



Dear Beloved Church Family,

For the end of August, I was in Colorado with groups of people from our Desert Southwest Conference, the California-Nevada Conference, and the Mountain Sky Conference. For this conference, we spent three days “hatching” an idea for new ministries in our local areas. With all of the excitement

about new ministries and our learning how to hone them, I was struck by a story that was told only as a byproduct of our getting together.

On Sunday evening as we made our way to our Air-BnB, I heard a very simple story of someone breaking into a church building. Initially, this news is never something we want to hear because it sounds scary and bad. I was moved by it because of the context.

A pastor was outside of a church building with a group of people and they were told doors would be opened for them. This pastor did not belong to this church but they were invited to share in ministry with the church. Unfortunately, when this pastor got there, the doors were not left unlocked as they were told they would be and this pastor was left with a dilemma: stay outside and wait for the Trustee chair in the cold with children or find a way into the building. They chose the latter. They found an open window and were able to get the families inside.

While I think the person telling the story expected some shocked reactions, I listened and was deeply moved because it often feels like the doors that should be open are closed. I heard the story and thought of the words in scripture that have been played over a number of times, “I desire mercy not sacrifice.”

This month, we are going to celebrate ministries that look for the open windows! With our worship series, we will be celebrating our ministry and looking at fresh expressions of ministry.

I look forward to sharing this new series with you!

Blessings,

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



SEPTEMBER **WORSHIP SERIES:** ***Five Practices for*** ***Fruitfulness***

Our Worship Series for the month of September, and the first week of October, is inspired by Bishop Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. In this series, we will be reflecting on and engaging in practices that Bishop Schnase says, "demonstrates congregational health, wealth, vitality, and fruitfulness." Starting on September 3rd, we will be looking at the following practices:

Radical Hospitality
Intentional Faith Development
Passionate Worship
Risk-Taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

Are you ready...to **study??**

Our Pastor Emeritus, Pastor Gary Simons, is preparing to offer a Sunday School Bible study on Women in the Bible **AND** a separate study on the Book of Revelation!



Women in the Bible starts this month!! Join Pastor Gary at **9am on Sunday, September 17th** in the Adult Sunday School room!

2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

September 3rd

Scripture: Matthew 25:35
Sermon: Radical Hospitality

September 10th

Scripture: Acts 2:42
Sermon: Intentional Faith Development

September 17th

Scripture: Luke 10:27
Sermon: Passionate Worship

September 24th

Scripture: Matthew 25:40
Sermon: Risk-Taking Mission and Service

October 1st

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:11
Sermon: Extravagant Generosity

***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



Senior & Caregivers Conference & Expo

Friday, October 13, 10 am-3 pm

Dozens of Vendor Booths
Come for All or Part of the Day

Liberty Traditional School
3300 N Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley

(928)
778-3747

FREE ADMISSION!

Information:
www.SeniorConnection.us

The Senior Connection organization is offering this interesting and informative Expo and, once again, our church has been invited to participate. This is always an amazing opportunity to learn about the many types of resources that we often find we need in our daily lives.

Admission is FREE....but, the information and resources are invaluable.

If you have any questions for Care & Nurture, please contact:

Jeannie Ward, C&N Coordinator

ministering 
with compassion

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...

SEPTEMBER 6 🌀 OCTOBER 4 🌀 NOVEMBER 1 🌀 DECEMBER 6

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH (MOTH): **HOMEBOUND & HUNGRY KIDS**



The HUNGRY KIDS program sent out an S.O.S. requesting foods for their program. Please help if possible by bringing any of the following items:

- 16 oz. jars of peanut butter
- Individual packets of instant oatmeal, cream of wheat, granola bars, breakfast bars, pop tarts
- Regular size boxes or packages of Mac & Cheese and Ramen noodles
- 15-16 oz. cans tuna, chicken, ravioli, beans (black, refried, pinto, black-eyed, lima and green beans)

MISSION SCHEDULE

September – PVUMC Homebound & S.O.S. for Hungry Kids

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

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

ANNUAL



ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC THIS MONTH!

The all-church POTLUCK picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** immediately following the service, and in Fellowship Hall!

Please plan to join us!
Food, fellowship, and good conversation.
What could be better!

Opportunities,

GRATITUDES, AND OTHER HAPPENINGS



SISTERS OF GRACE PICNIC

The Ladies Circle is having their annual picnic...and, we are extending this invitation to any of our lovely ladies to join us, visit with us and find out more about our monthly meetings and our Outreach Mission work.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, September 1st at 11 a.m.** – so, if you are interested...please let Jeannie Ward, Judy Reese or Jan Cotner know, so that we can plan on how much chicken to order !!

NEW CHURCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Breeze is...Convenient, simple to use and available on your phone or computer. If you've provided your personal details, then please watch for an email from Breeze inviting you to sign-up!

Current directory at your fingertips, calendars, check-ins, electronic giving and much more!

PVUMC WEBSITE

We are still updating our site, and would like to have **recent photos of people and events taken within the past 12 months, such as:**

Men's breakfast, the bake sale, serving fellowship, Caring Stitchers, Sisters of Grace, Care & Nurture Team, Administration, Leadership Team, Cleaning Team, AV Team, Choir, UMM. If your group does not have a photo, perhaps you can get together and take a new photo with a good background.

Photos should be sent electronically to

Cindy Griffin. Email cyangriffin@gmail.com or text copy to 605-490-2064. Please label PVUMC Photo – and list group or event.

If you have any information that you would like added to our website about your groups or other ideas for our website, please let Cindy know. She would be happy to work with Anthony and see what we can do.



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 article shared with us through our Music Director, Mary Roberts.

