



March 2025

Chino Valley United Methodist Church Chimes Newsletter

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.

*As spring ushers in its warmth
and vibrancy, may we be
reminded of the beauty and magnificence
of Your creation
and inspired to seek out the
good in every situation.
Let us spread Your message
of love and compassion
throughout the world, illuminating the
hearts of those in need.*



Sunday Worship

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

Sunday School

Children

Adult Study
Wednesday
10:00 am

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

Appointments
Available



A Word from Pastor Kevin

The Season of Lent

"We hope that as Christians we mature and grow and become more and more like Christ. But the church and its wisdom assumes we will fail even after our baptism. The church presumes that life is long and zeal fades not just for some of us but for all. So it has included with it's life a season in which all of us recapture our love for God and his kingdom and cast off those things that so easily entangle us."

Dr. Esau McCaulley

Hello, Chino Valley UMC,

The season of Lent is now here! We begin our forty-day countdown to Easter - a forty-day journey with Jesus through his final weeks of ministry, his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his death on Good Friday, and then his resurrection on Easter.

If we aren't careful, Lent can be a rather morose time - a time when we focus on all the ways we may have failed to live up to the life that Jesus calls us - failed as disciples, servants, family, and friends. We might be tempted to take on a fast from some of our favorites, or take on a practice like reading the Bible, or praying, not so much out of desire, but out of punishment.

I want to challenge us to try Lent a different way. I am inspired by the quote from Dr. McCaulley above to begin Lent with my eyes set on the right goal - the goal is not to meditate on my failure, the goal is to recapture my love for God - loving Jesus with all my heart, soul, and mind.

If greater love is the purpose, this changes the mission of Lent - it's not dredging up the past to fix it (I probably can't, anyway) - it's realizing that we are here now, and we have forty days to love God like crazy.

So, here comes Lent! I ask you...

How can you love God like crazy for the next forty days?

...Is there anything that if you stopped doing it, would it bring more of God's love to you, and to the world?

...Is there anything you could do that would let you enjoy the love of God more?

If you give these questions some time, I think you'll be ready for a better Lent.

I look forward to loving God like crazy with all of you this month at our church!

Sincerely,
Pastor Kevin



Chino Valley United Methodist Church

Leadership Board

News from the Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden

The Leadership Board met February 16 and once again covered multiple topics in a short period of time. Here is a synopsis with what we covered:

Leadership Development

For the next several meetings we are reviewing the handout *Wearing Four Hats, Understanding the Leadership Board's Roles in SAS (Simplified Accountability Structure)*. At our meeting we covered the general overview and learned the following about the four "hats:"

- **The Church Council "Hat"** – Ensuring mission alignment, strategic vision, and ministry effectiveness
- **The Finance "Hat"** – overseeing budgets, stewardship, and long-term financial sustainability
- **The Trustees "Hat"** – managing legal obligations, property stewardship and risk management
- **The SPRC "Hat"** – supporting and holding the pastor and staff accountable while ensuring healthy leadership structures.

At our next meeting we will delve further into the SPRC "Hat". If you are interested in a copy of *Wearing Four Hats*, please request one from Sandy, Anita or Pastor Kevin.

Financials

We reviewed the January Financials, noting that the expenses exceeded the income for the month by just over \$2,700.00.

Mission Accountability

We covered two items – new members and Goal #4 Building Ministry Teams.

1. On the new member front, we have 8 people who have indicated they would like to become members of our church and help us in furthering our mission *to love God and serve the community so that lives are better*. New Member Sunday is March 2. I hope you can be there to welcome our new members.
2. We have started the process of creating the Building Maintenance Team (BMT). The BMT is the volunteer team who will plan and carry out maintenance and repair tasks at our church, and work together to plan bigger repairs and projects. There was a meeting after church on February 23 led by Pastor Kevin and Team Leader Walter Floyd. Three persons attended with three others indicating interest but unable to attend. Many of you have great knowledge and skills - if you can join the team, we will do great work together.

If you are interested in what the Leadership Board is doing ask one of the members or attend one of our meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 23, 11:30-2:30. All are welcome to attend the open session.

*Chino Valley United Methodist Church
Welcomes Guests
Bishop Carlo Rapanut, Cabinet Members ,
and DS Javier Olivares
to our
Sunday March 23, 10:00 am worship service.*

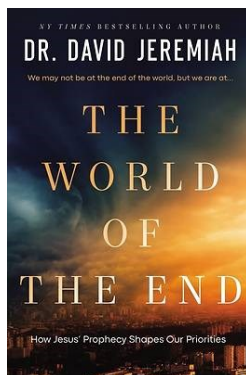
*Congratulations to
Roger Harlow
on his
recertification of
Certified Lay Minister!*

Adult Study Class—Wednesday 10:00 am

Roger Harlow, Certified Lay Minister will be leading the study group on Dr. David Jeremiah's "The World of The End" how Jesus' prophecy shapes our priorities.

Cost of the book and student guide is \$15.50.

