

## **June 2025**

# Chino Valley United Methodist Church Chimes Newsletter

Our <u>Mission</u> is Loving God and Serving Our Community.

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



June is a time of warmth, growth, and energy because the beauty of God's creation is reflected in nature. In the same way, this month gives us the opportunity to develop spiritually by drawing inspiration and direction from the Bible. We are reminded of God's unwavering love, His direction in our life, and the strength He gives us for the trip ahead. The following verse encourages perseverance.

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."

June is a time to continue sowing seeds of kindness, love, and service, knowing that God will bring a harvest of blessings in His perfect timing.

Sunday Worship 10 am Livestream Facebook/CVUMC2 & Website Office Hours: 8:00 am —1:00 pm Monday—Thursday



### A Word from Pastor Kevin

Hello, Chino Valley UMC!

I hope you are well and that you are finding a lot of joy in this wonderful Spring season we are having! Not only does this time of year bring us the perfect weather to get outside for a hike or some gardening, it's bringing some great new things to our church this month!

First, in just a few weeks a few of us will be heading off to the Desert Southwest Conference's Annual Conference gathering. This year it's hosted in Las Vegas, but we won't be getting into any goofy trouble - we will be doing important work! Annual Conference is always a great time to network with the ministries and churches around us, get inspired for our life as a church by our Bishop, and celebrate the work that God is doing all over the UMC. This year even the "business" meetings will be great - there are a few pieces of legislation that will be discussed this year that can lead to some great ministry in our future!

After Annual Conference is over, we are starting a new series in worship on one of the most fascinating books of the Bible: Revelation! I will be partnering with Pastor Dan at Prescott UMC to create the series, and it's going to be great. Revelation is perhaps one of the most difficult parts of the Bible to read, but, I have found that with a little research and a few tools, it has been a part of the scripture that has brought me a lot of life and hope. I bet you'll like it, too!

As we launch into summer at CVUMC I am excited for our future as a church - I find the love of God in our fellowship, and it feels like the Spirit is preparing us for some great ministry. Let's continue to pray for our church, give to our mission, and love our neighbors!

I will see you at worship!

Pastor Kevin

## News from the Leadership Board Anita MacFadden

The Leadership Board (LB) met Sunday June 1. We were pleased to have the participation of several of our church members—Donna Norris, Roger Harlow and Lisa Hendricks. We invite all who are interested to attend.

#### **Leadership Development**

To help us get a better understanding of leadership board responsibilities, we have been reviewing the handout Wearing Four Hats, Understanding the Leadership Board's Roles in SAS. At this meeting we reviewed our last topic - The Finance "Hat". Key points discussed were:

The Leadership Board (LB) collectively holds the responsibilities of Finance and is responsible for ensuring financial sustainability, transparency, and alignment with the church's mission. The board focuses on policy, oversight, and strategic financial decision making to ensure the long-term financial health of the church.

Key responsibilities of the LB as the finance team are fiduciary oversight and accountability, stewardship development, long-term financial planning and; sustainability, and empowering others for financial administration.

It was noted in the meeting that we have a good foundation on finances. The Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Financial Secretary all work well together and have good, defined processes.

#### **April Financials**

The church is \$1,118.78 positive for the year. Thank you to all who are able to contribute financially to the ministries of our church.

#### **Visioning – Looking to the Future**

The LB spent most of our time laying the foundation for what our vision for CVUMC should be. The questions we asked ourself were:

- What does our church mean to the world?
- What would our vision be based on our answers to what our church means to the world?
- What are we good at as a church?
- What do we love to do?
- What does the world need help with?
- What resources do we have that could be used?

At our next meeting we will look at Chino Valley demographic information along with the answers from these questions and see where that leads us on drafting a vision statement.

#### Communication

Within the month of June we plan to have a meeting after church to talk about what the board is doing and to share information from the Annual Conference. We hope that all can attend.

Our next meeting is tentatively planned for July 6, after church service. Listen for announcements in church for confirmation of this date. As a reminder, all are invited to attend out meetings.



