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*Our mission:
Serving the world with God's love.*



DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 2-3 Advent 1, Holy Communion

December 9-10 Advent 2, Christmas Cantata Weekend
All services in the Sanctuary, New Members Join

December 16-17 Advent 3

December 23 *No Saturday Service*

December 24 Advent 4, Christmas Eve
One Service, 10 AM

4:00 PM, Candlelight Carol Service with Sanctuary Choir
6:30 PM, Candlelight Carol Service with Sanctuary Choir

December 30 *No Saturday Service*

December 31 Christmas 1
One Service, 10 AM

Special Music, Favorite Christmas Carol Sunday

DECEMBER REMINDERS

Friday, December 1, Family Life Dinner—5:00 p.m.

December 4, 11 & 18 "Color the Themes of Christmas"

Thursday, December 7, UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 7, West Valley Chorale

Thursday, December 7, South Pacific Matinee at the Broadway Theatre

Sunday, December 10, Youth Ensemble Concert

Thursday and Friday, December 14 & 15, Trustees need volunteers to help paint

COMING IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Thursday, January 4, UMW Luncheon

Thursday, January 11, "For the Bible Tells Me So" Series starts

Wednesday, January 17 Citrus Gleaning begins

Sunday, February 18, 50th Wedding Anniversary (and more) Celebration

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*A Stephen Ministry Church serving
Sun City West, Sun City Grand and the West Valley*

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Reverend Galene Boyett..... Associate Pastor

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SHUMC Campus will be Closed December 25-30

This year the SHUMC Campus will be closed for the week, to give all our employees an opportunity to be with their families throughout the Christmas holiday!

SHUMC Campus Closed New Year's Holiday Jan 1st

**HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATION
PROCEDURE**

All members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church are urged to **IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (623-584-2280)** when you or a loved one is admitted to or discharged from the hospital.

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TRACKING THE TRUSTEES



The maintenance and repair of our beautiful campus continues! We are working on the main water line. This is the water line that extends from Meeker Blvd. to the church campus. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than expected. We hope to have the mess on Meeker cleaned up soon. We thank you for your patience.

New shrubs will be planted in our Memorial Garden to replace several that have died. This is possible now that the irrigation system has been improved. A big thanks to our members for your donations, which makes these repairs possible.

Calling all volunteers who like to PAINT! We could use your help. Please bring your 2-3" paint brushes, December 14-15. We will be freshening up the trim in Fellowship Hall. The fun will begin at approximately 8:00 am.

As we inch ever closer to Christmas day, may we all be filled with the joy of the season and the anticipation of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

God bless you all.

Pastor's Report 2017 Church Conference



OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE VISION STATEMENT:

*"God Calls Us to Be: A Courageous Church...
Loving Like Jesus, Acting for Justice, United in Hope"*
Adopted: June 2017

This year, Shepherd of the Hills UMC has been a *"Courageous Church..."*

Loving Like Jesus ...

We have loved like Jesus in so many ways: from sending a Mission Team to serve at the Salt Lake City, Utah UMCOR Depot, to the good work of the UMW for missions, to supporting our local food bank and homeless shelter. Each month, we have shared the love of Jesus, as we have engaged in a new missional challenge – without a Missions budget! As a result, we have been able to give incredible gifts of money, time and talent to those in need.

We have loved like Jesus through community projects: our gleaning program which has partnered with the Sun City Prides, and our work with Lord of Life Lutheran Church to help make the "Feed My Starving Children" Program a reality. We have invited the community in to our building and campus by supporting the West Valley Chorale, the West Valley Wind Ensemble and the PORA Community Event. This year, we staffed a "cold water station" for those coming to the PORA event. We gave out 240 bottles of cold water along with information about upcoming events at SHUMC. the upcoming Pet Blessing Service seems to be going over very well with the community! And our Church Rummage Sale -- has become one of the best evangelism events we offer! You go, Rummage Sale workers! The Lord is grateful for your service!

We have loved like Jesus through the many health education events that we have opened to the community. Our special events on understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's Disease have been well attended and offered the community in which we live important information and support. Our classes that promote health and well-being, Tai Chi, Parkinson's exercise class, classes on stress have not only been a service to the church, also the Sun Cities environment. And our 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Family Life Dinners are opportunities for expressing outwardly the love of God in our midst. Marriages that last a lifetime are important and teach us much about discipleship, and Homecoming gatherings give us a chance to dance and let down our hair. Loving like Jesus can be great fun!

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE VISION STATEMENT (CONT)

We have loved like Jesus through the many hours of pastoral care given to hospital, hospice, and rehab visits as well as grief support and cancer support groups. We have loved like Jesus through education classes such as "Understanding Addiction" and "Ten Prayers God Always Answers." And we have loved like Jesus through offering Weekly Communion in the Chapel, Communion to some of our homebound and assisted living facility residents. With the departure last year of Rev. Jim Bonsell, we found ourselves in need of some assistance in being better able to assess the needs of our Care Ministry. The Bishop and our District Superintendent graciously provided The Rev. Paul Self-Price, as an Interim Pastor to allow us to do this important work. We have done this assessment and discovered the need for a re-booting of our Stephen Ministry Program and we also now have a more accurate number of those in the congregation who are no longer attending church because they are homebound. To date, 143 persons are no longer able to attend for health reasons. With the shifting and re-assignment of Pastoral duties now that we are only able to afford two pastors on staff, much of the Care Ministry has shifted to Pastor Galene Boyett, who serves us as a trained Stephen Ministry Leader. This year, we also sent one of our newer members, Marilyn Foster, for training as a Stephen Ministry Leader. These decisions have helped us love more fully like Jesus through our Care Ministry by providing qualified leadership.

Acting for Justice...

This year, we have been a courageous church, acting for justice, attending and engaging in the Bishop's Holy Huddle conversations regarding the full inclusion and participation of the LGBTQ community in the life of the church. And while we are not all of one mind, more than 30 members of the congregation participated in the discussions. Our congregation had one of the largest groups to attend the discussions. I have never been prouder, for while I know such discussions take us out of our comfort zones, our people were respectful and participated with grace and love in some very difficult conversations. As a follow-up, our newly created Church and Society Team furnished a survey for our congregation to consider the subject of the LGBTQ community presence and participation in the church. The results were surprising: we seek to be a gracious and welcoming church to all who come through our doors!

This year, we also moved our financial year from a calendar year to a fiscal year, a bold and daring move that we are still evaluating. As a result, this move allowed us to openly talk about money for the first time that I can recall in the church, through the preaching series "Earn, Save, Give: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money" during our Lenten Season Finance campaign. We looked at how we spend our money and resources and how God wants us to spend our money and resources. While the sermon series was well received, judging by the comments, what was disconcerting was the lack of response to the campaign. Something that is still being debated in the Finance committee. Acting for justice is often challenging and takes time to catch on. What we give to the church and why is a justice issue – not only for us, but most importantly, for God and Christ Jesus.

This year we also have also been a courageous church, acting for justice by establishing a Safety Response team. With the number of shootings occurring in local churches, it behooves us to have a plan and ensure the safety of the congregation. Our hearts are once again, devastated by the news coming out of San Antonio TX, yesterday regarding the deaths of 26 and 20 injured at a church service by an active shooter.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE VISION STATEMENT (CONT)

Acting for justice is also a campus and facilities decision. Each year, our Board of Trustees does an Accessibility Audit. The Audit was once again, completed successfully, along with new carpeting and paint in the Fellowship Hall, new paint in the columbarium and chapel, a new kiosk in the courtyard, electricity added to courtyard for evening and outdoor events and an audit on both the sound system in the Sanctuary and in the chapel. We are doing everything possible to make our campus welcoming, and a comfortable place for all.

United in Hope...

We continue to strive to be a courageous church, united in hope. By offering classes that are fun and hope-filled we help to grow people in their discipleship. Our New Member gatherings have become more invitational through food and opportunities to get to know one another better. "Bad Girls of the Bible" a class on the biblical witness of women has been a fun and challenging way to help us think about how we live out our discipleship. "Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" gave us new insights for our Lenten journey this year. And "Holy Grounds" and Faith Links have served us well in the past for challenging conversations regarding living out our faith. This year we also studied the book: "They Like Jesus...But Not the Church," a candid exploration of why younger generations of people choose to leave church – and what communities of faith can do to reverse this alarming trend.

