

Purchase Poinsettias TODAY in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One
 Poinsettia sales begin TODAY on the patio outside the Sanctuary. Use the form below to order your poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to help decorate the chapel and sanctuary for Christmas. Extra forms are at the table.

2014 Christmas Poinsettia Order

Purchase poinsettias to express your love and appreciation as well as help decorate the sanctuary and chapel for Christmas.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, December 12.

Your name _____

Daytime telephone _____

E-mail address: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Number of plants _____ x \$15 = \$ _____ (total amount)

_____ Will pick up (after the 11 pm Christmas Eve service)

OR _____ Please deliver to homebound

Please attach **\$15 per plant** and choose your form of payment below:

Check payable to PVUMC and marked "Poinsettia" in the memo line

Cash (please put it in an envelope with this form)

Credit/Debit Card # _____

Am Express Discover Master Card Visa

Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

(3-digit code on back of the card or the 4-digit code on the front of the American Express)

Zip Code: _____ (Zip must be included for credit card payments.)



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Looking Ahead at PVUMC

November 30, 2014

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

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

NEXT SUNDAY – December 7

Sermon Series: *Unexpected*

Part 1: Angels We Have Heard

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38*



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**Serendipities Supports PVUMC
 Preschool at Shop & Share**

Serendipities, our church gift shop, will open two days this week in support of PVUMC Preschool scholarships. Stop by on **Wednesday, December 3**, 9 am-1 pm, or **Thursday, December 4**, 9 am-12 noon. The Christmas shopping season is in full swing now, and you'll find a variety of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2015 calendars, holiday decorations, seasonal hostess gifts and more at Serendipities, where profits always fund missions. The shop is open Sundays, 9 am-12:30 pm, and most Wednesdays, 9 am-12 noon.



Join an Advent Study Class

Prepare for the coming of Christ by studying James A. Harnish's book, *When God Comes Down*, in a small group. Books are available on the patio for \$7, or in the office during the week. *Expect the Unexpected* this Christmas.

**Scan this code →
 to go to our website,
 pvumc.org, and
 events calendar.**



**Join Chris LaMont at On the First Tuesday,
 December 2, for Dinner and Conversation**

Chris LaMont will be On the First Tuesday's featured speaker at this month's event. We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, December 2** for a home-cooked meal at 5:30 pm, prepared and served by Garry Lozier, followed by Chris speaking about "Spiritual Transformation" in his life at 6 or 6:15 pm. Chris is an instructor in the School of Film, Dance and Theater at ASU, and is founder of The Phoenix Film Festival, one of the top film festivals in the country. He loves to see teams work together, and he's been a key motivator and mobilizer at PVUMC, most recently getting several of the PVUMC youth to dress and act as zombies in the Zombie Walk during Trunk or Treat. It's a rare talent.

Register for Saguaros Christmas Lights Tour by December 1

Celebrate the holidays with friends and neighbors and give to those less fortunate by signing up for our Christmas Lights bus tour on **December 15**. The cost is \$6 to participate in the holiday tour, which will depart from the church parking lot at 6 pm on **Monday, December 15**, and return later that evening. Before the night of the event, gather \$10 worth of non-perishable food items, pet food or pet toys for the annual campaign, and bring them with you. The collected items will be donated to a food bank or The Arizona Humane Society. **Participants need to sign up and pay their \$6 fee by December 1, 2014.** Contact Carol Duff, 602-996-7276 or Rita Winters, 480-250-4181, for details.

Salaam-Chai-Paradise Presents Seminar on Tri-Faith Worship

Join us on **Thursday, December 4** in the Fellowship Center for a seminar on "How We Worship" with presentations on prayer and liturgies used in Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths. The Rev. Eve Williams will present the Christian practices. Joining her will be Rabbi Mari Cherow, Temple Chai, and Imam Anas Hlayhel, Islamic Center of the Northeast Valley. Registration begins at 6:30 pm, and the program begins at 7 pm. All are welcome to this free, informative program.

