



### Give the Gift of Shelter with UMOM Holiday Cards

PVUMC supports UMOM through the sale of holiday tribute 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 TODAY or next **Sunday, December 17** to buy a card or two to give to family and friends as we remember the birth of a child needing shelter so long ago.



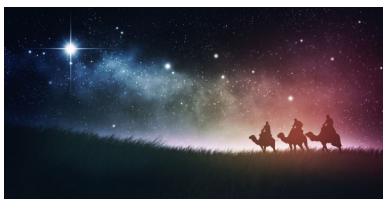
### Need to Relax? Try Yoga.

*Yoga for Everyone*, led by Desert Song instructors, meets **Mondays, December 11 and 18** at 6 pm in H1, and again in 2018, **January 8**.



### UMOM Residents Thankful

Christmas is a time for giving, and UMOM is grateful for your donations of food throughout the year, on the first Sunday of every month. When a family moves out and into their own apartment, UMOM provides a food box to get them started, and your gift of food is so appreciated. The staff and residents at UMOM are grateful, and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



### Saguaros Meet December 14

Instead of meeting on the 3rd Thursday in December, the Saguaros invite you to join them for their monthly program and potluck on **Thursday, December 14**, one week earlier than usual. Rev. Andrea Andress presents "The Gift of the 4th Wise Man" at 10:30 am, followed by a potluck in the Fellowship Center.

## Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



### December 10, 2017 2nd Sunday in Advent

*Coming Home: Acceptance*  
Matthew 1:18-25

### Welcome to PVUMC

8:00 am Worship Chapel  
9:30 am Worship Sanctuary  
11:00 am Ignite Chapel

### Christmas Concert TONIGHT

You're invited to come back tonight for our annual PVUMC Christmas Concert. It includes all our musical ensembles, as well as Warehouse Brass and other musicians. Usher in the season with PVUMC as we enjoy a variety of seasonal pieces, and Randol Alan Bass Gloria. Sing Christmas carols and enjoy a dessert reception. No tickets needed; a free-will offering will be taken at the event at 6 pm in the sanctuary. Register on Eventbrite for this and all the community concerts: [pvumc-concerts@eventbrite.com](mailto:pvumc-concerts@eventbrite.com)

**Welcome** to Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite you to stop by the **Paradise Perk**, our volunteer-run church coffee shop, next to the Fellowship Center, serving fresh-brewed coffee and tea, as well as smoothies in all your favorite holiday flavors.

### 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.*

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## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



### Donate Christmas Stamps

Marge Dennis invites you to donate Christmas stamps to

go with Christmas cards we donate to residents at UMOM New Day Centers. Thank you for helping with this church ministry.



### Serendipities Open TONIGHT

Serendipities will be open this morning until 11 am and TONIGHT from 5-7:30 pm for the Christmas Concert. Stop by to shop for missions and find that perfect ornament, gift, book, card, pin or angel before Christmas is here. During December, stuffed animals are 30 percent off. Thank you for supporting our gift shop, which is getting more visibility in the community through their [Facebook page](#) and by word of mouth.



### Home-based Advent Studies

Several classes on campus and three home-based groups are participating in the church-wide Advent studies. Ian and Sarah Quinn in the 85018 zip code, and Larry and Connie Wittig, in 85050, have opened their homes to folks who would like to study *Because of Bethlehem*; cost: \$11; author: Max Lucado. Kim and Dave Summers, in 85028, host a study at their home on *Journey to the Manger: Exploring the Birth of Jesus*; cost: \$15; author: Paula Gooder. See the list of classes in this *Looking Ahead* and in the [Journeys 2.0 guidebook](#). Purchase your book on the patio, at one of the classes, or in the church office during the week. If you are interested in one of the home-based groups, please email one of the hosts.

The Wittigs:

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The Quinns:

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The Summers:

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## Winter Wonderland and Family Movie: *Elf*

December 15 • 6:30-9pm • Fellowship Center

### Join Santa and his Elves for *Elf: The Christmas Movie*



Wear your pjs and bring your pillows, blankets, sleeping bags or low chairs to comfortably watch this Christmas comedy on our big, indoor screen:

### *Elf, The Christmas Movie*



- Visit/Photos with Santa
- Enjoy Pizza, Popcorn and Hot Chocolate (all free!)
- Make Christmas Crafts
- Fun for the Whole Family!



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## Advent Classes and Online Devotions

PVUMC offers two church-wide Advent studies this year:

- 1) *Journey to the Manger: Exploring the Birth of Jesus*  
Cost: \$15; Author: Paula Gooder; and
- 2) *Because of Bethlehem.*  
Cost: \$11; Author: Max Lucado

Classes who are following these books are listed in the next column and in the [Journeys 2.0 guidebook](#). Purchase your Advent book on the patio after worship, at one of the classes, or in the office during the week. [Read More\\*](#)

Kim Summers offers an alternative to these Advent studies: *Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton, which began on **November 15** in the *Growing Together in Our Walk* class on **Wednesdays**, 6 pm in the Fireside Room/F8. Books are \$14, and available in the church office or on the first day of class. No class 12/20.

*Interested in a joining a study group at someone's home? If you are interested in either hosting or participating, please contact Rev. Andrea Andress, via email at [andrea@pvumc.org](mailto:andrea@pvumc.org) or call 602-840-8360, ext 142.*



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### ***Because of Bethlehem* classes:**

*Adult Bible Study*  
Leader: Cindy and Kent Heltne;  
Lee Steers  
Sundays, 8-9 am, Parlor/A2

*Wesley Sunday School*  
Leader: Kent Heltne  
Sundays, 11 am, Library/G2

*Mustard Seed Bible Study*  
Leaders: Sara Bollman and  
Chris Midyett  
Mondays, 9 am, Fireside Room/F8

*Pastor's Bible Study*  
Leader: Pastor Dave Summers  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am  
Fireside Room/F8

*Brown Baggers Bible Study*  
Leader: Dave Hepburn  
Fridays, 12 pm, Library/G2

***Journey to the Manger* class:**  
*Susanna Circle*  
Leader: Jami Godshall  
Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Parlor, A2

**Subscribe to Devotions Online**  
The **Advent Blog** is live! Visit <https://pvumc.org/news/2017-advent-blog/> to subscribe today via email, or read the daily devotions online directly from the website at [pvumc.org/news](http://pvumc.org/news). Have a story to share? We still have a few days to fill. Email [Kim Summers](mailto:KimSummers@pvumc.org) your 200-500 word story ASAP. Please include a title, your byline, a short prayer and a scripture. The theme is Coming Home. Questions? Email [paradisevalleyumc@gmail.com](mailto:paradisevalleyumc@gmail.com).

## Inviting Prayers of Intercession

### **Joys**

Donations from last week's blood drive totaled 6 gallons and 15 lives saved  
FMSC packed 2 million meals for hungry children at MobilePack  
Christmas gifts given to Wesley, UMOM, Navajos and refugees  
Prayer Shawls Blessed  
Open Table for Illario Filled

### **Hospice**

June Palmer, mother of  
Susan Bowers

### **Hospital**

Judy Harmon

### **Continuing Concerns**

Sue Blumer, Gene Chaille,  
Victoria Crawford, Al Hagerman,  
Judy Harmon, Rosalie Hughes,  
Kay Jones, Andrew Thomas, Pat  
Van Wormer, Veronica Winters

### **Our Church**

Christmas Concert  
Home Advent Studies and Blog

### **Community, Nation and World**

Generosity to those in need  
CA Wildfires

### **Prayers at the Manger**

Bring your prayers to the Christ Child this Advent. Look for the manger in the narthex of the sanctuary and for another near the altar in the chapel. Cards are available for you to write your prayer request and place it in the manger. The clergy will pray for the concerns that you bring.

### **Prayer Time Sunday Mornings**

Join us as we pray, 9:10-9:20 am, before the 9:30 am worship service in the sanctuary. Come to the church altar to pray for our church in this holy space.

### **Join the Prayer Team**

Prayer requests are shared with our pastors, staff and e-mail prayer team members (200+). To be added to the email list, email [prayer@pvumc.org](mailto:prayer@pvumc.org).

### **Funeral Reception Help Needed**

If you can help bake cookies or help with funeral receptions, please contact Debbie Doran, funeral reception coordinator, 480.694.3897/[sirsnow1@cox.net](mailto:sirsnow1@cox.net).

### **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 at 602.840.8360. Prayer request cards are also available in pew pockets.

### **Paradise Perk Open Sundays**

Stop by for your favorite holiday coffee, tea and smoothies, 9 am until 1 pm on Sundays.



## This Week at PVUMC

### Sunday, December 10, 2017

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Prayers for the Church	9:10AM A1
Squad 57 Class	9:30AM H1
Sunday School for 2s-4th Grade	9:30AM E10/11, E12/13 E4   E8   H3
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Sunday Morning Live (SML)	9:30AM E14
Mini-Singers	10:30AM E9
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	10:45AM A3
Ignite Worship Service	11:00AM C1
Women's Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Young Adult Advent Study	12:30PM H1
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Boy Scout Troop 30	
Planning Meeting	6:00PM H1
PVUMC Christmas Concert and Reception	6:00PM A1 F1
VIBE: Christmas Concert	6:00PM A1

### Monday, December 11, 2017

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Preschool	9:00AM
Childrens Ministry Team	10:30AM H4
PVUMC Book Group	12:15PM
Preschool Soccer	12:30PM F1
Preschool Artworks	12:30PM E12
Men's Emmaus	
Covenant Group	4:00PM F8
Yoga for Everyone	6:00PM H1
Fellowship Team Meeting	6:00PM H4
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1 G2

### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Fall Parent Toddler/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
Preschool Artworks	12:30PM E12
Chica Chica, Book Book!	12:30PM E13
PSPRC Meeting	5:30PM G2
Board of Trustees - Cancelled	

\* Read more at [pvumc.org/calendar](http://pvumc.org/calendar).

### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

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
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Sojourners	4:30PM G2
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A1
Growing on Our Walk	6:00PM F8
Cub Scout Pack 416	
Committee Meeting	7:00PM F5/6
Women's AA	7:00PM H7
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	6:30AM F5/6
Mothers of Preschoolers	9:00AM H7
Preschool	9:00AM
Preschool Chapel	9:15AM C1
Sagueros Program	
and Potluck Lunch	10:30AM F1
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Preschool Baker's Cents	12:30PM E12
Preschool Jump Bunch	12:30PM E10/11
Centering Prayer Practice	6:15PM H6

### Friday, December 15, 2017

Preschool	9:00AM
Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
Preschool Staff Meeting	12:00PM E12/13
Winter Wonderland	
Family Event: Visit with Santa	
and watch <i>Elf</i> Movie	6:30PM F1
Cub Scout Pack 416 Mtg	7:00PM H1

### Saturday, December 16, 2017

Emmaus Women's	
Walk Team	8:30AM F1/H7
Men's January Walk Team	9:00AM H1
Sanctuary and Chapel	9:00AM A1
Decorating	C1

## Looking Ahead at PVUMC



### Arizona Tax Credits

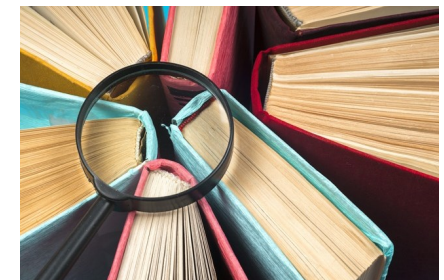
Giving generously to charities may mean a tax credit for you if you are an taxpayer in AZ. A state tax credit comes directly off the amount of your Arizona tax when you donate to a [Qualifying Charitable Organization](#) or to a [Qualifying Foster Care Organization](#) as designated by the state. It allows you to lower your state tax directly by the amount of the contribution. It is different from a tax deduction. When you donate, the Qualifying Charity or charities of your choice receive a much-needed donation (up to \$800 for married couples; up to \$1,000 for Qualifying Foster Care Organizations). Read more and see the online lists at <https://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/QualifyingCharitableOrganizations.aspx>. Other tax credits are available for private school scholarships and public school extracurricular activities. See [www.azdor.gov](http://www.azdor.gov) or your tax professional for details.

\* When you see "Read More" go to [pvumc.org/news](http://pvumc.org/news) to read more.



### Cookie Walk December 17

The annual Cookie Walk is NEXT **Sunday, December 17**. Sign up today on the patio to bake and bring cookies before the sale begins at 9 am. We'll have instructions and tell you who you're helping: children and youth music programs here at the church. Support all the groups who will be performing in tonight's Christmas Concert: Music Makers, Youth Choir and Youth Bells. Together, we make music happen at PVUMC. TIP: Buy cookies at the Cookie Walk to share at Ignite, where we'll have Cookies & Carols during worship next Sunday.



### Book Group Christmas Potluck

The monthly PVUMC Book Group will have its Christmas potluck and book exchange **Monday, December 11** at 12:15 pm in G2, the church library.