



March 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*

*I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions."*

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  
10:00 am

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

Appointments  
Available



## **A Word from Pastor Bob**

### ***“Lent & Holy Week Journey...”***

Greetings to all in the name of Christ,

Let's first start off with our journey through Lent through Holy Week. We have had our Ash Wednesday service to start the 6 weeks of Lent that leads us into Holy Week. I will be leading a Lenten Study starting on March 7 ending April 4. Both morning and evening classes will be held on Tuesdays. The morning study will begin at 10 am and the evening study will begin at 6 pm. Books are available in the office. The study is by Adam Hamilton, Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcast, and Outlaws.

Holy week services are Palm Sunday, April 2. Holy Thursday service is April 6 at 6 pm, and Good Friday service is April 7 at 6 pm. We will be doing a Tenebrae service for Good Friday. Easter is April 9 with a 6:30 am sunrise service and our main service will be at 10 am.

I have been meditating on the words from our Ash Wednesday prayer reminding us that God is our source and the grounding element of our whole being. It is in the relationship we have in God that we live, move and exist. Lent can be a time of focus on eliminating all the negative actions in our lives as individuals and corporate gatherings such as our churches and community gatherings. It is a time to turn around (justification) one more time to become the best we can be in all things. My Lenten prayer is that each and everyone of us can find the very best in each of us as we lift up our churches and communities in all that we do. Now, I have found in the six years I have lived in Chino Valley that aside from March coming and going as a lion or a lamb, March can be an unexpected month. By that I mean, we are settling into the expectations that spring is here and then we can still have a snow storm that can upset what we are engaging in. Planting gardens, planting and all the different aspects of our yards. (Have you guessed I like gardening and landscaping?) The one thing that occupies my mind is that even in unexpected situations we do have hope. Hope that things will get better. I look at Jesus this way. We have hope that we as fellow travelers on this life journey, this Christian walk, we always have hope that God is doing a new thing, Jesus has given us incredible blueprints for an outstanding life and God's Spirit is moving within and around us all the time. Can I get an Amen. So be it.

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Bob

## *Notes from the Lay Leader*

March! The way the weather has been the last few months the first day of Spring will be welcomed with open arms.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The season of Lent is a preparing for the celebration of Easter.

We once again highlight his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the upper room....to the garden....to the Cross....and then to the tomb. All this reflection and study is laying the groundwork for celebrating once again our Easter Joy and resurrection life.

Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm / Passion Sunday to celebrate Jesus the King's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the days that lead up to the Passion of Jesus which we commemorate on Friday of Holy Week.

On Maundy Thursday, Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. This begins Holy Triduum or 3 Great Days; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (which is celebrated on Saturday evening).

On Good Friday, Christians around the world hear the proclamation of the full Passion of Christ. The focus of this service is the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus willingly took upon himself in order that all may have new life.

As we journey down God's paths together during Lent, let us look for and discover the myriad of ways in which we are becoming more faithful in our prayer life, in our discipleship, in our faith-filled belief and our actions in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit who brings New Life to all.

*Stay safe and healthy*  
*Sandy*

# Trustees

Greetings from the Trustees.

We have had some problems this winter regulating the temperature in the library. The library is always cold, and never seems to warm up. Meanwhile, the Sunday school room gets warm to almost hot.

Recently, we contacted one of the local heating and cooling companies. Based on their inspection, the furnace is working properly, and there are no leaks or collapsed ducts in the attic. They did find that the vanes on the ceiling vent in the Sunday school room are aimed toward the thermostat. When the heat comes on, hot air blows on the thermostat. This causes the thermostat temperature to rise, and prematurely shuts the heat off.

They made some adjustments to resolve this issue, and offered some additional recommendations for the Trustees to implement.

At our February Trustees meeting, we formed a sub-committee to evaluate the condition of the heating and cooling system in Remp Hall, and make recommendations on what, if any, repairs or updates can be done to reduce electrical usage. They will present their findings at the March Trustees meeting.

You may have noticed some heavy equipment clearing brush, and other activities on the vacant property west of the Church. It is our understanding that the property owner is moving forward with developing this property. The Trustees plan to send a representative to the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to get an update on development plans.

The Trustees don't have many projects scheduled for March. However, April will be a busy month with the Craft and Bake sale, LifeLine Screening Thursday, April 20 and Vitalant Blood Drive Friday, April 21.

If you have some extra time or would like to help with events, please contact the Church Office or one of the Trustees. The Trustees meet at 9:00 am on the third Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are open to all Church members, and visitors are always welcome. If you have any ideas you would like to share with

Deryl Jevons  
Trustees Chair

## **Prayer Circle**

The Prayer Circle meets every Thursday at 9:00 in the sanctuary.

All are invited to come and have a conversation with God. Silence is vital during prayer because it allows us to be still and let God speak to us. It also lets us focus on what He has already said in His Word.

Our entire being is on holy ground. We are made to be still. It is our resting place, and this is where we come home to ourselves.

Whenever we turn within through prayer in silence, God is waiting for us with open arms, waiting to embrace us, waiting to fill us with divine love and peace beyond all understanding.

Silence helps us enter God's presence. Sometimes, it's hard to hear God's voice when we are talking all the time. It is much easier when we are silent before Him.

By being silent in prayer, you can enter into God's presence. The Bible says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). You can know that He is truthfully present, and you feel your chances will be more to enter with Him.

It is a simple and powerful way to connect with God because He wants us to seek Him and listen for His voice through the silence that is in our lives.