PVUMC Book Group Meets December 1 for Potluck and Book Exchange

Members of the PVUMC Book Group will have their annual Christmas potluck and book exchange at 12 noon in G2, the church library, on **Monday, December 1**. Peggy Howard is organizing the event. Everyone attending has been asked to bring a salad or dessert to share, as well as a gift-wrapped, gently used paperback book for a book exchange. Bring something you read and liked, and can recommend.

Homeless Care Bags Ready for Pick Up and Distribution

On Change the World Day, many of you helped us make homeless care packages that include bottled water and other items that a homeless person might need. Today, and in the weeks that follow, we encourage you to take one or more bags, and keep them in your car. When you see someone who might need it, give it to him or her with a smile and a few kind words. We are asking for a \$5 donation per bag, but if you can't donate today, please take a bag anyway. Any money you donate helps us keep the ministry going. We encourage you to take as many bags as you need to give to those in need.

Thank You for UMOM Adopt-a-Family and Wesley Christmas Gifts

Thank you for participating in our Adopt-a-Family and Wesley Christmas Gift program during this season of giving. We will be accepting gifts on the patio from everyone who signed up to bring joy to families, children and seniors in need this Christmas through the Adopt-a-Family program at UMOM, as well as to children and seniors affiliated with the Wesley Community Center. Please drop off your gifts by next **Sunday, December 7**. Gifts must be received by **Wednesday, December 10**.

When God Comes Down Church-wide Advent Study and Blog



Whether you're a current member of a small group or not, we invite you to participate in our church-wide Advent study: *When God Comes Down*, by James A. Harnish. According to the book's introduction, this five-week study's central theme comes from the first verse of a Christmas carol, "Glory Be to God on High," that says, "Now God Comes Down...God the invisible appears...And Jesus is His Name." We will intertwine this with our own theme, "Expect the Unexpected," which we'll focus on in our daily devotional blog and in the Advent sermon series. All are invited to participate, either individually or in a group. Some of the classes are *new** and some are established.

Books are available for \$7 in the church office and outside on the patio following worship. We also encourage you to follow and contribute to our **Advent Blog**** at <http://pvumc.org/news/2014-advent-blog/>. Please read, comment, and share these with as many people as you can. *Expect the Unexpected* this Christmas at PVUMC.

Weekly Advent study classes & start dates:

Sunday:

9:30 am Spirit Sunday School, F8—11/9
9:30 am Modern Family, H5—11/2; 12/7
9:30 am Home Improvement, G2—11/23
11:00 am Wesley Sunday School, G2 —11/30

Monday:

9:00 am Mustard Seed Bible Study, F8—11/17
6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Dave), A2—11/17 *

Wednesday:

10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, F8—11/12
4:00 pm Sojourners (women), G2—11/19
6:00 pm After the Feast, Perk—11/19
6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Eve), H5—12/3 *

Thursday:

6:30 pm Pastor-led (Pastor Andrea), H3—11/20 *

Friday:

12:00 pm Brown Baggers, G2—11/21

**Advent Blog

Daily throughout the Advent season, **November 30-December 25**, an inspiring devotional, written by PVUMC members, pastors and staff, will be posted on the PVUMC website under the "News" tab. This year's theme is "**Expecting the Unexpected with Scripture and Song**." The devotions complement the church-wide Advent study. To sign up to receive the posts every-day via email, go to the blog at <http://pvumc.org/news/2014-advent-blog/> and submit your name and email address. Every time there's a new post, it will be in your inbox.

Please contact Kim Summers at kimsummers77@gmail.com or 480-213-6960 if you would like to write a post.

Free, quality childcare is available for all our study groups and classes, as well as during choir rehearsals, meetings or other events held at the church. To reserve a spot for your child, call 602-840-8360, ext 134, 48 hours in advance of the class. To cancel, call again.

