



Transforming Lives, Creating Community

Last issue, we had an inside look at how our Sunday morning *Ignite* service puts our mission statement into action in a very tangible way — igniting faith, transforming lives and connecting with each other. This issue, we focus on the second two parts of our mission: "...we bring God's love into action by...transforming lives, and creating community." The photo above shows how we did this last year at our first annual *Change the World Day*. On **Sunday, November 15**, we'll gather again, and work together, side by side, to show God's love in action as a whole church in service to our community. If you participated last year, wear your T-shirt. If you didn't, we'll have one waiting for you. Join others as we make cozy blankets for shelter cats, put together care packs for the homeless, and go out to places like Forever Loved Pet Sanctuary and UMOM New Day Centers to show God's love in action. Read more about our *Change the World Day* on page 5.

Community Feast and Pathways Kick Off

As our fall *Pathways* program kicked off in September, we stepped out in faith to offer a robust mid-week program, with our Community Feast moving up a month from October to September, and as many as five different adult learning classes offered that night, along with a mission-oriented children's program. Read more about the Servant Seekers weekly evening program for children in 1st-6th grade on page 7. The program runs concurrently with Financial Peace University, **September 23-November 18, 2015**.

While most of the *Pathways* classes have already started, it's never too late to step on your own pathway to faith. Join your PVUMC family at the Community Feast every Wednesday evening for good food and fellowship. The buffet dinner, prepared by UMOM's Helpings Café, Catering and Market, offers fresh menus each week. Suggested donations: \$7.50/adult; \$3/child.

Journey of Faith

If you're not sure where to begin to grow, deepen or live your faith on one of the heart, mind, soul or strength pathways, take the ***Journey of Faith Introduction to Pathways***. Led by Senior Pastor Dave Summers and Associate Pastor Eve Williams, **Wednesdays, October 7-28**, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Fireside Room, F8, this class will help you get started or move you further along. The class includes an introduction to the Bible and the United Methodist Church, how to discover your spiritual gifts, and devotional practices to enrich your life. Gain a clearer sense of the pathways of faith and be better able to discern where God is inviting you to journey further.



Pick up a *Fall Pathways Guidebook* in the church office, or download it from our website at pvumc.org. There's an assessment on the back to help you choose your path. Call the church if you need more guidance.

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Church Seasons



Cindy Heltne and her visual arts crew created this awe-inspiring Pentecost dove mobile that has been hanging in the Sanctuary since the first Sunday in Pentecost.— Photo by Pamela Murphy

Sunday Worship

Visit pvumc.org for updates and to read scripture.

Sundays in October and November

October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Worship Series: *Family Tree*

Part 1: *Marriage Changes You (and Everyone Else)*

Dave Summers (8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.)

Andrea Andress (11:15 a.m. Ignite)

Scripture: *Genesis 17:1-8, 1-20; 20:1-7*

October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Series: *Family Tree*

Part 2: *The Parents*

Eve Williams

Scripture: *Genesis 22:1-8*

October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Series: *Family Tree*

Part 3: *Brothers and Sisters and (Not) Getting Along*

Dave Summers (8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.)

Christopher Wurpts (11:15 a.m. Ignite)

Scripture: *Genesis 37:1-7, 18-20, 25-28; 45:1-11*

October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Preschool Sunday

Worship Series: *Family Tree*

Part 4: *The Family, Past and Future*

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Matthew 1:1-17*

November 1: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day

Worship Series: *A Time to....*

Part 1: *A Time to Be Born, a Time to Die*

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 2:12-13, 18-22; 3:1-4*

November 8: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Series: *A Time to....*

Part 2: *A Time to Embrace, a Time
to Refrain from Embracing*

Eve Williams

Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-5; Matthew 6:25-34*

November 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost 2nd Annual Change the World Day

One Worship Service at 9 a.m. in Sanctuary

Worship Series: *A Time to....*

Part 3: *A Time to Plant, A Time to Pluck Up*

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-6; Matthew 25: 31-40*

November 22: Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

Worship Series: *A Time to....*

4: *A Time to Put God's Love in Action*

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Romans 8:9-14 (The Message)*

November 29 – Family Sunday *

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Series: *Waiting*

Part 1: *Waiting for the End*

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Luke 21:25-36*

* We invite you and your family to worship together on November 29, our fall Family Sunday, and the first Sunday in Advent. There will be no children's Sunday classes for K-6th grade at 9:30 a.m., but there will be childcare and preschool classes for ages 3-5.



