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Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



HEART



Pathways: Growing, Deepening, and Living Our Faith

Our new Pathways program kicks off this fall with a variety of classes and other opportunities for you to get involved in a small group where your heart, mind, soul and/or strength is engaged and your faith grows, deepens and lives in community with others.



MIND

This approach to faith formation and spiritual growth for adults at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church assumes that we are all on a journey of faith. It is a living thing that must be nurtured. Whether Christianity is new to you, or whether you are a lifelong Christian, there's a pathway for you.

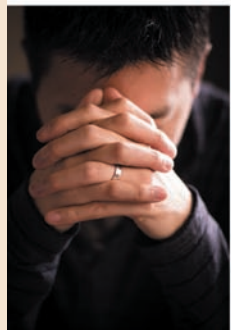


PATHWAYS

Growing, Deepening and Living Our Faith



STRENGTH



Each of us is a unique composition of interwoven heart, mind, soul and strength, with varying degrees of these characteristics appearing at different points in our life. Step on the path and seek greater understanding of who God is, and who you are as a disciple of Christ. Illuminate the way for others to see Christ in you. Be Christ's hands and feet in our community and world.

We invite you to join us on this spiritual journey of transformation, where Christ can shape and enrich your heart, mind, soul and strength, in all the fullness of God's love and grace. Pick up a Pathways guidebook today or download it from our website. Take the assessment on the back page of the guidebook, and pray for God's guidance as you step on the Pathway that calls to you.

If you are new to Christianity or to PVUMC, we invite you join Pastor Dave Summers and his wife, Kim, in the four-week **Journey of Faith: An Introduction to Pathways**. The class meets **Mondays, 10/6-10/27/14** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Room A2-The Parlor. No RSVP needed. All are welcome!



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Sundays in October/November 2014

October 5 - Ignite Launch (@11:15 a.m. Worship)

Sermon Series: Real Households of PVUMC
Part 2: "Communication and Conflict"
Dave and Kim Summers
Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

October 12

Sermon Series: Real Households of PVUMC
Part 3: "The Unconventional Family"
Eve Williams
Scripture: *Mark 3:31-35*

October 19

Sermon Series: Real Households of PVUMC
Part 4: "Open Table and the Healing Family"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *1 John 4:7-21*

October 26

Sermon Series: Real Households of PVUMC
Part 5: "Setting Priorities That Balance Your Life"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

November 2

Sermon Series: Unsung
Part 1: "Songs We're Afraid to Sing"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Psalms 12, 80, 53, 61*

November 9

Sermon Series: Unsung
Part 2: "Songs We Need to Sing"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Psalms 63, 46, 139, 86*

November 16 - The Church Has Left the Building

Change the World Day (see more on page 5)
Scripture: *Matthew 25:31-46*

November 23

Sermon Title: Ignite, Transform, Connect
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Romans 8:9-14 (The Message)*

November 30 - Family Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series: Unexpected
Part 1: "The Other Holy Family"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Luke 1:5-13, 18-22*

Fellowship & Connectional



Rev. Andrea Andress and her husband, Robin, won the trunk decorating contest at last year's Trunk or Treat event.

Join Us for Trunk or Treat, October 24

We invite you to bring your car to campus and park it on the Sanctuary patio for our annual Trunk or Treat event on **Friday, October 24**. Like last year, we'll be giving away prizes to the "best dressed" trunk. Pick a theme, spooky or fun, and decorate your trunk. We'll also need lots and lots of treats, so please bring bags of candy to share with the children. Email pastoreve@pvumc.org if you can bring your car and help hand out treats. To help with the haunted houses, email clamont@asu.edu.

Passion Found

When Chris LaMont joined Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in 1999, he knew he was worshiping in a place where his spiritual needs were going to be fulfilled, something that had been lacking in churches that he had attended previously.



Since that time, Chris (pictured at right) has graciously shared his gifts and talents in many ways.

For the past three years, as a member of the Fellowship and Connectional Ministry Team, he has taken a leadership role in planning and conducting Trunk or Treat each October, a fun event for PVUMC families as well as the many guests who attend. (See the story opposite for more information about this year's event.)

While serving on the Worship, Music and Fine Arts Team, Chris helped plan and participated in several highly successful Madrigal Dinners (you may remember him as the jester), and he directed a number of entertaining musical theatre productions.

His video production skills often highlight and promote activities and programs for our congregation as well, and he currently runs the presentation slides for the new 11:15 a.m. Ignite worship service.

The Phoenix Film Festival was founded by Chris LaMont, and he currently serves as president of the volunteer organization. It is regarded as one of the top film festivals in the country.

Whether working with volunteers in the church or with the wider community, Chris loves seeing teams work together and says that any success he has experienced comes from team members sharing their talents. He recently agreed to emcee On the First Tuesday. Read more about this monthly event on page 4.

— Barbara Price

More About Chris

Chris LaMont, our featured *Passion Found* volunteer, is an Instructor in the School of Film, Dance and Theatre at ASU. He is thankful for the opportunity for his family — wife, Lisa, and children, Luke and Lindsay — to be active participants in the life and activities of PVUMC.

Join PVUMC

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of PVUMC, please plan to attend our new member orientation on **Wednesday, November 19** in G2, the church library, from 6:30-9 p.m. After attending the orientation, we will welcome you to our congregation on **Sunday, November 23** at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. RSVP by calling the church office at 602-840-8360.

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"Like" the Paradise Perk at [Facebook.com/ParadisePerk](https://www.facebook.com/ParadisePerk)
Managed by Youth Ministry
Open Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



"Like" Serendipities at [Facebook.com/PVUMC.Serendipities](https://www.facebook.com/PVUMC.Serendipities)
Open Sundays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon

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Discipleship and Stewardship

If you have had a transformative experience through a PVUMC ministry, we would like you to share your story with us. Perhaps you were able to start a new program, or lead a class, or perhaps you joined a group whose members opened your eyes to God's love. We believe that PVUMC changes lives, and hope we have changed yours for the better. Thank you for your faithful support of PVUMC.

Financial Ministry

Growing Disciples

At the fall Church Council Retreat, we voted to create a Discipleship Strategy Team as well as an ongoing Stewardship Ministry Team. The Discipleship Strategy Team would work closely with the Strategic Planning Team to create ways to actively engage the church in growing discipleship. We want everyone to be involved in ministry, and hope to strengthen participation in our Pathways program, in worship and in mission. When we invite others to join us, we live out the Great Commission:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)

We pray that you are "Growing, Deepening and Living your Faith" via the new Pathways program and in all ways that you are touched by PVUMC. The ongoing Stewardship Ministry Team will be responsible for defining and communicating, as well as challenging the congregation to respond to financial goals designed to meet and advance the mission of the church based on Christ's call to support ministry.



Honor Betty Cochran on October 26

Betty Cochran (pictured front and center above with the staff) retired this summer after 26 years of service to PVUMC. You are invited to join us for a reception in her honor on **Sunday, October 26** after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Come show your appreciation.

Join us for On the First Tuesdays with Two Dynamic Speakers



Join us on **Tuesday, October 7** for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by an interactive presentation with Clint Miller, who is best known for his collection of reptiles and other animals, which he shares with the Faith-Quakes children every year. His snakes and other creatures have been to Mingus Camp too. Now, everyone will have an opportunity to learn about Clint's fascinating menagerie as he presents "Arizona's Venomous Animals" on the First Tuesday. All are welcome, so bring your family!

On **Tuesday, November 4**, join us again for dinner and conversation with another PVUMC member, Gennaro Buonocore, who is currently heading up one of the Open Tables for homeless veterans. As a military reservist, Gennaro has served a number of tours as a Civil Affairs officer in both Iraq and Afghanistan.



He is also a veteran of the investment banking sector, a career which took him to 28 countries, and a published author. His most recent book, *The Afghan Paradox* (2014), is a very entertaining look at the lessons learned because of the Western involvement in the conflict there. The focus is on storytelling rather than geopolitical analysis, which was featured prominently in *Failure of the European Multiculturalism – The Islamist Crusade*, a book he co-authored in 2012. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., prepared by Garry Lozier, followed by conversation.

