



April 2024

**Chimes Newsletter
Chino Valley
United Methodist Church**

Our Mission is Loving God and Serving Our Community

Our Vision—Chino Valley United Methodist Church is a vibrant, Christ-Centered Church and a beacon of hope through our witness, service, and prayer.

1 Peter 1:3:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

As we reflect on this verse, let us embrace the promise of new life, celebrate the triumph of Christ's resurrection, and find strength in our faith. May this season bring you joy, hope, and a fresh start!

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**

Send your
Praises and Prayers to
cvumckneemail@gmail.com





A Word from Pastor Eliza-

“Christ is Risen!”

**Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed!**

We gathered on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But Easter is not just one day. In the church, Easter is a season and it lasts seven weeks!

Our Lenten journey led us on a path of considering our faith walk alongside Jesus – not to highlight our shortcomings, but to better understand Jesus’ overwhelming and transformative love. And now that Easter is past, we must consider the question:

What are we going to do with our transformed lives?

We will search for answers to this question during the Easter season.

For the next three weeks, we are asking the question, ***How Shall We Live?*** as we explore readings from 1 John. We will take this opportunity to explore how our way of life is consistent with God’s invitation to us to live as part of Creation. We will look for opportunities to align our lives more fully with God’s interconnected and interdependent Creation, including human and beyond-human creatures.

For the last three weeks of the Easter season, we will be asking ***How Shall We Love?*** To answer that question we will consider: What does love look like? And what does love include? We will spend some time together, before God, contemplating the invitation to a life that leads with love. And we will learn how leading a life of love means that we step out; we reach out; we invite and encourage; we lift up and help heal. We keep loving. Because that’s what it means to be Easter people.

I hope you will join us in person or online and remember God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Elizabeth

Opportunities to Serve

God calls us to serve within the church as well as out in the community. Opportunities abound. Here are a few opportunities with the church:

- Move chairs out of the sanctuary and set back up for events
- Count the offering
- Sunday refreshments (signup sheet is in the narthex)
 - Set up / clean up
 - Bring goodies
- Handyman projects around the church
- Communion setup
- Communion servers
- Clicking slides for services
- Liturgist

Contact the Church Office if you are interested in volunteering and helping in the church. God's house is your house!

News from the Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden, Chair

Your Leadership Board had their first visioning retreat in March. Ann Harrington graciously hosted us at her lovely Thumb Butte Bed & Breakfast. Thank you, Ann!

We began with a devotional on Making Plans that featured a clip from the movie *Evan Almighty*. From this movie and the devotional, we are reminded that "Our God is a god of plans who calls us to hold our plans loosely. To build margin into our work and personal lives, making room for things that don't neatly fit into our plans. Because our goal is not to be followers of our plans, but to be followers of Christ. That's the ultimate plan!"

We approved a covenant to guide our work as the Leadership Board. During the Visioning activity, we discussed

- Where are we now?
- What are our strengths?
- What is working and what is not?
- If we had unlimited resources, what would we do?

As we left the meeting, we were challenged to pray daily for inspiration from God on where he wants us to go as a church. The Leadership Board asks you to join us in this prayer.



2024 Emmaus Walks

Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, AZ

Men—July 18—21, 2024

Women—July 25—28, 2024

Sign-up and register Pilgrims

by mail to:

The Arizona Walk to Emmaus

P. O. Box 86309

Phoenix, AZ 85080-6309

or by email to:

Registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com

Adult Study Class

The “Rose Guide to the Book of Acts” class continues through Tuesday May 7. With pictures, charts, maps, time lines, and a clear and outlined format, this introduction to the Book of Acts helps explore the key people, places and stories of the first Christians and Early Church. Covered will be life and missionary journeys of the apostle Paul; A to Z guide of who’s who in the book of Acts’ maps for Paul’s journeys, Philip’s travels, the world of the first Christians and more’ Timeline of the early church: AD 1-100; the Holy Spirit in the life of the Early Church; and more. Contact Roger Harlow for more information.

Our church is hosting Vitalant and Life Line Screening in the month of April. If you are interested contact the numbers below to make your reservations.

Vitalant Blood Drive

If you plan on participating in the Vitalant Blood Drive **Friday, April 5, 2024** at the church, call **1-877-258-4825** for reservations.

Life Line Screening

If you plan on participating in the Life Line Screening **Thursday, April 11, 2024** at the church, call **1-800-640-6307** for reservations.



Led by Carol Ward the Tapestry Group meets the first Friday of each month in our multi-purpose room. Wonderful talent and amazing pieces made by these ladies



Another wonderful food donation from the TrebleSong Concert March 3 to our Food Bank. Terry Colucci a member of the choir presenting the food donations to Ron—Food Bank Manager. Another concert is planned for June.

The 2nd Tuesday of each month is a get-together of family and friends at Aroma's Pizza for a Night Out. The March gathering had the most people in a long time—**17** coming for great food and company. Plus 10% of your bill goes back to our church.





2024 Love Offerings

Anyone is invited to attend the Missions Team meetings scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

	Organization	Donations for
January	CV Education Foundation	CV Homeless Children
February	UMCOR	Administration
March	Horses with Heart	Feed
April	CVUMC	Gen Fund - A/C Units
May	Polara Health – Vision / Blind Impairment	(Contact Polara)
June	YC CV Campus Scholarship	Male or Female Chino Valley Resident
July	CV School Programs	Tech—music, culinary, art, woodshop
August	YC VA Stand Down	Clothing
September	CV Transit	Bus Maintenance
October	CV Meals on Wheels	Holiday Meals
November	People Who Care	Fundraiser for Neighbors
December	CV First Responders	(Contact PD)

Ongoing Love Offerings:

- Chino Valley Food Bank
- Chino Valley Homeless Kids

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> NO CHOIR	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 5:30 pm Aroma's Night Out	<u>10</u> 10 am Missions 3 pm Choir	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 3 pm Choir	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 3 pm Choir	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>May 1</u> 3 pm Choir	<u>May 2</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 4</u>

Remember—April Love Offering—Chino Valley General Fund—AC Units

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Scriptures & Messages

<p><u>Sunday, April 7</u> 2nd Sunday of Easter Series: How Shall We Live Psalm 133 Acts 4:32-35</p> <p>1 John 1:1-2:2 “We Walk in the Light” Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster</p>	<p><u>Sunday, April 14</u> 3rd Sunday of Easter Series” How Shall We Live Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19</p> <p>1 John 3:1-7 “We Purify in Hope” Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster</p>
<p><u>Sunday, April 21</u> 4th Sunday of Easter Series: How Shall We Live Psalm 23 Acts 4:5-12</p> <p>1 John 3:16-24 “We Abide in Christ” Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster</p>	<p><u>Sunday April 28</u> 5th Sunday of Easter Series: How Shall We Love Psalm 22:25-31 Acts 8:26-40</p> <p>1 John 4:7-21 “We Bear Fruit” Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster</p>



Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
April 5 Karen Mensing	April 19 Anita & Kevin MacFadden
April 10 John Giles	April 21 Rita & Bob Haslett
April 10 Cynthia Giles	April 25 Karen & Pete Mensing
April 19 Don Niedermeyer	
April 23 Anna Houston	
April 27 John Dean	

Please let the office know of any changes to the birthday and anniversary list.
Thank you!

Church Information

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