Bailey, Althea Lyons, Irene Rampley.

Church Members: Terry Braner, Ralph Wise, John Magarrell, Janis Heller, Joe Simpson, Taken family, Stoecker family, Giles family, West family, Haslett family, Rose family, Goodall family, Colucci family, Clingman family, Brooks family.

Friends & Family of Members: Merle Houston, Chris Everidge, Alice Herod, Michael Ledbetter

If you want special prayer requests,  
email or call the church office  
cvumckneemail@gmail.com  
chinovalleyumc@gmail.com  
or call 928-636-2969





## Upcoming Church Events

- ◆ January 6, 2022
  - ◆ Vitalant Blood Drive

## Upcoming Community Events

- ◆ December 10  
Acker Night, downtown Prescott

### Choir

The choir is off to a great start!  
Their first performance was wonderful.  
They could still use voices.  
Whether you read music or not,  
want to just sing melody, there is always room.



Choir Rehearsal  
3 pm Wednesdays  
Performance  
4th Sunday Service

## Did You Know?

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Special Sundays throughout the year for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. Special Sundays fall into three different categories:

- ◆ Churchwide Special Sundays with offerings
- ◆ Special Sundays approved for Annual Conference Offerings
- ◆ Special Sundays without offerings

Your Missions Team will evaluate and designate these days for our church.

How can a farmer plant 10 apple trees in five rows with four trees in row?

Answer: By planting in the shape of a star.  
Draw a pentagon (five-sided figure) and "plant" one tree at each point.

To each side of the pentagon, add a triangle with a tree at its tip,  
You now have five "rows" that intersect to form a five-point star.

**Think before You Click:** Look for the HTTPS. Before completing an online purchase, make sure the website is security enabled by looking for URLs with **https://** at the beginning. The "s" stands for **secure** and means the website is using encryption to help keep your information protected. There will also be a padlock icon to the left of the URL in the address bar. If you are using an unsecure server (HTTP) or using a public wireless network, do not share personal information such as a credit card number.



# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> 10:00 am SPR (Closed) 3:00 pm Choir	<u>2</u>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>  3:00 pm Emmaus Gathering
<u>5</u>  10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<u>6</u>  10:00 am Adult Study	<u>7</u>  8:00 am Lifeline Screening	<u>8</u>  11:00 am Missions  3:00 pm Choir	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>  <b>Christmas Dinner</b>  4:30 pm Meet & Greet 5:00 pm Dinner	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>  10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Blue Christmas	<u>13</u>  10:00 am Adult Study	<u>14</u>  5:30 pm Aroma's Night Out	<u>15</u>  9:00 am Trustees 11:00 am Finance  3:00 pm Choir	<u>16</u>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>  10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Pioneer Home Caroling	<u>20</u>  10:00 am Adult Study	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>  3:00 pm Choir	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>  6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	<u>25</u>  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
<u>26</u>  10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<u>27</u>  10:00 am Adult Study  ←	<u>28</u>  ←	<u>29</u>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<u>30</u>  →	<u>31</u>  →	<u>January 1 2022</u>  <i>Happy New Year!</i> →
<u>January 2, 2022</u>  - Adult Sunday School (resumes) - Children's Sunday School - Worship	<u>January 3, 2022</u>  10:00 am Adult Study (New Class)	<u>January 4, 2022</u>	<u>January 5, 2022</u>	<u>January 6 2022</u>	<u>January 7, 2022</u>	<u>January 8, 2022</u>



# December

## Scriptures & Messages

<u>December 5</u> 2nd Sunday of Advent	<u>December 12</u> 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Blue Christmas</i>	<u>December 19</u> 4th Sunday of Advent	<u>December 24</u> Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service	<u>December 26</u> 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 <i>"Scandalous Love"</i> Romans 3:23-24 Pastor Bob	Isaiah 12:2-6 Zephaniah 3:14-20 <i>"Wrestling with Mystery"</i> Luke 2:33-35 Pastor Bob	Luke 1:46b-55 Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 <i>"Two Babies in a Manger"</i> John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pastor Bob	Luke 2:6-7 Luke 2:15-18 <i>"Home for Christmas"</i> Pastor Bob	Psalm 148 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Colossians 3:12-17 <i>"Encouragers"</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18 Pastor Bob

## Church Meetings & Events

December 1	10:00 am	SPR (Closed Meeting)
December 4	3:00 pm	Emmaus Gathering
December 7	8:00 am	Life Line Screening
December 8	11:00 am	Missions
December 10	4:30 pm	Christmas Dinner
December 12	10:00 am	<i>Blue Christmas</i> Service
December 14	5:30 pm	Aroma's Dine Out Night
December 17	9:00 am	Trustees
December 17	11:00 am	Finance
December 19	2:00 pm	Arizona Pioneer's Home Caroling
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service
December 25—January 3, 2022		Office Closed

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>
December 8 Lyall Miller	December 20 Jean & Gary Henry
December 18 Joani Rose	December 26 Kathy & Dave West
December 19 Janet Bailey	December 27 Ilona & John Dean

## Church Information

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### Sunday

#### Worship

10:00 am in person  
Live streaming on  
Facebook and Website

#### Children's Sunday School

During 10:00 am service

#### Adult Sunday School

9:00 am

### Monday

#### Adult Study

10:00 am

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



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Return Service Requested

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PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE