

# Fall Missions at PVUMC

## God's Love in Action



### Change the World Day

Join us as we "take church out of the building" on our 4th annual Change the World Day: **Sunday, November 12**. Project sign up begins October 22.

### Serendipities Gift Shop

Serendipities, PVUMC's gift shop, is open on **Sunday mornings, 9-11:30 am**. All proceeds support PVUMC missions. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office.

### Paradise Perk

Stop by the Paradise Perk on **Sundays, 9 am - 1 pm**. The full-service coffee shop brews fresh coffee and tea, has a large selection of smoothie flavors, and offers a variety of snacks. All proceeds support Youth Ministry and Youth Missions. To volunteer, email Shannon Curkendoll, the Perk's volunteer manager, [scurkendoll@pvumc.org](mailto:scurkendoll@pvumc.org).

### Feed Hungry Children

Every month, PVUMC has scheduled packing events at the Mesa Fiesta Building, 1345 S Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210. Join us 4:30-6:30 pm, these Saturdays:

- October 14
- November 18
- December 2 (TBA)

Check [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org) for date changes or additions. Email Jim Bateman, [jimbateman@aol.com](mailto:jimbateman@aol.com), to register. Include your name, phone number, number of participants who are age 5 and over, and email addresses for those over age 18.

### Christmas Gifts

Help provide Christmas gifts to needy children and families at **UMOM** and the **Wesley Community Center**, Sidewalk Sunday School through the **Desert Southwest Conference**, and to families and children on the Navajo Reservation. See [pvumc.org/news](http://pvumc.org/news) for more info.

### UMOM Food Donations and Meal Servers

Please bring your non-perishable food donations for our regular UMOM food collection the first Sunday of every month - **Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3**. Place your donations in the blue bins at the bridges or south parking lot.

To help serve meals at the main UMOM facility or at the new Halle Center, please contact Dave Hepburn, [dhepburn@umom.org](mailto:dhepburn@umom.org) or Elaine Heredia, [emhere@cox.net](mailto:emhere@cox.net).

### St. Mary's Food Bank/Project CURE

On the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, you are invited to join our monthly volunteers at St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and at Project CURE. Contact Tony Book, [jimbook73@gmail.com](mailto:jimbook73@gmail.com) or 602.361.8605 to sign up. Volunteers are also welcome on **Nov. 21** for Thanksgiving service.

## Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



### September 24, 2017 Celebration Sunday

Dave Summers

*A Place to Belong:*

*A Place to Celebrate God's Love*  
Scripture: Psalm 147

**ONE SERVICE TODAY**

**9:30 am Worship** Sanctuary

**Welcome** to Paradise Valley United Methodist Church.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Please join us for a celebration dinner following worship in the Fellowship Center.



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### It's Celebration Sunday!

We are ONE Church today, and that's cause for celebration!

Stay for the celebration in the Fellowship Center as we enjoy a catered BBQ Sunday dinner. Suggested donation: \$10/person or \$30/family. Hot dogs for the kids, specialty drinks at the Perk, and a super sale at the Serendipities gift shop.

Stop by the Journeys tables for dessert and ask the tour guides about PVUMC's small groups.

Share your photos and experiences on social media

@PVUMC on Twitter and @pvumc on Instagram, with the hashtags: **#pvumc**

**#celebrationsunday**

**#aplacetobelong #journeys**





# Looking Ahead at PVUMC

**Journeys - Fall 2017**  
Explore. Discover. Connect.



**Small Groups Ministry**

*journeys*  
small groups at pvumc  
explore. discover. connect.

## Explore. Discover. Connect.

This morning, stop by the dessert tables and talk with one of our tour guides about our *Journeys* small groups at PVUMC program. If you didn't get a guidebook yet, ask one of them for a copy. If you have questions about classes or opportunities, they can help guide you to your next destination. **Explore** the different itineraries in the fall 2017 guidebook, **discover** where God is leading you, and **connect** with others in one or more of the life stage groups, Bible or book studies, missions or social justice experiences, prayer groups or spiritually engaging pursuits. Read more in the next column about some great classes on the horizon.

## Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

Wanted: 12 people (or more) to meet for a 12-week, noontime Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, beginning **Monday, September 25**. Rev. Andrea Address leads this class, which covers the entire Old Testament. This is for someone who can commit 3-4 hours a week of independent study of the Bible. The Common English Bible is recommended. In addition to your own daily reading, writing, study, reflection and prayer, class time will focus on discussion of the texts we read and the study guide. Please contact Rev. Andrea Address for more info or to RSVP: 602-840-8360, ext 142 or [andrea@pvumc.org](mailto:andrea@pvumc.org).

## Journey of Faith Class

If you're new to the church, get on board at one of the entry points. The Journey of Faith class with Pastor Dave and Kim Summers meets for three weeks, beginning **Monday, October 9** at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room (F8).

[Read More\\*](#)

## The Power of Centering Prayer

Join Rev. Andrea Address and Kathy Kramer-Howe at 6:30 pm on **Wednesday, September 27** and again on **October 11 and 25** to experience the freedom of centering prayer. Meet in the Meditation room, H6, to learn a method of prayer which includes meditative silence and contemplative prayer as a way to experience God's presence.

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**community concerts**  
music for everyone at pvumc



**Sahnas Quintet**  
Oct 13 • 7 pm



**We3**  
Nov 10 • 7 pm



**Gloria!**  
Dec 10 • 6 pm



**The Phoenix Girls Chorus**  
Jan 12 • 7 pm



**Jácome Flamenco**  
presents **TABLAO**  
Mar 16 • 7 pm



**From Broadway, with Love**  
Feb 23 • 7 pm



**Brett Reed Trio**  
Apr 20 • 7 pm

**Register Online!**  
Visit Eventbrite for upcoming events:  
[pvumc-concerts.eventbrite.com](http://pvumc-concerts.eventbrite.com)

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### Sahnas Quintet

Oct 13 • 7 pm

For free concert tickets and details, visit:

<https://pvumc-concerts.eventbrite.com>

Donations gratefully accepted at the event.

Childcare available with 48 hour reservation.  
Call 602-840-8360, ext 134.

Sahnas has been an audience favorite since the PVUMC Community Concert series began, and we're thrilled to have them back again. The guitar-playing Sahnas brothers — Demitri and Thano — return with their full quintet, with Lauren Sahnas on harp, Suzanne Lansford on violin, and Joe Garcia on percussion.

Register now on Eventbrite to attend this concert and experience the beautiful blending of sounds and rhythms from their native Greek culture and the warm, inviting romance of the classical Spanish guitar.



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### PVUMC 2017-2018 Community Concert Series Announced

We're happy to announce the PVUMC 2017-2018 Community Concerts — and even have a new logo! Turn the page to see the line up for the year: seven concerts from October-April. Most are on Friday nights at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This year, we've simplified registration with one link: [pvumc-concerts.eventbrite.com](https://pvumc-concerts.eventbrite.com). It's easy to register for one or more of the concerts, get reminders, and share with your friends. [Register today on Eventbrite!](#)

## 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 may be put in the offering plate. Requests are shared with our pastors, staff and e-mail prayer team members (200+).

\* When you see "Read More" go to [pvumc.org/news](http://pvumc.org/news) to read more or just click the link if you are reading the online, interactive version of the Looking Ahead.

### Joys

Celebration Sunday

### Deaths

Garry Lozier

### Continuing Concerns

Paula Adkins, Sue Blumer, Ken Carver, Gene Chaille, Jan Elsea, Al Hagerman, Judy Harmon, Rosalie Hughes, Kay Jones, Luget McCullough, Marge Miller, Doug Norris, Carla Stinson, Andrew Thomas, David Truax, Sean Waters, Veronica Winters, Pat Van Wormer

### Our Church

Small group leaders and participants in *Journeys*

### Our Community/Nation/World

Prayers for those dealing with the aftermath of fires, earthquakes and water disasters  
Tensions in the world with North Korea  
Dreamers and Immigration



### Paradise Perk Training

Shannon Curkendoll will offer coffee shop training for the youth

and others who are interested TODAY at 5 pm.

