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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



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



## A Welcoming Statement

*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 in our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.*

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN



THE RUMMAGE SALE IS UPON US! UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES, SOME OF OUR LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY OR UNABLE TO WORK THIS YEAR. EVERY YEAR MANY FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEER TO SET UP AND HELP DURING THE SALE, BUT THIS YEAR WE ARE REQUESTING EVEN MORE OF YOUR TIME AND ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

WILL YOU COME HELP AND HAVE FUN WITH US? JUST SO YOU KNOW WE ARE NOT MAKING UP THE "FUN" PART. MANY WHO HELPED FOR THE FIRST TIME SAY THEY HAD FUN AND GOT TO MEET SO MANY NICE PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHY THEY COME BACK EACH YEAR. IT IS ALWAYS AMAZING THAT EVEN LONGTIME MEMBERS HAVE NOT MET EACH OTHER UNTIL THEY WORK THE RUMMAGE SALE. PLEASE COME JOIN US.

WE WILL HAVE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FEEL FREE TO CONTACT PAT BURKE AT 623-748-3751 OR AT patburke48@gmail.com WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 11/1 AFTERNOON – TABLE SETUP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 11/2 START SET UP 8:00 A.M. 11/3 CONTINUE SET UP 8:00 A.M.
- 11/5 –11/7 8:00 A.M. COMPLETE SET UP AND PRICING
- 11/8 SALE 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- 11/9 SALE 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- 11/10 SALE 8:00 A.M. – NOON
- 11/10 CLEAN UP



**Shepherd of the Hills  
United Methodist Church**

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Sun City West, Sun City Grand and the West Valley

**Congregational Care Team**

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Reverend Lee Hirt..... Associate Pastor  
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**CPR/AED Training at SHUMC**

**Heartsavers** at SHUMC are those who have taken CPR/AED training including additional SHUMC **Heartsaver** orientation with Parish Nurse, Esther Vallet. They serve at our Worship services and other SHUMC events ready to respond quickly to sudden cardiac arrest in the minutes before paramedics arrive. They also respond to those not feeling well during our Worship services also. Because of their training they can respond competently.

Our goal is to have 2 **Heartsavers** available at each worship service, and other SHUMC events. You may have noticed someone wearing a RED name badge "**Heartsaver** Volunteer".

**We have an urgent need for additional SHUMC **Heartsavers** and invite you to consider this commitment by taking the CPR/AED training.**

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

**9:00 AM—12: 00 PM**

**In the SHUMC Fellowship Hall**

You must be able to be on the floor to practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the mannequin, as well as learn to use our AED.

Upon completion of the course and passing the requirements, you will receive an American Heart Association Certificate. This is a life skill that you will learn and be able to use wherever you are—at the pool, family gatherings or at SHUMC.

If you are interested in taking the class and becoming a SHUMC **Heartsaver**, please call Church office at (623) 584-2280 Please leave your name and number, or email: parishnurse@shepherdofthehills.org

**You must be registered by Nov. 8 at 12:00 PM**

**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 are admitted to or discharged from the hospital.

**The Shepherd's Voice**

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# Shepherd's Staff



Dear Friends,

Fall is my favorite season of the year, and November is my favorite month. I love leaving my doors and windows open after a long hot summer. I love seeing my plants revive. I treasure the quieter days of Thanksgiving and family and church family gatherings that precede the busy pace of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

In the church each year, as November begins, we remember our saints, pausing to give thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us and have now passed on to the glorious life that is to come. It is both a treasured remembrance of friendships and shared service and a token of the ultimate hope we share. We will light candles, ring a bell, and then, as you depart, send you out with a candle of your own. We hope you will light it at least once in the week that follows, remembering those in the church and in your life who have been a blessing to you, and giving thanks.

On the second week in November we will reflect together on the ways the church is touching the world with hope and help, reminding ourselves that our ministry reaches beyond the walls and makes a difference, all for the sake of Jesus. We will send you home with a collage of pictures of our church touching the world with Jesus' love, and invite you to pray for our ministries within the church and beyond.

