



February 2023

**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.



Wesley Quotes

*“Though we cannot think alike,
may we not love alike?*

*May we not be of one heart,
though we are not of one opinion?*

Without all doubt, we may.

*Herein all the children of God may unite,
notwithstanding these smaller differences.”*



Sunday Worship

**10:00 am
in church
Livestreaming
Facebook/CVUMC2
and Website**

Sunday School

**Adult
9:00 am**

**Children
10:00 am
(during worship)**

**Adult Study
Tuesday
9:30 am**

**Office Hours
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday -Thursday**

**Appointments
Available**



A Word from Pastor Bob

“A very interesting month”

A very interesting month. We are still in the heart of winter with many special observances to warm our hearts. To start off, the name February comes from the Latin “februum” for purification. So just maybe we are getting a second chance to be reminded of our New Years resolutions that might be beginning to sag a little. For each of us purification will have different meanings. However, this is a reminder to think about what in our lives need purification. It’s not a bad concept to meditate and pray on.

We start out the month with a most peculiar celebration; Groundhog Day! A giant rat peers into the future, and we wait with expectant breath to see if the groundhog sees its shadow or not. Will it be more winter or an early spring? Tune in on the 2nd of February.

Next we take a day of feasting and football as this year’s Super Bowl takes place on the 12th. Not to be outdone, two days later we celebrate Valentine’s Day.

There are a multitude of various days to check out during the month. I think I like “eat Ice Cream for breakfast” on the 4th of February. After all this celebration we come to what is probably the date that affects me the most. Ash Wednesday occurs on February 22 this year. This begins our 6 weeks of Lent as we prepare for Easter Sunday. This is a time of introspection on what has happened in our lives over the last 12 months and what we will be doing this coming year to better ourselves and to be ready to spread the love of God to all we can. We can take this time to fast from a part of our life, to shape us up in mind and body, or we take the time to incorporate something new into our lives. Something that not only benefits us personally but also benefits the world around us.

So I leave with one last thought from the Book of John:

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other.

This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

John 13:34-35 CEB

Blessings to all
Pastor Bob

February Notes from the Lay Leader

A special month for sweethearts, the little critter peeking its head out hoping to give us a decision on the weather for the next few weeks and most notable is the beginning of our 40 day journey on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

February is also Black History month. Have you ever watched the movie “Hidden Figures?”

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. The film, set at NASA Langley Research Center in 1961, depicts segregated facilities such as the West Area Computing unit, where an all-Black group of female mathematicians were originally required to use separate dining and bathroom facilities. However, in reality, one of the women, Dorothy Vaughan was promoted to supervisor of West Computing much earlier, in 1949, becoming the first Black supervisor at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA).

Kevin Costner plays the role of head administrator for the NASA program and puts his faith in these women. He saw no color. The mathematician skills of the lady who ensured the space flight for John Glenn was accurate was astounding. Every day rain or shine she had to go over 1/2 mile to a “colored” restroom. Costner wanted to know where she went every day for 45 minutes? She finally had the courage to say there are no restrooms in this building for colored folks. Well, he saw to it right then and there to change that!

Diverging to another topic (stay with me) the latest at our house, is an opportunity to have a bit of fun. Late October, the garden produced volunteer tomato plants. We decided to put one in a pot and bring it in the house. Little did we know it was an indeterminate tomato. What ???

Indeterminate tomatoes grow to be quite large and tall spreading their vines. As you can tell our plant is well over 8 feet tall. Our longhorn horns and string provide the needed staking. The opposite—determinate tomatoes grow to a predetermined height, about four feet tall.



How does the Hidden Figures story and indeterminate tomatoes relate you ask??

Sipping coffee in the early hours I sit and gaze at the tomato plant. It is getting taller with longer vines. The fruit is multiplying and getting ripe. Can we compare our Christian faith and journey to growing and spreading the word, knowing no bounds? Can we see each other as equals with no barrier of race or color, but rather acceptance and love? The movie and tomato plant give me hope. Plus the tomatoes are yummy!

Stay safe and healthy
Sandy

Trustees

The Trustees hope that all our members are staying warm and enjoying 2023.

We are currently developing a list of projects for this coming year and welcome suggestions for new projects. Let us know.

A couple projects slated for this year is adding additional gravel to our parking lot and repaint the handicap symbols on the concrete parking area. Both are scheduled for this spring.

Ongoing projects are organizing the outside sheds for more usability, updating irrigation, and someone to take care of grounds maintenance.

In 2022 we increased the number of groups using Remp Hall. Currently, the Girl Scouts, TOPS, and Rancho Vista HOA meet for scheduled meetings. The Chino Valley Lioness Club continues to meet in the church multi-purpose room.

