



Shepherd's E-News

for January 25, 2019



Lord, I ask you to open my eyes as you did with the blind man, so that I may really see. Tune my ears as you did with the man who was deaf and dumb, so that I may really hear what you are saying to me. May the many experiences of my senses remind me to be aware of others and of all that is around me. May all that I experience lead me closer to you. Amen

Worship Schedule:

Saturdays, 4:00 PM

Sundays, 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Jan. 26-27, 2019 Unafraid: Facing Our Fear of
Disappointing Others**

**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
50th Anniversary Celebration**

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**

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.

Imagine 40 More Years

Campaign Progress

January 21, 2019

Pledges - 37

Dollars Pledged - \$130,800

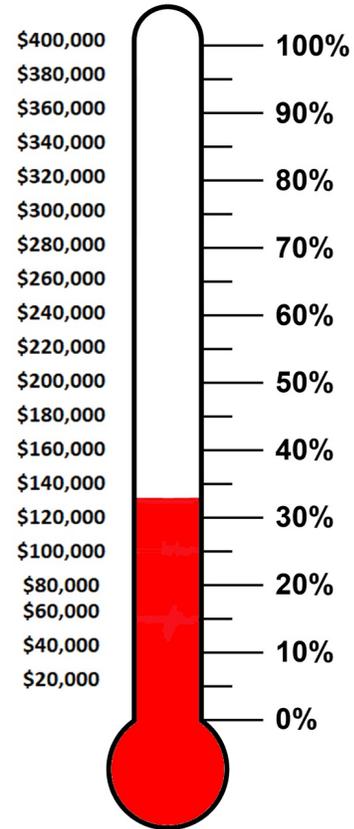
Dollars Received \$96,980

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 14th. 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.



Week one of the Gleaning, 2019

After our first week of gleaning, citrus was gleaned from 18 trees resulting in approximately 6,250 pounds of citrus. We are grateful for the 36 volunteers who worked this first week. We want to thank members of the PRIDES of Sun City West, who have joined us again this year. If anyone else wishes to volunteer, plan to meet at the church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. In addition to the hard work, we are having fun and fellowship with fellow volunteers.



St. Mary's Food Bank—January Focus on Mission

During January the focus of our mission program will be St. Mary's Food Bank. In addition to distributing emergency food to individuals and families in need, St. Mary's offers several other programs. These programs include Community Kitchen, CK Catering, Child Nutrition program that includes Kid's Café and a Back-Pack program, and Citrus Gleaning. On the 3rd Thursday of each month members of our congregation sort donated food at St. Mary's in Surprise.

During the months of January through March, 2018 we participated in the Gleaning Program and collected 35,980 pounds of citrus from 178 trees. For 2018 St. Mary's program collected 1,079,770 pounds of citrus. All the grapefruit gleaned was sent to a juicing company in Mesa and generated 7,320 gallons of juice. For the 2019 season we have 170 trees committed to be gleaned. We have volunteers from our congregation, PRIDES of Sun City West and several other people from the community signed up to work each Wednesday morning starting January 23rd. The Mission Committee encourages your financial support for St. Mary's Food Bank during the month of January.



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



Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2019?

Would you like to be part of our 50th anniversary church celebration, on February 10, 2019. If so Call Gail Krasean (623) 975-6611 to add your name to the list.

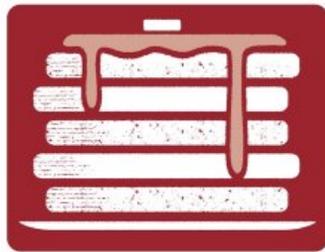
Plans are being made now. Deadline to be part of this celebration is February 1, 2019

Please join us in prayer for...
Our sister United Methodist Congregations:
Staff of Desert Southwest Conference
Wesley Community Center



Visit to Justa Center & UMOM New Day Center

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a visit to Justa Center and UMOM New Day Center if there is enough interest. Our church provides financial support and donations of items to these programs. Justa Center is a day resource center for seniors who are homeless in the metro Phoenix region. UMOM provides shelter, services and affordable housing for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in visiting these programs, please sign up in the church office. Arrangements will be made based on the number of people who want to go on the trip. -Becky Fay



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

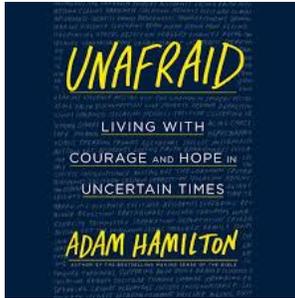
Tickets: \$8.00 Date: 02/02/2019 Time: 8am - 10am

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



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

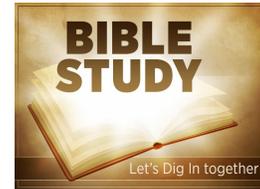
with Pastor Deborah

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

Volunteers Needed-

Ushers for second services. Please sign up at the church office, at the Kiosk or in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.



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 3rd a great day for everyone!

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Almost daily we are hearing about more situations of gun violence ... in churches, schools, wherever crowds are gathered.

The Desert Southwest Conference adopted a resolution making all church campuses gun-free zones and encouraging congregations to study and discuss ways to respond to Gun Violence as committed Christians.

On February 2, SHUMC will offer a program called a "Civil Dialogue on Gun Violence" with Geraldine Hills. She is a Certified Civil Dialogue Facilitator and is experienced in facilitating this topic in various venues: churches, schools, community groups. She is a member of Paradise Valley United Methodist.

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019. Snacks will be provided. More information to follow.

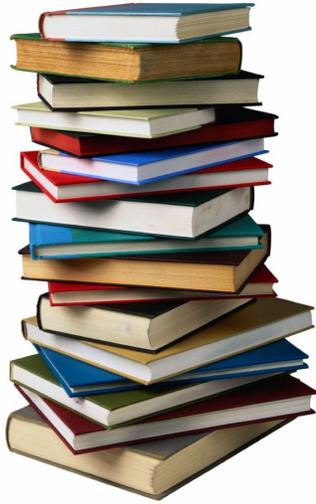
The program is a joint initiative of Education Committee and Church and Society.

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.



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

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.

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".

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 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 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.



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
[**prayers@shepherdofthehills.org**](mailto:prayers@shepherdofthehills.org)

Start Time	End Time	Subject	Location
		Saturday, Jan 26, 2019	
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Family Life Dinner -Setup	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Worship Service	Chapel
5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Family Life Dinner - SATURDAY	Fellowship Hall
		Sunday, Jan 27, 2019	
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Monday, Jan 28, 2019	
9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Miriam Dancers Practice	Sanctuary
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Parkinson's Exercise Classes	Fellowship Hall
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
		Tuesday, Jan 29, 2019	
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Prayer Rm
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Tai Chi Intermediate	Fellowship Hall
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Tai Chi Beginner	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	7:00 PM	TOPS	Choir Rm
		Wednesday, Jan 30, 2019	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Pastor Office
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
		Thursday, Jan 31, 2019	
8:30 AM	2:30 PM	SHUMC Leadership Retreat	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Cancer Support Group	Prayer Rm
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Life Changing Bible Study	Conference Rm
		Friday, Feb 1, 2019	
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
		Saturday, Feb 2, 2019	
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
		Sunday, Feb 3, 2019	
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary

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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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