

*She will bear a son, and you
shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people
from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

The Voice

Hope is Born



December 2019

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays - 4:00 p.m. "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. "Spirited Traditional Service"

Sundays - 10:45 a.m. Informal Praise Service

Pastoral Team

Rev. Deborah Lerner, Senior Pastor

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Rev. Stephanie Soon, Assistant Minister of Care (Part-time)

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Hospitalization Notification Procedure

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

A place to belong - A place to believe - A place to become

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.

CHANGE IN THE VOICE DELIVERY

Please pick up your paper copy of the Voice in the Narthex on the first Sunday of the month. Only limited church participants and out-of-state copies will be mailed.

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NOTE: The office will be closed December 24, and 25

JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR Christmas

Choir Cantata

December 14 at 4:00 PM & December 15 at 9:00 AM

“Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration”

By Joel Raney

Christmas Eve, December 24

Candlelight Celebrations

Lessons and Carols

4:00 and 6:30 PM

Advent and Christmas Messages:

November 30 / December 1

The Journey: Mary of Nazareth

Communion

December 7 / 8

The Journey: Joseph of Bethlehem

December 14-15

Cantata Saturday at 4, Sunday at 9

Sunday at 10:45

The Journey: Mary Visits Elizabeth

December 21 -22

The Journey: From Nazareth to Bethlehem

December 24

The Journey: At the Manger

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I Have a Dream.....

As we celebrate and honor all this church has done and been for so many for the last 40 years, we also look forward to all God may choose to do with us in the next 40. This is my dream for the beginning of those 40:

I have a dream that one day when the name of this church is spoken all those around will brighten up and speak of the wonderful things they know about us:

“Oh, that’s the church that helped our family when we were about to lose our house. I couldn’t believe all they did

Oh, that’s the church that sends grammas and grampas to the school to help the teachers and love the kids. My daughter loves the ones that come to her class.

Oh, that’s the church that has the grief support program., and the cancer support program. I thought I was going to die when I lost my husband. They helped me through

Oh, that’s the church that picks citrus for the food bank! I went and helped them! It was awesome

O that’s the church where anyone is welcome, no matter what

I have a dream that one day we will be known as a community of deep prayer, and devotion to scripture, and outrageous, unbelievable love – love that reaches over and beyond all ordinary and usual responses to enact the love of Christ in the lives of those we encounter – in ways we do not presently imagine.

I have a dream that one day our hearts will hurt for those who have not heard the good news of Jesus Christ, to the extent that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to share the goodness of his love as we have experienced it, even talk about Jesus in public places. I have a dream that one day that willingness will result in adult confessions of faith and baptisms by the dozens every single year, and that those men and women will grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus as they live among us. I have a dream.

I have a dream that men and women who come on to our campus for any reason at any time will immediately sense that there is something good, and holy, and helpful here; something that will meet their deepest need and draw them closer to God, even if they don’t know what that means. I have a dream....

I have a dream that we will reach out to start new Bible studies in people’s homes, and in coffee shops and diners, that have the potential to become new churches in areas that are not yet served



I have a dream that we will share our resources in extravagant ways with other new churches around us, selflessly helping them to grow into all God has for them to be.

I have a dream that we will become so outwardly focused that every year when we gather to think about what God might want us to do in the coming year, people will show up with new ideas for ways to reach, touch, and bless our community, and we will first pray together, to make sure it is God's idea, too, and then say "Yes, of course. Let's do that." I have a dream.

I have a dream that our worship will be so vibrant and alive and full of God that people will find themselves coming down the aisles to give themselves anew to Christ, without worrying about what other people might think of them. I have a dream that people will be healed, mentally, spiritually, and physically, by the vibrant presence of Christ in our midst

I have a dream. I could go on and on, but I will stop here. I have a dream for our next 40 years of ministry. Do you?

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Deborah

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 3:30 PM. in Chapel
Light Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall



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 who will find it spiritually comforting and fulfilling at this time in their lives.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION

FOR HELPING PERSONS

In any one of these Situations?

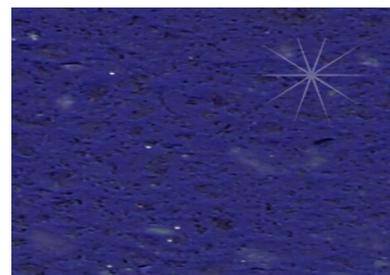
- Isolated, disconnected from church life due to health issues ;
- Who are in the hospital, rehab, or memory care centers;
- Who Lost a loved one;
- Experience life hardships;
- Are primary caregivers and need support.



Congregational Care
Shepherd of the Hills

Or would you just want to be updated on what is happening with Care Ministries, and how we are moving into the future, our focus, our vision, our new model, how the congregation is being invited to participate?

Then please join us for a **Care Ministries Presentation on December 8th** in the chapel. We will start at 10:15am and will finish by 10:45am. After the presentation, there will be a time to answer questions from those attending. You are welcomed to stay for this Q&A time or leave if you need to.



Treasuring 40 Years

Anticipating 40 More

Our 40th Anniversary celebration was a resounding success! Our Saturday worship, with Lee Hirt preaching, also featured participation by Rev. Godfrey Ebright, Rev Larry Gerber, Rev. Galene Boyette, Rev. Fannalou Guggisberg, Rev. Patricia Magyar, and Rev. Cheri Whisler. Sunday at 9 we enjoyed the preaching of Rev.



Godfrey Ebright, and at 10:45 a good word from Rev. Larry Gerber. It was good to have a number of members present for more than one service, enjoying a variety of music, scripture, and preaching.

The spectacular concert on Sunday afternoon featured the Sanctuary Choir, Singing Shepherds, Shepherd's Bells, the Praise Band, vocal solos by Dr. Jeffrey Stevens and Kathleen Treat, and a saxophone solo by Mike Irons. Ken Goodenberger directed and Bill Moore accompanied.

The Celebration Dinner was festive, fun, and delicious. We enjoyed a video by Tom Richardson, a word from former associate pastors Rev. Cheri Whisler and Rev.



Fannalou Guggisberg, a message from our

District Superintendent Rev. Nancy Cushman, and Pastor Deborah's "I Have a Dream" message (see elsewhere in this issue for the message). Ken Goodenberger emceed and the Family Life Team served and tended to our needs with great care and love.

We appreciate the work of Lois and Marlyn Byrd who oversaw the sale of t-shirts and the production of a new directory for this anniversary year. Lois is also working on a yearbook which will become available early in 2020.



Thank you to George Wheeler for serving as chair of the 40 More Years team, and all who participated in making this year and this celebration so meaningful. We are especially grateful to the former clergy who came to enrich this experience.

It was a wonderful way to wrap up 40 years and ministry and begin another 40 years. We look forward to all God has for us to do and be. Tune in again in 2059 for the next installment!

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Simply marvelous! That's how we describe the 40th anniversary weekend. There are too many to thank individually but we would like to mention some groups: The 40th Anniversary Committee, Family Life Committee, the Music Team, the choir, the office staff, current and visiting clergy and spouses. We also want to thank the benefactors who provided a delicious lunch for clergy and spouses at the Colonnade on Sunday. You have outdone yourselves, one and all.

Blessings to you,
Lee & Mary Hirt



What a great, God-filled weekend! The fellowship, food, the memories, the three services, the choir concert, and the great details that went into the hours of preparation and organization.

THANK YOU THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Memories are swarming in my head.
Thanks to all who made this happen.

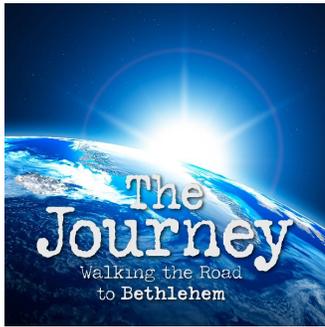
Blessings,
Larry & Jane Gerber





EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Journey — Walking the Road to Bethlehem



Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *"4 Hours That Changed the World"*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heartfelt as you walk along this road.

This class will be on Mondays at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room through December 23.

Rev. Rick Walker will be facilitating.
Cost of the book is \$13 and the study will follow Pastor Deborah's sermon series.

Is There More to Life Than This?

