

AUGUST 2023 **Prescott Valley UMC**

MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE: A CHANGEABLE UPDATE/OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH



Dear Beloved Church Family,

As I was catching up on my emails this past week, I came across a video entitled “See you at church!” The short, 52-second video was an invitation to move from summer into the season that comes after summer. It was a video welcoming people back to church. Watching this video, I found myself giggling— yes, giggling— because it reminded me of the first church sign I’d ever put together and how meaningful, and funny, it became for me.

I was serving at Tewksbury UMC, in good ‘ole Massachusetts, and I was tasked with changing the phrases on the sign that stood on the corner of two cross streets. If you are imagining one of those punny signs that say things like, “Seven days without prayer makes one weak,” you have the correct image in your head. I got to get creative, or rather not so creative, with the sign. For the first four weeks, I decided to place the following phrase on the sign:

What is missing from CH CH?
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I look back at my choice and part of me thinks, “I was definitely the only person that found that funny.” Another part of me remembers that it was a vehicle for more connection because of what it was to our church.

One Sunday, a man came into the building and when I asked him what brought him in, he said, “The sign. I realized that I was what was missing from church.” Looking back on this as we welcome people “back” or into the church, I remember this moment with great fondness because as much as I laugh about the formality of “welcoming people back” each year, as if they were gone, I also remember that it is all a part of our journey to experience the church as a people and not a building.

Sooo...I welcome YOU back! Even though we haven’t really been GONE, I welcome you back to this time of year where the streets get busier and the vacations slow down.

Pastor Amanda

PRESCOTT VALLEY UMC'S MISSION STATEMENT:



Reaching up in Prayer



Reaching out in Love



**Reaching in for
guidance by the Holy
Spirit**



PVUMC HAPPENINGS

We are closing up our Summer Worship Series this month!



Our worship series from A Sanctified Art centers around four guiding questions: "I've been meaning to ask... Where are you from?... Where does it hurt?... What do you need?... Where do we go from here?"

This month, we will close with the last two questions: "What do you need?"..."Where do we go from here?"

Let us continue to share! Let us continue to engage!
Let us continue to create community!

Are you ready...to study??

Our Pastor Emeritus, Pastor Gary Simons, is preparing to offer a Sunday School study on Women in the Bible **AND** a separate study on the Book of Revelation! For those of you interested in the study on the Book of Revelation, don't forget to contact Pastor Gary with the days and times that work best for you. He will be considering your schedule when planning the study.



2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

August 6th

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:9-18
Sermon: What do you need? What do WE need?

August 13th

Scripture: Job 2:11-13
Sermon: WHY? What do you need?

August 20th

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22
Sermon: Chosen Family

August 27th

Scripture: Acts 10:25-48
Sermon: Where do we go from here?

September 3rd

Scripture: John 15:9-17
Sermon: Conversation AND Commitment

***Sunday Service Information**

***To join our worship online,
you are invited to visit our
YouTube Channel, Prescott
Valley UMC!***

***We will be streaming live @
10:10 am!***

Care & NURTURE

Caring Stitchers' mats are appreciated, not just by those delivering them, but to the recipients.

We recently received this email from Carol Lark who is one of the Prescott UMC groups that provide a meal to the 'guests' they meet at Granite Creek Park. This group of volunteers has delivered all four of the mats that were made by our Caring Stitchers...and, as you will read in the email below, the mats are truly useful, needed, and appreciated.

"Please thank all of the 'caring stitchers' for the last sleeping mats. One of our guests was right there, as I put the mat down, and he said to thank the women who make these and was so appreciative. He loved the handle, and he mentioned how long it takes to make one mat. If they would like to continue to make them, we have people who are so happy when I come to the park with the mats."

Blessings,
Carol Lark



CARE & NURTURE Team says 'good bye' to our long-time team member and friend – Pat Hein, who is moving to another area of Arizona to be closer to her daughter.

