

Shepherd's Weekly Email March 12, 2018

Worship Services: Saturday, 4:50 PM Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 AM

Scripture and Prayer for the Week:

Numbers 21:4-9, Philippians 4:12, John 3:14-21

Dear God, I love and worship you as my Savior. Help me to find the contentment I seek in this life. Help me to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others. Remind me continually of your grace and goodness. Thank you for giving your life that I may live eternally. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

3/17-18 Lent 5 "The Declarations of Our Hearts" Rev Self-Price

Scripture and Prayer for the Week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

O God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to new life. As we move closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself, revealing your grace and redemption for the world. Amen.

3/24-25 **Cantata Weekend** - All Services in the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Ken Goodenberger, will present "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" by Lloyd Larson

Liturgy of the Palms will begin the services.

Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 14:1-9

3/29 **Maundy Thursday**

12 Hour Prayer Vigil and Guided Meditation in the Chapel

Sign up now for your twenty-minute time of quiet Communion, Reflection and Prayer in our beautiful Chapel! A Self-Guided Meditation of Scriptures and Readings on the "Friendship of Jesus" will be provided along with individually packaged elements for Holy Communion. This is an opportunity to step out of the busy, hectic pace of the day to be with Jesus as He calls you "friend" and invites you to be with him at his Last Supper. The All-Church Vigil will last 12 hours, beginning at 8AM, and ending at 8PM. Twenty-minute Vigil times are available for sign-up outside the Church Office.

3/30 **Good Friday Service of Tenebrae** Rev. Self-Price

Join us for this powerful and moving service of Choral music, hymns and "Shadows" as we remember the last moments before our Lord's death. Rev. Deanna Self-Price will preach

“Before the Crowing,” a sermon on the “shadow” of Peter’s denial in the High Priest’s Courtyard. This service is in the Sanctuary at 6:00PM.

3/31 **Holy Saturday** This service is in the Chapel at 4:50 PM

We are privileged to have our new Chair of Education, the Rev. Linda Deming, preach this special service in the Chapel on the evening before Easter. Holy Saturday has, through the centuries, traditionally been a time when those being initiated into the faith received final instruction for their Christian walk. We are pleased to have Rev. Deming, who has taught many classes at SHUMC, bring the message this evening.

4/1 **Easter A Service of Resurrection and Celebration** Rev. Self-Price

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

Join us for a morning of joy and special music as we celebrate the gift of new life made possible in Jesus Christ! Rev. Deanna Self-Price will preach, “Don’t Forget to Speak to the Gardener,” a sermon highlighting Mary Magdalene’s response to the Risen Christ. Join us for a time of wonderful fellowship between our services on Easter morning! The services will be in the Sanctuary at 9:00 and 10:45 AM.

Prayer Walk Continues: Come join them: Tuesdays in the Chapel at 8:45 am

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.**

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 at 9:00 AM Worship Hour

Start	Subject	Location
Tuesday, Mar 13, 2018		
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Prayer Rm
8:00 AM	Trustees	FH Meeting Rm
8:00 AM	Quiet Communion	Chapel
8:45 AM	Prayer Walk	Chapel
9:00 AM	Missions & Outreach	Conference Rm
11:00 AM	Desert Aires Board Meeting	Choir Rm
11:00 AM	Tai Chi Intermediate	Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Desert Aires Rehearsal	Choir Rm
12:15 PM	Tai Chi Beginner	Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM	Foundation	FH Meeting Rm
2:30 PM	Finance	Conference Rm
4:45 PM	TOPS	Choir Rm
7:15 PM	Speedworld RC Flyers	Choir Rm
Wednesday, Mar 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Pastor Office
9:00 AM	Gleaning - Meet in Parking Lot	
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Rm
10:30 AM	Tech Copy Review	Conference Rm
1:00 PM	UMW Sew Happy Circle	FH Meeting Rm
1:00 PM	Singing Shepherds Rehearsal	Choir Rm
1:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Rm

Thursday, Mar 15, 2018		
9:00 AM	Stewardship Class	Conference Rm
10:00 AM	Volunteers at St. Mary's Food Bank	
11:00 AM	Cancer Support Group	Prayer Rm
3:00 PM	Stewardship Class	Conference Rm
Friday, Mar 16, 2018		
10:00 AM	Shepherd's Bells Rehearsal	Bell Choir Rm
11:00 AM	Organist Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	NAMI Family Support Group	FH Meeting Rm
1:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm
Saturday, Mar 17, 2018		
4:50 PM	Worship Service	Chapel
Sunday, Mar 18, 2018		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary

REMINDER: Your Voice articles are due by March 20 for the April Voice - and you can turn them in earlier!

Dialogue With The LGBT Community

Your Church and Society Team and its taskforce now known as Opening Minds Group (OMG) invite members and friends of SHUMC to an afternoon dialogue with representatives of the four local LGBT clubs. This dialogue will be on Thursday, March 22nd from 2pm-4pm in SHUMC Fellowship Hall.

