

# Celebration Sunday

## September 24

9:30 am ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 am ONE CELEBRATION

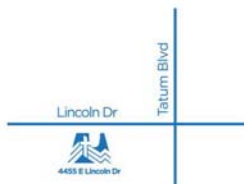
Country roads, take me  
home, to the place I belong.

John Denver

quiltstory

Join us as we celebrate  
PVUMC, a place to belong.

- ONE CHURCH SERVICE  
9:30 am, Sanctuary
- ONE CELEBRATION  
10:45 am, Fellowship  
Center
- Bring a dessert to share
- Catered Country BBQ  
\$10/person or \$30/family  
(pay at the door)



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# Paradise Valley United Methodist Church

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**PLACE**  
— TO —  
*Belong*



**September 17, 2017**

**Welcome, New Members!**

Dave Summers/Andrea Andress

*A Place to Belong:*

*A Place to Do Mission*

Scripture: I John 3:16-24

**8 am Worship** Chapel

**9:30 am Worship** Sanctuary

**11 am Ignite Worship** Chapel

**Welcome** to Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. If you're visiting, please take one of the "Welcome to PVUMC" Fall 2017 mini brochures inserted in the cover of the fellowship pad. Fill out and return the guest response card. If we can help you in any way, please ask one of the ushers.

**Celebration Sunday**

We will be ONE Church on **Celebration Sunday, September 24**. Please join us for our **ONE worship service** at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and for our church-wide celebration in the Fellowship Center at 10:45 am. Enjoy a catered BBQ Sunday dinner. Suggested donation: \$10/person or \$30/family. Invite your family and friends for our "Back to Church" Sunday: "Country Roads, Take Me Home." **#aplacetobelong**



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## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



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

#### **Explore. Discover. Connect.**

Last week, we launched our small groups ministry program: *Journeys: Explore. Discover. Connect.* If you didn't pick up a guidebook last week, join us next week for Celebration Sunday, when the tour guides will be back at tables in the Fellowship Center, ready to answer your questions and 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. If you're new to the church, get on board at one of the entry points: Journey to Faith with Pastor Dave and Kim Summers, or The Gathering in October. It's time to journey together with God and others. [Read More\\*](#)



#### **Youth Ministry**

Did you know that PVUMC Youth Ministries has a [Facebook group](#)? Check there for VIBE and other event postings for 8th-12th graders. It's a public group, so please join if you have a child in this group. Please contact [Sam Henderson](#), Squad 57 coordinator, or [Christopher Wurpts](#), youth ministry director, for more information about youth ministry and missions.



#### **Open Table Participant Training**

The church's Open Table program has expanded. Participant training has been scheduled for **September 23**, 8 am-12 noon, H5. Interested in participating? Email [Kent Heltne](#) about upcoming information sessions, fill out an application, and schedule a training session. A fee and a one-year commitment is required.

## **DISCIPLE** **FAST TRACK** **at Our Church**

### **Bible Study for Busy Lives**

For nearly 30 years, the original DISCIPLE Bible study has helped millions of people read through the Bible and grow their faith through a 34-week class. The new DISCIPLE FAST TRACK study leads groups through the Bible in 24 weeks—12 on the Old Testament and 12 on the New Testament. Study manuals and videos give participants tools to absorb and retain what they learn about the Bible. Our church is now forming a DISCIPLE FAST TRACK group to go through the study together.

#### **Main Features of DISCIPLE FAST TRACK:**

- Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks
  - 12 Weeks on the Old Testament
  - 12 Weeks on the New Testament
- Each group session lasts 75 minutes
- Designed for small groups and large groups
- Easy-to-use Leader Guide with weekly small group discussion guides
- 24 weekly illustrated whiteboard review videos
- 24 new hosted videos to introduce you to the weekly session

**Please contact the church office  
for more information.**



# Saguaros Kick Off

Thursday, September 21, 10 am

Fellowship Center

Esperanza — presentation by Stu Brackney



Saguaros welcomes Stu Brackney, former Director of the AZ Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for a presentation on Esperanza, a nonprofit organization that provides hope by improving health in some of the poorest communities in the world.

Potluck Menu: Please bring \$3 and a dish to share:  
A-M: Salads / N-Z: Desserts. First time? Be our guest.

Saguaros meets monthly. To join the mailing list, call 602.840.8360 x 142 or email [andrea@pvumc.org](mailto:andrea@pvumc.org).

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## 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

New Members Joining Today:

Sandra Caldwell  
Gregg & Kellie Cypert  
Rod Lakin & Patti Harris  
Bret & Julie Morrison

Missions Ministry  
Celebration Sunday

### Hospital/Outpatient

Judy Harmon, Garry Lozier

### Deaths

Barbara Mast  
Rich Sigtermans

### Continuing Concerns

Andrew Thomas, Sue Blumer,  
Ken Carver, Gene Chaille,  
Kathleen Colbert, Jan Elsea,  
Al Hagerman, Rosalie Hughes,  
Bill Jackson, Garry Lozier, Kay  
Jones, John Patchett, Carla  
Stinson, Sean Waters, Rita  
Winters

### Our Church

Class and small group leaders  
and participants in *Journeys*

### Our Community/Nation/World

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

**Serendipities**, the church gift shop, is now open for business, and donates all their profits to missions. Stop by and shop their sale merchandise, with many items up to 50 percent off. Open Sundays, 9-11:30 am.



# This Week at PVUMC

## Sunday, September 17, 2017

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Squad 57 Class	9:30AM H1
Elementary Sunday School	9:30AM
2s-4th Grade Classes	E10/11   E12/13 E4   E8   H3
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Sunday Morning Live! SML	9:30AM E14
Career YAL, ages 25-35	9:30AM F5/6
Mini-Singers	10:30AM E9
New Member	
Welcome Reception	10:30AM A2
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	10:45AM A3
Bible, Beliefs and Beyond	11:00AM F5/6
Caring Kids: 1st-6th Grade	11:00AM H1
Ignite Worship Service	11:00AM C1
Modern Family	11:00AM H5
Wesley Sunday School	11:00AM G2
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Youth - VIBE: Story Night	
'Breaking Up'	5:00PM E14

## Monday, September 18

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Preschool 2017/18	9:00AM
Disciple Fast Track	
Old Testament	12:00PM H1
Soccer Preschool 2017-18	12:30PM F1
Artworks 2017-18	12:30PM E12
All-Embracing	
Ministry Team	6:00PM H4
Cub Scout Den Meeting	
Pack 441	6:00PM H3
The Great Spiritual Migration	
Book Study	6:30PM H5
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1   G2

## Tuesday, September 19

Fall Parent Toddler Co-op	8:00AM
Childcare	
Preschool 2017/18	9:00AM
Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Prayer Group - private	10:00AM F8
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2
Artworks 2017-18	12:30PM E12
Chica Chica, Book Book!	12:30PM E13
Financial Peace University	6:00PM H1
Missions Ministry Team	6:00PM H4
Board of Trustees	6:00PM G2

## Wednesday, September 20

Knit Together	9:00AM Perk
Preschool 2017/18	9:00AM
Preschool Board Meetings	9:00AM H5
Preschool Chapel 2017-18	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 2017/18	12:00PM F1
Godly Play Preschool	12:30PM E13
Best Friends in Faith (BFF)	2:00PM F8
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
Women's AA	7:00PM H7
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

## Thursday, September 21

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
Preschool 2017/18	9:00AM
Preschool Chapel 2017-18	9:15 AM C1
Saguaro Program/Potluck	10:00AM F1
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Baker's Cents	12:30PM E12
Godly Play Preschool	12:30PM E13
Finance Ministry Team Mtg	6:00PM G2
Navigating Common Ground:	
Video & Discussion Series	6:30PM H1
Your Intelligent Body: Powerful	
Healing You Can Do	6:30PM H7

## Friday, September 22

Preschool 2017/18	9:00AM
Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
Preschool Staff Meeting	12:00PM C1
3rd & 4th Grade Lock-In	7:00PM E14
	H7

## Saturday, September 23

UMOM Walk for Homeless Families and	
Youth w/Team PVUMC	Phoenix Zoo
Blueprint for Improving an	
Important Relationship	8:00AM H1
Emmaus Women's Walk	
Planning Team	9:00AM H7 H9

See the full PVUMC Calendar on the website <http://pvumc.org/calendar/>.

# 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, [jbateman@aol.com](mailto:jbateman@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 though 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.





# PVUMC and Salaam-Chai-Paradise

## Finding Common Ground

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



Register on  
Eventbrite for any  
or all events  
[pvumc-finding-  
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speaker-  
series.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/series/pvumc-finding-common-ground-speaker-series)

- **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.**



## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



### Thank You from Pastor Eve

*Dear PVUMC,  
The last few months, and the transition for both my son and I, have been crazier than I could have imagined. Now, here we are, in the middle of September and I think we are finally beginning to feel a little bit settled. William is almost through the first quarter of his junior year and is preparing to get his driver's license. Our animals seem to like the new house and I am reconnecting with people that I haven't seen in 10 years. It's a little surreal, but good.*

*I have been writing this note to you in my head since before we left PV even though, outside of my head, it is embarrassingly belated. I will never be able to express my gratitude to you for the love and support that you showed us as we left Paradise Valley. It was a difficult transition, but you made it okay. I honestly don't know if I could have done it without you. You walked beside me the whole time, encouraging me, telling me I could do this, and letting me sit and rest in the moments.... [Read More\\*](#)*



### 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. Read more and [register on Eventbrite](#), or indicate you're going on our [Facebook event](#).



**Music Makers** All 1st-6th graders are invited to join Music Makers on Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. [Ashley Snavley](#) directs this free and fabulous afterschool music program.



## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



## 2017 Walk for Homeless Families & Youth

\* Help us reach our goal of 50 walkers and \$5,000 for UMOM. Register NOW with **Team PVUMC** at: <https://walk2017.redpodium.com/umom>. Team shirt early pick up is **Tuesday, September 19.**



### 9/11 Interfaith Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's food drive, coordinated by the Islamic Speakers Bureau Arizona. Thank you for being God's love in action.

[Read More\\*](#)



### VIP Civic Academy

Mark your calendar to learn about *Offender Rehabilitation* at the next VIP (Valley Interfaith Project) Civic Academy, on **Tuesday, October 10**, 6:30-8 pm, in H7. Dr. Jesenia Pizarro, associate professor at ASU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, presents.

### Caring Kids / Modern Family

Caring Kids and Modern Family meet Sundays, 11 am to 12 noon in room H1 and H5. Caring Kids work on service projects while Modern Family, the parenting group, is watching and discussing a DVD, *The Case for Christ*.

## Navigating Common Ground

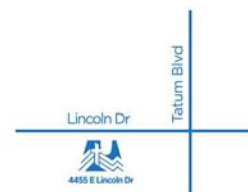
Videos & Discussions • Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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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