



Photo by Pam Murphy

Mission Trip Opens Eyes to Poverty

This year's senior high mission trip was certainly different from the ones I have been a part of in the past. It dealt with America's rural poverty. It was nothing like the Peruvian little towns I visited on the 2012 trip, or the homelessness I witnessed in San Francisco in 2013. From the outside, the town did not appear to be all that poor, but once you spent some time there and learned that the main employers were the Human Resource Center and the school, everything came into perspective. While we were there, the group I was in visited a senior center, and worked with children at the kids club.

My favorite part of the trip happened while we were at the senior center. Annie (Catrone) Atherton and I played many innings of bean-bag baseball

with the seniors, including a deaf man named Robert (who was an amazing person and had a great sense of humor; read more about him from Annie's perspective on page 10). It was so cool to see the seniors light up and enjoy the game. We even had to be told to quiet down, because our cheering was too loud and hurting people's ears, every time one of us scored a homerun.

At the beginning of the trip I was a little worried that my group would be doing exclusively relational ministry. Personally, I am more comfortable with labor-orientated tasks such as painting, building, etc. However, playing that game with the seniors was one of those moments that eased my mind and made the trip more memorable.

Kids club turned out to be so much fun too. Every one of us gave too many piggy-back rides to count and had to

handle little children sitting on our laps and hanging all over us; however, no one complained, even though we were in a large, humid gym without air conditioning (just one large fan in the corner) and we were dying of heat.

It was just so amazing to see the children open up to us. All in all, the mission trip was an eye-opening experience. Booneville is a town that is not what it seems to be at first glance. It is way deeper than just some little town; it is a welcoming community. " — Danielle (Dani) Wiggs

Read Michael Colbert's account of the trip on page 4 and Annie (Catrone) Atherton's on page 10. A total of 49 (35 students and 14 adults) participated in the mission trip to Booneville, AR. Our junior high students had an in-town mission trip in Phoenix. Read about that on page 7.

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Sundays in August/September

August 3 — Family Sunday

Youth Mission Celebration at 11:15 a.m.

Sermon Series: Where God Works
Part 3: "Why We Need the Skeptics in
the Household of Faith"

Dave Summers
Scripture: *Genesis 32:22-31*

August 10

Sermon Series: Where God Works
Part 4: "When We Have to Face an Adversary"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Genesis 32:3-12, 33:1-4*

August 17

Sermon: "So What's the Good News?"
Eve Williams
Scripture: *Matthew 15:10-28*

August 24

Sermon: "Family Stories to Live By"
Andrea Address
Scripture: *Psalms 124:1-5, 8*

August 31

Sermon Series: The How of Happiness
Part 1: "Happiness and Money"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Matthew 22:15-22*

September 7

Sermon Series: The How of Happiness
Part 2: "Loving Your Neighbor"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Romans 13:8-14*

September 14

Sermon Series: The How of Happiness
Part 3: "The Spiritual Secret of Happiness"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Matthew 22:34-36*

September 21 – Global Back to Church Sunday

Kevin Leman: "Have a Happy Family by Friday"
Read more about Dr. Leman's visit on page 7.

Sunday, September 28 – Celebration Sunday

Sermon Series: The Power and Practice of Family
Part 1: "Building Stronger Families"
Dave Summers
Scripture: *Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 20-25*

Fellowship & Connectional



September 28 – Celebration Sunday

Join us for PVUMC's annual potluck lunch on **Sunday, September 28**, Celebration Sunday! Last year, KT Todd (pictured above) joined us, and this year, we'll have more special music during worship and in the Fellowship Center. Bring your friends, family and neighbors for a morning of fun and fellowship for all ages. We also ask you to prepare and bring two of your favorite potluck dishes to share with the congregation. Root beer floats and hot dogs will be served in addition to all the delicious homemade dishes in the Fellowship Center after every service. Watch for details on the website (pvumc.org) and in upcoming bulletin and email announcements. See you there!

Passion Found

In early June, Jane Ratcliff deployed with an ERT—Emergency Response Team—to Colorado, to help Camp Buckhorn get ready for its camping season. Jane had volunteered at Camp Mingus earlier in the summer, to help them cut down trees. "I had the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people who are dedicated to helping others in need."