**serendipities**  
at pvumc

**Serendipities**, the church gift shop, is open 9-11:30 am. This is the last sale Sunday, with many items up to 50 percent off. Next week is the fall reveal.



# This Week at PVUMC

## Sunday, September 24, 2017

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Squad 57 Class	9:30AM H1
Classes for 2's-4th Grade	9:30AM E10/E11   E12/13   E4   E8   H3
ONE Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Sunday Morning Live! SML	9:30AM E14
Mini-Singers	10:30AM E9
Celebration Sunday BBQ	10:30AM F1
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	10:45AM A3
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Youth - Paradise Perk Training	5:00PM Perk
Youth - VIBE on the Move!	5:00PM E14
Squad 57 Duct Tape Wars	5:00PM H1

## Monday, September 25

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Preschool	9:00AM
Disciple Fast Track	
Old Testament	12:00PM H1
Soccer - Preschool	12:30PM F1
Artworks	12:30PM E12
The Great Spiritual Migration	
Book Study	6:30PM H5
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1
	G2

## Tuesday, September 26

Parent Toddler/Mini Co-op	8:00AM
Child Care Center	
Preschool	9:00AM
Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Prayer Group - private	10:00AM F8
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2
Artworks	12:30PM E12
Chica Chica, Book Book!	12:30PM E13
Financial Peace University	6:00PM H1

## Wednesday, September 27

Knit Together	9:00AM Perk
Preschool	9:00AM
Preschool Chapel	9:15AM C1
Susanna Circle	9:30AM A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers Rehearsal	11:00AM A4
Prayer Chain Ministry Mtg	11:30AM G2
Gymnastics	12:00PM F1

## Wednesday, September 27

Chica Chica, Book Book!	12:30PM E12
Godly Play Preschool	12:30PM E13
Type as False Identification	3:00PM H2
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Sojourners	4:30PM G2
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A1
Growing on Our Walk	6:00PM F8
Centering Prayer Practice	6:15PM H6
Women's AA	7:00PM H7
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

## Thursday, September 28

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers	9:00AM H7
Preschool	9:00AM
Preschool Chapel	9:15AM C1
Preschool Spirit Day	
Firefighters 2017	10:00AM F1
Baker's Cents	12:30PM E12
Godly Play - Preschool	12:30PM E13
Jump Bunch	12:30PM F1
Navigating Common Ground:	
Video & Discussion Series	6:30PM H1

## Friday, September 29

Preschool	9:00AM
Preschool Spirit Day	
Firefighters 2017	10:00AM F1
Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
Jump Bunch	12:30PM E12/13
Jenkins Wedding Rehearsal	5:00PM A1

## Saturday, September 30

Emmaus Planning Meetings	
Men / Women's Walks	8:30AM H7
	H9   H1
Preschool Father's Saturday	9:00AM
Barbara Mast Memorial Service and Reception	10:00AM A1
	11:00AM F1
Jessica Jenkins/Jeffrey Lemke Wedding	5:00PM A1

See the full PVUMC Calendar on the website <https://pvumc.org/calendar/>. Childcare available with a 48-hour reservation. Call 602-840-8360, ext 134.



## SYRIAN SWEETS EXCHANGE PHOENIX 5.0

**Benefiting Syrian Refugees in Our Community**

**PVUMC - 4455 E Lincoln Dr  
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[pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org)**

*Build cross-cultural  
friendships with local  
Syrian refugee families*

**Sunday  
Oct 1, 2017  
10:30 am-12:30 pm**



Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PVUMC) is delighted to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Syrian Sweets Exchange Phoenix, which invites local Syrian bakers to sell scrumptious homemade Syrian sweets and Turkish coffee. All proceeds go directly to the bakers to help them support their families. The ultimate goal is for these refugees to find employment in the baking industry or open home bakery businesses. Show support and solidarity with Syrian members of our community. Help foster positive cross-cultural interactions and build understanding and friendship through home-baked sweets.

<https://syriansweetspvumc.eventbrite.com>

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— Balloons — Face Painting  
— Handcrafted items

*share sweets, share cultures and share love*

To host SSE, contact: Tan Jakwani | [thanhtanbui@hotmail.com](mailto:thanhtanbui@hotmail.com) | [www.SyrianSweetsAZ.com](http://www.SyrianSweetsAZ.com)

## Syrian Sweets Exchange 5.0

In partnership with Syrian Sweets Phoenix, PVUMC invites you and your family to Syrian Sweets Exchange 5.0 on **Sunday, October 1**, 10:30 am-12:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. Build cross-cultural friendships with Syrian refugee families as you enjoy Syrian sweets, Turkish coffee, purchase handcrafted items, face painting for the kids, henna tattoos and more. Cash donations preferred. All proceeds go directly to the bakers to help them support their families. We encourage you to [register on Eventbrite](https://syriansweetspvumc.eventbrite.com), or indicate you're going on our [Facebook event](https://www.facebook.com/SyrianSweetsAZ).



# Sunday, October 29 Open for Worship Workshop

Sponsored by Paradise Valley United Methodist Church

PVUMC Fellowship Center | 12:15-2:15 pm | RSVP for lunch and workshop: [receptionist@pvumc.org](mailto:receptionist@pvumc.org)

**OPEN**  
FOR WORSHIP  
*To Everyone!*



We will never change the world by going to church.  
We will only change the world by being the church.

Please join us for lunch and an interactive workshop on faith and LGBT inclusion that will refresh and deepen your commitment to full legal protections across Arizona.

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**One**   
COMMUNITY

## Civic Academy: Offender Rehabilitation

Tuesday, October 10 • 6:30-8 pm, H7  
Presented by Valley Interfaith Project



Dr. Jesenia Pizarro, associate professor at ASU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, presents a VIP/Church and Society sponsored Civic Academy:



### Offender Rehabilitation: What We Know

Learn about the proven models in offender rehabilitation and ask questions. Criminal justice reform is part of VIP's Human Development Agenda.



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# PVUMC and Salaam-Chai-Paradise Finding Common Ground

Speaker Series: Oct 12 and 26; Nov 9  
6:30 pm • Chapel



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or all events  
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common-ground-  
speaker-  
series.eventbrite.com](http://pvumc-finding-common-ground-speaker-series.eventbrite.com)

- **October 12: Dr. Adam Cohen, ASU Psychology Dept.**  
*Know Thyself: Why and How Do We Believe What We Do?*  
How do we trust each other when we have different worldviews and beliefs?
- **October 26: Dr. Steven Neuberg, ASU Psychology Dept.**  
*Why and How Do We See Others as Different?*  
How do prejudices develop and how are they perpetuated in society?
- **November 9: Dr. Stephanie Varnon-Hughes, Claremont Lincoln University: Where Do We Go From Here?**  
How can diversity transform us?  
How does resilience or "true grit" help us find common ground?
- **Join us for discussions the week following each event.**



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# Navigating Common Ground

Videos & Discussions • Thursdays at 6:30 pm

September 7, 14, 21 and 28 • Room H1



- **September 7, 2017: *Stories that Form and Divide Us***  
YouTube video by Brian McLaren, Author/Activist
- **September 14, 2017: *Can a Divided America Heal?***  
TED Talk with Social Psychologist Jonathan Haidt
- **September 21, 2017: *The Danger of a Single Story***  
TED Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Novelist
- **September 28, 2017: *It's Time to Reclaim Religion***  
TED Talk by Rabbi Sharon Brous

Attendees will be invited to talk about the conflicts that confront us, and how we can move toward reconciliation. Discussions led by two PVUMC members, Keith Sobraske and Stu Selthun.



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