



# Shepherd's E-News

for February 1, 2019



Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognizing what we have in common rather than focusing on what our differences might be. Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy to others. Amen.

## **Worship Schedule:**

Saturdays, 4:00 PM

Sundays, 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Feb 2-3, 2019 Unafraid: Facing Our Fears of Change and Missing Out**

**Feb 9-10, 2019 Unafraid: Facing Our Fear of Aging, Illness, and Dying  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Feb 16-17, 2019 UMW Sunday – Nancy Cushman, guest**

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**Exploring Membership:** If you have questions about this church, or think you might want to join. Our next Exploring Membership class is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Remember to fill out a prayer and presence card with your name and writing the words Exploring Membership if you are interested in attending the one informational class before joining.

**EXPLORING  
MEMBERSHIP**

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## **Join Us for Worship in Three Different Styles:**

### **Saturday 4:00 P.M. "Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

Intimate Worship in the Chapel  
Especially for those who love the old hymns,  
and that small church "home town" feel

### **Sunday 9:00 A.M. Spirited Traditional Worship**

In the Sanctuary, with Choir, Organ, Piano  
Enjoy a variety of musical styles and hymnody

### **Sunday 10:45 A.M. Informal Praise Service**

In the Sanctuary, with praise band, Communion available weekly.  
Come as you are.

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## **Imagine 40 More Years**

### **Campaign Progress**

**January 27, 2019**

**Pledges - 37**

**Dollars Pledged - \$143,245**

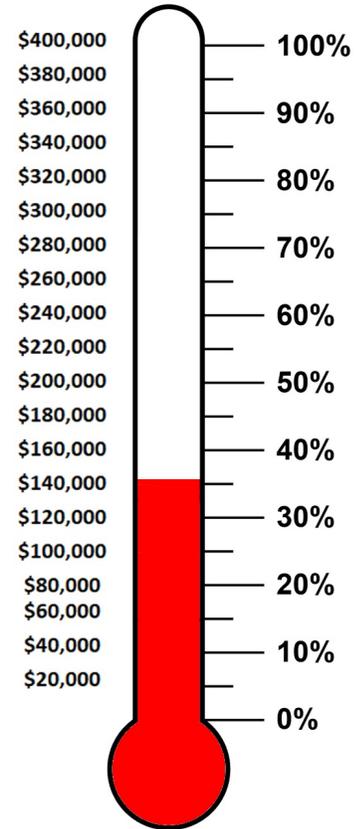
**Dollars Received      \$101,380**

A big thank you to those of you who have made a commitment to our "40 More Years" campaign. These contributions and those to come will provide our Trustees the resources necessary to ensure that our campus will remain a safe, beautiful and comfortable place to gather for worship, fellowship, and study through the next 40 years.

For those of you who have yet to make a commitment, we would ask that you prayerfully consider the pledge material and return the complete pledge card to the church office by February 14<sup>th</sup>. If by chance you have not received the campaign information and pledge card, please let the church

office know.

Again, your participation is greatly appreciated.



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### **OUR SHUMC FOUNDATION AT WORK!**

The purpose of the SHUMC Foundation:

- Accept and hold gifts, bequests and donations
- Serve as trustee of the gifts
- Manage and invest, accumulate, 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 SHUMC**

2018 Calendar Year

**85% of our gifts went directly to SHUMC.**

**Thank you for your donations to our Foundation!**

FUND	GIFTS GIVEN	DESCRIPTION
Dysart Unified School District Scholarship	\$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships to 2 Valley Vista High School graduates</li> </ul>
Franklin Green Care Ministries	\$96,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support Care Ministry staff and programs at SHUMC including Esther Vallet, our parish nurse</li> </ul>
Nursing Scholarships	\$17,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships to 13 students who are continuing their nursing education. All are current employees of Banner Del Webb Hospital. These scholarships are given in partnership with Sun Health.</li> </ul>
Unrestricted	\$2,500 \$40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dysart Community Center GED Program</li> <li>Repairs and painting the west wall of our Sanctuary.</li> </ul>
TOTAL	\$160,000	

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### **Week Two of the Gleaning, 2019**

On our second week of gleaning there were 16 citrus trees gleaned resulting in a total of 33 total trees gleaned this year. We are grateful for the 36 volunteers who worked this second week.



If anyone else wishes to volunteer, plan to meet at the church at 9:00 am on Wednesday mornings. In addition to the hard work, we are enjoying fun and fellowship with fellow volunteers.