Campus Greeters

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
(Matt. 25:35)*

Do you remember the first time you walked onto the campus at PVUMC? It might have seemed confusing and somewhat overwhelming. Our campus greeters play an important role in helping guests feel welcome and comfortable by sharing a friendly smile, answering questions and providing directions to locations around campus. We are very grateful for all who volunteer for this ministry of hospitality, and need more people who can be *God's Love in Action*. Interested? It takes just 20 minutes and there's no long-term commitment. You can serve anytime your schedule allows. Please contact Betty Brunlieb Price, betty@pvumc.org or 602.840.8360 ext 129. Thank you!



Interested in Going on a Mission Trip to Costa Rica or Guatemala?

If you're interested in joining one of our two international mission teams to Costa Rica and Guatemala in March of 2016, please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 4** in F5/6 at 12:30 pm. We will talk briefly about next year's trips and get initial information to all those interested. If you can't attend this meeting but are interested, please email Kent Heltne at kheltne@cox.net for Costa Rica or Donald.Wall@squiresanders.com, Don Wall, for Guatemala. Or call the church office at 602-840-8360.



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Financial Ministry

Where Are We Now?

Through the first 2 months of Fiscal Year 2016, **August 2015** year-to-date total receipts were lower than budget by \$8,439. Expenditures were lower than budget by \$41,436.



What Can You Do? Contact Church Administrator Mickey Price, mprice@pvumc.org or 602-840-8360, ext. 113, if you have questions regarding your contributions and/or pledge. We are grateful for all gifts, large and small.

August 2015

	Budget	Actual
Receipts	\$320,118	\$311,679
Disbursements	337,141	295,706
Net receipts over disbursements	<u>\$(17,035)</u>	<u>\$15,973</u>

PVUMC Book Group

The PVUMC Book Group meets the first non-holiday Monday of every month throughout the year. Join the group at 12:15 pm in G2 to discuss:

October 5

Teatime for the Firefly
by Shona Patel
The author will be our guest and join in the discussion. She will sign books too!

November 2

Spool of Blue Thread
Anne Tyler

December 7

Christmas Potluck

For more information about the Book Group, or to volunteer to lead the group discussion for November, please call Fran Clark, 480-945-6955.

Author Shona Patel Discusses *Teatime for the Firefly* at October Book Group



Mary Lou Jones, a member of the PVUMC Book Group, invited Arizona author Shona Patel to join the group's next book discussion on **Monday, October 5**.

The group is reading Patel's *Teatime for the Firefly*, a love story set in

an Assam tea plantation in 1940's India. Patel, the daughter of an Assam tea planter, drew upon her personal observations and experiences to create the vivid characters and setting for her debut novel. An honors graduate in English literature from Calcutta University, Patel has won several awards for creative writing and is a graphic designer. Her second novel, *Flame Tree Road*, was published by Mira/Harper Collins in July. All are welcome to join us.



Giving Consistently, and Joyfully

I originally joined a Methodist church in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1979. When I moved to Arizona in 2004, I tried many churches, but none of them felt quite like the one at home. When I was driving on Lincoln one day I saw the sign for Paradise Valley United Methodist Church and attended for the first time shortly thereafter.

It didn't take long before I was coming every Sunday and had my daughter and son-in-law attending too. Now it is especially wonderful; I not only enjoy coming to church myself, but I also get the joy of being with my family too. My precious granddaughter, Zoe, pictured with me above, was baptized here as a baby and comes regularly, as her mommy, Heather, did in Jefferson City since birth!

