



July 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.



When you wake up say
Jesus I love you

When leaving the house say
Jesus come with me

When you feel like crying say
Jesus hug me

When you feel happy say
Jesus I adore you

When you do something say
Jesus help me

When you make a mistake say
Jesus forgive me

When you go to sleep say
Thank you Jesus and
cover me with your whole mantle.



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



A Word from Pastor Kevin

There are fewer things I love than going to the movies. There's something so magical about the whole process - going to the theater, being greeted by the usher and handed a ticket stub, waiting in line for popcorn with all the other guests and hearing their excited conversations, looking at all the posters in the hallway, choosing our seats. I love that the A/C is cranked so low in the theater that I can wear a sweatshirt in the summer. And to me, there are just few things better than the feeling I get in my soul when the lights dip down and the screen goes dark just before the first trailer starts.

Now, seems like everyone enjoys a great movie - but I am surprised at how many people that I know that do not like going to the theater. It's "not for them" - they don't like the crowds, the noise, or paying way too much for a soda. They prefer their chair, the snacks, and the company at their home.

So, what's "pure magic" for me isn't for them - the theater experience lights up my heart and my imagination, but for them, it doesn't. We might all love movies, but what makes a great movie experience can be so different.

The longer I work as a pastor, the more I realize that I can learn something about church from the movie theater. At our church we are all bound together by a common love - to worship God and serve others each day, and each week. And we love being together - which is good! In Hebrews 10, the author reminds their church of the importance of meeting together - the author believes that none of us comes to Jesus well by ourselves, but that we need to be together to encourage, serve, and grow.

But Hebrews doesn't say that there's only one right way to "meet" together - so long as we are building each other up in love, our time together might look very different. Just like how there's not one right way to watch and love a movie, there's no one right way to experience the love of God together at church. Some of us love different styles of music to sing, ways to pray, roles as volunteers - some of us love the energy in the crowd in the sanctuary, others might find they love their small group more.

I'm so happy that even across all our differences, and all our preferences, that at CVUMC we love God and that we truly love being together. Jesus says that when we gather in love, his Spirit is there, and when we love well, our neighbors will see God in us.

This summer, my prayer is that whether we are quiet or loud, in the crowd or with a few, singing or silent together, that the exciting magic of God's love will come up for each of us, and for our neighbors as well.

Peace and Blessings
Pastor Kevin



Updates from United Methodist Church **Annual and General Conferences**

On Sunday June 29, we held an open meeting with the congregation to share the news and updates from our Annual Conference's gathering June 2025, and the General Conference of the UMC last year, 2024. In case you missed it, the following is a summary of the news we had to share:

Desert Southwest Annual Conference 2025

In June, Pastor Kevin Lester and Anita McFadden (Lay Representative to Annual Conference) were sent by CVUMC to Annual Conference - the yearly gathering of all the UMC churches in Arizona (and Las Vegas). It was a wonderful week of worship, learning, and fellowship with other churches. We completed the legislative business of the Conference.

Here are some highlights from the Annual Conference:

- In his keynote sermon, Bishop, Carlo Rapanut, continued to extend the call for all of our congregations to become "a health church for a healthy world" and to consider what actions we can all take to create "ripples of renewal" through our community.
- Together we approved the budget, financial reports, ministry reports and plans for the next year. We also voted on resolutions regarding the creation of a new area of ministry - a committee to develop our "Welcoming, Affirming, Reconciling Ministries," divesting pension accounts from fossil fuels, and adjusting the educational requirements for Licensed Local Pastors.
- We also cast our votes regarding a series of amendments to the UMC's Constitution (part of the Book of Discipline) - the most major of which regards a proposed plan for "Regionalization" of the Central Conferences, and the creation of a regional conference for the UMC in the USA. If this passes, it will cause some restructuring in the organization of the UMC in the hopes that our global churches can be better represented in the General Conference, while also allowing increased freedom for each Regional Conference to adapt our polity for their local context.
- We celebrated the ministries of our Conference that were planted this year, and those that are showing growth and changing their communities; honored the pastors, staff, and churches that are retiring or closing; and recognized the clergy that are progressing in their ordination status (Licensed Local Pastors, Provisional, and Fully-Commissioned Elders and Deacons).

If you would like more information on Annual Conference, including the legislation, videos of the meetings/worship, and detailed reports, you can go here: <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference>

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General Conference 2024

It's been over a year, but the significant developments in the UMC that were confirmed, or initiated, at General Conference in spring of 2024 are having an effect on us today. For those of you who may not have been around during that time, you may not have heard about them enough - these movements are bigger than we can give them space for in this letter, but here is a quick recap of the noteworthy items - if you want more information, or want to discuss them, please contact Pastor Kevin (he would love to talk!).

The big developments of General Conference 2024 are often grouped as “the Three R’s” - Regionalization, Removal, and Revision.