Monthly Packing Offered at the Feed My Starving Children Warehouse in Tempe

To pack meals for hungry children overseas, join us at the Feed My Starving Children Tempe warehouse once a month on Saturdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m., **October 18, November 15 and December 13**. Email Jim Bateman, jnbateman@aol.com, to register or find out more.



Serve Dinner at UMOM

PVUMC offers an opportunity to serve dinner to residents twice a month at the UMOM facility at 3333 E Van Buren. To offer your gift of service on the 2nd or 4th Saturday night of the month, **October 11 and 25, and November 8 and 22**, please email our new coordinator, Dave Hepburn, dhepburn@umom.org.

Food Drive First Sunday of the Month

On the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sundays, **October 5 and November 2**, we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items to help restock UMOM's food pantry, which helps feed homeless families in Phoenix. Please place your food donations in the blue bins at the bridge entrances. If you are going to the 11:15 a.m. Ignite service, please bring the food into worship with you, and donate it during the Connect time. Thank you for your generosity to help the less fortunate.

Change the World day



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Change the World on Nov 16

Please check the *Looking Ahead* bulletin insert, the pvumc.org website, and *From Paradise E-News* for weekly updates on our *Change the World Day* event. There will be many opportunities to serve, from painting, to preparing care packages for the homeless.

November 16: Change the World Day — The Church Has Left the Building

On **November 16**, PVUMC invites you to join us for a day of service in lieu of worship. We will have a time of blessing and prayer before we go out into the world (or stay on campus) to work, showing God's love in action.

Here's a snapshot of the morning:

- † 8:30 a.m.: Arrive on campus to pick up your **Change the World Day T-shirt** and check-in.
- † 9:00 a.m.: Join us in the Sanctuary for a short **Service of Blessing**.
- † 9:30 a.m.: Depart for your selected service venue, such as UMOM. Some projects will be on campus, including snack & pack and homeless care bags.
- † 10:00 a.m.-12 noon: Work on- or off-campus.
- † 12:30 p.m.: **Celebration and BBQ**

Look for sign-up sheets on the patio after worship beginning in early October, as well as electronic sign-ups, to choose where you (and your family) want to serve.

Children's Ministries



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FaithQuakes Sponsors this Year's Cookie Walk, Supporting Camp Mingus



The Cookie Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 26**, and is sponsored by our FaithQuakes children. Please bake cookies and bring them on the morning of **October 26** by 9 a.m. Contact Brenda or Rev. Andrea for other arrangements. All proceeds will benefit the UMC Conference Camp Mingus to build a challenge course and fund scholarships for camping. Buy your cookies for the holidays and freeze them. Thank you in advance for your support.



FaithQuakes: Have Fun, Serve and Grow Together in Faith

PVUMC's 4th, 5th and 6th graders have special programming just for them on Sundays and selected Friday nights. Join us for these activities:

Thank God It's FaithQuakes Friday (TGIF) — Bring Your BFF (Fun!)

Once a month on a Friday, we bond with each other and welcome our friends at TGIF. RSVP the Sunday before the event, and make sure you fill out a registration and Medical Release form (on our website).

- **October 17: Pizza & Bowling**
6-9:30 p.m. \$20 (RSVP by Oct. 12)
- **November 21: Flip Dunk (Jump)**
6-9:30 p.m. \$20 (RSVP by Nov. 16)

Serendipities Gift Shop

invites you to join us for your holiday shopping
at our 2014

"Shop & Share" Days

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 5

benefiting Wesley Community Center

November 12

benefiting UMOM

November 19

benefiting Audrey's Angels

December 3

& Thursday, December 4

benefiting

PVUMC Preschool Scholarships



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Shop Serendipities' "Shop & Share" Days in November and December. The church gift shop carries toys, games and many unique gifts for everyone on your Christmas list!

FaithQuakes Service Projects (Serve!) Show God's Love in Action

October 19 – Bake cookies for the Cookie Walk (next week) in support of Camp Mingus. Join us from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the kitchen.

October 26 – FaithQuakes is hosting the Cookie Walk in the Fellowship Center. Bake, bring and buy cookies to benefit the proposed Camp Mingus challenge course and scholarships. Wear your costumes!

November 2 – Sidewalk Sunday Christmas Bags distributed. These are due back **November 30**.

November 16 – Change the World Day! We serve others with our families and church family. See page 5 for more information about the event.

November 23 – FaithQuakes distribute Homeless Care bags to the congregation.

Connect Our Hearts to God (Grow!)

Our teachers lead vibrant and interactive discussions with our 4th-6th graders about our awesome God.

November 2 – Communion and All Saints Day will be celebrated in H1, led by Rev. Andrea Andress.

November 30 – Family Sunday: It is important to worship together as a family. No classes for K-6th.

Mark Your Calendar

October 7

On the First Tuesday:
Clint Miller and
Arizona's Venomous
Animals; See page 4

October 17

Pizza and Bowling for
FaithQuakes — TGIF

October 26

Cookie Walk
(and reception for
Betty Cochran; see
page 4 for information.)

November 2

Sidewalk Sunday
School Christmas
Bags Distributed

November 21

Flip Dunk (Jump) for
FaithQuakes — TGIF

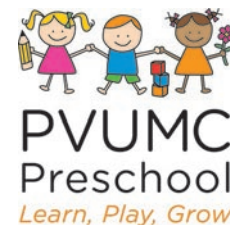
November 16

Change the World Day:
See page 5 for more
on this exciting event!
(no Sunday School;
families serve together)

November 30

Sidewalk Sunday
School Bags due back
and Family Sunday
(no Sunday School)

PVUMC Preschool



Preschool Celebrates Spirit Days, Dads, Halloween and Zoo Lights Fundraiser

October begins with **Spirit Days** and a visit from firefighters and their fire truck. The children listen to the firefighters talk about fire safety, including how to “Stop, Drop, and Roll.” The preschoolers also have an opportunity to see a firefighter up close, dressed in their gear, and tour the fire truck.

October also brings **Fathers’ Saturday**, where dads, grandpas or uncles come to preschool for a fun Saturday morning, as they participate in a shortened version of a preschool day with their preschooler. The end of the month brings the **Preschool Pumpkin Patch**, where children find their favorite pumpkin to take home and preschoolers parade in their Halloween costumes on our famous orange path in the Chapel courtyard (*see the photo at left*).

November begins with a **fundraising book fair** and **Zoo Lights**, an event sponsored by the PVUMC Preschool Board. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be the week of **November 3-7** and on **Sunday, November 9** for church members. Church members are also invited to participate in the Zoo Lights event which will be held at the Phoenix Zoo on **Sunday evening, November 16**.

Coins for Caring Mission Project

This year, the children in our 3-year-old, Pre-k classes and Junior Kindergarten class have the opportunity to participate in a new mission project: “Coins for Caring.”

During the month of September, the children learned about how God created the world and what we can do to take care of God’s world. Each of the classrooms created a “Coins for Caring” bank using recycled materials. The banks will stay in the classroom, and throughout the preschool year, the children are invited to bring pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. to go towards the upkeep and care of the PVUMC Biblical Garden.

The children will be taking walking field trips to the Biblical Garden to learn more about God’s world and how our coin collections will help take care of the plants, fish and the water feature. We may help to plant vegetation or clean up the area too. Each month, the children will have the opportunity to count and learn about money in their classrooms, then the coins will be given to one of the PVUMC pastors when they visit and teach in the chapel the first week of each month.

Visit the Preschool

You are always invited to visit and tour the Preschool. Please stop by the office, or contact Preschool Director, Mindy Sobraske, via email, msobraske@pvumc.org, phone, 602-840-8265, or visit us online at pvumcpreschool.org.

Donate to Mingus Mountain Camp Ropes Challenge

Help Mingus Camp build a new challenge course in Spring 2015.

Clearly marked donations may be sent to:

Mingus Mountain Camp—Challenge Course
Desert Southwest Annual Conference
1550 E. Meadowbrook Ave.
Phoenix, AZ
85014-4040



Help Build a New Challenge Course at Mingus Mountain Camp Next Spring

In Spring 2015, Mingus Mountain Camp hopes to build a challenge course with high and low rope elements and zip-lines. The goal is to raise \$71,000 by Christmas 2014. If you can help, please contact Mike Crevelt, site director, mingus@hughes.net or 928-634-5273.



Transformational Living



Rev. Andrea Andress,
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PVUMC Monthly Book Group

October 6

The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd

November 3

Wonder
by RJ Palacio

December 1

Christmas Potluck

January 5

The Husband's Secret
by Liane Moriarty

For more information
about the PVUMC
Book Group that meets
the first Monday of
every month, 12-1:15
p.m. in G2, the library,
email Fran Clark,
azphran@outlook.com.

Biblical Garden Fall Cleaning Day Invites You to Get Down and Dirty

November 1, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Join us **Saturday, November 1** and help tend our beloved Biblical Garden, which is growing beautifully with all the recent rain, but needs trimming and a good all-around cleanup to keep it thriving. Come any time between 8-10 a.m. Your help is much appreciated!

There will be a sign-up table set up on **Sunday, October 19** in front of the Sanctuary for anyone that is free to come work with us. Please bring any or all of the following: gloves, clippers, large plastic garbage bags, water, hat, and sunblock. We will be:

- Trimming trees and bushes
- Planting new plants
- Clearing out the pond
- Replacing rocks that have been moved during the storms
- Waxing the statue
- Clipping back vines

Blessings from the Biblical Garden Team — *Andrea, Linda, Jeanette, Vanessa, David and Victoria*

Lunch Conversations on Richard Rohr's *The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective*

Thursdays, except holidays; 12-1:15 p.m. in H1

Lunch Conversations extend throughout the year on Thursdays at 12 noon. We will use Richard Rohr's book, *The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective*. All are welcome as we study aspects of the Enneagram and how we become more of who we really are. This tool helps us look at ways we can truly change harmful habits that get in the way of living life to the fullest. Taught by Rev. Andrea Andress and Adele Swan.

Panels on Enduring Love and Sexuality

Wednesdays, November 12 & 19, December 3 & 10.
6:30-8:00 p.m., Room H7; \$10 / class or \$35 for all 4.
Continuing work on Enduring Love and Sexuality through panels with the 9 types. You do not have to attend the **November 8-9** weekend to join us for the panels. Hear the types speak for themselves.

- **November 12** – Core types, 3-6-9
The Pragmatists or the Attachment Triad
- **November 19** – Core types, 8-2-5
The Relationists or the Rejection Triad
- **December 3** – Core types, 1-7-4
The Idealists or the Frustration Triad
- **December 10** – All types

Men's & Women's Walk to Emmaus Retreats Offered in October



Register now
for the Men's
Emmaus Walk,
October 2-5 or
the Women's
Emmaus Walk,
October 9-12.

The four-day retreat renews your spirit as nothing else can. A Walk includes 15 talks and conversations about your spiritual life with God in community. Cost is \$95. For more information, and how to register, please contact Rev. Andrea Andress at the church office.



*You asked and we listened! After the popular fall workshop by David Daniels and Russ Hudson, we had requests for more on relationships, and since no one does Enneagram relationship work better than Dr. David Daniels, we are bringing him back! Register at www.azenneagram.com or contact Diane Shevlin at 480-367-1998. Register by **October 10** for the early bird discount. Scholarships are available.*



**Drumming for Health,
Wellness through Rhythm**
Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., October 30 and November 20
(date change due to Thanksgiving Holidays), chapel.
Drumming is offered by the Cancer Support Community,
but all are welcome to attend. Bring your own drum, or
use one of theirs. No cost. [The children pictured above
experienced drumming during Sunday School.]

Caring Ministries

Joys & Concerns

Our Christian Sympathies to...

Lisa Cox and family on the August 8 death of her brother, Mark Leathers
Family and friends on the April 23 death of Opal Freeman
Bill Larson and family on the August 31 death of his wife, Claudia Larson
Bob LeMarr and family on the September 3 death of his wife, Lois LeMarr
Chris Midyett and family on the September 4 death of her cousin/godfather, Robert Lottfield
Adele Piccinati-Swan and family on the September 6 death of her mother, Evelyn Piccinati
Family and friends on the August 25 death of Bette Rambo
Dianna Renfrow and family on the August 13 death of her mother, Marguerite White Radford
Caren Ross and family on the August 18 death of her brother, David Young

Welcome New Babies:

Wyatt Krug, born July 21, to Brian and Laura Krug; proud grandparents are Jim and Karen McFarland
Lucas Randall Klauss, born July 20, to Randy and Katie Klauss; proud grandparents are Stan and Carol Jarosik
Brianna Sage Lefkowitz on August 6 to Drs. Amanda and Lance Lefkowitz; proud great-grandparents are Dick and Fran Wardell
Katherine Ruth Ordway, born June 29, to Philip and Angela Ordway; proud grandmother is Becky Ordway
Edward Stiles Robinson, born on August 20, to Karl and Erin Robinson; proud grandmother is Frances Lax

Journeying Through Grief

Our church offers a six-week grief support group to reach out to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Classes begin **October 13** from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Fireside Room (F8). The classes are free, but registration is necessary for us to provide sufficient materials. Members of the community are welcome.

Along our journey, we will share our experiences so far and learn what we might do to make the journey a time of learning and discovery. We might even find a quicker path to wholeness. To register, contact Gretchen Holt (contact information is in the sidebar).

Memorials

Memorial in memory of H. Bruce Metteer
Designated to: Veterans Open Table Program
Memorial Given By: Betty Schaerer

Memorial in memory of Sue Quigg
Designated to: PVUMC Foundation
Memorial Given By: Michael & Kathleen Colbert; Maria DeLongy; J.R. & Jennifer Hall; Tom & Chris Hilkert; Craig & Lisa Kinyon; Timm & Marty McCarty; Katie McKinney; Fran Morrow; Russ & Carol Mosser; Eileen Olander; Mark & Carolyn O'Malley; Reid Hospital & Health Care Services; Larry & Judy Spindler; Dick & Janice Stumph; Joe & Roxanne Swope, Jr.; Dick & Rosanne Tardy; Carol Walker

Memorial in memory of Claudia Larson
Undesignated
Memorial Given By: Eileen Olander

Saguaros

Saguaros is a fellowship group of PVUMC members, winter visitors and friends, 55 years and older, who meet monthly for a potluck lunch and entertainment in the Fellowship Center. If you want to be added to the mailing list for announcements and more details, e-mail Gretchen at gholt@pvumc.org or call the church office at 602-840-8360.

Join us for these events:

- **October 16**, "Senior Scams and Identity Theft" program presented by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Menu for potluck: A-M dessert, N-Z salad.
- **November 20**, Marty Berk, a comedian, impersonator and singer. Menu for potluck: A-I salad, J-Q main dish, R-Z dessert.

Duet Receives STAR Award

Our congregation partners with Duet, an interfaith nonprofit organization that recently received the top STAR Award from the National Volunteer Transportation Center. STAR awards recognize outstanding volunteer transportation programs. Duet was selected for this honor from a field of 190 nominations from 30 states. Let's build on that success! Attend a 2 1/2-hour volunteer orientation to begin helping the elderly. Call 602-274-5022 or visit duetaz.org to register.



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Reserve Candles: Memorial Service of Light

Mark your calendar to join us for the Memorial Service of Light on **Sunday, November 23**, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. This beautiful service of music, candles, and a message from our pastors is a way to remember our loved ones who have died (does not have to be recent). The name of your loved one will be read and a candle lit in memory of them during the service. There will be a short reception following the service. To reserve a candle(s), contact Gretchen Holt (contact info in above) or complete a form in the *Looking Ahead*. Candle reservations are due by **Sunday, November 16**.

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PVUMC Youth Ministry events and news can be found at pvumc.org/connect/programs-ministries/youth/. Also look for weekly emails from Christopher regarding VIBE and other special events or opportunities.

Shannon Curkendoll, Volunteer Manager of the Paradise Perk, is shown in the middle here with two of her youth helpers at last year's Celebration Sunday event.



Paradise Perk Open Sundays

Have you ever wanted to be a barista? Talk with Shannon Curkendoll, volunteer manager of the Paradise Perk; she would love more volunteers. Stop by the Perk, call or text Shannon if you feel called to this ministry: 602-400-7578. The on-campus coffee shop also has a Facebook page. "Like" [the Perk Facebook page](#) and check for weekly specials.

The Paradise Perk is open every Sunday morning, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and for special events. If your ministry team would like to include the Perk in your next evening event, please talk with Shannon. All purchases support youth missions.

Young Adults Gather for Faith and Fun

Young adults (ages 18-35) who are looking for a faith-based group are invited to join us for planned gatherings in October and November. We meet right after the 11:15 a.m. Ignite service, usually at 12:30 p.m. In October, please join us at the Streets of New York location at 5031 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018, (44th St. & Camelback), and bring your Bible as we study 1 Peter, part 1 and 2, **October 5 and 12**.

On **October 19**, we'll have an outing, TBA, and gather on **October 26** for a YAL (Young Adult Lifegroup) team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in H4 (lunch provided).

In November, we meet after church around 12:30 p.m. and study 2 Peter in Room H6. Bring your own Bible and bag lunch on **November 2** and **November 9**. On **November 16**, we'll participate in Change the World Day (read more on page 5). Then, on **November 23**, we'll join the youth for the Turkey Bowl/Picnic. It's Adults vs. Youth at Cactus Park in Scottsdale. Contact Brenda Smith brenda@pvumc.org to be added to the YAL communications list.

Welcome Tommy Strawser

Tommy Strawser (*right*) leads the Sunday Morning Children's and Youth choirs. During the week, he works with Childsplay, a local theater company, and is a tenor with the Phoenix Chorale. He talks here about how he found PVUMC, what his hopes are for the church choirs, and how he juggles his work.



Q: What made you apply for the youth and children's choir director job here at PVUMC?

A. I was looking for the next step in my life, to become a leader where I would be able to use my skills as a musician and choral expert. One day, I had a weird feeling – a nudge – and checked <http://www.choralnet.org/> even though I hadn't for a long time. I had been praying about an opportunity when I found the posting [for the choir director position with PVUMC]. I had been working with Childsplay, teaching musical theater to 6-9 year-olds and had worked with teens/preteens. I toured with Childsplay too – a one-man show called *Apollo to the Moon* – visiting K-6 schools, churches and community centers in Nogales, Tucson, Yuma, Peoria, etc.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish with the children and youth while you're here?

I'm hoping to get the kids as excited about music as I am. It's an outlet of expression/devotion that I've used my entire life that I'm happy to pass along. I want to create music appreciators and I want them to have a good time too – singing with friends in the choir. I hope to start a solid music program with the kids here, eventually adding different ensembles.

Q: How will you juggle this part-time job with your other career as a tenor with the Phoenix Chorale and as an actor?

My work with Childsplay is Monday-Friday. I am very organized with my seasonal calendar. When I am in the off-season, I'm doing a lot of pre-planning.

Q: What is your faith background?

I was raised in the United Methodist Church, and attended church in Pennsylvania. I went to church weekly with my parents and grandparents. Later, when my parents divorced, only one person from the

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church reached out to my family; we felt stigmatized. Eventually, the three UMC churches in the town combined into one – Hope UMC – and I returned, but always felt some distance.

During college, and after college, Tommy has been a staff singer in various churches. He's always had a music-related job in church. "God showed me he still wanted me there. I try to keep an open mind and listen more often than search. Trinity Episcopal was very welcoming, and I felt at home there, but it feels welcoming here too, and I'm happy to be here," he said.— *Pam Selthun*

Community Concert Series 2014-2015 Kicks Off with Concert on October 10

We're pleased to announce our new Community Concert Series 2014-2015. Please mark your calendar to attend these concerts:

- **Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.:** The Desert Knights Band
- **Friday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.:** Paradise Winds Quartet
- **Sunday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m.:** PVUMC Christmas Concert
- **Friday, Jan 23, 7 p.m.:** Musical Theater Night
- **Friday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.:** A Night at the Opera
- **Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.:** Requiem Concert
- **Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.:** Jazz at the Perk

General Info: These events are for **all ages**, and we welcome families. If you need childcare while you are attending the concert, we have on-site, free certified care in our childcare center for a limited number of infants and children. You must reserve childcare at least 48 hours prior to the event by calling 602-840-8360, ext. 134. If you need to cancel childcare, even at the last minute, please call again.

