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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.

Thanks!

As I write this rummage sale update, I am filled with gratitude, a feeling I experience throughout the year as we work the rummage sale process. For those who came to the sale, you saw the large amount that was donated. Much of that arrived due to the coordination and manpower provided by Clark Root and his able bodied volunteers. That is a very big job. Thank you! We have sort and pack throughout the year and many members show up to help—especially those who oversee the different areas. We had many volunteers who returned and new ones also stepped up. We even have volunteers from outside our church—thanks to Margaret's pickleball friends. We could not have done so well without all the volunteers. If you were in church 11/9 or 11/10 you got a glimpse of that number. Thank you! Then we had the tireless workers throughout the sale. Jan Bosio put together a wonderful group of cashiers and baggers so the checkout process went smoothly. And many helped with the cleanup even though by that time we were so tired. Thank you! The office staff was a big help with fielding calls; making the thank you cards, signs, accounting for the proceeds; and pastoral prayers. Thank you!

Thanks to all your donated items—we are amazed at what we receive every year. We give thanks to those who made purchases, to those who prayed for us and the weather. Our current gross is \$23,338.84 and after the bills are paid the team will meet to discuss distribution which we will share with you after Administration Council approval. I will also be telling you about the persons responsible for the different areas throughout the year as I acknowledge them and encourage you to volunteer to help. We all come back because we do have a good time and develop new relationships

A special thank you to my sounding board support team, my husband Jack, Carolyn and Mike Hicklin.

Pat Burke, Rummage Sale Chair

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United Methodist Church**

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Sun City West, Sun City Grand and the West Valley

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**HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATION
PROCEDURE**

All members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist Church are urged to
**IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE (623-584-2280)** when you or a loved
one are admitted to or discharged from
the hospital.

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Monday, Dec. 10**



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Lee Hirt, our part time Associate
Pastor, is an avid
collector of stamps from the U.S.A.

and all over the world. He would like to ask you to cut
off the stamps you receive and bring them to Church.
There will be a box at the "Welcome Wagon" in the
narthex of the Sanctuary. This is not just for Christmas
but all year long. Other countries stamps will really be
appreciated. Lee has albums for over 125 countries.

Dear Friends at SHUMC,



It is with a grateful heart that I write to
thank you for your faithful prayers during
my husband's recent bypass surgery and
recovery.

You have blessed us both with your outpouring of caring
notes and cards. Your kind expressions of concern and
encouragement have uplifted us. We are thanking God
for his continued help in recovery. I am also grateful to
Pastor Deborah and Pastor Alma, SPRC and many in
the congregation who carried on in extra ways in
Care Ministry during my extended absence.

With appreciation,
Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse

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

Although the topic of gun violence awareness can be a hot political
topic right now, many United Methodist Churches are having
discussions on the topic.

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" which is promoted through our Annual
Conference. Geraldine Hills is a Certified Civil Dialogue Facilitator
(certified through Arizona State University) and is experienced in
facilitating this topic in various venues: churches, schools, community
groups. Gerry is a member of Paradise Valley United Methodist.
The discussion will be in Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. on
Saturday, February 2. Mark your calendars. Snacks will be
provided. More information to follow.

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

Shepherd's Staff

Dear Friends,

I am always a little dismayed at how swiftly the commercial Christmas season accelerates after Thanksgiving. There was a time not long ago when families and friends had at least a whole day for giving thanks before kicking into high gear to get all the Christmas shopping done. Now Black Friday has overtaken Thanksgiving Day, and people in retail must be on duty before the turkey cools off to handle all the folks who rush in for a bargain. The scenes of people being trampled in the doors of Walmart's as folks rush in for televisions and game systems are heartbreaking.



We have become a nation of shoppers and bargain hunters, and Christmas for many has become a time of spending too much for too many, beginning far too early. The joy of the Lord's coming is sometimes buried in a mounting pile of debt that will make January feel like a giant hangover! The rituals of decorating and baking and meeting social obligations can sometimes make us weary.

Thank goodness for Advent: the Christian season that calls us to a different mood and practice beginning four weeks before we celebrate Christmas. It will begin on December 2 this year (December 1 for our Saturday folks!) The word means arrival, or coming, and refers to the coming of the Christ child, and the second coming that we anticipate.

In worship we light 4 Advent candles, starting with 1 the first week, and adding another each week, until all four are lit on the last Sunday before Christmas. Each candle represents some blessing that comes to us through the Christ child: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. On Christmas Eve we light the Christ candle, symbolizing the light that has come into the world with Jesus.