A week later, she was in Colorado. "The camp was badly damaged by a forest fire three years ago," Jane said, "and we were asked to help mitigate some of the damage so the camp could reopen and be safe for the children attending." The five-person crew consisted of Jim Reeves, Roger Harlow, Dave Keeney, Tom Knoll,



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Jane Ratcliff worked at Camp Buckhorn this summer, cutting and clearing debris with a chainsaw crew. The area in Colorado had been hit hard by storms, fire and mud slides.

"We were able to accomplish most of what we wanted to do, although there is still more to be done. The team is planning to return early September to continue the work at the camp. While this is a volunteer team, an ERT with the UMC Desert Southwest Conference, we are extremely grateful for any support we receive that enables us to continue our work."

— Jane Ratcliff
ERT Volunteer

The chainsaw team will be heading back to Camp Buckhorn to work **Sept. 1-10**. If anyone is interested in joining the team (certification and using a chainsaw is not required) please contact Jane at 480-352-4273 or jratclif2002@yahoo.com.

and Jane. They arrived on Friday night, and began work on Saturday. "After an overview of the damages, Ryan, the camp manager, was able to prioritize the work and so it began. On day three, Pat Gallagher from Las Vegas arrived to supplement the team with Don Olson from Colorado coming in for a weekend," Jane said.

"While we planned on working for three weeks, we departed the camp after two due to equipment failure and crew exhaustion. We were aware that altitude would be an issue, but we did not fully comprehend the amount of work and the level of difficulty, along with not having fully functioning equipment. In spite of the obstacles, we were able to take down, limb and buck over 500 trees, cut out 50 tree stumps and clean up dangerous piles of trees that had been felled the prior year." Amazing. — Jane Ratcliff and Pam Selthun

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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)
Opening Sunday, September 7
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Giving and Missions



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Please Support PVUMC with a Pledge

The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council, along with a budget task force, have worked hard during the last several months to craft a budget that will glorify God and be fiscally responsible. We have been intentional about what we spend and plan to spend, and ask that you be intentional as well. To be intentional means to develop a plan for giving, then following through with your plan to give. In Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul writes, "The point is this, the one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion."

Are you "All In"?

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card. Every pledge counts, and helps us budget for our ministries. The fiscal year ended on June 30, and we have budgeted for next year, but need at least \$76,000 to stay in the black and avoid further cuts. If you have already made a plan to give to PVUMC this year, and are following through with active giving to our operating budget, we thank you. If you haven't made a pledge, or haven't decided how to give or what to give, it's not too late. Simply give us a call to find out what your options are, or fill out a pledge card. They are in the pew pockets in both the Sanctuary and the Chapel. We thank you for your faithful support of PVUMC.

According to Charles R. Lane, in his book titled *Ask, Thank, Tell*, intentionality is one of the six characteristics of a biblical giver. If you find yourself looking in your wallet or purse as you get out of the car on Sunday morning to discover what may be available for the morning offering, then you probably have some work to do on being intentional in your giving. Likewise, if your giving depends on how much you have in your checkbook from week to week.

Our current budget cuts total \$209,000. They include a freeze on salaries, a reduction in maintenance costs, and elimination of capital improvements. Even with these cuts, we need an additional \$76,000 by January to avoid further cuts. Please help us keep our ministries strong so we can continue to minister to our community, and be a light to the world. Be intentional. Please make a pledge to PVUMC. — Mickey Price

Help Others by Serving Dinner at UMOM and Packing at FMSC

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, **August 9 and 23** and **September 13 and 27**, please email Sandy Williams, chwsqw2@msn.com or call her at 602-359-9018. This program also needs a new coordinator. If you are interested, email pastoreve@pvumc.org.

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., for meal packing: **August 23, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 13**. Email Jim Bateman, jnbateman@aol.com, to find out more.



Michael Colbert Experiences First Mission Trip Ever to Booneville, AR

Christopher Wurpts, PVUMC's youth ministry director, invited several adults to participate in the Senior High Mission trip to Booneville, Arkansas, June 28-July 3. Michael Colbert was one of them who responded to the call. Below is his account of the experience, his first long-term mission trip.

"I have done numerous two- to four-hour day projects at local homeless shelters, Feed My Starving Children, etc., but never an overnight. I looked at this as an opportunity to get away, slow things down and serve others. The trip did indeed fulfill these expectations as I spent the time in Booneville away from cell phones, computer and email. I was assigned to Team "Serve" and we had numerous work/painting projects and relational opportunities every day.

"On the second day, our team spent the morning visiting an assisted living facility. We spread ourselves around playing bingo with the residents, then had some follow-up time to visit. It was especially satisfying to see how well our PVUMC youth did relating to a much older crowd, as I observed lots of engagement. During this time, I also noticed a woman who came in late, and was sitting alone in her wheelchair. I went over to sit with her and started asking about her background and family. She was apologetic for her speech, telling me that since her stroke some seven months ago, people had problems understanding her. She became quite happy and was all smiles when I asked if she got to see family members very often, and she proudly said that she saw her daughter (an employee there) almost every day. She continued on with great pride and finally asked me if I would like to meet her daughter, cautioning me that I would have to push her. We went down several hallways and came to her office and had a very pleasant exchange. We were all happy to have made a new friend. (next page)

Our Church and Pathways

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"My favorite part of the week was our special time each evening after dinner to get together in small groups and exchange the ups and downs of the day. These exchanges were very honest, direct and insightful. I was proud of many of our youth for doing things out of their normal comfort zones. It was eye opening and impressive to witness the bonding and rapport that other adult leaders had with the youth. Previous mission trips and choir trips gave many a special trust and bond that impressed me.

"Overall, it was a terrific experience to meet and get to know many PVUMC members and youth that I did not know before. My world at the church revolves around Church Council, Finance, Church and Society, Wesley Study Group, Open Table, and the 9:30 a.m. service. There was very little overlap on this trip with people I usually spend time with, and it was rewarding and enriching to get to know everyone. To the parents of our youth, I would say: "Well done." We have an outstanding group of young adults who are growing up to learn that life is about giving of themselves, thinking of others and doing things that will make this world a better place. They are all one step closer to finding true happiness and contentment. I am proud to call them my friends."

— Mike Colbert

GLOBAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY®

Join us for Back to Church Sunday

Every Sunday, we encourage you to invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. But on **Sunday, September 21**, we invite you to be more intentional and invite someone for Back to Church Sunday. PVUMC joins 30,000 other churches around the world on this special day that encourages us to share our faith with others simply by inviting them to join us for worship. Whether you attend the 8, 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. service, please mark your calendar for "Back to Church Sunday," and invite a friend.



Serendipities Donates Year's Proceeds to Missions

Marty McCarty and Paula Rugen, PVUMC's gift shop managers, gave \$25,434.46 in mission donations to UMOM, Wesley Community Center, Justa Center, Audrey's Angels, Red Mountain Academy, The Sojourner Center, PVUMC Preschool and UMCOR during May 2013-June 2014. Thank you, Serendipities! Marty and Paula are pictured above with Pastor Dave Summers, who accepted the check on behalf of PVUMC Missions.

Pathways: Growing, Deepening and Living Our Faith

Watch for opportunities to participate in Pathways at PVUMC this fall. There will be some new offerings, as well as some returns from last year, including:

- Alpha
- Living the Questions
- Journey of Discipleship
- A study on John Wesley's sermons

The new guidebook with a full listing of offerings will be available beginning mid-September.

Join us On the First Tuesday with Rev. Andrea Andress, August 5

Join us on **Tuesday, August 5** for dinner followed by conversation with Rev. Andrea Andress, who will speak on "Bringing Spirituality into Your Daily Life." She will discuss how she became involved with the Enneagram and Spiritual Direction as a way of drawing closer to God. Garry Lozier prepares a home-cooked meal, and donations are gratefully accepted. All are welcome. Please invite a friend.



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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, September 24** in G2, the church library, from 6:30-9 p.m. After attending the orientation, we will welcome you to our congregation on **Sunday, September 28** at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. That same day, we will have our annual **Celebration Sunday** with food and fun in the Fellowship Center. Read more about this event on page 3. RSVP for the orientation to Karen McFarland, 602-840-8360, ext. 135.

