



Dear Beloved Church Family,

## IT'S TIME!

If you are like me, you can now hear and smell the season shifting. It is time for us to look ahead for the holidays that lead us toward celebrating gratitude, sacred anticipation, and presence. It is time for us to look back at ministry past and ministry future. It is time for us to dive deeper into our faith as we dig deeper into our blankets for warmth.

We begin November with a full schedule that will only get fuller as time goes on. Some things we look forward to this month are:

- The preparations of our Advent and Christmas Seasons (pg. 2)
- The preparations for our Holiday Bazaar (pg. 4)
- Our Celebration of Commitment (pg. 5)
- Holiday evens in our town (pgs. 7-8)
- Our PV UMC Church Conference (pg. 9)

And the list can continue as we look toward more to come in the month of December.

As we fill up our calendars and seek all the shows, I am very aware of how often we can get caught up in the busyness and how we can miss all the magic. Though "IT'S TIME", time can seem to get away from us.

With this in mind, I wanted to share a brief blessing for us as we come into this time of year:

*May these busy months be filled with moments of stillness,  
where you can find solace in the quiet.*

*May you discover the magic hidden in the ordinary.*

*May miracles grace your path.*

*May your heart be open to wonder, as you welcome the beauty of the  
months that come last.*

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

## **ADVENT 2023**



Starting on November 26th, we are going to be entering our new Advent Worship Series: Movies and Music. During this series we will be looking at the themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE through the lens of scriptures, as well as some favorite holiday songs and movies.

For those of you who keep up with the Christian Calendar, we are starting Advent a week early this year. We are doing this in order to celebrate Christmas Eve as the sole celebration on the 24th of December.

### 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE\*

#### **November 5th**

Scripture: Proverbs 13:22  
Sermon: Who we are, What we give, what we leave—PRODUCE

#### **November 12th**

Scripture: Exodus 1:15-22  
Sermon: Stewardship & Justice

#### **November 19th**

Scripture: Joshua 24:15  
Sermon: Our Commitments

### **ADVENT 2023 MUSIC & MOVIES**

#### **November 26th**

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 14-19  
Sermon: Waiting with HOPE

#### **\*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 we are having any technical  
issues, we will post on our  
Facebook page an update.  
Let us know if you would like  
to be informed directly.*





# Care & NURTURE

## **A Prayer for November**

Gracious God,  
as we enter the month of November, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. We thank you for the abundant blessing you have bestowed upon us: the warmth of our homes, the love of our families, and the food on our tables.

During this season where gratitude is at the forefront with our impending Thanksgiving celebrations, help us appreciate the simple joys and to be thankful for the things we enjoy.

We also pray that you gift us with awareness for the communities and homes that do not have the same luxuries we do. We lift up those who are facing hardships, adversity, and uncertainty. Be with them, provide them with strength and courage, and let them feel your presence in their darkest hours.

We pray for unity and support within all communities that struggle, and we pray that you help us to be instruments of your love and compassion, during this season of gratitude, for all persons who know little kindness in this world. Give the insight we need to be vessels of your love so that we may be agents of positive change in the world.

Amen.

## **Visits & Prayers**

Prescott Valley UMC is happy to offer visits from the pastor and prayers, on behalf of our church family, throughout the year. If you would like a visit or if you would like to offer and prayer request, we would love for you to share!

To request a visit or to offer a prayer request, you are invited to contact our office by calling us at **(928)772-6366** or emailing us at **[prescottvalleyumc@gmail.com](mailto:prescottvalleyumc@gmail.com)**

### **You can also text us!**

You can text us prayer requests, stories, and/or request a visit at

**(833)234-2119**

When you text us, you will be prompted to share your name so we can know who you are and we can continue to connect with you.

If you text us with a prayer request, we invite you to indicate that in your message. Please also indicate if you would like to have the Pastor pray for you privately or if you would like it to be shared with our church.



# MISSION & EVENTS

## The November Mission of the Month is Native American Ministries!

With November being Native American Heritage month, we have chosen to support the Native American Ministries of the Desert Southwest Conference. Last year, we were able to donate \$1,152.00 to support the renovations of Fort Yuma UMC's building. This year, we are planning to continue to support Native American Ministries in our conference! This month, we are collecting monetary donations to send through the conference to help support!

For this month, we are also encouraging everyone to learn more about how we can honor and celebrate Native American Heritage. A way you can do this is by visiting the following websites where you can find both information and opportunities for this month:

<https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

<https://www.redhouseseries.com/>

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/resources-for-observing-native-american-heritage-month>

### Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale:

Yes! It's time to put on your aprons, heat up that oven and bake cakes, pies, breads and cookies for the Bake Sale that will part of our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023.

This year we are requesting home-made: cakes, pies, breads and cookies. We are not planning on selling cupcakes or brownies.

There is a clipboard in the Church Narthex to sign-up for the items you wish to bring. We do have boxes for the cakes/pies, and special cellophane bags for the breads and cookies.

Thank you, in advance, for helping the Missions and Events team with this Bake Sale which in the past has been very successful.

Questions?

Contact: Catherine Haralson



### **'HOLIDAY BAZAAR' and BAKE SALE**

**GREAT GIFTS &  
TASTY GOODIES**

**Hourly Gift Basket Drawing**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2023**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Prescott Valley United Methodist  
Church**

**8944 E. Sommer Drive**

**928-772-6366**



# 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,



## ▣ Celebration of our Stewardship Campaign's Faithful Finish ▣

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we come together to prepare for the closure of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, themed "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives."

During these months, we celebrating how the unwavering commitment, support, and love of our church family has truly made a difference in

the life of our church and the lives of many in our community.

Because of you, we are able to:

- Deepen our spiritual outreach
- Strengthen our community bonds
- Provide crucial support to those in need
- Create an even more welcoming and inclusive place of worship

Your generosity enables us to manifest our vision of transformation, and it is a testament to the power of a united congregation.

As we celebrate stewardship, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who continue to contribute your time, talents, treasures, and testimonies. Together, we have demonstrated that "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives" is not just a theme, but a living reality.

Join us in a special service of gratitude and commitment on November 19th, where we will reflect on our achievements, renew our shared promise to continue making a lasting impact, and offer our pledge cards as a sharing in our support for God's work done through Prescott Valley UMC.

As we prepare for the close of this time, you can expect one more stewardship letter from our Pastor, to accompany the letter from our Finance Chair, on November 9th.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. YOU are the heart and soul of our church, and ***because of you, we are changing lives.***



# 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 anonymous article shared with us through Cindy Griffin.*

“When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...Attentions and Affection

Some need AAA...Attention, Affection, and Acceptance.

Some need C...Compassion.

Some need D...Direction.

And if they don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.”

- Anonymous

*To submit a story or a reflection, send a request to Pastor Amanda at [prescottvalleyumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:prescottvalleyumcpastor@gmail.com) or text her at (833) 234-2119*

“The world we experience as ‘out there’ is actually a reconstruction of reality that is built inside our heads. It’s an act of creation by the storytelling brain. This is how it works. You walk into a room. Your brain predicts what the scene should look and sound and feel like, then it generates a hallucination based on these predictions. It’s this hallucination that you experience as the world around you. It’s this hallucination you exist at the centre of, every minute of every day. You’ll never experience actual reality because you have no direct access to it.”

- WILL STORR, THE SCIENCE OF  
STORYTELLING



# Opportunities,

GRATITUDES, AND OTHER HAPPENINGS



## Celebration of Thanks

Children and Adult Choirs, Dancers, Reflections on Gratitude, Singing, and Refreshments!

This Annual Celebration of Thanks brings together all faiths in our community for a night of song and shared reflection. Everyone is invited to attend.



**Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Chino Valley Food Bank.**

*Donation opportunities will also be available to help support Operation Deep Freeze.*

Sponsored by the Quad-City Interfaith Council.  
For more information, contact Christine Mack at [cmack@prescotthabitat.org](mailto:cmack@prescotthabitat.org).

**6:00 p.m. Thursday  
November 16, 2023**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
1101 Sandretto Drive in Prescott**

*This celebration event is free and open to the public without regard to religious affiliation.*



# Opportunities,

GRATITUDES, AND OTHER HAPPENINGS



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE MINGUS WEST ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
PRESCOTT VALLEY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
8944 E. SOMMER DRIVE  
PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ 86314

SHOP LOCAL VENDORS WITH UNIQUE HANDMADE GIFTS SUCH AS  
JEWELRY, CHRISTMAS ITEMS, CERAMICS, WOOD CRAFTS, GLASSWARE, AND  
MANY ITEMS FOR YOUR HOME AND TO FULFILL YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AT NO CHARGE

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO BECKI BROWN AT 402-212-7516

**DIRECTIONS** - ROBERT ROAD TO E. LAKESHORE DRIVE, (LEFT IF COMING FROM 89A,  
RIGHT IF COMING FROM 69) TO E SOMMER DRIVE, CORNER OF SOMMER AND CHRISTINE





# CONNECTIONS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Prescott Valley UMC's Annual Church Conference November 18th at 3pm

The Church Conference is an annual meeting held for our Local Churches to complete the vital business of our Church body alongside celebrating the ministry we have been able to complete in the past year of ministry! This is an open meeting for our church family (members and regular attendees) to attend and learn about the work of our ministry. We will have an opportunity to share challenges, impacts, and blessings, that have been birth from our ministry in 2023, alongside voting on matters of ministry for the coming year.

At this meeting, all members will have voice and vote.

