

The Voice

March 2020

Lent:

**A SEASON
OF PREPARATION**

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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

Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares, Associate Pastor

Rev. Lee Hirt, Associate Pastor (Part-time)

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

Esther Vallet, R.N., Parish Nurse (Part-time)

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Prayer Request: prayers@shepherdofthehills.org

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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Sunday, March 15, 2020

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

Following our Ash Wednesday service on February 26, on Saturday, February 29, 2020 (which happens to be Leap Day!) we will leap into the Lenten Season, a time of spiritual preparation before the joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This liturgical season is 40 days long (plus the six Sundays, which are excluded), reflecting our Lord's 40 day season of preparation in the wilderness before beginning his ministry.

We are offering a variety of ways for you to deepen your spiritual life throughout the season. I will be preaching a series on Forgiveness, using as a resource the book "The Way of Forgiveness, a Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation." Pastor Stephanie will use that same book to lead a class, surveying the same themes and ideas I will highlight on Sundays. This is an opportunity for you to dig more deeply into challenges like "Guilt and Shame," "Transforming Anger," and "Reconciliation."



More than anything else, we are a forgiven people who are called to be forgiving. More than just about anything else in our Christian walk, it is hard to accept and offer forgiveness.

We also provided a printed guide for Lenten Disciplines in the Ash Wednesday bulletin and it will be included in the bulletin the first few Sundays of the season. This is an invitation to consider other ways to be more intentional in your following of Jesus. A prayer guide will be included in the bulletin weekly to encourage you to spend more time in conversation with God.

This is a season to "add to" your spiritual life, with classes, commitment to prayer, regular worship attendance, more intentional giving. It is also a season to "take away" – to fast from things that distract us from our relationship with God. Some people fast from sweets throughout the season (I find this strangely difficult!). Others fast from all food one day each week. Some fast from Facebook or playing games on their phones. The idea in fasting is that each time you feel yourself wanting something sweet, or wanting food, or wanting to check Facebook or play a game, you remind yourself to turn your attention to God instead. All of these practices are intended to free up time, energy, and focus for godly living and deepening our relationship with God.

God's heart, as it is revealed in scripture, is for relationship with God's children: with you, with me. God's hand is always outstretched, inviting us forward into that relationship.

Will you say yes this season?

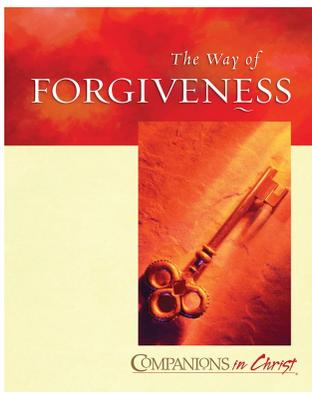
Blessings and Peace
Pastor Deborah

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

STRUGGLING TO FORGIVE SOMEONE? STRUGGLING TO ACCEPT FORGIVENESS?

Perhaps nothing goes more against the grain of human nature than the idea of forgiving those who wound us and accepting forgiveness from others.

We are offering a class that will help you think and pray through the process and find a way for you to preserve the “beauty of your soul.”



Pastor Deborah’s Lenten Sermon Series will correlate with **The Way of Forgiveness** by Marjorie J. Thompson.

The 6-week class will begin on
Monday, March 2nd – 10:00 – 11:30

Facilitator – Pastor Stephanie

Location – FH Meeting Room

Please sign up and join us!

Books can be purchased in the church office for \$12

The Education Committee’s mission is to provide Christian educational opportunities which promote growth in spirituality and discipleship.

How do we do that? Easiest answer is to provide classes and more classes!

Currently

– Alpha through 4/3

Upcoming

- *The Way of Forgiveness* – starting 3/2 with Pastor Stephanie
- *The Call: The Life & Message of the Apostle Paul* – around the end of April with Dale Salyers
- Summer - Sunday School with Dale & Vicki Salyers
- Adult Vacation Bible School 6/2-6/5**
- Fall – 50 Ways to Pray with Bill & Linda White



Other ways – **Have you ever visited our church library?** There are lots of books about the Bible and Biblical-based narratives. The UMW has separate shelves with their recommended readings dealing with: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. The book selections are very enriching and of interest to men as well as women. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources we have in the library.

** Adult VBS will be open to those within and without our church community. We can use some help putting the event together. Please contact the church office at 623-584-2280 if you would like to be involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

All women are cordially invited to attend our next monthly luncheon to be held on March 5th, at 11:30 AM. Our program will feature Tamara Zivic, Executive Director of WHEAT (World Hunger Education, Advocacy and Training organization). She will share with us the purpose of the "Clothes Silo" program.

