

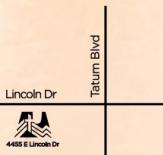


## Dueling Divas: Americana

Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7pm, Sanctuary

PVUMC's own director of music and arts ministries, Ashley Snavley, and contemporary worship leader and accompanist, Andria Fennig, are back by popular demand. Last year, the Dueling Divas made their debut, and released their first CD: *Two Grands, Four Hands: Live at PVUMC*. Their new four-hand piano concert features works from American composers including Sondheim, Bernstein and Gershwin.

Free-will offering taken at the event benefits the PVUMC Community Concert Series. Childcare available with a 48-hr reservation; call 602-840-8360, ext 134. Register at <https://pvumc-concerts-3-31-17.eventbrite.com>



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## Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



**March 12, 2017**

### 2nd Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. We continue to make our way through the *Gifts of the Dark Wood* during Lent with "The Gift of Emptiness," based on Matthew 16:21-26. Rev. Eve Williams preaches at all services.

### Pledge to PVUMC

We invite you to pledge your time, talents and treasure to PVUMC for 2017-2018. If you haven't filled out a pledge card yet, we invite you to **Defy Gravity** with God's help, and "break free from the culture of more." Pledge online at [pvumc.org/pledge](http://pvumc.org/pledge).



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### Sunday Morning Worship

- 8 am in the chapel
- 9:30 am in the sanctuary
- Ignite: 11 am in the chapel

### Sermons and Scriptures

Sermons and scriptures are posted online at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org).

### Christian Education

- Sunday School classes at 9:30 for children and youth
- Childcare at all services
- Senior High Youth meet in the youth lounge; Squad 57 (5th-7th graders) in H6.

### Mission

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

### Vision

*Love that crosses all barriers and embraces all people.*

# Looking Ahead at PVUMC



## Sunday Morning Live (SML)

Students in grades 8-12 are welcome to join us for Sunday Morning Live! (SML) every Sunday morning in the youth lounge, E14. Each week we take time to build community, discuss important topics, and grow closer to God (and one another). Email [Christopher Wurpts](mailto:Christopher.Wurpts@pvumc.org), youth ministries director, or call/text him at 712.348.3791 for more information about our youth program, which includes VIBE, 5-6:30 pm on Sundays. Squad 57 for 5th-7th graders is led by Sam Henderson and Rachel Smith. There are girls and guys groups meeting once a month at the same time as VIBE. Contact Sam for more info at: [SHenderson@pvumc.org](mailto:SHenderson@pvumc.org).



## Paradise Perk Purchases Support Youth Missions

The Paradise Perk is open Sundays, 9 am-1 pm. Every purchase you make there supports youth missions and ministry.



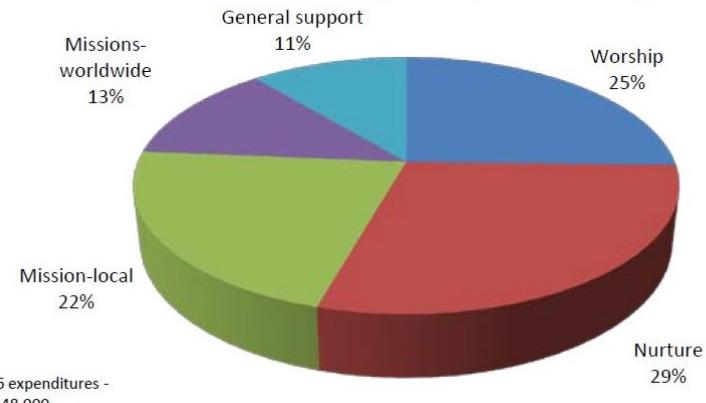
## New Member Orientation

Are you interested in becoming a member of PVUMC? We would love to tell you more! Please come to the next New Member Orientation on **Wednesday, March 22** at 6:30 pm in G2, the church library. RSVP to 602.840.8360. Childcare is available with a 48-hour reservation. Call 602.840.8360, ext 134 to reserve a spot for your child(ren).

## March 18 - Raku Workshop

Musette Young, local Raku expert and artist, will lead a pottery painting and Raku firing workshop on **Saturday, March 18**. To RSVP for "The Gift of Emptiness," 9 am-12 noon, email Kathleen Kupper at [kathleen.kupper@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.kupper@gmail.com). You may pay the \$25 fee separately. The class is limited to 12 adult participants. Students 6th grade and up may attend with an adult.

# Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Your Gifts Support Our Ministry



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why should I give?

As Christians, we understand that everything we have comes from God. We give out of love and gratitude for God, and to support God's work through the church.