Inviting Prayers of Intercession

Joys:

Celebrating Advent

Hospitalized:

Hospice Care:

Wilma McLeod, grandmother of
Tammy McLeod
Nan Range, mother of Kay Pickerill

Deaths:

Nicholas Bengtson – son of Kerry and
Laura Bengtson

Our Church:

Our church's budget situation
PVUMC Advent blog

Our Community, Nation, and World:

For those struggling with basic needs
Friends and family serving in the military

Continuing Concerns:

Phyllis Averill; Michelle Bray, sister-in-law of
Dave Summers; Carolyn Lasley, mother of
Teri Lasley; Evelyn Parker, sister of Frieda
Bateman; Dwight Peters; Helen Price, mother
of Mickey Price; Bill Sejen; Loreta Snyder;
Randy Stauth, son of Mike and Helen Stauth;
Ed Sucato, father-in-law of Courtney Sucato;
Bradley Sullins, nephew of Liliana Sullins;
Diane Taylor; Rev. Dan Turner; Carolyn Woods,
mother of Deborah Esquer



To make a prayer request,
go to our [website](http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/)
at [http://pvumc.org/contact/
prayer-requests/](http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/) or fill out
a prayer request card in
the pew pocket and place
it in the offering plate.

To join our prayer team and receive prayer
requests via email, contact gholt@pvumc.org.

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 Dave Hanner in loving
memory of his father, Richard R. Hanner, Sr.

*To donate flowers in memory or in honor of
someone, please call Ginny Andrews, 602-
996-4494. You may check for open dates on
the 2015 flower chart posted in the sanctuary.*

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help restock and
organize our pew pockets. Please call or
email Denise Price, 480-661-1655 or
deniseaprice@cox.net for more information.
Thank you!

Enneagram Panels for Enduring Love & Sexuality Continue

Hear individuals speak of their own experiences in relationships with others,
themselves and God. The panel interviews in December focus on specific core types
on December 3 and all 9 types the following Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm, H7. \$10/class.

- **December 3** **Core Types 1-7-4 led by Adele Swan**
- **December 10** **All 9 types led by Rev. Andrea Andress**

Practice Yoga on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Free for PVUMC Members

Connect to our Lord through an all-levels Vinyasa Flow class, led by local instructor,
Kristen Heriaud with Adele Swan and Kim Kent assisting. Classes are offered every
Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:10 am-10 am in H1, except for holiday dates: **December
23/24, 30/31**. The classes are free to PVUMC members and friends. Bring your own
yoga mat and blocks, if desired. All ages and levels are welcome.

Join us in the Chapel for a Special Holiday Yoga Program, December 9

On **Tuesday, December 9**, 6:30-7:30 pm, join Kristen Heriaud as she leads a yogi-
style Christmas celebration with live Christmas music to accompany our movements
of joy. Childcare is available for our youngest ones. Please call 602-840-8360, ext
134, at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a spot for your child.

Young Adults Invited to Hang Out Together After Ignite Worship

The Young Adult Lifegroup (YAL) meets Sundays after 11:15 am Ignite worship and
for special outings at other times. December's schedule is as follows:

- December 7** Meet at Brenda Smith's home. Lunch is provided.
Text for gate code, 602-740-7134.
- December 14** Serve as ushers and greeters for the 9:30 and 11:15 am
services. Meet at the Sanctuary at 9 am.
- December 21** Join us for a church Christmas party in H1.
Invite your friends to join us; food provided.

Please contact Brenda Smith, brenda@pvumc.org, or Jonathan Havens,
pvumcyoungadult@hotmail.com to be added to the YAL communication list.

Open Table Serving Homeless Veteran Needs Frequent Flyer Miles

Our Open Table program has an urgent need for a donation of frequent flier miles via
any airline. If anyone in our church family has some Frequent Flyer miles that they
would be willing to donate to Open Table, please contact Kent Heltne for more
information at kheltne@cox.net.

Save Food Labels and Other UPCs for Wesley Community Center

As you are cooking this holiday season, please clip and drop off your Labels for
Education from brands like Campbell's and Post, at the church office. For more
information on what to clip and save, please call Kay Jones, 480-348-5710.

