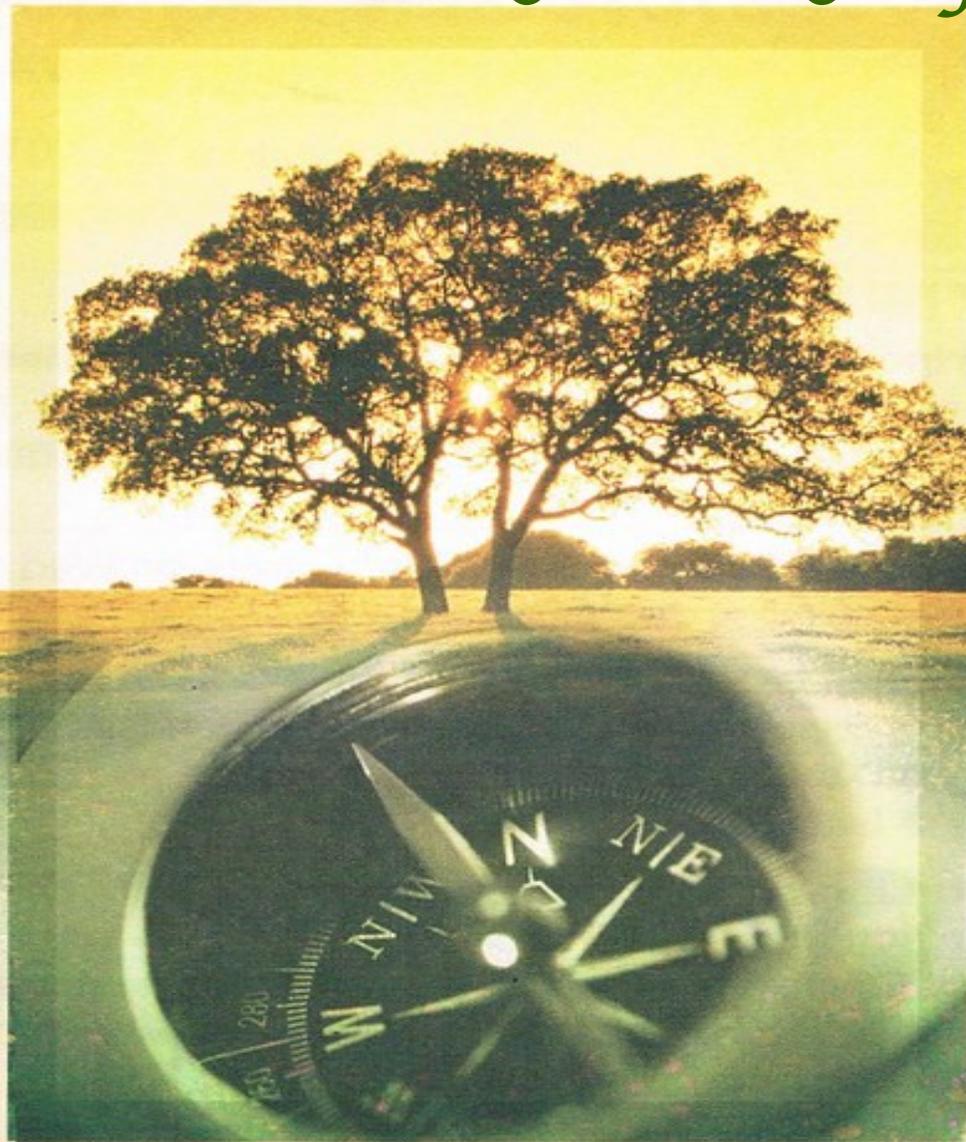


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THANKING THE LORD FOR  
**FATHERS**

*He that getteth wisdom loveth  
his own soul: he that keepeth  
understanding shall find good.*

*Proverbs 19:8*

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Deborah Lerner, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares, Associate Pastor  
Diane Harsch, Chaplain (Part-time)  
Esther Vallet, R.N., Parish Nurse (Part-time)

## Staff

Tanner Akers, Sound Tech (Part-time)  
Julie Calvert, Accounting (Part-time)  
Jodi De Luca, Administrative Secretary  
Ken Goodenberger, Director of Music Ministry  
Dolores McCaslin, Welcome Coordinator (PT)  
Shawn McMullen, Maintenance Engineer  
Bill Moore, Organist/Pianist  
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Prayer Request Line: 623-584-2922

Prayer Request: [prayers@shepherdofthehills.org](mailto: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.

## VOICE DELIVERY METHODS

You may pick up a paper copy of the Voice in the church office starting on the first of the month. Limited church participants and out-of-state copies will be mailed.

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*Article deadline for the August issue of The Voice  
is Monday, July 18, 2022*

**PASTORS DEBORAH AND ALMA RE-APPOINTED!**



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to report that Senior Pastor Deborah Lerner and Associate Pastor Alma Aguirre-Olivares have been re-appointed by Bishop Grant Hagiya to serve another year at Shepherd of the Hills. The appointments were read as part of annual conference, which met in Mesa and virtually on June 10 and 11.

We celebrate the return of our clergy for the new appointment year, July 1, 2022 through June 30 2023.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Join us on **Sunday, July 3 at 11:30 am**, in Fellowship Hall for a lunch and great music performed by the Sun City Stomperz. Let's celebrate the 4th of July!!



The food will be hot dogs in a bun, chips and an ice cream bar. For your dining pleasure, the entertainment will perform while you enjoy your lunch. Be sure to sign up so we have plenty of food. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the cost. Sign up Sundays at the Kiosk or call the office at 623-584-2280.

**JOIN US!!**

**Connections  
Sunday School Class**

**8:45 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Every Sunday  
(listed below)  
June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31,  
No class on July 3**



**Favorite Classic Bible Stories**

Join us every Sunday morning for a favorite classic Bible story, presented by a different facilitator each week.

**RUMMAGE SALE 2022  
DROP-OFF DATES**

**Monday, June 20  
through Wednesday, June 22  
from 9 am to 1 pm**

Place your donations at the containers at the back of the campus. Keep cleaning out those closets and garages.

For furniture pick ups, please call Kathy C. to arrange a pick up. For rummage sale questions, call Julie K. or email her at [shumcrummingsale@gmail.com](mailto:shumcrummingsale@gmail.com).

**Sunday,  
June 19**



**MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



The Missions Committee has begun its collection of school supplies for Dysart Community Center and Wittman's Nadaburg Elementary School and art supplies for Benevilla. SHUMC has a connection to Nadaburg schools through our mission work and with church members volunteering at the school.

Benevilla is a non-profit that enriches the lives of West Valley residents by serving older adults, adults with disabilities, children and the families who care for them.

Dysart Community Center provides education and developmental opportunities for low-income children and adults in our local community. Programs include GED, ESL, citizenship courses and before and after school programs for young people. The center is located in El Mirage. Collection date will run through July 15. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to Shepherd of the Hills UMC with a notation of where the donation is to go. Collection receptacles are placed around the church.

**Supplies Needed**

**wood (popsicle) sticks  
glue sticks  
game boards (ages 4-15)  
24 count Crayola crayons  
small paint canvases  
washable magic markers  
fun reward stickers  
puzzle books (age appropriate)  
rubber bands  
Lysol spray  
seeds of any kind for gardening  
small plastic pencil boxes  
pipe cleaners  
pocket folders  
washable paints (acrylic/water colors)  
composition books**

**color copy paper  
tissue paper (white and colors)  
index cards  
sticky notes  
Clorox wipes  
paper plates  
#2 pencils  
construction paper  
Expo dry erase markers  
soft velvet paper  
coloring books  
computer books  
computer paper  
Kleenex (can be ordered online by a case)  
any other craft materials**

**HEALING AND RENEWAL  
SERVICE POSTPONED**

The Prayer Ministry Committee has decided to postpone the Healing and Renewal Service that was scheduled for Saturday, June 18 to a later date.

With so many away for the summer, we believe it will be of greater benefit to the congregation and the community if we wait for winter visitors to return in the Fall.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday—Thursday  
8:30 am—4:30 pm**

The church office will be closed on Fridays during the summer. Staff MAY be available occasionally with advance request for appointments. If you need pastoral assistance for emergencies, please call the Pastor-On-Call at 623-584-7642.

SUMMER NEWS

We are slowly getting used to our new name. Our aspirations and goals are still the same and we just have completed our monetary support for our spring special giving called "Prayer and Self Denial." This special offering will provide for the work of missionaries and deaconesses. So far, our members have donated over \$1,000 for this program.



United Women in Faith

Our May luncheon was the last until we meet for lunch again in October. We enjoyed hearing about all the new things going on at UMOM by Rev. Patricia Maygar and we sent her back with a car-load of hygiene products for women and children.



We honored Marian H. with a "Mission Recognition" pin. She has served on many committees and areas in our church. She is the leader of our Sew Happy Circle and coordinates the delivery of all those beautifully sewn items by that group. They go to local care centers, foster care programs and homeless shelters.

It was the vote of the group to try to plan to have a couple of "Go Out to Lunch" gatherings during the summer months. It is not something we have tried in the past but it will be a chance to get out of our homes and have a time of fellowship. All women of the congregation are invited.

Looking to the Fall, we are planning for our October luncheon, to show the movie, "**Mission: Joy, Lasting Happiness in a Changing World,**" based on "**The Book of Joy**" co-authored by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, His Holiness The Dalai Lama with Doug Abrams. Because of the length of the film, we plan to eat lunch while we watch. Everyone in the congregation will be invited. I hope you will mark your calendars for Thursday, October 6, at 11:30 AM. We will keep all of you in our prayers for safe travels and a blessed summer until we are together again.

Sandy B.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - SAVE THE DATE!!!  
LET'S GO TO LUNCH**

**Betty's Rooste  
on Thursday, July 7 - 11:30 am**

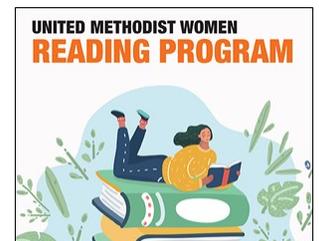


Sign-ups and more information will be at the Kiosk on Sundays, June 26 and July 3. All women are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

**UMW SUMMER READING**

June: **Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution**  
By Katey Zeh

July: **We Are Called to Be A Movement**  
By Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II



## CONGRATULATIONS

### REV. SUSAN BRIMS RETIRING

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Susan Brims, is retiring at the end of June after faithfully serving the District for many years.

Cards and notes of appreciation may be sent to:

Rev. Susan Brims  
East District Office  
Desert Southwest Conference  
P.O. Box 32830  
Phoenix, AZ 85064



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jim R.
- 16 Charlene H.
- 28 Jean B.

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Bill & Linda W.
- 9 Harold & Anna Marie P.
- 11 Bryan & Margaret Mcl.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Janet T.
- 7 Bryan Mcl.
- 8 Virginia R.
- 11 Ginny G.
- 15 Charlette D.
- 16 Margaret Mcl.
- 17 Mary G.
- 17 Dick C.
- 23 Marian H.

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Phil & Joan C.

**We need your permission to print** your name and the day of your birthday and/or anniversary. Without your permission, your name and special day will not appear in print. Contact the church office by phone or email to set this up.

**Grief Group Support**  
**WEDNESDAYS** at 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Prayer Room  
Facilitated by Chaplain Diane Harsch  
For More Information Call Church Office 623-584-2280

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



### FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED



Food banks are way down. But hunger is up! Can you help? The Missions Team is extending food bank collections to be continuous during the summer. Next time you shop, please grab a few extra items that can be donated to our local food banks. Donations can be brought to the church during service or office hours and placed in the hall between the Library and Choir room.



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

We were reminded by Scott, a Missionary from Ukraine, that these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, were faithful to God. That three people was all it took to make a difference for God's Kingdom.

As your new Invitation and Welcome Coordinator, I need three people. Yes, just **THREE**, to help me with a project.

OK....then look out....soon I will be looking for **THREE** more people to help with another project. If you feel called to walk with me, please call my direct line at 623-215-6887.

Dolores McCaslin

Dear Friends,

The Lord directs my path and I am so grateful that this is where He has led me.

My graduation from seminary was a landmark event for me and you all made it a beautiful memory. As David writes in the Psalms, "My cup runneth over!" Thank you so much for celebrating my graduation with me! My heart is full because of the love from the people of this church! I am truly blessed!

Blessings upon you all~  
Chaplain Diane



**GUEST SPEAKER**

Rev. Pam Wagner will be our guest speaker on Sunday, June 26 at the 10:00 am worship service.

Pam served SHUMC as an Associate Pastor from 1999 to 2002, and many of you will remember her.

**SANDWICH MAKING CREW**



The sandwich makers meet Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The sandwiches are taken to the

Justa Center, a day center for homeless seniors.

Hooray!! There were a lot of new faces to help make sandwiches last week.

As the saying goes, "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

The men joined in and say they will be back to help, as fun was had by all!

Did you know SHUMC has a card shop?

*Ye Olde Card Shoppe*

Is located in the hall between the Library and Choir Room.

Check out our wide assortment of cards, calendars, planners and miscellaneous items.

Small monetary donations accepted with proceeds benefitting Missions Committee.

If you have cards or other items to donate to the *Ye Olde Card Shoppe*, please place them in the top drawer of the file next to the cards.

Ongoing collection of Bibles for UMOM can be donated in the second drawer of the file next to the cards. UMOM appreciates all the Bibles we send! Thanks!





Sondra S. has been a member of Shepherd of the Hills Church since about 2011. When she is not living in Sun City West, Sondra lives in Beatrice, Nebraska. She graduated from the University of Nebraska and first worked as a home economics teacher and then became a school counselor. She greatly enjoyed counseling the elementary school students, helping them through issues such as bullying and family difficulties.

Sondra has three children and two grandchildren she loves to visit. Her son lives in Des Moines, Iowa and has a young son. One daughter lives in St. Louis, Missouri and has a teenage daughter. The other daughter lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

During the summer, Sondra worships at a Methodist Church in Nebraska and participates in a number of activities there. She plays alto sax in the church praise band and, as part of the Nurture Committee, sends cards to members who cannot attend services.

Sondra's UMW circle sews sundresses and shorts to send to people who live in Haiti and sews pillowcases for hospitalized children. She also plays sax in a community band. During the months Sondra is in Arizona, she plays sax in the Surprise Pops Band. At Shepherd of the Hills, she is a member of the Social Shepherds, the Care Ministry and Miriam Circle and feels they do excellent work. She also likes the SHUMC ministers and the music.



*In Memoriam*

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Jean K.</i>     | <i>April 30, 2022</i>                |
| <i>Ruth F.</i>     | <i>May 9, 2022</i>                   |
| <i>Loyce S.</i>    | <i>May 13, 2022 (former member)</i>  |
| <i>John McK.</i>   | <i>May 19, 2022</i>                  |
| <i>Dorothy S.</i>  | <i>June 2, 2022</i>                  |
| <i>Patricia O.</i> | <i>June 13, 2022 (former member)</i> |

## Summer Movies; Prayer Notes

### SUMMER MOVIES ARE HERE!

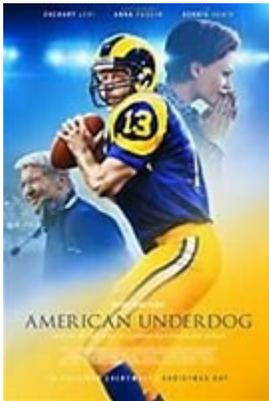
The summer movies will be shown on **alternating Wednesdays** and will meet through the summer, ending on September 21.

The movies will start at 1:30 pm and light snacks will be served.

The upcoming movies are shown on the list below. Invite your friends and neighbors!



June 29     ***American Underdog***



July 13

***West Side Story***

July 27

***The Call of the Wild***

August 10

***Enchanted April***

August 24

***The Shadow Riders***

Sept. 7

***Queen Bees***

Sept. 21

***The Sting***

### PRAYER NOTES

To walk the path of the labyrinth is to walk the way of amazement and wonder, the way of questions that can be answered only with speechless awe. Perhaps the labyrinth can show us again the way beyond simple choices and answers, the holy way of wonder and awe. We take each step to leave behind the past and move into the present moment, its center, into the loving-kind arms that will enfold us there. (Walking the Labyrinth by Travis Scholl)

In the mailbox at the entrance to the Prayer Labyrinth, there are suggestions on how to pray as you walk the labyrinth. These will be replaced periodically.

One method is called the "Inner Way." In this one, as you walk toward the center pray for the release of your fears, distractions and resistances. You may even want to repeat a phrase such as, "Let go and let God." When you reach the center, pause and pray for illumination. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you. "Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew." On the way out, pray for the integration of the Spirit's guidance into your life. Maybe repeat a phrase such as, "Thy will be done."

Blessings,

Bill and Linda W.

**JUSTA CENTER UPDATE**

On Tuesday, May 31, I brought the sandwiches from our church to the Justa Center. This summer the Justa Center has increased their hours. They are open 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm. This has increased their ability to minister to the homeless seniors living on the streets of Phoenix. The encampments on the sidewalks and parking areas by buildings continue to expand. The Justa Center is in the middle of this, providing water and a safe haven from the heat, providing a warm breakfast, Meals on Wheels for lunch, brown bag suppers and helping these homeless seniors get into affordable and safe housing.



Mary, one of the Justa Center employees, shared how rewarding her work at the center is. She helped bring in the sandwiches, loaded the freezers and gave me back my crates, all while she was directing the sorting of food and other tasks by volunteers.

At SHUMC, we have increased the number of loaves of sandwiches we are making for the Justa Center to 50 loaves a week (this is up from 30 loaves a week). These sandwiches are part of a bag lunch that they hand out at the end of the day for supper.

Thank you to our sandwich makers, the Peanut Butter Crew....what a wonderful group. Mary Giese has done a wonderful job in directing and building our Monday morning Sandwich Making into a SHUMC mission cornerstone.

Thank you to our congregation for your donations of money, peanut butter and jelly. When I am shopping for the sandwich supplies, I bless all of you for your generous nature and heart for this center. We are making and donating 600 sandwiches a week / 2400 sandwiches a month!

We purchased 3 pallets of water for Justa Center (they go through 1.5 pallets a week until the Salvation Army and the city open the water stations - hopefully in the beginning of June). I want to share this with you.... When I walked in the back kitchen of the Justa Center, Mary said to me, "you are an angel for blessing us with these sandwiches every week." You are angels and as Pastor Deborah and Pastor Alma say.... "You are always touching more lives than you know"....

Blessings on all of you,  
Kathy C.

## SHUMC RUMMAGE SALE

November 10, 11 and 12, 2022

**Calling All Recruits...your SHUMC Rummage Sale Needs YOU!!!!**

Join us for fun and work while you get to know your church family. Proceeds from the rummage sale go to Church Projects, Missions and Library.

Volunteers will have regular meetings and work sessions.

### Contact:

the church office at 623-584-2280

### LIFE CHANGING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Monday afternoons at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Call the church office if you have any questions. The Zoom link will be sent to you on Monday mornings.



### CHESS CLUB

Join us for chess every Thursday at Noon in the Narthex. If you have any questions, call the church office. Meets every Thursday through the summer months.

### SUMMER WORSHIP RETURNS TO USING HYMNALS, BIBLES AND BULLETINS!!!

Many of you know we are giving our VEW (Visually Enhanced Worship) Team a few months off to rest after their long and faithful labors.

We will worship without the VEW for the months of June, July and August. The service will still be available for live stream. This allows our online worshipers and those who watch our recordings a way to enjoy our services.

### MISSION CANDLE

The Mission Candle can be dedicated to anyone to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, in honor or in memory of someone special.

Please call or email the office to set this up. Your request will be read during the worship service each week.

Your donation of \$20 or more will enable the UMW to raise more funds and allow the opportunity to help support approximately 13 local charities.



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Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Sundays

Traditional Service

Sanctuary \*\*\*

11:00 a.m. Sundays

Social Hour –Coffee & Cookies

Fellowship Hall

\*\*\* Traditional service is on summer schedule - will resume winter schedule on October 16, 2022