### How much should I give? 10 percent?

The Bible teaches us giving in proportion to the material blessings we receive. We encourage committing a percentage of your income and increasing that percentage over time. Tithing means giving the first tenth or 10 percent of your income to God.

### When should I give?

Regular, faithful giving cultivates a lifestyle of generosity and connects our generosity to our blessings. Pledge to give consistently — weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.

### Two Ways to Pledge

There are two ways to pledge your commitment to PVUMC: via our online form or via a pledge card. Both show your commitment to PVUMC, so choose just one.

## Pledging 101: Two Ways

**1) Online:** Visit [pvumc.org/pledge](http://pvumc.org/pledge) and fill out the online form as soon as possible. When you finish, you will have the option to set up automatic electronic payments.

**2) Pledge Card:** If you prefer, complete a pledge card and return it to the church office if you didn't turn it in on **March 5**. Please contact us if you have questions. Call 602.840.8360 or email [giving@pvumc.org](mailto:giving@pvumc.org). Your pledges help us determine our budget for 2017-2018. By pledging your support early, we can better budget for the future.

## Start Your New Amount NOW

Instead of waiting until we begin our new fiscal year on July 1, 2017 to begin your new amount, why not begin NOW? Our new *God's Love in Action™* option allows you to start Defying Gravity NOW. Thank you for pledging your support to PVUMC. Every gift matters.

# Looking Ahead at PVUMC



## Contribute to Qualifying Charities, Receive Tax Credit

When you make a direct contribution to qualifying charitable organizations that help the homeless, elderly, foster children and others in need in Arizona, you can get a dollar-for-dollar Arizona state tax credit up to \$800. You have until **April 18, 2017** to contribute.

[Read More\\*](#)



## Saguars' March Program

The Saguars meet at 10 am in the Fellowship Center on **Thursday, March 16**. The group welcomes comedian and magician, Brad Zinn, and encourages everyone to bring \$3 and your choice of a main dish, salad, or dessert for the potluck. Irish dishes encouraged! To join the mailing list and receive invitations to the monthly lunches, call 602.840.8360 or email Rev. Andrea Andress at: [andrea@pvumc.org](mailto:andrea@pvumc.org).

## PVUMC Career Connecting: Networking at Drexyl's

PVUMC Career Connecting hosts a networking event for young professionals on **Thursday, March 16**, 5:30-6:30 pm at Drexyl Modern American Restaurant in The Shops at Gainey Ranch, 8777 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. Come for casual conversation to share your expertise, wisdom, and experience with others. Look for PVUMC Career Connecting leaders Michael Lindstrom, Heather Kries, Ingrid Wurpts, or Courtney Sucato when you arrive. [Register on Eventbrite](#).



## Dinner with Friends

If you're age 25-35, young, single or married, we have a dinner group for you. Contact Rev. Brenda Smith for more info at [brenda@pvumc.org](mailto:brenda@pvumc.org).

# Inviting Prayers of Intercession



## Pastors on Call 24/7

We have a pastor on call 24/7. Call the church office anytime. Our number is 602.840.8360. If you call the office after hours, follow the instructions or press "2." Leave a message and a pastor will return your call.

## Send Prayer Requests to [prayer@pvumc.org](mailto:prayer@pvumc.org)



If you or someone you know needs prayer, submit a prayer request using our online request form at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org), e-mail

[prayer@pvumc.org](mailto:prayer@pvumc.org) or call the church office at 602.840.8360. Prayer request cards are also available in pew pockets and can be put in the offering plate. Requests are shared with our pastors, staff, and e-mail prayer team members (200+).

**NOTE:** The previous email, [pvumcprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:pvumcprayerchain@gmail.com), is no longer in use and will not be monitored. Please send all prayer requests to [prayer@pvumc.org](mailto:prayer@pvumc.org), call the church OR use the online form at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org).

## Joys:

God's presence with us during Lent

## Hospitalized:

Jan Silvia, friend of Andy and Becky Thomas

## Hospice Care:

Karen Momyer, sister-in-law of Judith Tunell

## Deaths:

Jim Shedd, nephew of Mary Maxie  
Justin, friend of Kate Kennedy

## Continuing Concerns:

Joel Antley; Pat Heath, sister-in-law of Brady Heath; Garry Lozier; John Patchett, father of Stephanie Ireland; Rich Sigtermans and family

## Our Church:

Giving Campaign and budget

## Our Community, Nation and World:

Family and Friends serving in the military

## Caring Ministries News

PVUMC's Caring Ministries and Prayer Coordinator, Gretchen Holt, announced last week that she is taking a full-time position with the law firm where she has been working on a part-time basis, and will no longer work for the church. She is NOT leaving the church, so you will still see her on Sundays. Blessings to her from all of us.

