

Happy New Year, Prescott Valley United Methodist Church and Friends!



As we turn the page to 2025, I find myself reflecting on the many ways God has been at work among us in 2024. What a year it has been! Together, we have worshiped, served, grown, and dreamed of the future God is calling us to embrace. We have also cried, offered each other comfort, and said "farewell for now" in response to many happenings within our church family.

Looking back, I see so many moments where God's Spirit has stirred something new. New ministries have taken root, new relationships have flourished, and new opportunities to serve our community have arisen, even amidst all of our heartache. Each of these "new things" reminds me of how faithful God is to meet us where we are and lead us forward into His plans for us.

I am especially excited about what is to come in this new year. Just as a gardener anticipates the bloom of new life in spring, I see seeds of hope and possibility already sprouting within our church. God is truly doing something fresh and exciting here, and we are blessed to be part of it!

As we step into 2025, I am reminded of the promise in Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

This scripture reminds us that no matter what challenges or uncertainties lie ahead, God is always at work, paving a way and providing for us. This year, we will be welcoming so much new life into the life of our ministry; opportunities like LEGs (League of Extraordinary Grandparents) and a PV launch of The Iris Project. We will also see some changes to our facility as we prepare for some construction on the roof of our main building.

Though I cannot say exactly what will happen this year, I am excited to change the dates and start some new things! May this year be one where we open our hearts to the new things God is doing in and through us. Together let us walk boldly into this next chapter trusting God continues to guide, sustain, and surprise us with His abundant grace. With love and anticipation, *Pastor Amanda*

MISSION -

Building relationships with C.A.R.E.

VISION -

C-ompassionate Community

A-ttentive Hospitality

R-esponsive Outreach

E-ngaging Spiritual Formation

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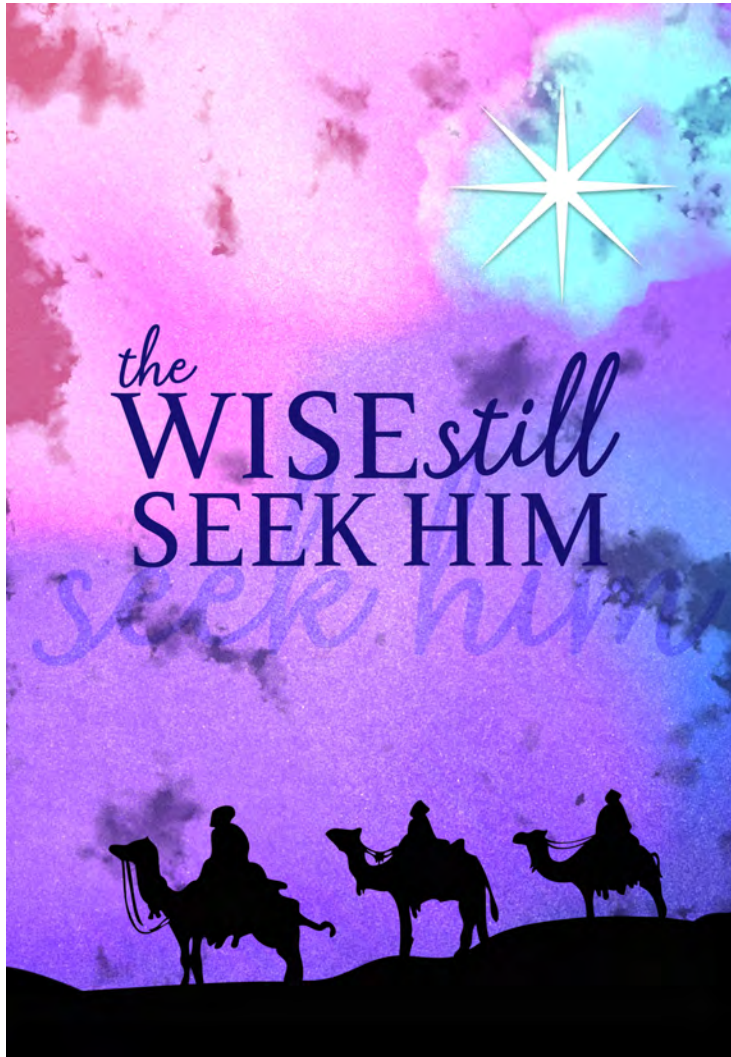
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Worship Schedule

