

BELOVED COMMUNITY - EASTER IS HERE!

After a long season filled with self-reflection, we are now in the season of RESURRECTION! With this season comes a wonderful opportunity to not only acknowledge the resurrection of Jesus but also how that is reflected in the world around us in the season of spring! In the month of April, we have a unique opportunity to do this with the celebration of Earth Day and an event that reminds us of our connections.

Though April has many different opportunities for celebration, one of our focuses this month is how New Life is Breaking forth in the world around us in both small and big ways! In this edition of our Newsletter, you will notice that there are more reflections on creation and our invitation to be a part of it! This is to invite us into a resurrection state-of-mind with the earth that desires for that same type of nourishment!

Along with celebrating creation, we are also invited to become aware of ourselves as a collective as opposed to Lone Rangers on this journey of faith. As we regard ourselves within creation, we are also remembering ourselves as a part of a connectional faith community with the upcoming General Conference (info. on page 5).

I look at these happenings with awe because we are truly a part of a network! In many ways, we are like the roots embedded in the earth that seek nourishment so that life can be born and the fruit of goodness can be shared. Just as the roots of mighty trees intertwine beneath the earth, we are also connected in the family of faith as branches reaching toward our God whose story of life always has the last word! With this thought, I want to lead us with a blessing as we journey deeper into the month of April:

May we find inspiration in our connection
with the earth and with one another,
guided by the love and grace of our Creator
who calls us to mirror the harmonious rhythm of
creation.

Blessings,
Pastor Amanda



MISSION -

Building relationships
with C.A.R.E.

VISION -

Compassionate
Community

Attentive Hospitality

Responsive Outreach

Engaging Spiritual
Formation

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

April 14th

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: "New Life at the Table"

April 21st -

EARTH SUNDAY + Farewell Celebration

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Sermon: "New Life Amidst Change"

April 28th -

BREEZE PARTY DAY

Scripture: John 14: 15-21

Sermon/ Testimony: "New Life Through the Spirit"

May 5th

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "New Life Welcomes All Creatures"

May 12th

Scripture: John 17:1-13

Sermon: "New Life Breaks Forth in Joy"

*Our worship series is adapted from and inspired by the "New Life Breaking Forth" series prepared through the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.



CARE & NURTURE



Would you like a visit, a care call, and/or prayer?

We would love to walk alongside you and offer you care!

Let us know how we can care for you in presence and/or prayer by contacting us in one of the following ways:

Call- (928)772-6366

Email- prescottvalleyumc@gmail.com

Text us- (833)234-2119 (*this is a system that will forward the messages directly to Pastor Amanda and our office email*)

Visit our Website Homepage- prescottvalleyumc.org

RESOURCE TABLE



Come check out our RESOURCE TABLE that is available to all in our Fellowship Hall!. The Care and Nurture Committee has recently re-established the 'Resource Table' and it is growing!

You will find information for the taking by anyone about the services that are available from the local community programs and organizations that could assist you in areas such as: legal council, home help, health care providers, transportation, personal care, assisted living options and hospice providers. This table will also offer FREE useful items such as calendars, and greeting cards, etc..

Please take a few minutes to browse at the table to see what may be helpful to yourself.

Blessings to all!

MISSION & EVENTS

PRESCOTT VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S

APRIL 2024 MISSION OF THE MONTH !!UNDIE SUNDAY!!



This is a mission that supports the Veteran's Stand Down event that is a one to three day event that provides supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, and more!

We are collecting monetary support and the following items:

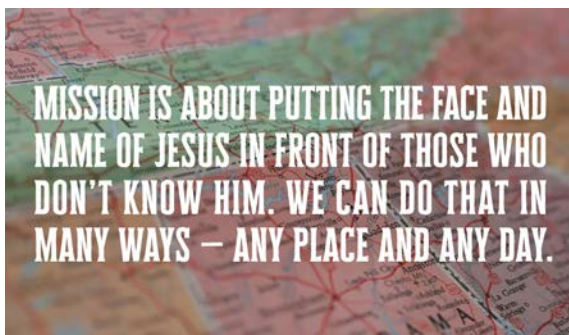
mens pre-packaged socks and mens pre-packaged underwear

- ➊ More information can be found on the flyers in our narthex OR you can contact our office.

breeze PARTY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall! We are going to have a variety of wonderful opportunities including one-on-one help with our new system, BREEZE!



