



April 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.

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday—10 am

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

Maundy Thursday—4 pm

Remembering the Last Supper

Good Friday—5 pm

Remember the story of Jesus's death

Easter Sunday—10 am

Celebrate the resurrection!

**We embrace the month of April
remembering its powerful transformation and renewal.**

**This time of year invites us to reflect on our
spiritual journey and connect deeply
with the teachings of faith.**



**Sunday Worship 10 am Livestream Facebook/CVUMC & Website
Office Hours: 8:00 am —1:00 pm Monday—Thursday**



A Word from Pastor Kevin

The reign of life has begun, the tyranny of death is ended. A new birth has taken place, a new life has come, a new order of existence has appeared, our very nature has been transformed! ... 'I ascend to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God.'
John 20:17

O what wonderful good news! He who for our sake became like us in order to make us his brothers, now presents to his true Father his own humanity in order to draw all his kindred up after him.
St. Gregory of Nyssa (335-395 AD)

Hello, Church!

This is a quote from the Easter sermon given by Gregory of Nyssa, who was a pastor about 1700 years ago. I love how he captures the world-changing power of Jesus' resurrection - that when Jesus is raised from death, he raises all to new life with him.

Possibly more than ever, I am excited for Easter this year. Possibly more than ever, I am ready to hear the story and remember what it means.

More than ever, I am eager to hear, again, that...
...Christ is alive, and that death is now the "old way" that will itself pass
...that God's Spirit is striving with us to bring new life into this world, now
...that there is hope for all people to be drawn to the Father, and for this world to be transformed

It is truly good news! Each day, as we hear bad news, so many are striving to find hope. This Easter, my prayer is that the Good News we might renew our souls to live with the hope of Christ - hope that enabled him to persist through darkness to reconcile all things to Himself (Col. 1:20).

I look forward to hearing the story with you once more - please, join us in worship, prayer, and service this month!

Sincerely,
Pastor Kevin

News from the Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden

The Leadership Board (LB) met March 23. 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*. We reviewed The Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (PSPRC) "Hat". Key points discussed were:

- "The Pastor is head of staff, and the Leadership Board role is to support, empower, and create healthy structures rather than manage employees directly"
- The LB is also responsible for reviewing & updating policies. To that end, the CVUMC Employee Policy Guide was introduced, recognizing it had not been updated in quite awhile. The document will be reviewed over the next few weeks and finalized with updates at the next meeting.

The Trustees "Hat" will be reviewed at our next meeting. If you are interested in a copy of *Wearing Four Hats*, please request one from Sandy, Anita or Pastor Kevin.

Building Maintenance Team (BMT) – The Charter for the BMT was finalized. The Building Maintenance Team (BMT) is a ministry team that provides oversight and care of the property and grounds of the church to help ensure that CVUMC meets its mission ***to love God and serve the community so that lives are better***. The responsibilities of the BMT include but are not limited to performing minor maintenance and repair, conducting church property clean up, identifying maintenance and repair items, conducting safety checks, and obtaining bids for projects. The LB provides direction and support for the church's ministries, and is accountable for providing direction and resources to the BMT. The BMT is, then, accountable to the Board for fulfilling their part of the church's mission. As the supervisor of church ministry teams, the Pastor will coordinate with the BMT Leader to ensure the church is supporting the team in their work.

February Financials – In February our income was slightly higher than our expenses; however, for the year our balance is -\$1,448.62.

Mission Accountability – Several of us were wondering how attendance compares to last year. Pastor Kevin provided data that shows our attendance is remaining steady, and in the month of March we welcomed 7 new members. God is good.

Update on Goal 4 Building Ministry Teams – As mentioned above the Building Maintenance Team is up and running. If you are interested on being on the team talk with Walter Floyd. The BMT has a church work day planned for Saturday April 5. All are welcome to come help spruce up the church building and grounds.

A Care Team is starting to form. We have several members who have already volunteered to be on this team. The LB will be working on a charter. If you are interested in being on the team, see Pastor Kevin, Sandy or Anita.

Update on Goal 2 Developing Vision and Core Values – To start our discussion we reviewed *The Church Life Cycle* to help us understand where our church is in the life cycle. After much discussion, we feel like we are in Maintenance mode. We then reviewed *The Diffusion of Innovation Model*, discussing what it takes to bring in new ideas and change. If you are interested in either article, see Pastor Kevin, Anita or Sandy.