Pat is recognized for her willingness to quietly help with the ministry of Care & Nurture, the Curio Cabinet, and Bake Sales. She was the dedicated worker that, on behalf of our church, sent everyone their birthday card every year for the past few years.



We will miss her in so many ways. Let us all pray for her move and that she stays happy and well.

She was gifted a tote bag, sewn by Dianna Moore, in our July 30th Worship service.

MISSION & EVENTS

MEETING DAY CHANGE FOR MISSION & EVENTS TEAM:

The meeting days have changed for this team. We will meet on the **1st WEDNESDAY of each month at 10:00 am in the administrative meeting room**. Please mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our 2023 meeting dates will be...

AUGUST 2

SEPTEMBER 6

OCTOBER 4

NOVEMBER 1

CASA HAPPY Meals on Wheels PV ACTIVE ADULT CENTER

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH (MOTH): CASA Senior & Community Center

CASA is our August Mission of the Month (MOTH). It is an important organization who serves many seniors within our community. There are many different ways to support this worthwhile organization, and here are just a few:

- Donate to CASA for the Meals on Wheels program and to assist In-House Dining.
- Buy a membership and participate in activities or the lunch program (in-house or carry-out).
- Buy produce, clothing, and other items in their Food Pantry & Thrift Shop.
- Donate your good used clothing so that they may help others.
- Volunteer your time to help with activities or food service.

MISSION SCHEDULE

August – CASA Meals on Wheels

September – PVUMC Shut-Ins & Homebound

October – Prescott Community Cupboard food drive with Prescott UMC

November – Fort Yuma UMC

December – Member Choice

EVENTS SCHEDULE*

September 10 – PVUMC Potluck Picnic

October 7 – UMM Ice Cream Social

December 2– Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

***Event held in Fellowship Hall/Patio Area unless otherwise noted.**

MISSION UPDATES:

Our members are generous of spirit, as the following chart will show:

MISSION NAME	AGENCY or PARTNER	AMOUNT
BackPacks	Firefighter Angel Foundation	\$ 394
Hungry Kids Project	Humboldt Education Foundation	\$ 120
Youth Camp Scholarships	Mingus Mountain Camp	\$ 528
Shoes From The Shepherd	Prescott UMC	\$ 344
Stepping Stones Shelter	Stepping Stones Agencies	\$ 638
Ukraine Relief	Global Ministries	\$ 100
Undie Sunday	U.S. Vets - Prescott	\$ 619
Yavapai Food Bank		\$ 365
TOTAL	through July 24, 2023	\$ 3,108



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

This “Stewardship Corner” page is where we are going to be sharing a variety of ways we, Prescott Valley UMC, are investing in the managing and sharing of our time, talents, treasures, and witness.

We believe that God calls us to be good stewards of what we have,
and faithfully share with one another in this call!!



RECYCLE YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES....Yes, we have a new collection box for your old glasses and any glass cases that you do not need any longer. Look for the ‘drop box’ as you enter the doors to Fellowship Hall...on one of the shelves to your left (yes, your other left!) you will find the box.

By donating your old eye glasses you are helping the Lions Club ministry of distributing them to those in the world who need eyewear desperately, but cannot afford them.

So thank you, in advance, for helping this worthy cause....God Bless You.

Looking for a way to offer your time AND talents?

Think about joining our wonderful Caring Stitchers! This group meets bi-weekly on Thursdays at 10:30am!

The upcoming meetings in

August are: August 10th & 24th



**WERE YOU PLANNING
ON THROWING OUT
YOUR BAGS AND CANS?**

**BRING THEM IN
INSTEAD!**



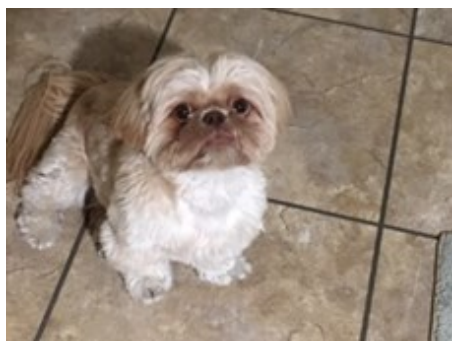
Prescott Valley is still collecting aluminum cans which can both be dropped off in the fellowship hall.