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Mark Your Calendar

August 3
Family Sunday

August 9
Teacher Kick-off
9 a.m., H1

August 10
Back to School
Blessing

August 10 and 17
Acolyte Training and
Dedication
4th-6th Graders

August 22
TGIF Kick-off
(Thank God It's
FaithQuakes Friday)
Tweens, 4th-6th grade
Night Splash
6-10 p.m.
Teens are encouraged
to invite a friend. See
article on page 7 for
details, including cost.

August 24
3rd Grade Bible Blast
Parent/Child Workshop
and Bible Presentation

Fall Classes Resume with a Back-to-School Blessing on August 10

Teachers and students of all schools and ages, as well as our Sunday school teachers, are invited to attend one of PVUMC's church services at 8, 9:30, or 11:15 a.m. for a back-to-school blessing. We want to pray God's blessing over you for your new school year and give you a gift. Let's begin our new school year asking for God's presence, wisdom, and guidance in what we do in the classroom and during the year.

Children's Sunday Classes for All Ages Kick Off on August 10

At 9:30 a.m. on **August 10**, children age 2 through 6th grade are invited to attend our grade-level classes. Godly Play moves from the 11:00 hour to the 9:30 hour for kindergarten-1st grade children. If you would like to be on a teaching team, we would love to explore that with you. Contact Brenda Smith or Rev. Andrea Address. Consult the website calendar or sandwich/sign boards on campus for all class locations.

At 11:15 a.m., we invite your children to enjoy activities with Shari Paris at a special participatory children's corner during the "Connect" time of our new alternative worship service. Children are invited to worship with us in this intergenerational community. The Child Care Center is available for children age 5 and under.

Children Build Their Faith Every Year

New age-level goals have been established by the Children's Ministry Team. Our hope is that by the end of your child's time in our Sunday School program, he or she will be familiar with important basics of the faith. Preschoolers will practice popular traditional faith songs and meal prayers. Kindergarten through third grade will practice praying aloud, learn the Lord's Prayer, hear about Communion and Baptism, and grasp the use of their Bibles. The upper elementary will review important verses, hear about the church seasons, and receive an overview of the Bible. May God bless our goals! Parents, please look for more detailed handouts in your child's classroom.

Special Family Sundays, August 3 & 31

Enjoy worship as a family on August 3, a Communion Sunday, and on August 31, a holiday weekend. "Praise Packs" are available. At 9:30 a.m., childcare is available for age 2 and under. Preschool classes will be held in Room E7. At 11:15 a.m., childcare is available for age 5 and younger.

RSVP for 3rd Grade Bible Blast and Presentation on Sunday, August 24

On **Sunday, August 24**, we gift all 3rd graders with a "Splash" Deep Blue Bible at our 11:15 a.m. worship service following an hour of fun, Bible-oriented activities for the whole family in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 a.m. If you have a 3rd Grader, please RSVP for this event by **August 10** so we can make sure to reserve a Bible for your child. Email Brenda Smith with questions and to register. There is no cost.



Our annual 3rd grade Bible Blast and Family Workshop will be Sunday, August 24. If you have a 3rd grader, please contact us by August 10 to participate.

Teachers: Join Us for Our Teacher Kick-off and Orientation on August 9

The Children's Team hosts a Teacher Kick-off and Orientation **Saturday, August 9**, starting at 9 a.m. in Room H1. This gathering time is offered for children's teachers to better prepare for fall classes and get acquainted with team members. If teaching is something that interests you, please join us and we'll plug you in. Contact Brenda Smith, Children's Director, to RSVP or for more information.

Acolyte Training and Dedication: August 10 & 17

All 4th-6th graders are invited to be Acolytes, who serve during the 9:30 a.m. service to bring the light of Christ, assist with communion and baptism, assist the pastors as needed, and take the light of Christ out of the service. Training will be **August 10**, 12:30-2 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Lunch included. Acolytes will be dedicated on **August 17** at the 9:30 a.m. service. The FaithQuakes class will attend in support of their peers then dismiss to class. For sign-up or questions, contact Kimberly Peterson or Pastor Andrea Address.

Children's and Youth Ministries



DR. KEVIN LEMAN
New York Times bestselling author

Sunday, September 21
"Have a Happy Family by Friday"
at all worship services (free)



September 21 - 5 pm
September 22 - 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Parenting & Relationship Lectures (Cost: \$25)

Tickets \$10 each lecture or \$25 for all three
Purchase at <http://sendomatic.com/Pjm4R>
or the church office; free childcare provided
Sponsored by PVUMC, the PVUMC Foundation
and the PVUMC Preschool

"Thank God It's FaithQuakes Friday" TGIF Begins August 22

Bring your BFF to our fun Fridays once a month beginning **August 22**. All our 4th-6th graders and their friends are invited to enjoy pizza, a fun devotional, and an exciting adventure. Parents are welcome to chaperone! Please register and pay the fee by the Sunday before the date. Scholarships are always available.

- **Friday, August 22, 6-10 p.m.**, "Night Splash" at Golfand Sunsplash. Cost is \$20 but only \$15 per person if you bring a friend or FaithQuakes sibling. That's right, a swim in the dark at the water park!
- **Friday, September 19, 6-9 p.m.**, Laser Tag (TBA)



PVUMC Preschool

PVUMC Preschool Begins with Parent Orientation on August 18

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Preschool begins its 2014-2015 year on **August 18** with a parent orientation and parent-child orientations on **August 19 and 20**. The Preschool is in its 48th year and has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children since 1986. It is one of the longest running NAEYC accredited preschools in the state of Arizona, and renewals occur every five years. This year, PVUMC Preschool will participate in the NAEYC accreditation renewal process for the eighth time. Every year, our program is reviewed by the Academy, the only national accreditation program for preschools today. The NAEYC sets the standards of excellence in early childhood education. We invite you to visit PVUMC Preschool and see for yourself how much we value children by providing meaningful, age-appropriate, hands-on play in a supportive learning environment. — *Mindy Sobraske*



PVUMC Preschool
Learn, Play, Grow

For a tour of the campus, or to register for classes, please contact the school office or Preschool Director, Mindy Sobraske, via email msobraske@pvumc.org, phone, 602-840-8265, or visit us online at pvumcpreschool.org.



Junior High Students Serve Locally and Look Forward to a Fall Retreat

Our 6th-8th graders participated in their second annual District Mission Trip with other junior high students in the Valley of the Sun, **June 3-6**. The trip included serving at local charities such as UMOM and the Arizona Humane Society as well as packing meals at the Feed My Starving Children warehouse in Tempe (pictured above). To continue this spirit of camaraderie, PVUMC is hosting its first-ever Junior High Retreat at Mingus Mountain Camp, **August 29-31**. Details are online at www.HillsAreEverywhere.com. Register by **August 4** to get the early-bird rate of \$100.



The VBC directors want to say thank you for a successful, fun and faith-filled WOW Vacation Bible Camp! We had more than 140 campers and more than 60 volunteers to make it all happen. We will gladly leave it up to God to bank your treasure of service for us. We give thanks to God for all our volunteers and for the children!

Transformational Living



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PVUMC Monthly Book Group

August 4

Life After Life
By Kate Atkinson

September 8

Husband's Secret
By Liane Moriarty

October 6

Wonder
By RJ Palacio

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.

Prayer in our Lives

Wednesdays, Beginning August 6

Wednesdays, August 6 - November 19
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in G2

Join us as we study and pray about the intentionality of prayer in our lives and the life of the church. We look at the many aspects of prayer, including how it forms the foundation of our relationship with God, and as a healing of the spirit, mind, body and relationships.

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

Thursdays, beginning August 21; 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 Address and Adele Swan.

Intro to Spiritual Growth This August

August 20; 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in H7

Discover a process that will help you on your path of spiritual growth. "Know Yourself" is the first step in spiritual growth. Open your eyes and see what is truly present in the world and in yourself. We use a centuries old tool, the Enneagram, to open this path. What is the Enneagram? *Ennea* is Greek for "9" and the Enneagram describes nine personality types. The Enneagram illustrates how we develop ingrained patterns of behavior from the standpoint of where our attention goes and what drives our thoughts, actions and feelings. It is the "why" behind the "what" of our behavior. It reveals the blind spots we often project on other people. Please join us, and bring a friend. Taught by Rev. Andrea Address.

Virtues of the Heart: Conversion from Vice to Virtue, Offered in September

Explore the virtues of your heart. How do peace, love, joy, patience, courage, hope and faith work in your life? Discover practical ways to work through the barriers to spiritual freedom, and open the path to higher consciousness. Become a full, mature Christian adult. The class will be offered on either Monday or Wednesday evenings, beginning in late September, on either **September 24 or 29**. Check the church calendar for the start date in September.

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 Address 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.*

Foundations of the Enneagram and Intro to Inner Work

Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Room H7
Led by Carole Whittaker, PhD; Fee: \$80

Understand the connections between the characteristics of your personality and the qualities of your soul's inner knowing. If you have attended an Introduction before, you may attend free by bringing a friend. The Enneagram Discovery Inventory developed by Dr. David Daniels, MD is used to assist participants to identify their own personality type. This basic course is highly recommended as preparation for other Enneagram programs. The \$80 fee includes class notes and *Enneagram Essentials* by Dr. David Daniels. Contact Diane Shevlin, db.shevlin246@gmail.com or 602-300-4970 to register or visit www.azenneagram.com.

Caring Ministries

Joys & Concerns

Our Christian Sympathies to...

Paige Brinkley and family on the July 4 death of her uncle, Dr. John Howard Cobble;
Barbara Price and Denise Price and family on the June 26 death of Barbara's sister-in-law (Denise's aunt), Sandra Provart
Laura Roossin and family on the June 6 death of Laura's husband, Marshall Roossin
Bill Quigg and family on the July 10 death of his wife, Sue Quigg
Dick and Fran Wardell and family on the May 28 death of their daughter-in-law, Susan Wardell

New Babies

Ryan Matthew Coughlin, born July 9 to Matthew and Heather Coughlin
Henley Ann Hall, born July 7 to parents, Grant and Taylor Hall; proud great-grandparents, Gary and Carol Vanderslice



Stephen Ministers Commissioned

On June 8, Pastors Dave Summers and Eve Williams, along with Bishop Bob Hoshibata, commissioned four new Stephen Ministers during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Stephen Ministers are lay volunteers trained to be good listeners, respect confidentiality and actively participate in supervision to provide quality care. After receiving 50 hours of training they are prepared to offer God's love through person-to-person Christian care. Now commissioned, each has committed to a minimum of two years of caregiving. Tony Coffman, Jami Godshall, Kim Levensky and Polly Van Rensburg are the most recent members of PVUMC to commit to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians).

Do You Need a Stephen Minister or Would You Like to Become One?

Are you going through a difficult time and need someone to care, listen and share God's love with you on a one-to-one confidential basis? Contact Stephen Leaders Kim Summers (480-213-6960) or Dave Henderson (602-538-8586) to discuss whether receiving a Stephen Minister is right for you. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, we invite you to contact Dave Henderson (davidkeithhenderson@gmail.com) for more information. New candidate training classes begin **September 4.**



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Saguaros

Saguaros is a fellowship group of 55+ years old PVUMC members, winter visitors and friends, who meet monthly for a potluck lunch and entertainment. Join us on **Thursday, September 18**, in the Fellowship Center for our fall kick-off program as we welcome everyone back from the summer

break. 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.



Prayers

Our pastors, staff, and prayer team members (200+) offer prayer in response to requests received from members and church guests. To make a prayer request, go to pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/ or fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. If you would like the current week's list of prayer requests or would like to join our ongoing prayer team and receive prayer requests via email, contact Gretchen at gholt@pvumc.org or 602-840-8360, ext. 132.

Memorials

Memorial in memory of H. Bruce Metteer

Designated to: PVUMC Veterans Open Table Program
Memorial Given By: Beverly Beers

Alison Brevard
Nick Hindley & Carley
Joan Metteer Fox
Lily M. Meijer
John & Marcia Scialli

Memorial in memory of Susan Wardell

Designated to: PVUMC Organ Fund
Memorial Given By: Michael & Kathleen Colbert

Memorial in memory of Kathleen J. Westley

Designated to: Undesignated
Memorial Given By: JoAnne Brooke

Youth Ministry and Missions



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**Youth Ministry
Moves to pvumc.org**
PVUMC Youth Ministry
events and news are
now at [pvumc.org/
connect/programs-
ministries/youth/](http://pvumc.org/connect/programs-ministries/youth/).