Finally – have you seen the new chairs in the sanctuary, the chairs with arms? Thanks to a generous donation from one of our members we have 16 new chairs placed throughout the sanctuary for those who would like a chair that sits up a little higher and has arms.



April



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Church Cleanup Day 9—1
<u>6</u> Worship 10 am	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 5:30 pm Aroma's	<u>9</u> 11 am Missions Choir 3:00 pm	<u>10</u> Vitalant Blood Drive	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> Palm Sunday Worship 10 am CVUMC, PUM & PVUM Church Picnic 12:30 pm	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Choir 3:00 pm	<u>17</u> Maundy Thursday Service 4 pm	<u>18</u> Good Friday Service 5 pm	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> Easter Worship 10 am	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Lifeline Screening Choir 3:00 pm	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> Worship 10 am	<u>28</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u> Choir 3:00 pm	<u>30</u>	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 2</u>
<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 4</u>	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 9</u>

Remember—April 2025 Love Offering is CVUMC General Fund

April 2025

Scriptures & Messages

<p><u>Sunday April 6</u> 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Matthew 26 “The Lamb” Pastor Kevin Lester</p>	<p><u>Sunday April 13</u> Palm Sunday</p> <p>Matthew 21 “One Great Day” Pastor Kevin Lester</p>
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<p><u>Thursday April 17</u> Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Pastor Kevin Lester</p>	<p><u>Friday April 18</u> Good Friday</p> <p>Pastor Kevin Lester</p>
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<p><u>Sunday April 20</u> Easter</p> <p>Matthew 28 “Welcome Back!” Pastor Kevin Lester</p>	<p><u>Sunday April 27</u> 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>TBD Guest Rev, Dan Hurlbut—PUMC</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
<p>April 5 Karen Mensing</p> <p>April 10 John Giles</p> <p>April 10 Cynthia Giles</p> <p>April 19 Don Niedermeyer</p> <p>April 23 Anna Houston</p> <p>April 24 Jamie Knittle</p> <p>April 27 John Dean</p>	<p>April 19 Anita & Kevin MacFadden</p> <p>April 21 Rita & Bob Haslett</p> <p>April 25 Karen & Pete Mensing</p>

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

Joint Appointive Cabinet Visit

Our Joint Appointive Cabinet representing the Desert Southwest and New Mexico Annual Conferences visited our church Sunday March 23. They participated in our service by presenting the communion elements to our congregation.

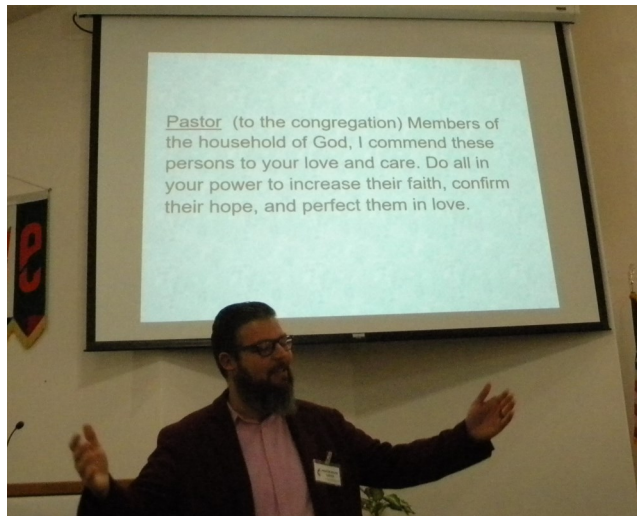
Pictured are Bishop Carlo Rapanut

South DS—Rev Matt Ashley, El Paso DS—Rev Pam Rowley,
East DS—Rev Melissa Rynders, Albuquerque DS—Rev Ross Whiteaker,
North DS—Rev Timote Piukala, West DS Rev Javier Olivares.

Not pictured Director of NVF—Rachel Gilmore.



Welcome New Members to Chino Valley United Methodist Church March 2, 2025



Pastor Kevin

“Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.”