# This Week at PVUMC

## Sunday, March 12, 2017

Worship Service	8:00AM	C1
Worship Service	9:30AM	A1
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM	F8
Preschool Sunday Classes	9:30AM	E4
	E7   E8	
Praise Singers	9:30AM	H1
Children's Sunday Classes		
Grades K-4	9:30AM	E10
	E11   E12   E13   H3	
Squad 57 Class	9:30AM	H6
Youth: SML	9:30AM	E14
Mini Singers	10:30AM	E9
Bible, Beliefs and Beyond	11:00AM	F5/6
Ignite Worship Service	11:00AM	C1
New Testament Bible Study	11:00AM	H4
Wesley Sunday School	11:00AM	G2
Caring Ministries Team Mtg	11:00AM	H3
Young Adult Movie: The Shack	1:00PM	
	Off campus	
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	3:15PM	A3
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM	A4
Squad 57 Girls Meetup	5:00PM	E14
Boy Scouts - Troop 30		
Adult Committee Meeting	6:00PM	H1

## Monday, March 13, 2017

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM	F8
The M&Ms - Monday Morning Moms		
Book Study w/Pastor Dave	9:15AM	Perk
Men's Emmaus		
Covenant Group	4:00PM	F8
Church & Society Ministry Team		
Meeting	6:00PM	H5
Lenten Study led by Pastor Eve	6:30PM	H3
Worship, Music & Fine Arts		
Ministry Team Meeting	7:00PM	A2
		A3
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM	F1
		G2

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on Twitter or Instagram.



## Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Staff Meetings	9:00AM	G2
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM	A2
PSPRC Meeting	5:30PM	G2
RAFT Core Teams 3 and 4		
Meeting	6:00PM	H3
New Member Ministry Team		
Meeting	6:30PM	F8
Youth - Christian Group of		
Young Men (CGYM)	7:00PM	E14

## Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Project Cure Service Project	8:00AM	
	Off campus	
Preschool Board Meetings	9:00AM	H5
Susanna Circle	9:30AM	A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM	F8
Paradise Singers Rehearsal	11:30AM	A4
Music Makers	4:30PM	A4
Sojourners	4:30PM	G2
Yoga	6:00PM	H1
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM	A3
Growing Together		
in Our Walk	6:00PM	F8
Barriers to Spiritual Freedom:		
Habits of Emotions	6:30PM	H2
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM	A4

## Thursday, March 16, 2017

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM	F5/6
Saguaro Program and		
Potluck Lunch	10:00AM	F1
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM	G2
Finance Ministry Team		
Meeting	6:00PM	G2

## Friday, March 17, 2017

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM	G2
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## Saturday, March 18, 2017

Open Table Training	9:00AM	H5
Raku Pottery for Lent	9:00AM	H7
Feed My Starving Children		
Meal Packing	4:30PM	
	Off campus	

See the calendar at <http://pvumc.org/calendar/> for all our events and programs.

# Looking Ahead at PVUMC



## Caring Kids Rummage Sale

PVUMC's Caring Kids, who meet on Sunday mornings at the same time as the Modern Family parenting class, are currently collecting items for a Kids Rummage Sale to be held in the Fellowship Center on **April 1-2** and in H1 on **April 3**, 9 am-12 noon all days. Donation bins can be found around the PVUMC campus on Sundays through **March 26**. Please donate the following children's items:

- Children's books/CDs/ DVDs
- Parenting books/CDs/ DVDs
- Toys
- Board games
- Clothes
- Sporting equipment

Proceeds from the sale benefit [Child Crisis Arizona](#), which works to provide Arizona's children with a safe environment to live, free from abuse and neglect.

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## Church Council Approves Invitational Statement

*"We invite you to join us on a shared journey of life and faith, open to all, regardless of age, ability, economics, color, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, politics, theology or anything else that might separate us from each other. Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, you're invited to walk with Christ in community with all of God's children, and embrace the endless possibilities of God's unconditional love."*

PVUMC has a new invitational statement authored by Adult Learning Team Members Keith Sobraske, Ian Quinn and Stu Selthun, and edited by Pam Selthun, marketing and communications director. It was approved 25-4 by the Church Council, and is now a part of our Welcome page at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org). Our prayer is that it will help us move closer to our Vision, which encourages us to have and show a "love that crosses all barriers and embraces all people."