Paradise Perk
Shannon Curkendoll,
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more volunteers.
Please text or call her
at 602-400-7578 if you
can help. Thanks!



"While on my mission trip to Booneville, Arkansas, I had so many new experiences, made new friendships and strengthened bonds with old friends. I also gained a new perspective on life and the world," Annie (Catrone) Atherton said about her second youth mission trip experience. One of the people who helped her gain this new perspective was Robert, a deaf gentleman who she got to know when he opened up to her and told her his story about how he became deaf at age four because of an accident.

The first day I met Robert, we talked about a half hour or so and he just told me all of these fun things about himself: his hobbies, favorite color, and favorite animal. Robert was so gracious to give the team I was working with a sign language class, and everyone learned their names and a few other signs. When I came back the next day, Robert and I talked for about two hours! He asked me what my story was, and I told him about where I came from and how I go to school, do sign language, and am in a show choir at my school. After that, we played Robert's favorite game: Bean Bag Baseball. He and I got into the spirit of the game and even though I was not all that good, Robert would cheer me on and I did the same for him. The amount of joy, happiness and peace you could not only just feel in the room but it was just so rich in Robert himself. When it was time for me to go, we both knew I wouldn't be coming back the next day or in a week. He said something to me I will never forget and it changed me so

much. Robert said, "It was nice to meet a teenager who cares about learning a language that they can use to talk to someone like me or another person in my situation. Keep it up and one day you will realize how nice it is to us to have someone who wants to talk to us and who can." I knew from that moment what a difference I made in his life and how happy he was to talk to a teenager and interact with me just because I could sign.

My favorite part of the trip was evening worship every night. We all came together and talked about our day; we sang, read bible verses, and just had bonding time that wasn't possible during the day. In our small groups, we shared our experiences, and how we felt about them. It was just a whole bunch of bonding time and you could see people in their natural state and who they really were. At home, here in Arizona, we're afraid of showing who we really are and showing that we can be broken. On a mission trip like this, when we're away from our comfort zones, we let those feelings and emotions show. The best part is that no one will judge you; they'll just want to help you and sit with you. They'll make you smile and just help you talk about stuff that's going on in your life.

My biggest struggle of the mission trip was actually having to leave, knowing I wouldn't see my new friends from kids club or Robert, as well as the YouthWorks leaders that I had bonded with. The community there was one I have never experienced; everyone was practically family but weren't related by blood. They were always there for one another no matter what, and welcomed us as though we had been there the whole time. But out of every struggle something good comes out, and I'm hoping to help out with another kids camp or a boys and girls club or a senior citizen center here.

Something that happened that was both eye opening and unexpected was having my first day at kids camp and helping this little girl named Lauren who was crying in a corner. She was shy and scared of new people and new kids. It took her a while to know she had my trust and I had hers. After that, we spent the rest of kids camp together. About halfway through camp she called me her best friend, which made me so happy. I wrote her a letter saying how she was my best friend and how she just needs to keep smiling and soon enough she'll have more friends than she can count. She cried when she read it, ran to me and gave me the world's biggest hug. — *Annie (Catrone) Atherton*

Music and Arts Ministries

Welcome Matt Lombardi as Worship Leader at 11:15 Service

Matt Lombardi (*right*) has joined us as our worship leader for the distinctively different 11:15 a.m. service this summer and fall. Matt is a junior at Arizona Christian University. In between his studies, he has led youth worship at PVUMC this past year and will join the junior high retreat in August at Mingus Mountain camp. His youthful energy, down-to-earth attitude and love for Jesus make him a natural for this type of ministry. In a Q&A, he tells us more about himself and his calling.

Q. Tell us a little about your background.

Are you an AZ native?

A. Yes, I was born and raised in Phoenix. I've lived here my whole life except for the year I spent in Kansas City, MO at the International House of Prayer.

Q. How long have you been a worship leader?

A. I've been leading worship for 4 years.

Q. How long have you worked with PVUMC?

A. I've been working with PVUMC since February of 2014 when I got to help lead worship for the youth retreat at Mingus Mountain. After that, I led worship for the youth service part time, and now jumped on board leading worship for the 11:15 a.m. service.

Q. What led you to ministry as a career path?

A. I honestly can't see myself doing anything else. My life has been and still is consistently impacted by the incredible love of Jesus. I want the world to experience the joy and freedom found in His presence!

Q. What do you hope to accomplish at the 11:15 a.m. service?

A. I want to partner with the Holy Spirit to see Jesus glorified, to help usher his people into His presence, and to see lives transformed by beholding the beauty of God.

Q. When people hear you play, and lead worship, how do you want them to feel or what do you want them to experience?

A. I want them to experience the love of God, to enjoy worship, and to connect with God in new and deeper ways.

Q. Where do you see yourself 5 years from now? How about 10?

A. Five years from now, I see myself traveling, leading worship full time, and sharing the message of Jesus. Ten years from now I see myself being on staff at a church as a Worship Pastor, helping other people develop their gifts.



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The Best Things in Life are Free

This year, we invite you and your children to join one of our "free" choirs. PVUMC is blessed to have some of the best musicians in the Valley leading our music ensembles, and some of the best vocalists who volunteer their time and talents to the church. Outside of church, you would have to pay significant fees (especially for the children's programs) to have a comparable experience of singing or ringing in a choir. Our free Wednesday afternoon music program, Music Makers, gives children in 1st-6th grade the opportunity to learn music notation, rhythm, and healthy singing, as well as instruction in bell ringing, chimes, and Orff instruments. With all the cuts in music at local schools, we are blessed to offer you an amazing opportunity for your children to develop their musical gifts in a nurturing, fun environment.

Our Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Ministry Team will again be organizing a free concert series for the 2014-15 church year. We find some of the best musicians and music groups in the area and bring them to PVUMC for you, your friends and the community to enjoy. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to hear great music and share your church by inviting friends. We even have free childcare. Who else offers such an amazing deal? — Brett Robison

Start Dates

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

Children's Choir
(1st-6th Grade)
Sunday, August 24
10:30-11 a.m.

Youth Choir (7th-12th)
Sunday, August 24
4:00-5 p.m.

Bells of Paradise
Wednesday, August 27
6:00-7:20 p.m.

Chancel Choir
Wednesday, August 27
7:30-9 p.m.

Music Makers (1st-6th)
Wednesday, Sept. 3
4:30-5:30 p.m.

*Alive with the Spirit,
we bring God's love into
action by igniting faith,
transforming lives, and
creating community.*

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



FROM PARADISE

By Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

We have launched a series of exciting changes in our 11:15 a.m. worship service (including moving back the start time slightly). We are now calling this our "Alternative Service." We used to refer to this as a contemporary service, but the term "contemporary" refers to something very recent and up-to-date, which is a challenge in the church. We have moved the location of this service over to our Chapel. We have a new worship leader, Matt Lombardi, who is leading our band and our singing, offering prayers, and helping with the planning. Matt has led our youth in worship since February 2014, and you can read more about him on page 11.

Our planning team met for several months and identified the purpose of this service to be a worship experience where people can connect with God by entering absolutely accepted and welcomed and leave challenged and moved. We want this worship time to be a distinctive alternative, one that is radically intergenerational, so that our young people will want to attend and find it speaks to them. We want worship to be experiential and participatory so that all who come may be involved and engaged. Our great prayer is for the service to be Spirit-filled and led as God moves among us and meets us in fresh ways of worshipping.

Our praise team has led us ably for many years and we appreciate their commitment and gift of music to PVUMC. As we move forward, they will take on a different but still crucial role. Please pray for this refreshed service to speak to all who come and draw people who are not here yet but long to know God. We pray that our youth and young adults, and those who have been "de-churched" or disaffected from religion will want to come and join us and find their faith growing with us.

We also ask you to pray for our church as we face a difficult financial situation. We have worked hard to align our budget with our anticipated income, and we will be sharing regularly about our giving and expenses. There will be some reduction in our church staffing and ministry as we make adjustments for the months ahead. Yet we know that God is with us. God has given us a great vision for our church that will touch many lives and build our future. We know that we need to make some shifts as a congregation. We want a stewardship that orients our entire lives toward God. We want our giving to reflect a vibrant and living faith inside every one of us. When we know and love God we can respond to life differently. Jesus said: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 21). We want our primary treasures to be our faith and our relationship with God. When that comes first, every other dimension of our lives will always work better.

In Faith, Pastor Dave Summers