There will be at least one representative from each of the following: Sun City West LGBT Club, Sun City LGBT Club, Sun City Grand LGBT group and the Corte Bella LGBT group. Each club will share information about their past activities and future plans. They will also offer suggestions about what our congregation can do to help support their members. A question and answer period will follow.

Church and Society/OMG is excited about this opportunity to meet others in our communities and to live out our group's new Vision Statement of: "All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church." We look forward to this conversation and the chance to make new friends. Join us in this journey!

United Methodist Women April Luncheon will be held at 11:30 on April 5. The program will be presented by Sherry Koopot from the Phoenix Art Museum. The cost is \$8. Signup will be in the courtyard on March 25 and April 1. Contact person is Peggy Pollay 623-546-3948

UMW Sew Happy Circle will meet in FH Meeting Rm at 1 PM on March 14. Contact Marian Hamman 623.243.7666

UMW Mary-Ruth Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 AM on March 20. Bring your 2018 rosters; we will discuss all its new contents. Contact Sandy Bradley 623.546.4476 or bradleyram@outlook.com

UMW Rebekah Circle will have their monthly meeting on March 20 at Julie Killebrew's House, 19004 N 134th Dr, SCW 602-316-7995

UMW Miriam Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1 PM on March 28. Contact Peggy Pollay 602.695.3978

Friendship Groups at Shepherd of the Hills

Friendship Groups meet one of the needs within our larger church family. They are small groups of members that meet once a month for friendship, fellowship, recreation and support in times of joy and need. Most groups meet from September through May.

Belonging to a group is a great way to make new friends at church. Each group functions independently, having its own mission and goals.

We would like to include you in one of our friendship groups.

For more information, please call:

Becky Fay 623.518.9502

Elsie Cawley 623.546.3130

Tai Chi - Next series of 8 Tuesday one-hour classes starts March 13 thru May 1. Intermediates at 11 AM and beginners at 12:15 PM. Movement is medicine. Tai Chi positively affects all bodily systems and organs. It prevents falls, strengthens muscles, improves flexibility and lowers blood pressure. May also improve blood sugar control and ease chronic pain. Sign up for Tai Chi classes at the Church Office. \$40 per series



Family Life Dinner March 23

Theater Works – The Stardust Youth Singers

This all-star group of 13-18 year old singers – the best in the West Valley – will please you with their talent. They have auditioned and were selected to perform. Past “Family Life” entertainment included Diamondbacks organist Bobby Freeman, the Nutcracker, Desert Winds Steel Orchestra – and the quality of Stardust will surprise and amaze you. Brenda and Ken Goodenbergers’ musical direction

guarantees this quality.

Menu: Tossed Garden Salad W/Assorted Dressings, Fresh Seasonal Fruit Salad, Individual Meatloaf W/Mushroom Sauce, Red Skinned Garlic Mash Potatoes, Sautéed Zucchini & Yellow Squash with Fresh Thyme, Rolls, Butter & Assorted Desserts

Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner served at 5:30pm, Program at 6:30pm.

Tickets \$16 for dinner & program are available Sundays before and after 9 AM worship thru March 18. Please call Gail to reserve table for groups 623.975.6611

WEST VALLEY CHORALE SPRING CONCERT April 12 7:30 PM SHUMC Sanctuary
Ken Goodenberger directs the West Valley Chorale in their Spring Celebration: *More Music from Stage and Screen*. Wonderful jazz standards, swing favorites, and special highlights from opera will showcase the talents of the choir. Tickets are \$10 from West Valley Chorale members or by reserving them on the website westvalleychoraleaz.org, or \$15 at the door. Contact: Gail Christianer quiltedgypsy@gmail.com 480-662-7948

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

What Do You Know About Mary’s Place?

Mary’s Place is a Benevilla Life Enrichment Program that helps family members care for a loved one with moderate to late stage Alzheimer’s and dementia. The programs are home-like, friendly and specially designed to best serve member needs. The services are comfortable and relaxing and are conducted by sensitive, well-trained staff whose first priority is for the comfort of the client. Mary’s Place provides socialization with other people, cognitive stimulation by playing games and doing mental

activities, group and individual exercise, a creative arts program, entertainment, and nutritious lunch and snacks from Birt's Bistro.

As a caregiver, Mary's Place provides respite and free time so the caregiver has time to take care of his or her needs. It gives them peace of mind knowing their loved one is being cared for and is in a safe environment. Caregivers need a temporary rest from caregiving and Mary's Place supports and strengthens a person's ability to be a caregiver. Mary's Place is the only adult day health care facility specific to Alzheimer's/Dementia in the northwest valley and Maricopa County and is the only secure memory care adult day facility in Maricopa County. Mary's Place is located at 14601 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ.

