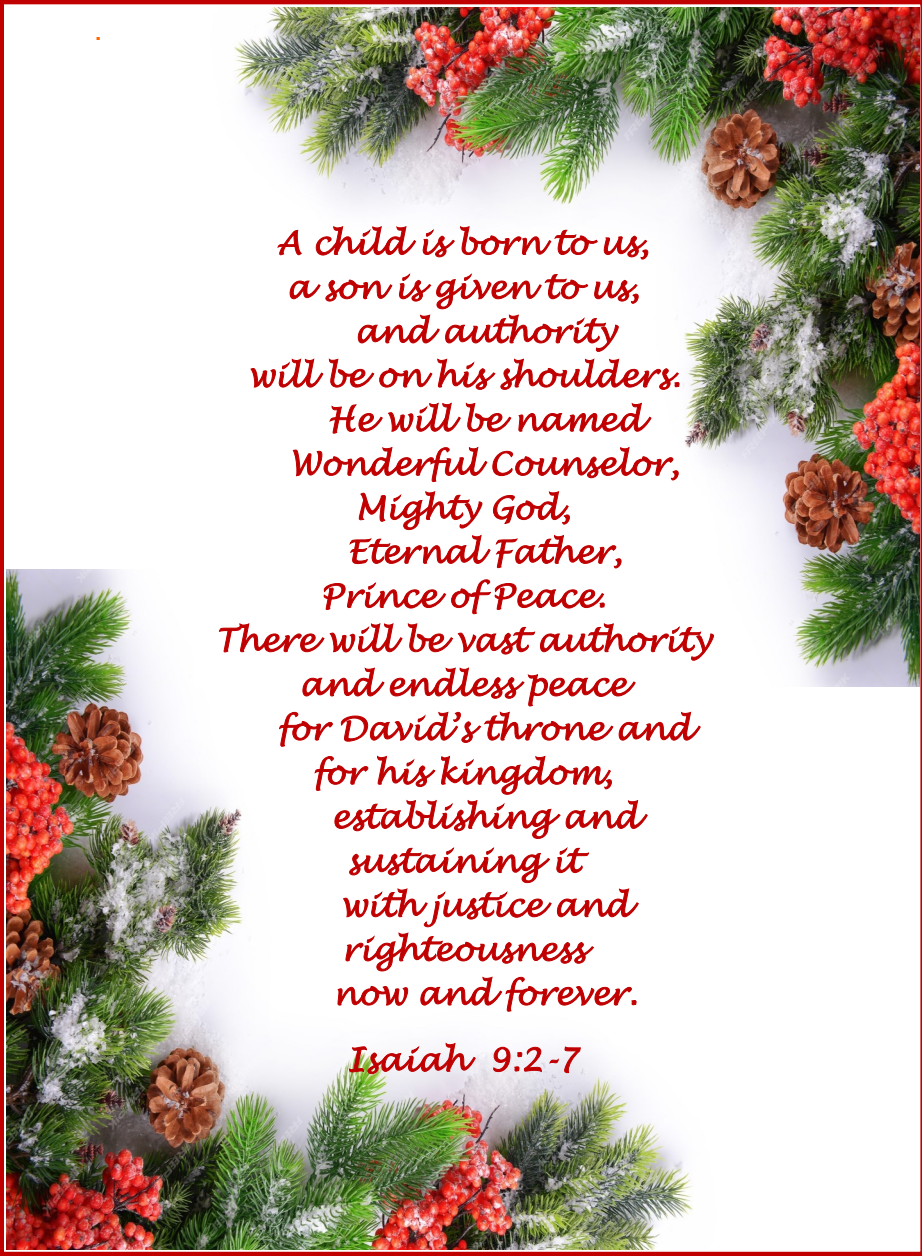


**December 2024**

**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  
Website  
YouTube**

**Sunday School**

**Adult Study**

**10:00 am  
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Monday -Thursday**

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***A Word from  
Pastor Kevin***  
***“Merry Christmas!”***

Hello, CVUMC Friends!

Trees are trimmed! Lights are up! Parking lots are full - Christmas must be coming! I am very excited to be joining you all for Advent, as we love, serve, and sing our way through the season.


There are four books in the Bible that tell the story of Jesus's life - have you noticed that they each tell it differently? It appears that each author had a particular idea of what was important about Jesus's life, and this is reflected in how they tell his story. For instance, the book of Mark is all about action - Mark has no time for waiting for Jesus to grow up and get started, so he skips the birth of Jesus altogether. Luke wants to emphasize how Jesus's birth changes the lives of people around him, so he tells lots of “little” stories about Jesus's extended family, the shepherds, and folks at the Temple. John is a little strange - he describes Jesus's birth in a poem about the cosmic, creative power of God.

For our church, this month, we will be journeying through the story of Jesus's birth as it is told in the book of Matthew. Matthew wants to emphasize that Jesus's birth is the fulfillment of God's promises to the people of Israel - and to the whole world. Matthew knows they have been waiting for thousands of years for the Messiah, and now, he's here!

For us, Matthew will remind us that waiting for the promises of God can be hard, but that, our waiting is not in vain - Jesus comes through, bringing us the gifts of peace, joy, and love.

I look forward to waiting, and celebrating with all of you, this month at CVUMC!

Sincerely,



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

*Staff  
&  
Leadership*





*Look for a  
special edition  
of the Chimes Newsletter  
later in the month  
“2024”  
“A Year to Remember”*





## News from the Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden

The primary work of the Leadership Board is to help the church live into Jesus' call to go and make disciples, to carry out our mission to love God and serve our community, and to develop systems and boundaries to allow the day-to-day operations of the church to run smoothly. So, what have we been doing?

