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**6:30 – 8 pm**

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## Looking Ahead at PVUMC

January 4, 2015

### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

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

**NEXT SUNDAY: January 11, 2015**

Series: *The Tough Questions of Faith*

Part 2: Is God Violent?

Dave Summers

Scripture: *1 Samuel 15:1-9*



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### **The Magi Visit TODAY: Epiphany**

Every year, our Sunday School children look forward to Epiphany, when the three kings or Magi bring gifts and explain how they followed the star and visited the Christ child so long ago. If you see the kings, please welcome them to PVUMC.

### **NEW Pathways Classes Begin**

We kick off our new Winter/Spring Pathways program this month. Look for booklets soon and check our website.

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events calendar.**



### **Join the Alpha Course for Discussions about Faith in the New Year**

As we move through January asking “Tough Questions of Faith” every Sunday in worship, we invite you to continue to ask and discuss faith questions in a new class offered on Wednesday evenings. **The Alpha Course** — part of our Pathways program — will meet in the Fireside Room, F8, for 10 weeks, **January 7-February 11, 2015**, and will be guided by a leadership team that includes the Rev. Eve Williams. Please contact Pastor Eve at [pastoreve@pvumc.org](mailto:pastoreve@pvumc.org) if you're interested in this class

that begins with sharing a meal at the Community Feast at 5:30 pm, and moves into a discussion time at 6 pm on different aspects of the Christian faith each week. The course includes a DVD and encourages participants to share their thoughts and ask questions in a non-judgmental and relaxed setting. If you have questions about Jesus, the Bible, prayer, the Holy Spirit, God's guidance and how to have a sustaining faith, come to Alpha. You are free to discuss as much or as little as you like. Alpha is for everyone; we don't assume any background, knowledge or belief in Christianity, and no question is out of bounds.





**Join Cindy and Kent Heltne for Dinner and Conversation, *On the First Tuesday*, January 6**  
 Join us for *On the First Tuesday*, **January 6** at 5:30 pm, when we offer dinner and conversation with some of PVUMC's most fascinating people, Kent and Cindy Heltne, who are passionate about missions and so much more. Garry Lozier is our chef, and all are welcome. The Heltnes will lead the Costa Rica trip again, **March 7-16**, even after being stung by bees last year. If you want to hear that story, and other highlights from their international mission trips, join us *On the First Tuesday*.

**Living the Questions Class Begins January 7, Following the Feast**

Our Community Feast returns this week, on **Wednesday, January 7**. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 pm, and catered by UMOM's Helpings Café, Market and Catering. Suggested donations: \$7.50/adult, \$3/child (12 and under). Following the feast, we invite you to join us for a new seven-week class offered by Keith Sobraske and Martha Rinne. This Living the Questions class is called *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*, and will meet in H5, 6:30-8 pm. All materials will be provided at no cost. The Alpha Course also begins that night. Read more at <http://pvumc.org/2014/12/24/alpha-course-and-other-new-classes-in-2015/>.

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study to Study Richard Rohr, January 8**

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study group is beginning a new 10-week study on **January 8** using Richard Rohr's Alternative Orthodoxy DVD. We will have a methodology to view sessions that may be missed. Craig Prichard, who has studied with Richard Rohr, will attend when possible and give his insights. Please join us for this exciting bible study opportunity. The group meets at 7 am on Thursdays in F5/6 in the Fellowship Center. Come hungry!

**Self-Defense Class Offered Next Sunday, January 11, in the Fellowship Center**

The Young Adult Lifegroup (YAL) hosts a Self-Defense Class led by Morgan Peel, a certified trainer and instructor for ATA who is a 3rd degree black belt, on **Sunday, January 11**, 12:30-2 pm in the Fellowship Center. All ages are welcome, though we encourage you to reserve childcare for children age 5 and under by calling 602-840-8360, ext 134 at least 48 hours before the event to reserve a spot for your child. RSVPs encouraged for this event that includes lunch (donations welcome). Please email [brenda@pvumc.org](mailto:brenda@pvumc.org) to RSVP or for more information.



**2015 International Mission Teams Need Stakeholders**

PVUMC has two international and overlapping mission trips to Latin America in March, 2015. One team leaves **March 7-16**, going back to Costa Rica for the 4th year in a row. The second team goes to Guatemala the 2nd week in March for the 9th year in a row.

The Guatemala trip will be similar in nature to trips in past years, having a medical team that will work in several clinics providing medical services to poor people in the rural areas of Guatemala. The team going to Costa Rica will be working on two projects: 1) Working with Methodist Orphanage Ministries to build housing for the homeless children of Costa Rica who have been abandoned on the streets of San José, and 2) Organizing and leading Bible Schools for children in the poorest barrios of San José. Last year, more than 175 children attended our Bible School program.

We invite you to become a 2015 Stakeholder by praying for our teams and supporting the work we will be doing by investing in these trips. A gift of \$25 or more will help pay for our in-country supplies for these two PVUMC Mission Teams and will underwrite the following:

- Construction materials to build group homes for children at the orphanage
- Medical supplies for Medical Team
- Children's Bible School education material supplies for both teams

Each Mission Team Stakeholder will receive a postcard from a team member during the trip. We will also have meetings when we get back to re-cap the highlights of our trips, and invite you to attend. Please complete the form below, attach your check for \$25 or more, and return your form and check to the church office by **February 4, 2015**. Thank you for helping us share God's love in action.

**Costa Rica/Guatemala Stakeholder Registration**

I want to be a stakeholder in support of the PVUMC 2015 International Mission Teams. Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help underwrite the work of our PVUMC Mission Teams in 2015.

\_\_\_\_ I will support the team members with my prayers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include "2015 Mission Teams" in the memo line on your check.**

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# Inviting Prayers of Intercession

## Joys:

Magi (Wise Men) visit our Sunday School

## Hospitalized:

Glen Nelson

## Hospice Care:

Nan Range, PVUMC's oldest member, at age 102, and mother of Kay Pickerill

## Deaths:

Bill Sejen – Memorial Service January 17  
Sandy Cook – Memorial Service January 24  
Roger King – husband of Doris King

## Our Church:

New Pathways classes begin this month

## Our Community, Nation and World:

Those seeking God's comfort  
God's presence and guidance in the  
new year  
Family and friends serving in the military

## Continuing Concerns:

Phyllis Averill; Michelle Bray, sister-in-law of Dave Summers; Norm Henry; Carolyn Lasley, mother of Teri Lasley; Steve and Sharon Mettler, friends of Jan Elsea; Nathan Moore, nephew of Gretchen Holt; Evelyn Parker, sister of Frieda Bateman; Dwight Peters; Helen Price, mother of Mickey Price; Loreta Snyder; 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



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](mailto: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 Marge Dennis, in loving memory of Robert Morse.

*If you wish to donate and dedicate flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please call Ginny Andrews at 602-996-4494.*

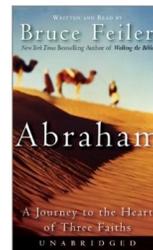
## Volunteers Needed

Are you ready to make a volunteer commitment to PVUMC in the new year? Volunteers are needed in many areas, one of which is to help restock and organize our pew pockets. Please call or email Denise Price, 480-661-1655 or [deniseaprice@cox.net](mailto:deniseaprice@cox.net) for more information.

## Book Group Meets January 5 to Discuss *The Husband's Secret*

In September 2014, the Book Group was rained out, and never had the opportunity to discuss Liane Moriarty's novel, *The Husband's Secret*, so we're taking time in January to have that discussion. Join us on **Monday, January 5, 2015** in the church library, G2, 12:15-1:15 pm, or come at 12 noon for a chat. On **Monday, February 2**, we'll discuss a NYT Bestseller, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

## Interfaith Four-session Series on Abraham Begins January 8 at PVUMC



Back by popular demand, the Salaam Chai Paradise Tri-faith Fellowship group offers "An Abraham Tri-alogue: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths," a four-part series on the role of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. An introductory session called "Abraham: The Father of Three Faiths," will be held 7-9 pm on **Thursday, January 8, 2015** in the Fellowship Center. This session will be followed by the Salon Series: three interfaith small-group discussion sessions based on the national bestseller, *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler, and its associated study guide. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$14) at the introductory session, and in the Serendipities gift shop. Read more at <http://pvumc.org/2014/12/24/join-us-for-a-trifaith-series-on-abraham/>.