That was in 2011. For no particular reason, I didn't become a member until this year. Before becoming a member, I would give when the offering plate was passed, but when they offered to take it from my bank account, I thought, "what a convenient way to consistently give to our church!" I signed up to give electronically, allowing the church to take a set amount from my account every month. I had forgotten the joy that giving to God regularly gave me, and I'm glad to have that feeling back. — *Betty Torgerson, pledging PVUMC member since 2015*

Change the World day

PVUMC Hosts Second Annual Change the World Day

On **Sunday, November 15**, PVUMC invites you to join us for a day of service in lieu of worship. Like our first annual *Change the World Day*, we'll 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. **If you participated last year, please wear your shirt from last year.**
- † 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 October, as well as electronic sign-ups, to choose where you (and your family) want to serve. We had as many as a dozen options off campus last year.



VBC Children Collected 900 Pairs of Shoes for Soles4Souls

As part of our Vacation Bible Camp program, PVUMC's children put God's love into action by leading a shoe drive for Soles4Souls, and collected nearly 900 pairs of shoes! Shoe drive coordinator, Jennifer Tefft, packed up and shipped 80 new pairs of shoes and 750 pairs of used shoes to Soles4Souls, where they will be distributed to those in need, and repurposed. That's God's love in action!



PVUMC Helps Feed Hungry Children

Every month, we offer an opportunity to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children's warehouse. To register for **upcoming packing dates on October 24 or November 21**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., email Jim Bateman, jbateman@aol.com, and include a contact name and number, as well as the names and emails of adults age 18 and older. If you are registering children, just include their names and ages. FMSC's warehouse is at 1345 S Alma School Rd, Mesa, 85210. Thanks for being God's love in action!

Serendipities Open on Sundays

Serendipities is open on **Sundays** again, and Meg Wolfe and Barbara Bush, Serendipities volunteer managers, have restocked the shop where all proceeds support missions. Please stop by to shop on Sundays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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UMOM Food Donation Sundays

Please bring your non-perishable food donations for our regular, first-Sunday-of-the-month food collection for UMOM on **October 4 and November 1**. Place your donations in the blue bins at the bridges or south parking lot.

Serve Dinner at UMOM

PVUMC offers opportunities to serve dinner to residents twice a month at the UMOM facility at 3333 E Van Buren. To offer your gift of service on any of the **2nd and 4th Saturdays**, please email Dave Hepburn, dhepburn@umom.org. To cook and/or serve dinner at the Watkins Center on the second Thursday of the month, **October 8 and November 12**, please contact Elaine Heredia, emhere@cox.net.

Children's Ministries



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Servant Seekers Put God's Love in Action

As a part of the Wednesday evening offerings following the Community Feast, Children's Ministries began the new Servant Seekers program for children in 1st-6th grade whose parents were enrolled in Financial Peace University, or another Wednesday night *Pathways* program. They adopted the theme, "Put God's Love into Action," and came up with projects like baking cookies for shut-ins, led by Jon Hearn and Amy Powell; writing notes to bring encouragement to those on our prayer list, led by Paula Rugen; and caring for the Biblical Garden, led by Rev. Andrea Andress and Rev. Brenda Smith, who created the program and organized the weekly projects. If you'd like to get your child involved, please contact Brenda. It's not too late!

October 17

Mission Project

5th and 6th graders join our youth group on Saturday evenings once a month to work on a mission project. This month, on **Saturday, October 17**, we'll serve at St Mary's Food Bank.

October 23-25

Dad & Me Camp

Dads or granddads and their kids or grandchildren are invited to build memories and stronger bonds at this camp, where dads and children ages 4-10 years, of both genders, are welcome. See the retreat brochure and online registration at www.dscamps.org.

Photos on pages 6-7 by Courtney Sucato (Trunk or Treat), Kyle Greenberg (Bible Blast), and Brenda Smith (Doves Sunday School).



Help Sidewalk Sunday School Children have a Merry Christmas

We have made a commitment to the UMC's Southwest Desert Conference to fill 100 gift bags for the children we reach through the Sidewalk Sunday School outreach ministry program provided by many churches in our conference. This mobile Sunday School brings church to children living in low-income neighborhoods. Please consider taking a bag home and filling it with the suggested items listed on a flyer inside the bag. This may be the only Christmas present some of these children will get. Bags will be handed out on **Sunday, October 25**. Please return your filled bags to your child's Sunday School teachers or to the PVUMC office by **Monday, November 30**. Thank you for being God's love in action!

