



JANUARY 2024

The monthly newsletter of the United Methodist community in a neighborhood near you.



Beloved Community,

How do we greet the new year? This is a question I often ask myself.

Personally, I tend to grow weary of setting resolutions because those resolutions simply become a reminder of my inability to stick to them. Instead, I often think about how to greet the new year in a way that embraces God's mercy displayed in the changing of seasons. Like the seasons, we go through phases and, with this thought, I become even more excited for what 2024 will bring for us!

This year, Prescott Valley UMC is going to be celebration a mindset of renewal! As a faith community, we have an opportunity to add to the rings of our tree of life to create something stronger and more vital. As a church, we have been doing this through our efforts to redefine our ministry and share more about who we are with everyone who is a part of our church family and with those who are in our local community. This is exactly what we are doing this month and it is not just our newsletter that is going to be seeing some "newness."

Throughout this month and into the next, we are going to be sharing our renewed, redefined mission and vision along with sharing in some of the ways we are growing in ministry. We will be sharing in new aspects of our ministry like our new website (www.prescottvalleyumc.org) and our new systems that are being used to strengthen our connections.

I am excited to invite you on this journey of renewal with the newness of the season. May this year be kinder to us all.

Blessings,
Pastor Amanda

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PRESCOTT VALLEY UMC'S REDEFINED MISSION and VISION FOR 2024

MISSION (our purpose & calling)

Building relationship through our C.A.R.E.

VISION (how we are working toward our purpose & calling)

Compassionate Community
Attentive Hospitality
Responsive Outreach
Engaging Spiritual Formation

WORSHIP SERIES:
New Year, reNEWed me

Starting on January 7th

We are going to welcome the New Year with a new series. How many of you have heard the phrase “New Year, New Me?”

Well...our series is New Year, reNEWed me. We are going to be reintroducing ourselves to who we are as Prescott Valley UMC.

This will include How-To’s during our announcements that will guide us through some of the new bells and whistles of programs like BREEZE, or our website.

We will be introducing ourselves to our redefined mission and vision statement along with celebrating how scripture speaks to us as we embrace the work of ministry in our world today!

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"See, I am doing a new thing!

*Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?"*

Isaiah 43:19a NIV

**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

January 7th

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-12

Sermon: Fellow

Astronomers

January 14th

Scripture: Psalm 139

Sermon: Who are you?

January 21st

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: Building

Relationships

January 28th

Scripture: 1 Cor. 8:1-13

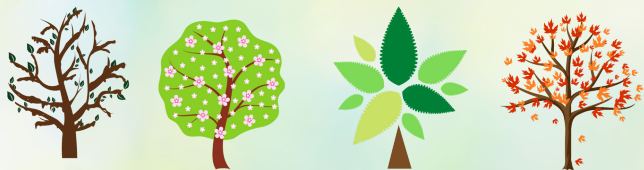
Sermon: Darmok and Jalad
on Tanagra

February 4th

Scripture: 1 Cor. 9:16-23

Sermon: C.A.R.E.





OUR CHURCH NEWS

HELP US PREPARE FOR LENT

Lent begins on February 14th this year and Pastor Amanda is calling for some input for our Lenten season!

Our series is entitled, *between a rock and a hard place*. For this series, Pastor Amanda will guide us in reflection on some of the passages of scripture that leave us confused and/or are difficult for us to talk about.



Throughout January, Pastor Amanda invites you to submit passages for consideration in our Lenten worship series and bible study.

You are invited to submit passage in one of the following ways:

- Email the office (prescottvalleyumc@gmail.com) or Pastor Amanda (prescottvalleyumcpastor@gmail.com)
- Call the office at (928)772-6366
- Text (833)234-2119
- Write it down and hand it to Pastor Amanda on any Sunday in January

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Prescott Valley UMC's Welcoming Gathering January 28th after worship

This is a gathering for all seekers. If you have been joining us for worship and want to know more about the United Methodist Church and our local church, this is the gathering for you! There are no expectations for anyone to join the church by attending this gathering. This will be a good time to share some treats, information, and join together in some fellowship.