Unfortunately, Remp Hall is poorly insulated, and has an outdated electric heating / cooling system. Due to an unusually cold winter, we are experiencing some very high electric bills for heating the building. The Trustees are currently exploring ways to reduce this cost and still utilize the building.

The custodial position is outsourced to Merry Maids. A special thank you to those who volunteered and stepped to help clean the church.

We have many events planned for the year. January started with set-up / takedown for the January 5 Vitalant Blood Drive and the January 14 Celebration of Life for Jan Mauck with refreshments in Remp Hall. The Life Line Screening scheduled for January 12 was canceled due to the lack of medical staff to run the event.

If you have some extra time or would like to help with events, contact the Church Office or one of the Trustees members.

Meetings are scheduled at 9 am the third Wednesday of the month and are open to all Church members and visitors. If you have any ideas you would like to share with the Trustees, come to one of our meetings or contact us.

Deryl Jevons
Trustees Chair

From the Finance Committee – Anita MacFadden

Those of us dealing with finances can get caught up in the dollars and cents of the job, neglecting to look at the bigger picture of why we are here. First and foremost we are here to spread the gospel, tell the good news of Jesus Christ.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it. Psalm 24:1 says “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” God then created man to take care of it, to be stewards, managers of what is his. “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” (1 Cor 4:2) It is our responsibility to learn how to take care of what is his.

For us here at CVUMC, this means we need to take care of our member’s and guest’s spiritual needs, physical needs as we congregate, and look outwardly to care for the needs of others. As the Finance Team it is our responsibility to make sure that the financial contributions you make are used to meet our mission. As members of CVUMC your (and ours) responsibility is to reflect on where you are in spiritual walk with God as stewards of all that God has given you.

So how are we doing? We finished 2022 in the black and had a successful Stewardship Campaign with 30 pledges, one more than last year. However, we are already seeing higher expenses as compared to last year in electricity and insurance.

As I close, I am reminded of Paul’s teachings from 2 Corinthians 8:12 - “For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.”

I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider how you are answering God’s call to be a steward of what he has given you and how you can help our church be a light unto the community within the capabilities that you have. It may be through participation in one of the small groups, participation in choir, volunteering on one of our committees or in the office and giving of your finances.

AmazonSmile—Discontinuation

Many of you use AmazonSmile when ordering from Amazon. Based on your purchases, this has been a great way to bring in a bit of income to the church. AmazonSmile is closing down February 20, 2023.

It is replaced with **iGive**. They will donate at least 2 times what AmazonSmile gave at 2,000 stores.

You have less than a month to keep the donations uninterrupted. Replace your AmazonSmile with iGive at the following link:

<https://www.iGive.com/ChinoValleyUnitedMethodistChurch>



Our Church hosted an Emmaus Gathering in January with attendees from Chino Valley, Prescott Valley, Wickenburg, and Flagstaff. We sang, witnessed, fellowshiped, and shared communion.

Encouraging Christian connectedness is a goal of the Walk to Emmaus weekend as well as the fostering of lay service in local churches.

All who are interested in attending an Emmaus Weekend experience are encouraged to speak with the pastor. Applications are located in the narthex.

Adult Study Classes

The current study continues with Adam Hamilton's book "Words of Life." It is interesting with robust discussion. The class references the book of Exodus from the Bible. Note the meeting time was updated for the duration of this class to meet **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am** concluding on Tuesday February 21.

Study books are still available for the class. Contact Roger or the Office to sign up and purchase a book for \$19.00.

Lenten Study

The Lenten Study led by Pastor Bob will begin Tuesday March 7 studying Adam Hamilton's book "Luke" Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcast and Outlaws. Two classes are scheduled at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Hard cover books will be available for \$12.00 each. If interested contact the Church Office.

Adult Sunday School

Come join in at 9:00 am every Sunday. We are studying the *Book of Jeremiah* with the help of Tom Birch's book, *Jeremiah, a Devotional Commentary*. All are welcome!

This is an excerpt from Birch's book:

Nobody wants to be Jeremiah, who lived through God's judgement on his culture. But looking at our own culture today, we may have more in common with Jeremiah than we'd like. How do we stand for righteousness and still relate to an ungodly world? In the stories of Jeremiah's life and times, we see God's reckless love and offer of forgiveness. They are stories of hope for our day and encouragement for our lives.

Children's Sunday School

The bible verse we are focusing on right now is: "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world." (John 6:14b).

Over the next few weeks we are learning about important people who believed in Jesus and what that means for our lives today as we follow Jesus. Our children have been talking about how, as followers of Jesus, we are called to invite others in, just as Jesus invited people to be his disciples.



You might have noticed applications for Kairos Outside in the Narthex. These weekends provide an opportunity for guests to connect with others in like circumstances and to experience God's love through Christian fellowship.