## Serendipities: Stop by for 2015 Bargains, Books and Treasures

Besides offering books, like the *Abraham* book featured above in the Trifaith series, Serendipities offers a variety of cards, gifts and more. Celebrate 2015 by shopping Serendipities after church today. Our "profits-for-missions" gift shop, located just around the corner from the Sanctuary, offers many made-in-the-USA, Fair Trade and handmade items. Open Sundays, 9 am-12:30 pm, and Wednesdays, 9 am-12 noon.

## Centering Prayer Workshops and Classes Offered in January

Join us **Saturday, January 10**, 9 am-1 pm, in Room H7 for an Introduction to Centering Prayer. This workshop will be followed by five weeks of practical experience every **Sunday, January 11-February 8**, 9:45-11 am. This simple contemporary expression of an ancient Christian practice of consent to God's presence and action within us allows us to take time every day to rest in God's presence and refill our "well of living water" so we can be more effective out in the world.

## Matthew Bible Study Begins Next Sunday Morning, January 11

Garry Lozier will be leading a book study on a series by J. Ellsworth Kalas called *Immersion Bible Studies*, beginning **Sunday, January 11**, at 10:45 am in H7. The first book, *Matthew*, costs \$8. The church has a limited number of copies. Stop by the church office or call for availability.

## Website / Social Media



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[pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org). Our bulletins are online at the "News" tab. Click on this web address: <http://pvumc.org/news/newsletter-e-news-and-bulletins/> to access them online. The *Desert Scroll*, our bimonthly newsletter, and the weekly *Looking Ahead* are available there too, as is the weekly *From Paradise E-news*, which is emailed every Friday.

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# Events this Week at PVUMC

## Sunday, January 4, 2015

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Adult Bible Study                       | 8:00AM A2    |
| Worship Service                         | 8:00AM C1    |
| Children's Sunday School                | 9:30AM E10   |
| E11   E12   E4   E7   H1   H3   H4   H6 |              |
| Home Improvement                        | 9:30AM G2    |
| Jr. High Class: "Creation"              | 9:30AM E14   |
| Modern Family                           | 9:30AM H5    |
| SPIRIT Sunday School                    | 9:30AM F8    |
| Worship Service                         | 9:30AM A1    |
| MiniSingers                             | 10:30AM E9   |
| Covenant Group                          | 11:00AM F8   |
| Doug Norris' Book Study                 | 11:00AM F5/6 |
| Wesley SS Group                         | 11:00AM G2   |
| Ignite Worship Service                  | 11:15AM C1   |
| Young Adult Gathering                   | 12:30PM H1   |
| Youth Choir                             | 4:00PM A4    |

## Monday, January 5, 2015

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Mustard Seed Bible Study            | 9:00AM     |
| Off-campus                          |            |
| PVUMC Book Group                    | 12:15PM G2 |
| Men's Emmaus Covenant Group         | 5:00PM F8  |
| Open Table #9/Veteran's             | 6:00PM H3  |
| Discipleship Strategy Team          | 6:30PM H5  |
| Boy Scouts Troop #30                | 7:00PM F1  |
| Boy Scouts Troop #30 Venturing Crew | 7:00PM G2  |

## Tuesday, January 6, 2015

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Staff Meetings                              | 9:00AM G2  |
| Vinyasa Flow Yoga                           | 9:10AM H1  |
| Open Table/St. Patrick's                    | 10:00AM H4 |
| Caring Bible Study                          | 10:30AM    |
| Off-campus                                  |            |
| On the First Tuesday                        | 5:30PM F1  |
| Transformation Living Ministry Team Meeting | 6:30PM H6  |
| Christian Group of Young Men (CGYM)         | 7:00PM E14 |