These rituals help us to wait more patiently, and to focus more clearly on the reason for the season. Advent calendars can be helpful for children and grandchildren, especially those that relate the story of Christmas one phrase at a time throughout the month.

When we are able to keep our hearts and minds focused on the great gift given to us in Jesus, and our longing for his return, and not get caught up in trying to create the "perfect" Christmas, we can appreciate the lights and music and decorations from a different, deeper perspective. The gifts under the tree, the gifts in the mail are nice, but they cannot compare with the gift in the feed trough in an animal pen in Bethlehem. The lights on the tree and on the house, and the luminarias on the street, may be lovely, but they pale in comparison with the light of the world.

As you move into December, may you be deeply blessed by the season of Advent, so that your heart will be prepared for the exquisite joy of the Christ child, Emmanuel, *God with Us*.

And may hope, love, joy, and peace be yours

Pastor Deborah

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving and Christmas are when we pause to give special Thanks to God for the blessings we have received. This season, the Missions Committee is combining the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings into one giving opportunity. The following ministries will receive your generous gifts:

UMOM New Day Center— Once a month, members from our congregation go to UMOM to prepare and serve dinner for about 300 adults and children. The meal is planned by the UMOM Catering School, which gives students the opportunity to practice their skills. Funds collected with this offering will provide the food to prepare twelve meals for needy people for the year. This meal is important for people with little support or care and they need your help.

Valley View Community Food Bank— The purpose of Valley View is to serve those in need with compassion and respect while providing the resources for wholesome, nutritious food. Client intake has seen an increase of almost 70% new families and individuals looking for resources and assistance. Donations are down, which creates a greater need for you to help them meet the growing demand and help to keep their doors open. This summer was especially low on food donations and the shelves were almost bare. Please help your friends and neighbors enjoy nutritious food.

"Look for something to be thankful and glad over each day, and you will find it... Fill your soul and mind full of love and sympathy and joy...and blessings will follow". Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Please make checks out to: Shepherd of the Hills UMC with notation "Thanksgiving/Christmas Offering".

Rev. Deborah Lerner, Senior Pastor

Mary Jane Banfield, Mission Chair

A WELCOME TO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Please join us for our UMW December Luncheon on December 6, 2018 @11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring books and puzzles which will be distributed to children in need at outreach Centers in the Valley.

Santa will be there telling us about his outreach.

The cost is \$15.00 and you can sign up in the SHUMC Courtyard on Dec. 1—2, 2018.

Contact person is Peggy Pollay (623) 546-3948

Please join us for our UMW Monthly Luncheon on Jan. 3, 2019 @ 11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Program will be Book Tease—learning about our UMW reading program and having little teasers from some of the books available. We also will be having our Pledge service and installation of Officers. The hostess is Mary-Ruth Circle and the cost is \$8.00.

Signups will be in the courtyard on Dec. 22-23 and 29-30, 2018.

Sandy Bradley is the contact person (623) 546-4476.

Give a Gift of Shelter and Meals for Christmas

This Christmas season, you can help provide shelter or meals to a homeless child and his or her family. UMOM New Day Centers work to eliminate homelessness, one family at a time. By purchasing UMOM cards this Christmas Season, you can support the job UMOM is doing to rebuild the lives of homeless families. Last year, UMOM served a diverse population of more than 7,000 individuals through a broad network of services, including safe shelter and food. UMOM offers a hand-up rather than a handout to those people who have fallen victim to challenging times.

UMOM is a temporary place for families, and within months, most people are back on their feet again.

- \$15 -provides 1 day of meals**
- \$50 -provides 1 night of shelter**
- \$100-provides 1 week of meals**
- \$360-provides 1 week of shelter**

Give a Gift of Meaning UMOM Holiday Tribute Cards

This season you can help provide shelter for homeless families, youth, and women with a purchase of a UMOM New Day Center's Holiday Tribute Card.

How Does the Program Work?

1) Select the amount of shelter you'd like to provide and pay the corresponding donation amount. The tribute cards sell for:

The tribute cards sell for the amounts below and provide the following:

- \$15 – provides 1 Day of Meals
- \$50 – provides 1 Night of Shelter
- \$100 – provides 1 week of Meals
- \$360 – provides 1 Week of Shelter

2) Receive a holiday tribute card, blank mailing envelope and insert describing the meaningful shelter gift.