NEW

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Our new website is LIVE!

Thanks to the wonderful work of our Missions & Events Chair, Cindy Griffin, and Anthony Palacios (Tech Guru), we were able to start the launch our new website at the end of last year.

Check it out by visiting

www.prescottvalleyumc.org

If you have any questions, contact our office!

MISSIONS & EVENTS

Prescott Valley UMC's January MISSION OF THE MONTH:

THE
CHOICE
...IS YOURS...

We are leaving the choice of missional support open this month. You choose!

Some examples of missions you can support through Prescott Valley UMC are:

- Yavapai Food Bank
- Bradshaw Mountain Middle School (BMMS)
- Native American Ministries
- Humboldt Education Foundation's Hungry Kids Project
- Mingus Mountain Camp
- Stepping Stones Agencies
- CASA Meals on Wheels
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

MISSIONS & EVENTS:

Do you like creatively sharing God's love in community? Do you like creating fun opportunities for people to gather together?

Join our Mission & Events team!

The team meets every first Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

(this schedule stays the same unless noted differently)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?”

-Martin Luther King Jr.



Tell me a STORY

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 reflection was shared with us through Jerry Cotner:

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

Erma Bombeck

I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner, even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded. I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage. I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains. I would have cried and laughed less while watching television - and more while watching life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband. I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's"... more "I'm sorry's"... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute..... look at it and really see it... live it... and never give it back.

Don't forget to stop and smell the roses today! Take time to tell a loved one how much you love them, do something nice for yourself, and stop to give God thanks for all of it.

Conference

CONNECTIONS

On December 17th, it was announced that Pastor Amanda's appointment was changing. Below is the letter shared with us through our West District Office. If you have any questions about this change, Pastor Amanda would LOVE to talk to you about it.



December 15, 2023

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Dear Members and Friends of Prescott Valley United Methodist Church:

Grace and peace to you in this season of advent where we celebrate with anticipation once more the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

After a time of consultation and prayer, Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut intends to appoint Rev. Amanda Corella to serve as pastor of Prescott Valley United Methodist Church less than full time and to serve Fresh Expressions in the Quad Cities less than full time, effective January 1, 2024. The cabinet is aware how important it is to reach out to the communities around Prescott Valley and Rev. Corella has a passion for people and the creativity to address the needs of the communities. A fresh expression is a way to do ministry to reach people outside of the church. These people may never come to Sunday worship, but they will grow closer to God through this form of relational discipleship.

This announcement is being made by Rev. Javier Olivares, Missional Strategist and Superintendent of the West District, who calls us to be in prayer for Rev. Corella, Prescott Valley United Methodist Church and the Quad Cities.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Javier Olivares". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being larger and more prominent than the last name.

Rev. Javier Olivares
Missional Strategist & West District Superintendent

Cc: Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut
Rev. Amanda Corella



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

Puzzle!

Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

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Answer: Talk to God and Listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

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2024

JANUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CHURCH CLEANING
RESUMES on Sundays EVERY THURSDAY 8:00
at 9:00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30 Welcome Gathering 11:30AM	01 <u>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</u>	02 Leadership Board 9:00am	03 Revelation Study-10:30am	04 Revelation Study-10:30am	05 Sisters of Grace -11:00am	06
07 COMMUNION SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal 9:45 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30	08 Care & Nurture-9:30am QCIC Meeting- 12:00pm	09 Revelation Study-10:30am	10 Revelation Study-10:30am	11 Caring Stitchers - 10:30am Faith-Based Meeting (HUSD) - 12:30pm	12 Men's Breakfast (Mamas)- 8:00am Las Fuentes Visit-2:00pm	13
14 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Newsletter Article Deadline for February Issue	17 Revelation Study-10:30am	18	19	20
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Sunday Worship Times	
9:00am	Adult Sunday School
9:00am	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
Admin. Assistant	Angela Devine
Choir Director	Mary Roberts


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