Wednesday 10:00 am





2025 Love Offerings
Chino Valley United Methodist Church
“Loving God & Serving Our Community”

	Organization	Donations for	Collected
January	CV Education Foundation	CV Homeless Children	\$445.00
February	YC CV Campus Scholarship	Chino Valley Resident	\$660.00
March	Horses with Heart	Feed	
April	CVUMC—General Fund	Security Cameras / Special Events	
May	Polara Health – Vision / Blind Impairment	General	
June	UMCOR	Administration	
July	CV School Programs	Culinary Arts	
August	YC VA Stand Down Male & Female Vets	New & gently used clothing, Hygiene items	
September	Yavapai County Regional Transit	Bus Maintenance	
October	CV Meals on Wheels	Holiday Meals	
November	Chino Valley People Who Care	Fundraiser for Neighbors	
December	CV First Responders	Police & Fire	

Missions Team meetings are scheduled for the **second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am.** Anyone is invited to attend.

Ongoing Love Offerings. Drop off items in the narthex for distribution to:

- Chino Valley Food Bank
- Chino Valley Homeless Kids

Galatians 6:9.

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”*

art with



FREE ART WORKSHOP!

~imagine...create...discover~

Saturday, March 8

10:30AM – 12:30PM

Chino Valley Library, Community Room



Come join us where you can use your imagination, discover, and
create
with lots of different kinds of art materials including drawing, clay,
collage, weaving, music and more!



2025 Emmaus Walks

Upcoming Walk to Emmaus dates:

March 27—30

Men's March

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in Sierra Vista, AZ

April 3—6

Women's Walk

Lay Director is Kelly Capps

For all who seek a better understanding
for what it is to be Christian

KAIROSOUTSIDE OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

Upcoming weekend date:

May 2-4 in Flagstaff, AZ

For women who have been impacted by incarceration. Either they themselves have served time or their family/friends are serving time.

Spring Treasure Hunter's Market

Gently used goods and collected treasures!

benefitting the Chino Valley Food Bank

A drop off box for canned goods will be available.



Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

at the

Chino Valley United Methodist Church

735 E Road 1 South



Questions?

Call 928-636-2969 or email chinovallyumc@gmail.com

AARP TAX-AIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION

The **AARP Tax-Aide service in Chino Valley** provides free tax preparation and e-file provided by IRS certified volunteers.

This is a community service for all.
You do not need to be a member of AARP.

February 5 – April 10
Wednesday and Thursday only!
9 am – 3 pm


Chino Valley Public Library
1020 W Palomino Rd,
Chino Valley 86323

Questions?

Call

AARP TAX-AIDE
928-277-1560



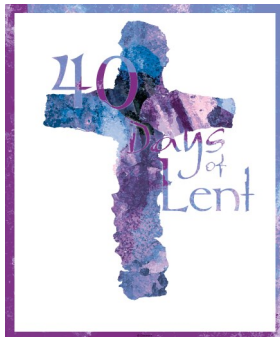
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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<u>2</u> Worship 10 am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Choir 3:00 pm	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> Worship 10 am	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 5:30 pm Aroma's Night Out	<u>12</u> 11 am Missions Choir 3:00 pm	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> Worship 10 am	<u>17</u> 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Choir	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> Worship 10 am Special Guests Bishop, Cabinet & DS Leadership Mtg	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Choir 3:00 pm	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> Worship 10 am	<u>31</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 2</u> Choir 3:00 pm	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 4</u>	<u>April 5</u>

Remember—March 2025 Love Offering is Horses with Heart

March 2025

Scriptures & Messages

<u>Sunday, March 2</u> Transfiguration Sunday “Jesus’s New Members Class” Matthew 18 Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, March 5</u> Ash Wednesday Pastor Kevin Lester
<u>Sunday March 9</u> 1st Sunday in Lent “How to Follow Jesus, Part 2” Matthew 14 Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, March 16</u> 2nd Sunday in Lent “How to Follow Jesus, Part 3” Matthew 19 Pastor Kevin Lester
<u>Sunday, March 23</u> 3rd Sunday in Lent “How to Follow Jesus, Part 4” Matthew 9 Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, March 30</u> 4th Sunday in Lent “Clash of Kingdoms” Matthew 21 Pastor Kevin Lester



April 13

Palm Sunday—10 am Service
Palm Sunday Picnic—12:30 pm
Willow Creek Park in Prescott

April 17

Maundy Thursday—4 pm

April 18

Good Friday Service

April 20

Easter Sunday—10 am Service
Light brunch following the service

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
March 4	Marlys Benny	March 21	Pastor Bob & Ruth Gilfert
March 6	Irene Rampley	March 24	Chuck & Donna Thompson
March 9	Deryl Jevons		
March 25	Jeff Nelson		
March 25	Josh Caulkins		
March 26	Edith Rieck		
March 27	Steve Taken		
March 29	Pastor Bob Gilfert		
March 30	Jacki Flanagan		
March 31	Cherri Redd		

Please inform the office of any changes to the birthday and anniversary list. 11
 Thank you!

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



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Return Service Requested

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PLACE
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HERE