ALSO...we are collecting plastic grocery bags again for our Caring Stitchers ministry! Look for the boxed filled with bags! It will be hard to miss!

Tell me a STORY

We have an addition to our Month-At-A-Glance (MAAG)! This page will be added to celebrate stories shared, reflections, and other little things members of our church family wanted to share! This month, we have a special message from our Administrative Assistant, Linda Charles, who will be transitioning out of her role this month.



A Message from Linda & Lil' Charley

When I was first approached to consider applying for the church office Administrative Assistant position, I wasn't sure I wanted to commit to that. I had been self-employed for over 30 years, worked from home for the last 15 of those years, called all the shots, Charley was there with me, and I was very happy with my setup.

I knew if I accepted the job, I would do it for at least five years (in my mind anyway, God-willing...always, God-willing). As of Thursday, 8/10, my last day, I will have worked for the church three years, eight months, and one day. Not quite the five years I had hoped to do, but my health is precarious at the moment. I've been referred to some specialists to try to determine what's up.

My health aside, it's been a pleasure to come in to work and interact with all of you. I have felt appreciated, loved, "tolerated," and think of you all as my extended family. It will be very sad for me to not come in each week and look forward to who might be coming in that day and my getting to interact with them.

I haven't told Charley yet. He has come to work with me almost every day since I started. He looks forward to hearing me say every morning, "Yup, you're going to be Mama's helper today!" On the off days when I can't bring him in, he gets very sad. He's going to be SO BORED being at home with me all day now. It will take probably a couple of weeks before he stops looking anxiously at me each morning waiting for me to say, "Yes, you're coming with me." Thank you for loving up Charley, as well. He's added some new "girlfriends" to his list and some new buddies. I think Thursday mornings in the Fellowship Hall have been his most favorite.

This is still my church, and you will still see me from time to time. Take good care of your new Administrative Assistant, as I'm sure you will.

I have a special place in my heart for all of you!

See ya in church!

Linda Charles, Administrative Assistant "Extraordinaire"



CONNECTIONS



The Conference Clergy and Lay Leadership Development team are excited to announce Leadership Talks are back! The first session on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM via Zoom, will be presented by Nicholas Grainger, Pastor at **Hope UMC** in Bullhead City.

Pastor Nicholas Grainger is excited to be back in the Desert Southwest after three years serving as a Student Pastor in the North Georgia Conference while attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. He is a native of Las Vegas (attending University UMC) and was active in Boy Scouts and District and Conference Youth events through middle and high school. He has a BA in Communication with a minor in Leadership from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA (a historically Methodist institution), a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) in College Administration with a minor in Communication from Oregon State University, and as of May, a M.Div. with concentrations in 'Scripture and Interpretation' and 'Justice, Peace Building, and Conflict Transformation' from Candler. He is a passionate educator, having worked with learners from ages 2 to 92. He is particularly interested in the Minor Prophets and how they can be accessible in preaching and teaching for contemporary congregations. He currently serves as Pastor at Hope UMC and working towards being commissioned as a Provisional Elder.

The book his Leadership Talk is drawn from is "*Leadership for a Better World: Understanding the Social Change Model of Leadership Development*" by Susan R. Komives, and Wendy Wagner. [Click here](#) to find it on Amazon.

To learn how to register now, contact our church office!

Don't miss this learning and enriching opportunity. Register for this leadership talk using the button below and add this session to your calendar. If you have questions, please contact Judy Martin at stilljudymartin@gmail.com at (602) 329-9935 or Jeannie Ward at cjward44@q.com at (928) 772-6760.



