



The best thing about PVUMC is the wonderful people that make up our congregation, and the Fellowship and Connectional Ministry team has a great opportunity to meet some new friends in Christ who will brighten up your life. Best of all, your first dinner is on us if you sign up to host now!\*

“Dinner for 6” brings together a group of people every two or three months to break bread and celebrate community. The groups of six singles, three couples, or three families are created based on what part of town you live in, so you don’t have to drive an hour to meet up. Families who have children of similar ages are also grouped together. Questions? Contact Chris LaMont, [thechrislamont@aol.com](mailto:thechrislamont@aol.com), 602-373-3456. Sign up for “Dinner for 6” by filling out the form below and dropping it in the offering plate OR visit us online at SignUpGenius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4faba62fa02-dinner>.

- ☐ I am interested in participating in **Dinner for 6:** (circle one):  
 Single          Couple          Family (children age 4 and under)  
    Family (children ages 5-12)  
    Family (children ages 13-18)
- ☐ I am willing to host the first meeting (circle one): Yes          Not now
- \* Say "Yes" and we'll provide you with a \$50 Fry's gift card!**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My Home's Major Cross Streets:

**Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary**  
**Worship at 8:00 & 11:15 am, Chapel**



Once a month parenting sessions with a focus on parents of youth will be held 5-7 pm, the same time as Youth VIBE. Parents meet in H5 while the youth have their program in the youth lounge or Fellowship Center. Join us later today, **Sunday, September 27**, for "Putting an End to Arguing, Back Talk, and Begging," especially for parents of teenagers. See the Modern Family option for parents with younger children. Workbooks are available for \$10 at the class. Led by Rev. Andrea Andress. A second class will be held **October 18**.

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and events calendar.**



We're happy you're here to celebrate with us. We have lots of special music that we hope you'll enjoy as a part of worship today. Following worship, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Center for food and fun. We're serving hot dogs and root-beer floats along with some of the best homemade dishes and desserts. Even if you didn't bring a dish to share, you are welcome. There's plenty of food for everyone. Meet old friends and new as we celebrate our church family together. We are PVUMC - *God's love in action*™!



## Pathways: Not Sure Where to Begin to Grow, Deepen, Live Your Faith?

The fall 2015 Pathways program has kicked off, offering a wide variety of adult learning opportunities under the "Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength" pathways. If you're not sure which path to choose, we invite you to join the *Journey of Faith: An Introduction to Pathways* pastor-led class that meets on Wednesday evenings in October. The class includes an introduction to the Bible and the United Methodist Church, how to discover your spiritual gifts, and devotional practices that enrich your life of faith. Gain a clearer sense of the pathways of the heart, mind, soul and strength, and be able to better discern where God is inviting you to journey further. Come to the Fireside Room, F8, following the Community Feast on **Wednesday, October 7** at 6:30 pm for the first class, which will be taught by Senior Pastor Dave Summers and Associate Pastor Eve Williams. The fall 2015 *Pathways* guidebook is available online at the website and in the church office. Check the guidebook for a full list of the small groups and opportunities available. See [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org), *Looking Ahead* or the *E-News* for details, or contact class leaders for more information.

## Have Dinner with your Church Family at the Community Feast Every Wednesday

We invite you to join your PVUMC family once a week for dinner every **Wednesday** at the Community Feast, 5:30-6:15 pm in the Fellowship Center. Even if you don't stay for the music rehearsals or *Pathways* classes afterwards, we hope you'll take a break and dine with us whenever you're able. The dinner is casual, and buffet-style, catered by UMOM's Helpings Café and Catering, which supports UMOM and homeless families. **This week's menu for Wednesday, September 30** features roasted pork loin, vegetable gratin (the non-meat alternative entrée), roasted potatoes, spinach salad, warm rolls and butter, and brownies. Suggested donations are \$7.50/adults and \$3 for children (under 12). Classes and music rehearsals follow the Feast. See the full-page inside this *Looking Ahead* for class options or check the calendar on the back.



## Childcare and Children's Mission Program Offered on Wednesdays

PVUMC offers a variety of adult learning opportunities, many of which are offered on Wednesdays following the Feast, but we also offer childcare, and programs for children. From the afterschool Music Makers program for 1st-6th graders that meets on Wednesdays before the Feast, 4:30-5:30 pm, to the Servant Seekers program following the feast, 6:30-8 pm, your child will be able to learn and grow spiritually just as you are doing. The Servant Seekers program for elementary school children in 1st-6th grades runs concurrently with Financial Peace University. Email Rev. Brenda Smith for more information, [brenda@pvumc.org](mailto:brenda@pvumc.org). Friends welcome!



# PVUMC Community Feast

**Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Center**



**A feast for the body and soul.**

**A time for conversation.**

**A place for community.**

**A bridge to the Pathways of Faith.**

- **Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm**  
**(September-May)**
- **Catered by UMOM Helpings Café,**  
**Market and Catering.**
- **Suggested donation: \$7.50 for Adults;**  
**\$3 for Children (pay as you are able)**

## Pathways Classes

- **After the Feast: Alpha "The Jesus Lifestyle"**  
The Perk (begins 9/16) @ 6 pm
- **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**  
H1 (9/23-11/18) @ 6:30 pm  
register at: [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/)
- **Habits of Emotions and Defenses**  
H3 (9/23-10/21) @ 6:30pm  
register at: [arizonaenneagram.org](http://arizonaenneagram.org)
- **Joel Osteen's Break Out!**  
H4 (9/23-10/28) @ 6:30 pm
- **Progressive Christianity**  
H5 (9/16-11/4) @ 6:30 pm
- **Journey of Faith: An Introduction to Pathways**  
F8 (begins 10/7) @ 6:30 pm
- **Servant Seekers (Children)**  
E13 (9/23-11/18) @ 6:30 pm  
Explore being God's hands and feet in this nine-week program as we participate in kid-friendly service projects at the church. Open to 1st-6th graders.



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### Modern Family: *Parenting the Love and Logic Way*™

Parents of young children are welcome to come to the Modern Family class as they look at *Parenting the Love and Logic Way*™ through **November 22**. Learn how to set reasonable and enforceable limits, put an end to arguing, back talk, begging and more. Learn how to be better parents and strengthen relationships with your children in a consistent, loving way. The **new class schedule from 10:40-11:30 am** allows you and your children to attend 9:30 am worship and/or classes too. If your children are already in Sunday School, they will remain in H1 for games and videos. For the young ones, or Mini-Singers, they will be escorted to childcare. Modern Family meets in H5. Workbooks cost \$10, and are available at the class.

### **Bible, Beliefs and Beyond** Continues Sunday Discussions

Rev. Doug Norris and his wife, Eleanor, lead a class in F5/6 at 11 am on Sundays. This week and next, they'll discuss "Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?"

### **Fresh Winds Wednesday Class Wrestles with Questions of Faith**

*Fresh Winds: A Journey in Progressive Christianity* meets weekly on Wednesday evenings following the Community Feast in H5. Join leaders Keith Sobraske and Stu Selthun anytime as they invite the Holy Spirit in for an exploration of process theology, and wrestle with questions of our faith.

### **After the Feast: "The Jesus Lifestyle," in the Perk on Wednesdays**

*After the Feast: Alpha "The Jesus Lifestyle"* continues a DVD study featuring Rev. Nicky Gumbel. This class is led by Kim Summers and meets in the Perk at 6 pm after the Community Feast. Questions? Contact her at [kimsummers77@gmail.com](mailto:kimsummers77@gmail.com).

### **Joel Osteen's *Break Out!* Class Meets Wednesdays**

The new bestseller by Joel Osteen, *Break Out!*, provides five keys to go beyond your conscious and subconscious self-imposed barriers. *Break Out!* blends Christian grace with modern psychology. Author Joel Osteen provides practical steps and encouragement for creating a happier, more prosperous life without limitations. Join leaders Dave and Deborah Lex, along with Roger McKee, on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in H4.

### **PVUMC Book Group Welcomes Arizona Author on October 5**

Author Shona Patel discusses her debut novel, *Tea Time for the Firefly*, on **Monday, October 5** with the PVUMC Book Group. Mary Lou Jones, a member of the group, invited the author to join the book discussion. *Tea Time for the Firefly* is a love story set in an Assam tea plantation in 1940's India. Meet at 12 noon in G2, the church library, to chat, and stay for the hour-long discussion beginning at 12:15 pm. Call Fran Clark, 480-945-6955, to find out more about this monthly group hosted by PVUMC.

## Inviting Prayers of Intercession

### Joys:

Celebration Sunday

### Hospitalized:

Ken Carver  
Kay Pickerill

### Hospice Care:

Marylin Lyon, mother of Peggy Schuelke

### Deaths:

Elaine Hickok, aunt of Randy Hickok

### Our Church:

Pathways classes and opportunities

### Our Community, Nation and World:

Immigrant Crisis in Europe

Wildfires in western states

Family and friends serving in the military

### Continuing Concerns:

Mark Alderson, grandson of Bob and Audrey Alderson; Joel Antley; Michael Blank, brother of Debby Kidwell; Neola Beckerleg; Michelle Donnelly, sister of Kim Summers; Kelly Durbin, friend of Kathy Bouchez; Kathy Fortune, friend of Carol Duff; James Hagerman; Roberta Gilmore, granddaughter of Al & Alberta Hagerman; Grant Hewitt, brother of Gretchen Holt; Betty Hoyt, niece of Betty Long; Jim Judge, son of Carmy Judge; Carolyn Lasley, mother of Teri Lasley; Gary Lasley, brother of Teri Lasley; Nan Range; Tom Rough; Rich Sigtermans; Hazel Starmer, friend of Candy Cardoso; Jason Tracy, cousin of Amy Powell; Jeremy Zimmerman and family, son of Carol Zimmerman

## Prayer Requests

Our pastors, staff, and prayer team members (200+) offer prayer in response to requests received. If you have a prayer request, fill out the prayer pew pocket card and put it in the offering plate, visit <http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/> to fill out a request online, or call the church office at 602-840-8360, ext 132. Email Gretchen at [gholt@pvumc.org](mailto:gholt@pvumc.org) to join our prayer team.

## Pastors on Call 24/7

We have a pastor on call 24/7. When you call the office, 602-840-8360, after hours, follow the instructions or press "2" and leave a message to have a pastor return your call.

## Chancel Flowers

Flowers are given by the Henderson and Coughlin families in celebration of Dave's birthday.

## Paradise Perk

The Paradise Perk is open every Sunday, 9 am-1 pm, in support of youth ministry.

## Website / Social Media



Scan the code to the right to go directly to our website at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org). Our bulletins are online at the "News" tab. Click on this web address: <http://pvumc.org/news/newsletter-e-news-and-bulletins/> to access them online. The *Desert Scroll*, our bimonthly newsletter, and the weekly *Looking Ahead* are available there too, as is the weekly *From Paradise E-news*, which is emailed every Friday.

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# Events this Week at PVUMC

## Sunday, September 27, 2015

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Celebration Sunday	9:00AM F1
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Children's Sunday School	9:30AM
(see signage on campus for classrooms)	
Mini Singers	10:30AM E9
Youth Handbell Rehearsal	10:30AM A3
Modern Family	10:40AM H5
Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Immersion Bible Study	11:00AM H3
Wesley Sunday School	11:00AM G2
Godly Play for Ignite Service	11:15AM
	E12/13
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
Young Adults Gathering	12:30PM H1
CLU Interfaith Understanding	
Pilot Group	12:30PM G2
National Charity League Meeting/ Colleen Lomax	2:00PM H7
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ (for Parents)	5:00PM H5
Youth - VIBE (On the Move!)	5:00PM
	Off-campus

## Monday, September 28, 2015

Preschool	9:00AM
Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
Book Study with Pastor Dave	9:15AM Perk
Men's Emmaus	
Covenant Group	5:00PM F8
Audrey's Angels Board Mtg	6:00PM H4
Boy Scouts Troop #30	7:00PM F1
Boy Scouts Troop #30	
Venturing Crew	7:00PM G2

## Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Preschool	9:00AM
Yoga for Everyone	9:00AM H1
Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2