**Marion
Ross**

**Brigitte
Bradley**

Jo

**Jeffrey
Scholfield**



**Chris
Howard**

**Linda
Floyd**

**Walter
Floyd**

Not Pictured
Tori Ogle



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	Neighbors Fundraiser	
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.”*

★ Spring Treasure Hunter's Market ★

Gently used goods and collected treasures!

Everyone is welcome!
The Spring Treasure Hunter's Market is a place
where you can sell, and purchase gently used goods and collected treasures!

A drop-off box for canned goods will be available for the
Chino Valley Food Bank

Breakfast & Lunch Food Booth on site by the
Chino Valley Lioness / Lions Club



Saturday, April 26, 2025
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Chino Valley United Methodist Church
735 E Road 1 South



15' x 15' spaces - \$25.00 per space

For questions or a printed application contact 928-636-2969
or email chinovaleymc@gmail.com

Fill out an application and return to
Chino Valley United Methodist Church
735 East Road 1 South
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
No later than April 18



Join us for a Picnic!

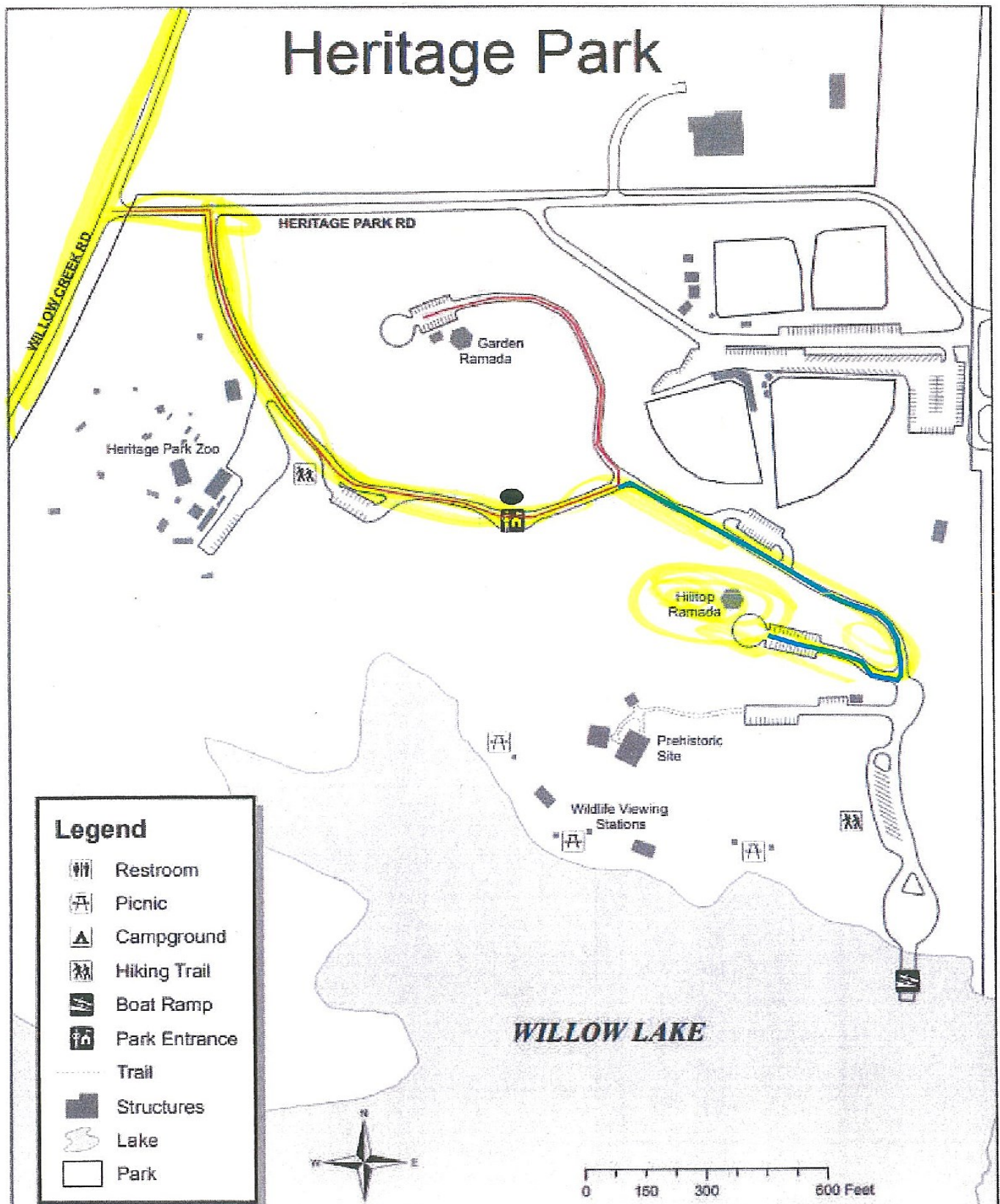
Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley United Methodist Churches are having a Palm Sunday picnic, April 13 at 12:30 pm at the Willow Cree Park Hilltop Ramada. The physical address is 1497 Heritage Park Road.