A VERY SPECIAL 'THANK YOU'

OUR WONDERFUL WOMEN'S GROUP, SISTERS OF GRACE, HOSTED A REMARKABLE SPRING BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY MARCH 23RD! THOUGH THE EVENT IS OVER, WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE SWEETNESS OF THE SEASON WITH THEM!



**THANK YOU,
SISTERS OF GRACE!**



United Methodist Connections

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church

General Conference begins this month (April 23-May 3) and we are here to walk you through how this impactful for our local church family! We will begin by answering a few of general questions:

What is General Conference?

“The highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. The voting membership consists of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the annual conferences. General Conference convenes every quadrennium (four years) to determine the denomination's future direction.” -accessed from umc.org

The General Conference is the global body of the United Methodist Church and it is the only body that can speak on behalf of the denomination as a whole.

How does General Conference affect us?

Because the General Conference is the body that speaks on behalf of the denomination, this gathering is responsible for revising and amending the Book of Discipline, the Book of Resolutions, and other official documents on behalf of the United Methodist Church. These works are responsible for directing what we adopt across the denomination in regard to polity and practice.

How can we learn more?

Starting on April 14th, Pastor Amanda will begin sharing content about General Conference for further reflection. She will also be attending this year's General Conference and will prepare “talk-back” sessions for those within our church family who are interested in learning about her experience.

Our United Methodist Commitment

On Sunday, April 7th, Pastor Amanda shared that we are celebrating New Life Breaking Forth as an expression of our commitment to caring for God's creation. She shared that she was inspired by a resolution that was passed at our Annual Conference last year. As she had promised, she is sharing the following resolution with you for your personal reflection upon our communal commitment to care. Here is the Climate Commitment*:

Our Climate Commitment to Net-Zero Emissions

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness. And so shall we. (Companion Litany to Our Social Creed)

The United Methodist Church has long affirmed our individual and collective responsibility to address the unfolding climate crisis. We are called by our faith, informed by science, and led by our relationships with impacted communities to respond with renewed urgency.

As we answer this call, we are reminded that God has asked us to take care of creation and be good stewards of natural resources (Genesis 2:15). Moreover, we echo the Wesleyan tradition expressed in Charles Wesley's poetical verses—"Author of every work divine, Who dost thro' both creations shine, The God of nature and of grace" (Hymn XXVIII, Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving for the Promise of the Father, 1746)—as well as John Wesley's engagement with both natural science and the sacredness of nature (Sermons, "The New Creation," 1785). More recently, the Council of Bishops exhorted United Methodists to seek the renewal of creation, stating, "We cannot help the world until we change our way of being in it" (God's Renewed Creation: A Call to Hope and Action, 2009). Recognizing that the climate crisis is a global challenge that requires global solutions, we are open to working with ecumenical partners in this endeavor. As United Methodists, we will continue to preach, teach, advocate, and witness for climate action globally. And we understand that we must do more. Recognizing our connection to and complicity in systems of oppression and exploitation, we commit to new ways of ministry that better embody God's vision of justice for God's people and God's planet.

Within our distinct areas of ministry and throughout our global connection, we are embarking on a new course of action to match the urgency of this moment. We will work both to reduce the principal cause of climate disruption—greenhouse gas emissions—and to support a just and equitable transition that dismantles structural barriers to racial and gender equity and builds resilient, flourishing communities.

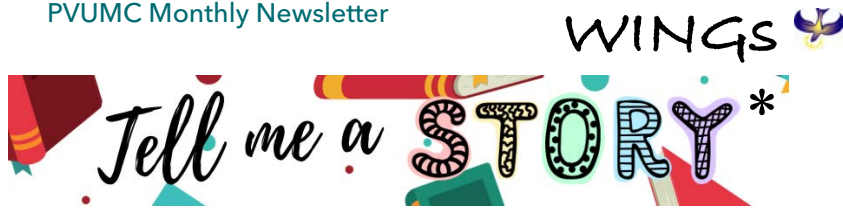
We (the undersigned) pledge to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 across ministries, facilities, operations, and investments and to leverage the gifts of our connection putting equity and justice at the center as we build a net-zero emission economy by 2050.

In a time of profound change and anxiety in our church and in communities around the world, we know that the creativity and healing of the Holy Spirit is already in mission among us.

The life of sanctification in Christ constantly calls us into reconciled relationship with God and with all of God's creation. Today we answer this call with determination and humility and invite all United Methodists to join us in this life-sustaining work.