January 5

Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

Sermon: The Road isn't straight

January 12th

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Sermon: Turn Water into Wine

January 19th

Special Guest Preacher:
Pastor Gary Simons

January 26

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: Today the Scripture has been fulfilled

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Gary Simons, on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room next to the Pastor's Study (please contact the office if you would like a map!)

CARE & NURTURE

Hello one and all, We have an announcement from the Care and Nurture Committee, along with other individuals working with our Breeze Computer System. We would like to update the current directory of members and fellow parishioners in Breeze by adding a photo, if missing, as well as update any missing birthday or anniversary dates. Our goal is to complete these updates for the new year 2025. If possible, please review your profile in Breeze and advise of any updates. To add a photo, one could be taken from a previous directory, if there are no objections of using a previous photo. Other options of updating a photo to Breeze are taking a new photo (your picture can be taken at PVUMC), or using a photo from your personal home photo library that would be uploaded to your profile in Breeze. Let us hear from you as to your photo preferences. We will assist you as needed. Thank you



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE: Thanksgiving Service

At the end of November (11/24), we were gifted with the opportunity to get together with our closest sister churches (Chino Valley UMC and Prescott UMC) for a wonderful Thanksgiving Service. At this service, our Pastors led us in a service centered around gratitude as we celebrate our connection.



CARE AND NURTURE

Caring Stitchers: Caring Craft Day on Sunday 11/17/24, by Dianna Moore

Craft Items consisted of bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter and non-germinating bird food with a hanging string. Tree Ornaments of Snowmen were made from white buttons and black paper hats with a red band, and then glued onto a varnished wood piece with a ribbon was attached for hanging.

Envelopes of various sizes were made from pictures from old calendars.

Various size bags with iron-on décor were made by cutting out designs from cloth material and other embellishments.

Stationary with iron-on décor was made by cutting out designs from cloth material.

Bracelets or necklaces were made from beads.

After the 10/17/24 church service, the congregation was invited by the Caring Stitchers to Caring Craft Day in Fellowship Hall. The goal was to make various crafts (listed above) to sell at the Holiday Bazaar on December 7, 2024.



All participants were invited to enjoy a cup of soup (Chicken Tortilla or No Lactose Salmon Chowder), cheese and crackers, desserts, donuts, cookies and a beverage. The best part was the fun and fellowship by all!

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United Women in Faith (UWF) from Prescott United Methodist Church graciously request the women from Prescott Valley Church and Chino Valley Church to come to a joint meeting on Saturday, January 4 at Prescott UMC in Douglas Hall for the first collaborative/brainstorming event for all the women/groups to develop ways together to work/meet together for the coming year. Our goal is to find common ground, to plan together, support each other, help each other with events and marketing, and more. We will look for ways to grow our circle of friends and energies for the good of the communities. Our strengths, knowledge and faith are focused, and together we are stronger. Thank you for your kindness in helping us all make this happen. Any questions, contact Cheri Hull, 623-523-1444.

MISSIONS & EVENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH



For years, Mingus Mountain Camp has been near and dear to our hearts. We have supported Mingus in various hands-on and hands-off ways including: participating in service days, supporting the camp for scholarships, and acting as a helping hand in their off seasons.

This month, we are collecting monetary donations to go toward Camp Scholarships for the summer sessions of 2025. Our goal is to be able to pay for one full 6-day, 5-night camp scholarship (\$725)!

We look forward to you all joining us in this goal!

Sisters of Grace Christmas Party

The Sisters of Grace offers a huge THANK YOU for all the wonderful women who joined us for Christmas Party. We had a wonderful time filling our tummies with sweets and the room with laughter and conversation!

Our Sisters of Grace meet every first Friday (with a summer hiatus) at 11:00am! All women are welcome to join these meetings for spiritual formation, fellowship, and mission!



MISSIONS & EVENTS

A special thank you is offered on behalf of the UMM for all of the wonderful happenings this past month!

In December, our United Methodist Men (UMM) hosted two events for the men in our church and their families. Beginning with a wonderful Christmas dinner on December 3rd, the UMM joined together to share a meal, share in reflection, AND support the wonderful work of Stepping Stones Agencies by collecting donations that will go toward helping with the holidays! To close the month, the UMM decided to hold another Men's Breakfast! So much love and fellowship to go around! If you haven't attended any UMM event, we encourage you to do so!

The UMM meets every third Friday at 8:00am for Breakfast at Mamma's Kitchen (2735 S Hwy 69, Humboldt, AZ 86329). Though this is an event for men, women are invited to join a small group that meet at the same time! The next breakfast will be on January 17th!

If you are curious what else is coming up for this group, the UMM are hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, March 4th at 9:00am-11:00am! This event is in honor of Fat Tuesday, another way of naming the day before Lent begins. Tell your friends and mark your



PVUMC's First Soup Swap is happening on Sunday, January 12th after worship!

Bring a soup, try a soup, judge a soup, and take some soup home!

For those who would like to bring a soup, there is a sign up in the Narthex. You do not have to tell us what kind of soup you are bringing.



LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Leadership Talk “How We Serve and Communicate Makes A Difference” – January 13, 2025, Jeannie Ward hosting

The Clergy and Lay Leadership Development team will host this leadership talk via Zoom featuring Jeannie Ward, on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7 pm (MST). Our presenter, Jeannie Ward, will be sharing useful information on the subject of ‘servant leadership’, using the following texts: “Jesus on Leadership” by C. Gene Wilkes “Leadership Is Language” by L. David Marquet and, also, how important it is to ‘communicate’ effectively and appropriately in a team setting, whether within your worship community or in the workplace in the secular community. The text used for this portion of the presentation is from the Lay Servant Ministries program: “Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries” by Sandy & Brian Jackson. Jeannie is a lay person who has served in the West District as Director of Lay Servant Ministries from 2015 to 2020; then served as West District Lay Leader, until 2024, with the assistance of three Associate Lay Leaders. She is a member of Prescott Valley UMC where she serves on the Care & Nurture team. She is married to Rev. Gary L. Ward (DSC, retired in 2011), enabling her to serve in the South, North & West Districts in the churches to which he was appointed.

To Register: <https://dscumc.org/event/leadership-talk-how-we-serve-and-communicate-makes-a-difference-january-13-2025/>



Our Mission: Connecting Grand-hearts with Grand-needs

Our Vision: Providing the Grand-space and Grand-place for Grand-nurturing kids in need of Grand-parents.


WE ARE SO EXCITED! COMING SOON! January 18th, 9 a.m. to noon, we launch the League of Extraordinary Grandparents first event in our community for the foster kids in Prescott Valley! You TOO could be a volunteer GRAND-Parent and help us nurture, guide and have fun with kids that need us. *Registration is required and you can find more information on our website at www.grandparentchamps.org Or contact us at leagueof@grandparentchamps.org 928-899-8372; or talk with Cheri Hull here in our church. This is a labor of love all around.

Do you know any foster parents with kids ages 4 to 10? If so, please give them the website information, have them contact Cheri Hull for more information via phone, or give them one of the flyers from the information table at the church! We want to reach as many of the foster kids as possible that could enjoy this time with Grand-parents at our events!

