

# Annual Easter Carnival

## Saturday, April 15



**9:30 - 11 am**  
**Fellowship Center**

**Bounce Houses, Crafts, Games**  
**Photo Booth, Model Trains**  
**and a Petting Zoo**

**Easter Egg Hunts for All Ages**  
9:45 am - 3 years & under  
10:15 am - 4-6 year-olds  
10:45 am - 7 years & older

**Bring an Easter basket, and 12 treat-filled plastic eggs (no chocolate or nuts)**

**Please donate baby wipes/diapers for UMOM**

Enjoy fresh coffee, smoothies and more at the Paradise Perk.  
Shop for Easter at Serendipities Gift Shop.  
Proceeds benefit youth and local missions.



## Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



# GIFTS OF THE DARK WOOD

**April 2, 2017**

### **5th 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 Temptation," based on Matthew 4:1-11.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Today, we have an opportunity to give to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which provides funding for global disaster relief. [Read more](#) or see the offering envelope provided in this *Looking Ahead* bulletin insert. Thank you.

### **Walk the Labyrinth Today**

Walk the 11-circuit labyrinth this morning in the amphitheater or walk the outdoor labyrinth in the southwest corner of the parking lot anytime. Please teach your children not to disturb the rocks and to walk quietly toward the center and back again. Read more about [World Labyrinth Day](#) on **Saturday, May 6**. "Walk as One at 1" with others around the world. #LabyrinthDay

### **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](#).

### **Christian Education**

- Sunday School classes at 9:30 for children and youth
- Childcare at all services



## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



### Youth News

Last week, students from all over the valley came to the all-UMC Youth Dance which our Velocity Team hosted. Every week, students in grades 8-12 meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Youth Lounge, E14, and again for VIBE in the evening, usually 5-6:30 pm. 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. Email Squad 57 coordinator, Sam Henderson, for info about our 5th-7th grade program:

[SHenderson@pvumc.org](mailto:SHenderson@pvumc.org).



### Paradise Perk Purchases Support Summer Youth Missions

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

[Read More\\*](#)

\* 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.



### Donate Purses and Toiletries

We invite you to donate to the Susanna Circle Purse Ministry. Help the Susanna Circle class collect gently used purses and toiletry items, especially new (packaged) toothbrushes and toothpaste. A collection box is located in the church office. Deliver your items now through **Sunday, April 23**. Class members will take them to UMOM New Day Center on **Wednesday, April 26**. [Read More\\*](#)

### Register for Women's Retreat

Register NOW to attend the annual Women's Retreat, "Prayer: Mind, Body, Spirit," **April 28-30, 2017** at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ, 7415 E. Elbow Bend Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377. Register at [goo.gl/hkK5e5](http://goo.gl/hkK5e5). Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office, or you can download one here. Open to all women 18 and older. Register **TODAY** to reserve a room: double, triple or quad. Commuter option available as space allows. [Read More\\*](#)

## Young Adult Mingus Mountain Retreat April 28-30, 2017

Register  
NOW

[www.dsccamps.org/  
young-adult-retreat](http://www.dsccamps.org/young-adult-retreat)

Unplug from life,  
school, work,  
social media and  
electronics — and  
plug into God on  
the mountaintop.



### Time to Unplug

- Work with others to help Camp Mingus prepare for its summer camp program
- Participate in activities, discussions and worship (Theme — Psalm 19:14)
- Enjoy being away and unplugged

**Cost: \$20 — That's it!**  
**Includes lodging, Saturday meals & Sunday breakfast**



Read more about Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Center at:

<http://www.mingusmountaincamp.org/>

Register at:

[www.dsccamps.org/young-adult-retreat](http://www.dsccamps.org/young-adult-retreat)

Questions? Text or call Rev. Brenda Smith  
602.740.7134 / email [brenda@pvumc.org](mailto:brenda@pvumc.org)

# Mingus Mountain Celebrates 70 Years of Camping Ministry



Register  
for Camp

[www.dsccamps.org](http://www.dsccamps.org)

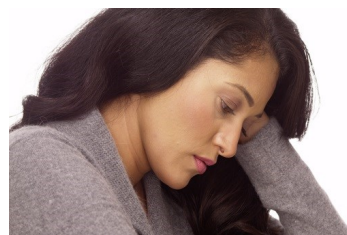
## Show Your Support

- Donate to help us build a new dining hall at Mingus
- Buy branded merchandise: T-shirts, caps, mugs
- Volunteer as a counselor
- Register your children/youth for summer camp
- Provide camp scholarships
- Join us **July 2-5, 2017** for a Mingus family celebration!



