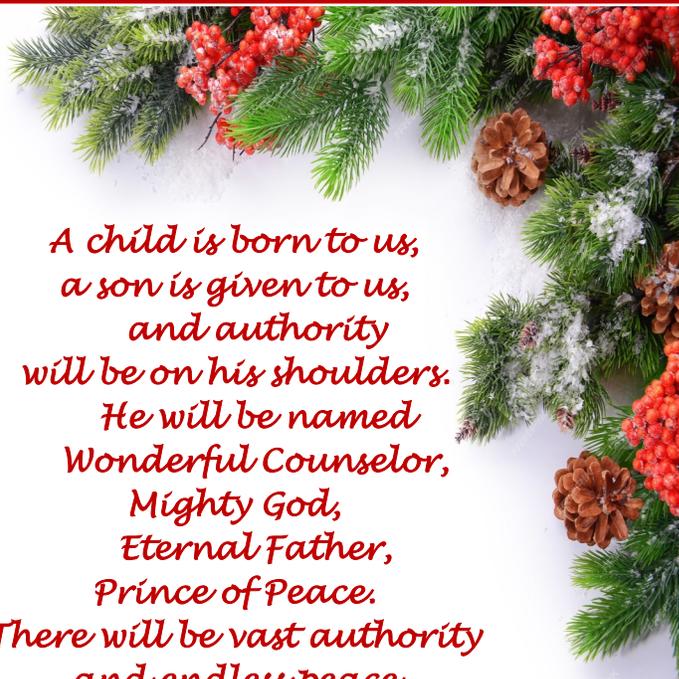


December 2023

**Chimes Newsletter
Chino Valley
United Methodist Church**

Our Mission 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.



*A child is born to us,
a son is given to us,
and authority
will be on his shoulders.*

*He will be named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace.*

*There will be vast authority
and endless peace
for David's throne and
for his kingdom,
establishing and
sustaining it
with justice and
righteousness
now and forever.*

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

**10:00 am
Tuesday**

Office Hours

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

**Appointments
Available**



A Word from Pastor Elizabeth

“Merry Christmas!”

As we journey together through Advent, I hope you will join us in discovering our shocking hope, just peace, fierce joy, and transformative love. This is a time of waiting... waiting on the birth of Jesus as well as waiting on the kingdom of God to enter our world. And even as the very kingdom of God did enter this world all those years ago, we are still waiting for the complete fulfillment of God’s kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven. In the meantime, we celebrate the beginning and the end of the fulfillment we wait for—Christ’s birth. The arrival of our wondrous Light.

In the midst of the holidays celebrations and beautiful lights, I encourage you to spend some time in the dark. Turning off the lights, sitting in darkness, can settle and refocus our attention. Outside the walls of the church, we are so busy turning up the brightness of the lights, the volume of the music, and the pace of our lives in this season that we need help making room to welcome the Christ child. We need help noticing the birth of the Light.

So, turn off the lights and light some candles. Enjoy some quiet Christmas carols and time of prayer in the dim glow. Embrace the complex tapestry of life that we bring with us to the manger. Give permission for the hard but natural emotions that we often identify as “darkness” to have a place alongside the merriment and joy. The Light that is born on Christmas is a Light that stays with us in all things, in all places, and in all circumstances.

Blessings and warm wishes this Christmas and holiday season!
Pastor Elizabeth



*From our family to yours
a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous New Year
from the
Chino Valley United Methodist Church*

