



April 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.

Palm Sunday
Sunday April 2 10:00 am

Holy Thursday
Thursday April 6 6:00 pm

Good Friday
Tenebrae
Friday April 7 6:00 pm

Easter Sunrise
Sunday April 9 6:30 am
Outside

Easter
Sunday April 9 10:00 am

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
6:00 pm

Office Hours

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

Appointments
Available





A Word from Pastor Bob

“Give Thanks”

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good.
God's faithful love lasts forever!
Give thanks to the God of all gods— God's faithful love lasts forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of all lords— God's faithful love lasts forever.
Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders—
God's faithful love lasts forever.

As we peer into the great expanse of our universe, and even farther beyond our current knowledge, I am constantly in awe of how science intersects with what we would call our theological knowledge. We are recently told that there are more galaxies than we could imagine as our telescopes gaze farther and farther. This new found knowledge has already begun to challenge some of our long held beliefs about the “Big Bang” theory.

Now, for those of us that contemplate the theological knowledge of God's existence we have to eventually come to Psalm 136. We are told “God's faithful love lasts forever.” For me this means God's love was as far in the past as I can conceive and then it goes even farther back. It is also present with us now. It is here now. Then God's love projects into the future farther than I can even begin to imagine. In other words, no matter where science guides as to the boundaries or lack of boundaries in our knowledge of the physical world, God Was, Is, and Will be. Always. Pretty heavy stuff. May we all be blessed and be a blessing to all throughout this season of Lent, Holy Week and the great celebration of Easter.

May God's Grace and Peace be abundant to all,
Pastor Bob



Lay Leader

April showers bring May flowers... I think with all the moisture we have had over the past few months we will have an abundance of flowers and those pesky weeds.

Thinking about the Lent and Advent seasons and the importance of each and how it plays such a major role in our faith, I wonder about the people in those times and how they felt.

Specifically I wonder about Mary—the Mother of Jesus. The joy of carrying child knowing He would be our Lord and Savior. Then the agony of seeing her son beaten and crucified on the cross, slowly dying, people denying Him. We focus on the crucifixion and its meaning for mankind. But what of Mary who lost a son and those who lost a friend and mentor?

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We experience and travel through time, feeling the dark, the haunting and the pain. Then joy — HE IS RISEN! HE'S ALIVE! I really do feel the joyousness of the Risen Christ, but I still feel the haunting journey that leads up to the glory.

I hope that all of us can take time from our busy daily “look at me” and “it’s about me” lives and reflect on our faith.

*Blessings to all his month
Stay safe, healthy and happy ...
Sandy*

Craft & Bake Sale



Attention All Church Bakers!!!!
The community loves all of our baked goods!
Bring out the apron and recipes
and share your love of baking for our upcoming
Bake Sale on Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29.
Please have goodies to the church on Thursday April 27.
A signup sheet will be in the narthex. Thank you.

Life Line Screening

Participate in the Life Line Screening
Thursday April 20, 2023 at the church,
call **1-800-640-6307** for reservations.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Participate in the Vitalant Blood Drive
Friday April 21, 2023 at the church,
call **1-877-258-4825** for reservations.

Trustees

Greetings from the Trustees.

The latest order of 18 engraved bricks for the Reflection Garden will be shipped in the near future. A committee is working on a design for placing the engraved bricks in the patio. In addition, they are also looking at purchasing and installing metal benches.

The dedication of the Reflection Garden is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2023 after the 10:00 am church service.

We are currently taking orders for engraved bricks. Forms are located in the Narthex. Once we receive a certain number of orders they will be placed with the brick company. Contact the Office for more information.

Lifeline Screening is scheduled Thursday, April 20, and Vitalant Blood Drive is scheduled Friday, April 21. The Trustees currently have enough help to do the set-up and take-down for these events.

The Craft and Bake Sale is scheduled April 28 and 29. The set-up is scheduled Wednesday, April 26 at 9:00 am and take-down scheduled Saturday, April 29, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in helping with the set-up and take-down for this event, there will be a sign-up sheet or let the office know.

Trustees meetings are scheduled 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, come to one of our meetings or contact one of the Trustees.

Deryl Jevons
Trustees Chairman

Adult Study Class

Roger Harlow, Certified Lay Minister will lead Rev. Adam Hamilton's book "The Way" beginning Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 10:00 am and concludes May 30, 2023.

Books are available at \$11.00 per book. Call or email the office to reserve.

Leadership

Your Leadership Board, Josh Caulkins, Roger Harlow, Terry Colucci and Donna Norris welcome ideas and conversation in the mission and vision of the Chino Valley United Methodist Church. The board is actively planning for our future.

Finance

Hello to all our Church members,

I would like to say the church is doing financially well. We are slightly ahead of last year's financial standings. However, there have been several larger or unexpected expenses over the last 3 months, but they have been paid. And, I would like to thank all the church members for their continual givings to the church.

