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Looking Ahead at PVUMC

December 28, 2014

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Worship at 8:00 & 11:15 am, Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – January 4, 2015

Epiphany

Series: *The Tough Questions of Faith*

Sermon: *Who Speaks for God?*

Eve Williams

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*



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Self-Defense Class Offered on Sunday, January 11

The Young Adult Lifegroup (YAL) hosts a Self-Defense Class led by Morgan Peel, a certified trainer and instructor for ATA who is a 3rd degree black belt, on **Sunday, January 11**, 12:30-2 pm in the Fellowship Center. All ages are welcome, though we encourage you to reserve childcare for children age 5 and under by calling 602-840-8360, ext 134 at least 48 hours before the event to reserve a spot for your child. RSVPs encouraged for this event that includes lunch (donations welcome). Please email brenda@pvumc.org to RSVP or for more information.

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Join the Alpha Course for Discussions about Faith in the New Year

As we move through January asking "Tough Questions of Faith" every Sunday in worship, we invite you to continue to ask and discuss faith questions in a new class offered on Wednesday evenings. **The Alpha**

Course will meet in the Fireside Room, F8, for 10 weeks, **January 7-February 11, 2015**, and will be guided by a leadership team that includes the Rev. Eve Williams. Please contact Pastor Eve at pastoreve@pvumc.org if you're interested in this class that begins with sharing a meal at the Community Feast at 5:30 pm, and moves into a discussion time at 6 pm on different aspects of the Christian faith each week.

The course includes a DVD and encourages participants to share their thoughts and ask questions in a non-judgmental and relaxed setting. If you have questions about Jesus, the Bible, prayer, the Holy Spirit, God's guidance and how to have a sustaining faith, come to Alpha. You are free to discuss as much or as little as you like. Alpha is for everyone; we don't assume any background, knowledge or belief in Christianity, and no question is out of bounds.





The Magi Visit on Epiphany Sunday, Next Week

Every year, our children look forward to Epiphany, when the three kings or Magi bring gifts and explain how they followed the star and visited the Christ child so long ago. It's a tale we never tire of hearing. Come on **January 4, Epiphany Sunday**, and let your children have an opportunity to meet and greet them at 9:30 am Sunday School. They come bearing gifts!

Assist Arizona's Working Poor and Receive a State Tax Credit

Did you know you can make a contribution to PVUMC-supported charities and receive a dollar-for-dollar Arizona state tax credit in 2014? A single individual can receive a tax credit of up to \$200 and a married couple can receive up to \$400. And you don't need to itemize deductions to claim the tax credit. Just mail your check directly to one of the following charities (not to PVUMC) or go to their websites by **December 31, 2014** and make your contribution online. These are just a few of the charities able to receive donations via the working poor tax credit program. For more information about qualifying charitable organizations, go to <http://www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/QualifyingCharitableOrganization.aspx> and for a list of organizations, go to <http://www.azdor.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=V6hWbHqzqfw%3d&tabid=242>.

- **Wesley Community Center**, www.wesleycenterphx.org, 1300 S 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85034, operates a medical clinic & more for impoverished south Phoenix residents.
- **Justa Center**, www.justacenter.org, 1001 W Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007 is a respite day center for homeless people who are age 50 & up.
- **UMOM/Next Step Housing**, www.UMOM.org, 3320 E Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008, offers shelter and other services for homeless families and adults.

Each individual's tax situation is unique. Please consult your tax advisor before making any tax-related decisions. Both the Wesley Community Center and UMOM's Next Step Housing Program (along with the PVUMC Emergency Relief Fund) are recipients of our annual Christmas missions offering. We support all three, and others on the list, through volunteer hours and our missions ministry.

