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Looking Ahead at PVUMC

November 9, 2014

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship (service of blessing)

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY – November 16

Change the World Day

The Church Has Left the Building

Eve Williams

Scripture: *Matthew 25:31-46*

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Join us as we take the church out of the building and into the community, showing God's love in action, on **Sunday, November 16**. The morning of service begins with registration at 8:30 am, followed by worship at 9 am, and ends with a celebration party back at PVUMC, featuring a BBQ lunch.

 **Paradise Valley
United Methodist Church**

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Daily Scriptures

See the Revised Common Lectionary at lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/.

Advent Books Available

The season of Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Christ into the world. To help us get ready, we've organized several small groups who are studying James A. Harnish's book, *When God Comes Down*. See the list of classes inside this issue of *Looking Ahead*. Books are available for \$7 each in the church office during the week. Stop by to get yours or pick one up as a gift for someone else. Most of the classes begin the week **November 16**.

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Celebrate with Betty Cochran TODAY on the patio



Today, we honor Betty Cochran with a retirement reception following the 9:30 am worship service and hosted by the Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee. Help celebrate her 26 years of service to PVUMC by signing her memory book, and having a piece of cake in her honor. Betty was the administrative assistant to our senior pastor, Dave Summers, before she retired in August, 2014, and had assisted five other senior pastors previously. The staff

honored her with a tile on UMOM's 50th Anniversary wall and lunch in August. Betty and Dale Cochran have enjoyed the early days of their retirement together visiting family, particularly their children and grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the United States, in Colorado, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. We invite you to contribute to a love gift for Betty. If paying by check, payable to PVUMC, write "Betty Cochran love gift" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate.

Join us for the Weekly Community Feast to Support UMOM

Take a break from cooking, and bring your family to the Community Feast every **Wednesday** in the Fellowship Center. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 pm. Suggested donations: \$7.50/adult, \$3/child (12 and under). Catered by UMOM's Helpings Café, Market and Catering.

Serendipities Supports UMOM This Week at Shop & Share

You are invited to shop Serendipities, our church gift shop, on Wednesdays this November and the first week of December in support of special missions. Help United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM) by shopping this **Wednesday, November 12**, 9 am-1 pm and 5-7 pm. It's never too early to begin Christmas shopping, and you'll find a variety of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2015 calendars, holiday decorations, seasonal hostess gifts and more. Other Shop and Share opportunities are:

- **November 19** **Audrey's Angels**
- **December 3-4** **PVUMC Preschool** (*Preschool sale is two days*)

Our profits always fund missions. Regular shop hours are Sundays 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon. The shop is open Wednesdays, 5-7 pm, this month.

Welcome Center Coordinator and Sunday Morning Greeters Needed

Our Welcoming Ministry Team is looking for more campus greeters as well as a Welcome Center coordinator. Are you friendly? Like to meet new people? Smiling is what you do best? Then, we invite you to become a part of this vibrant ministry. Please call or email Kim Levensky, 480-326-9387 or klevensky@cox.net, for more information on how you can serve. Greeting on Sunday morning is a great way to meet new people, takes just 20 minutes and there's no long-term commitment. We even have an electronic sign-up form on the website at <http://pvumc.org/connect/programs-ministries/welcoming/>. Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."— Matthew 25:35. We invite you to do the same.

Join our Monthly Volunteers who Serve at St Mary's and Project Cure

Join our monthly volunteers at St. Mary's Foodbank **Wednesday, November 12**. Meet at the PVUMC parking lot at 8 am to carpool via the church vans. Project Cure service days are on the third Wednesday of the month, **November 19**. To ride in the van, meet in the PVUMC parking lot at 8:30 am. If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Jim (Tony) Book, 602-361-8605 or jimbook73@gmail.com. Individuals can drive themselves, if they prefer.

Please Donate Postage Stamps for Seniors Housed by UMOM

Marge Dennis is collecting postage stamps so senior citizens living at UMOM New Day Centers will be able to stay in touch with their loved ones during the holiday season by mailing them Christmas cards and letters. She already has enough cards, but needs to collect as many as 600 stamps for the seniors. Please place your donations in the designated bag in the narthex/lobby of the sanctuary by **Sunday, November 16**. Thank you!

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Join the Saguaros for a Christmas Lights Tour and Food Drive

Celebrate the holidays with friends and neighbors and give to those less fortunate by signing up for our Christmas Lights bus tour on **December 15**. The cost is \$6 to participate in the holiday tour, which will depart from the church parking lot at 6 pm on **Monday, December 15**, and return later that evening.

Before the night of the event, gather \$10 worth of non-perishable food items, pet food or pet toys for the annual campaign, and bring them with you. The collected items will be donated to a food bank or The Arizona Humane Society. Participants need to

sign up and pay their \$6 fee by **December 1, 2014**. Contact Carol Duff, 602-996-7276 or Rita Winters, 480-250-4181, for details. The Saguaros will meet on **Thursday, November 20** for their regular monthly potluck and program. This month features Comedian Marty Berk. Potluck menu: A-I: Salad; J-Q Entrée; R-Z, dessert.



Executive Men's Group Hosts ASU's Sr VP to Discuss Starbucks Partnership Plan

The Executive Men's Group (EMG) invites all PVUMC members, spouses and guests to a Community Interest Briefing at PVUMC featuring Richard Stanley, ASU's Senior Vice President and University Planner. His talk will focus on the New American University and [ASU's College Achievement Plan with Starbucks](#) to offer Starbucks employees access to and tuition reimbursement for ASU's online courses in more than 40 undergraduate degree programs. Read more about this first-of-its-kind program by [clicking here](#). This hosted presentation will be held 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in room H1, on **Wednesday, November 12**. A boxed lunch from AJ's is available with an RSVP and \$10 (payable at the meeting if not before), submitted to 1BJMorgan@cox.net (Bob Morgan). All who request a lunch are responsible for the \$10 charge, even if you don't attend. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a guest to PVUMC. For more information about the event, please contact Russ Mosser, Russ-Mosser@cox.net.

Events this Week at PVUMC

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM	A2
Worship Service	8:00AM	C1
Preschool Book Fair	8:00AM	Patio
Enduring Love & Sexuality: Enneagram as the Path	9:00AM	H1 H7 H9
Children's Sunday School Classes	9:30AM	E10
E11 E12 E13 E4 E7 E8 H3 H4 H6		
Home Improvement	9:30AM	G2
Junior High Class	9:30AM	E14
Senior High Small Groups	9:30AM	C1
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM	F8
Worship Service	9:30AM	A1
Children's Elementary Choir	10:30AM	E12 E13
MiniSingers	10:30AM	E9
Betty Cochran Retirement	10:30AM	Patio
Covenant Group	11:00AM	F8
Doug Norris' Book Study	11:00AM	F5/6
Wesley SS Group	11:00AM	G2
Caring Ministries Team Mtg	11:00AM	H5
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM	C1
Young Adult Gathering	12:45PM	Off-campus
Youth Choir	4:00PM	A4
High School VIBE	5:00PM	Off campus
Junior High VIBE	5:00PM	E14
Running the Rapids Parenting Class	5:00PM	G2
Boy Scouts Troop #30 Adult Committee Mtg	6:00PM	H1

Monday, November 10, 2014

AEA Professionals Meeting	9:00AM	H1
Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM	F8
Grief Support Class	11:30AM	F8
Men's Emmaus Covenant Group	5:00PM	F8
Open Table #9/Veteran's Church & Society Ministry Team Meeting	6:00PM	H3 H5
Boy Scouts Troop #30 Boy Scouts Troop #30 Venturing Crew	7:00PM	F1 G2

A1=Sanctuary A2=Parlor C1=Chapel

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Preschool Closed (Veterans Day)		
Staff Meetings	9:00AM	G2
Vinyasa Flow Yoga	9:10AM	H1
Open Table/St. Patrick's	10:00AM	H4
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM	A2
Biblical Garden Task Force	4:30PM	H6
Pastor/Staff Parish Relations	5:30PM	G2
VIP Planning Meeting	6:00PM	H7
Disciple III	6:30PM	H5
New Member Team Meeting	6:30PM	F8
Stephen Ministry Training	6:30PM	H4
CGYM	7:00PM	E14
WMFA Ministry Team Mtg	7:00PM	A3

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Vinyasa Flow Yoga	9:10AM	H1
Susanna Circle	10:00AM	A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM	F8
Paradise Singers	11:30AM	A1/4
Prayer Ministry Team	11:30AM	F5/6
Executive Men's Group	11:30AM	H1
Sojourners	4:00PM	G2
Music Makers	4:30PM	A4
Community Feast	5:30PM	F1
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM	A3
After the Feast	6:00PM	Perk
LtQ: <i>The Jesus Fatwah</i> Class	6:30PM	H1
Enneagram: Panels	6:30PM	H7
Women's AA	7:00PM	F5/6
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM	A4