Sign-ups will be at the kiosk. The price is \$8 .

We hope you will plan to join us. For further information contact the church office at 623-584-2280.

MARCH FAMILY LIFE DINNER

Date: Friday, March 27th, doors open at 5PM, dinner at 5:30, entertainment to follow

Entertainment: The Great Mario Carboni

Mario is one of the most talented, honky-tonk, piano players you will ever hear.

Menu: BBQ brisket, spinach salad, fruit salad, cheddar jack green chili mashed potatoes, broccoli with garlic, and desserts.

Cost: \$16

Dig out your best cowboy outfit to impress your friends, or just wear your usual clothes.

Mario is going on tour next year and will not be available to us for awhile.

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

Thursday, March 26 at 1:00-2:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Keeping our minds active helps ward off dementia. Come and learn new brain exercises to add to your toolbox to increase brain health. Also learn why healthy habits make a big difference. Keli Price, Amen Clinics Certified Brain Coach, will lead you in exercises you can continue to do on your own and with your friends and family. All are welcome!

Register online at SunHealthWellness.org OR call 623-207-1703. Sign-up at SHUMC also available. Registration ensures there are adequate handouts for all who attend.



SHUMC NEWS

LENT: A TIME TO INVITE



The seasons before Christmas and Easter are ideal for inviting friends to worship.

Folks with a church background will have a memory of these “high” seasons in the faith, and may be more willing to say yes.

Any invitation should begin with prayer: PRAY for the person you are considering inviting. After a week or so of daily prayer, invite them to come with you to church and perhaps to breakfast afterward.

The week of Palm Sunday is a great time, as we have a Cantata Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Personal invitations are the most effective way to increase worship attendance!

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

the early Christians observed with great devotion
the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection,
and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration
there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins
and had separated themselves from the community of faith
were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness,
and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded
of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ
and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to observe a holy Lent:

by self-examination and repentance;
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;
and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance,
and as a mark of our mortal nature,
let us now *bow* before our Creator and Redeemer.



SHUMC NEWS



Welcome
Our New
Members



Lloyd and Linda Cooper are transferring their membership from First Rowlett UMC in Rowlett, TX.

Lloyd is retired from a career in creating promotional products and printing. He enjoys golf and woodworking. Linda is a retired educator. She likes sewing and golf.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The Foundation of our church is responsible for investing and distributing money that has been donated to the Church primarily through people's trust and wills. There are six distinct areas of ministry that the Foundation has established and welcomes additional funds. They are:

- Dysart School District Scholarships for deserving high school graduates to pursue higher education.
- Scholarships in the medical field, which we work with Banner Del Webb Hospital.
- Shepherd of the Hills care ministry thru the Franklin Greene Fund. This covers our Parish Nurse and our Care Minister.
 - SHUMC Music Ministry.
 - SHUMC Church Facilities.
- An Undesignated Fund, which among other things, sends funds to the Dysart Community Center.

If you would like to contribute to any of these important areas of ministry, please contact Julie Calvert, our Financial Secretary in the Church office. One time donations or money donated through your trust would be greatly appreciated.

Watch for more detailed information about each of these six areas of ministry in future newsletters.

SHUMC NEWS

WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET

Every Wednesday through May 27th

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Fresh local produce, breads & pastries, jams, arts & crafts, live music, food trucks, weekly prize giveaways, 60+ vendors

It is exciting to have this opportunity to bless our neighbors! We will have a booth or table each week, and need some hospitable folks to be present to give out brochures, small gifts, and goodwill to those who approach. Please let Pastor Deborah know if you are willing and able to help us with this ministry, or write your name on the sign up sheet.



LEADERSHIP RETREAT FEBRUARY 13

Our leadership retreat was challenging, informative, and helpful to the 40 or so church leaders who gathered to talk about the **4 Core Processes for Church Growth and Health**.

These Processes, which enable us to carry out our mission are:

Invitation

Inviting people into relationship with Christ and with our Church. We talked about some ways to bless our neighbors with free gifts or acts of service and a simple statement "This is a sign of God's love for you." Participants will be handing out small ziplocs (to people walking their dogs) with a few dog bones and a card indicating:

"Yes, it really is free! We hope this small gift brings some light into your day. It's a simple way of saying "God loves you - no strings attached. Give us a call as your next need arises."