Connecting volunteers, who are of grandparenting age, with foster kids in a planned monthly program/event focused on unconditional caring, kindness and fun in all we provide each time in a safe environment. *Volunteer Grand-parent(s) guide unique experiences, crafts, games, and more spending time with the kids sharing talents and experiences at different stations of activities. We connect intergenerational hearts and minds with acceptance, care and consistency in showing up for each who participates! We are the Grand-parents for the Grand-hearts with Grand-needs every 3rd Saturday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

***All volunteers must complete and have a current fingerprint card.**

****ORIENTATION/TRAINING DAY 1/9/25, 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

WINGS  - Soar with us as a congregation and community lifting each other up through connections, relationships and programs giving air and breath to all we do showing God's love and grace.

CHURCH INFORMATION:



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Office Hours:
Thursday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday Online Service Information

To join our worship online, you are invited to visit our **YouTube Channel, Prescott Valley UMC**. We stream live at 10:10 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda directly at prescottvalleyumcpastor@gmail.com

2025

JANUARY

CALENDAR YEAR

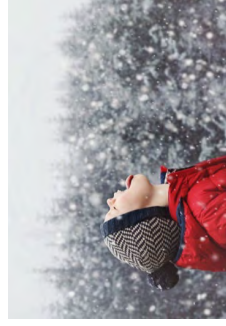
CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

COMMUNION
SUNDAY FIRST
SUNDAY OF THE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05 Adult Bible Study 9 am In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15, Epiphany; Communion WELCOME GATHERING; Coffee Fellowship 11:30	06 Care & Nurture 9:30 a.m.	07 Care & Nurture 9:30 a.m.	08 Church Cleaning 8 a.m. Caring Stitchers 10 a.m. LEGS Volunteer Training 1 p.m. HUSD School Partner Mtg	09 Church Cleaning 8 a.m. Caring Stitchers 10:00 a.m. Pastor @ Clergy Gathering	10 Sisters of Grace 11 a.m. Faithfully Questioning 10 a.m.	11 United Women of Faith - multi- church gathering 10:30 a.m. Prescott UMC, Douglas Hall
12 Adult Bible Study 9 am.m In-House Live Worship 10:15 am Soup Swap after church! Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m.	13 DSC LEADERSHIP TALK VIA ZOOM 7 p.m. Pastor @ Clergy Gathering	14 QCIC 1:30 p.m. Pastor @ Clergy Gathering	15 Pastor @ Clergy Gathering	16 Church cleaning 8 a.m. Caring Stitchers 10:00 a.m. Pastor @ Clergy Gathering	17 Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. Las Fuentes Visit 2 p.m. LEGS event set up 5:30 p.m.	18 LEG'S LAUNCH 9-12 p.m. (setup @ 8am, cleanup by 1 pm)
19 Adult Bible Study 9 a.m. In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Pastor Vacation	20 WINGS Newsletter Deadline. Pastor Vacation	21 Pastor Vacation	22 Pastor Vacation	23 Church Cleaning 8 a.m. Caring Stitchers 10 a.m. Pastor Vacation	24 Pastor Vacation	25 Pastor Vacation
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<p>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>04 Wulf, Med 07 Brown, Barbara 09 Ward, Jeannie 13 Mason, Carol 14 Myers, Joni 17 Fitzner, Dale 18 Crandall, Judy 18 Crandall, Ron 22 Roberts, Mary 23 Mefford, Michael</p>						
<p>JAN. ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>18 Fitaner, Dale & Janet 31 Eastman, John & Gretchen</p>						
<p>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>12 Beal, Sara 16 Anderson, Elton 16 White, Janet 17 Simons, Shelda 20 Wulf, Anita 21 Mefford, Linda 21 Reese, Judy 21 Van Selus, Doug 22 Alberts, Mary 28 Meier, Rose</p>						
<p>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>03 Bob Longwood & Kay Decker- Longwood 13 Hatfield, Jerry & Julie</p>						



Address Correction Requested

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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

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Dist. Lay Leader Sandy Jones

Pastor Rev. Amanda Corella

Pastor Emeritus Rev. Gary Simons