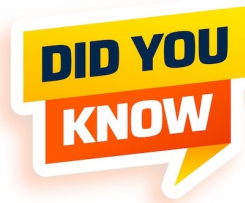
Chino Valley UMC is asked to bring desserts.

See a detailed map on the next page.

From Chino Valley:

1. From the Willow Creek/ Hwy 89 Interchange heading south on Willow Creek Road make a left-hand turn on Heritage Park Road
2. Then make a right-hand turn. There will be signs at the turn directing people to the Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary.
3. Just past the parking lot for the Zoo, there will be a small pay kiosk (**black dot** on map) surrounded by yellow bollards.
4. All of your guest vehicles will need to pay a \$3.00 parking fee (cash or credit card). Once they pay, the machine will spit out a ticket towards the bottom of the kiosk. Place the ticket face up on your dashboard when you park.
5. Follow the road, and at the fork stay to the right (**blue line**) to the Hilltop Ramada.





An observation from Ray Benny:

I have a difficult time understanding Pastor Kevin, especially during his sermons. I'd say I have heard and understood only about 50% of what he preaches. In talking to other older guys, like me, I have found that others have the same problem of not hearing and understanding well.

So, this past Sunday, I went to the sound booth area and picked up one of the hearing assisting devices and tried it on. **WOW! What a difference!** I can now say I understand 90% of what the pastor says.

What a pleasant difference these assisted hearing devices have made for me. So at this time, I am highly recommending the use of them for anyone having the same problem that I have had. You don't need feel embarrassed about wearing them; they are helping you understand everything said and make it enjoyable to understand the full story.

Lisa, our computer guru tech has recently purchased a new batch of them. They are on peg board on the immediate left wall of the sanctuary entrance. If you want or need help let me or Lisa know. They are simple to operate!

Fellowship

The Fellowship members recently met to discuss our church fellowship time.

- Can we improve?
- Do we need to change anything?
- Are you satisfied?
- Is there too much food?
- Food allergies? Sugar free? Gluten free?

The consensus was to cut down on the amount of and what type of food is served.

Why?

Every Sunday a handful of folks take the time to ensure you have a great time to meet and greet and enjoy each other's company plus snacking on those homemade yummy goodies. Sometimes these folks are able to mingle with you and other times they are busy in the kitchen and narthex preparing food, setting up, serving and cleanup.

We do have a signup sheet which is extremely helpful in planning for these fellowship hours; and we hope to have you continue to fill out the form located on the stand near the name tag table. The form is updated. We ask if you do bring food, have it already cut and ready to set out. If possible, we would like to have cakes only for special occasions.

So, you don't remember to fill out the form? No problem. If you can, let us know before Sunday if you plan to bring food or volunteer with prepping, setting up, serving and cleanup. This really helps the Fellowship team plan for Sunday morning.

We want everyone to have a good experience and enjoy each other. And yes, those Methodists sure do know how to cook and bake!!

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FREE ART WORKSHOP!

~imagine...create...discover~

Saturday, April 12

10:30AM – 12:30PM

Community Center Side A

1527 N Road 1 E



This is a place for you to use your imagination, discover, and create with lots of different kinds of art materials including drawing, clay, collage, weaving, music and more!

Contact us for more information

irisinnovators@gmail.com / 719-209-3307



2025 Emmaus Walks

Upcoming Walk to Emmaus dates:

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.

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Office Hours

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

Sunday Worship

10:00 am in person
Live stream on
Facebook and Website

Sunday School

Adult Study

Wednesday—10:00 am

***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