- Who Is Jesus?
- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of my Life?
- Why & How Should I Read the Bible?
- How Does God Guide Us?

Friday, January 17th – 11:00 – 1:00
Join us for an Introduction to the **Alpha Course**
Lunch provided

Classes with lunch included will continue on Fridays from 11:00 – 1:00 for those who are interested.

Please sign up and join us!
Bring a friend!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join us on **Thursday, December 5, at 11:30 AM** for our annual Christmas luncheon.

Please bring a book or puzzle for a child and we take them to Dysart Community Center and Wesley/Golden Gate Center.

A catered lunch will be served. The cost will be \$12.

The entertainment will be music by Bill Moore and Cindy Larson. There will be door prizes, fun and laughter. Invite your neighbors and friends and join us for this "Always Special Event." Tables can be reserved for 6 or more.

For details contact Sandy Bradley, 623-546-4476 or bradleyram@outlook.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN THE FAMILY LIFE 2nd ANNUAL TRIPLE EVENT

Salad & Dessert Potluck — Bingo — White Elephant Gift Exchange



WHEN: Thursday, December 12

TIME: 11:30 AM—3:00 PM

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

COST: \$2.00 (at the door)

POTLUCK: Bring a salad or dessert to serve 4-6 guests

PLEASE bring a white elephant gift in a gift bag wrapped in tissue paper or wrapped in pretty paper so there is no peeking.

Sign up at the outdoor kiosk or in the office indicating whether you will bring salad or dessert.

The West Valley Chorale
will present a concert on
Thursday, December 12
at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Tickets: \$10 in advance
\$15 at the door

Contact Ken Goodenberger for more info.



HANGING **OF THE GREENS**

Join us on Friday,
December 6, at
9:00 AM to help in the
Hanging of the Greens.
Please meet in the Sanctuary.



UPCOMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE THANKS

Thank you!

Without the support of the church community, we could not have a successful sale each year. So thanks to all who donated; who sorted and packed throughout the year; who took calls for pickups; who did the pickups; who helped set up; who helped during the sale; who helped make deliveries; who helped pack up and clean up; who put the signs out; who purchased items; the staff who did the accounting and made signs and thank you cards. And the list goes on as there are lots of tasks supporting each of the categories. I hope you get the idea that it takes a lot of people to pull off a rummage sale of our size. And I hope many will consider helping next year, especially with sorting and packing and setting up – setting up requires the most “manpower.” Once again this year we had help from friends and family during setup, without whom we couldn’t have gotten the job done.

On December 13 we will be having a feedback meeting and we will be reviewing what went well, what we need to change, how to distribute the funds and the 2020 rummage sale dates. Next month’s Voice will share the results of that meeting.

Pat Burke, Chair

2019 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 Thursday, 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 15.

Thank you for helping adorn our church at Christmas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDWICH SUNDAY

DECEMBER 29, 2019

9:30 - TILL ALL THE SANDWICHES ARE MADE!



DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

QUESTIONS: CALL 623-584-2280

NEED WORKERS TO MAKE SANDWICHES,

WASH FRUIT AND VEGGIES!

LUNCHES FOR HOMELESS SENIORS—JUSTA CENTER SENIOR
DAYCARE IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME, PEANUT BUTTER,
JELLY, CHEESE, HAM AND TURKEY OR MONETARY DONATIONS
TO PURCHASE FRUITS AND VEGGIES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

It is Citrus Gleaning Time Again

Each year SHUMC and PRIDES partner to glean citrus from homes in Sun City West. This is the 4th season of this partnership in service! Gleaning teams work together to pick oranges, grapefruit and lemons for St. Mary's Food Bank. The oranges and lemons are distributed in food boxes to families and the grapefruits are juiced by a juicing company and the grapefruit juice is distributed to individuals through the food bank. Home owners and HOA groups who have their trees gleaned pay a fee to the food bank.

Gleaning will start Wednesday, January 22 and continues for 10 weeks. Last year the group gleaned 185 trees, resulting in thousands of pounds of citrus for the food bank.

A mission project of this scope requires volunteers. There is no tree climbing involved! No ladders. We use claw like pickers. Jobs are: pickers, muckers (those that pick up the fruit that the pickers pluck and put it in crates) and mules (using handcarts to move the crates to the truck). It is a special type of fellowship, working alongside your church and community friends.

Volunteers meet at SHUMC at 8:45 am to get their assignments with the goal of starting gleaning at the 9:00 am. The groups usually finish assigned trees by 11:00, but will occasionally work until 11:30. If you have question about gleaning or the gleaning program call Kathy Culliton (435) 730-4466 cullitonkathleen@gmail.com

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the office. Or to volunteer call/email Pam Rice (801) 540-6573 pamean@msn.com

Confirmation calls are being made to everyone who had a tree gleaned last year. If you would like to be added please contact Pam Rice (801) 540-6573 pamean@msn.com





UPCOMING EVENTS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN "WINTER HAPPENINGS"

Our sincere thanks to the Rummage Sale Team and all of you who bought donuts and fritters from us at our Refreshment Stand. We sold 23 dozen fritters and donuts. All the profits will go to our Mission Projects.



At our November luncheon we presented a Mission Recognition Pin to our retiring Social Action Coordinator, Margaret Crogan. She has worked tirelessly to keep us informed on positions of legislation, systems, structures, and practices that are considered to be unjust. Margaret has been an inspiration and guide for our Unit at Shepherd and we will miss her but wish her well as she moves to Texas.

UMW invites all the women of our congregation to join us for a Christmas Celebration Luncheon, on Thursday, December 5th at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. There will be door prizes and musical entertainment by our own Bill Moore and Cindy Larson. Please remember to bring books and puzzles that we will donate to "Afterschool" programs in the area. Sign-ups will take place at the outdoor Kiosk Saturdays and Sundays November 30 and December 1.

Our annual "Christmas Bake Sale" will take place on the weekend of December 14 and 15. Items to sell will be received in the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Saturday morning December 14th from 9 am to noon. We hope the congregation will buy these home-made treats and continue to support the mission work of our United Methodist Women here at Shepherd.



From our Team, we wish you all a Blessed Christmas.



UPDATE: PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

For those who were unable to have your pictures taken for the directory during October, there will be a January session on the 6, 7, and 8. Lois Byrd is compiling a list of those wishing to have pictures taken in January. Please contact her by email at

loisgeiger1957@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Normal Aging vs Dementia

Thursday, January 23, 2020

9:30-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

Forgot where you put your reading glasses? Having a harder time remembering some things? There is a difference between the changes we experience with normal aging and what may be cause for concern. Join us as Sun Health Memory Care navigator, Marty Finley M.Ed, presents. Come and learn the difference.

Register at SunHealthWellness.org or call 623-207-1703

United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM)

UMOM, a women and family shelter, is sponsoring their annual Holiday Card Fundraiser. You may purchase cards, in various amounts, from \$25 - \$500 as a donation toward preventing and ending homelessness in Phoenix.

Donation cards will be sold starting 11/23 until 12/22 before and after church services and in the church office.

KWANZAA

Kwanzaa, a Kiswahili word meaning "first fruits," has been observed in the U.S. since 1966. Dr. Maulana Karenga, an African-American Studies professor at California State University, created the Kwanzaa celebration. Kwanzaa is based on the harvest festivals and the "first fruits" celebrations of traditional African cultures such as the Yoruba, Ibo, Ashanti, Zulu, and others.

Harvest festival was a way of rewarding the entire community for working together throughout the whole year. By working together, everyone's needs were met and no one went without or suffered any serious hardships. The festival usually lasted several days. Prayers were offered for the continual health and prosperity for the entire village. The ancestors, who had died long ago, were honored. There was music, dancing, and feasting.

Kwanzaa is a unique celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. It is neither political nor religious, and it is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa is traditionally celebrated from December 26-January 1, with each day focused on Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles. These principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

At the end of each celebration, all participants hold hands and say "Harambee" seven times before leaving. "Harambee" means lets pull together.

Friendship Groups

Friendship Groups are an important part of SHUMC ministries. Small groups of members and friends meet monthly for fellowship with others. The groups are focused around meals, trips and/or activities in the community.

There are about 12 Friendship Groups and more will be formed soon. If you would like to join or know more about

Friendship Groups, please contact
Becky Fay at 623-518-9502.

Heartsaver's Review & Update Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

9:00-10:00 AM in the Choir Room

All Heartsavers are encouraged to attend. Be updated on First Aid supplies and how to use them.

Review CPR and the use of AED. Be familiar with
Ambulance Membership Program.

RSVP to Esther Vallet, Parish Nurse
parishnurse@shepherdofthehills.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tai Chi Classes

Charlie Gill brings his expertise, 30 years of experience and a fresh look and feel to Tai Chi (Yang style) at SHUMC!

New Class: TAI CHI ESSENTIALS—A basic class in Tai Chi movement with only five basic and less complex moves for those who find regular Tai Chi classes challenging, without compromising the training principles. This class emphasizes improved balance and muscle strength to help prevent falls.



8 weeks, \$45. Meets Tuesdays Jan 5-Feb 25 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall

BEGINNING TAI CHI CHU'AN—Also known as “meditation in motion.” The slow, gentle movements of regular Tai Chi practice can, over time, improve balance, strength, flexibility, and range of motion. This class will take you through the first set of Tai Chi postures.

8 weeks, \$45. Meets Tuesdays Jan 5-Feb 25 at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Call 623-584-2280 to sign up. For more info, contact Marty M., cherpigmom@aol.com

PRAYER NOTES

F.Y.I.—There are new books on prayer available for checkout in the library.

Hopefully these will enhance your prayer life.

Also, the Prayer Room is open during office hours for your use. There is a Prayer Book on the altar for you to leave your prayers to God if you wish. On the table there is a box with cards and envelopes to leave your prayers if you wish them to be private.

Be sure to look in next month's issue of The Voice for more “Prayer Notes”

Bill & Linda White

Living A Healthy Life With Chronic Pain

6 week workshop

Presented by: Area Agency on Aging

Mondays in 2020:

January 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, and March 2
1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room

The Area Agency on Aging will again be presenting this informative and interactive workshop. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office and at the kiosk. Attendance is limited to 18 people so please sign up early if you are interested. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Sharon Stewart, 623-225-5663.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity (SHUMC is a qualified church). QCD's can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMD's) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also QCD's don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Following the Trustees

The Trustees are working on a plan for solar energy and covered parking here at SHUMC. Some local Churches and non-profit agencies are using solar to help reduce future utility costs. Would a solar/covered parking project similar to the one next door at Lord of Life Lutheran be a good fit for us?

Trustees are researching and considering a proposal for a no cost solar system with approximately 48 covered parking spaces. It is a 140 KW system that is projected to save SHUMC \$128,000.00 over twenty years, \$6,400.00 per year. A twenty-year lease is required. All maintenance is covered except for re-painting of the steel structure in later years. This is a \$400,000.00 project. Other plans and possibilities are also being explored.

First UMC of Phoenix has just installed a similar system through the same firm. Some of their other clients include twenty-one YMCA's in AZ.

Parking lot resurfacing – We hope to proceed with parking lot replacement ASAP, providing funding is in place. The center section will likely need to be resealed and the North and South sections replaced. The cost is projected to be \$225,000.00. Actual cost will be determined at time of bidding.

We need an additional \$30,000.00 in the Imagine 40 More years Campus Renewal Fund to make parking lot replacement a reality.

Sanctuary hallway painting has been completed in preparation for the 40th Anniversary weekend activities. Painting of the Narthex section will be scheduled after the Holidays. The Fellowship Hall meeting room was just painted and there is a plan in place to display archived historical campus pictures on the walls in early 2020.

The repair and repainting of the Sanctuary covered courtyard ceiling has also be completed.

Repairs on the VEW system and sanctuary audio speaker replacement are being delayed until after the Holidays.

Thank you to all who have provided prayer support, donated time and money to help make all the past years progress a reality.