# June



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Morship 10 am Leadership 11:15 am	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	7
Worship 10 am Pentecost	<u>9</u>	10 Adult Study 10 am Aroma's 5 pm	11 Missions 11 am	DSC Annual Conference 12—15 Las Vegas NV	<u>13</u>	14 Flag Day
<u>Worship</u> 10 am Father's Day	<u>16</u>	17 Adult Study 10 am	<u>18</u>	Office Closed Juneteenth	Summer Begins	<u>21</u>
Worship 10 am TrebleSong Concert 3 pm	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
Worship 10 am	<u>30</u>	<u>July 1</u>	July 2	July 3	July 4 Office Closed Independence Day	<u>July 5</u>

## June 2025 Scriptures & Messages

# Sunday June 1 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
"A Story to Tell"
Pastor Kevin Lester

#### Sunday June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 
"Powerful Children of God" 
Reverend Mary Taken

#### Sunday June 15 Trinity Sunday

Romans 5:1-8
"A Chain Reaction of Words"
Certified Lay Minister
Roger Harlow

Sunday June 22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Revelation 1
"The Heavenly Christ"
Pastor Kevin Lester

Sunday June 29
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Revelation 2 & 3
"A Word to the Churches"
Pastor Kevin Lester





# 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	\$1,724.00
April	CVUMC—General Fund	Security Cameras / Special Events	\$2,985.00
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** <u>Wednesday of each month at</u> <u>11:00 am.</u> Anyone is invited to attend.

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

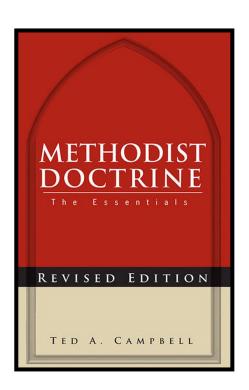
- Chino Valley Food Bank
- Chino Valley Homeless Kids

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### **Adult Study Class**

### Tuesday at 10 am

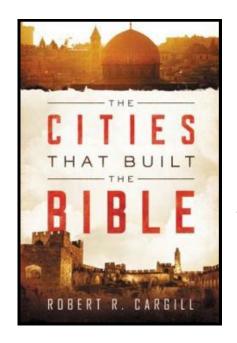


This book provides a brief summary of the major doctrines shared in the Wesleyan family of denominations and organizes the material into systematic categories: doctrine of revelation, doctrine of God, doctrine of Christ, doctrine of the Spirit, doctrine of humanity, doctrine of the "way of salvation", doctrine of the church and means of grace, and doctrine of things to come. In this book Methodist Doctrine—The Essentials he outlines historical doctrinal consensus in American Episcopal Methodist Churches in a comparative and ecumenical dialogue with the doctrinal inheritance of other major families of the Christian tradition. In this way, the book shows both what Methodist churches historically teach in

#### Class Schedule

April 29	Introduction	Pages 11-33
May 6	Chapter 1	Doctrines about Religious Authority
May 13	Chapter 2	Doctrines about God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit
May 20	Chapter 3	Foundational Doctrines about Human Nature and Salvation
May 27	Chapter 4	Distinctively Wesleyan Doctrines about the "Way of Salvation"
June 3	Chapter 5	Doctrines about Churches Ministry, and Sacraments
June 10	Chapter 6	Doctrines about Judgement, Eternal Life, and the Reign of God
June 17	Chapter 7	Methodist Doctrine and Methodist Ethos

Note: The Appendix is very important and referred to throughout the text.



#### Fall—Adult Study Classes

Adult Study classes will resume
10 am Tuesday September 9, 2025.
The 12-week class will be
Author Robert Cargill's book "The Cities That Built the Bible."
Book cost if \$15.00.
Let the office know if you would like a book
and plan to attend the class.

For many, the names Bethlehem, Babylon, and Jerusalem are known as the setting for epic stories from the Bible featuring rustic mangers, soaring towers, and wooden crosses. What often gets missed is that these cities are far more than just the setting for the Bible and its characters—they were instrumental to the creation of the Bible as we know it today.