While silence in prayer may seem like an uncommon thing to do at first, if you practice regularly, you may receive plenty of benefits from it. Silence is not just about stopping talking; it is about creating an environment of listening. Silence invites God to speak to us. The more time we spend in silence, the more we experience God's presence.

It's amazing how easily our minds can wander during silent prayer. But if we can learn to quiet our minds and hearts before God, He will fill the void with His love, truth, and grace.

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## **Adult Study Classes**

Plan to attend the upcoming Adult Study classes:

1. **Tuesday March 7 through Tuesday April 4**—Adam Hamilton’s book “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcast and Outlaws.” Led by Pastor Bob the two classes for this Lenten Study are scheduled Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Books are available for \$12.00 each.
2. **Tuesday April 18 through Tuesday May 30**—Adam Hamilton’s book “The Way”. The 9:30 am class is led by Roger Harlow. Books are available for \$11.00 each.

Contact the Church Office for signup and books.

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## **Adult Sunday School**

Join in 9:00 am every Sunday studying the Book of Jeremiah with the help of Tom Birch’s book, Jeremiah, a Devotional Commentary. All are welcome!

Rita Haslett

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## **Children’s Sunday School**

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.

# Congratulations!



## Representing the Chino Valley United Methodist Church the Chino Valley Cheetahs

Our basketball team had an amazing season!

With a range of players from 3rd to 5th grade, each one of them contributed to our success.

We were undefeated in our regular season and lost in the second round of the playoffs.

Way to go team and thank you to our church for sponsoring our season!

## Town of Chino Valley General Plan for Year 2040



During the year our church Trustees and members attend various town meetings.

While 2040 is a very long way off, it is necessary for us to be a part of the community visioning. Thanks to Roger Harlow for attending.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Church

- April 2 Palm Sunday 10:00 am
- April 6 Holy Thursday 6:00 pm
- April 7 Good Friday 6:00 pm
- April 9 Easter 6:30 am  
10:00 am
  
- April 20 Life Line Screening
- April 21 Vitalant Blood Drive
- April 28 Craft & Bake Sale
- April 29 Craft & Bake Sale



## 2023

### January

Human Relations  
"Undies Under the Tree"  
Undies Drive

**Lots of Undies and  
\$481.00 to the Chino  
Valley Education  
Foundation**

### February

Horses with Heart  
**\$711.00 (to date)**

### March

CV First Responders

### April

UMCOR Admin  
&  
Disaster Relief

### May

Services for  
Vision Impairment

### June

People Who Care

## Missions

March Love Offering  
Chino Valley  
First Responders

Your generosity in 2022  
was appreciated by both  
the Police and Fire  
Departments and were  
used to fund their  
individual foundation  
events.

February Love Offering  
Horses with Heart

To date \$711.00  
collected from your  
Love Offerings. Thank  
you.

**Next  
Missions Team  
Meeting**

**Wednesday  
March 8, 2023**

**10:00 am**

## 2023

### July

Chino Valley Teachers

### August

Yavapai County  
Veterans  
Standdown "Undies Drive"

### September

CCJ Paloma Village

### October

Chino Valley  
Food Bank

### November

Chino Valley  
Meals on Wheels

### December

Yavapai College  
Chino Valley Campus  
Scholarships

# March 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>
<u>5</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 10 am Adult Study  6 pm 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> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 10 am Adult Study 5:30 pm Aroma's 6 pm Adult Study	<u>15</u> 9 am Trustees 11 am Finance  2 pm Choir	<u>16</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>17</u> St Patrick's Day	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children  <u>Worship</u> 10 am <u>Pioneer's Home</u> 2 pm	<u>20</u> 1st Day of Spring  	<u>21</u> 10 am Adult Study  6 pm Adult Study	<u>22</u>  2 pm Choir	<u>23</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>24</u> Workshop Dayspring UMC	<u>25</u> Workshop Dayspring UMC
<u>26</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 10 am Adult Study  6 pm Adult Study	<u>29</u>  2 pm Choir	<u>30</u> 9 am Prayer Circle	<u>31</u>	<u>April 1</u>  1-3 Leadership Board

# March 2023

## Scriptures & Messages

<p><b><u>Sunday, March 5</u></b> 2nd Sunday in Lent Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</p> <p>Pastor Bob Luke 22:14-23 “In Remembrance”</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday March 12</u></b> 3rd Sunday in Lent Psalm 95 Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11</p> <p>Pastor Bob Luke 7:36-50 “Jesus is Anointed”</p>
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<p><b><u>Sunday, March 19</u></b> 4th Sunday in Lent Psalm 23 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14</p> <p>Pastor Bob Psalm 137:1-4 “Restoring Relationships—the Reason for Easter”</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, March 26</u></b> 5th Sunday in Lent Psalm 130 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11</p> <p>Pastor Bob Matthew 26:57-58 “Peter’s Denial”</p>
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<p><b><u>Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>March 4— Marlys Benny March 6— Irene Rampley March 9— Deryl Jevons March 25—Josh Caulkins March 26—Edith Rieck March 27—Steve Taken March 29—George Stoecker March 29—Pastor Bob Gilfert March 30—Jacki Flanagan</p>	<p><b><u>Anniversaries</u></b></p> <p>March 21—Pastor Bob &amp; Ruth Gilfert March 24—Donna &amp; Chuck Thompson</p>
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Send your prayers and praises to  
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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8:00 am—1:00 pm  
Appointments available

### 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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Return Service Requested

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE