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



2018 BRINGS CELEBRATIONS TO SUN CITY WEST

The new year has brought two big celebrations to residents of Sun City West and to our church.

First, there was a celebration of Max Gimpel's 100th birthday, hosted by our neighbors at Beth Emeth Congregation, who were also celebrating their 30th anniversary. Max has been very active in the communities of Sun City and Sun City West, and in interfaith relations. Max not only designed the building for Beth Emeth, but also the religious furnishings, the stained glass windows, and the Holy Ark. Our congregation sent birthday wishes to Max through a book compiled by Beth Emeth and received the following note of thanks from the organizers:

"Dear Pastors, We appreciate your generosity and good will, and fellowship. We send you and all your congregants our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and may we all enjoy a happy and healthy 2018."

The book was presented at the celebration on January 4th.

Second, Sun City West itself is celebrating its 40th anniversary. A special commemorative edition of the Sun City West Independent will be published on January 31st, and a celebration parade will follow on Monday, February 19th (Presidents Day) beginning at 9 AM. Shepherd of the Hills will have a half page ad in the commemorative edition, celebrating our relationship with Sun City West since its beginning. Remember, the official birthday for SHUMC is December 2, 1979, but we were the first denomination to seek land in Sun City West, and were originally offered a 4.5 acre lot which is now home to Desert Garden United Church of Christ. Our current location at Meeker and Pyracantha covers 8 acres and was purchased in 1982, after the two previous locations were determined to be too small.

With new sanctuary artwork dedicated in December 2017 and these two celebrations in January and February 2018, it is hoped that people will happily volunteer to work on our own 40th Anniversary Celebration taking place in 2019.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

If you've been thinking of joining others in celebrating your 50th or + Wedding Anniversary on February 18, now is the time to call Gail at [623.975.6611](tel:623.975.6611). Plans are being made and we don't want to leave anyone out!



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**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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LET'S STAY HEALTHY

During cold and flu season, many hospitals are finding it necessary to limit visitation to those who are over a certain age and free of any respiratory illnesses. The limitation of hospital visitors (which may also

include the pastors) is necessary because even minor colds can cause very serious illnesses in some hospitalized patients. Many patients in the hospital already have weakened immune systems and cannot risk being exposed to respiratory illnesses. As a caring community of faith, we ask all to be mindful of those who may be at risk not only in the hospital setting, but also here on our church campus. In our desire to promote health and wellness in the church during this flu season, we are asking that we all refrain from sharing hugs and handshakes with one another. Warm smiles and kind words of greeting will serve us well as we seek to promote a healthy, happy congregation.

ARTICLES FOR THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Please remember that there are Co-Editors for the Voice and we take turns each month producing the Newsletter. To make sure your article is received to be published, please email it to:

shumcvoice@gmail.com

Both Co-Editors have access to this email and we check this mailbox for articles. Thank you!

REMINDER

February 25th, 2018 - March 2, 2018

**Our Pastors will be away attending the Gathering.
Pastor Paul will be on call for EMERGENCIES only.**

Shepherd's Staff



Dear Ones,

In the light of recent news events, I am sharing a news release from our United Methodist Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops seeks to provide guidance and instruction to our Church when questions of Christian faith and conduct arise in response to events occurring in the world. Please see the Bishop's statement below:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 12, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Bishop Bruce R. Ough, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, issued a statement today on behalf of the Council concerning remarks reported to have been made by President Donald Trump regarding immigrants. **The statement follows:**

We are appalled by the offensive, disgusting words attributed to President Donald Trump who is said to have referred to immigrants from African countries and Haiti, and the countries themselves, in an insulting and derogative manner. According to various media accounts, President Trump made the remarks during a White House discussion with lawmakers on immigration.

As reported, President Trump's words are not only offensive and harmful, they are racist.

We call upon all Christians, especially United Methodists, to condemn this characterization and further call for President Trump to apologize.

As United Methodists, we cherish our brothers and sisters from all parts of the world and we believe that God loves all creation regardless of where they live or where they come from. As leaders of our global United Methodist Church, we are sickened by such uncouth language from the leader of a nation that was founded by immigrants and serves as a beacon to the world's "huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

Thousands of our clergy, laity and other highly skilled, productive citizens are from places President Trump has defamed with his comments. The fact that he also insists the United States should consider more immigrants from Europe and Asia demonstrates the racist character of his comments. This is a direct contradiction of God's love for all people. Further, these comments on the eve of celebrating Martin Luther King Day belies Dr. King's witness and the United States' ongoing battle against racism.

We just celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, whose parents during his infancy had to flee to Africa to escape from the wrath of King Herod. Millions of immigrants across the globe are running away from such despicable and life-threatening events. Hence, we have the Christian duty to be supportive of them as they flee political, cultural and social dangers in their native homes.

We will not stand by and allow our brothers and sisters to be maligned in such a crude manner. We call on all United Methodists, all people of faith, and the political leadership of the United States to speak up and speak against such demeaning and racist comments.

Christ reminds us that it is by love that they will know that we are Christians. Let's demonstrate that love for all of God's people by saying no to racism; no to discrimination and no to bigotry.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

President – Council of Bishops

TRACKING THE TRUSTEES



The Trustees would like to welcome our new members: Doug Culliton, Brad Harrington and Deb Phillips to the team.

We look forward to working with them and would like to thank Clark Root for his guidance as our Trustee chair for the last two years. Here is a list of our Trustee Committee members and officers: Mike Hicklin—Chair, Doug Culliton—Vice Chair, Jan Bosio—Secretary, Marian Hamman, Cindy Larson, Debbie Helgeson, Don Trenda, Richard Van Valkenburg, Shawn McMullen, and Rev. Deanna Self-Price. We welcome your questions and comments!

Shawn McMullen and volunteers continue to paint the door trim in Fellowship Hall and the meeting rooms. Things are looking great! Thank you to all those who participated.

Our priorities for 2018 include the Fellowship Hall kitchen and painting/repairing the exterior of our church.

As always, the trustees will continue to care for our beautiful campus! Your donations are so appreciated!



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UMW DATES TO SAVE!

EASTER BASKETS

Once again the United Methodist Women will be partnering with Faith United Methodist Church in North Central Phoenix, to provide Easter baskets for their Sidewalk Sunday School Program. Our UMW invites you, the congregation to help in this project. Beginning in **February** there will be a "box" in front of the church office to receive filled baskets or items to fill baskets. A sample basket will be displayed. Instructions with ideas for items to put in the baskets will be available by the "Easter Box". UMW will be dedicating the baskets at our March 1 monthly luncheon. Thank you for supporting our program and helping make Easter a happy experience for those that are homeless in our church community.

-Sandy Bradley, President of UMW

United Methodist Women will hold their **March Luncheon on March 1 at 11:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Patty Ek speaking about Children and Poverty. This will be an informational program exploring the plight of Children in Poverty in our communities. Sew Happy Circle is hostess and the price is \$8. Signups will be at the kiosk in the courtyard on Feb 18 and Feb 25. Contact person is Marian Hamman [623-243-7666](tel:623-243-7666)

Attention UMW Ladies!!! Save the date – March 3 and 4 will be UMW weekend and we would love to have your help. Contact Sandy Bradley [623-546-4476](tel:623-546-4476) or Peggy Pollay @ [602-695-3978](tel:602-695-3978) if you would be willing to help.



Dear Deanna,

Your gift came across my desk today and I was incredibly moved. Thank you so much for your gift in the amount of \$220.00. Your generosity will change the lives of families, children and youth at UMOM.

Because of you:

- * Families that would have been forced to live on the streets or in their cars have a roof over their heads, hot meals and access to medical care.
- * More than 250 residents found jobs and are able to provide for their families.
- * Over 2,000 kids feel safe and are working on rebuilding their self-confidence which was stripped away when they were homeless.
- * At-risk and runaway youth have access to vital short-term and long-term services that keep them safe and break the cycle of homelessness.

And these are just a few of the ways you are transforming lives right now. Throughout the year we will be updating you on other ways you are inspiring change.

But the best way to experience the impact you are making is to visit our UMOM campus by registering for a tour or by signing up to volunteer. Visit umom.org to view our tour calendar and numerous volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for ending homelessness, one child, one youth and one family at a time.

With Gratitude,

Darlene Newsom
Chief Executive Officer

Melissa Steimer
Chief Development Officer

MISSIONS—WHAT ARE UNDIES SUNDAYS?

The Mission Committee invites you to join the fun and bring **new underwear** donations for **UMOM**. All sizes of men's, women's and children's underwear are urgently needed. Children's diapers in sizes 5 and 6 are needed, too. **Undies Sundays** will be celebrated each week during **February**.

To give some dignity to homeless and low-income individuals and families, please bring **new** underwear donations to the church. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and beside the office. Thank you for your past support for mission projects, and thank you for your support and prayers for this project.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Chester and Cindy Harrington III
Chester was Baptized and Joining by Profession of Faith

Patricia Jensen
Joining as Affiliate with First UMC in Sartell, MN

Julie Killebrew
Joining by Profession of Faith

Sally Kisner
Joining by Transfer from St Paul UMC in Ocala, FL

Larry and Connie Lindquist
Joining by Transfer from Milford UMC in Milford, NE

Glenda Moore
Joining by Profession of Faith

Ken and Cathy Peckham
Joining by Transfer from Sharon UMC in Manchester, MI

Pamela Rice
Joining by Profession of Faith

Sandy Sheppard
Joining as Affiliate with 1st UMC in Casper, WY

Toni Tucker
Joining by Profession of Faith

COUPS FOR TROOPS UPDATE

We are starting our second year of the Coups For Troops program. Coupons have been sent to a base in Germany and another in Japan. We have mailed eight boxes to each base for a total of 120 pounds of coupons. Recently we received a note from a family of five stationed in Germany thanking us for the coupons we have sent. The enthusiastic response of you and your friends and neighbors has been wonderful. Please keep up the good work. Any questions about the program, please contact Sand'ee Spears.

HOME ADDRESS CHANGES

James Harrison

Larry & Connie Lindquist

Sharon Stewart



HELP WANTED - HOSTS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

We have lots of dates available for Fellowship Hosts. If you would be willing to host a Sunday, please contact the church office to inquire about available dates.

Or, if you don't want to host but would be willing to donate a couple dozen cookies, cheese and crackers or fruit, we have some helpers that will be happy to set up and clean up; all you need to do is drop off goodies before first service. Again, please contact the office to see what dates are available and let the office know if you are only donating so they can let the helpers know they will have to set up.

We want to continue to having Fellowship time, but need volunteers to help make it happen.

Thank you!

NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH SHUMC HEARTSAVERS

February is American Heart Month, and at SHUMC we have a group of volunteers called **HEARTSAVERS**. This term used by the American Heart Association is for Laypersons who have taken training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the use of the AED (automated external defibrillator). Because of this training, Heartsavers can respond quickly and skillfully to sudden cardiac arrest in the minutes before paramedics arrive. Our goal for the SHUMC Heartsaver Program is to have two Heartsavers available to respond to a medical emergency at each of our worship services and major church events.

February 10 & 11 is SHUMC's Annual Heartsaver Saturday-Sunday. SHUMC Heartsavers will be wearing "Ask Me About Heartsavers" badges and will be available before and after Worship services, at displays, and hosting the Sunday Coffee & Fellowship Hour. Stop and talk with a Heartsaver about their training and responsibilities. We have an urgent need for more trained Heartsavers in order to adequately cover all our worship services and events. We encourage those living part time here in Arizona to participate as well. For information on the March CPR class, contact Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse, church office **623-584-2280 x55** or parishnurse@shepherdofthehills.org

Become a **HEARTSAVER** and be assured you will have a life skill which you can use wherever you are needed – at the pool, with the grandkids, at a restaurant or here at Shepherd of the Hills UMC.

ANNUAL HEARTSAVER MEETING Thursday, February 15 at 9:00-10:15am Choir Room

All SHUMC Heartsavers and prospective Heartsavers are encouraged to attend the **ANNUAL HEARTSAVER MEETING**. This is the time for you to renew your commitment as a Heartsaver and review some Heartsaver information. We will start at 9:00 with our guest, Rebecca Haro, Health & Medical Coordinator for the Arizona Fire and medical Authority, who will bring us another brief update on the Community Paramedicine Program.

We will continue our meeting by reviewing important information such as the symptoms of stroke and heart attack, as well as

Come early and get your Heartsaver picture taken for our 2018 Heartsaver Photo ID Poster. Please RSVP to Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse, **623-584-2280 x55** church office or parishnurse@shepherdofthehills.org

AN INVITATION AND THANK YOU FROM MUHAMMAD ALI PARKINSON CENTER

On behalf of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church for allowing us to hold our PWRMoves 3 class on the church campus. Christmas is the perfect time to express our gratitude for all you do for the Parkinson's community. Your support allows the class participants to attend a Parkinson's specific exercise class while reducing caregiver stress, because they do not have to travel far from home. This is invaluable! Class participants certainly appreciate the Church for providing space for the classes, which meet on Mondays at 10:15 AM. Without your ongoing support we would not be able to do this.

*Patty Hatton, CTRS
Recreation Therapy Coordinator
(Submitted by Esther Vallet)*

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT? DISTRICT TRAINING COMING!

On Saturday, February 17, 2018, the West District will sponsor a Day of Learning from 9 am to 3 pm at Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church. Registration is \$15 until February 9th, and can be done online at [dscumc.org/secure/west-district-day-of-learning - 02/17/2018](http://dscumc.org/secure/west-district-day-of-learning-02/17/2018).

Workshops will be offered in the morning and in the afternoon on Congregation Care, Prayer, Church Leadership, Generational Challenges, Lay Servant Ministry and Certified Lay Minister Programs, SOUL (Story, Outreach, Uniting hope, Love), and the music of John and Charles Wesley. Full course descriptions are available online and through the office. You will be asked which workshop you want to attend when you register.

NUNSENSE II: THE SECOND COMING WRITTEN BY DAN GOGGIN

Directed by: Brenda Goodenberger
Music Direction by: Ken Goodenberger
Choreographed by: Megan Tenney

Nunsense II: The Second Coming is the sequel to the international hit Nunsense. The same five nuns are back on stage at Mt. Saint Helen's School for what is billed as a "Thank you, Programme" for their supporters. Forced to work round the set of The Mikado (being presented next week by the local music society) they decide to stick to their successful formula and present a variety show.

CAST LIST:

Rev. Mother - Christine Brown Cavazos
Sr. Hubert - Brenda Goodenberger
Sr. Amnesia - Kira Noelle Kadel
Sr. Robert Anne - Megan Tenney
Sr. Leo - Isabelle Hunsaker
Performances 2/9/18 - 2/11/18

Ghostlight Theatre through special arrangement at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at:
<http://www.ghostlightaz.com/box-office>

SHUMC Members can use the promo code NUN2 and will receive \$8 off the ticket price.

PERFORMANCES ARE:

Friday 2/9/2018 - 7:00 PM
Saturday 2/10/2018 - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday 2/11/2018 - 2:00 PM



***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!***

LET US PRAY
By Carol Hilder

**I pray that I will
honor You,
every day.**

**That my actions
respect others,
every day.**

**That my words
ease distress,
every day.**

**That I reflect
the joy of
loving You,
every day.**

AMEN

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.** 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**



IN MEMORIAM

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Caster, Mr. Jim | 1/6/2018 |
| Coates, Mrs. Marilyn F. | 1/9/2018 |
| Fenne, Mr. Donald W. (Don) | 1/3/2018 |
| Gahard, Mrs. Ila | 1/14/2018 |
| Graves, Mrs. Delores | 1/9/2018 |
| Kilpatrick, Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) | 12/27/2017 |
| Means, Mrs. Maxine | 12/31/2017 |
| Thomas, Mr. Wayne | 1/4/2018 |

SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION: OBSERVING ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on "Maundy" (or Holy) Thursday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, "lencten," which means "Spring, or a time when the days begin to lengthen." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter during which we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God with the community of faith. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in both Jewish and Christian worship. The Imposition of Ashes is a powerful, nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

This year, our Lenten season will focus on the theme "**Change My Heart, O God,**" with a nod to one of our newer hymns in church of the same name. During the Ash Wednesday Service this year, worshippers will receive the ashes in the form of the cross on the forehead as well as a Lenten Observation Kit with prayers, symbols, and daily reminders for living out this holy season during each of the forty days.

We invite all to share in this historic and meaningful Service of Ashes on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 PM in the Sanctuary, and to participate in the spiritual and transformational discipline of observing the forty days of Lent.



THANK YOU

Dear Ones,

My family and I wish to say thank you for all of the kind and generous remembrances and gifts that came to our family over the Christmas holidays. The gifts, too many to number, were each special and lovely and when appropriate, enjoyed by my whole family. We are so grateful. Thank you, also for the gifts given in my name to UMOM. Knowing that another family was enjoying a night of shelter through your generous gift was a joy -- far too beautiful for words.

Thank you all, for the blessings you gave us this Christmas. We love you all and feel so privileged to serve Shepherd of the Hills Church!

-Pastor Deanna, Pastor Paul, and Jordan

PRAYER WALK BEGINS

Have you ever tried to cover your home and your family in prayer? We will be beginning a prayer walk to do just that here at Shepherd of the Hills on Tuesdays at 8:45 am in the chapel, beginning on February 13th, the day before Lent begins. As you probably already know, communion is left in the chapel on Tuesdays, so we will begin with prayer and end with communion. On our prayer walk, we will pray for the ministries, people and buildings here at SHUMC. While this is an actual walk to pray over our campus, it can also be accomplished by joining in the prayers while sitting in the chapel, as there will be pre-written prayers for each part of our church. So come and join Pastor Galene on Tuesday, February 13th, at 8:45 AM as we pray God's protection and blessing over our church.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY THE HEART OF GIVING

This year our Stewardship Program is based on *Extravagant Generosity*, the fifth principle of Bishop Robert Schnase's groundbreaking book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. This is a unique stewardship program designed to help our church both teach and practice a biblical way of giving that focuses on the abundance of God's grace and the Christian's need to give, rather than on the church's need for money. During this stewardship time, we will be encouraged to give, share, sacrifice, and serve extravagantly and joyfully out of love for God and neighbor. We hope that this model of giving will result in positive and dramatic change not only in the lives of those touched by our generosity, but also in the lives of individuals and families within our church and communities. The Stewardship Program begins on the weekend of February 17 & 18 and will conclude on the weekend of March 17 & 18.

During the five weeks of Extravagant Generosity, the Stewardship Committee will be offering small - group study opportunities. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join in reading brief daily devotions from *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving*, by Bishop Schnase. Once a week your small group will meet together to reflect on the readings and to share insights and ideas related to your faith journey and our congregation's ministry.

In the words of Henri Nouwen, stewardship is ministry. It is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer all an opportunity to participate with us in our mission and vision. We have a vision that is so amazing and exciting that we invite all to share the resources God has given them in this work to which God has called us.



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Address Service requested



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays 4:50 pm in the Chapel
Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
Coffee Fellowship Hour between Sunday services

- Feb. 3 & Feb. 4 - "How to Handle Your Mother-in-Law"Rev. Self-Price**
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 147, 1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23, Mark 1:29-3
Holy Communion
- Feb. 10 & Feb. 11 - "Stop Talking! Please!"Rev. Boyett**
2 Kings 2: 1-12, Mark 9: 2-9
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday 6 PM - "Change My Heart, O God".....Rev. Self-Price**
- Feb. 17 & Feb. 18 - "A Humble Response"Rev. Boyett**
Genesis 9: 18-22, 1 Peter 3: 18-22. Mark 1: 9-15
- Feb. 24 & Feb. 25 - "Beyond Facebook to Twitter"Rev. Boyett**
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Mark 8: 31-38
- March 3 & March 4 - United Methodist Women's WeekendUMW**
Holy Communion