FaithQuakes on a Mission

On **Saturday, October 17**, all 5th and 6th graders are invited to serve at St Mary's Food Bank with our older youth. Please RSVP to Rev. Brenda Smith by **October 11** so we can plan for transportation and supervision. In September, FaithQuakes joined the youth at Feed My Starving Children for a similar mission project.



Last year, the Taylor family dressed up in costume and participated in our annual Trunk or Treat event.

Building Faith in Families and Children

Parents are the primary faith-builders for their children. PVUMC is here to support you. The church offers family-focused opportunities throughout the year to spur faith conversations and encourage fellowship.

Join your church family and friends on **Friday, October 23**, for our annual Trunk or Treat event, featuring a band, costumed hosts at decorated trunks, a zombie walk/haunted house, and treats, of course!

On **Sunday, November 15**, bring the whole family to our *Change the World Day*, where we'll have a variety of opportunities to serve together on campus and off, helping local organizations in our own community.

Finally, we invite you to join us Thanksgiving weekend for **Family Sunday, November 29**. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to remain in worship with you, and you have an opportunity to serve together as ushers or greeters if you so desire. The more you get involved, the bigger impact you can make on your children's faith. Parents and teachers help students learn more about

Children's Ministries

God, faith, and the church every week. Active and regular participation in Sunday School, worship and events like the Community Feast on Wednesdays help you and your children view church as an extended family.

Below: A parent helps the third and fourth graders at the Bible Blast in August, when 10 third graders received new Bibles. **Right:** Keith Sobraske, Doves teacher, helps a new student with his project during the Sunday School class that meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.



October 23

Trunk or Treat

Join us for Trunk or Treat, **Friday, October 23**, 6-8 pm. 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 of treats, so please bring bags of candy to share with the children. If you can host a trunk, email pastoreve@pvumc.org.

PVUMC Preschool

In August, 34 staff members eagerly greeted 195 children and their families during Parent Open House and Parent-Child Orientation days. Littlest Angels Chapel began with a focus on "What is God's Name," "The Creation Story," and "God Made Me Special."

October and November Happenings

October begins with Spirit Days and a visit from the firefighters, who bring their fire truck for touring. They talk with the children about fire safety, including how to "Stop, Drop and Roll." They also have an opportunity to see firefighters up close, dressed in their gear. October also brings Fathers' Saturday, where dads, grandpas or uncles come to preschool for a fun Saturday morning. Fathers' Saturday gives dads an opportunity to participate in a shortened version of a "preschool day" with their children.

PVUMC hosts **Preschool Sunday on October 25**, at the 9:30 worship service, and invites preschoolers and their family and friends to our annual Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 23**. At the end of the

month, the children find their favorite pumpkin to take home at the Preschool Pumpkin Patch, and preschoolers parade in their Halloween costumes on our famous orange path in the chapel courtyard.

The Scholastic Book Fair is the week of **November 2-6** and **Sunday, November 8** for church members. Church members are also invited to participate in the Zoo Lights Event, sponsored by the Preschool Board, which will be held at the Phoenix Zoo on **Sunday, November 15**, following our *Change the World Day*.

Welcome to New and Returning Staff

The Preschool welcomes new staff members:

Meredith Baldree, Stacey Brouger, Rayme Ellett, Jake George, Jenn Hayden, Melissa Heinrichs, Sarah Root, Cindy Sevin, Lauren Trobaugh, and Nancy Wilson, and **returning staff members:** Terrie Austin, Vickie Cook, Mary Cooper, Ruth Ann Ellsworth, Dorothy French, Courtney Gaintner, Julie George, Maddy Griblin, Carol Isbell, Joan Kay, Kim Kiel, Julie Lawrie, Bev Nystedt, Joan O'Bryan, Diane O'Connell, Shelbi Olin, Pam Poley, Diane Poteet, Leona Silliman, Jane Walters, Lori Wiggs, Becky Williams, Carol Zimmerman, and Mindy Sobraske.



PVUMC
Preschool
Learn, Play, Grow

To arrange a tour of the preschool, or to register for classes, please contact the school office or PVUMC Preschool Director Mindy Sobraske, msobraske@pvumc.org, or 602-840-8265. Visit us online at pvumcpreschool.org.

Music and Arts Ministries



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Choir Schedule

The Chancel Choir, which sings at the 9:30 am service, and the Bells of Paradise rehearse weekly on **Wednesday evenings** following the Community Feast. See our events calendar at pvumc.org for the rehearsal times.

Mini-Singers for our youngest singers meet with Shari Paris on **Sunday mornings** after 9:30 am Sunday School. The Praise Singers meet at the end of the Sunday School time, 10:20-10:45 am in H1, with Bonnie Greey, the children's music director. Tommy Strawser leads the Youth Choir, which rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm, before VIBE. Youth Handbell rehearsals are at 10:30 am every Sunday.

Our afterschool Music Makers program meets **Wednesdays**, 4:30-5:30 pm, before the Community Feast.

Community Concert Series Begins

Mark your calendars to attend all of our Community Concerts in the 2015-2016 series. Unless noted, they are all at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Friends welcome!

2015-2016 Concerts:

- 10/30 Dueling Divas with Dr. Andria Fennig (above right) and Dr. Ashley Snavley (above left)
- 11/13 The Vocal Works of Britten and Arbury
- 12/6 PVUMC Christmas Concert, 6 p.m.
- 1/22 An A Cappella Evening with ASU's Priority Male and The Pitchforks
- 2/19 Sahnas Quintet
- 3/11 Ecumenical Concert: The Seven Last Words of Christ - Théodore Dubois
- 4/22 Jazz at the Perk (on the patio)



Dueling Divas on Friday, October 30

Kicking off the Community Concert Series will be the *Dueling Divas*, featuring PVUMC's own Dr. Andria Fennig and Dr. Ashley Snavley. The two-piano, four-hand concert will cover a variety of styles from classical to jazz, and features composers such as Brubeck, Schubert, Lutoslawski, and Copland.

The Vocal Works of Britten and Arbury Friday, November 13

Come experience the vocal works of Benjamin Britten and David Arbury performed by Kerry Jennings and Michelle Rice, with pianist Andria Fennig. This world premiere performance is greatly enhanced through the addition of staging, costuming and multi-media, cinematic effects in an intimate setting.

On the 1st Tuesday

On the First Tuesday Kicks Off October 6 with "Driving While Undocumented"

Join Dr. Doris Provine, Professor Emerita of Justice and Social Inquiry of ASU's School of Social Transformation, who presents "Driving While Undocumented" on **Tuesday, October 6**, in the Fellowship Center. Dr. Provine was invited by Garry Lozier, who organizes and prepares the evening dinner for this community event. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with the speaker following at 6 p.m. Donations are welcome to offset dinner expenses.

Dr. Provine's research has focused on courts and policies related to the role racism has played in the war on drugs, and her current work revolves around policies concerning unauthorized immigration. A year-long Fulbright research grant in 2007-2008 allowed her to examine the issue from a cross-national perspective. With support from the National Science Foundation, she has also studied how local police are responding to opportunities to collaborate with federal officials in the enforcement of federal immigration law.

In November, Scott Ferreira Speaks



Scott Ferreira has been invited to speak *On the First Tuesday, November 3*. He is head of the Steering Committee for this monthly event, and is also

active with PVUMC's Young Adult Lifegroup. As a PVUMC youth, Scott was involved with Open Table, which helps individuals and families get out of poverty and back on their feet. Currently, PVUMC supports Open Tables for young adults who have aged out of foster care and veterans. Professionally, Scott is CEO of FreeBike Project and is primarily focused on guiding the team toward improving product offerings and growth for the future. Previously, Scott founded MySocialCloud, a platform for storing user-names and passwords so internet users didn't have to remember all of them on their own. It was backed by an amazing group of individuals including Richard Branson of Virgin Group, Jerry Murdock of Insight Venture Partners and Alex Welch of Photobucket.

Caring Ministries

Joys & Concerns

Saguaros' Lunch Programs and Trips

Saguaros began its fall season last month, when PVUMC members and friends met for the fall kick-off on **September 17**. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Gretchen Holt to be added to the email list.



The potluck lunch and entertainment program continues this month with guest speaker and PVUMC member, George Heredia, on **Thursday, October 15**. He is pictured above, right, with his family on their recent African safari in September. Potluck menu: A-K, dessert; L-Z, salad. Guitarist Kristina O'Boyle entertains the group on **Thursday, November 19**. Menu: A-I, salad; J-Q, main dish; R-Z, dessert.

The Saguaros have also planned two fall trips:

Mingus Mountain Camp near Prescott, AZ Wednesday, October 7

Activities and lunch
Cost \$10, which includes lunch
(plus \$3 for gas, if riding in church van)

Saguaro Lake Boat Cruise

Thursday, November 5
Tour and lunch
Cost \$31, which includes lunch
(plus \$3 for gas, if riding in church van)

Contact JoAnn Boyd, 480-818-2509 or Carol Duff, 602-717-3855 to RSVP or for more information.

Memorials

Memorial in memory of Eileen Olander

Designated to: Undesignated
Memorial Given By: Carol Olander

Memorial in memory of Diane Taylor

Designated to: Undesignated
Memorial Given By: Timm & Marty McCarty

Memorial in memory of Pat Whitman

Designated to: Missions Ministry and YAL
Memorial Given By: Polly van Rensburg



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Our Christian Sympathies to...

Family and friends on the July 11 death of Ann Arthur Lloyd Dill and family on the death of his wife, Charlane Stevens

Bonnie Greey and family on the August 8 death of her father, Charlie Mullins

Kent Heltne and family on the July 27 death of his sister, Karen Wood

Deborah Lex and family on the August 28 death of her grandmother, Eleanor Hatfield

Nancy Lindsay and Leigh Ann Brecheisen and families on the August 8 death of their mother/grandmother, Bernice Simpson

Mickey Price and family on the July 30 death of his mother, Helen Price

Don Phillis and family on the August 2 death of his brother, Frank Phillis

Debra Quay Castaldo and family on the September 8 death of her mother, Bev Quay

Fran Ryan and family on the August 15 death of her cousin, Susan Peterson

Family and friends on the August 9 death of Diane Taylor

Jim Van Houten and family on the August 26 death of his father, John Van Houten, PVUMC charter member

Welcome Babies...

Evalyn Avani Dhand, born on July 17, and granddaughter of Keith and Beth Troxler;

Emma Alleen Morin, born on July 21 to Megan (Immel) and James Morin, and granddaughter of Lorilee Immel;

Aiello Cervantes, born on August 14, and great-great-granddaughter of Fern Porter

Congratulations to...

Garry and Sandy Lozier on their 60th wedding anniversary in September 2015

Morgan Peel, on her marriage to Zachary Hendershott, August 1, 2015

Baptisms

Bennett Davis Quinn and Claire Joy Quinn, children of Ian & Sarah Quinn, baptized on July 26, 2015.

Greyson Brian Albrecht, son of Christopher and Alexandra Albrecht, baptized on August 9, 2015.

Grief Support Class

PVUMC offers "Journeying through Grief," a six-week grief support group to reach out to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The class will meet on Mondays 11:30 am-1 pm, beginning **October 26**, 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. To register, contact Gretchen Holt (see her contact information above).

Youth/Young Adult Ministries



Christopher Wurpts,
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VIBE happens every Sunday night (except when it doesn't), 5-6:30 p.m. We play games like dodgeball (above) and just have fun together. We also serve dinner. Invite your friends in 7th-12th grade to join us.

Parents, if you can provide a meal, we still have plenty of dates open. We need enough food for 20-25 people. To help offset the cost of the meal, each person is asked to bring \$3. If you can help, please call, text (712-348-3791) or email Christopher Wurpts. Thanks!



Paradise Perk

Many of you know Shannon Curkendoll, the manager of the Paradise Perk. Each week, Shannon (along with her husband, Eric, and her two daughters, Amber and Sarah) opens up the Perk for our congregation to enjoy coffee, smoothies, and other treats. The profits from the coffee shop support our youth mission opportunities throughout the year. Last year alone, Shannon helped raise more than \$8,000, bringing the total raised in the last three years to over \$20,000. That's a lot of coffee! Shannon doesn't receive any compensation for her efforts. I encourage you to congratulate her on a stellar year. You are God's love in action, Shannon!



Ten girls were confirmed on April 19, 2015. Next year, confirmation will be April 10, 2016, and Weekend "A" is offered March 19-20, 2016. Confirmands need to complete both weekends before they can be confirmed. Information about Weekend "B" follows.

Confirmation Weekend "B" in October

If you are on the path to confirmation, and still need to attend "The Story of Faith" Weekend "B," please make plans to attend **October 17-18** by contacting Christopher. This weekend is geared toward how we express our faith in the Christian message. Topics include:

- The Way of Discipleship
- The Way of Salvation
- The Wesleyan Quadrilateral
- Worship
- The Sacraments

Young Adults

The YAL meets most Sundays right after the *Ignite* worship service, at 12:30 p.m. in H1. If you're in your early 20s plus or minus a few years, welcome!

October/November: Family Tree Discussions

We encourage you to share your personal experiences with any of these branches of the Christian family tree.

- Oct. 4** What do the Lutherans believe?
- Oct. 11** What do the Presbyterians believe?
- Oct. 17** Saturday Service, St. Mary's Food Bank
Please contact Brenda to register.
- Oct. 22-23** Haunted House preparation for **Trunk or Treat on Oct. 23**, then fun afterwards.
- Oct. 25** YAL Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m. in H4 (lunch provided). Come plan with us!

- Nov. 1** What do the Anglicans believe?
- Nov. 8** What about those Baptists?
- Nov. 15** *Change the World Day!*
- Nov. 22** **Turkey Bowl/Picnic with the Youth**
It's Adults vs. Youth flag football at Cactus Park in Scottsdale.
(If you are willing to grill, speak up!)
- Nov. 29** Happy Thanksgiving! No meeting.

Mark your calendar for the Ski Retreat, **January 1-3**. If you want reminders or more information about YAL, please email Rev. Brenda Smith, YAL staff coordinator, brenda@pvumc.org.

Parenting Teens

Parenting Teens the Love and Logic Way™ During VIBE on October 18

While the teenagers are at VIBE on **Sunday, October 18**, parents are invited to learn about "Parenting the Love and Logic Way."™ Learn skills to help you feel more relaxed, hopeful and positive about your children by teaching them personal responsibility and respect, without losing their love. The Love and Logic® approach brings parents together, encouraging discussions about the challenges of parenting, and offering solutions. Rev. Andrea Andress facilitates this class. The program is appropriate for parents with children of all ages, from preschoolers to teens. We're offering a weekly Sunday morning option at Modern Family in H5, 10:40-11:30 a.m., through **November 22**.

Transformational Living

Lunch Conversations Meet in the Library

Lunch Conversations for Transformational Living meet every Thursday in the church library, G2, 12-1:15 p.m. Bring a lunch and join us for lecture and discussion on living our lives intentionally. We discuss spiritual and individual growth, and the Enneagram. Conversation often flows from specific books. More at pvumc.org.

Centering Prayer Practice Every Month

Join us on **Wednesday, October 7 and November 4**, 6:15-7:15 p.m. in H6 for a short discussion of centering prayer with a video/CD followed by a 20-minute prayer practice. The class is led by Rev. Andrea Address and Kathy Kramer-Howe.

Walk to Emmaus: Men's and Women's Retreats Offered in October

Register now for the Men's Emmaus Walk #237, **October 1-4** or the Women's Emmaus Walk #238, **October 8-11**. The four-day retreat renews your spirit as nothing else can. A Walk to Emmaus includes 15 talks and conversations about your spiritual life with God in community. Cost is \$95. For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Andrea Address at the church office or visit the Emmaus website at: <http://azemmaus.org/weekends/emmaus/>.

Modern Family, Sept. 13-Nov. 22 Sundays, 10:40-11:30 a.m., H5

Focus for this weekly fall class is on Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ led by Rev. Andrea Address. Read the information on page 10 about "Parenting Teens" to learn more about this program that is for parents of little ones to teenagers. Contact Erin Zeller or Rev. Address for more information about the Modern Family option designed for parents of young children.

Yoga Offered on Tuesday Mornings October 6-27, 9-10:15 a.m., H1

Yoga with Vinyasa flow continues through October. All ages are welcome. If able, please bring your mat, blocks and belt. Extra items are available at the class. The free class is taught by Kim Kent, a certified instructor.