AUGUST '23 EcoTip from the DSC: July 4th was the hottest day on Earth in 100,000 years! While worldwide action is needed to heal the climate, we can lessen the load on our own A/C, and also save money. Close blinds and curtains when away from home. Plan meals using your crockpot, Instant Pot, toaster oven, grill, or sun oven. Raise your thermostat just one degree. Dry clothes outside. For bigger steps, plant shade

trees on your west side. Need new windows? Check into soft coat low E-glass. If the A/C goes out, look at heat pumps. If meeting specific criteria, both are eligible for a 30% tax credit. - Written by Kate Kosse

Hi friends,



Well, I'm baaack!
Had a great
relaxing time
away...soaking up
some sun. Of

course, I missed all of you but, I did
visit some beautiful countryside – not
just the beach, but also beautiful,
peaceful mountains with rippling
streams. My journey showed me, day
after day, that God created a
wonderful world.

Along the way, it occurred to me that
we all have a great responsibility to
take care of what He has given to us.
So, if we are aware, even in our travels
locally, and watch for items discarded
where they shouldn't be (!) – we can
make a big difference in keeping God's
world tidy.

Looking forward to joining all of you in
worship this week; I've missed being
there in person...but, do make sure
that I watch the recordings available
on YouTube – so glad that option is
available.

From my little corner,
Your church mouse

OFFICE UPDATE:

**The church is fully open! We are
ready to serve you.**

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Sunday Service Information

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to visit our YouTube Channel, Prescott
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***If you have any questions, please contact
Pastor Amanda directly!***

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2023

AUGUST

SUNDAY

CHURCH CLEANING
EVERY THURSDAY 8AM

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <u>ADULT SUNDAY</u> <u>SCHOOL ON HIATUS</u> <u>UNTIL SEPTEMBER</u>	31 <u>SISTERS OF GRACE ON</u> <u>HIATUS UNTIL</u> <u>SEPTEMBER</u>	01 Care & Nurture 9:30	02 Missions Mtg 10:00	03 Pastor's Clergy Cluster 11:00 Faith-Based Mtg @ HUSD 12:30	04 Dist. Superintendent & Rachel Gilmore at PV UMC 2-3:00-ish	05
06 Communion Sunday In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 11:30	07	08	09	10 Linda Charles' last day as Admin. Asst. "Extraordinaire" Caring Stitches 10:30	11	12
13 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am Cofee Fellowship 11:30	14	15	16	17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 8am Mama's Kitchen	18	19
20 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 11:30	21 M.A.A.G. Article Deadline for September Issue	22	23	24 Caring Stitches 10:30	25	26
27 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:5am Coffee Fellowship 11:30 Pastor Amanda gone all week in Colorado	28	29 Leadership Board 9:00	30	31	01	02

AUG. BIRTHDAYS

9 Griffin, Larry
9 Payson, Mike
13 Ward, Rev. Gary

16 Wyatt, SallyJane
19 Meier, Tom
22 Nixon, Dan

AUG. ANNIVERSARIES

6 Cotner, Jerry/Jan
13 McGill, Vern/Sandi
25 Beal, John/Sara

SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

6 English, Darrel
7 Huebner, Norma
8 Pierard, George
14 Cotner, Jan

14 Pierard, Susan
16 Carlisle, Marsha
21 Eastman, John
21 Payson, Sharon

SEPT. ANNIVERSARIES

9 Mefford, Mike/Linda
14 Meier, Tom/Rose
16 Rote, Dave/Gloria

Sunday Worship Times	
9:00am	Adult Bible Study
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
10:15am	Worship Service
Leadership	
Bishop	Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut
Dist. Supt.	Rev. Javier Olivares
Dist. Lay Leader	Jeannie Ward
Pastor	Rev. Amanda Corella
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Gary Simons
Lay Leader	Elton Anderson
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Admin. Assistant	Linda Charles
Choir Director	Mary Roberts



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