A Kairos Outside Weekend is a no-cost retreat, hosted by a Christian community, for women who now have (or have had) relatives and/or friends in State and Federal prisons, jails, youth facilities, or who have been incarcerated themselves but were unable to attend a Kairos Inside Weekend. These women are shown Christ's love and treated as Guests of Kairos Outside. To attend, Guests do not need to be Christian. Weekends are usually held twice per year and last from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The next upcoming weekend is in May in Flagstaff. Please, consider filling out a guest application, if you are interested. If you have questions, Pastor Bob Gilfert is able to guide you. For further information about Kairos, go to: www.kairosprisonministry.org

Coalition for Compassion & Justice



Allison Lenocker the Executive Director from the Coalition for Compassion & Justice (CCJ) met with the Missions Team at their January meeting, providing a talk and summary of what this organization does for the community. They do home repair, shelter, Second Chance Housing, Advocay, Second Glance Thrift Shoppe and more. They are in the beginning stages creating Paloma Village in Chino Valley to those with very limited income.

The May Love Offering donations from our church will help with Paloma Village.

For more information visit their website at www.YavapaiCCJ.org.



Girl Scout Cookies

Our troop will have cookies available after the service on February 5 (as long as we don't run out!) We have been selling out quickly at Safeway each weekend.



Pastor Bob with one of our school teachers Catherine Metz as the church sponsors a Chino Valley Youth Basketball League Team coached by Amber Caulkins. Our banner is displayed in the auditorium. Go Cheetahs!!



Tina & Pat
updating the marquee
for services

2023

January

Human Relations
“Undies Under the Tree”
Undies Drive

February

Horses with Heart

March

CV First Responders

April

UMCOM Admin
&
Disaster Relief

May

CCJ Paloma Village

June

People Who Care

Missions

January Love Offering

“Undies Under the Tree”
brought in a great
selection of clean
packaged underwear to
give to our local
homeless kids.

Thank you for supporting
our Community!

February Love Offering

Horses with Heart

Horses with Heart helps
transform the lives of
disabled children and
adults — including U.S.
military veterans, first
responders, and
seniors — as they gain
confidence, dignity and
independence by riding
trained horses.

Serving children with
autism... teenagers
with Cerebral Palsy...
veterans with PTSD...
and so many others,
Horses with Heart has,
since 1993, been the
place where gentle
horses take their riders
beyond the confines of
their conditions.

Missions Team Meeting
Wednesday
February 8, 2023,
10:00 am

2023

July

Chino Valley Teachers

August

Yavapai County
Standdown “Undies Drive”

September

Services for Vision
Impaired

October

Chino Valley Food Bank

November

Chino Valley Meals on
Wheels

December

Yavapai College
Chino Valley Campus
Scholarships

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> 2 pm Choir	<u>2</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>3</u> 1 pm Christian Education	<u>4</u> District Conference Phoenix
<u>5</u> Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 9:30 am Adult Study	<u>8</u> 10 am Stewardship 10 am Missions 2 pm Choir	<u>9</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 9:30 am Adult Study 5:30 pm Aroma's	<u>15</u> 9 am Trustees 2 pm Choir	<u>16</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 1 pm—3 pm Leadership Board
<u>19</u> Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am Pioneer's Home 2 pm	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 9:30 am Adult Study	<u>22</u> 4:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<u>23</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 2</u>	<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 4</u>

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Scriptures & Messages

<p><u>Sunday, February 5</u> 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Isaiah 58:1-9a 1 Corinthians 2:1-12</p> <p>Pastor Bob Colossians 3:1-11 “Scrupulosity Sufferers”</p>	<p><u>Sunday February 12</u> 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Psalm 119:1-8 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9</p> <p>Pastor Bob Deuteronomy 15:1-6 “Repentance & Social Responsibility”</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 19</u> Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p>Psalm 99 Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21</p> <p>Pastor Bob Acts 17:1-4 “They’ve Turned Their World Upside Down”</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 22</u> Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17</p> <p>Pastor Bob</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 26</u> 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19</p> <p>Pastor Bob Luke 17:11-19 “Ten Leaping Lepers”</p>	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
February 1 Anita MacFadden	February 3 Sue & Bill Mitchell
February 6 Jean Henry	February 13 Gayle & Ted Wise
February 8 Gail Stoecker	February 14 Cynthia & John Giles
February 13 Dan Terry	
February 20 Pete Mensing	
February 20 Howard Patrick	
February 21 Jan Harlow	
February 21 Cindy Myers	
February 21 Tina Rodriguez	
February 22 Kevin MacFadden	
February 26 Don Warren	
February 28 Dan Flanagan	

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Monday—Thursday
8:00 am—1:00 pm
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Sunday Worship

10:00 am in person
Live streaming
Facebook and Website

Sunday School

Adult—9:00 am
Children—during 10:00 am service

Adult Study

Tuesday
10:00 am and 6:00 pm

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



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