On the third week, Thanksgiving Sunday, we will consider how we gratefully respond to all we have been given, by returning Commitment of Giving cards indicating our anticipated giving to the church in 2019. This is an essential part of planning well the ministries we will undertake in the new year. Please be thinking about your level of giving.

I preach, teach, and live out the standard of the tithe, or 1/10 of all income, which is the biblical standard for giving. If you feel that is out of reach at this time, I recommend that you start with some percentage of all income, and plan to increase it over time until you are able to reach the tithe. Percentage giving keeps us faithful to noticing and setting aside "God's share" of all the income that comes to us. These gifts enable us to cover the operating expenses of the church.

If you have chosen, for any reason, to designate your giving to special purposes instead of contributing to the operating budget, I invite you to reconsider this year. We are entering a new season together, a season of hope, optimism, and expectation. Many wonderful things are happening in our life together. They can only be sustained by your faithful giving. Your leaders in financial ministry are strong, careful, and capable. They can be trusted to use your gifts for maximum benefit.

Join us for worship this month. Remember who and whose you are, and how God has blessed you and this church, in order that we bless the world, and all for the sake of Jesus.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Deborah



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Saturday November 3 and  
Sunday November 4

On this day we remember with love those saints among us who have graduated to glory in the last twelve months. Join us for a time of remembrance and communion.



## VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

If you are a veteran of any of our military branches we invite you to wear whatever part of your uniform you still have and can fit into! We will have a moment of remembrance in all

three services on Saturday November 10 and Sunday November 11, and give a prayer of thanksgiving for those whose service secures our freedoms. The worship committee will host a cake reception and receiving line for veterans during the fellowship hour. Sunday, 10:00 – 10:45 AM.



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, God, for all the food we eat. And thank You for Your many blessings on us this past year...the ones we've seen, as well as the ones we haven't seen.

Thank you, God for the times You have said "no." They have helped us depend on You so much more.

Thank you, God, for unanswered prayer. It reminds us that You know what's best for us, even when our opinion differs.

Thank You for the things you have withheld. You have protected us from what we may never realize.

Thank You, God, for the doors You have closed. They have prevented us from going where You would rather not have us go.

Thank you, Lord, for the physical pain You've allowed in our lives. It has helped us more closely relate to Your sufferings on our behalf.

Thank you, Lord, for the alone times in our lives. Those times have forced us to lean in closer to You.

Thank you, God, for the uncertainties we've experienced. They have deepened our trust in You.

Thank You, Lord, for the times You came through for us when we didn't even know we needed a rescue.

Thank You, Lord, for the losses we have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are our greatest gain.

Thank You, God, for the tears we have shed. They have kept our hearts soft and moldable.

Thank You, God, for the times we haven't been able to control our circumstances. They have reminded us that You are sovereign and on the throne.

Thank You, God, for Your ability to take what we consider 'tragedy' and turn it into a treasure.

Thank You, God, for those You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

Thank You, God, that we have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from us and we could never selfishly squander.

Thank You, God, for the greatest gift You could ever give us: forgiveness through Your perfect Son's death on the cross on our behalf.

Thank you, God, for the righteousness You credited toward us, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's a righteousness we could never attain to on our own.

And thank You not only for our eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford us every day of our lives as You save us from ourselves, our foolishness, our own limited insights, and our frailties in light of Your power and strength.

Thank You, God, for all that You have allowed and not allowed in our lives this past year. For we commit our lives anew to You this day and ask that You would continue to remind us, throughout this next year, that You are God, You are on the throne, and You are eternally good.

Shepherd of the Hills Choir presents Top 10 reasons you should sing with the choir!



1. You don't have to dress up on Sunday morning—the robe hides a lot!
2. You have a guaranteed seat on Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve.
3. The ushers never pass the collection plate through the choir loft.
4. It's just like singing in the shower, except you're wearing clothes and people are actually listening.
5. You get to hang out with some of the most joyful people in the congregation.
6. You now have a good reason to get out of the house at least 2 times a week.

Rehearsals are on Friday, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Director of Music: Ken Goodenberger Email: [music@shepherdofthehills.org](mailto:music@shepherdofthehills.org).

This is a non-audition choir. All are welcome!

### Exploring Membership

If you have questions about this church, or think you might want to join, our next Exploring Membership class will be Saturday November 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM. You can just write **EXPLORING** on your prayer and presence card or contact the office to let us know you plan to attend.

**EXPLORING  
MEMBERSHIP**

### Tai Chi Classes:

Nov. 13, 20 and 27, 2018

Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 2018

**Intermediate 11:00 AM—12:00 PM**

**Beginners 12:15 PM—1:15 PM**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



### Join: The Pray Partners and Pray for Others! HOW?

Submit your email address to [church@shepherdofthehills.org](mailto:church@shepherdofthehills.org)  
Once you have submitted your email address you will receive an email with the Weekly Prayer Request List attached.

### A Very Special Opportunity! Hear about A Mission to Muslim People Sunday, November 18, 2018 10:15 A.M. in the Chapel

Recently in worship we introduced Mark and Amy Peterson and their children Samuel and Abigail, who were here visiting with Amy's parents Barr and Charlotte Spellman. After hearing about their lives and ministry Pastor Deborah invited them to share their experiences as church planting missionaries on their next visit to Sun City West.

Mark and Amy will be with us on Sunday, November 18, and will give a presentation on their work and ministry, which to date has included stints in Tajikistan and in Cairo, Egypt. Mark has an MS in Civil Engineering and has worked as an engineer in the US and in Egypt (with Engineering Ministries International (EMI)). Amy holds a BS in Occupational Therapy and has worked in the field in the US and with disabled children in Cairo's garbage village.

Mark and Amy joined Pioneers in May 2018. Pioneers is a "non denominational" Christian missionary organization with an emphasis on planting churches among least reached and unreached people groups. Pioneers has 3,212 international members serving on 354 teams in 104 countries.

Recently Mark and Amy visited Jordan to hear firsthand reports of missionaries who are working with Syrian Muslims. They plan to move to Jordan in July 2019. They will use their experiences in engineering and agriculture and theological studies. Their hope and vision is to form house churches in Jordan with Muslim background Jordanians and Syrians who have come to follow Christ.

Mark and Amy are living out the Great Commission. Plan to spend some time hearing about their lives, work, and passion for sharing the good news of Christ's love.



**Join us for our Annual All Church Charge Conference  
 with District Superintendent Nancy Cushman  
 Monday, November 12, 2018  
 2:00 PM  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Celebrate our year in ministry together.  
 We will adopt our ministry goals for 2019**



### Valley View Food Bank Christmas Bag Project



1. Mark the tag attached to the bag with the appropriate gender and age. Age categories are: 3-4, 5-7 or 8-10.
2. Have fun shopping!

#### SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS - ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW

Crayons & coloring books	Anything art related
Markers	Small toys
Simple craft kits	Comic books, story books
Sports cards/memorabilia	Small handheld games
Games	Puzzles
Dolls	Small stuffed animals
Matchbox cars	Nerf toys
Christmas pens/pencils	Christmas socks
Jacks/marbles (ages 8-10)	Jump ropes
Hair items	Activity books

Anything fun that a child would like. **NO monetary gift cards.** Candy is all right as long as the candy isn't left over from another holiday such as Halloween, Easter, etc. **PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE OR PEANUT CANDIES** due to possible allergies. These gifts are sometimes the only ones the child will receive so they should be something fun and appealing to a child. Hygiene items and school supplies are not appropriate.

3. Please return your filled bag to the Church and put in the container by the office or narthex no later than **Nov. 30, 2018.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOU SUPPORT!**

#### ATTENTION

Deer Valley Friendship Group  
 Potluck Luncheon  
 November 14 2018  
 12:00 P.M.  
 19642 Bellwood Dr.  
 Sun City West  
 Ted & Joanne Anderson  
 R.S.V.P. 623-777-0787 (regrets only)

#### The Justa Center Thanks You

The Mission Committee and the Justa Center thanks you for your very generous donations to homeless seniors who are being moved into their first apartments. With the extended care of Justa Center staff, these seniors have the chance to live off the streets and sidewalks. Just imagine what a difference your generosity means to many previously homeless people.  
 Thank you

## OUR 6 NEW FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...

Each of these six New Fall Education opportunities offers you a unique chance to strengthen your friendship with God and to move closer to His purpose for you in this extraordinary season of life. You may join the classes at any time.

### **1. Life Changing Bible Study, with Pastor Deborah**

We will use the Life Journal resource as a guide for a read through the Bible in one year (our class will be six weeks long). Use either the full reading plan or the abbreviated reading plan. Read the Bible daily and expectantly, asking the Holy Spirit to give you a word for the day. Follow the directions for recording your discoveries, including how you will be different today because of what you have just read.

We will come together once a week to share what God has given us through the week, and to do one day's work together.

No guilt: if you have not read anything this week, come and do one day with us and get back on track!

Section 1: Wednesdays at 4 p.m., October 3 – November 7, and classes will be in Fellowship Hall Meeting Room.

Section 2: Thursdays at 11 a.m., October 4 – November 8, at Starbucks Food Court at Fry's

### **2. I Am a Church Member, with Deb Phillips, Lay Leader**

*Love your church? Frustrated with your church? Don't understand your church?*

Join us for a six-week study of the little book "I Am a Church Member," by Thom Rainer. Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church, writes, "It is impossible to grow to spiritual maturity by yourself. You must be connected to the other parts of the Body. This wonderful little book explains the power of belonging to a church family."

Persons who are new to membership and those who hold leadership positions are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sundays at 10:30 a.m., October 7 - November 11  
Room: Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

### **3. Grief Share Support Group, with Marilyn Foster (Stephen Ministry Leader and counselor), Frank Nothhaft and Pastor Alma.**

It hurts to lose someone you love. Grief & Share is a friendly, caring group of people who understand the issues you face and will work alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Simply going through each day will become easier as you discover that you do not have to go through the grieving process alone.

Join us for 12 group sessions that include video seminars with top experts on grief recovery and focused group discussion.

Sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room  
Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., October 3- December 19

## OUR 6 NEW FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...(CON'T)

### 4. Faith Links Class, with Margaret Crogan

These lessons "connect faith to the issues and events making headlines every day." Join us and experience Spiritual growth through meaningful and enriching conversations where you can look at the realities of our world and imagine, with others, better possibilities that exist in God. Faith Link Sessions create opportunities for discussions on interesting topics like the "Opioid Crisis," "On Demand Culture" and many others.

Sundays 10:30 a.m., October 7 - November 11  
Room: Conference Room

### 5. Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today, with Bill Price and John Riddle

In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

"How we understand the nature of scripture, and how we should interpret it." Join us in a special class opportunity where you can share and discover answers to some of the most intriguing questions in relation to the Bible and our faith.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m., October 3 - November 7  
Room: Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

### 6. God Is Closer Than You Think

A revealing November/Advent season class. It will show "how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father." Join us for group reflection and discussion of questions that will help you see, hear and know God with a greater sense of clarity and certainty. You will recognize new and surprising ways in which God is present and working in your life. As a result, you will discover that your faith will grow stronger and your connection with God will be renewed.

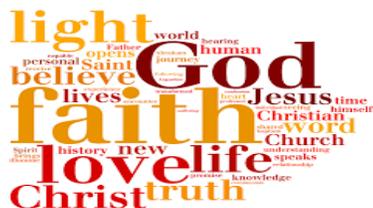
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., November 14th– December 19th with Rev. Linda Deming  
Room: Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

### God Is Closer Than You Think— second class session with Deb Phillips

Sunday, November 18, 2018—December 16, 2018

NO Class Nov. 25, 2018 due to Thanksgiving Holiday

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall meeting room



## New Members for September 30, 2018

Deb Phillips: "It is my great pleasure to introduce to you those persons who will be joining our church today".

**Andy and Deb Anderson** are transferring from Galilee UMC in Sterling, VA. Deb is an occupational therapist and enjoys crafting, especially making cards. Andy enjoys biking, golf, tennis, and skiing.



**Donald and Sally Fiske** are transferring from Desert Mission UMC in Scottsdale. They recently moved to Sun City West from Anthem. Donald is a retired cabinet maker who enjoys his family. Sally is retired from the medical field and enjoys biking and fly fishing.



**Shirley Fiske** are transferring from Desert Mission UMC in Scottsdale. They recently moved to Sun City West from Anthem. Shirley is a radiologist who loves to sing, read, do video production, water coloring and soap making. Picture unavailable.



**Andy Husband and Jan Shuler** are transferring from Lakeview UMC in Sun City. Andy is retired from corporate finance and from serving as a local pastor in the UMC. He likes travel, tennis, movies, and reading. Jan retired from a real estate supply company. She loves to travel, read, and embroider.



**Judy and Mike Moore** are transferring from Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. She is a Teacher and loves to read, travel, knit, play mah johngg and cards. He retired from a veterinary practice and enjoys woodworking, reading, and golf.



**Nancy Pitt-Wilcox** is joining as an affiliate member, maintaining her primary membership with Asbury UMC in Corpus Christi, Texas. She is retired from Chrysler Financial Corporation. She likes to just socialize with people. She is new to Arizona.

**Linda and Richard Walker** come to us from Concord UMC in Knoxville TN. She will be transferring from there. She retired from retail and clerical work and enjoys board games, crochet, and crafts. He retired from active ministry after 44 years of faithful service in the Florida Conference.



## A FALL WELCOME TO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our **December** luncheon, always a gala event, will take place on December 6th. Santa Claus will be joining us once again and will tell us of his many adventures when not wearing his red suit. Our faithful member, Frank Nothaft, leads a very busy and rewarding life that he will share with us. Please remember to shop for books and children's puzzles to bring to this catered luncheon.

The Rummage Sale people have once again invited our United Methodist Women to host a Refreshment Bar during their three- day sale event. We ask all of you to get out your muffin and breakfast pastry recipes and think about donating items for us to sell with coffee to those hungry shoppers. It was very successful last year, and we will need items to sell and ladies to sell them. So mark your calendars—November 8, 9, and 10.

We invite all women to make UMW a part of their church lives. We are an active, mission—orientated group. There are four Circles to choose from and a monthly luncheon meeting for fellowship and learning.

We thank our pastors for encouraging participation in our Mission Candle Program and invite you all to also keep this special project alive at Shepherd of the Hills. Blessings, Sandy Bradley, President, UMW

### CONGRATULATIONS—United Methodist Women

Once again our Unit of United Methodist Women here at Shepherd has received a "5 STAR AWARD" from our District. Nine members of our Team attended the District Annual Celebration on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UMC and networked with members of fifteen other UMW Units that make up our district.

The annual award is given in recognition of the unit's participation in all Five Channels of Mission Giving. They are Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. We are proud to have achieved this goal once again and receive this recognition.

Other highlights of the day featured key note speaker, Dr. Tamera Zivic, Executive Director and CEO of WHEAT (World Hunger Education, Advocacy, and Training) Organization. A special ceremony was held to remember those United Methodist Women from each unit who has passed away this past year. From our unit we recognized Peggy Stockdale. Election of district officers for 2019 was held and we all participated in Communion.

Submitted by Sandy Bradley, Unit President



### Sew Happy Circle

Next meeting is Wednesday November 14, 2018  
10:00 AM—1:30 PM in the Fellowship Meeting RM

Join us if you can Cut, Pin, Measure, Sew, Knit or Crochet.

If you have any questions please call Nita Rosemann at  
(602) 538-6482.