There is no fee for the events, though a free-will offering will be taken at the event in support of the series.

Except for the **October 10 and April 17** concerts, all concerts are held inside the PVUMC Sanctuary. All of the concerts are scheduled on Friday nights, beginning at 7 p.m. except for the Christmas Concert, which begins at 6 p.m. on **Sunday, December 7**.

For specific concert information, and to RSVP for our first concert on **Friday, October 10**, go to Eventbrite, pvumc-community-concerts-2014-2015.eventbrite.com/.



Come Hear The Desert Knights Band Play Under the Stars on October 10

The Desert Knights Band is a four-piece band that consists of fiddle, harmonica, lead electric guitar, bass guitar, drums and four vocalists. Doug Deatherage, also known as "The Fiddler," pictured above, won the Arizona Country Music Association's National Instrumentalist of the Year in 1993 and 1994. Under the leadership of Doug Deatherage, The Desert Knights Band won Arizona Country Music Association's vocal group of the year 1993/94 and placed first in the Payson country music festival in 1989. Doug has opened up for country greats such as David Frizzell, Toby Keith, Jerry Reed, Waylon Jennings, The Dixie Chicks and has worked with Country Music's Hall of Famer Hank Thompson. Go to Eventbrite to our concert page pvumc-community-concerts-2014-2015.eventbrite.com/ to RSVP for this concert and share it on Facebook. You can also follow and find the band on Facebook: [The-Desert-Knights-Band/](https://www.facebook.com/The-Desert-Knights-Band/).

Join us for the Paradise Winds Reed Quintet on November 7

The second concert in our series features The Paradise Winds, a Phoenix-based chamber wind ensemble with flexible instrumentation. The group is affiliated with ASU and has been performing together since 2005. The quintet has been featured in the Phoenix-based, award-winning Downtown Chamber Series and has collaborated with the Grammy-winning Phoenix Chorale. Check the Eventbrite site to RSVP mid-October.



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Choir/Ensembles Sundays

Mini-Singers
(Age 4-Kindergarten)
10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Choir
(1st-6th Grade)
10:30-11 a.m.

Youth Choir
(7th-12th)
4:00-5 p.m.

Wednesdays
Bells of Paradise
6:00-7:20 p.m.

Chancel Choir
7:30-9 p.m.

Music Makers
(1st-6th)
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Please share our good news with each member of your family.



FROM PARADISE

By Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

In Romans 9, the Apostle Paul writes, "It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life...God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!" (*The Message*)

Our mission says, "Alive in the Spirit, we bring God's love into action by igniting faith, transforming lives, and creating community." God's Spirit invites every one of us to move towards the future God is shaping here at PVUMC. So much is alive in our church!

As part of our church's strategic plan, we have launched our fall Pathways discipleship ministry with multiple opportunities to grow in faith in small groups and classes. We envision a congregation where all experience faith igniting as they walk a path of loving God in heart, mind, soul and strength. We invite you to become a living disciple of Jesus Christ on your pathway.

Our second strategic initiative is to be a Partner Church with other United Methodist Churches in the Valley. We are already sharing leadership and resources in youth ministry and Open Table. Our third initiative is to be a Renaissance Church, a place of personal rebirth, a center for our community in learning, arts and music, mission, service and social justice. We draw many to our campus as a spiritual center with an inviting and welcoming atmosphere that helps faith come alive.

We have a compelling vision for our future. At our recent planning retreat, the leaders of the church identified specific ways to make this happen in the next two years. Will you help us to accomplish God's vision for our congregation? Take part in one of these initiatives. Invest yourself and your commitment as God builds our church. We will do it through your help and faithfulness. There is much ahead for us. As Paul writes, "God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!"

I also share a reminder of how our Pastor/Staff/Parish Committee serves a vital communications role between the clergy/staff of our church and the congregation. If you have concerns or hopes for our ministry, feel free to speak with members of this team: Jim Bateman (chair), Deborah Badge, Kathleen Butler, Amanda Diercksmeier, Dave Hepburn, Lucy Gordon, Kent Heltné, Garry Lozier, Fran Ryan, Jarrod Wood, and Erin Zeller.

In Faith, Pastor Dave Summers