Website / Social Media



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pvumc.org. Our bulletins are online at the
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[http://pvumc.org/news/newsletter-e-news-
and-bulletins/](http://pvumc.org/news/newsletter-e-news-and-bulletins/) to access them online. The
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the weekly *Looking Ahead* are available
there too, as is the weekly *From Paradise E-
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Events this Week at PVUMC

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Home Improvement	9:30AM G2
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Doug Norris' Book Study	11:00AM F5/6
Wesley Sunday School Group	11:00AM G2
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
Youth Choir	4:00PM A4
No VIBE this week	

Monday, December 1, 2014

Open Table Exploration	8:00AM H7
Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
PVUMC Book Group	12:15PM G2
Men's Emmaus Covenant Group	5:00PM F8
Open Table #9/Veteran's	6:00PM H3
Advent Study Led by Pastor Dave	6:30PM A2
Fellowship & Connectional Ministry Team Meeting	6:30PM H4
Boy Scouts Troop #30	7:00PM F1
Boy Scouts Troop #30	
Venturing Crew	7:00PM G2

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Staff Meetings	9:00AM G2
Vinyasa Flow Yoga	9:10AM H1
Open Table/St. Patrick's	10:00AM H4
Caring Bible Study	10:30AM A2
On the First Tuesday	5:30PM F1
Transformation Living Ministry Team Meeting	6:30PM H6
Adult Learning Meeting	6:30PM H3
Christian Group of Young Men (CGYM)	7:00PM E14

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Vinyasa Flow Yoga	9:10AM H1
Susanna Circle	10:00AM A2
Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers	11:30AM A1/4
Prayer Ministry Team	11:30AM F5/6
Sojourners	4:00PM F8

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 (Cont.)

Music Makers	4:30PM A4
Community Feast	5:30PM F1
Bells of Paradise Rehearsal	6:00PM A3
After the Feast	6:00PM Perk
Advent Study Led by Pastor Eve	6:30PM H5
Panels on Enduring Love and Sexuality	6:30PM H7
Open Table #8	6:30PM H4
Women's AA	7:00PM F5/6
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A1/4

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Men's Breakfast Bible Study	6:30AM F5/6
Lunch Conversations on Transformational Living	12:00PM H1
Advent Study Led by Pastor Andrea	6:30PM H3
Salaam-Chai-Paradise: How We Worship	6:30PM F1
Stephen Minister Training for New Candidates	6:30PM H4

Friday, December 5, 2014

Brown Baggers Bible Study	12:00PM G2
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Saturday, December 6, 2014

Christmas Concert	
Dress Rehearsal	9:00AM A1/4
Baptism Orientation Meeting	11:00AM G2
A1=Sanctuary	C1=Chapel
G2=Library	E14=Youth Lounge
F1=Fellowship Center	F8=Fireside Room

Community Feast on Wednesdays

Our Community Feast restarts this **Wednesday, December 3**. Take a break from cooking, and join us in the Fellowship Center. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 pm. Suggested donations: \$7.50/adult, \$3/child (12 and under). Catered by UMOM's Helpings Café, Market and Catering. The Feast continues through **December 17**. It restarts on **January 7, 2015**.

PVUMC Christmas Concert Sunday, December 7 — Sanctuary, 6 pm

Join us for our PVUMC Christmas Concert at 6 pm in the sanctuary on **Sunday, December 7**. Bring a friend, or invite a neighbor to this free community concert. The theme is "And on Earth, Peace." The concert includes all music ensembles of Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, along with professional instrumentalists, who will sing, ring and play inspiring Christmas music to remind us of the hope and peace that came to earth, through Jesus' birth on Christmas. We'll take a free-will offering. A dessert reception follows in the Fellowship Center and the Paradise Perk will be open.

Welcome Center Coordinator and Sunday Morning Greeters Needed

Our Welcoming Ministry Team is looking for more campus greeters as well as a Welcome Center coordinator. Please call or email Kim Levensky, 480-326-9387 or klevensky@cox.net, for more information on how you can serve. Greeting on Sunday morning is a great way to meet new people, takes just 20 minutes and there's no long-term commitment. We even have an electronic sign-up form on the website at <http://pvumc.org/connect/programs-ministries/welcoming/>. Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."— Matthew 25:35.

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.

- **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 are recipients of our annual Christmas missions offering, and we sent volunteers to serve at all three places for our Change the World Day of service on November 16, 2014. We support all three through volunteer hours and our missions ministry. Look for other ways to give via social media on **Tuesday, December 2, #GivingTuesday**.