### UNDERGIRDING OUR DREAMS FOR 2019

*We invite you to participate in securing the many ministry dreams and hopes we have for 2019 by letting us know what you plan to give to the church in the coming year. That way, our finance team and council can adopt a budget that is sustainable and faithful.*

Last year the church moved to a fiscal year for our finance. A stewardship drive was held in the spring of 2018 to fund the ministries of the church for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. We quickly realized that the fiscal year concept was not being helpful to Shepherd of the Hills, and the finance team and Church Council made the decision to move back to a calendar year effective July 1, 2018.

We will not undertake a full stewardship program until fall 2019. To plan well for the coming year we do need some idea of what you and others plan to give in 2019.

We will reflect on some of the blessings of calling SHUMC home during the first three weeks of November as we worship together. You will receive a letter from us with a "Commitment of Giving" card for 2019. Please take some time to consider your ability and desire to give for 2019. Fill out the "Commitment of Giving" card and bring it to worship with you on Saturday, November 17, or Sunday, November 18, when we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday; or bring it by the church office sometime around that date.

Thank you for your faithful support of our mission and ministry as we seek to do and be all God calls us to do and be.

### December Family Life Dinner

#### Elite Dance Academy

#### New Christmas program

The Elite Dance Academy will provide our Holiday entertainment.

The date is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2018**. The talented dancers ages 6-16 will present an exciting and smile inducing variety show featuring well—choreographed dance routines including tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical and even hip hop.

A full catered dinner will be served. All this for only **\$16.00**. Tickets will be available in the Church office starting November 5th, 2018 and on Sundays before and after Church services on November 18th and the 25th.



#### MENU

Fruit Salad  
Tossed Garden Salad  
Beef Bourgeon w/Mushrooms & Pearl Onions  
Baby Carrots Vichy  
Rolls & Butter  
Assorted Desserts  
Lemonade & Coffee

### West Valley Wind Ensemble

Join us on **November 4, 2018 at 3:00** for a joyful, return concert performed by West Valley Wind Ensemble. The Ensemble is grateful to call Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church as host for rehearsals and will donate all proceeds of this concert to the church. West Valley Wind Ensemble is a volunteer community band of about fifty members who play brass, wind and percussion instruments. This group is excited to be under the accomplished and expert direction of Mr. Clark Chaffee. Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of Valley View Food Bank. We look forward to seeing you!



### CITRUS GLEANING-2019

It is that time again as SHUMC prepares to sponsor citrus gleaning for the fourth straight year. Citrus gleaning benefits St. Mary's Food Bank. Gleaning will occur on Wednesday mornings from 9am-11:30am beginning on January 23, 2019. We will glean citrus through Wednesday, March 27, 2019. In addition to all citrus picked, owners of trees gleaned will donate \$25/tree to St. Mary's Food Bank. Last year we picked 35,980 pounds of citrus from 178 trees; and 55 volunteers put in 750 hours of time during the ten weeks.

During the first three weeks of November we are encouraging SHUMC members to sign up if they want to have citrus picked and donated. Members who wish to volunteer to do gleaning can also sign up over this period of time. A sign-up sheet will be available at the kiosk in the courtyard after worship the first three Sundays of November. You can also call or e-mail John or Judy Riddle at 623-547-5041 or [jriddle817@cox.net](mailto:jriddle817@cox.net) before November 21. We will open the invitation to other residents of Sun City West after that time.

If individuals need citrus pickers for their own personal use, we will be selling pickers made by Mike Hicklin. The price will be \$15 for a 5-foot picker and \$20 for a 10-foot picker. Proceeds will go to our church's mission program. The congregation's support of this Mission Committee project is appreciated.

### 2019 UMCOR MISSION TRIP

#### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PART OF THE 2019 UMCOR WEST DEPOT MISSION TRIP



Since 2010 SHUMC has sent eight teams to Salt Lake City, Utah, to work at the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) West Depot warehouse. Like its older sibling Sager Brown, in Baldwin, Louisiana, the UMCOR West Depot is a collection point for the different types of emergency kits collected and distributed by UMCOR here in the U.S. and its territories. The first team deposit is required to be submitted by mid-January 2019. Calvin

and Karen Slaaen (Team Leaders) are collecting names of people that are interested in going.

**The 2019 trip to Utah is scheduled for October 13th thru 19th, 2019.** The team will stay at the Episcopal Center in Salt Lake City, which has comfortable rooms and shared bathrooms. It is located close to Temple Square, as well as shopping and restaurants. We will have fundraisers to pay for the trip, but there is a cost to reserve your place. If the team does not raise enough funds for the trip, there will be a greater cost. The ideal team size is "10 persons".

Team Members must be healthy to go on the trip. Standing or sitting to assemble kits, or even sitting and sewing can be hard on backs, necks, and people with leg circulation problems. There is some stair climbing and walking involved, though it can be minimized. Repetition can be hard on shoulders, elbows, and wrists. Salt Lake City air is dry, and combined with all of the boxes, material, etc., in the warehouse, can lead to major hydration issues. Breaks are required and people are constantly reminded to drink water. Team members may want to bring moisturizers and lip balm.

People who pack the boxes and place them on pallets need strength, so we like to have a mix of men and women going on the trip. Working together on fundraisers before the trip, sharing meals, working hard at the warehouse side by side, as well as devotions and relaxing together on the trip, leads to a lot of fun and fellowship and even new friends. Hard work and fellowship are the hallmarks of the UMCOR mission trip.

2017 SHUMC UMCOR Team  
Contact Calvin or Karen Slaaen for information



### SHAWN MCMULLEN

Shawn McMullen, SHUMC Maintenance Engineer has a six-week surgery recovery timeline. Please keep him in your prayers. These are enormous shoes to fill for six-weeks. Shawn keeps our campus pristine and goes out of his way to take care of us, his church family. We need your help in taking care of the campus while Shawn is recuperating. By volunteering to help with the various maintenance duties you are showing your love to Shawn. We will have a large card which you can sign and tell Shawn what you did in his honor. Please watch the Friday, E-News for the types of volunteer gifts and talents we need to fulfill our mission of appreciating Shawn and his continuous care of the campus and us.

### CHAPEL

The Chapel currently does not have a fire alarm system and the audio system continues to have issues. We are working to develop a plan for funding to meet those needs. The T-loop assisted hearing system had some technical electronic issues which were finally resolved by replacement which was covered by warranty. An additional hearing assist system is also available with headphones or ear buds, if you have an interest in trying this system, please contact an usher.

### AIR-CONDITIONING

Fellowship Hall had a four-ton rooftop AC unit that was just replaced. One of the ten-ton Chapel units recently quit running also but luckily it was still repairable and the unit is now back in service. A big thank you to Trustee Richard Van Valkenburg for his assistance with trouble-shooting and knowledge on air-conditioning. With the extreme temperatures this summer the campus could have been very uncomfortable or uninhabitable.

### SANCTUARY

We are also continuing to work with the sound system in the Sanctuary with the goal of improving audio quality. Please remember we have hearing assist units with headphones or ear buds available from Tanner in the sound booth for use during the service.

### TEN-YEAR PLAN

Trustees are working on a ten-year plan of predictable infrastructure needs.

### FUTURE PROJECTS

- Hand rails to Chancel area of Sanctuary
- Safer stairway to VEW Booth—DONE!
- Landscaping rock to improve appearance on Meeker

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** New banners are in place to welcome our community and celebrate Fall activities.

God is richly blessing us.  
Mike Hicklin, Trustee Chair

We appreciate everyone's support of the  
UMCOR Mission Team's Flapjack Breakfast!