**Bring non-perishable food donations for UMOM Sunday, October 4. Thanks!**

## Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Preschool	9:00AM
Susanna Circle	9:30AM A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers Rehearsal	11:00AM A4
Prayer Ministry Team	11:30AM F5/6
Sojourners	4:00PM G2
Music Makers	4:30PM A4
The Community Feast	5:30PM F1
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A3
Christian Group for Young Men (CGYM)	6:00PM E14
After the Feast	6:00PM Perk
Break Out! by Joel Osteen	6:30PM H4
Financial Peace University	6:30PM H1
Progressive Pathways	6:30PM H5
Servant Seekers	
1st-6th Grade Program	6:30PM
	E12/13
Women's AA	7:00PM F5/6
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A4

## Thursday, October 1, 2015

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	7:00AM F5/6
Preschool	9:00AM
Lunch Conversations	12:00PM G2
Men's Walk to Emmaus	Overnight

## Friday, October 2, 2015

Men's Walk to Emmaus	All Day/Night
Preschool	9:00AM
Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2

## Saturday, October 3, 2015

Men's Walk to Emmaus	All Day/Night
Preschool Fathers' Saturday	9:00AM

A1=Sanctuary C1=Chapel  
E14=Youth Lounge F1=Fellowship Center  
F8=Fireside Room G2=Library

*Childcare available with a 48-hour RSVP:  
Kathy Ratliff, 602-840-8360, ext 134.  
We offer free, quality childcare for all our  
classes, meetings, events and programs.*

## International Mission Team Organizational Meeting for 2016

If you're interested in joining one of our two international mission teams to Costa Rica and Guatemala in March of 2016, please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 4** in F5/6 at 12:30 pm. We will talk briefly about next year's trips and get initial information to all those interested. If you can't attend this meeting but are interested, please email Kent Heltne at [kheltne@cox.net](mailto:kheltne@cox.net) for Costa Rica or [Donald.Wall@squiresanders.com](mailto:Donald.Wall@squiresanders.com), Don Wall, for Guatemala.

## PVUMC Collects Clothing for Calistoga Fire Victims

A member of our church, Fran Clark, has a daughter, Laura, who owns a winery in Calistoga, CA, just south of the big fire that has ravaged that part of the state. Laura and her neighbors are in the process of collecting donations for the hundreds of people who have lost everything in the fire. Two nearby United Methodist Church congregations in Lake Port and Clear Lake are accepting donations. If you would like to help, they need plus-sized clothing and new undergarments, as well as coats and jackets in all sizes. Just bring your clothing donations to either the Wesley Sunday School Group or the Bible, Beliefs and Beyond classes next **Sunday, October 4**. You may also bring donations to the church office or to G2 by 12 noon on **October 4**. Laura will pay to have them shipped to the victims in Calistoga. For more information on the fire, please read: [http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/drop-off-center-announced-for-fire-aid-in-calistoga/article\\_159b97ad-67cf-5db6-8389-cddea730028a.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/drop-off-center-announced-for-fire-aid-in-calistoga/article_159b97ad-67cf-5db6-8389-cddea730028a.html)

## On the First Tuesday Kicks Off October 6 with Timely Subject

Join Dr. Doris Provine, Professor Emerita of Justice and Social Inquiry of ASU's School of Social Transformation, who presents "Driving While Undocumented" on **Tuesday, October 6**, in the Fellowship Center. Join us for dinner, prepared by Garry Lozier, beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by the speaker at 6 pm. Dr. Provine's research on local police and immigration enforcement has resulted in a book that is in the process of being published by the University of Chicago Press. *Policing Immigrants: Local Law Enforcement on the Front Lines* is due out in June, 2016. A Fulbright research grant in 2007-2008 allowed her to examine the issue from a cross-national perspective. With support from the National Science Foundation, she has also studied how local police are responding to opportunities to collaborate with federal officials in the enforcement of federal immigration law.



## Free Yoga on Tuesdays through October

Kimberly Kent, a certified Hatha yoga instructor and lifelong yoga practitioner, offers free yoga classes Tuesdays, 9-10:15 am in H1, through **October 27**. Bring a mat, belt and blocks.