**We are excited to share the vital work of ministry with you! Join us!**

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



The Desert Southwest Conference Clergy and Lay Leadership Committee invites you to register and attend the Leadership Talk scheduled for November 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM via Zoom featuring **Rev. Dan Hurlbert**. This time, the talk is about Servant Leadership: Combining the Creativity of Walt Disney with the Wesleyan emphasis of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### About Rev. Dan Hurlbert

**Rev. Hurlbert** was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ where he attended Creighton (The Bridge) United Methodist Church. He has degrees from ASU and CST. From his days as an active youth in the conference Dan has held many leadership roles. Highlights include chair of the board of ordained ministry, chair of the covenant council, general and jurisdictional conference delegate, and current chair of the jurisdictional committee on episcopacy. Dan has studied the Walt Disney company for over 25 years and is always excited to find ways to combine the company's teaching with his vocational calling. Widowed in 2017 Dan remarried in 2020. Marci, his wife, is in hotel management, a two-time NCAA champion gymnast, and member of the Air Force Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

Register Now <https://dscumc.org/event/leadership-talk-servant-leadership/>

Questions? Contact Jeannie Ward



Dear friends,

Yes, my picture is missing from this image...just my Pilgrim hat remains.

Currently, I am away visiting my many cousins – because this holiday is more special to me than Christmas!

Giving Thanks...of course, are the words and prayers that we all should lift up daily...even if there are 'things' in our lives that are troubling or painful.

ALL of you are my 'family', too. And, I love and appreciate you as we spend each week in close worship with Our Lord.

See you next month...I pray you will all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Your little church mouse...

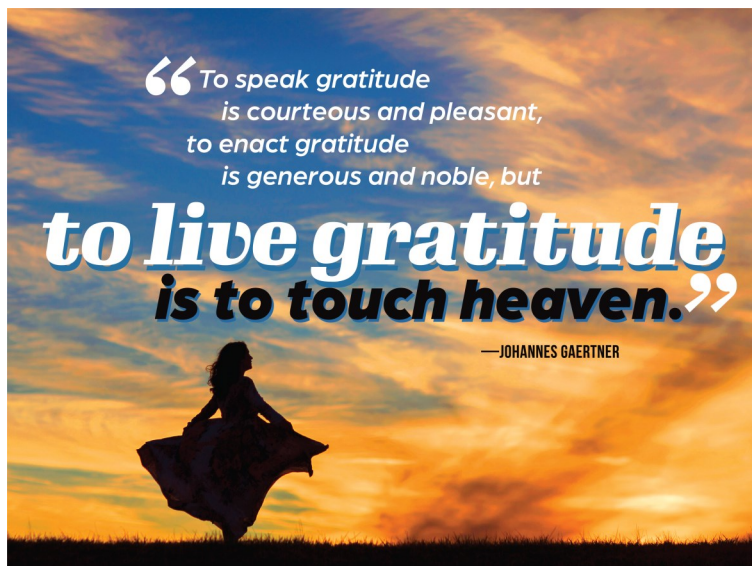
## OFFICE UPDATE:

**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!***



## CHURCH INFORMATION:



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2023

NOVEMBER

ADULT BIBLE STUDY every Sunday at 9:00  
CHURCH CLEANING EVERY THURSDAY 8:00

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

SUNDAY

SundayMondayTuesdayWednesdayThursdayFridaySaturday

29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Communion Sunday In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am			Missions Mtg -10:00am Revelation Study-10:30am	Caring Stitchers - 10:30am HUSD Faith Based- 12:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran	HEF Fundraiser at The Human Bean Sisters of Grace-11:00am	Emergency Prep. Expo in Prescott-9:00am-12:00pm Harvest Christmas Bazaar 11:00am-1:00pm
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30		Care & Nurture-9:30am	Revelation Study-10:30am			Christmas Boutique- 9:00am-3:00pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30	CLLD Leadership Talk- 7:00pm	Quad-City Interfaith- 12:00pm	Revelation Study-10:30am	Caring Stitchers- 10:30am Celebration of Thanks- 6:00pm	Men's Fellowship-8:00am Las Fuentes Visit-2:00pm	Church Conference 3pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30		M.A.A.G. Article Deadline for December Issue	Revelation Study-10:30am	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!		
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
ADVENT 1 Rehearsal 9:00 In- House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30		Leadership Board- 9:00am 10:30am	Revelation Study- 10:30am	Caring Stitchers- 10:30am		

NOV. BIRTHDAYS

NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

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- 1 D., Alan Jr.  
2 A., Debbie  
7 M., Dianna  
25 T., Marianne  
27 B., Laurie

19 H., Catherine & Darron  
1 B., John  
5 K., Alice  
6 R., Gloria  
8 F., Janet  
9 R., David

21 H., Julie  
22 L., Bob  
23 N., Doris  
26 S., Lu  
27 W., Laura

17 M., Brenda & Jim S.  
28 A., Dave & Mary  
P., George & Susan  
30 G., Larry & Cindy

31 E., Colin & Carolyn



<b>Sunday Worship Times</b>	
9:00am	Adult Bible Study
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
10:15am	Worship Service
<b>Leadership</b>	
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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