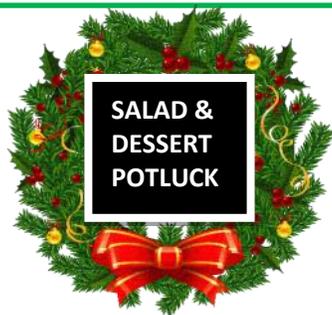
*Pancake  
Breakfast*



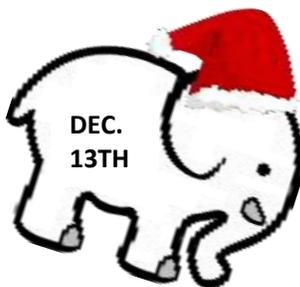
It was a Big success and so  
helpful with raising funds to  
send our team to the  
UMCOR MISSION TRIP IN  
OCTOBER 2019

### IN MEMORIAM

Stenstrom, Arlene	9/24/2018
Camarigg, Gene	10/14/2018
Cotta, Charlotte	10/17/2018
White, George	10/17/2018



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JOIN THE YA YA SOUL SISTERS' TRIPLE EVENT**

**SALAD & DESSERT POTLUCK - BINGO - WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**

**WHEN: Thursday, December 13, 2018**

**TIME: 11:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**COST: \$2.00**

Sign up at kiosk or you can sign up kiosk or in office starting Nov. 11

(Please pay at the door)

**POTLUCK: BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT TO SERVE 4-6 GUESTS**

**ROLLS & BUTTER, DRINKS, SILVERWARE & PLATES PROVIDED BY YA YAs.**

**HINT: SHOP FOR YOUR WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT AT THE SHUMC RUMMAGE SALE – THERE WILL BE SO MANY PRECIOUS GIFTS THAT IT WILL BE HARD TO RESIST BUYING JUST ONE ITEM.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT IN A GIFT BAG WRAPPED IN TISSUE PAPER OR WRAPPED IN PRETTY PAPER – SO THERE IS NO PEEKING!**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YA YA SOUL SISTER?**

We are looking for Soul Sisters to help explore new activities, plan, and execute fun events for our church family. If you are interested in joining, please contact: Pat Burke, Becky Fay, Deb Phillips or Carolyn Hicklin. We are searching for someone to coordinate game days. It has been the easiest event to plan and execute. Contact a Soul Sister if you are interested.



**SHEPHERD'S  
SHEEP  
CAMPAIGN**

**ADOPT A SHEEP  
FOR \$20 A  
MONTH FOR ONE  
YEAR TO ASSIST  
IN PAYING**

**APPORTIONMENTS.**

Contact: Carolyn Hicklin, Deb Phillips  
or Julie Calvert for more information.

A big Thank You to everyone who has  
adopted a sheep to assist in paying  
apportionments

**LET US PRAY**  
By Carol Hilder

Father, help me live a life of love  
for others.

Give me a ministry in Your church that brings non-believers to you.

Help me accept and use the gifts You've given me,  
with a grateful heart.

And Father, may my prayers sing with praise, worship, joy and  
thanksgiving for You.

AMEN



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The Shepherd's Voice

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays 4:00p.m., "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - in the Chapel  
 Sundays, 9:00 a.m. "Spirited Traditional Worship" - in the Sanctuary  
 Sundays, 10:45 a.m. "Informal Praise Worship" - in the Sanctuary  
 Coffee Hour between the services In Fellowship Hall! Come Join us.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES!**

November 3,4	Season of Thanksgiving Thankful for our Saints Hebrews 12:1-2 All Saints Observance
Nov 10,11	Season of Thanksgiving Thankful for all God has done Deuteronomy 6:20-25 Veteran's Day Observance – Thank You to vets Please wear uniforms as they are able
Nov 17,18	Season of Thanksgiving Thankful for all God will Do Matthew 6:25-33 Thanksgiving Sunday
<b>Nov 21</b> Nov 22	<b>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:00 P.M. @ SHUMC</b> Thanksgiving Day –no service
Nov 24,25	Christ the King / Thanksgiving Weekend Pastor Alma Recognition of nursing scholarships - Foundation



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Open Hearts*

*Open Minds*

*Open Doors*

*See you at worship Saturday evening or Sunday morning!*