- **“Regionalization”** is a change in the organizational structure of the General and Central Conferences of the UMC - the proposal “represented an effort to put the church’s different geographical regions on equal footing and to make the General Conference less U.S.-centric. The current central conferences and the U.S. would become regional conferences, with the same authority to pass legislation for greater missional impact.” This proposal was passed by a large majority, and Annual Conferences around the world will be voting this summer to either ratify, or reject, the Amending our Constitution to allow this change. Since this is a change in how the UMC is structured on a national and global level, we don’t anticipate that Regionalization would have an observable effect on our life and ministry as a congregation at CVUMC. Those in favor of Regionalization believe, though, that it will empower the UMC in each country to operate more efficiently and effectively, and that it may also relieve some of the tensions between national bodies of the UMC, strengthening our fellowship as a global church.
- **“Removal”** is the term for the changes to the UMC’s Book of Discipline regarding the removal and revising of language in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons in the UMC. This included a proposed removal of the language in the Discipline that was added in 1972 which describes the “practice of homosexuality... as incompatible with Christian teaching,” as well as the accompanying bans on clergy who are “self-avowed practicing homosexuals,” and on allowing clergy or congregations from officiating or performing same-sex weddings. These proposals also passed by an overwhelming majority at General Conference, and have gone into effect as of this year. In anticipation of the concerns that some congregations and clergy will have, the General Conference took extra action to specify that these changes will not compel any congregation to receive a gay pastor, and protects a congregation’s and any pastor’s rights to decide if they will host or officiate same-sex weddings.

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- **“Revision”** is the adoption of the new version of our UMC “Social Principles.” The Social Principles, contained in both the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions, are statements that reflect official United Methodist teachings on a wide range of topics. They are not church law but are intended to inform United Methodist witness on issues of the day with a biblical foundation. The 2012 General Conference approved revising the Social Principles, setting in motion a process that involved input from people around the world, coordinated by the General Board of Church and Society. The proposed “revised” Social Principles were approved by the delegates at General Conference - this is first time they have been significantly updated in fifty years. In addition to language changes regarding human sexuality and inclusiveness, the Social Principles also address the importance of advocating for human dignity and combating racism and other threats, caring for creation and the environment, standing against social ills, and supporting healthy community in all its forms, including economic, social and political.

If you want to check out the full scope of everything that occurred at General Conference 2020 / 2024, you can go here: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>.

I’m sure there is a good amount of great discussion that we have together at CVUMC that will continue to help us build fellowship and ministry, and help us live out our connection to the larger UMC. These developments in our denomination have led to both celebration and concern for many of us.

If you have questions, or want to share your response about any developments in the UMC, in our Annual Conference, or at CVUMC in particular, please contact Pastor Kevin - you know he loves to talk, and his office has **very** comfortable chairs. You can reach him at: cvumckevin@gmail.com or 928-235-2083.



Chino Valley United Methodist Church Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden

Our Leadership Board has not met since the last edition of the Chimes, so nothing new to report. However, this does allow me to write about other things.

What do you think of Pastor Kevin's sermon series on Revelation? After only two weeks I have already learned a great deal – what apocalypse means; that Revelation is not a prediction of the future; and that Jesus is telling us to keep the faith. It also has me wondering what Jesus would tell our church.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to annual conference. This was my 5th time attending, but the first for CVUMC. I find the worship services to be most inspiring and my favorite part. My two observations from conference are that the level of contention has cooled and that each Bishop brings their own beliefs and personalities to the conference.

Next year annual conference will be held in Sun City at Lakeview UMC. We have two delegate positions, so if you are interested in going next year let Pastor Kevin know.

Our next meeting of the Leadership Board will be July 6, after church service. As a reminder, all are invited to attend the Leadership Board meetings. We also have a meeting after church on July 13 to answer any questions you have about leadership board structure. Come with your questions.

I'd like to leave you with this thought that I found on Facebook:

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never loses faith in God.



A Reprieve!

By Lisa Hendricks

Have you been worrying about what you will do when Microsoft stops supporting Windows 10 on October 15th?

I know a lot of you have computers that don't have the hardware required to upgrade to Windows 11, and you're not all that excited about the expense and hassle of changing to a newer computer. Maybe you haven't even figured out if your computer hardware can be upgraded to make it Windows 11 capable?

Well, we've just been given another year to work on it. Microsoft announced a new policy recently that expands their Extended Security Updates (ESU) program for corporate customers to include home users, and makes it essentially free for one year.

What's happening on 10/15/25 is that Microsoft will no longer provide technical support nor any type of updates for Windows 10, and that will not change according to every public statement made by the company, with the exception of ESU.

The ESU program, for businesses that can't or won't change their software, offers important security updates in exchange for a small yearly fee per computer. Those updates are the ones absolutely needed by the computer to avoid any hacking or virus attacks through newly discovered vulnerabilities. Now consumers can get ESU for one year by paying \$30, using 1000 Microsoft Reward points, or by signing in with a Microsoft account and allowing your user information to be saved in your Microsoft account. This last option is free to set up, and will probably cost you nothing more than a bit in unwanted advertising in the future – pretty good deal, I think.