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	6:30AM	F5/6
Lunch Conversations on Transformational Living	12:00PM	H1
AEA Board Meeting	12:30PM	H5
Stephen Minister Training	6:30PM	H4

Friday, November 14, 2014

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM	G2
Spiritual Direction	1:15PM	F8
Ordway/Loftsgaarden Wedding Rehearsal	5:00PM	A1

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Ordway/Loftsgaarden Wedding	3:00PM	A1/2
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G2=Library E14=Youth Lounge
F1=Fellowship Center F8=Fireside Room

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Memorial Service of Light Candle Reservation

Please print

Candle in memory of _____
(as you want it printed in the bulletin)

2nd candle in memory of _____

Requested by _____
(requestor's name is not printed in the bulletin)

Email and/or phone _____

attending reception, following the service _____

Candle reservation due by November 16



Reserve Your Candle for the Memorial Service of Light November 23 at 6 pm, Chapel

The Memorial Service of Light on **Sunday, November 23** at 6 pm is a time to remember our loved ones who have died (recently or not). This service of music, candlelight, and a message from one of our pastors is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones. The name of your loved one will be read and a candle lit in memory of them during the service. The names will be printed in the evening's program. A short reception follows the service. To reserve a candle(s), and RSVP for the reception, please email Gretchen, gholt@pvumc.org, with the information in the above reservation form, or call her at 602-840-8360, ext 132. Alternatively, you may clip and return the form above. Candle reservations are due by **Sunday, November 16**.

Save Food Labels and Other UPCs for Wesley Community Center

As you are cooking this holiday season, please clip and drop off your Labels for Education from brands like Campbell's and Post, at the church office. For more information on what to clip and save, please call Kay Jones, 480-348-5710.

PVUMC Provides Gifts for 100 Children Via Sidewalk Sunday School

PVUMC Sunday School children and their families are invited to participate in the Desert Southwest Conference's Sidewalk Sunday School Christmas gift program. Brenda Smith has red bags with instructions on what to include to make a needy child's Christmas special. You may fill a gift for a 3-4 year old, 5-8 year old, or 9-12 year old boy or girl. Please include a label on the bag indicating which age group and gender the gift is for. Gifts to include should be new, and unwrapped. Some gift ideas include crayons, markers, or other art supplies; jump ropes, nerf toys, or card games; comic books or picture books; small stuffed animals, or Christian jewelry. Anything a child would love! Bags are due by **November 30**.

PVUMC 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins Today at 12 Noon

We invite you to pray for our church during the **24-Hour Prayer Vigil, November 9-10** (12 noon to 12 noon). You may sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafab2fa4fa7-pvumc>. During your ½ hour of prayer, please lift up to God our church and our ministry to the world. Please pray that God prepares the way for **Change the World Sunday, November 16** when our congregation – adults, youth and children – is invited to serve others. Pray that we will make a difference in our community. We also ask you to lift up the budget needs of the church so that we might continue to minister, worship, care, share, love and learn together. Use the "Prayer for PVUMC" printed in the bulletin to guide your own prayer.

Donate Food, Money and Time to Snack & Pack; Change the World

Families and adults served by UMOM live on incomes of less than \$6,000 a year. Without your help, most will not have a hot Thanksgiving meal. Here's where you come in. Join us for our 3rd annual Snack and Pack on **Change the World Sunday, November 16**, 9:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Center. We'll pack boxes with all the makings of a Thanksgiving Feast and deliver them to UMOM on **November 24**. Our goal is to pack 300 boxes, at a cost of approximately \$4,000. Food donations are gratefully accepted. We need frozen turkeys, as well as packaged rolls, turkey gravy, potatoes, stuffing, tortillas, canned or jarred corn, green beans, and cranberries. Please bring items to "The Big Tom" table any Sunday morning until **November 16**. Monetary donations in any amount will also be accepted at the same table, or as part of your offering, but please write "Snack and Pack" in the memo line if paying by check.

Please Donate Frozen Turkeys for UMOM Families

Donate a frozen turkey in any size for the families at UMOM New Day Centers this Thanksgiving. You may deliver your frozen turkey to the church freezer on any day through **November 23**, and we will transport them with our "Snack & Pack" food boxes on **November 24** to families housed at UMOM. For more information, call Nancy Hepburn, 480-694-1201. Thank you for your generosity.

Sign Up for UMOM Adopt-a-Family and Wesley Christmas Gifts

We invite you to bring joy to families, children and seniors in need this Christmas through the Adopt-a-Family program at UMOM, as well as to children and seniors affiliated with the Wesley Community Center. Look for a table on the patio **TODAY** and sign up if you can. Sign-ups are available through December 7 and all gifts must be received by **Wednesday, December 10**.