Robert Cargill, Assistant Professor of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of lowa, is an archeologist, Bible scholar, and host of numerous television documentaries, such as the History Channel series Bible Secrets Revealed. Taking us behind-the-scenes of the Bible, Cargill blends archaeology, biblical history, and personal journey as he explores these cities and their role in the creation of the Bible. He reveals surprising facts such as what the Bible says about the birth of Jesus and how Mary's Virgin Birth caused problems for the early church. We'll also see how the God of the Old Testament was influenced by other deities, that there were numerous non-biblical books written about Moses, Jacob, and Jesus in antiquity, and how far more books were left out of the Bible than were let in during the messy, political canonization process.

The Cities That Built the Bible is a magnificent tour through fourteen cities: the Phoenicia cities of Tyre, Sidon, and Byblos, Ugarit, Nineveh, Babylon, Megiddo, Athens, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Qumran, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Rome. Along the way, Cargill includes photos of artifacts, dig sites, ruins, and relics, taking readers on a far-reaching journey from the Grotto of the Nativity to the battlegrounds of Megiddo, from the towering Acropolis of Athens to the caves in Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.



## Have you ever wondered why we have a large butterfly suspended from the stained glass window in the sanctuary?

In the context of the church, **butterflies symbolize transformation, renewal, and spiritual growth**. Their life cycle, from caterpillar to butterfly, mirrors the journey of believers from sin to faith in Christ. Just as a caterpillar undergoes a metamorphosis, Christians experience a profound change in their lives, shedding their old selves and embracing a new identity as God's children. This transformation is often associated with themes of resurrection and the promise of eternal life, as seen in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Butterflies also serve as reminders of God's provision and care, highlighting the beauty and grace of His creation.

#### What is Juneteenth? Why is it celebrated?

**Juneteenth** was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States. The holiday's name, first used in the 1890s, is a portmanteau of the words "June" and "nineteenth", referring to June 19, 1865, the day when Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War.

Juneteenth became the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.

#### **Chino Valley High School Graduates**

Over the last three years we have enjoyed the company of a number of students from the Chino Valley High School Honors program at our church! Often the students come to serve at our larger community events where they have been provided critical help in making possible some of our holiday meals, missions activities, and fellowship events like the Craft and Bake Sale, and the Car Show!

This year, there is a large group of these students that are graduating - thirteen! Since they have been a blessing to our church, we decided to be a blessing to them as they laugh into a new chapter of their life. We have purchased special Bibles for them as a gift from the church. Along with the Bible, please join us in praying for the students - we pray that God's love, presence, and guidance will be with them as they navigate the summer, and a new year at college or work!

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## FREE ART WORKSHOP!

~ imagine...create...discover ~
Save the date to join us this summer!
Saturdays

June 14th, July 12th and August 9th

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Chino Valley Library, Community Room Lunch on the patio at noon!



Bring your imagination and join us to discover, and create with lots of different kinds of art materials including drawing, clay, collage, weaving, music and more!

Contact us for more information <a href="mailto:irisinnovators@gmail.com">irisinnovators@gmail.com</a> / 719-209-3307



### **Kairos Prison Ministry International**

For women who have been impacted by incarceration.

Either they themselves have served time
or their family / friends are serving time.

# Kairos Inside Perryville Women's Prison in Arizona will have a weekend event in October 2025.

This has not been available since Covid.

The Arizona Department of Corrections
Wardens and Chaplains
are very welcoming and supportive of this program.
All these events are financed solely by donations.

For more information or questions Contact Donna Norris or Gail Hayson



Sunday June 22nd, 3:00 PM



## GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

Music from the 60s, 70's and 80's will have you moving to the beat, plus songs from 'South Pacific' and 'Funny Girl.'

Special appearances by our local guy group
'The Harmonious Hooligans' and guest tenor Fabrizio Doria.

Oo La La!

Always FREE ADMISSION so everyone can attend. Benefit Concert for the Chino Valley Food Bank. Non-perishables accepted.



# Free Medical Equipment Gently Used

## **Donations are welcome!**

100% of donations go directly to
People Who Care.
Your donation will help provide essential services for those in your community.

Contact Lynn Bernardo
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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**

Tuesday—10:00 am

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

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