

Purchase Poinsettias in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One

Poinsettia sales begin next week on the patio outside the Sanctuary, but if you would prefer, 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.

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 23, 2014

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON

Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

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

NEXT SUNDAY – November 30

Sermon Series: Unexpected

Part 1: The Other Holy Family

Dave Summers

Scripture: *Luke 1:5-13; 18-22*



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. Read more about the book and available classes inside *Looking Ahead*. *Expect the Unexpected* this Christmas.



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Thank You for Changing the World — God's Love in Action

What a wonderful day of service we had last week at our first annual **Change the World Day**. Thank you for your joyful participation. More than 350 of you showed up and served, working on at least 15 different projects on and off campus and putting in more than 700 service hours in total. Our video today reflects how many places we served, and how many lives were touched. We had such a positive response, that we can't wait to do it again next year. Thank you for being *God's love in action™* to our community, neighbors and world.

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events calendar.**



Memorial Service of Light 6 pm, TONIGHT in the Chapel

The Memorial Service of Light is tonight at 6 pm in the Chapel. This special service is a time to remember our loved ones who have died (recently or not), and includes music, candlelight, and a message from one of our pastors. It's a beautiful way to honor your loved ones. The name of your loved one will be read

and a candle lit in memory of them during the service, if you reserved a candle in advance. The names of those we remember will be printed in the evening's program. A short reception follows the service in G2, the church library.

Young Adults Join the Youth and Families at the Turkey Bowl

The annual Turkey Bowl (football game, youth vs adults) will be at Cactus Park TODAY after Ignite, our 11:15 am worship service. Join us at 12:30 pm at Cactus Park. Come ready to eat and play against the youth. There will no gathering on **Sunday, November 30** because of the holidays. Contact (text, call, or email) Brenda for questions at Brenda@pvumc.org, (602) 740-7134.

Serendipities Supports PVUMC Preschool at Next Week's Shop & Share

Serendipities, our church gift shop, will be closed **Wednesday, November 26**, and the volunteers wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. The following week, the gift shop will be open two days mid-week, in support of PVUMC Preschool. The Christmas shopping season has started, and you'll find a variety of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2015 calendars, holiday decorations, seasonal hostess gifts and more at Serendipities. The last Shop & Share will be two days, **December 3-4**, 9 am-1 pm on **Wednesday, December 3**, and 9 am-12 noon on **Thursday, December 4**. Serendipities' profits always fund missions.

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.

On the First Tuesday, December 2, Features Chris LaMont

The last *Desert Scroll's* "Passion Found" article featured Chris LaMont, who is next month's speaker for our monthly "On the First Tuesday" event. We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, December 2** for a home-cooked meal at 5:30 pm, prepared and served by Gary Lozier. The speaker follows 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 says he loves to see teams work together and that any success he has experienced comes from team members sharing their talents. Most recently, he motivated and mobilized several of the PVUMC youth to dress and act as zombies in the Zombie Walk during the highly successful Trunk or Treat event in October. He also was team leader at Lost Our Home Foundation as part of the recent Change the World Day last Sunday.

Sign Up for UMOM Adopt-a-Family and Wesley Christmas Gifts

We invite you 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. Look for a table on the patio **TODAY** and sign up if you can. Sign-ups are available through **December 7** and all gifts must be received by **Wednesday, December 10**.

When God Comes Down Church-wide Advent Study



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.

Group classes with rooms and start dates are listed below. Books are available for \$7 in the church office, outside on the patio following worship, and on the first night of class. We also encourage you to follow and contribute to our **Advent Blog**** which will be active **November 30-December 25**. On each of the Advent Sundays, Senior Pastor Dave Summers will preach a sermon on how to "Expect the Unexpected."

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

We're looking for writers to contribute to our Advent devotional blog. Last year, we provided daily devotions around our Advent theme and we're offering this again.