This year we have more people and families givings now through eGiving, electronic giving. By using eGiving you do not have to think or remember your check, it's all automatic once setup. Through eGiving you can donate using a checking, debt, or credit card account. Check our Church web site: <https://chinovalleyumc.org> and click on the "Giving" tab. It's that easy.

The Finance Committee is also developing plans for more active Stewardship reminders year round. More to come...

Spring is approaching and I'm sure we all looking for warmer weather, and be ready for more church activities...

We thank the Lord for our life He has given us, and we pray for good health to all.

Ray Benny
Chair

Stewardship

Stewardship of Time
Anita MacFadden

1 Peter 4:10

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received,
as good managers of God's diverse gifts.

Time stewardship - the careful, wise, and Godly use of the time God gives us. We need to accept the time given to us and decide what we will fill it with.

Time can be budgeted - We are all busy, but not all of that busy time is well-spent. We may need to say no to certain demands on our time, opening our schedule to God's prompting. We can live each day anticipating the opportunities he places in our path to offer our gift of time.

Time is a trust—Are we treasuring it the way God intended for us to use or are we wasting our time? God wants us to use our time in different ways to minister to our church, families, and neighbors.

Here are two ways you can use your time wisely through devotion in support of God's ministry:

Prayer - Everyone can pray. Take time out of your busy day to pray for those in need. Remember, Prayer is important for our wellbeing as it is for the ones we pray for.

Volunteer - Look for those opportunities where you can give of your time to represent God's love through action.

Remember - Just as we budget our financial resources to reflect our priorities, we can re-set our allocation of time in a manner pleasing to God.

Did You Know?

The tradition of Palm Sunday dates back to the time of Jesus Christ.

Christians celebrate this holiday to memorialize the last time Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding a donkey to be part of the Passover, which is a Jewish holiday.

When he arrived, a large group of people greeted him, cheering and holding palm branches. The palm branch symbolizes victory and triumph which originated thousands of years ago in the Mediterranean world and Mesopotami.

Red and purple are traditionally the colors worn during Lent, the 40-day period of fasting and prayer leading up to Easter. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, and so these colors are also worn on this day. Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, which was shed for our sins, and purple symbolizes royalty and majesty.

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to those who sign up for our Fellowship Hour each and every Sunday. From the goodies, to setup, serving, cleanup all is done with our members and visitors in mind to enjoy each other's company after service. Please consider helping to continue making this a happy time.



Music

The Choir and Close Harmony have prepared wonderful special music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Watching on-line is a preference of some; but, being in church in person is a great way to be in the presence of the Holy Spirit and each other's company.

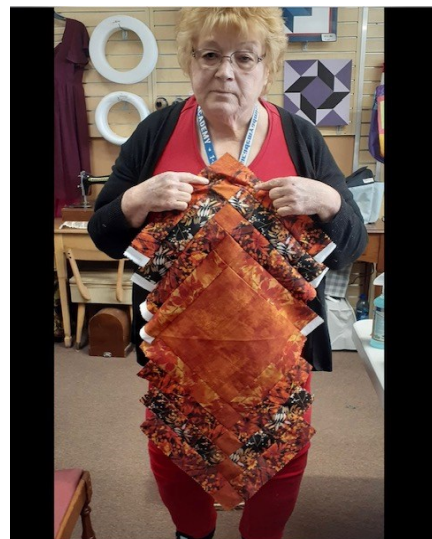
Updating Personal Information

In the near future we will be updating our databases to ensure we have the most recent emergency and contact information, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays, anniversaries, volunteering, etc.

The new form will be streamlined to mirror our database input and should be easier and more productive for everyone.

All information is strictly confidential and is not shared with any person or the public.

Cindy Phillips enjoys sewing.
As part of the Sew N Sew group
in Chino Valley,
here is a beautiful table runner she made.



Worship

Thanks to our Worship and Music Team for being ready for all our worship services.

Prayers

Continued prayers for the world and all our leaders. For those who are home bound, our church members and their families. May God wrap His arms around us as we pray for each other.

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
\$801.00

March

CV First Responders
\$772 (to date)

April

UMCOR Admin
&
Disaster Relief

May

Services for
Vision Impaired
Senior Peer Program with
Polara Health

June

People Who Care

Missions

Many people are blessed
by our Love Offerings.

April

In April we will dedicate
our offerings to UMCOR
(United Methodist
Committee on Relief)
Administration.

In addition, the Desert
SW Annual Conference
Mission Projects are
UMCOR Disaster Relief
for Syria and Turkey
Earthquake Relief,
Ukraine UMC Support.

All donations are
requested to be into the
conference by June 5,
2023.

May

In May we will dedicate
our offerings to the
Senior Peer Program
with Polara Health—
Vision Impaired Services.
A representative will
speak at our church
service on Sunday
April 16.

Next
Missions Team Meeting
is Wednesday
**April 19, 2023,
10:00 am.**
All are welcome
to attend.
Jacki Flanagan
Chair

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



April 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 1 pm Leadership |
| 2 Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 am | 3 | 4 | 5 9 am SPR 2 pm Choir | 6 9 am Prayer Group Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm | 7 Good Friday 6:00 pm | |
| 9 Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Easter Worship 6:30 am 10:00 am | 10 | 11 10: am Adult Study 5:30 pm Aroma's Night Out | 12 2 pm Choir | 13 9 am Prayer Group | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am Pioneer's Home 2 pm | 17 | 18 10: am Adult Study | 19 9 am Trustees 10 am Missions 2 pm Choir | 20 8 am Life Line Screening 9 am Prayer Group | 21 8 am Vitalant Blood Drive | 22 9 am—2 pm Team Chairs & Staff Retreat |
| 23 Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am | 24 | 25 10: am Adult Study | 26 2 pm Choir | 27 9 am Prayer Group | 28 Craft & Bake Sale 9—3 | 29 Craft & Bake Sale 9—2 |
| 30 Sunday School 9 am Adult 10 am Children Worship 10 am | May 1 | May 2 10: am Adult Study | May 3 | May 4 | May 5 | May 6 |

April 2023

Scriptures & Messages

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| <u>Sunday, April 2</u> Palm Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Pastor Bob Mark 11:7-20 "Hosanna" | <u>Thursday, April 6</u> Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116 John 13:1-17 Pastor Bob "Be In Paradise" | <u>Sunday, April 7</u> Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| <u>Sunday April 9</u> Easter Sunrise (outside) Pastor Bob Mark 16:1-8 "Journey to Hope" | <u>Sunday, April 9</u> Easter Psalm 118 Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 Pastor Bob Mark 16:1-8 "Journey to Hope / Where Did They Put Jesus" | |
| <u>Sunday, April 16</u> 2nd Sunday after Easter Psalm 16 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 Pastor Bob Revelation 2:1-7 "Jesus and the Seven Churches—Ephesus" | <u>Sunday April 23</u> 3rd Sunday after Easter Psalm 116:1-7 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Pastor Bob 1 Corinthians 13:3 "All You Need Is Love" | <u>Sunday, April 30</u> 4th Sunday after Easter Roger Harlow |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <u>Birthdays</u> April 5 Karen Mensing April 10 John Giles April 10 Cynthia Giles April 19 Don Niedermeyer April 23 Anna Houston April 27 John Dean | <u>Anniversaries</u> April 19 Anita & Kevin MacFadden April 21 Rita & Bob Haslett April 25 Karen & Pete Mensing |
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**Please let the office know of any changes to the birthday and anniversary list.
Thank you!**



Nerdy Notes

When I was a college professor in the early 2000s, I wrote articles for the faculty newsletter about IT topics, and one of the subjects I kept revisiting was “How to Avoid the Bad Guys/Scammers/Virus Spreaders/Etc.” At the time, it seemed there was always a new way of tricking users into giving out their credit card or bank account numbers, letting a hacker log into their computer, or otherwise unwittingly invite a cyber thief into their formerly secure world. Everyone in IT was going through the same desperate steps to try to encourage users to protect themselves, at least until we could come up with security solutions that would help to make users safer.

It's twenty-some years later, and guess what: all the security solutions we've come up with have been foiled by the bad guys, and it doesn't look like they're going to stop anytime soon. Throughout the years, I have continued to write articles in various newspapers, newsletters, and the like about users learning to protect their valuable information from the bad actors that are everywhere on the Internet, and all of them have boiled down to three basic rules:

1. There is a 99.9% chance that no person or company will EVER call you or tell you to call them to solve a problem with your computer.
2. The more exciting, mysterious, unbelievable and/or gossipy an article sounds, the more vulnerable you are if you click on the link to the article.
3. Your email SPAM filter can be very valuable, if and only if you use it correctly.

I'm going to talk about Rule 1 this month. If someone calls you and says they are with the FBI and your computer has been compromised, get their name, badge number, office designator, address, and phone number, terminate the call, and look them up. This tactic will work for anyone that calls and says you have a problem with your computer: get all the information you can, hang up, and look them up. They will probably hang up themselves once they realize you are skeptical; if not, I guarantee they are not from the FBI, the IRS, Apple, Yahoo!, Microsoft, or any other legitimate entity. Hanging up on them might release some of your frustrations!

If a message pops up on your screen saying your computer is infected and instructing you to call Microsoft (or some other company, usually one most people would trust) to remove the infection, press CTRL-ALT-DEL, click on Task Manager, and end the browser task. Don't go to that site again, and you should be fine. If you get some kind of message that you must call someone and you can't get the message to go away, press the power button and hold it until your computer powers down. Then call me or another technician you trust and tell them what happened. If you're already a customer, I usually won't even charge to make sure your computer is not compromised. It should only take a few minutes.

To reiterate, those unsolicited calls and pop-ups are never legitimate – or so close to never that it won't hurt to treat them all as bogus. Do not give out any information in response to a scam like these, as they are the most common and most successful exploits that I have seen for at least the past year or two. Don't call anyone except a technician you know and trust, don't install any software or let anyone log into your computer, don't give out any financial information, don't allow yourself to be bullied – DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Your nerdy friend,
Lisa Hendricks

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Office Hours

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

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