



September 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.



“Let this be the September you always remember. The September you chose to accept: the best thing you could do was to let August fall behind you, and with an open heart embrace this new day that lies before you.”

— Morgan Harper Nichols

Sunday Worship 10 am

Livestreamed—view on Facebook/CVUMC2, Website, & YouTube



A Word from Pastor Kevin

Scripture: Revelation 21:5-7

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

As we finished up our series on the book of Revelation, I've been noticing how much the writers in the Bible talk about heaven as a feast. Jesus, John, Luke, and Paul all seem to think that after God "makes all things new" and restores creation to full goodness, God will sit down with all people for an amazing meal. Eternity kicks off with a party, and there's good things to eat.

Which seems to imply: there will be cooking in heaven. So, there's got to be gardening, farming, and milling in heaven. And there's tables, so there must also be wood-working and smithing. We will need to sew cloth for clothes, spin clay into bowls, and make games to humor the children.

All that to say - I've been thinking a lot about how there's going to be work in heaven. But, in all the Bible's visions of heaven no one is afraid, worried, or tired, and there's always enough to go around. So, if there is work in heaven, it's not work we do to pay the rent or survive, it's work we do for joy and passion - work that enhances our lives, builds community, and satisfies our creativity and curiosity. When we get to do work out of love and not out of necessity, it will "keep the party going" forever.

I wonder: What kind of work will you want to do? What kind of work fulfills you, and brings you joy instead of stealing it from you?

I think this is one of the things I love so much about church: church is a little foretaste of heaven! Making church happen certainly takes a lot of work, but it's a beautiful mosaic of each of us giving our time, energy, and skill as a gift of love. And, just like in heaven, the work we each do for the church makes a space for every person to come to God with us, and brings joy and peace to our neighbors.

I hope you all know how sacred and important the work we do together at CVUMC is. Thank you all for your gifts, your skills, and your hearts. I look forward to keeping the party going each week!

Pastor Kevin



Chino Valley United Methodist Church Leadership Board

Anita MacFadden

Our Leadership Board met on August 17. Here are a few things that were accomplished:

The Leadership Board approved guiding principles for a Care Team. After church on August 24, Pastor Kevin held a meeting with all those who are interested in being on the Care Team. It was very well attended, with several expressing interest but could not stay for the meeting. It is a blessing to have so many that are blessed with the gift of caring.

Several months back I mentioned that we had met with an insurance adjuster hired by the conference. It has taken them longer than expected to get back to us. They believe we have several areas damaged by wind, hail and rain that we should make a claim on. We will be meeting with the adjuster in early September, so more to come.

Our annual Charge Conference meeting with the District Superintendent is Saturday October 4 at 5:00pm. In preparation for the meeting, our Nominations Team is busily looking for people who are being called to serve in church leadership. We have four positions to fill. If you think this is something that you may be interested in, please talk with Pastor Kevin or our Lay Leader Donna Norris.

The Leadership Board has set our meetings for the remainder of the year. Our meeting dates are after church on the following Sundays – Sep 28, Oct 19, Nov 16, and Dec 21.

I'd like to leave you with this prayer from Teresa of Avila:

*May I be at peace.
May my heart remain open.
May I be aware of my true nature.
May I be healed.
May I be a source of healing for others.
May I dwell on the Breath of God.*



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	\$635.00
July	CV School Programs	Culinary Arts	\$966.00
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.”*

September Love Offering For Bus Maintenance



*NO COST BUS SERVICE
to Chino Valley, Prescott, & Prescott Valley.*



ADMIN OFFICE HOURS:
8 a.m. – Noon Monday – Friday

[928-458-5885](tel:928-458-5885)

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Bowls of Love

The Chino Valley Food Bank is important to us and our community. Donations from past car shows, coordinated by the Mission Team, went directly to the Chino Valley Food Bank.

Since we have not scheduled a car show in 2025, we are suggesting that you save your change for
"Bowls of Love."

The change will go directly to the Chino Valley Food Bank.

Bowls are available in the Narthex
for you to take home and fill with your loose change.
Take as many bowls as you would like!

We will enjoy a soup / chili potluck,
have a bit of fellowship and give thanks to God
for our giving to those in need on Sunday, September 21st.

Please bring bowls back to the church
on or before Sunday September 28th.