Please contact Kim Summers at kimsummers77@gmail.com or 480-213-6960 to receive a scripture, then write a 200-400 word, half-page devotional reflecting on the book, *When God Comes Down*, or the theme: "Expect the Unexpected." [Click here to read some of last year's blog posts.](#)

Submit your devotional to Kim via email or to the church office to her attention (if handwritten) no later than **November 23**. Thank you.

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:

All our blessings at Thanksgiving
New members joining today at 9:30 am
The baptisms of:
Patrick Henderson Coughlin; born December 23, 2013, son of James Patrick (JP) and Jennifer Coughlin; grandparents Dave & Chris Henderson
Gunther John Stewart; born May 8, 2009 and Margaret Mary Jane Stewart, born November 22, 2011; children of Robert L. and Hester Stewart

Hospitalized:

Norm Henry
Allen Friedrich – grandson of Gary and Carol Vanderslice

Hospice Care:

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

Deaths:

Verabelle Smith – mother of Judy Harmon

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Continuing Concerns: Phyllis Averill; Nicholas Bengtson, son of Kerry & Laura Bengtson; 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

Our Church:

Our church's budget situation
Memorial Service of Light this evening
Turkey Bowl today at Cactus Park
Church-wide Advent study

Our Community, Nation, and World:

Friends and family serving in the military



To make a prayer request, go to our [website](http://pvumc.org) at <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 Patti & George King in celebration of their anniversary.

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.

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. Register at 6:30 pm. The program begins at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Register for Saguaro 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.

Open Table Serving Homeless Veteran Has Need for 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.

Enneagram Panels for Enduring Love & Sexuality Continue Next Week

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: **November 26, 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.

Events this Week at PVUMC

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Adult Bible Study	8:00AM A2
Worship Service	8:00AM C1
Children's Sunday School	
Classes	9:30AM
E10 E11 E12 E13 E4 E7 E8	
H1 H3 H4 H6	
Home Improvement	9:30AM G2
Junior High Class	9:30AM E14
Senior High Small Groups	9:30AM C1
SPIRIT Sunday School	9:30AM F8
Worship Service	9:30AM A1
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:30AM H1
MiniSingers	10:30AM E9
New Member Reception	10:30AM F1
Covenant Group	11:00AM F8
Doug Norris' Book Study	11:00AM F5/6
Wesley SS Group	11:00AM G2
Ignite Worship Service	11:15AM C1
Turkey Bowl 2014	12:45PM
	Cactus Park
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00PM A4
Memorial Service of Light	6:00PM C1
Reception following	7:00PM G2

Monday, November 24, 2014

Mustard Seed Bible Study	9:00AM F8
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
Boy Scouts Troop #30	7:00PM F1
Boy Scouts Troop #30	
Venturing Crew	7:00PM G2

Tuesday, November 25, 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
Foundation Meeting	4:30PM F8
Church Council Meeting	6:00PM F5/6
Audrey's Angels	
Board of Directors Meeting	6:15PM H4

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Pastor's Bible Study	10:30AM F8
Paradise Singers	11:30AM A4
Prayer Ministry Team	11:30AM F5/6
After the Feast	6:00PM Perk
Women's AA	7:00PM F5/6

Thursday, November 27, 2014

Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28, 2014

Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

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

Join our St Mary's Food Bank Volunteers on Tuesday This Week

Join our monthly volunteers for a special Thanksgiving service day on **Tuesday, November 25**, 8 am-1 pm. To ride in the church vans, please meet in the south parking lot of the church by 7:30 am. If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Jim (Tony) Book, 602-361-8605 or jimbook73@gmail.com. Individuals can drive themselves, if they prefer.

No Community Feast Wednesday — Happy Thanksgiving!

We will not have a Community Feast this **Wednesday, November 26** but invite you to take a break from cooking next week, and join us for the Community Feast on **Wednesday, December 3** 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. Have a happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

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.

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.

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.

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.