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Faith

Everyone has a place in God's Choir

Reflections from Psalms 100

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." Psalms 100:1&2

When we look at other people around us, the fact becomes clear that everyone has some skill they are good at doing. Looking at talented actors we marvel at what they can do on the stage or screen; we say, "I could never do that." Or someone who works with wood or paints, perhaps a novelist, we have convinced ourselves we could never match what others can do.

It is particularly noticeable by pastors every Sunday, where some parishioners remain silent when hymns are sung, then asked why, the answer usually is, "Oh, I could never sing like others can." It is a fact, everyone has different skills and talents but everyone can participate even if the results are not at a professional level.



AT THE WELL

BY DENNIS WENZEL

Psalm 100 is a praise song from all of creation, praising our Creator God. If one meditated on this Psalm for a time, you could feel thrilled as if you were present on one of the days of creation. The sun rises over the horizon.

Birds begin to sing; beasts that grunt or moo, sounds that roar and laugh, fish and creatures from the deep jump and splash for the joy of life God gave them. The air is filled with many sounds, perhaps not in perfect pitch but this is the way creation praises God. In many churches this song that creation sings to God is sung. It's called "The Doxology."

From the heights of heaven and the depths of the deep, creation praises God in one voice.

Creation praising God could be known as being in God's choir. Every noise is accepted, every yell is needed. When creation cries out to God, in the Almighty's ears everything is in perfect pitch. I encourage you to praise God in your own way each day for the rest of your life. Join the choir of creation which acknowledges the majesty of his love.

Go ahead and sing at church; even if your skill is not singing, it is still a sweet sound to God, which is always in perfect pitch.

Dear Lord, I praise you with my life and voice. Thank you for sending Jesus in to our world, to show us your eternal love for everyone. With my whole being, I praise your name. Amen.

Dennis Wenzel is pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church — ELCA.

Thank you, Mary, for sharing this reflection with us!

To submit a story, send a request to Pastor Amanda at prescottvalleyumcpastor@gmail.com

CONNECTIONS



A SPECIAL VISIT FROM LEADERSHIP IN OUR CONFERENCE

On Saturday, August 5th, Pastor Amanda and our leadership had a wonderful visit with our District Superintendent, Rev. Javier Olivares, and the New & Vital Faith Director of the Desert Southwest Conference (DSC), Rev. Rachel Gilmore!

During this visit, our leadership was able to share some hurdles, hopes, and an update about our ministry here at Prescott Valley UMC. Rev. Rachel and Rev. Javier shared in our concerns and joys as well as offered resources and support to guide our plans for moving forward!

We are excited to lean into the transformational movement of the Holy Spirit not only as a local church but as a church within a loving, intentional, and connectional denomination!

The DSC Communications team published an article sharing some of the visits the Conference leadership was able to make this past month! To read more about these visits, you can read the article at <https://dscumc.org/blog/2023/08/22/dsc-cabinet-on-the-move/>

You might just see our church's name pop up in the article!



**We have a Leadership
Talk this month!
September 11th at 7pm
via ZOOM**

Here are the ways you can
register:

dscumc.org/blog/2023/07/28/leadership-for-a-better-world-introducing-the-social-change-model-of-leadership/

OR

Contact our church office!



Hi Dear Church Family,
Well, it's time for our
weather to cool
down and the leaves to
fall....as we approach this
time of Autumn.

God created the seasons for specific
reasons...for planting, growing, harvesting
and a few months for the land to rest.

At the risk of being 'poetic', our lives can
follow those seasons, too. So, whatever
'season' you are in ... remember that God
planned for the seed of Faith to be planted in
us – for it to grow – for us to share it with
others in the harvest time...then, we rest.

See y'all in church...
from my little corner,
Your loving church mouse

OFFICE UPDATE:

**The church is open and ready to
serve you. Office Hours:**
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

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!**

**If you have any questions, please contact
Pastor Amanda directly!**

FROM THE DESK OF FINANCE

We have some Good News to report. Financially,
July was the best month of the year for our
Church, and our budget is running very close for
the year!

We've completed a conversion of our old church
management program to Breeze. The administra-
tion of our work will be much easier. Each mem-
ber will be able to go online and view their own
page, see giving history, check in and sign up for
events. This includes calendars, a membership
directory with photos, and the ability to have
online giving payments.

If you've not yet completed your PVUMC Member
Information sheet, please do this as soon as pos-
sible so we can make sure your information is up
to date. Call, text or email me to receive a copy of
the form. Thank you.

Blessings to all,
John Eastman, Finance Team Leader
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2023

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

CHURCH CLEANING
EVERY THURSDAY 8AM

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

27	28	29	30	31	01	02
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES THIS MONTH	SISTERS OF GRACE RESUMES THIS MONTH				Sisters of Grace Picnic 11AM	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
In-House/LIVE Worship 10-15am Coffee Fellowship 11:30	Care & Nurture 9:30am	Missions Mtg 10:00		Caring Stitchers 10:30 HUSD Faith Based 12:30 at Emmanuel Lutheran		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Communion Sunday In-House/LIVE Worship 10-15am CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC 11:30					Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 8am Mama's Kitchen LAS FUENTAS VISIT 2pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES House/LIVE Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 11:30		M.A.A.G. Article Deadline for October Issue		Caring Stitchers 10:30		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 11:30		Leadership Board 9:00				

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

OCT. BIRTHDAYS

1 Anderson, Mila
9 Hatfield, Jerry
11 Rosengarten, Linda
12 Herigodt, Janet
17 Decker-Lockwood, Kay

20 Baker, Jan
25 Edwards, Carolyn
26 Staker, Carm
31 Stock, Carolyn

OCT. ANNIVERSARIES

7 Nixon, Dan & Doris
13 Chavira, Robert & Judy
Reese

18 McGill, Sandi

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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