*Staff
Trustees
Finance
SPR
Leadership
Missions
Worship
Christian Education*



*Blue Christmas
Worship Service*

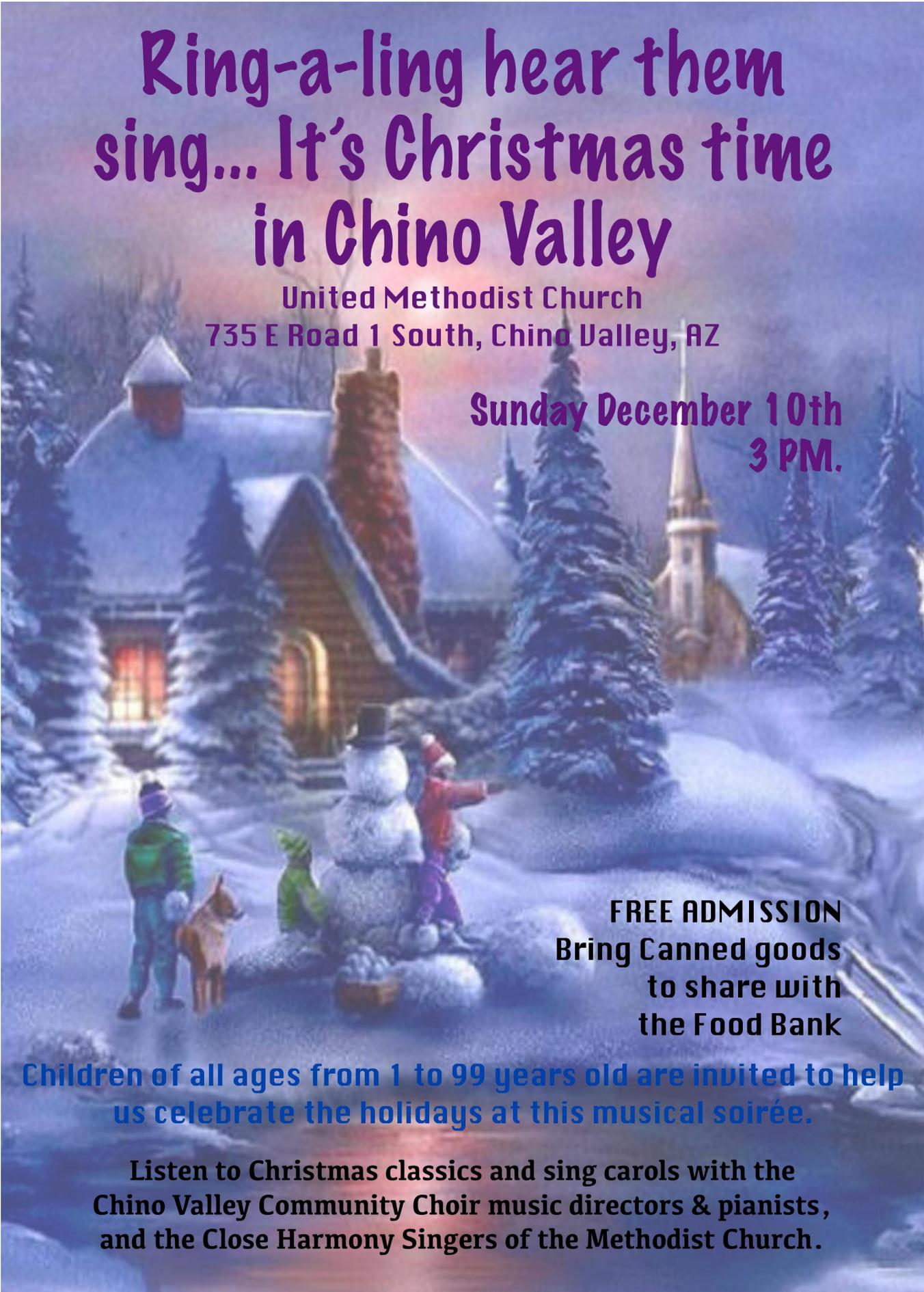
*Sometimes we are sad and hurting
and nowhere to go.*

*No matter what you are going through
or what you are feeling,
Jesus always has a place in His heart for you.*

*The Chino Valley United Methodist Church
has a place in their heart for you too
and invite you to a*

“Blue Christmas” service

Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 am



Ring-a-ling hear them sing... It's Christmas time in Chino Valley

United Methodist Church
735 E Road 1 South, Chino Valley, AZ

Sunday December 10th
3 PM.

