



Help Local Refugees on Global Migration Sunday

[Read More*](#)

RAFT (Refugee Assistance and Friendship Teams) recently welcomed a Congolese family to the United States to start a new life after more than 20 years in a refugee camp. Lutheran Social Services and RAFT are helping them get settled. To join the Core Team, contact [Keith Sobraske](#). Next **Sunday, December 3**, you can help our first refugee family, Ruba and Adnan Radwan and their children, by attending a Syrian Supper Club. See the [Facebook Event](#) or [SignUp Genius](#).

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church



November 26, 2017

Words to Live By: Civility
 Titus 3:1-11

Welcome to PVUMC

8:00 am Worship Chapel
 9:30 am Worship Sanctuary
 11:00 am Ignite Chapel
 with Thanksgiving Brunch

Change the World Day Survey

Thank you for bringing God's love into action on **Change the World Day!** It was a spirit-filled experience which ignited faith, transformed lives and created community in all the areas where we served. Thank you to all our volunteers who made it happen! If you participated, you're invited to take an online survey and share your experience with us. Visit pvumc.org and search "CTWD 2017 Survey" or find it in *From Paradise E-News*.

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.



God's Love in Action™

Looking Ahead at PVUMC

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 28, 2017

**GIVE NOW
to PVUMC**

Get ready
for **Giving**

Tuesday, November 28, when we have a unique opportunity to give to PVUMC ministries, with hopes of being able to do more to ignite faith, transform lives and create community. Follow @PVUMC on Twitter, and @pvumc on Instagram as well as [ParadiseValleyUMC](#) on Facebook. You don't have to wait to give. Visit [pvumc.org](#) and click the GIVE NOW button TODAY. Thank you for your generous support!



Donate Christmas Stamps

Marge Dennis makes it her mission every Christmas

to gather donated cards and stamps to give to residents at UMOM New Day Centers. This year, she has enough cards thanks to generous donations, but invites donations of Christmas stamps in the bags in the sanctuary and chapel Sundays through **December 3**. UMOM Holiday gift card sales begin on **December 3**.



Home-based Advent Studies

Several classes on campus and three home-based classes are participating in the church-wide Advent studies. Ian and Sarah Quinn in the 85018 zip code, and Larry and Connie Wittig, in 85050, will open their homes to folks who would like to study *Because of Bethlehem*; cost: \$11; author: Max Lucado. Kim and Dave Summers, in 85028, will 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.

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The Quinns:

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The Summers:

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Together, We Do More

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual UMC conference ever could hope to do alone. Each individual, each family and each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

(From <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds>)

Connectional Giving Blesses the Church and the World

During 2016/2017, PVUMC joined other United Methodist Churches by contributing \$354,000 to provide a financial lifeline for:

- Global missions through the World Services Fund
- Ministerial education, including the Black College Fund, Africa University, and Claremont School of Theology

Our Connectional Giving Also Helps Locally to:

- Partner with UMOM New Day Centers, the Wesley Community Center, and Mingus Mountain Camp
- Create new church starts
- Fund campus ministries
- Support candidates for ordained ministry

Thank You for Your Faithful and Generous Giving

- PVUMC paid 100% of allocated Apportionments—**Our Connectional Giving**—for the 2016/2017 budget year.
- Per Capita share (Apportionments ÷ PVUMC membership) = \$250.13 per member.
- Apportionments are 18% of our Operating Budget, and totaled \$354,000 last year.

After the 9:30 am worship service today, Randy Bowman, treasurer of the Desert Southwest Conference, will be available to answer any questions about UMC connectional giving via apportionments. Learn more about how our giving is calculated and how the funds are used to impact the UMC's ministry worldwide. If you miss his talk, and still have questions, feel free to ask Mickey Price, church administrator, mprice@pvumc.org or 602.840.8460, ext 113, or visit [pvumc.org](#).

Turn Hunger into Hope

with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Saturday, December 2 • 3-5 pm



Be a part of the **Hope-Filled Holiday AZ MobilePack Event** at the **Phoenix Convention Center**. Register as one of 130 participants from PVUMC **Saturday, December 2, 3-5 pm** and *Turn Hunger into Hope with your own two hands!*

Email Jim Bateman at jnbateman@aol.com to register your participation. In your email, include the names of all adults, their emails, and a contact phone number. If your children are joining you, please include their names and ages.

Donate the day of the event.

Suggested Donation is \$50/participant, to cover the food and shipping costs.



Register to
participate by email
jnbateman@aol.com

Inviting Prayers of Intercession

Joys

Prayer Shawls Dedicated

Grateful for a season of Thanksgiving and for Advent, when we prepare our hearts for Christ.

Hospice

June Palmer, mother of
Susan Bowers
Matt Azhikakath, father of
Dee Dee Lombardi

Continuing Concerns

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

Our Church

Advent Preparations
Sign ups for the Blood Drive 12/3
and FMSC MobilePack™ 12/2

Community, Nation and World

All those in need

Prayer Time Sunday Mornings

Join us as we pray, 9:10-9:20 am, before the 9:30 am worship service in the sanctuary. We will bless the House of the Lord and all those who enter. Come to the church altar to pray with us if you would like to participate.

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.

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. Cookies are also needed for the Cookie Walk, **December 17**, in support of children and youth music ministry. Contact Ashley Snaveley, ashley@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
If you or someone you know needs prayer, submit a prayer request using our online request form at pvumc.org, e-mail prayer@pvumc.org or call the church at 602.840.8360. Prayer request cards are also available in pew pockets.

* When you see "Read More" go to pvumc.org/news to read more, or click the interactive link online.

This Week at PVUMC

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Prayers for the Church	9:10AM A1
Family Sunday (no classes for kindergarten and up)	9:30AM
NO SQUAD 57	9:30AM
Children's classes, ages 2-5	9:30AM E4
	E8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Youth: SML CANCELLED	9:30AM
Mini-Singers	10:30AM E9
NO Youth Handbells	10:45AM
Ignite Worship Service with Thanksgiving leftovers brunch	11:00AM C1
Women's Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
NO Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM
NO VIBE	5:00PM

Monday, November 27, 2017

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Ignite Planning Meeting	9:30AM H5
Soccer Preschool	12:30PM F1
Preschool Artworks	12:30PM E12
Men's Emmaus	
Covenant Group	4:00PM F8
VIP Planning Session for Delegates Meeting	5:00PM H7
	H9
Yoga for Everyone	6:00PM H1
Boy Scouts - Venture Crew	
Adult Leader Meeting	7:00PM F8
Boy Scouts - Troop #30	7:00PM F1
	G2

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Fall Parent Toddler Co-op	8:00AM
Child Care Center	
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
Church Council Meeting	6:00PM F5/6
Enneagram Follow on for the Centers	6:30PM H7

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Knit Together	9:00AM Perk
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
Best Friends in Faith	2:00PM F8
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Sojourners	4:30PM G2
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A1
Stewardship Team Meeting	6:00PM H5
Women's AA	7:00PM H7
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
Preschool Chapel	9:15AM C1
Preschool Spirit Days	10:00AM F1
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Baker's Cents	12:30PM E12
Jump Bunch	12:30PM E10/11
VIP Delegates Assembly	6:30PM F1

Friday, December 1, 2017

Preschool Spirit Days	10:00AM F1
Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
Jump Bunch	12:30PM
	E12/13

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Advent/Christmas decorating	9:00AM A1
	C1
Emmaus Board Meetings	10:00AM H4
Feed My Starving Children	3:00PM
Off campus: Phx Convention Center	

The PVUMC Preschool is open 9 am Monday-Friday.

** See the full church calendar at pvumc.org/calendar to read more or just click the link if you are reading the online, interactive version of the Looking Ahead.*



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.

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 for date changes or additions. Email Jim Bateman, jmbateman@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 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 or Elaine Heredia, 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 or 602.361.8605 to sign up. Volunteers are also welcome on **Nov. 21** for Thanksgiving service.





2017 - 2018

community concerts

music for everyone at pvumc



**Christmas
at PVUMC
- Gloria!**

**Dec 10
6 pm**

**Register
Online!**

**pvumc-concerts.
eventbrite.com**

As the holidays approach, you're invited to usher in the Christmas season at the PVUMC Christmas Concert. Enjoy vocal and instrumental music performed by adults, children, and youth. The Chancel Choir performs the Randol Alan Bass "Gloria," with accompaniment by The Warehouse Brass, a brass quintet featuring two trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba. This event weaves music, poetic texts and audience sing-a-longs for an uplifting evening fitting of the season. A dessert reception follows in the Fellowship Center.

Donations gratefully accepted at the event.
Childcare available with 48 hour reservation.
Call 602-840-8360, ext 134.



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Looking Ahead at PVUMC



PVUMC Hosts Blood Drive with American Red Cross

On **Sunday, December 3**, we invite you to donate blood to help save lives through the American Red Cross. Register to give at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code PVUMC. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767). The Blood Drive will be in the Fellowship Center, 8 am-1 pm. Signups are also on the patio. [Read More*](#)



Serendipities Shop 'N Share

Serendipities' Shop N Share days are **November 29 and December 6**, 9 am-7 pm. The shop will be open Sunday and Wednesday mornings until Christmas, and on **Thursday, December 21, 9 am-12 noon**, for the Preschool Christmas Concert. [Read More*](#)

VIP Delegates Assembly Meets at PVUMC November 30

On **Thursday, November 30**, you're invited to participate in the VIP Delegates Assembly, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. The agenda focuses on:

- Understanding Political Power In AZ and the Issues of Work, Education, Water
- Action Strategy Proposals
- Hiring the Next Lead Organizer for 2018

When AZ citizens are engaged and knowledgeable about policies, they are more likely to influence and improve the quality of life for everyone in the state. Valley Interfaith Project is a politically non-partisan organization which includes faith leaders from churches and synagogues and has a Human Development Agenda.



UMW Christmas Luncheon

On **Tuesday, December 5**, UMW alumnae are invited to a Christmas Luncheon at the home of Susanne Beechler. Please bring a salad to share and gift cards for Walmart or Target in the amount of \$10 to donate to Wesley Community Center. RSVP to Susanne, 602.996.7332 or 602.370.4011.

Advent Classes and 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 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

Share Your "Coming Home" Story on the Advent Blog

Do you have a Christmas story to share? Perhaps one that illustrates our "Coming Home" theme? When have you come home to find grace, acceptance, love or hope? Email [Kim Summers](mailto:KimSummers@pvumc.org) your 200-500 word story by **November 29**. The stories will be part of the daily devotional Advent blog on our website, which goes live **Friday, December 1**. Include a title, a short prayer and a scripture.

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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