We learned that most people come to church new because someone invited them personally.

Have you invited someone lately?

Connection

Creating a web of hospitality and invitation that helps newcomers find their way among us, from the moment they step out of their cars in the parking lot. Making sure each newcomer finds a place of welcome and involvement among us.

If you're not sure someone is new, simply say as you greet them, 'I'm not sure we've met. My name is

Discipling/Deploying

Creating a comprehensive system for drawing people into deeper relationship with God through prayer, Bible Study, Spiritual Disciplines, and Christian conversation

We also learned that leaders need to scout for folks who are interested in their areas of ministry, invite those folks in to community, mentor them, and empower them to do the ministries God calls them to do.

Sending

As newcomers find their place among us, they need opportunities to reach out beyond the church walls to bless with acts of mercy and invitation.

Watch for further information as we work toward becoming a thriving, growing church!

SHUMC NEWS



FOLLOWING THE TRUSTEES

Our church is blessed in many ways. One current example; the new weekly farmer's market bringing many new people to the campus, a welcoming team at the SHUMC booth sharing God's love with the community, and additional rental income increasing revenue to the general budget.

Trustees are busy planning several major projects for 2020.



The Imagine 40 More Years campus renewal fund will be used to resurface the parking lot. An engineer is being consulted to give us advice and specifications for resurfacing the area in the most cost-effective manner.

Replacement of the aging and failing sanctuary VEW system, with improved ability to spread our message electronically to those who are unable to be physically present during a service.

Replacement of the center row of failing sanctuary speakers to improve the clarity of voice and music to the congregation.

Replacement of the sanctuary dimmable lighting system, with increased lighting and reading levels for the choir and chancel areas which is badly needed on cloudy days and evening services/events.

A proposed solar project with the possibility of covered parking for about 48 vehicles, at no cost to the general budget, while being designed to reduce the utility costs to the general budget.

We do not currently have funding in place to accomplish all this. The campus renewal fund and the trustee facilities improvement designated funds will be used to complete as much as possible. Additional donations to those funds would help us to accomplish as much as possible.

The trustees look forward to another year filled with God's many blessings and your generous donations which make our church campus a beautiful place to worship and helps maintain the presence of SHUMC into the future.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

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 the church office at 623-584-2280. Yarn donations are appreciated, please bring to the church office.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

My sincere thanks to all of our Unit members who made our UMW weekend such a wonderful success. A special thank you to Patty O'Neal, the Worship Committee chairman, always our Guardian Angel, for her patience and guidance in all 3 services.

Spring is just around the corner and so is Easter. Our UMW women plan to provide Easter baskets for the families served by Valley View Food Bank. We invite the congregation to help us with our efforts. There is a list suggesting items to be put in the baskets, on the table outside the church office. Please return your filled basket by Thursday, April 2nd. See article elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Thank you for helping us make children happy.



Ending Hunger & Poverty at the Root

Our luncheon, March 5th will feature Tamara Zivic, Executive Director of WHEAT (World Hunger Education, Advocacy and Training organization). She will share with us the purpose of the "Clothes Silo" program. All women are welcome to join us.

April's program will feature an executive from Hickman Farms (YES! EGGS!) enlightening us on all the community service they do in the area. Please bring your completed Easter baskets on the 2nd and enjoy lunch and the presentation.

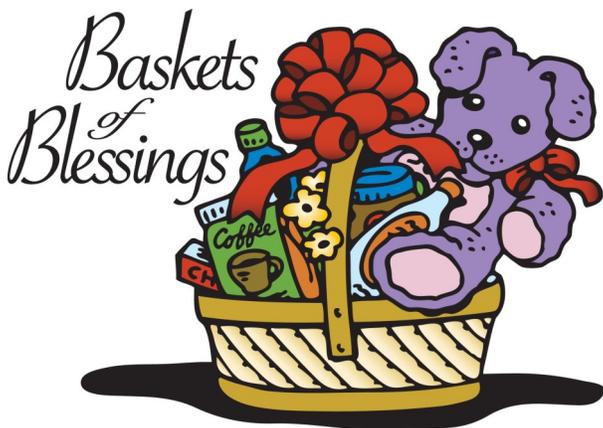
Sandy Bradley, UMW President

UMW ACTIVITY

Once again the United Methodist Women at Shepherd invite the congregation to help us fill Easter baskets for the children served by Valley View Food Bank. Instructions about filling a basket and a sample basket are in front of the office. Please return your basket by April 2nd. There are some supplies around the corner in the hall next to the choir room: Easter grass, plastic eggs and ribbon to tie around the plastic bags that go around the baskets.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES!!

