

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church

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Check Out What's Happening!

August 19, 2022

To see our current online calendar, please click on the link below:

[August 2022 Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK AT SHUMC: August 21 - 28

SUNDAY, August 21

[OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE FORM](#)

The **Opportunity to Serve** form is a way for you to let our pastors and other leaders in the church know your areas of interest so we can connect you to service opportunities that you enjoy.

The forms will be an insert in this weekend's announcement bulletin. Please take a moment to read through it and indicate areas you might like to explore.

You can also click on the link below to print the form, complete it and bring to church with you.

[Opportunity to Serve form](#)

JOIN US!!

Sunday Connections Class

Sunday, August 21

8:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom by Dominick S. Hernandez

How can our lives be nourished today by following principles from God's Wisdom?

This will be a four-week study. Participants do not have to purchase the book but are encouraged to bring a Bible and a notebook. We will explore the context, language and interpretation of the Book of Proverbs.

This study of the Book of Proverbs is a lens through which we can view its wise sayings, a method of approach that will help illuminate their meaning and ways to apply the wisdom of the proverbs in everyday life.



PRAYER ROOM INTERCESSORS are available Sunday after worship if you would like one-on-one prayer.

Bill & Linda W, Prayer Coordinators

JOIN US!

Sunday, August 21 at 2:00 PM



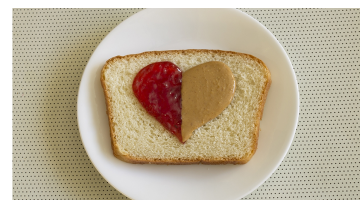
Beat the Heat and join us in Fellowship Hall for music and ice cream sundaes! To help offset the cost, a free-will offering will be taken.

Be sure to sign up at the Kiosk so we have enough ice cream.

MONDAY, August 22

SANDWICH MAKING CREW

The sandwich makers will meet on **Monday, August 22 at 9:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in making sandwiches, please contact the church office at 623-584-2280.





LIFE-CHANGING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet on **Monday, August 22 at 3:00 pm**. Please contact the church office at 623-584-2280 if you have any questions or if you need the Zoom link.

TUESDAY, August 23



MEN'S PRAYER

Join us for Men's Prayer on **Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 am** in the Prayer Room.

WEDNESDAY, August 24



Grief Group Support

WEDNESDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Prayer Room

Facilitated by: Pastor Ron Friesen

For More Information Call

Church Office 623-584-2280

THURSDAY, August 25



CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets on **Thursdays at Noon** in the Narthex. Contact the church office at 623-584-2280 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SHUMC

Welcome Rev. Ron Friesen
Part-Time Assistant Minister of Care

Rev. Ron joined the SHUMC staff as the Part-Time

Assistant Minister of Care on August 16, 2022. He comes to us with a wealth of experience in caring ministries and a passion for serving God and serving others.

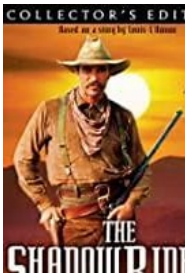
Rev. Ron Friesen is a graduate of Fresno Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California. He has served Mennonite congregations in Toronto, Ontario and Phoenix.



Ron's ministry has extended beyond local congregations to serving as a hospital and hospice chaplain, as well as a chaplain to the homeless. He has also worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor for the past 24 years. For the past 12 years, he has been Associate Adjunct Professor in the Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health program at Grand Canyon University.

Be sure to read his complete bio in the September **Voice** newsletter, which is mailed at the end of this month.

We hope you will help us welcome him officially in Fellowship Hall next week on **Sunday, August 28**, after the service.



SUMMER MOVIES

Join us for the next movie on **Wednesday, August 24 at 1:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall, light snacks are served.

The movie will be **The Shadow Rider**. Starring Tom Selleck and Sam Elliott, this movie takes place after the Civil War when Confederate rebels have ravaged the town and kidnapped young women.

The schedule of upcoming movies through the summer is listed below.

Wednesday, September 7 **Queen Bees**

Wednesday, September 21 **The Sting**

Mark your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors!

MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS

A Matter of Balance Workshop, taught by Area Agency on Aging Lay Leaders, will be held weekly on **Thursdays, September 1 through October 27, from 10:00 AM until Noon (and will not meet October 6).**



The classes are specifically designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve the activity levels of older adults. Practical coping strategies such as group discussions, problem-solving and exercises to improve strength, coordination and balance. Class size is limited to 18 people, so sign up early to save your seat. Sign up in the office or at the Kiosk on Sundays or register.