Interested in Joining PVUMC? Come to the New Member Orientation

If you or a friend are interested in finding out more about PVUMC and becoming a member of our congregation, we invite you to attend our next New Member Orientation at 6:30 pm in G2 on **Wednesday, November 19**, with an invitation to join on **Sunday, November 23**. RSVP to the church office at 602-840-8360.

Inviting Prayers of Intercession

Joys:

Celebrating Betty Cochran's 26 years of service to PVUMC

Hospitalized:

Hospice Care:

Wilma McLeod, grandmother of Tammy McLeod
Nan Range, mother of Kay Pickerill

Deaths:

G.O. Thompson

Continuing Concerns: June Allen; Phyllis Averill; Michelle Bray, sister-in-law of Dave Summers; Sandy Cook; Carolyn Lasley, mother of Teri Lasley; Evelyn Parker, sister of Frieda Bateman; Betty Perry; Dwight Peters; Helen Price, mother of Mickey Price; Randy Stauth – son of Mike and Helen Stauth; Ed Sucato, father-in-law of Courtney Sucato; Bradley Sullins, nephew of Liliana Sullins; Diane Taylor; Rev. Dan Turner; Carolyn Woods, mother of Deborah Esquer

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Our Community, Nation, and World:

Peace, tolerance, and understanding in our world
Friends and family serving in the military



To make a prayer request, go to our [website](http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/) at <http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/> or fill out a prayer request card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate.

To join our prayer team and receive prayer requests via email, contact gholt@pvumc.org.

Pastors on Call 24/7

We have a pastor on call 24/7. When you call the office, 602-840-8360, after hours, follow the instructions or press "2" and leave a message to have a pastor return your call.

Chancel Flowers

To donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please call Ginny Andrews, 602-996-4494. There is an opening for Sunday, December 28. She is also filling spots for Sundays in 2015.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help restock and organize our pew pockets. Please call or email Denise Price, 480-661-1655 or deniseaprice@cox.net for more information. Thank you!

When God Comes Down Church-wide Advent Study



Whether you're a current member of a small group or not, we invite you to participate in our church-wide Advent study: *When God Comes Down*, by James A. Harnish. According to the book's introduction, this five-week study's central theme comes from the first verse of a Christmas carol, "Glory Be to God on High," that says, "Now God Comes Down...God the invisible appears...And Jesus is His Name." We will intertwine this with our own theme, "Expect the Unexpected," which we'll focus on in our daily devotional blog and in the Advent sermon series. All are invited to participate, either individually or in a group. Some of the classes are *new** and some are established.

Group classes with rooms and start dates are listed below. Books are available for \$7 in the church office, outside on the patio following worship, and on the first night of class. We also encourage you to follow and contribute to our **Advent Blog**** which will be active **November 30-December 25**. On each of the Advent Sundays, Senior Pastor Dave Summers will preach a sermon on how to "Expect the Unexpected."

Weekly Advent study classes & start dates:

Sunday:

9:30 am Spirit Sunday School, F8—11/9
9:30 am Modern Family, H5—11/2; 12/7
9:30 am Home Improvement, G2—11/23
11:00 am Wesley Sunday School, G2 —11/30

Monday:

9:00 am Mustard Seed Bible Study, F8—11/17
6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Dave), A2—11/17 *

Wednesday:

10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, F8—1/19
4:00 pm Sojourners (women), G2—11/19
6:00 pm After the Feast, Perk—11/19
6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Eve), H5—12/3 *

Thursday:

6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Andrea), H3—11/20 *

Friday:

12:00 pm Brown Baggers, G2—11/21

Free, quality childcare is available for all our study groups and classes, as well as during choir rehearsals, meetings or other events held at the church. To reserve a spot for your child, call 602-840-8360, ext 134, 48 hours in advance of the class. To cancel, call again.

**Advent Blog

We're looking for writers to contribute to our Advent Devotional blog. Last year, we provided daily devotions around our Advent theme and we're offering this again.

Please contact Kim Summers at kimsummers77@gmail.com or 480-213-6960 to receive a scripture, then write a 200-400 word, half-page devotional reflecting on the book, *When God Comes Down*, or the theme: "Expect the Unexpected." [Click here to read some of last year's blog posts.](#)

Submit your devotional to Kim via email or to the church office to her attention (if handwritten) no later than **November 23**. Thank you.