We are 50% of goal so far at \$503.00
Check your couches and car seats for all those extra coins.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u> <u>Office Closed</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> <u>Worship</u> 10:00 am	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Aroma's	<u>10</u> 11:00 am Missions	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> <u>Worship</u> 10:00 am 3:00pm Treble Song Concert	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> <u>Worship</u> 10:00 am Soup Lunch After church	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> <u>Worship</u> 10:00 am	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 2</u>	<u>October 3</u>	<u>October 4</u> 5:00 pm Annual Charge Conference

Remember—September 2025 Love Offering supports the Yavapai County Regional Transit.

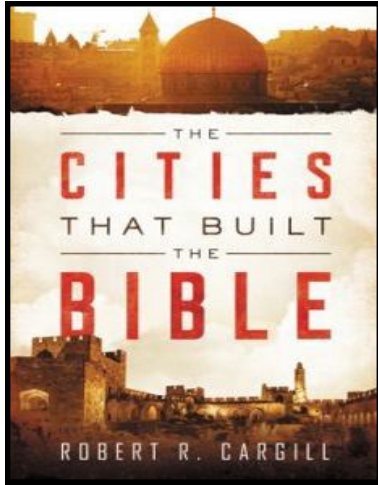
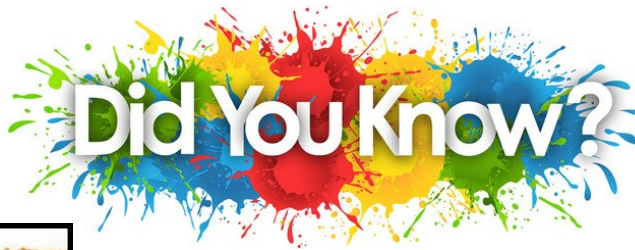
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Scriptures & Messages

<u>Sunday, September 7</u> 13th Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher Pastor Bob Gilfert	<u>Sunday, September 14</u> 14th Sunday after Pentecost “Growing Close to God: What is Prayer” Pastor Kevin Lester
<u>Sunday September 21</u> 15h Sunday after Pentecost “Growing Close to God: How We Can Pray” Pastor Kevin Lester	<u>Sunday, September 28</u> 16th Sunday after Pentecost “Growing Close to God: What Prayer Does” Pastor Kevin Lester



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



Upcoming Fall Adult Study Class

The 12-week study class
"The Cities That Built the Bible"
by Robert Cargill

10:00 am Tuesday, September 9, 2025

The author quotes the Bible in many places and shows a relationship between the Bible and writings of earlier times. Any Bible version that you are comfortable with will work for you.

The class will be 1-1.5 hours. The schedule is flexible, in that any chapter may not be covered in the class time frame.

Annual Charge Conference

The Chino Valley Methodist Church Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for **5:00 pm Saturday, October 4, 2025**. Mark your calendars to attend and see what our church has accomplished and our mission and vision for our church. Our new District Superintendent Rev. Timote Piukala will be in attendance.

FORGIVE THE INEXCUSABLE

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily—to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son—how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says. C.S. Lewis



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.

KairosInside Perryville Women's Prison in Arizona
will have a weekend event on **November 6-9, 2025**

Donations to the KairosInside Perryville weekend will be collected in the jar in the narthex until the end of October. After that, all donations to KairosInside Perryville will go toward future weekends. Please, take a flyer to inform you about Kairos Prison Ministries throughout the world. The ultimate goal of a weekend is to aid the residents in creating a Christian community within the Prison to sustain their spiritual lives throughout their time in prison

All these events are financed solely by donations.

For more information or questions
Contact Donna Norris or Gail Hayson

De Colores!

There are two Walks coming up in October. The teams are well underway and ready to spread God's love. Both Walks have room for additional pilgrims.

Please pray and discern who you can sponsor. Applications are needed ASAP.
Applications are in the Narthex. October Location: Red Mountain UMC, Mesa AZ

- **Men's Walk #267 - October 9-12, 2025 (Jon Achilles LD)**
- **Women's Walk #268 - October 16-19, 2025 (Marla Kristich LD)**

Please support the Arizona Walk to Emmaus with your sponsorship.

Additional Walks are planned for January/February 2026.

Ginni Hoaglan
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Secretary.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com



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 streaming
Facebook, Website & YouTube

Sunday School

Adult Study

Tuesday—10:00 am

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



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