Book Group Meets January 5 to Discuss *The Husband's Secret*

In September 2014, the Book Group was rained out, and never had the opportunity to discuss Liane Moriarty's novel, *The Husband's Secret*, so we're taking time in January to have that discussion. Join us on **Monday, January 5, 2015** in the church library, G2, 12:15-1:15 pm, or come at 12 noon for a chat. On **Monday, February 2**, we'll discuss a NYT Bestseller, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

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Serendipities: After-Christmas Sale TODAY; Closed New Year's Eve

Celebrate 2015 early by taking advantage of excellent sale prices on selected Christmas items in our "profits-for-missions" gift shop today. Remember, we're all about made-in-the-USA, Fair Trade and handmade items. You'll find great gifts for your host and hostess as you ring in the New Year. We're located just around the corner from the Sanctuary at the top of the steps. Stop by Sundays 9 am-12:30 pm. We'll be closed this Wednesday for New Year's Eve. Happy New Year!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study to Study Richard Rohr in January

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study group is beginning a new 10-week study on **January 8, 2015** using Richard Rohr's Alternative Orthodoxy DVD. We will have a methodology to view sessions that may be missed. Craig Prichard, who has studied with Richard Rohr, will attend when possible and give his insights. Please join us for this exciting bible study opportunity. The group meets at 7 am on Thursdays in F5/6 in the Fellowship Center. Come hungry!

Interfaith Four-session Series on Abraham Begins January 8, 2015

Back by popular demand, the Salaam Chai Paradise Tri-faith Fellowship group offers "An Abraham Tri-ologue: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths," a four-part series on the role of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. An introductory session called "Abraham: The Father of Three Faiths," will be held 7-9 pm on **Thursday, January 8, 2015** in the Fellowship Center. This session will be followed by the Salon Series: three interfaith small-group discussion sessions based on the national bestseller, *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler, and its associated study guide. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$14) at the introductory session, and in the Serendipities gift shop. Read more about the series at pvumc.org.

Living the Questions Class Begins January 7, Following the Feast

Our Community Feast returns in the new year on **Wednesday, January 7, 2015**. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 pm, and catered by UMOM's Helpings Café, Market and Catering. Suggested donations: \$7.50/adult, \$3/child (12 and under). Following the feast, we invite you to join us for a new seven-week class offered by Keith Sobraske and Martha Rinne. This Living the Questions class is called *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*, and will meet in H5 from 6:30-8 pm. All materials will be provided at no cost.

Centering Prayer Workshops and Classes Offered in January

Join us **Saturday, January 10**, 9 am-1 pm, for an Introduction to Centering Prayer. It will be followed by five weeks of practical experience every **Sunday, January 11-February 8**, 9:45-11 am. This simple contemporary expression of an ancient Christian practice of consent to God's presence and action within us allows us to take time every day to rest in God's presence and refill our "well of living water" so we can be more effective out in the world.

Events this Week at PVUMC

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Family Sunday	9:30AM E7
No Sunday School except for Preschool Classes	E8
Home Improvement	9:30AM G2
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
Mackey/Flinn Wedding	3:30PM Biblical Garden

Monday, December 29, 2014

Pastor/Music Planning Mtg	1:30PM A2
Men's Emmaus Covenant Group	5:00PM F8
Open Table #9/Veteran's	6:00PM H3

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Open Table/St. Patrick's	10:00AM H4
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Women's AA	7:00PM F5/6
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Thursday, January 1, 2015

Office Closed - New Year's Day

Friday, January 2, 2015

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
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Saturday, January 3, 2015

Arizona Coyotes Hockey Game	
Church Trip	4:30PM Off-campus

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

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You're Invited to an All-Church Trip to See the Arizona Coyotes

Join other church members (maybe even Pastor Dave) on **Saturday, January 3, 2015**. 4:30 pm-9 pm, when we'll go see the Arizona Coyotes play hockey against the Columbus Blue Jackets. Even if you don't like hockey, it'll be a fun night to be with your church family. Tickets are limited and cost \$25 each. Reserve your tickets today; email Christopher Wurpts, our youth ministries director, at christopher@pvumc.org.

Cindy and Kent Heltne Speak On the First Tuesday, January 6, 2015



Join us for *On the First Tuesday, January 6* at 5:30 pm, when we offer dinner and conversation with some of PVUMC's most fasci-

nating people, Kent and Cindy Heltne, who are passionate about missions and so much more. Garry Lozier is our chef, and all are welcome. Please join us in the New Year!

Take a Homeless Care Bag Today

We encourage you to take one or more homeless care bags to keep in your car, where they will be ready to give to someone in need. The suggested donation is \$5 per bag, with all proceeds going to this ministry, but pay as you are able.

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