GRIEF SHARE

13 Week Program



Thursdays at 2:00 PM

Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

Beginning September 1, 2022
through December 1, 2022

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Each of the sessions is designed so that any person can feel welcomed, no matter what session number they are attending the first time. We affirm that each person's grief journey is unique. Therefore, in an environment of respect and confidentiality each participant can explore the questions and experiences of grief they bring to this safe space.

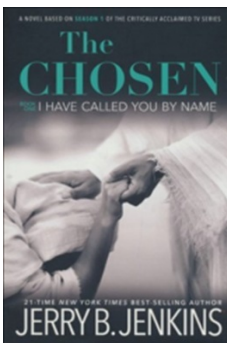
Sign up at the office or at the Kiosk on Sunday.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Join us on **Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall as representatives from hospice care and palliative care will talk about what these services are, what the Medicare benefit provides and answer any questions you may have. This will help you become aware of what is available in a time of need for a friend or family member.



Sign up at the office or at the Kiosk on Sunday.



THE CHOSEN

The Chosen: I Have Called You by Name

A novel based on Season 1 of the critically acclaimed TV series by: Jerry B. Jenkins.

This class is Season 1 (Part 2)
of the critically acclaimed TV series.

Beginning Wednesdays, September 7, 2022
through September 28, 2022

What was it like to encounter Jesus face-to-face? How would He have made you feel and changed your way of thinking about God? Would He have turned your world upside down?

You are invited to come and watch the video of each session at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room before the class. Facilitator is Pastor Alma Aguirre-Olivares.

Books are available in the office. The book is \$8.00 and the study book is \$14.00. Pastor Alma recommends the study book. Sign up at the office or the

Kiosk on Sunday.



FALL OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Starting the week of September 5, the church office hours will be as follows:

Monday - Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm

If you need pastoral assistance for emergencies after hours, please call the Pastor-On-Call at (623)-584-7642.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

As we move back to our fall season:

SATURDAY **SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER SERVICE**

Resumes **Saturday, September 10 at 4:00 PM** in the Chapel with Fellowship Hour following in Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheet to host the social hour can be found at the office or at the Kiosk on Sunday.



DO YOU BELIEVE IN PRAYER?

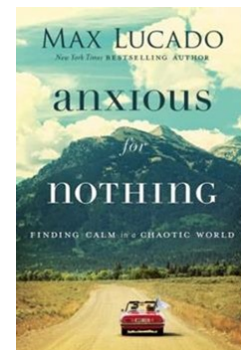
We are looking for a few prayerful people willing to serve one Sunday a month (or less if we have many volunteers) in the Prayer Room to pray one-on-one with whomever comes wanting prayer.

During the summer it would be after the 10:00 AM service. When we are back to two services, it would be between them. If you are interested or have questions, come see Bill or Linda W in the Prayer Room after Sunday services. May God bless you as you answer His call.

SEPTEMBER CONNECTIONS SUNDAY CLASS **Where FAITH & LIFE connect**

***ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING: FINDING CALM IN A
CHAOTIC WORLD***
by Max Lucado

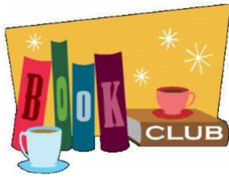
**Sunday, September 11 at 8:45 AM in
Fellowship Hall.**



Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational anxiety your constant companion? Let God help you win the war on worry and receive the lasting peace of Christ.

Join us and find “a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety.”

This class will match Pastor Deborah’s sermon Series. For book information, call the church office at (623) 584-2280



SHUMC BOOK CLUB

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 AM** in the Conference Room to discuss the following book:

***Yellow Wife* by Sedeqa Johnson**

Enjoy the rest of your summer by reading good books.



PARISH NURSE PLANS RETIREMENT

Esther V., who has served SHUMC faithfully for more than 24 years, recently informed us of her plans to retire effective **September 19, 2022**.

She has been a steady and helpful presence in our congregation for many years, overseeing our Heartsaver program, offering programs and classes that help members and friends deal with the changes of aging and health challenges and providing resources and guidance to those encountering life changes. Her phone calls and visits offering prayer to those who have been hospitalized or who are ill have been a comfort to many. Our church will not be the same without her.

She has touched many of your lives and all of ours. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be making plans to honor her long service with us, as we also celebrate with her this new phase of her life. Watch for further notices as those plans are made.

In the meantime, let her know how much she is loved and treasured by all of us!



OKTOBERFEST

Oompah! Make plans to join us for an Oktoberfest celebration with Dale Mathis. Dale will play some lively accordion music to celebrate the fall season. Brats and kraut will be served.

DATE: Friday, October 7, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

MENU: Brats, Kraut, apple cider and homemade cakes

A free-will offering will be taken at the performance to help off-set the

costs. Sign-up at the Kiosk or Church Office. This event is sponsored by the Social Shepherds.



SPECIAL SPEAKER

You won't want to miss this engaging, powerful and emotion-filled speaker, **Travis Freeman**.

Join us on **Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6, 2022.**

Travis plunged into a world of darkness at 12 years old. A rare occurrence of a routine illness stole his sight, leaving the small town Kentucky boy's dreams of football and fun languishing on the sidelines.

Having given his heart to Jesus merely a year before the illness, Travis knew one thing: God was still the light of his life. His life story was the inspiration for a major motion picture, **23 BLAST** which was released in October 2014, and for the book, **Lights Out**.



50+ YEARS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Social Shepherds is beginning to plan for the 50+ Years Wedding Anniversary Celebration to be held in **February 2023**. Couples who have not been recognized in the church in the past for 50+ years of marriage are invited to participate.



Please send your name to **church@shepherdofthehills.org**. If you are a winter visitor, please be sure to bring a wedding photo back with you as the photos will be on display at the reception during Social Hour in February 2023. We look forward to hearing from you.



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.

WORSHIP WITH US WEEKLY



[Live stream our 10:00 AM Service
This Sunday at 9:45 AM](#)

If you are unable to join us for in-person worship, then click on the picture, ***Join Us For Worship*** (on the left side of this article) and you will be connected to the 10:00 AM Sunday service.

We start with gathering music at 9:45 AM and move into the service at 10:00 AM. An email will be sent to all persons on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, who subscribe to our Constant Contact list. It will include a registration link (which will take you TO the live stream after you register) and a direct link to the live stream.

MISSION CANDLE



The Mission Candle can be dedicated to anyone to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, 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 services each week.

**The Mission Candle shines this week
in celebration of the 65th Wedding Anniversary
of Dick and Diana H.**

**They were married on August 1957.
May God bless both of you for years to come.**

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.

Please join us in prayer for...

Our sister United Methodist Congregations:

**New Song UMC, Surprise
Prescott UMC
Prescott Valley UMC**

[LEAVE A PRAYER REQUEST
On Our Prayer Line](#)

Please call 623-584-2922 to hear a short prayer. Then you will be invited to leave prayer requests, which will be forwarded to the Prayer Team.



OTHER HAPPENINGS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

23 Robert C

23 Dee M

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

31 Paul & Gretchen P



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.



FREE NAME TAGS!

If you need a name tag, let us know the name you want printed and whether you prefer a pin or a magnet on the back. (people who have a pacemaker could have problems wearing a magnet.) There is no charge for the name tag.

Please help us and wear your name tag when you worship with us! Send Jodi an email at church@shepherdofthehills.org or call the church office at 623-584-2280 to place your order

2022 LAY SERVANT CLASSES

Lay Servant classes are being offered through the Southwest District. Click on the link below to register for the different classes being offered.

If you have questions regarding the classes, you may contact Betty S., West District Director of Lay Servant Ministries or John H., Desert Southwest Conference West District Associate Lay Leader.

<https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

BULLETIN BOARD



MONETARY DONATION TO FOOD BANKS

Give hope to your neighbors in need. \$1 helps provide enough food for 7 meals. Your donation is 100% deductible and may qualify for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. For questions, or how to donate by phone, call (602) 242-FOOD.

For WAYS TO GIVE go

<https://www.firstfoodbank.org/give/>

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Prayer Line: 623-584-2922

Partners in Prayer: Please send your prayer requests to
prayers@shepherdofthehills.org

GIVING EXPANDED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Now, in addition to using the offering baskets at worship, you can give in many ways:



- a. Drop a check by the office (or mail it);
- b. Go to www.shepherdofthehills.org and click on the ONLINE GIVING tab or use your mobile phone camera and hold over the QR code shown in the right hand corner of this article.
- c. Call Julie C., our Financial Secretary, to set up regular online giving or to make a gift with credit or debit card by phone.
- d. Add Shepherd of the Hills to your list of payees for bill pay from your checking account through your bank for weekly or monthly gifts to the church.

Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, call Julie at 623-584-2280.

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