So, to wrap up, you don't have to worry about changing your Windows 10 computer by October after all! You just need to register for the ESU program, and if you need any help with that, give me a call or email – I'm in the directory.



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	\$2,590.00
May	Polara Health – Vision / Blind Impairment	General	\$546.00
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.”*

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FREE ART WORKSHOP!

~imagine...create...discover~

Saturday, July 12

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!

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Office Closed Independence Day	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> Worship 10:00 am Leadership Board	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 5:00 pm Aroma's	<u>9</u> 9 am Right Path Screening 11 am Missions	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> Worship 10:00 am	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>August 1</u>	<u>August 2</u>

Remember—July 2025 Love Offering supports the Chino Valley School Culinary Arts

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Scriptures & Messages

<u>Sunday, July 6</u> 4th Sunday after Pentecost “Praising Ewe Forever” Revelation 4—5 Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, July 13</u> 5th Sunday after Pentecost “The Drama Unrolls: Seals” Revelation 6—8 Pastor Kevin Lester
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<u>Sunday July 20</u> 5th Sunday after Pentecost “The Drama Unrolls: Trumpets” Revelation 8—11 Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, July 27</u> 6th Sunday after Pentecost “The Drama Unrolls: (Un) Holy Trinity” Revelation 12—14 Pastor Kevin Lester
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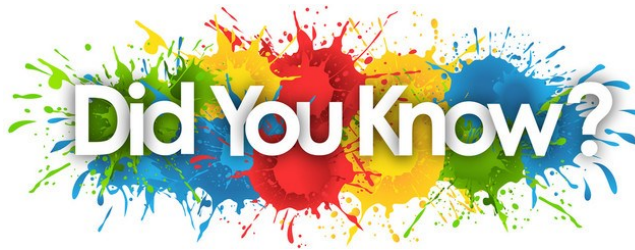
Birthdays

July 2	Carol Colter
July 6	Ann Harrington
July 7	Bob Myers
July 12	Donna Thompson
July 13	Katie Reimers
July 24	Gail Hayson
July 28	Bob Haslett
July 29	Bonnie Hayes

Anniversaries

July 16	Jacki & Dan Flanagan
July 20	Theresa & Mark Raisley
July 29	Marlys & Ray Benny

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



From Roger Harlow....

Sometimes, when there is a car or truck perched on the incline of the church's driveway preparing to pull out onto Road 1 South, the incline might cause the driver to give it a little extra gas to get the vehicle moving up the tiny hill.

And sometimes, their rear wheels might throw up some high speed gravel shrapnel directly at the windshield of any vehicle pulled up too close to the rear end of said departing car or truck.

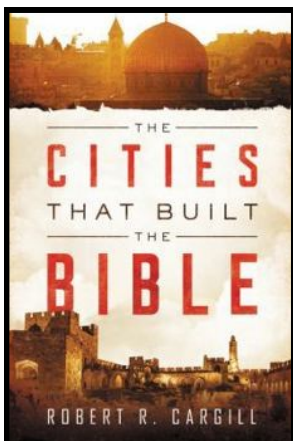
Sometimes that gravel can even chip a windshield! Be careful when you are pulling out, AND when you are the second in line!

This has been a public service announcement!

A free 8-week class series designed to help older adults reduce their fear of falling and increase activity levels is scheduled Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 10:30 am August 13 through October 1 at the Chino Valley Senior Center. Space is limited to 12 spaces so reserve soon.

Contact Susan Palmer at spalmer@chinoaz.net or call 928-535-3533 to register. The class is facilitated by Rachel Mills of Yavapai County Community Health Services and co-taught by Kristin Moore of NACOG Again.

Upcoming Fall Adult Study Class



The 12-week study class
"The Cities That Built the Bible"
by Robert Cargill
will begin 10 am Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Book cost—\$15.00.

Books arrive Monday July 7.



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

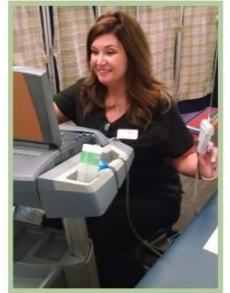


Who: non-profit healthcare provider

What: quick, painless ultrasound testing

When/Where: see immediately below

Why: to detect early signs of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and more



LEARN YOUR RISK...

Wednesday, July 9, 2025



Chino Valley
United Methodist Church
Sanctuary

735 E Rd 1 S Chino Valley

Schedule your screening today at:
<https://7092025.youcanbook.me>

Or
Scan
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Or call 602-254-7130 to schedule an appointment today!

Pain-free, 45 minutes, immediate results – stay healthy!

Our Comprehensive Screening is \$200.

All 11 ultrasound screenings are listed on the back.

We also check blood pressure, pulse and blood oxygen level.

A report complete with images is immediately provided.

For more information, visit www.rightpathscreenings.org



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Donations are welcome!

100% of donations go directly to
People Who Care.

Your donation will help provide essential
services for those in your community.

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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 streaming
Facebook and Website

Sunday School

Adult Study

Tuesday—10:00 am

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



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Return Service Requested

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