**New GriefShare Support Group** with Marilyn Foster (Stephen Ministry Leader and counselor), Frank Nothaft. GriefShare Support Group will begin Wednesday, Jan. 16. from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. For those who have had a loss or death of a loved one. Sessions are self contained, come at anytime during the 13 week sessions! Please call the church office to sign up. (623) 584-2280

*Please join us in prayer for...*  
Our sister United Methodist Congregations:  
Ajo Federated Church  
Calvary UMC, Phoenix  
Chino Valley UMC

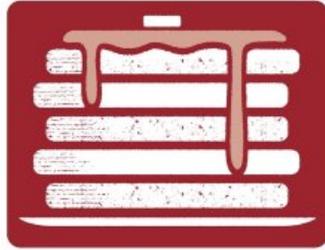


### **Visit to Justa Center & UMOM New Day Center**

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a visit to Justa Center and UMOM New Day Center in Phoenix on Monday, February 18. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. in carpools and expect to return by 4:00 p.m. We will tour Justa Center, have lunch at Helpings Cafe at UMOM, then tour UMOM Center. Participants will buy their own lunches and may wish to pay their drivers \$5 per person. Please sign up in the church office or at the kiosk on Sundays. **Please make lunch selection**

**also!**

Our church provides financial support and donations of items to these programs. Justa Center is a day resource center for seniors who are homeless. UMOM provides shelter, services and affordable housing for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.



## SHORT STACKS FOR A **TALL CAUSE**

You're Invited to an Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Event to support

### **Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church - UMCOR Mission Team**

Tickets: \$8.00    Date: 02/02/2019    Time: 8am - 10am

See organization for ticket purchase prior to event.

For Ticket Purchases Contact  
Calvin Slaaen  
(480) 865-4414  
kslaaen@cox.net

Applebee's Location For Event  
13756 W Bell Rd  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
623-544-0368

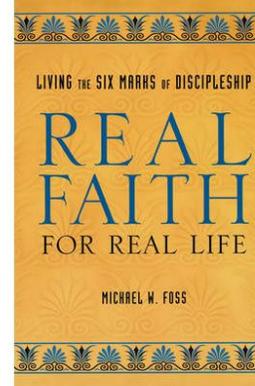
## **Educational Opportunities**

### **Real Faith for Real Life Study**

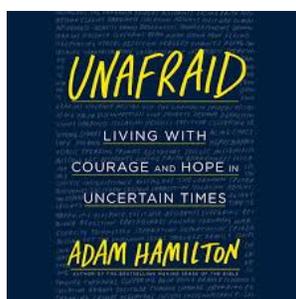
Lenten Study with Pastor Deborah

Pastor Deborah will be preaching a sermon series based on this book by Michael Foss. Come and spend time reflecting deeper on the six time-tested marks of discipleship, using Bible

passages and real-life stories. Learn how each mark of discipleship enhances and supports the growth of a person's faith journey. Also find study questions and journaling suggestions for individual reflection and small group discussion. The first class will be an introductory class to distribute books, introduce each other, and go through the methodology. Thursdays at 3 p.m. March 7-April 11  
Fridays at 10 a.m.. March 8 – April 12



**“VITAL CONVERSATIONS”**  
with John Riddle  
**Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture  
The Church, & Human Sexuality.**  
**Watch for more information on time & dates!**



**Unafraid: Living With Courage and Hope In Uncertain Times**  
with John Riddle  
A video-based discussion on Adam Hamilton's book will begin on Friday morning at 10:00 A.M., January 11th and will run for 5-6 weeks. In Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

### **Life Changing Bible Study**

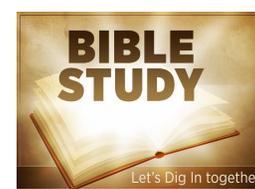
with Pastor Deborah

Session 1: Thursdays at 3:00 pm Jan. 10 - Feb. 14

Meets in Conference Room

Session 2: Fridays at 11:15 am Jan. 11 - Feb. 15

Meets in Conference Room Room



Please join us for **Miriam Circle** which meets in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 P.M. Contact Person is Peggy Pollay 623-546-3948



## UMW Luncheon on Feb. 7, 2019

**"A is for Aprons!"**

Join us and bring your favorite apron or one with a history.

Cost: \$8.00

Location: Fellowship Hall

Sign up at the Kiosk or at the church office

Everyone is welcome

### Mary-Ruth Circle

All Shepherd women are welcome to join the Mary Ruth Circle for fellowship on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall Foyer.

Please contact Sandy Bradley - (623) 546-4476 or [bradleyram@outlook.com](mailto:bradleyram@outlook.com)



### Souper" Bowl Sunday

The football season is coming to an end, and the Super Bowl is Sunday, February 3, 2019. Many people celebrate with parties, food, and

laughter. However, in Maricopa County, more than 623,300 people live in poverty. Twenty-six percent of those living in poverty are children. Nearly 1,138,000 are "working poor". Arizona is tied as the fifth worst state in the U.S. for overall food insecurity. One in four children, one in five adults, and one in seven seniors struggle with hunger.



## Souper Bowl

The Mission Committee is asking for your help. Please bring cans of soup, dried beans, split peas, rice or any of your favorite soup fixings during the month of January. You can bring these items to the Narthex or a box near the office. Valley View Food Bank's shelves are sparse and they need our help. Let's make Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> a great day for everyone!

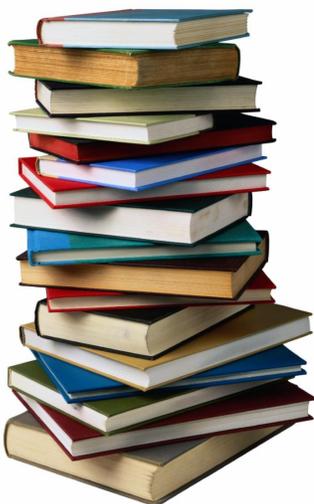


## **FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT!**

### **Undies Sundays?**

#### **What are Undies Sundays?**

The Mission Committee invites you to join the fun and bring NEW underwear and sock 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 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.



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#### **From the SHUMC Library:**

If you didn't visit the SHUMC Library in 2018, you missed 100 new fiction, non-fiction, and large print books and DVD's. Thankfully, the church budget and Rummage Sale supports this library, and it is filled with great books. In addition, generous donations of 194 used fiction, non-fiction and large print books and DVD's were also added to the library.

The Library is open during church office hours 8-4 each day and the following volunteers work there. Maleta Colclough, Sand'ee Spears, Jan Eberwein, and Mary Jane Banfield look forward to greeting you

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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 Phyllis West (623) 877-0269) if you can help serve at UMOM.

**Coups For Troops Update** – We are collecting manufacturer's coupons only - no store coupons, no rebates, no fast food, and no restaurant. Coupons are going to family bases so all kinds of manufacturer's coupons are useful including those for children and baby items, automobile products, household and laundry supplies and, of course, groceries and toiletries. Any questions about the program, please contact Sand'ee Spears.

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### **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](http://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".

**Do You Shop on Amazon?** Support Shepherd of the Hills UMC with your purchases! Amazon will donate 0.5% of every eligible purchase you make to us. To register, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church.

**Address Reminder...** Are you leaving town? Moving? Phone or Email change? Please let the Church office know and keep us current on how to reach you and when we should look for you to return. So while you are thinking about it and reading this, make a note on your Prayers & Presence Card with your attendance, drop us a note, pick up a form in the hall outside of the library, call 623.584.2280, or email [church@shepherdofthehills.org](mailto:church@shepherdofthehills.org) with any address, phone number, or email corrections.

### **Need to update your emergency contact information at the church?**

There are forms in the hallway by the office, or just send us the basic information in an email. We need your name, current address and phone numbers. Then give us the "In case of emergency, please notify" names, their relationship to you, phone numbers and address.

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### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. 1 Corinthians 4: 1

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

**Pastor on Call for Emergencies: 623.584.7642**

**Prayer Line: 623.584.2922**

**Partners in Prayer:** Please send your prayer requests to

<b>Saturday, Feb 2, 2019</b>			
7:30 AM	10:30 AM	UMCOR Flapjack Breakfast	Applebee's
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Gun Violence Awareness	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Worship Service	Chapel
<b>Sunday, Feb 3, 2019</b>			
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, Feb 4, 2019</b>			
9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Miriam Dancers Practice	Sanctuary
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Parkinson's Exercise Classes	Fellowship Hall
12:45 PM	2:45 PM	West Valley Chorale Board	FH Meeting Room
2:45 PM	5:00 PM	West Valley Chorale Rehearsal	Choir Rm
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	West Valley Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Feb 5, 2019</b>			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Prayer Rm
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Card Craft	FH Meeting Room
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Tai Chi Intermediate	Fellowship Hall
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Tai Chi Beginner	Fellowship Hall
1:45 PM	5:00 PM	SPRC	FH Meeting Room
4:30 PM	7:00 PM	TOPS	Choir Rm
<b>Wednesday, Feb 6, 2019</b>			
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Pastor Office
9:00 AM		Gleaning Meets for Assignments	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Rm
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	Bulletin Review	Conference Rm
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Singing Shepherds	Choir Rm
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Grief Share Support Group	FH Meeting Room
<b>Thursday, Feb 7, 2019</b>			
9:30 AM	11:15 AM	UMW Team Meeting	FH Meeting Room
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Cancer Support Group	Prayer Rm
11:30 AM	3:00 PM	UMW Monthly Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Planning Committee - Imagine	FH Meeting Room
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Life Changing Bible Study	Conference Rm
<b>Friday, Feb 8, 2019</b>			
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bulletin Stuffers	Conference Rm
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Unafraid: Living with Courage & Hope	FH Meeting Room
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	Life Changing Bible Study	Conference Rm
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Rm
<b>Saturday, Feb 9, 2019</b>			
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Memorial: Mary Ann Wagemann	Chapel, Columbarium
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Worship Service	Chapel
<b>Sunday, Feb 10, 2019</b>			
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary

## SHUMC Staff

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

*Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our communities and world.*

*Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.*

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