But perhaps, most of all what unites us in hope is the hard work of worship that occurs each week to ensure that our services are meaningful, musical, and filled with depth and purpose. The worship committee has worked hard for several years to help develop worship that "flows." From the inclusion of music to now "wrap" the scriptures, and propel the service forward, to the addition, on occasion where appropriate, of film clips, Broadway songs, and other audio-visuals to illustrate and highlight the message of the morning; our worship has grown in depth and creativity. And people like it! The responses have been extremely affirming. There has also been great support for many of the sermon series we have created for preaching. The Old Testament series over the summer received repeated appreciation. Your pastors thank you for that affirmation of their hard work.

In preparing this report, I went back and looked at copies of this year's Voice. I particularly paid attention to the save the date sections. And while I tried to include as much as possible in this report – it was impossible to mention everything. No doubt, I have left something out, so I'll ask you now, is there something else that we should lift up and celebrate this day...

To each and every one of you, to the entire congregation, leadership members and ministry teams, staff members and volunteers, thank you for what you do each day to make us a courageous church, loving like Jesus, acting for justice, united in hope. You help us live out this vision.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Self-Price

Rev. Deanna Self-Price

Sr. Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills UMC

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITATION



Dear Women of Shepherd of the Hills,

I would like to invite you to find out more about and become more involved in one of the most rewarding organizations here at our church. The United Methodist Women's group. You do not have to be a member of the congregation to take part in the many events we sponsor and many projects we undertake. Our goals are to make things better in the community and in the world.

Each month we have a monthly luncheon with a speaker. Any of you can come and join us and find out what we are up to. In November we partnered with the Rummage Sale group and hosted a Refreshment Stand at the Sale. We sold donuts and coffee. This helped support the Sale and brought income to us, that we in turn give away to communities and Mission. Our Christmas project of collecting books and puzzles will go to children at four different facilities.

UMW is a feel good way to support this congregation. It is a wonderful way to get involved. We are friendly, enthusiastic and want new members. Won't you please consider joining us?

There is a new area in the Narthex with more information about monthly luncheons and Circle meetings. Stop by and pick-up a brochure or contact me.

Sandy Bradley, President
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UNITED METHODIST WOMENS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



WHEN: Thursday, December 7th at
 11:30 a m in Fellowship Hall
COST: \$15.00 per person (Catered by
 "Big House Cafe")
 Please bring donations of children's
 books and puzzles
 Christmas Story Program with Carols,
 Santa and door prizes

Table reservations may be made for 6 or
 more

SIGN UP: December 3rd

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN JANUARY LUNCHEON

United Methodist Women will hold their January luncheon on Jan.4 @ 11:30 in the fellowship hall. We will have Installations of Officers and Pledge Service. Cheryl Buchhotz will do the installation and be the speaker. Cheryl is the President of the West district UMW and will be speaking on "What it means to be a United Methodist Woman". Miriam Circle is hostess and the cost of the luncheon is \$8. Sign ups will be Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 @ the kiosk in the courtyard. Contact Person, Peggy Pollay, [602-695-3978](tel:602-695-3978).

"COLOR THE THEMES OF CHRISTMAS"

Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18 at 11:00-12:00noon

Conference Room near Church Office

Join Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse, for one hour to relax, de-stress and color. You will be encouraged as we focus on the themes of Christmas and hear the stories behind some of the well known Christmas carols. December can be a month of extremes – busy times & loneliness, happiness & grief, serenity & obligations. Yet hope remains, faith grows, and Immanuel: God Is With Us. Come and share an hour.

Coloring sheets and markers or colored pencils will be provided for those who Sign Up. Sign up in the Church Office for the weeks you plan to attend or call 623-584-2280 to RSVP. You can also email to the parishnurse@shepherdofthehills.org

-Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse

SHUMC CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Learning that you have just been diagnosed with cancer is difficult. An article printed from the Mayo Clinic "Living With Cancer" E-newsletter is available on the "education-station" (credenza) outside the Parish Nurse office. It is entitled: "If you've been diagnosed with cancer, knowing what to expect...". Stop by and pick up a copy.

SHUMC has a Cancer Support Group that includes a variety of cancer journeys: those currently undergoing treatment and those who are finished with treatment. Some who attend find support in knowing others have been on this same journey and are going forward with their lives. Others offer support to those in the group out of their own life experiences with cancer. The group meets most Thursdays at 11:00am in the Prayer Room facilitated by Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse. (Check the church calendar to confirm) It is open to both SHUMC members and community residents. It is also open to loved ones of those on the cancer journey. We also share educational resources to help each other, as well as spiritual encouragement and prayer.