FREE ADMISSION
Bring Canned goods
to share with
the Food Bank

**Children of all ages from 1 to 99 years old are invited to help
us celebrate the holidays at this musical soirée.**

**Listen to Christmas classics and sing carols with the
Chino Valley Community Choir music directors & pianists,
and the Close Harmony Singers of the Methodist Church.**



*Sunday
December 24*

10:00 am

*Christmas Eve Day
Candlelight
Worship Service*



Trustee's Ministry

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Trustees!

The Trustees accomplished a lot this past year, and we want to thank everyone who volunteered to help with church events, activities, or made a monetary contribution to the Trustees.

Some of the highlights for this past year include:

- Working with other committees and members of our church in support of over a dozen community events and programs.
- Completing numerous maintenance projects inside the church, and on church property.
- Construction of the Reflection Patio thanks to a generous donation to the Memorial Fund from a former member.
- In preparation for the arrival of our new pastor, we made some changes in room assignment for our office personnel.
- Hiring a professional cleaning service to clean the church twice a month.
- Hiring a professional tree service to trim trees and remove dead branches that were a safety hazard along the west side of the church.
- Hiring a landscaping service to mow, cut and spraying weeds, trimming bushes, and general clean-up of our church property once a month.

Deryl Jevons
Trustees Chair

Christian Education

Adult Study

Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 10:00 am begins a new adult study class— the “Rose Guide to the Book of Acts.” 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 lie of the Early Church; and more. Books are \$14.00 each. Contact the office to reserve a book.

Finance—Stewardship

By Anita MacFadden

SPARK: The Christmas Gift

Article by Ken Sloane

Ken Sloane is the Director of Stewardship & Generosity for Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

According to data provided by the National Retail Federation (NRF), Americans will spend an average of \$1,000 on Christmas (\$997.73, to be exact). Coincidentally, that number is also the average weekly salary in the U.S. That's a pretty amazing statistic.

I'm not writing to shame people for what we spend at Christmastime. Like many of you, I love the Christmas season, getting to see my adult children, finding gifts for them, and grumbling about when someone is going to give me some grandchildren so I can spend even more (the really fun part, I'm told).

I think most of us put a higher priority on the gifts we give than those we receive. Personally, there is no better feeling than finding a gift that really surprises and is well received. And yet, many of us will get gifts we don't need and don't have room for, given to us by people we love who want to express their love. And they will do this because we haven't given them another option. They will do this because we haven't shared the idea of another way to make us feel loved this Christmas. "Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." They will do this because we haven't shared the idea of another way to make us feel loved this Christmas. I'm talking about giving a gift in our honor to help someone who needs it.

- To a local food pantry to help feed people in need.
- To Heifer International for livestock to help someone in a village on the other side of the world.
- To an inner-city school to help buy books or to provide instruments for music students.
- To a school like Africa University or to an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in some of the poorest areas of the United States.
- To Habitat for Humanity, moving people into homes or to other ministries with homeless.
- Or give a gift to a ministry (youth, music, feeding, etc.) of your local church.

This list could go on for pages and pages; no doubt, other ideas popped into your mind. Most importantly, this won't happen until people like you and me – people who have all they need and are acutely aware of how many don't have enough – suggest there is a better way to honor us and Jesus on the day we remember his birth.