*To view the full document of commitment (including the Signatories on behalf of the endorsing agency), you are invited to contact our church office!

If you have any questions or comments, you are invited to contact Pastor Amanda directly!



This page is added to celebrate the stories, reflections, and other little things shared on behalf of our church family! This month, we have a fun little note on Geese and Friends offered by Jerry Cotner:

ON GEESE AND FRIENDS

When you see geese flying in a “V” formation, you might be interested in knowing what facts scientists have discovered about why they fly that way.

FACT: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

TRUTH: People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another.

FACT: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

TRUTH: There is strength and power and safety in numbers when traveling in the same direction with those with whom we share a common goal.

FACT: When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

TRUTH: It pays to take turns doing hard jobs.

FACT: The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

TRUTH: We all need to be remembered with active support and praise.

FACT: When a goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until the crisis resolves, and then launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

TRUTH: We must stand by each other in times of need.

We are fortunate that there are more geese in life than turkeys. Let’s remember to uphold each other in friendship and to give each other a big “honk” more often!

**You are invited to contact the office or Pastor Amanda to share stories, reflections, poems, prayers, etc!*

Tell us YOUR story!

Conference Offerings



The Clergy and Lay Leadership Development team will host this leadership talk via Zoom featuring Reverend Carl Peterson on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.(MST).

Rev. Peterson is an Elder in Full Connection in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. He served for 10 years in the US Air Force as a Cryptologic Linguist. After separating from the Air Force, he worked for 20 years in the information systems-technology services industry at various levels, from field engineering to senior management. He led corporate strategic planning and business development for a \$2.2 billion division of a major defense contractor for eight years. He graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2015 and was ordained in 2018. He is currently serving the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. Rev. Carl is married to Bonnie and they have three adult children.

Register @:

<https://dscumc.org/event/leadership-talk-charting-a-course-forward-strategic-planning-and-thinking/?>



by Kate Kosse & Wendy Kreider, Members – Earth Care Task Force

Pope Francis in 2015 issued an encyclical, Laudato Si, calling for “care for our Common Home”, for the protection of the environment, linking it to the well-being of the poor, as a moral issue and Christian duty. Inspired by this, filmmakers created the documentary “The Letter”, in which 4 individuals were called to meet with the Pope. These 4 represented the Voice of the Youth, the Voice of Indigenous Peoples, the Voice of the Poor, and the Voice for Wildlife.

“The Letter” follows their journey, from getting this rare invitation to a meeting with Pope Francis and then returning to their homes. We see scenes from their lives, their world, and striking scenes of nature’s power and nature’s beauty. Throughout the movie, it links our responsibility for protection of the environment to the human connection.

This film is offered for streaming free of charge. In this month of Earth Day, the Earth Care Task Force of the Desert Southwest Conference is encouraging churches to offer this event to their congregations as we move forward in UMC’s commitment to Net Zero by 2050. Your church may want to do this as a special event on Earth Day weekend or as a part of Adult Ed.

Here is a link to the movie <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/> or perhaps your favorite streaming services might

Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Blooms that have petals

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Spring precipitation

16	17	18	19
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Puffy and white in the sky

20	21	22	23	24	25
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Soil

26	27	28	29
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Lawn

30	31	32	33	34
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Must be weeded and tended

35	36	37	38	39	40
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Tiptoe through these

41	42	43	44	45	46
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Baby sheep

47	48	49	50	51
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We need food and this

52	53	54	55	56
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God made this from nothing

57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
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A sign of God's promise

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These, in April, bring May flowers

72	73	74	75	76	77	78
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17	31	39	45	22	63	7	9	70	56	5	22	23	58	46		
27	15	61	73	13	4	18	19	30	26	22	49	22	9			
30	63	26	1	47	55	72	78	39	26	60	77	59	5	74	23	
12	73	70	73	23	40	35	13	56	64	70	75	9	11	65		
5	63	23	75	18	10	47	1	76	72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26	1	43	55	72	78	76	24	2	7	13	5	22	23	75	73	
22	12	59	39	45	64	63	52	9	22	58	5	70	42			
52	44	10	47	10	2	23	35	73								

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

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Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday Online Service Information
To join our worship online, you are invited to visit our **YouTube Channel, Prescott Valley UMC (youtube.com/@prescottvalleyumc)**. We stream live at 10:10 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda directly at

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Adult Sunday School

9:30am 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 Leaders: Elton Anderson & Jerry Cotner

Happy Easter