Prayer Vigil, *Change the World Day*

Join us as we lay the foundation of prayer for our *Change the World Day* on **November 15**. Times for prayer will be available in the days coming up to **November 15**. See the *Looking Ahead* for details as the date gets closer.

PVUMC Hosts Arizona Enneagram Association Programs

The church hosts several programs organized by the Arizona Enneagram Association. See the sidebar for information on how to register for Enneagram classes. Class descriptions, fees, and other details are available at the AEA website: arizonaenneagram.org

Foundations of the Enneagram Subtypes Saturday, November 14

9 a.m.-4 p.m. in H1
Led by Rev. Andrea Address
Have you attended a Foundations class before?
Bring a friend and you attend for free.

Working with the Holy Ideas October 8-November 12

Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m., H3

Russ Hudson presents "Enneagram of Emergence: Exploring Higher Aspects" October 31-November 1

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: \$250; apply for scholarships before October.

Growing into Holiness: Panels on the Higher Qualities

Four Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., H7:
November 11 Types 3-6-9
November 18 Types 2-5-8
December 2 Types 4-7-1
December 9 All types, class ½ hour longer

Enneagram MeetUps Happen Monthly

Enneagram MeetUp is an online social networking portal that facilitates offline group meetings at various locations. The following are offered at PVUMC on Thursdays.

General Enneagram MeetUps are offered the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:45 p.m., H7.

October 15 Let's Talk Relationships and the Heart Center led by Christy Strauch
November 19 Let's Talk Relationships and the Head Center led by Christy Strauch

Business MeetUps are offered every other month, the first Thursday of that month, 6:30-8:45 p.m., H7.

November 5 Using the Enneagram with Teams led by Danny Valenzuela



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AEA Registration

PVUMC is host to several Arizona Enneagram Association (AEA) programs. To register for any of these, please contact Diane Shevlin at 480-367-1998 or register online: arizonaenneagram.org. Full class descriptions, costs and more details can be found on the AEA website. For scholarship assistance, contact Rev. Andrea Address.

Register for Enneagram MeetUps at <http://arizonaenneagram.org/special-event-aea-meetup/>.

*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,

I've been thinking about what endures at our church. People always come and go, as do pastors. Programs wax and wane. Our buildings tend to last a long time and remind us of God's durable character, although buildings have a way of wearing out and always needing some help. I am grateful we have a Foundation at our church that is dedicated to enduring ministry. The PVUMC Foundation and its permanent endowment will support our church for generations to come.

The Foundation has been growing in the recent past, which is a blessing to us. Gifts that are given to the PVUMC Foundation are placed in an endowment fund for our congregation. We do not touch the principal, only the earnings. A church foundation like ours significantly helps us when we need to make capital improvements, when we seek seed money for a new ministry, or when we have a special project that needs funding, and is outside of the church budget.

Often, funds come to a church foundation through estate gifts. I will confess that I am surprised at how few estate gifts we receive at our church, fewer than at any other church I have served. I'm not sure why this is the case, but those gifts are valuable and ensure the church's future. Estate gifts allow ministry to continue far beyond our lives and remind people for generations to come that God is alive and working in our world. It's a significant way to leave a legacy for our congregation, and I pray that you will consider naming the church in your estate plans. Just as you have been faithful in your giving to the church during your lifetime, consider how a gift to our Foundation could help in a very enduring way to keep our church strong in the future.

I'm also grateful we are a church with a Columbarium and Memorial Garden. Churches rarely have cemeteries nowadays, but we provide a place of remembrance and hallowed ground for interment. When we buried our own daughter in a church columbarium, we were grateful to be surrounded by a household of faith. We knew the comfort of being in our church home as a reminder of God's eternal and enduring love for us, and have seen other families experience the same comfort.

Please contact the church office for more information on either the Columbarium or Foundation. The church is one of the few places that helps us think about eternal matters and life beyond our days here on earth. All of us who know the blessing of faith want this gift for each other. It's important for us to leave a legacy, and show what God is able to do. Let's make sure our church is always able to give such a strong witness of faith and hope.