As the Mayo Clinic article states: "Sometimes it will feel as if people who haven't experienced a cancer diagnosis can't fully understand how you're feeling. It may help to talk to people who have been in your situation. Other cancer survivors can share their experiences and give you insight into what you can expect during treatment." Feel free to stop in at the Prayer Room most Thursday mornings at 11 AM and know you will be welcomed.

-Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO: A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH REGARDING INCLUSIVENESS AND RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Last May Shepherd of the Hills' Church and Society Team conducted a congregational survey on inclusiveness which resulted in responses from 187 members. To follow up on that survey, Church and Society will sponsor a four-week educational series beginning on January 11 and meeting on four consecutive Thursdays from 2-4pm in the Choir Room. This study will focus on ways in which our church can provide a warmer welcome and more inclusive hospitality to all persons--especially those in the LGBTQ community--who come for worship, study and fellowship.

The study's first session will begin with viewing the award-winning documentary film "For the Bible Tells Me So". This documentary tells the stories of how five families of faith--including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson—handle the realization of having a gay child or family member. Discussion and conversation will follow the film. The remaining three sessions of this study will feature guest speakers who can present a United Methodist perspective on welcoming members of the LGBTQ community. Special attention will be given to the struggles of seniors who are a part of that community. There will also be opportunity for church members who have an LGBTQ family member or friend to share reflections on their journey.

Everyone who is a member or friend of SHUMC is encouraged to attend this study. Signup sheets will be available outside the church office.

-Submitted by John Riddle

GIVE A GIFT OF SHELTER THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas season, you can help provide shelter to a homeless child and his or his/her family. UMOM New Day Centers work to eliminate homelessness, one family at a time. By purchasing UMOM cards this Christmas Season, you can support the job UMOM is doing to rebuild the lives of homeless families. Last year, UMOM served a diverse population of more than 6,000 individuals through a broad network of services including safe shelter and food; health screenings, care for children, and counseling and development of work skills for adults. UMOM offers a hand-up rather than a handout to those who have fallen victim to challenging times.

The best news is that UMOM is a temporary place for families, and within months, most people are back on their feet again.

- **\$15**-provides **1 night of shelter** for an individual
- **\$50**-provides **1 day of shelter, food and childcare** for a child
- **\$100**-provides **1 week of shelter** to an individual
- **\$360**-provides **1 month of shelter** for an individual

Each donation comes with a card and an insert describing your gift of shelter. The purchase of these cards can help you qualify for a tax credit on your 2017 Arizona state taxes of up to \$400 per person or \$800 per couple. Your assistance will give shelter to children and families.

UMOM cards will be available from the church office, as well as being sold before the Saturday service and before and after Sunday services beginning December 3rd. **Please make checks payable to SHUMC**, and the church will send one check to UMOM for the total amount collected.

GIVE
thanks
with a
GRATEFUL
heart

Thank you for your generosity in providing shelter for homeless people and may your Christmas be warm and comfortable.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UMC?

Then be sure to mark your calendar so that you can attend the next New Member Opportunity coming up in 2018!

New Member Coffee Hours 1 & 2 will be held from 10:15-11:45 in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. We'll spend some time visiting and learning about each other at Coffee Hour 1. At Coffee Hour 2, We'll invite some of our church leadership to come and share more about the life of the church and all it has to offer here at SHUMC. Those who wish to become full members at SHUMC will be received into membership the following week at the 9:00 AM Sunday Service! Mark your calendars now, so that you can be part of the Next New Member Opportunity. New Member Opportunities are hosted by Pastor Deanna and the great folks on the SHUMC Membership Team. RSVP your attendance to Bill in the Church Office @ 623.584.2280.

February 2018 New Member Opportunities:

- February 11** Coffee Hour 1 10:15-11:45 AM Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
- February 25** Coffee Hour 2 10:15-11:45 AM Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
- March 11** Reception into Membership @ 9:00 AM Worship Hour

April 2018 New Member Opportunities:

- April 8** Coffee Hour 1 10:15-11:45 AM Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
- April 22** Coffee Hour 2 10:15-11:45 AM Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
- April 29** Reception into Membership @ 9:00 AM Worship Hour

LET US PRAY

By Carol Hilder

Joseph and Mary,
happy, content
but only she
knew what this
Holy birth
meant.