## Wednesday, January 7, 2015

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 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    |
| Bells of Paradise Rehearsal   | 6:00PM A3    |
| Alpha Course  | 6:00PM F8    |
| <i>LtQ: Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith</i> |              |
|   | 6:30PM H5    |
| Women's AA  | 7:00PM F5/6  |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal   | 7:30PM A4    |

## Thursday, January 8, 2015

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| Men's Breakfast Bible Study                  | 7:00AM F5/6 |
| AEA Marketing Team                           | 11:00AM H6  |
| Lunch Conversations on                       |             |
| Transformational Living                      | 12:00PM H1  |
| AEA Board Meeting                            | 12:30PM H5  |
| David Freyermuth                             |             |
| Memorial Service                             | 3:00PM A1   |
| Salaam-Chai-Paradise: Abraham Series Intro   | 6:30PM F1   |
| Stephen Minister Training for New Candidates | 6:30PM H4   |

## Friday, January 9, 2015

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Brown Baggers Bible Study | 12:00PM G2 |
|---------------------------|------------|

## Saturday, January 10, 2015

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| <i>Workshop: Introduction to Centering Prayer</i> |           |
|   | 9:00AM H7 |
| A1=Sanctuary C1=Chapel                            |           |
| G2=Library E14=Youth Lounge                       |           |
| F1=Fellowship Center F8= Fireside Room            |           |

## Take a Homeless Care Bag Today

We encourage you to take one or more homeless care bags to keep in your car, where they will be ready to give to someone in need. The suggested donation is \$5 per bag, with all proceeds going to

## Disciple III Bible Study Continues with Letters of Paul in January

New participants are welcome to join Disciple III as the class continues to study the Letters of Paul in the New Testament in this semester's eight-week class beginning **January 13, 2015** and meeting until March 3 (every Tuesday), 6:30-8 pm in H5. The class starts with the book of Romans. Continuing participants don't need to order a book; just bring the one we've been using in previous classes. We have a limited number of copies for newcomers, but please don't let that stop you from coming. We will dive right into the study on day one, with no administrative session, so come on **January 13, 2015** prepared to begin with the letters of Paul. If you have questions or would like the complete schedule, email Robin Kreutzberg, [rhkrobin@cox.net](mailto:rhkrobin@cox.net).

## Register Now for Youth Winter Retreat, February 14-16, 2015

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a weekend of faith and fun at the Mingus Mountain UMC Camp and Retreat Center in Prescott, AZ, **February 14-16, 2015**. There will be large-group worship sessions, breakout sessions for different age groups, fun games, and even a campfire to warm you up. If there's enough snow, we might even go sledding! **The cost is \$125**. If you registered before the end of the year, you saved \$25. For more information, or to register, go to <http://www.icecoldretreat.com/> or email Christopher Wurpts, youth ministries director, [christopher@pvumc.org](mailto:christopher@pvumc.org).

## Kindergarten Readiness Parent Education Class Offered January 26

Is your child ready for kindergarten? The PVUMC Preschool will offer a kindergarten readiness parent education class on **January 26, 2015** from 6-7 pm in the Chapel. Pediatric neuropsychologist, Dr. Jennifer Gatt, will discuss multiple developmental domains that should be considered for each child when deciding if yours is ready to move forward to kindergarten. For those with younger children, this class provides insight into activities and tasks that should be introduced and monitored in order for the "whole child" to be ready to move on to elementary school learning. A sign-up will be outside the preschool office in January and the cost is \$5 per person. Childcare will be provided.

## Ashley Snavley Named New Interim Music & Arts Ministries Director and Andria Fennig Joins PVUMC as Accompanist

We welcome a new interim accompanist, Andria Fennig, this morning as Dr. Ashley Snavley assumes her position as interim Music & Arts Ministries Director. Fennig, a native of Minneapolis, MN, moved to Phoenix in 1995 to complete her graduate studies in music. She received her Doctorate of Musical Arts in piano performance from ASU in 2002. She is on staff at Grand Canyon University serving as accompanist for the vocal and instrumental departments, and will be playing at our next Community Concert on **Friday, January 23**, Musical Theater Night, accompanying soloist Kristi Rice. See details and register on our Eventbrite link, <https://pvumc.community-concerts-2014-2015.eventbrite.com>.

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