We are very Blessed!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of persons who like to knit or crochet to help with making prayer shawls or lap covers for those in Hospice, the hospital, or just in need of a warm sign of caring. Those that receive these shawls are truly blessed. See Marlene Northup, if you are interested or call her at 623-975-5367. Yarn donations are appreciated, please bring to the church office.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Art and Alice Mires are joining SHUMC by transfer from First UMC in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Art is a CPA working with Healthcare Financial Consulting. For fun he likes to golf. Alice is a retired nurse. She is interested in helping us with visitation and has been trained as a Stephen Minister. They knew Pastor Deborah long before she was a pastor, at First UMC of Phoenix. Their Shepherds are Richard and Marlene Northup.

Ellis and Helen Eskritt join by transfer from American Lutheran Church. Ellis has served as a Lutheran pastor and Care Pastor and is now retired. For fun he likes to golf. Helen describes herself as a non-retired housewife who for fun likes to read and sew. Their Shepherds are Richard and Linda Walker.



Deborah Williams is joining through profession of faith. She JUST retired, on October 31, as an HR Coordinator in the IT department at AHCCCS. For fun she likes to read. She is also enjoying a few days of rest in her new state of retirement, and plans to join us for some of the classes which she could never attend during the day. Her shepherd is Dalpha Banks.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David and Elaine Baudoin are transferring their membership from New Hope Fellowship in SCW. Before his retirement David owned a radio station. He likes to listen to southern gospel music, read, and golf. Elaine is a retired chiropractor. She also like to listen to southern gospel music, read, golf, sing, and play games (especially hand and foot). Their shepherds are Dave and Sandy Stott. All four of them normally attend our 10:45 service.



Nancy Patterson is joining by transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Fountain Hills, but has spent several years attending The Fountains United Methodist Church. She is retired from serving as the Manager of Public Relations for the Industrial Commission of Ohio. For fun she likes to read, enjoy music, especially opera, and play the piano. Nancy's shepherd is Fran Sandoval. The two of them know each other from The Fountains.

Dale and Vicki Salyers are joining by transfer from Christ Church UMC in Louisville, KY. He is retired from a career in the Air Force and as a high school teacher. For fun he likes to read, work on the house, and "make stuff." Vicki is a retired teacher. She likes to read, make jewelry, exercise, and write. Their shepherds are Dan and Linda Mellon.



LET US PRAY AND REJOICE

By Carol Hilder

Oh, what a night of
blessings and joy
when the world
welcomed Jesus,
God's baby boy.

Shepherds came and
kings from afar,
all led by the bright
radiant star.

Come, worship
that baby, now
a holy man,
whose second
coming will bring
peace to our land.

Earth, rejoice
the virgin birth!

AMEN



IN MEMORIAM

Jeanette Stenicka

October 31, 2019

Heartsaver Health & Safety Tips

The Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (AFMA) has a new Ambulance Membership program which is voluntary annual membership for their service area. To learn more, and find out if this Ambulance Membership program will benefit you, go to www.afma.az.gov and look for a FAQ's Sheet. Check with your insurance provider to find out how much your deductible or co-pay is for medically necessary ambulance transportation and to decide if this program will benefit you.

Always call 911 in an emergency, regardless of your billing concerns,
your health and safety are priority.

SERMON SERIES

- Nov 30-Dec 1 Sunday after Thanksgiving
 The Journey: Mary of Nazareth
 Communion
 Anniversary Cake - 40 Years on Dec. 2
 Advent 1
- Dec 7-8 The Journey: Joseph of Bethlehem
 Advent 2
- Dec 14-15 Choir Cantata "Have You Heard?
 A Celtic Christmas Celebration"
 The Journey: Mary Visits Elizabeth
 Advent 3
- Dec 21-22 The Journey: From Nazareth to Bethlehem
 Advent 4
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 The Journey: At the Manger



Blue Christmas Service & Light Meal	Wednesday, December 4, 2019	3:30 p.m.	Chapel/ Fellowship Hall
Cantata	Saturday, December 14, 2019	4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Cantata	Sunday, December 15, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Informal Praise Service	Sunday, December 15, 2019	10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service	Tuesday, December 24, 2019	4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays 4:00 p.m., "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - Chapel

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. "Spirited Traditional Worship" - Sanctuary

Sundays, 10:45 a.m. "Informal Praise Service" - Sanctuary

Coffee Hour after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall! Come Join us.



*Merry
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