Jesus was theirs to
nurture and love
'til he was called
by his Father
above.

To fulfill God's
prophecy,
His almighty
plan.

Bringing peace
on earth thru
this Savior of
man.
AMEN

HOME ADDRESS CHANGES

- Mrs. Linda Graham
- Mrs. Karole Vallow
- Mrs. Maxine Means
- Mrs. Javais Vice

IN MEMORIAM

Egbert, Elinor (Bunny) 11/4/2017



MUSIC HAPPENINGS



Hello, Shepherd of the Hills Family! December is upon us, and I've been asked to update you, regarding all of the church related musical events at SHUMC this year.

The first special event is the West Valley Chorale Concert on Dec. 7th at 7pm. It's titled "Christmas from the Stage and Screen", and features Christmas related music from movies such as "Home Alone 2", "The Nightmare Before Christmas", and "A Christmas Carol" as well as the Operas: "La Boheme" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors". Soloists Dr. Jeffrey Stevens, Jennifer Nagey, Lisanne Norman and John Pierce Kraft join the Chorale for this event. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time from Chorale members for \$10.00, or at the door for \$15.00.

The next event will be our Choir's cantata: "Child of Peace" by Mark Hayes. This Cantata focuses on the idea that Christ comes to bring Peace on Earth. Something that is sorely needed right now! We will have a small instrumental ensemble helping Bill Moore to accompany the choir, as well as 1 young soloists: 15 year old Katherine Behr is an up and coming Soprano soloist who has studied voice with me for three years.

The afternoon of Sunday, December 10th, there will be a concert in our fellowship hall by 2 youth ensembles from Spotlight Youth Theater. "Music and Motion" and "Pitches and Tones" are performance choirs known for their high energy Choreography. They are directed by Mark and Lindsey 4Man and members include some of the incredibly talented stars of Spotlights amazing theatrical productions, including daughter Kendra Goodenberger, 13 years old. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door.

And finally, I wanted to update you on the ART PROJECT which I spoke about in my last voice article. We had six painting days in November, we are 1/3 of the way completed, and will continue painting on Dec. 4, 5, 6, and 7. (Depending on completion rate, we may add more dates the following week, but won't announce that until we are sure it's needed.) I'm so grateful to the many people who showed up to help. It has truly been a fun and rewarding event, and I am getting excited to be able to share the finished project with the Congregation on Christmas Eve. Here is a peek at the process, some of the folks who came out to paint, and one "Finished Piece". (Our part is finished! Now it goes back to Artist Bobby Sample for true finish work!)

All of the musicians do bless your Christmas this year!

-Ken Goodenberger , Music Director

50TH WEDDING CELEBRATION

Let the church help you celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary (or more)! Feb. 18, 2018 is the big day. Call Gail for more information. 623-975-6611

ART PROJECT PHOTOS



SHUMC FOUNDATION NEWS

The SHUMC Foundation Board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously. The purpose of the SHUMC Foundation is to:

- Accept and hold gifts, bequests and donations
- Serve as trustee of the gifts
- Manage and invest, accumulate, and reinvest the property received
- Use the income from these assets for specifically determined benefits of SHUMC and Foundation projects
- Income being defined as interest, dividends and appreciation in asset values

There are two Gift Categories, Community outreach and Missions, and Foundation giving for the two categories from 2014 – YTD 2017 is as follows:

SHUMC

- Up grades, enhancements and additions to property..\$22,000
- Support of Care Ministry Nurse.....235,000
- TOTAL.....\$257,000**

Community outreach and Missions

- Student scholarships – primarily nursing..\$68,300
- Dysart Community Center.....\$7,500
- SCW Community Fund.....\$4,000
- No Malaria Initiative.....\$3,000
- Justa Center.....\$1,000
- Bennevilla.....\$1,000
- TOTAL.....\$84,800**

TOTAL gifts given from 2014 – YTD 2017.....\$341,800
 Percentage of gifts given to SHUMC.....75%



Stan Van Peurse, Foundation Treasurer, presenting a check to Annie Ansell, Executive Director, Dysart Community Center.

