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Fellowship Center



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## Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



### December 11, 2016

Welcome to Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. Today is the **third Sunday in Advent**, a time of preparation for us as we anticipate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Our worship theme, "Continuing God's Story," comes from the church-wide Advent study book we are using, *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. We invite you to find ways to bring God's story into the world, whether it's by sharing your own transformative story with others, reading or listening to others' stories, or meditating on what God's gift of Jesus means to you. [Visit our website to read daily devotions](#) during the month of December, or have them sent to your inbox. Share them with friends. Pray. Be transformed this Advent.

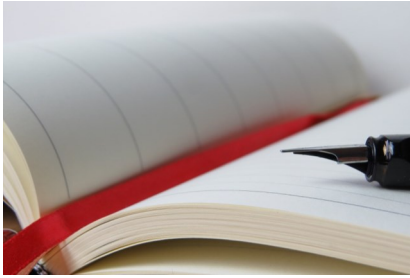
### Children's Musical and Art

Today, the Music Makers perform *The Inn Crowd*, a Christmas pageant, at 9:30 am worship. Directed by Bonnie Greey, the musical teaches that Jesus came for everyone at Christmas. PVUMC's Youth Choir and Praise Singers also sing with the Music Makers. Students in K-4th grade are invited to sit up front with their peers and teachers.

Stop by the Fellowship Center to see **children's artwork on display** this morning. Art teacher Kathleen Kupper guided PVUMC's children to create art on the theme: "Where Do You See God?"

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## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



### Read Daily Advent Devotions

Visit <http://pvumc.org/news/2016-advent-blog/> to read Christmas stories written by PVUMC members, clergy and staff. You may also subscribe to receive the daily stories in your email inbox. Comments are welcome too. The stories are companions to the church-wide Advent study, *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. Pick up a copy of the book for \$10 at the church office.

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### Shop Serendipities Sunday and Wednesday Mornings

The church gift shop is open Sunday and Wednesday mornings now until Dec. 21. You may designate your purchases to go toward one or more particular missions for Shop and Share.

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### Christmas Missions Offering

Every year, we invite you to give to our Christmas Missions Offering to **deliver the gift of hope at Christmas** to the homeless and to those who need help to make ends meet. The special offering envelopes are in the pew pockets, or you may donate online at our website by using the GIVE NOW orange button. Choose "Christmas Missions" as your "Giving Option." Thank you!

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### 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.

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## Inviting Prayers of Intercession

### Joys:

Hope and Joy in the Children's Christmas Pageant and Advent Art Display

### Hospice Care:

Karen Momyer, sister-in-law of Judith Tunell

### Deaths:

Betty Greer  
Mathew "Mo" Osborne, friend of Rev. Dave and Kim Summers

### Continuing Concerns:

Bob Alderson; Joel Antley; Jim Badge; Pat Heath, sister-in-law of Brady Heath; Ann and Mary Edwards, friends of Jonna Love; Garry Lozier; Jessica Martellaro, friend of Gretchen Holt; Sam Miranda, great nephew of Carllys Peterson; John Patchett, father of Stephanie Ireland; Marilee Dal Pra, friend of Ananda Roberts; Rich Sigtermans and family; Rita Winters

### Our Church:

Church-wide Advent Study  
Daily Devotional Advent Blog  
Special Christmas Missions  
Offering – Sending Hope  
Pledges to meet the needs of the church and its ministries

### Our Community, Nation and World:

Peace on Earth  
Family and Friends serving in the military

### Request Prayers online:

<http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/>

### Prayer Requests

Our pastors, staff, and e-mail prayer team members (200+) offer prayer in response to requests received from members and church guests. If you have a prayer request, fill out our online request form, fill out a pew pocket prayer request card during worship, or call 602.840.8360, ext 132.

### Pastors on Call

We have a pastor on call 24/7. When you call the office after hours, 602.840.8360, follow the instructions or press "2." Leave a message and have a pastor return your call.

### Help the Homeless through UMOM Holiday Gift Cards



PVUMC supports UMOM through the sale of holiday cards that pay for a night of shelter (\$15); a day of shelter,

food, and childcare for a child (\$50); a week of shelter (\$100); or a month of shelter (\$360) for a homeless child or an adult at UMOM New Day Centers. Stop by the patio table after worship December 4, 11 or 18 to buy your gift cards.

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## This Week at PVUMC

### Sunday, December 11, 2016

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Children's Advent Art	8:00AM F1
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Preschool Sunday Classes	9:30AM E4 E7   E8

#### Children's Sunday Classes

Grades K - 4th (meet in sanctuary for children's musical)	9:30AM A1
Squad 57 Sunday Class	9:30AM H6
Sunday Morning Live! (SML)	
"Awkward Family Christmas: Redemption, Humility, Service"	9:30AM E14
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Mini Singers	10:30AM E9
Bible, Beliefs and Beyond	11:00AM F5/6

Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
New Testament Bible Study	11:00AM H4
Wesley Sunday School	11:00AM G2
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
YAL Lunch & Discussion	12:30PM Off campus
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	3:15PM A3
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Squad 57 Event	
Christmas Night	5:00PM Off campus

Boy Scouts - Troop 30 Adult Committee Meeting	6:00PM H1
Youth VIBE - Christmas Movie Night	6:00PM Off campus

### Monday, December 12, 2016

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
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	6:30PM H7
Church & Society Ministry Team Meeting	6:30PM H5
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1   G2

### Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Prayer Group	10:00AM F8
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM Off campus
Women's Retreat Planning Team	3:30PM H6
Welcome Team Meeting	5:00PM A2
PSPRC Meeting	5:30PM G2
Youth - Christian Group of Young Men (CGYM)	6:00PM E14
Worship, Music & Fine Arts Ministry Team Meeting	7:00PM A2/3

### Wednesday, December 14, 2016

St. Mary's Food Bank Project	8:00AM Off campus
Children's Ministry Team Mtg	9:00AM H4
Preschool Christmas Program	9:00AM A1 9:30AM Off campus
Susanna Circle	9:30AM Off campus
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers Rehearsal	11:00AM A4
Prayer Team Meeting	11:30AM F5/6
Sojourners	4:15PM G2
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A3
Advent Study	6:00PM H5
Growing Together in Our Walk	6:00PM F8
Missions Ministry Team Mtg	6:00PM H4
Women's AA	7:00PM H7
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

### Thursday, December 15, 2016

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
Preschool Christmas Program	9:00AM
Saguaro's Christmas Program and Luncheon	10:00AM F1
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Advent Study	6:00PM Perk
Finance Ministry Team Mtg	6:00PM G2
Arizona Enneagram MeetUp	6:30PM H7

### Friday, December 16, 2016

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
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