Will you help the Mission Committee provide some of the items needed to keep Mary's Place programs in operation? The following items are needed and there will be tubs in the narthex and by the church office to collect your donations for our March project:

Ice tea maker, garden seeds, potting soil, gardening tools, glue sticks, glitter glue, sketch pads, assorted fabric (any sizes), board games, sports oriented board games or trivia, puzzles with larger pieces, canvas for painting (all sizes), acrylic paints, watercolors, paint brushes, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, any craft supplies, baking supplies, and plastic shoe boxes for organizing supplies

Thank you for giving to people who need Mary's Place and our help as they live with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Citrus Gleaning Week 7: Thirty-five volunteers gleaned another 20 trees this week resulting in approximately 6,800 pounds of citrus. To date 567 hours have been volunteered to glean 143 trees and collect 28,280 pounds of citrus. We are grateful for all the volunteers who have worked to make this project such a success. Anyone interested in joining the gleaners are most welcome. We will begin at 8:00am. We will be working in the SenPark HOA between West Seneca and West Parkwood Dr. For more information, contact John Riddle, 623-547-5041.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed to assist with sorting food at **St. Mary's Food Bank** in Surprise on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call Becky Fay at 623-518-9502.

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, SHUMC sends a team of 4 or 5 people to help cook and serve dinner at the **UMOM New Day Shelter**. Please contact Pastor Galene or Phyllis West if you can help serve at UMOM.

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.

Upcoming Special Seminars:

CURRENT SENIOR SCAMS

Friday, April 6 at 10:00-11:30am Fellowship Hall

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will be providing an hour-long presentation on the topic of Current Senior Scams with time for questions at the end. Criminals are calling victims on the phone, claiming to be the IRS, The Treasury Department or Law Enforcement, telling them that they must pay a fee or be subject to arrest. Some scammers are telling you that you have won a prize or a vacation and you just need to pay a fee to get your prize. These are all scams!

Join us for a FREE and Informative class on how to protect yourself by recognizing these scams.

Please RSVP to Church Office 623-584-2280 or E-mail church@shepherdofthehills.org

Hosted by the SHUMC Health & Welfare Team with Parish Nurse

Area Agency On Aging Offers 6 Week Workshop on

CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

These Healthy Living Workshops can teach you the skills you need to manage your chronic pain and other health conditions, and get your life back. For 6 weeks, you will enjoy the company and support of others living with chronic pain in an interactive setting.

class on Memorial Day).
materials are FREE.

Room

required. Class size limited.

Zatcoff 480-930-1495 or Rose Leyba 602-241-5562

the website for Area Agency On Aging Region One: www.aaaphx.org

Starting Monday, April 23 to Monday, June 4 (no

Time: 1:00-3:30pm. Workshop and
Fellowship Hall Meeting

Registration

Contact: Lisa

OR on

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8b

Alternative Revenue Sources

SHUMC Window Decals – Purchase at the office for only \$5 and \$1 of that will go to Missions. Easy to apply yourself and perfect for your golf carts too!

Recycling Paper & Cardboard - There are recycling bins located in the southwest side of the church parking lot for paper and cardboard. You may deposit cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, computer paper, office paper and phone books, junk mail, shredded paper in clear plastic bags, colored paper, paper bags, pizza boxes, paperback books, cereal boxes, and hard covered books. *No aluminum or plastic please!* SHUMC receives \$20 per ton of recycled paper from the recycling company, so you can support your church and the environment, too!

Fry's Community Rewards Program - You can help SHUMC every time you shop at any location of Fry's Foods. Participants are required to have an email and must enroll your Fry's VIP card, and you need to re-enroll August every year to keep donations happening. If you need a VIP card, they can be obtained at any Fry's location. If you have a Fry's VIP Card, all you need to do is enroll your card online at www.FrysCommunityRewards.com, and then every time you shop and present your VIP card SHUMC will be credited and receive a reward from Fry's based on your purchases. The church office has printed instructions for "Creating and Online Fry's Account" and "Registering for the Fry's Community Rewards Program".

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Partners in Prayer: Please send your prayer requests to prayers@shepherdofthehills.org

For caring comfort of a **Stephen Minister:** 623.584.2280

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Easter Flowers - The flower growers have informed us that the tall lilies are in extremely short supply this year so we will be getting short lilies and other spring flowers

FINAL WEEK TO PLACE YOUR FLOWER REQUEST!

2018 ORDER FORM FOR EASTER FLOWERS



Donor Name(s): _____

Quantity \$11.00 per Plant or Honorarium

I will **pick-up** my flower. *The flower can be picked up after the 10:45 Easter service.*

I wish to **donate only**

Your choice for entry in the bulletin:

In **Honor** of _____

In **Memory** of _____

To The Glory of God (Donor name(s) will be in bulletin)

Please make your check payable to: **SHUMC** (Shepherd of the Hills UMC)

And in the Memo: **"Flowers"**

Please place your check and this filled out form in an envelope marked "Flowers" and hand it to someone in the church office. If the office is closed, place it in the mailbox outside the church office, or place it in the Offering Plate. **Sorry, no orders after March 16.**

Thank you for helping adorn our church at Easter.