I was reminded this morning of the words of Philippians 4:13-11

"Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

2023

January

Human Relations
“Undies Under the Tree”
Undies Drive
3 bags of Undies and
\$481.00 to the
Chino Valley
Education Foundation

February

Horses with Heart
\$801.00

March

CV First Responders
CV Police
\$406.20
CAFMA Honor Guard
\$406.20

April

UMCOR Admin
\$265.00
UMCOR Disaster
Relief
\$265.00

May

Polara Health
Services for
Vision / Blind
Impaired
Senior Peer Program
\$580.00

June

People Who Care
\$615.00



December Love Offering

Yavapai College Chino Valley Campus Scholarships

The campus is located at 2275 Old Manor Farm Drive in Chino Valley. The campus houses courses in Agriculture Technology, Horticulture, Animal Care, Canine Care, Service Dog, Equine Care, Linework, and Construction. It is also home to the Commercial Driving program and is an ADOT-authorized testing site. The center offers students hands-on experience in state-of-the-art learning facilities, allowing students to learn in a real-world environment and preparing them for careers in specialized and well-paying industries.

December Meeting

10:00 am

**Wednesday December 13
Finalize plans for 2024**



2023

July

Chino Valley Teachers
\$695.00

August

Yavapai County
Veterans
Stand Down
“Undies Drive”
Large quantities of new
Undies and
\$405.00

September

Chino Valley
Meals on Wheels
\$486.00

October

Chino Valley
Food Bank
\$482.00
+ many boxes of food

November

Coalition for
Compassion & Justice
(CCJ)
Chino Valley
Paloma Village
\$TBD

December

Yavapai College
Chino Valley Campus
Scholarships



December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 9 am SPR (Closed) 3 pm Choir	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> CANCELLED Christmas Dinner
<u>10</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children <u>Worship</u> 10 am Blue Christmas 3 pm Community Concert	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 5:30 pm Aroma's Night Out	<u>13</u> 10 am Missions 3 pm Choir	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 3 pm Choir	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> <u>Sunday School</u> 9 am Adult 10 am Children <u>Worship</u> 10 am Christmas Eve Day Candlelight	<u>25</u> Office Closed	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 3 pm Choir	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
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December

Scriptures & Messages

<p><u>Sunday, December 3</u> 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 am <i>Advent Candle Lighting</i> <i>Hope</i> Isaiah 64: 1-3 Mark 13:35</p> <p>Mark 13:24-37 Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster <i>"Our Shocking Hope"</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday December 11</u> 2nd Sunday of Advent Blue Christmas Service</p> <p>10:00 am <i>Advent Candle Lighting</i> <i>Joy</i> Isaiah 61:1-3a Ecclesiastes 3:1-11</p> <p>John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster <i>"Our Fierce Joy"</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, December 17</u> 3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 am <i>Advent Candle Lighting</i> <i>Peace</i> Isaiah 40:1</p> <p>Mark 1:1-8 Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster <i>"Our Just Peace"</i></p>
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<p><u>Sunday, December 24</u> Christmas Eve Day Candlelight Lessons & Carols</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 1:26-35, 38 Luke 2:1-7 Luke 2:8-16 Matthew 2:1-11 John 1:1-14</p> <p><i>Advent Candle Lighting</i> <i>Love, Peace, Joy, Hope</i> <i>and Christ</i></p> <p>Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster</p>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>December 12 Lyall Miller December 12 Joani Rose December 14 Pastor Elizabeth</p>	<p><u>Anniversaries</u></p> <p>December 20 Jean & Gary Henry December 26 Kathy & Dave West December 27 Ilona & John Dean December 31 Elizabeth LeMaster & Bart Cookus</p>
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Upcoming ...

Church Events

**Christmas Dinner
CANCELLED**

Community Events



**Choir Members
*Welcome!***

We are always looking
for more voices
to be a part of our choir.

Rehearsals are
Wednesday afternoon
at 3 pm.

Sing melody or parts—come and join us.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2024.

**Your generosity is very much appreciated
and helps our church in many ways.**

**Pledge forms for 2024 are available
and can be submitted
through the end of this year.**

...Reminder...

**To finish up your 2023 giving,
it needs to be into the office
or post marked by December 31, 2023.**



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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

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



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Return Service Requested

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE