

Looking Ahead at PVUMC

December 7, 2014

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Worship at 8:00 & 11:15 am, Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38*

8 am: Sermon by Andrea Address
What Do You Do When God Calls?

9:30 am: Children's Christmas
Pageant: *Room for Christmas*

11:15 am: *Ignite Worship*
Carols sing with related scripture



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Subscribe to Daily Devotionals at PVUMC Advent Blog on Website

Throughout the Advent season, **until Christmas Day, December 25**, we invite you to read, subscribe to and share our daily devotional Advent blog on the church website. Written by PVUMC members, pastors and staff on the theme of "Expecting the Unexpected with Scripture and Song," these devotions include visuals, songs and videos, posted on the PVUMC website under the "News" tab. To sign up to receive the posts every day via email, go to the blog at <http://pvumc.org/news/2014-advent-blog/> and submit your name and email address. Every time there's a new post, it will be in your inbox. Would you like to write a post? Call or email Kim Summers, kimsummers77@gmail.com or 480-213-6960, and she will email you a scripture and instructions.



Advent Books Available

Pick up a copy of James A. Harnish's book, *When God Comes Down*, today. Books are available for \$7 each at class or in the office during the week.



PVUMC Christmas Concert TONIGHT — Sanctuary, 6 pm

Join us for the PVUMC Christmas Concert **TONIGHT** at 6 pm in the sanctuary. Bring a friend, or invite a neighbor to this free community concert. The theme is "And on Earth, Peace." The concert includes all of PVUMC's music ensembles, along with professional instrumentalists, who will sing, ring and play inspiring Christmas music to remind us of the hope and peace that came to earth, through Jesus' birth on Christmas. We'll take a free-will offering at the event, and a dessert reception follows in the Fellowship Center. The Paradise Perk will be open too!

Homeless Care Bags Ready for Pick Up and Distribution

On Change the World Day, many of you helped us make homeless care packages that include bottled water and other items that a homeless person might need. Today, and in the weeks that follow, we encourage you to take one or more bags, and keep them in your car. When you see someone who might need it, give it to him or her with a smile and a few kind words. We are asking for a \$5 donation per bag, but if you can't donate today, please take a bag anyway. Any money you donate helps us keep the ministry going. We encourage you to take as many bags as you would like, to give to those in need.

Practice Yoga on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Free for PVUMC Members

Connect to our Lord through an all-levels Vinyasa Flow class, led by local instructor, Kristen Heriaud with Adele Swan and Kim Kent assisting. Classes are offered every Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:10 am-10 am in H1, except for **December 9** (we'll meet at 6:30 pm in the Chapel instead, for our holiday yoga program) **and December 23/24, 30/31**. Classes are free to PVUMC members and friends. Bring your own yoga mat and blocks, if desired. All ages and levels are welcome.

Join us in the Chapel for a Special Holiday Yoga Program, December 9

On **Tuesday, December 9**, 6:30-7:30 pm, join Kristen Heriaud as she leads a yogi-style Christmas celebration with live Christmas music to accompany our movements of joy. Childcare is available for our youngest ones. Please call 602-840-8360, ext 134, at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a spot for your child.

Young Adults Invited to Hang Out Together After Ignite Worship

The Young Adult Lifegroup (YAL) meets Sundays after 11:15 am Ignite (chapel worship) and for special outings at other times. December's schedule is as follows:

- December 7** Meet at Brenda Smith's home. Lunch is provided.
Text for gate code, 602-740-7134.
- December 14** Serve as ushers and greeters for the 9:30 and 11:15 am services. Meet at the Sanctuary at 9 am.
- December 21** Join us for a church Christmas party in H1.
Invite your friends to join us; food provided.

Please contact Brenda Smith, brenda@pvumc.org, or Jonathan Havens, pvumcyoungadult@gmail.com to be added to the YAL communication list.

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. 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/>. Greeter slots open for Christmas Eve too. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." — Matthew 25:35.

Purchase Poinsettias TODAY in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One

Poinsettia sales begin TODAY on the patio outside the Sanctuary. Use the form below to order your poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to help decorate the chapel and sanctuary for Christmas. Extra forms are at the table.

2014 Christmas Poinsettia Order

Purchase poinsettias to express your love and appreciation as well as help decorate the sanctuary and chapel for Christmas.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, December 12.

Your name _____

Daytime telephone _____

E-mail address: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Number of plants _____ x \$15 = \$ _____ (total amount)

_____ Will pick up (after the 11 pm Christmas Eve service)

OR _____ Please deliver to homebound

Please attach **\$15 per plant** and choose your form of payment below:

Check payable to PVUMC and marked "Poinsettia" in the memo line

Cash (please put it in an envelope with this form)

Credit/Debit Card # _____

Am Express Discover Master Card Visa

Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

(3-digit code on back of the card or the
4-digit code on the front of the American Express)

Zip Code: _____ (Zip must be included for credit card payments.)



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FOR UNISON/TWO-PART VOICES,
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9:30 am worship service Sunday, Dec. 14

Toy drive donations for UMOM children are appreciated.



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Assist Arizona's Working Poor and Receive a State Tax Credit

Did you know you can make a contribution to PVUMC-supported charities and receive a dollar-for-dollar Arizona state tax credit in 2014? A single individual can receive a tax credit of up to \$200 and a married couple can receive up to \$400. And you don't need to itemize deductions to claim the tax credit. Just mail your check directly to one of the following charities (not to PVUMC) or go to their websites by **December 31, 2014** and make your contribution online.

- **Wesley Community Center**, www.wesleycenterphx.org, 1300 S 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85034, operates a medical clinic & more for impoverished south Phoenix residents.
- **Justa Center**, www.justacenter.org, 1001 W Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007 is a respite day center for homeless people who are age 50 & up.
- **UMOM/Next Step Housing**, www.UMOM.org, 3320 E Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008, offers shelter and other services for homeless families and adults.

Each individual's tax situation is unique. Please consult your tax advisor before making any tax-related decisions. Both the Wesley Community Center and UMOM's Next Step Housing Program (along with the PVUMC Emergency Relief Fund) are recipients of our annual Christmas missions offering, and we sent volunteers to serve at all three places for our Change the World Day of service on November 16, 2014. We support all three through volunteer hours and our missions ministry.

Plan Your Year-End Contributions to PVUMC

With the stock market at an all-time high, now is the time to consider a special gift to PVUMC. Your gift of appreciated stock will be used to fund the ministries of PVUMC. If you own appreciated stock that you have held for at least a year, you may donate the stock to PVUMC and receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock. Your gain on the stock will not be taxed and you receive a tax deduction! Each individual's tax situation is unique. Please consult your tax advisor before making any tax-related decisions. For information on how to make a contribution of stock, contact Mickey Price in the church office, 602-840-8360, ext 113.

PVUMC Preschool Ice Cream Social Business Sponsorship Opportunity

Looking for new ways to advertise and market your business while targeting the Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and Phoenix markets? Be a sponsor of PVUMC Preschool's 2015 Ice Cream Social. Last year, our event was attended by hundreds of local families. Tax-deductible Sponsorship packages are available with varying levels of exposure at the \$250, \$500 and \$1000 levels. We are also seeking donations for our silent auction. Promote your business through a sponsorship and/or donated item while helping the PVUMC Preschool for a win/win! Contact Katy at katymay@me.com or August at august@augustforhomes.com for details.

Events this Week at PVUMC

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Children's Sunday School	9:30AM E4 E7 E8 E10/11 E12/13 H1 H3 H4 H6
Home Improvement	9:30AM G2
Modern Family	9:30AM H5
Senior High Small Groups	9:30AM C1
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Children's Elementary Choir	10:30AM H1
MiniSingers	10:30AM E9
Christmas Celebration for Sunday School Teachers	10:30AM F5/6
Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Wesley Adult Sunday School	11:00AM G2
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
Young Adult Gathering	12:30PM
	Off-campus
PVUMC Christmas Concert	6:00PM A1
Christmas Concert Reception	7:15PM F1

Monday, December 8, 2014

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Men's Emmaus	
Covenant Group	5:00PM F8
Open Table #9/Veteran's	6:00PM H3
Church & Society	
Ministry Team Meeting	6:00PM H5
Advent Study (Pastor Dave)	6:30PM A2
Boy Scouts Troop #30	7:00PM F1
Boy Scouts Troop #30	
Venturing Crew	7:00PM G2

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Open Table/St. Patrick's	10:00AM H4
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2
Women's Retreat Team Mtg	4:30PM H6
Holiday Yoga	6:30PM C1
Christian Group of Young Men (CGYM)	7:00PM E14

A1=Sanctuary C1=Chapel
G2=Library E14=Youth Lounge
F1=Fellowship Center F8=Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Vinyasa Flow Yoga	9:10AM H1
Susanna Circle	10:00AM A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers	11:30AM A4
Prayer Ministry Team	11:30AM F5/6
Sojourners	4:00PM G2
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Community Feast	5:30PM F1
	<i>(Keith Sobraske presents a program on "Symbols and Icons of the Nativity")</i>
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A3
After the Feast	6:00PM Perk
Advent Study (Pastor Eve)	6:30PM H5
Panels on Enduring Love and Sexuality	6:30PM H7
Women's AA	7:00PM F5/6
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	6:30AM F5/6
Lunch Conversations on Transformational Living	12:00PM H1
Advent Study (Pastor Andrea)	6:30PM H3
Salaam-Chai-Paradise	7:00PM H4

Friday, December 12, 2014

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
Spiritual Direction/Enneagram	1:15PM F8
Stephen Minister Training	
New Candidates	6:00PM
	Off-campus

Saturday, December 13, 2014

PVUMC Christmas Caroling Celebration (bring a toy donation) 10:00AM F1
Celebrate Christmas with your church family: bouncy houses, model trains, live music, cookie decorating, Santa and more! See the full-page invitation in the *Looking Ahead*.