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE: Balanced Growth and Income

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

- 2014.....9.11%
- 2015.....(1.23)%
- 2016.....9.66%
- YTD 2017.....12.32%

-Stan Van Peurse, Treasurer, SHUMC Foundation

OUR PETS ARE BLESSED

On November 19, 48 people and 28 dogs attended the first annual Blessing of the Pets at the dog park across Meeker from the church. In addition to a short service, each dog was individually blessed. Also, dogs in need will soon be blessed, as 20 cans and 2 bags of pet food were donated in addition to \$46 cash. Thanks to the many, many people who helped make this a pleasant and blessed afternoon in the park.





The rummage sale begins with donations from the congregation members and their friends. It continues with the organization of the donations on our sort and pack days. It culminates in 6 days of setups and three days of sales. And then the cleanup and collapse! A lot of work by a lot of people! I would love to mention everyone by name but we don't have the space. If you were in church on 11/12 you saw the raised hands when Pastor Galene asked who helped – very impressive!

Our gross is at \$23,500+ - also impressive. After all our expenses are accounted for, we will make recommendations to the Council on how the proceeds should be distributed and then share that information in our next article.

We receive a lot of compliments on how well we are organized and how friendly our people are. The organization can be attributed to the following people and the volunteers who support them: Art – Gloria Walz; Arts & Crafts – Lil Mueller & Charlotte Spellman; Books – Sand'ee Spears; Clothing – Margaret Grotmeyer, Marlene Northup and Margaret's Pickleball friends; Flowers – Marian Hamman & Sharon Stewart; Holiday – Mary Ann Harris ; Housewares – Linda Pierce; Jewelry – Deb Phillips; Knick Knacks – Jack Burke; Linens – Bev & Tom Willett; Outside - Gail Colclough with Betsy Maple pricing furniture and Deb Helgesen, Don Walz, Richard Northup and Norm Bruening pricing the balance of items; Morning coffee and goodies – UMW; Food Court – Mike & Carolyn Hicklin; Cashiers – Jan Bosio; Furniture pickups & delivery and setup – Clark Root & Shawn McMullen. The church staff –Mary Jo Patton, Bill Amperse, & Julie Calvert are very supportive in keeping us organized.

Obviously, we would not be successful without those I have mentioned and all the other volunteers that I wish I had space to mention. In addition to those who annually work the rummage sale, we saw a lot of new volunteers this year which is great! As chair, I am so thankful for everyone's support – couldn't get it done without you all! And special thanks go to Carolyn & Mike Hicklin and my husband Jack for all the extra support you provided to me.

-Pat Burke – Rummage Sale Chair

Thank you to my kind, caring, loving friends at SHUMC who reached out to me and my family when Ralph passed away in October. Many hugs, calls, cards and prayers—so special. Rebekah Circle with bringing food to our family. For the calls, prayers and concern for me and my family from Pastors Deanna, Gaylene and Paul.

-Ardis Staples

The Catlins' would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind and thoughtful cards, notes, visits, phone calls and mostly your prayers during our recent health problems. We are so grateful to have such a loving and caring church family. **THANK YOU—THANK YOU** Our love and appreciation to all of you.

-Audrey and Dick Catlin

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The Shepherd's Voice

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays 4:50 pm in the Chapel Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
Coffee Fellowship Hour between Sunday services In Fellowship Hall! Come Join us.

Saturday, Dec. 2 & Sunday, Dec. 3 "Get Down Here, Now!"Rev. Self-Price
Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37 **Holy Communion**

Saturday, Dec. 9 & Sunday, Dec. 10 "Are You Comfortable?"Rev. Self-Price
Isiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8
Christmas Cantata Weekend NEW MEMBERS JOIN

Saturday, Dec. 16 & Sunday, Dec. 17 "Mistaken Identity"Rev. Self-Price
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, Dec. 24 One Morning Service at 10AM " Don't Believe Everything you Hear"Rev. Self-Price
Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Two Services 4PM and 6:30PM "Blessed Hope"Rev. Self-Price
Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20 **Candlelight Carol Service with Sanctuary Choir**

Sunday Dec. 31, One Morning Service at 10AM "Two Turtle Doves..."Rev. Self-Price
Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22 **Favorite Christmas Carol Weekend**