3) Sign, address and send the holiday tribute card to someone special. They'll have the joy of knowing a donation was made in their honor. (The amount of the donation is not included on the card and the recipient will not know how much was given.)

Many individuals, congregations, and corporations purchase our holiday tribute cards every year as a way to honor someone special and help UMOM's mission at the same time.



(Insert included with purchased card)



(Front of this year's card)

Cards on Sale Now!

• Please Contact Nick Jensen at 802-295-6569 or via email at njensen@umom.org to purchase at UMOM during weekday business hours.

Thank you for all that you do to help support UMOM! Good luck and Happy Holidays!

Each donation comes with a card and an insert describing your gift but doesn't show the amount of the donation. UMOM qualifies as an Arizona Charitable Tax Credit agency.

UMOM cards will be available from the church office, as well as being sold before the Saturday service and before and after Sunday services beginning December 1. Please make checks payable to SHUMC, and the church will send one check to UMOM for the total amount collected.

Thank you for your generosity in providing shelter and meals for homeless people. Best wishes for a happy, warm Christmas.

Please help in making our Church Beautiful at Christmas



2018 Order Form For Christmas Poinsettias & Special Decorations

Donor(s): _____
Please print (clearly) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin

Quantity \$10.00 per Plant or Honorarium

I will **pick-up** my poinsettia *The poinsettias can be picked up Tuesday, December 26*

I wish to **donate only** to Special Decorations

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: **"Poinsettias"**

Please place your check and this filled out form in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" 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 December 14.**

Thank you for helping adorn our church at Christmas.

OUR 5 NEW FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...

Winter Education Sponsored Opportunities You Don't Want To Miss...

1. A "NEW" GriefShare Support Group

Will start again in late January 2019. it will run for 13-14 weeks. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who understand the issues you face and will work together with you, through one of life's most difficult experiences. It hurts to lose someone you love. Simply going through each day will become easier as you discover that you do not have to go through the grieving process alone.

More information coming soon.

2. 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

3. NEW! Life Changing Bible with Pastor Deborah

Two Sessions of **Life Changing Bible Study** with Pastor Deborah. We will use the Life Journal recourse as a guide for a read through the Bible in one year (our class will be six weeks long). Read the Bible daily and expectantly, asking the Holy Spirit to give you a word for the day. Once a week, we will come together 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!

Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.
Fridays at 10:00 A.M.

January 10—21, 2019
January 11—February 15, 2019

Location TBA
Location TBA

OUR 5 NEW FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...(CON'T)

4. NEW! God Is Closer Than You Think

"Pshaw! You Say. I know that God is all around!" But do you live each day as though you believe it? We all fall short—but we can always try over.

Advent is just around the corner — the season when we anticipate and prepare our hearts for God drawing near in the form of a baby Jesus. The study **God is Closer Than You Think** couldn't be more appropriate, Join others in thinking and talking about what this means—as a belief and as a daily action. We are excited about this class. We hope will be also!

Registration has begun! Books are available (\$10.00) per book).

This class is offered at two different times:

Sundays at 10:30 A.M. November 18—December 16, 2018
with Lay Leader, Deb Phillips
In Fellowship Hall Meeting Room.

5. NEW! Then Sings My Soul

We love our hymns!

I think we each have our favorites. Have you ever wondered about the story behind the hymn—The history about why it was written, who wrote the words and the music and when, and the scripture on which it's based?

Our Music Director, Ken, will cover this and more when we meet for three sessions.

Wednesdays at 1:00P.M. January 9—23, 2019
Look for more information coming up in your bulletins in the next few weeks!

New! Book Club—Are you interested in reading and discussing interesting books with fun people? Then maybe you're interested in helping us decide about a SHUMC Book Club. **Informational meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.**

In order to plan for room scheduling, it would be helpful to know if you're interested. Walk-ins are welcome.

Mary Jane Banfield (623) 975-2356, banfielde@aol.com

Darlene Bradner (623) 875-0223 dbradner@cox.net



Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
at 4 p.m. in Chapel

When we are mourning important losses in our lives, the holiday season can be a difficult time to go through for some of us. [Join us for a](#)

[Special Blue Christmas Service](#) that will focus on celebrating this Christian Faith Tradition of Christmas, with attention to how we face our different losses of loved ones, relationships, direction in life security, peace, etc., while we find the hope for the redemption of that pain and suffering through God's gracious gift. Let your friends know about this special worship service opportunity, particularly those you know will find it spiritually comforting and fulfilling at this time in their lives.

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.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM with program following dinner

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

Call Gail for Group Table Reservations for Friendship groups, etc.
(623) 975-6611



MENU

Fruit Salad

Tossed Garden Salad

Beef Bourgeon w/Mushrooms & Pearl Onions

Baby Carrots Vichy

Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts

Lemonade & Coffee

Please join us for Miriam Circle

We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 P.M.

Contact Person is Peggy Pollay (623) 546-3948



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 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

Tracking the Trustees

Shawn

Our prayers and best wishes are with Shawn as he recovers from surgery. We are missing his energy, expertise and presence daily.

Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who have worked diligently to: keep the Church clean and orderly, chair and table setups completed for meetings and the Sunday morning dawn crew for leaf blowing, cleaning and washing the courtyard and having the Church ready for services during Shawn's recovery.

Signup sheets for volunteering for those activities through December 9 are located on the table by the Church office bulletin board.

Projects in progress

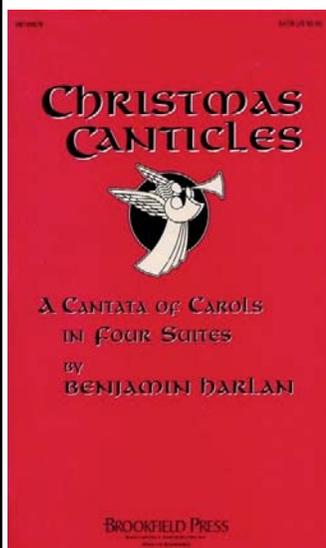
Hand rails to the Chancel area of the Sanctuary
Improvement to the Chapel and Sanctuary sound systems
infrastructure needs and costs

New stairway to the VEW booth
Long range planning for

Welcome back to all our winter residents

We are richly blessed!

Mike Hicklin, Trustees Chair



Come Join Us

Christmas Canticles performed by the Shepherd of the Hills Choir, directed by Ken Goodenberger

Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
with small instrumental ensemble

On Sunday consider joining us for both the Cantata at 9:00 a.m. and Pastor Deborah's sermon at 10:45 a.m. Make your Sunday a day of music and worship in celebration of Jesus' birth.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 10:45 a.m.
Sermon: Which Voice is God? Rev. Deborah Lerner

West Valley Chorale Concerts at SHUMC

The Chorale is mounting a Christmas program of glorious Gloria's and favorite holiday choral works, such as Rutter's Gloria and Magnificat, excerpts from Handel's Messiah, and the Vaughn Williams Fantasy on Christmas Carols.

On Monday December 3, 2018 there will be a matinee performance at 3:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. We offer this performance for the enjoyment of music lovers who prefer not to drive at night.

On Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. the Chorale presents its Winter evening concert, again in the Sanctuary. One highlight of the evening will be a solo performed by our 2018 student competition winner.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Advance tickets are available from Chorale members, ken Goodenberger, or via reservations on the website:

<https://www.westvalleychoraleaz.org/reserve-tickets>





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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 in the office

(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.

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

Born to be our shepherd,
keeper of his father's sheep;
as angels sang and heaven
rejoiced God's little son
did sleep.

Sweet innocence shone on
his face, as he lay in Mary's
arms, surrounded by the
love of God, protected
from all harm.

There'll come a time, it
seems, when hatred rules
the earth, but we'll still
rejoice our gift from God
given by virgin birth.

Amen

OFFICE

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We need Bulletin
Stuffers every Friday!

Volunteer!



Please contact the office at
(623) 584-2280 or
church@shepherdofthehills.org

IN MEMORIAM

Marty Blair 10/31/2018

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The Shepherd's Voice

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays 4:00 p.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!

New Series for December: God Is Closer Than You Think!

December 1-2	God Really Wants to Be With You! Genesis 28:1-10
December 8-9	Tomorrow? Really? Exodus 8:1-10a
December 15 4:00 p.m. & 16 9:00 a.m. December -16 (10:45 service only)	Cantata "Christmas Canticles" Which Voice Is God's? Isaiah 12:2-8 Philippians 4:4-9
December 22-23	You are a God Container! 2 Kings 5:1-14 Luke 1:47-55
December 24	As You Wish Candlelight Celebrations Lessons and Carols 4:00 and 6:30 PM
December 29- 30	Speak to Those Who Are Looking Luke 2:22-40



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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