You can also find clear plastic bags at Michael's and Wal-Mart.



For further information contact the church office at 623-584-2280.

Thank you for helping us make a child happy at Easter.

MISSIONS

SANDWICH SUNDAY

March 29, 2020

9:00 - TILL ALL THE SANDWICHES ARE MADE!



LUNCHES FOR HOMELESS SENIORS—JUSTA CENTER IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

Need volunteers to make sandwiches, wash fruit and veggies.

Please consider donating sandwich bags, gloves, & brown lunch bags, in addition to peanut butter and jelly.

Monetary donations are also appreciated to buy meats, cheese, chips, fruit, and vegetables.

Leave donations in the kitchen/pantry labeled Missions.

QUESTIONS? Call the Church at 623-584-2280

COUPS FOR TROOPS CELEBRATES THREE YEARS

Many Thanks

A Brief History

A Few Reminders

A New Appeal

SHUMC's Mission Committee deeply appreciates the support of members and friends who have responded so enthusiastically over the past three years by clipping, cutting, and submitting product discount coupons for US military families overseas. This valuable project allows our service members to utilize discounts for up to six months from the stateside expiration dates. Over the past three years 52 boxes of coupons weighing approximately 10 pounds each have been sent flat rate priority mail at an approximate cost of \$15 each, with positive feedback from recipients at bases in Japan and Germany.

Expediting the collecting, cutting, and shipping is imperative because of the expiration dates. To make the most effective use of the ever-increasing postal rates, it becomes necessary to ask cutters to trim all excess paper from the coupons. For every ten coupons closely trimmed, another coupon can be added to the box. Generally closely trimmed means cutting INSIDE the indicated edge. However it is important that the total UPC code, the product name, the expiration date, the amount of discount, and the statement "manufacturer's coupon" not be impacted by trimming.



In the hope of making our fourth year a most significant one, the Mission Committee is appealing for more individuals to cut the increasing number of coupons dropped in the basket outside the church office. To volunteer, or for questions, contact the church office at 623-584-2280.

Cutting coupons is a great way to make a difference in a service family's economic life. And all it takes is a small amount of time and a good pair of scissors.

SHUMC NEWS



Ern & Patt Prill

On Sunday, February 16, we celebrated these couples for reaching the milestone of 50 wonderful years of marriage.

Congratulations!



Dan & Linda Mellon



Terry & Marian Hamman



Bill & Mildred Price



Art & Alice Mires



Holy Week Calendar

Palm Sunday Weekend

April 4 and 5

Choir Cantata

Saturday April 4 at 4 PM and Sunday April 5 at 9 AM

“Praise the God of Resurrection (An Easter Cantata)”

Palm Processional

Communion

Make It a Two Service Weekend:

Join us for Worship at 10:45 with

Palm Processional

Palm Sunday Message from Pastor Deborah

Holy Communion

Thursday April 9, 2020

4 PM

Maundy Thursday Service

With Optional Foot or Hand Washing

Holy Communion

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Rev. Stephanie Soon Preaching

Friday April 10, 2020

4 PM

Good Friday Service

A Good Friday Drama: “Will You Wait With Me?”

Miriam Dancers Interpreting “Were You There?”

April 11 and 12th 2020

Easter Weekend

Join us for joyous celebrations of the Resurrection
of our Lord!

Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 9 and 10:45 AM



SHUMC ACTIVITIES

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, Mar. 10 – Apr. 28, 9:30-10:20 am 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. Tuesdays, Mar. 10 – Apr. 28, 10:30-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

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

PRAYER NOTES

One of the books in our library is Philip Yancey's *Prayer: Does it Make A Difference?* In his book he gives a way to reflect on the Lord's Prayer: slow it down, reflect on each phrase, and make it more personal. Here is an excerpt:

“Your kingdom come—Yes, and allow me to be an agent of that kingdom by bringing peace to the anxious, grace to the needy, and your love to all whom I touch. May people believe in your reign of goodness because of how I live today.”

Check out the book to see more.

POP TABS, BOX TOPS, & CARDS

Thank you for your generosity last year in donating these items. Please continue to do so.

Pop Tabs get recycled and the money goes to Ronald McDonald House to pay for patients hospital stays.

Box Tops are redeemed for school equipment—gym mats, balls, classroom maps, globes, etc.

Cards or those you get in the mail can be dropped off in the box in the mailroom.

Pop Tops and Box Tops can be deposited in the basket on the desk by the office window.

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. Please consult your financial advisor if you are interested.

SHUMC NEWS

CHANGING ROLES FOR PASTOR LEE

One of the great joys of our SHUMC staff is the presence of Rev. Lee Hirt, who has a long history with the church (he served on staff a number of years ago.). On Sunday mornings Pastor Lee brings a smile to our faces and gets our 9:00 AM worship off to the right start.

We raised his salary from the \$1 of 2019 to \$2 for 2020.

Nobody else got a 100% raise!

We need to let you know some of Pastor Lee's other roles are changing. It has been wonderful to have him working with newcomers and evangelism, but this role has become too much, given the health challenges he is facing.

As we move into 2020, Pastor Lee will serve as liaison to Family Life Ministries and the Foundation, Sunday morning welcomer and giver of our key announcements, and occasional preacher in various services. He will help us with a few pastoral visits as time and energy permit. He will also continue as a treasured member of our staff, where he brings a wealth of experience to share. We appreciate his humor and his wisdom as we meet and make plans.

We are glad to have him for all the roles that fit into his life. He has been and is a blessing to us all.

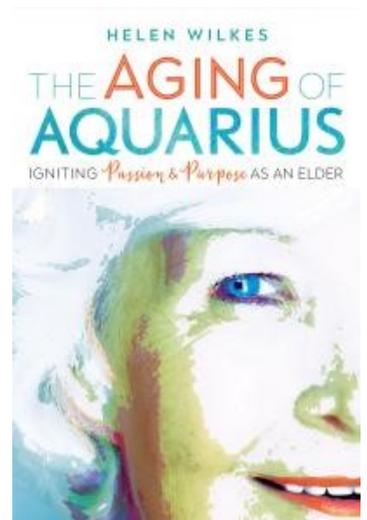


BOOK OF THE MONTH RECOMMENDATION FROM THE UMW

The Aging of Aquarius: Igniting Passion and Purpose As An Elder

By Helen Wilkes

Your career has wound down, the kids have moved out, and your schedule is clear...for the next 30 years. Now, with the rest of your life ahead, you can make this next stage of your life the most powerful yet. But where to start? Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement, helping readers as they transition to a post-work identity.



SHUMC NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTERS COMMISSIONING



Congregational Care

Shepherd of the Hills

A number of congregational Care Ministers, who are completing their training by the end of March, will be commissioned at our worship services on March 28 & 29. Please pray for them this month:

God you appoint your children to holy tasks. I surround each Congregational Care Minister in prayer as they receive training and get ready to serve in that role. Prepare them and fill them with your Spirit of love and wisdom. Equip them to be your hands to lift up persons in our church and community, out of the chaos of life, to a place of rest, strength and peace. Make me aware of the ways in which I can support them this year. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Pastor Alma

EASTER BAG PRAYER BEADS PROJECT

The Health and Welfare committee is inviting the congregation to help us make Anglican Prayer beads to be included in the Easter bags we are delivering to our members who are unable to be with us in church and participate in SHUMC activities. Beading expertise is NOT a requirement. We will be providing all of the materials and instructions and welcome help in making the prayer beads.

We will be having a session on Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 in the back area of the Fellowship Hall. This is another opportunity to show our love for members of our SHUMC family.



It Is Over, But It Isn't

The 40 More Years capital campaign is technically over; however, the Trustees' needs are still there. The campaign has brought in \$218,136 so far, with several members continuing to donate as they fulfill their pledges. These funds have all been placed in the "Campus Renewal" Designated Account, which is restricted for the Trustees use only.

The first expenditure of these funds (\$9,940) was for the Chapel Fire Alarm System. The Trustees are currently developing plans to replace our aging, outdated VEW system and to repave part of our parking lot.

These two projects will likely use most, if not all of the current Campus Renewal funds.

The Campus Renewal fund will remain open as a designated fund restricted for Trustees use only and as the preferred way for those who would like to help support the upkeep of our campus. To donate, simply make your check payable to SHUMC and in the memo line write Campus Renewal Fund.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER AT
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UMC?**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Join us for an "Exploring Membership Class!"

Wednesday March 25 2020 2 P.M. Fellowship Hall
Join April 12, Easter Sunday, or after by arrangement

Light refreshments, conversation, meet a few key leaders,
take a tour of the church!

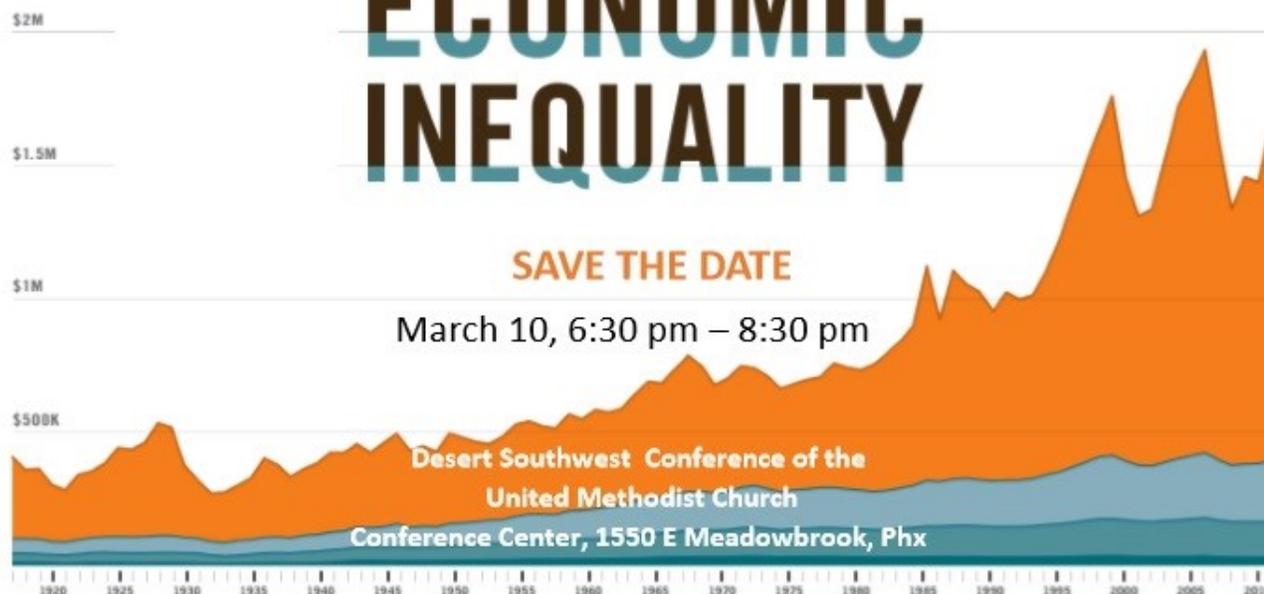
RSVP your attendance to Jodi in the Church Office at 623.584.2280
or by writing "Exploring" on your Prayer and Presence card,
or by writing your name on the sign up sheet located by the office,
or at the kiosk after church services



ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

SAVE THE DATE

March 10, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



Join participants Rev. Louie Lyon, attorney Tom Griggs, Rev. Khalif Smith, Local Pastor Deb Schauer, and General Conference delegate Julie O'Neal, around important questions like: What influences our economy and us? What is our response? Bring an open heart AND a friend.

Don't forget to RSVP: bfidlin@dscumc.org

LET US PRAY

-The Journey-

By Carol Hilder

In the holy silence
He'll lead me above
the clouds of time,
and I'll kneel and
say to Him,
"Oh Savior, I am thine."

Then He will say,
"My child, abide with me,
I'll never let you go, for
here you'll find the
peace and love that
on earth you
would never know."

AMEN



IN MEMORIAM

Judith Johnson

February 3, 2020

Ron Richards

February 4, 2020

Heartsaver Health & Safety Tips

Urgent Care or Emergency: If someone falls and hits their head and sustains other injuries, should they go to Urgent Care or the Emergency Department at the local hospital for care?

The guidelines for Urgent Care are any head injury or suspected head injury should be evaluated at the Emergency Department, as well as anyone who is taking blood thinning medications.



Upcoming Sermon Series

Feb 29/Mar 1 First Sunday of Lent

Focus on Forgiveness: Guilt and Shame

Matthew 5:23-24

Communion

Mar 7-8 Second Sunday of Lent

Focus on Forgiveness: Transforming Anger

Genesis 4:1-8

Mar 14-15 Third Sunday of Lent

Focus on Forgiveness: God's Forgiveness

Luke 15:11-32

Mar 21-22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Focus on Forgiveness: Forgiving

Matthew 18:21-35

Mar 28-29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Focus on Forgiveness: Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

April 4-5 Palm Sunday

Cantata

Communion

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**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER
PROMPTLY**

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE MARCH 2020

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.