Scan this code → to go to our website, pvumc.org, and events calendar.



Christmas Caroling Celebration

Fun for the whole family



Saturday, December 13

10 am – 12 noon Fellowship Center

- Christmas Carolers
- Cocoa and Cookie Decorating
- Bouncy House & Slide
- Model Trains
- Visit from Santa

Bring an unwrapped toy or baby gift for donation

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UMOM Holiday Donation Cards Make Great Gifts for Your Loved Ones
PVUMC supports UMOM through the sale of holiday cards that pay for a night of shelter (\$15); a day of shelter, food, and childcare for a child (\$50); a week of shelter (\$100); or a month of shelter (\$360) for a homeless child or an adult at UMOM New Day Centers. Stop by the patio table after worship to buy a card or two to give to family and friends as we remember the birth of a child needing shelter so long ago.

Inviting Prayers of Intercession

Joys:

The November 13 birth of Drew Carter Ratliff to parents Collin and Macon Ratliff; grandparents Charles and Kathy Ratliff

Hospice Care:

Nan Range, mother of Kay Pickerill

Deaths:

June Allen
Wilma McLeod, grandmother of
Tammy McLeod

Our Church:

Our church's budget situation
PVUMC Christmas Concert tonight: 6 pm
Music Makers present *Room for Christmas*,
the Children's Christmas Pageant, at
9:30 am worship on December 14

Our Community, Nation, and World:

For those struggling with basic needs
Friends and family serving in the military

Continuing Concerns:

Phyllis Averill; Michelle Bray, sister-in-law of
Dave Summers; Sandy Cook; Carolyn Lasley,
mother of Teri Lasley; Evelyn Parker, sister of
Frieda Bateman; Dwight Peters; Helen Price,
mother of Mickey Price; Bill Sejen; Loreta
Snyder; Randy Stauth, son of Mike and Helen
Stauth; Ed Sucato, father-in-law of Courtney
Sucato; Bradley Sullins, nephew of Liliana Sul-
lins; Diane Taylor; Rev. Dan Turner; Carolyn
Woods, mother of Deborah Esquer



To make a prayer request,

go to our [website](http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/)
at [http://pvumc.org/contact/
prayer-requests/](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

Flowers are given by Dave Hanner in loving
memory of his father, Richard R. Hanner, Sr.

*To donate flowers in memory or in honor of
someone, please call Ginny Andrews, 602-
996-4494. You may check for open dates on
the 2015 flower chart posted in the sanctuary.*

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!

Community Feast on Wednesday Features Special Nativity Program

Our Community Feast on **Wednesday, December 10** will feature a special
presentation by Keith Sobraske. Take a break from cooking, and join us in the
Fellowship Center for our weekly buffet dinner, and enjoy a presentation of
artistic images of the Nativity from the 4th to the 21st century, set to music.
Learn about the many religious symbols packed into Nativity themed art, how
these symbols came to be, and what they might mean for us as Christmas
approaches. 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. The last feast of 2014 is **December 17**. Join us again for the new
year on **January 7, 2015**, and stay for a new seven-week class offered by Keith
Sobraske and Martha Rinne. This Living the Questions class called *Painting the
Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* begins **January 7**, following the
feast, 6:30-8 pm in H5. All materials will be provided at no cost.

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.

Watkins Homeless Shelter Needs Gifts of Blankets, Sheets, Pillows

One thing sure to warm your heart is to give the gift of NEW or gently used twin-
size blankets and sheets, as well as NEW pillows and pillowcases to residents
at the Watkins Homeless Shelter. The need is great because of the constant
transition of families and single women. You can turn them into the church
office and they will be taken to Watkins weekly. Thank you for your generosity.

Serendipities Offers Exciting Family Games and Treats

Award-winning games like *Freeze Up* and *Even Steven's Odd* provide hours of
fun for the whole family. Both are fast-paced educational games for several
players, age 7 and up. You'll also find stocking stuffers, puzzles, and specialty
candy like peppermint and pretzel bark, and toffee-to-go on the shelves. Our
selection of Vietnam lace and gemstone shimmer scarves make lovely holiday
gifts. Find it all at Serendipities, where profits always fund missions. The shop is
open Sundays, 9 am-12:30 pm, and most Wednesdays, 9 am-12 noon.

Matthew Bible Study Begins Sundays, January 11 — Register Now

Garry Lozier will be leading an ongoing study on a series of books by J.
Ellsworth Kalas called *Immersion Bible Studies*. The January class will begin
with the first book in the series, *Matthew*. The series includes studies on all the
books of the New Testament. If you would like the church office to order you a
book, please register for the class no later than **December 22** by emailing
mfought@pvumc.org or calling her at 602-840-8360. The book costs \$8. The
class will meet weekly on Sundays in H7 at 10:45 am.

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