Read more about Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Center and plan to join us at Mingus July 2-5, 2017 to celebrate the camp's anniversary: <http://www.mingusmountaincamp.org>  
Visit <http://www.dsccamps.org/volunteer> to read about volunteering this summer. Contact Rev. Brenda Smith for more info: 602.740.7134 / email [brenda@pvumc.org](mailto:brenda@pvumc.org)

## Inviting Prayers of Intercession



### Joys:

God's presence with us during Lent International Missions

### Hospitalized:

Neal Conover

### Deaths:

Herb Hinsche – brother of Irene Govett  
Lewis Friederich – brother of Mary Anna Friederich  
Larry Plumb – father of Noah Plumb

### Our Church:

Caring Kids Rummage Sale supporting Child Crisis AZ  
Gratitude for pledges made to the church  
Invite a friend for Easter Support for Camp Mingus

### Our Community/Nation/World:

UMCOR – One Great Hour of Sharing  
Family and Friends serving in the military  
Flooding and rescue/rebuilding efforts in Piura, Peru

### Seeking Caring Coordinator

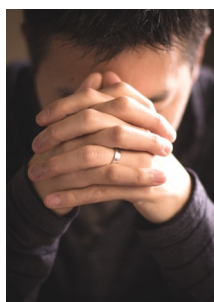
The church is seeking a new part-time (24 hours/week) Caring Ministries Coordinator. Work with BFF (Best Friends in Faith), Saguaros (55+ Fellowship), Grief groups, funeral receptions and the Prayer Chain. Send cover letter and resume to [andrea@pvumc.org](mailto:andrea@pvumc.org).

### 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).

## This Week at PVUMC

### Sunday, April 2, 2017

Caring Kids Rummage Sale	F1
Youth - Confirmation Weekend 'B'	H7
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
Caring Kids	10:45AM H1
Modern Family	10:45AM H5
Ignite Worship Service	11:00AM C1
New Testament Bible Study	11:00AM H4
Wesley Sunday School	11:00AM G2
YAL Lunch & Discussion	12:30PM
	Off campus
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	3:15PM A3
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Youth: VIBE 'Mission Night'	5:00PM F1
Squad 57 Guys Meetup	5:00PM E14

### Monday, April 3, 2017

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
The M&Ms - Monday Morning Moms	
Book Study w/Pastor Dave	9:15AM Perk
PVUMC Book Group	12:15PM G2
Men's Emmaus	
Covenant Group	4:00PM F8
Open Table 12	6:00PM H6
Fellowship and Connectional	
Ministry Team Meeting	6:00PM H4
Lenten Study led	
by Pastor Eve	6:30PM H3
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1   G2

Connect with us on Facebook  
(ParadiseValleyUMC) or @PVUMC  
on Twitter or Instagram.



### Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2
Welcome Team Meeting	5:00PM A2
Women's Retreat Planning	5:30PM H6
Adult Learning Ministry	
Team Meeting	6:00PM H4
Transformational Ministry	
Team Meeting	6:30PM H6
The Virtues: Working with the	
Holy Ideas	6:30PM H2
Youth - Christian Group of	
Young Men (CGYM)	7:00PM E14

### Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Susanna Circle	9:30AM A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers Rehearsal	11:30AM A4
Prayer Team Meeting	11:30AM F5/6
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
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

### Thursday, April 6, 2017

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Women's Group	1:00PM A2
Marketing & Communication	
Ministry Team Meeting	6:30PM H5

### Friday, April 7, 2017

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
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### Saturday, April 8, 2017

Cub Scouts	9:00AM H7
Fauré Requiem Rehearsal	9:00AM A4
Tina Vasquez/Michael Culwell	
Wedding	3:00PM C1

### PVUMC Calendar on the Website

See the calendar at <http://pvumc.org/calendar/> for all our events and programs. Childcare is available. Reserve a spot for your child(ren) at least 48 hours before by calling 602.840.8360, ext 134.

## Looking Ahead at PVUMC

# Defying Gravity

Break Free from  
the Culture of More

### Pledge to PVUMC

We are so grateful for everyone who has pledged their time, talents and treasure to PVUMC for 2017-2018. If you haven't filled out a pledge card yet, we invite you to pledge online today at [pvumc.org/pledge](http://pvumc.org/pledge). Or fill out a pledge card, available in the pew pocket.



### Support Camp Mingus

Make a difference in the life of a child or youth by supporting Camp Mingus. Volunteer your time, donate to a scholarship fund to help a city kid attend camp, or give to improve the 70 year old camp site. Buy 70th Anniversary branded merchandise on the patio outside worship today: Caps are \$20 and T-shirts and mugs are \$10. Proceeds will help build a new dining hall. [Read More\\*](#)



### PVUMC Career Connecting: Build a Lifelong Network

PVUMC member Tom Colceri moderates a panel discussion of seasoned professionals **Thursday, April 20** at 5:30 pm in H1. Learn their secret recipes on how to create and foster meaningful relationships which lead to business and personal growth. Find out how to find an inspirational mentor and tap into your personal tank of resources. Gather at 5:30 pm to enjoy refreshments. The presentation will be 5:30-7 pm. Childcare is available; call 602.840.8360, ext 134, at least 48 hours before the event to reserve a spot for your child.

[Read More\\*](#)

### PVUMC Foundation Invites You to Join Legacy Society

On **Sunday, May 7** the PVUMC Foundation hosts its spring John Wesley Legacy Society Luncheon, in recognition of members of our John Wesley Legacy Society. We invite you to learn more and become a member of the Legacy Society today. [Read More\\*](#)