We have reordered our meetings to adopt a functional agenda that will keep us focused on Board work. Our November meeting was centered on learning - "What is the work of the Board?" The key points from what we learned are:

- There are four lanes of accountable leadership that need to be filled – Ministry, Management, Leadership and Governance.
- The default lane is Management, no matter what size the church is. The most important lanes are Ministry and Governance, which tend to get ignored.
- The Leadership Board is responsible for Governance.
- The Leadership Board = Council + Trustees + SPR + Finance
- The primary functions of Governance are stewardship, generative work, strategy, hold the Pastor and ministries accountable to the vision and goals.
- The Leadership Board should have 6 to 9 members plus the pastor acting in an executive capacity

Our next meeting is Sunday December 1 about 11:15 am in the multipurpose room. We will be approving the 2025 budget and Charge Conference Meeting Minutes for submission to the conference. All are welcome to come and watch the work of the board.

### **Business of the Church**

The Leadership Board also manages the business of the church, the primary functions of Council, Trustees, Finance and SPR.

### **Financials**

Good news! Through September our revenue is 13.6% greater than planned with expenses 2.62% less than planned resulting in a net income of \$13,544.52. Thank you for supporting the ministries of our church.

### **Mission Accountability – Ministry Goals**

Ministry Goals will be one of our primary focuses in 2025. The pastor did include goals in the stewardship handouts. They include the following:

- Time – presence and participation of our members
- Talent:
  - Leaders to lead and recruit others
  - Caretakes to make calls, write notes and check in on our folks
  - Hands-on help to make repairs, prepare and welcome guests to worship and host activities
- Treasure – support our ministries with your giving and pledges

Where can you help us out with your Time, Talent, Treasure?



**2024 Love Offerings**  
**Chino Valley United Methodist Church**  
**“Loving God & Serving Our Community”**

	Organization	Donations for	Collected
January	CV Education Foundation	CV Homeless Children	\$515.00
February	UMCOR	Administration	\$505.00
March	Horses with Heart	Feed	\$705.00
April	CVUMC	Gen Fund - A/C Units	\$435.00
May	Polara Health – Vision / Blind Impairment	General	\$404.00
June	YC CV Campus Scholarship	Male or Female Chino Valley Resident	\$545.00
July	CV School Programs	Tech—music, culinary, art, woodshop	\$265.00
August	YC VA Stand Down for Male & Female Vets	New & gently used clothing, Hygiene items	\$220.00
September	Yavapai County Regional Transit	Bus Maintenance	\$874.00
October	CV Meals on Wheels	Holiday Meals	\$518.00
November	Chino Valley People Who Care	Fundraiser for Neighbors	\$545.00
December	CV First Responders	Police Department Fire Department	\$488.00 \$488.00



# December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> <u>Worship</u> 10 am  <u>Leadership</u> Board Meeting 11:15 am	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>  10 am Adult Study  3 pm Choir	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>  5:00 pm Aroma's	<u>11</u>  10 am Adult Study  3 pm Choir	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>  3 pm Piano Recital
<u>15</u>  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>  10 am Adult Study  10 am Missions  Christmas Dinner	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>  First day of Winter
<u>22</u>  <u>Worship</u> 10 am  <u>Evening Service</u> Longest Night	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<u>25</u>  Office Closed	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>  <u>Worship</u> 10 am	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>January 1</u>  Office Closed	<u>January 2</u>	<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 4</u>

Remember—December Love Offering  
Chino Valley First Responders

# December

## Scriptures & Messages

<u>Sunday, December 1</u> 1st Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Advent—Hope  Pastor Kevin Lester Matthew 1:1-7 “The Waiting Is the Hardest Part”	<u>Sunday December 8</u> 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Advent—Peace  Pastor Kevin Lester Matthew 1:18-25 “Troubled Sleep”	<u>Sunday, December 15</u> 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Advent—Joy  Pastor Kevin Lester Matthew 2:1-14 “Perfect Moments in Imperfect Times”
<u>Sunday, December 22</u> 4th Sunday of Advent  10:00 am Advent—Love  Pastor Kevin Lester Matthew 28:16-20 “What in God’s Name?”	<u>Sunday, December 22</u>  Longest Night (Time-TBD)  Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Tuesday, December 24</u> Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols (Time-TBD)  Advent Love, Peace, Joy, Hope & Christ  Pastor Kevin Lester John 1:1-5 “A Light for All People”
<u>Sunday December 29</u> 1st Sunday after Christmas Day 10:00 am  Pastor Kevin Lester Matthew 2:19-23 “Born to Run”		

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
December 12    Lyall Miller	December 20    Jean & Gary Henry
December 12    Joani Rose	December 26    Kathy & Dave West
December 14    Pastor Elizabeth	December 27    Ilona & John Dean
December 22    Darlyne Knittle	December 31    Elizabeth LeMaster
December 24    Anna Knittle	& Bart Cookus





### **Giving Tuesday**

Giving Tuesday is an annual day of giving held on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year, Giving Tuesday will be held on December 3, 2024.

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to use their individual power of generosity to support their communities.

Kairos Outside is an ecumenical ministry for women who have been impacted by prison. All Kairos activities are funded by donations. For more information go to [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) or speak to Donna Norris 928-379-1882.

Please, consider supporting Kairos Prison Ministries of Northern Arizona. Make your check payable to (Kairos Outside of Northern Arizona) KONAZ. Your donations can be sent to: PO Box 3151, Flagstaff, AZ 86003

Thank you for any support you are able to provide!  
Donna Norris

### ***A Note of Thanks***

**Thank you to all who have pledged for 2025.**

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

**Pledge forms for 2025 are available  
and can be submitted  
through the end of this year.**

**...Reminder...**

**To finish up your 2024 giving,  
it needs to be into the office**

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Live streaming  
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

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE