

The Voice ~ April 2023

A LOT CAN HAPPEN



IN THREE DAYS



4:00 PM, Saturdays

**Sweet Hour of Prayer Service
Weekly Communion and Hymn Sing**

Chapel

9:00 AM, Sundays

**Spirited Traditional Service with Choir
Communion 1st Sunday of the month**

Sanctuary

11:00 AM, Sundays

**Informal Praise Band Service
Weekly Communion and Praise Band**

Sanctuary

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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.

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Prayer Vigil, Choir Cantata, Office Closed, Summer Worship Schedule



Picture by Elisabeth Wales

PRAYER VIGIL In preparation for Holy Week

Thursday, March 30
6 am - 6 pm
in the Chapel

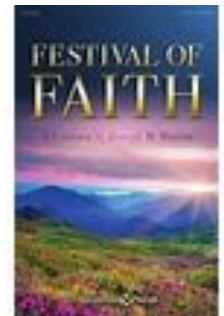
This prayer vigil will prepare us to be with Jesus, as he would soon depart from his disciples, his family and people. It will prepare us for the sad and painful moments of his passion and crucifixion. It will remind us of Jesus' sacrifice.... his gift of new life through love and forgiveness.

Join us in closing this 40-day season of reflection with a focus on prayers for church family members by name, for a Holy Week blessing and to be ready for the joy of resurrection.

Please call the office to register for a spot, or use the sign-up sheet available at the kiosk and by the church office.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH - April 1 & 2, 2023

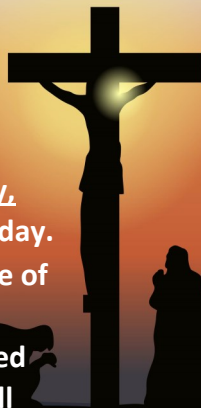
Choir Cantata
Mark your calendar for
Saturday, April 1 at 4 PM
and Sunday, April 2 at 9 AM
in the Sanctuary



***Festival of Faith** is a celebration of the life and ministry of Christ. Through hymns, original anthems and scripture readings, we will travel with Christ down the dusty roads of Galilee and the ancient stone streets of Jerusalem to the windswept hill of Calvary and enter the garden of resurrection.*

Good Friday

The Office will be closed on Friday, April 7, in observance of Good Friday. Mark your calendar for the service of Tenebrae, as we will experience some of the darkness that followed Jesus to the cross. The service will begin at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: May 7 - September 30, 2023
1 Sunday Service at 10 AM

Our informal praise team will take a break for the summer. They will return Sunday, October 1, 2023.

SATURDAYS: June 3 - August 27, 2023
Join us again Saturday, September 3 when we resume at 4 PM each Saturday.

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross, Maundy Thursday

HOLY WEEK EVENTS - Beginning Saturday, April 1 through Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



Join us
Saturday, April 1 — 4:00 PM
Sunday, April 2 — 9:00 AM
in the Sanctuary
Live stream available
Choir Cantata
"Festival of Faith"
By Joseph M. Martin
DVDs available on request



Monday, April 3
to
Friday, April 7
in the
Courtyard
Follow the
posted signs

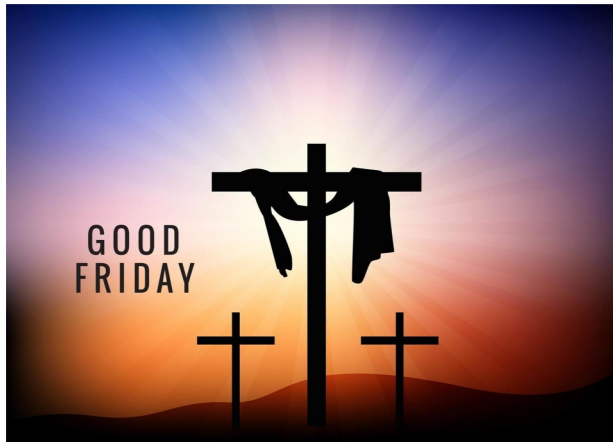


Thursday, April 6, 2023
4:00 PM
Sanctuary

Dramatization of the Last Supper
(starring SHUMC staff & congregation)
Worship with communion
Live stream available
DVDs available on request

HOLY WEEK: Good Friday, Easter

HOLY WEEK EVENTS - Beginning Saturday, April 1 through Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7, 2023

4:00 PM

Sanctuary / Live stream available

*A solemn remembrance of
Jesus' death on the cross.*



Join us to celebrate the Risen Savior!

Saturday, April 8

4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9

9:00 & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary



Words from Pastor Deborah

I am surprised as always to discover that Easter is just around the corner. It always sneaks up on me!

In preparation for this most holy season of the church year, I hope you will plan to join us for a **Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 30**. Come and pray for yourself and for our church, that our hearts will be touched by the difficult reality of Jesus' death and our spirits will then be renewed by the joy of Easter morning. We hope to pray by name for each person and family who call this church "home." It is a deeply moving experience.

Our theme for Easter this year is "*A Lot Can Happen in Three Days!*" As we move through Holy Week, we will remind ourselves first of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and remember the conflict that arose almost immediately with the religious authorities there. We will walk the **stations of the cross** in the courtyard sometime during the week. We will share a meal with Jesus on Thursday as we remember his last moments with his followers, gathering at 4 PM for a **dramatic re-enactment of The Last Supper**. **On Good Friday**, we will experience some of the darkness that followed, as we walk with him to the cross and experience the grief and loss of his death. The service of Tenebrae, of darkness, will also begin at 4 PM.

It is from that context of darkness and despair that we will encounter the joy of Easter, reminding ourselves that nothing can ever defeat the power of God to bring light and life and hope, not even a cold dark tomb. Together we will sing alleluias as the trumpets ring out to sound the truth: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

I hope you won't miss any of it. Gather with us throughout the week as we remind ourselves who and whose we are, acknowledge the price that was paid to set us free, and celebrate the eternal hope that is ours.

We know that in the post-Easter days, many of you will be packing up and heading "back home," wherever that is for you. We will send you with prayers and a fervent hope that we will see you again soon. Know that you will be missed.

But whether you stay to face another scorching Arizona summer with us, or head to cooler climes, my invitation to you as your pastor is to keep Easter on your mind as you move into the more "ordinary" days of your lives. What difference might it make to you to remember, always, that you were bought at a price and that no matter how difficult today, or any day may be, God is always at work to bring new life and hope out of darkness and despair?

A lot can happen in three days. And it did, and it does, and it always will. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Deborah

Worship Survey Results



A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our worship survey in February. Your responses at “a point in time” during worship have been very helpful as we seek to set the best course going forward. The immediate cause for doing the survey was to help us make decisions about changing the worship time for the summer, which makes our advertising and communication to the public (and to us!) difficult. Here are a few of the things we learned (with the caveat that this was not scientifically designed nor tabulated.)

Worship time preferences:

38.7% of those responding (84 total persons)	indicated preference for	9 AM
35.5% of those responding (77 total persons)	indicated preference for	10 AM
3.2% of those responding (7 persons)	indicated preference for	9:30 AM
10.6% of those responding (23 persons)	indicated preference for	11 AM

When all of these are considered together

49.3% (107 total persons) preferred a time later than 9 am

Only 3.2% (7 total persons) preferred a time as late as 11:00

CONCLUSION: Our “Sweet spot” for worship among those already attending is 10 AM

Responses from the choir (our worship servants) are in agreement with this conclusion.

Out of a total of 217 persons responding to the Time Preference question, only 12 indicated they are 55-65 years old. This is of great concern for our future.

Only 3 of the 12 in the 55-65 age group marked they usually attend at 11. None of them indicated that this was their preferred time. **Since this service was geared to reach “baby boomers,” it appears that we are not currently reaching our target for this service, and that time may be a significant factor.**

Worship Style Preferences

Only 13.3% of those in the 55-65 age group (total 15 for this question -very small sample size) prefer traditional worship. 60% prefer “blended”, another 20% prefer informal.

In the 66-75 age group,	(58 responding)	36.2% prefer traditional, 36.2% prefer blended
In the 76-85 age group	(139 responding)	45.3% prefer traditional, 38.1% prefer blended
In the 85 -> age group	(46 responding)	67.4% prefer traditional, 21.7% prefer blended)

Our current 11:00 AM attenders are almost all winter visitors, making it unlikely that we would ever be able to continue this service through the summer

These results will shape our planning for the future together, including our planning for the fall schedule. Again, thanks!

**Grief Group, GriefShare, Book Club, Strength Training Exercise Class,
Congratulations to Cal Lackore, Prayer Notes**



Grief Group Support

WEDNESDAYS at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Prayer Room

Facilitated by Pastor Ron Friesen

For More Information

Call Church Office 623-584-2280



GRIEFSHARE

The group meets on
Thursday afternoons

**May 4 through July 27,
from 2 PM to 4 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

For more information, please contact Kathy
C. If you are interested in attending, put
your name on the sign up sheet.



SHUMC BOOK CLUB

The book group will meet **Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 AM** in the conference room.
The group will discuss **Clementine** written by Sonia Purnell.

On Thursday, May 18, the group will discuss **The Woman They Could Not Silence**, written by Kate Moore. Everyone is welcome to attend.

STRENGTH TRAINING EXERCISE CLASS

The Strength Training Exercise class meets at **9:45 to 10:30 AM, every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Choir Room**. Leading the class is Bernadette G., a strength trainer with years of experience. You can sit or stand for the class and make it easy and fun! There is no charge for the classes and a free-will offering basket will be available.



Cal L., was selected to go on the Honor Flight to Washington DC, to view the Veteran's Memorial sites on March 27-29. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956. After training, he served in the Communication Center with the 51st Signal Battalion north-east of Seoul, South Korea. Congratulations, Cal !

PRAYER NOTES

Linda and Bill W.

There are times in our lives when we can become anxious about many things. In his book **Anxious for Nothing**, Max Lucado has a suggestion for finding calm in a chaotic world. The word C.A.L.M. is an acronym for the following:

Celebrate God's goodness. "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil 4:4).

Ask God for help. "Let your requests be made known to God" (Phil 4:6).

Leave your concerns with Him . "With thanksgiving. . . (Phil 4:6)

Meditate on good things. "Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise" (Phil 4:8 NCV).

Meditation:

"Dear Lord,

You spoke to storms. Would you speak to ours? You calmed the hearts of the apostles. Would you calm the chaos within us? You told them to fear not. Say the same to us. We are weary from our worry, battered and belittled by the gales of life. Oh Prince of Peace, bequeath to us a spirit of calm. Will you turn a new leaf in our lives? Quench anxiety. Stir courage. Let us know less fret and more faith. In Jesus' name, Amen."

SPRING NEWS FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

Very important!! I want to thank the congregation for helping us with our two most recent projects: the stationery supplies for the residents at UMOM and the Easter Baskets for the children served by Valley View Food Bank. We could not have done such a terrific job if it was not for your help.

In April at our luncheon, we will hear from “Sunshine Angels,” an organization that supports children in foster care facilities and we will be collecting personal care items for the residents at the luncheon.

In the Spring, we will participate in a special offering called “Prayer and Self Denial.” This year’s offering will support the ongoing racial justice work of the United Women in Faith’s national office. The gifts support both our campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and our long-standing work building members’ capacity to implement the Charter for Racial Justice at all levels of the organization. The book of James reminds us that faith and action are inextricably linked to one another. Someone might claim, “You have faith and I have action.” But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I’ll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action.” (James 2:18 CEB).

Our Unit of United Women in Faith invite all women at Shepherd to join us in this body of sisterhood practicing faithful action!

Submitted by Sandy B.



AN INVITATION TO TEA FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We would like to extend an invitation to all the women at Shepherd to join us for a Tea Luncheon on **Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.

Our April Luncheon program will feature “Sunshine Angels,” a non-profit organization that exists to support and enrich the lives of foster children in residential homes. Those attending may bring an in-kind gift of “hygiene products.”

A list of preferred items can be found on the table outside the church office. The United Women in Faith Team is planning a special tea setting for the luncheon with china plates and cups and finger sandwiches. We hope you all will want to join us for this special event.

Sign-ups will take place on Sunday, April 2 at the Kiosk. You can also contact Peggy P. or the church office if you plan to attend.

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



Mission Candle Photos, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Men's Prayer Group, In Memoriam, Memorial Services



MISSION CANDLE PHOTOS

If you would like to have a photo displayed on the screen when the Mission Candle is being read, please provide a photo to the office with the Mission Candle request. We need a week's notice to be sure all the information is in the hands of the VEW person making the slides. All proceeds from the Mission Candle are given to local area charities by the United Women in Faith. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

5 Sand'ee S.
8 Sue L.
19 Jay F.
23 Nancy P.
27 Charles C.
28 Lewis C.



ANNIVERSARIES

7 Bill & Janet T.
7 Bill G. & Becky F.
10 Larry & Connie L.
18 Rich & Jean B.
24 Don & Dianne S.

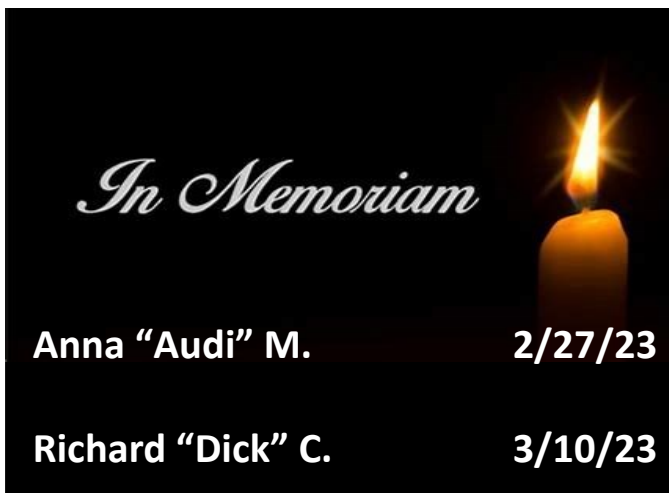
We need your permission to print your name and the day of your birthday and/or anniversary. Without your permission, your name and special day will not appear in print. Contact the church office by phone or email to set this up.



CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

Our church is restarting the making and distributing of prayer shawls and knee or body robes. This project was "put on hold" during the start of the pandemic. To get the project going, the church does have a small amount of yarn, patterns and lots of knitting needles in various sizes that can be used. Also, if you have yarn that you would like to contribute to the project, look for a box by the office, labeled "Yarn." If you are interested in being part of this group of knitters and crocheters, please call Gail K. or the church office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP now meets every **Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM** in the Prayer Room. Please join us. For more information, call Cal L.



MEMORIAL RECEPTION

A Memorial Reception for Anna "Audi" M. will be held on **Saturday, April 1, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM** at the Miller's home. Call the church office for the address. A private Memorial Service was held for the family.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for Dick C. will be held on **Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ron Friesen will officiate.



**Faith Community Nurse, Card Shoppe, Sandwich Making,
Join SHUMC, Easter Honorariums**



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NEWS

We are happy to share with our church family that **Janet Mattern** will be joining our staff as Shepherd's Faith Community Nurse on April 17, 2023.

As a brief introduction, Janet comes to us with a wealth of experience accumulated through many years of working as a nurse in various settings. In the past, she has been a home care case manager and traveling nurse. She traveled for three years with her husband and has now decided to stay

in the Sun City area permanently.

Janet loves interacting with people of all walks of life and of all ages, while having great experience working with the senior population. Her family is her husband, Arlen and her son, Eric. She calls her hometown South Saint Paul, Minnesota. Janet has enjoyed being a volunteer with the United States Peace Corps, loves to travel, read and hike. She is looking forward to ministering with us as part of the care team at Shepherd.

We are glad to be welcoming Janet to our congregation in April.

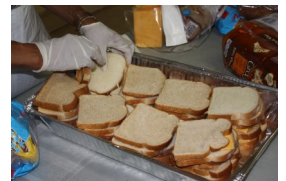


YE OLDE CARD SHOPPE

WAIT !! Before you spend all those dollars on greeting cards, come browse our own church card shoppe! We have a very nice assortment of all kinds of cards. Take what you need and leave a donation for the Missions Team. Our shoppe is located in the hallway between the library and the choir room. Also, if you get cards, calendars, etc. in the mail and you do not need them, please donate them to the card shoppe.

SANDWICH MAKING CREW

The sandwich makers meet every **Monday morning at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. The group is in need of creamy peanut butter and grape jelly. The sandwiches are taken to the Justa Center, a day center for homeless seniors. If you are interested in making sandwiches, please contact Mary G. or the church office.



**THINKING ABOUT
JOINING SHUMC?**

We are not having new member classes right now, but welcome persons who wish to join. Let the church office know you are interested or have questions and Pastor Deborah will contact you. If you want to remain a member of "the church back home" you are welcome to become an affiliate member (a person who belongs primarily to another United Methodist Church), or an associate member (a person who belongs to a church from another denomination).

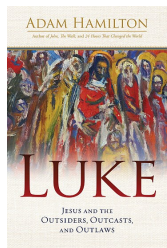
EASTER HONORARIUMS

\$11 per plant

**Orders MUST be in the office no later than the Monday, April 3 Deadline
Order forms can be picked up by the office.**



**Current Sunday Connections Class, Upcoming Sunday Connections Class,
Online Bible Study, Rummage Sale Drop Off Dates**



CURRENT SUNDAY CONNECTIONS CLASS

Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws

by Adam Hamilton

What is distinct about the way Luke can help us see Jesus, that is hopeful and inspiring for our lives today?

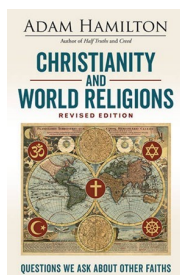
This class meets **at 10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. Rev. Russ will facilitate this series in the Sunday Connections class.

Revised Connections class schedule:

April 2 (Palm Sunday) – Chapter 6 of **LUKE** – ***Crucified with the Outlaws***

April 9 (EASTER) – no class

April 16 – Last chapter of **LUKE** – ***Postscript - The Crucified and Resurrected Life***



Upcoming Sunday Connections Class

Starts a new study on April 23 and runs through May 28

Join **ANY** Sunday

Christianity & World Religions

Book by Adam Hamilton

Why are there so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions?

Learn about Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, as well as how these compare or connect in belief and practice with our Christian faith.

Facilitated by Ginny G.

Books will be available in the office, but are not required to attend. Donation \$12.00

LIFE CHANGING BIBLE STUDY

The group meets on **Monday afternoons at 3:00 pm via Zoom**. Call Kathy C. or the church office if you have questions. The Zoom link will be sent to your email in the morning.



SCHEDULED RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF DATES

We are getting ready for another big sale! **Collections will begin Monday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 19** at the collection containers in the parking lot. Please bring your gently used or new items and place them in the open container **between 8 AM and 1 PM** on those days. We also need large moving boxes! If you can donate any, please call Julie K. For furniture pick ups, please call Kathy C. Our sale will be Thursday, November 9 through Saturday, November 11, 2023. Thank you

Nursing Scholarships and Thank You



March 3, 2023

Rev. Deborah Lerner
Sr. Pastor
Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church Foundation
13658 W Meeker Blvd
Sun City West, AZ 85375-3700

Dear Rev. Lerner:

Giving is such a personal decision. However, the impact of every contribution touches many lives in many ways. We were delighted to process your gift of \$20,000.00 on March 3, 2023 to benefit the Banner Boswell/Mesa Nursing Education Program Tuition Assistance.

Your partnership in supporting the Nursing Education Program and your foresight to know that education changes people's lives is most certainly appreciated. Please accept our gratitude on behalf of the ladies and gentlemen who will benefit from your generosity.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Again, thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Gina W. Ore, M.A.
Chief Philanthropy Officer

*Thank you for
the continued
support!*

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No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift.

SHUMC NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The newly named **Endowment and Planned Giving Committee** is happy to report the donation of \$20,000 to Sun Health Foundation for **Nursing Scholarships**. This is an on-going program that supports nurses currently working at Banner Del Webb Hospital to continue their education toward a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. It is the goal of the hospital to have all of their nurses certified with a BSN.

SHUMC provides the funding and the hospital selects those nurses who apply and are currently studying to complete their education. The amount that has been donated will support ten students through the spring semester. The Endowment and Planned Giving Committee is committed to sending an additional \$20,000 for the Fall Semester. Funds have long ago been donated to SHUMC Foundation and designated specifically for Nursing Scholarships. The committee is responsible for protecting the fund and investing it wisely, so that it will continue to be viable.

Missions Activities

REPORT OF MISSIONS TEAM ACTIVITIES FOR 2022

The SHUMC Missions Team thanks the congregation for its generosity in responding to requests for contributions during 2022. This is a church of great compassion and kindness to help others in need. The Missions Team takes care in spending funds that are contributed by members and friends of the church.

Highlights of Missions Team activities for 2022:

- Considerable amounts of food were contributed monthly and for Souper Bowl Sunday to benefit the Valley View Food Bank and St. Mary's Food Bank.
- An average of 50 loaves of bread was made into sandwiches each week for clients of Justa Center, which is a day program for homeless senior citizens.
- Members of the congregation partnered with the Sun City West Prides to glean citrus in the spring. Countless pounds of the fruit were donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.
- A very large amount of underwear and socks were contributed during Undie Sundays. The recipient agencies were UMOM, Wesley Centers and Valley View Food Bank. UMOM clients are families, single women and veterans who need shelter and supportive services, such as job training. Wesley Centers provide programs such as after-school activities, adult education and health care for low-income families.
- The Easter offering to benefit Wesley Centers resulted in over \$6,000 being donated.
- School supplies were collected for Nadaburg Elementary School and Dysart Community Center. Art supplies were collected for Mary's Place, an enrichment program for people with dementia or Parkinson's, at Benevilla.
- At least 35 members of the congregation and the larger community attended each of seven movies shown during the Summer Movies Ministry.
- Two hundred Kindness Kits were assembled for distribution to clients of Circle the City, a mobile health care program for people facing homelessness. The Kits contained toiletries, snacks and socks.
- Jeans and tee-shirts were purchased by the congregation as Christmas presents for 63 children who attend Dysart Community Center after-school programs.
- A request for financial donations during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season resulted in a contribution of over \$5,500 to Valley View and St. Mary's Food Banks.
- Hundreds of newspaper coupons were collected for the Coups for Troops project and sent to U.S. military bases in Japan and Germany to help military families stretch their dollars.

If you would like to organize or help any of the Mission Team's activities, let us know!

Becky F., Missions Team Chair

The SHUMC Missions Team has chosen **Habitat for Humanity** as the organization to receive our Easter offering. With this opportunity to give, we are following Christ's example of reaching out to people in need. Habitat for Humanity is a global non-profit housing organization working in local communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 other countries. Families can apply for home ownership by demonstrating ability to repay a mortgage and to invest many hours of their own labor in building or renovating a home. The Mighty United Methodist Coalition works with Habitat and has built many homes in Maricopa County and is now starting a home in Glendale. Offering checks must be made out to the church with "Habitat for Humanity" on the memo line. Thank you for helping to build a better community.

Thank You Note, Spotlight on Tom & Bev Willett

Thank you for the impact your donations have on the individuals we serve.



When Circle the City combined forces with Assured Imaging, a lot of grateful women joined in. On Thursday, February 23, a very generous donor made it possible for 20+ women facing homelessness to receive a mammogram and an internal exam. Some women shared they haven't had an exam for over ten years.

Circle the City nurses helped to educate women on the proper self-exams which are so critical to overcoming any health issues that may occur. There were plenty of additional items each patient received: lunch, blankets, scarves, toiletries and even a cell phone or tablet, courtesy of Stand Up Wireless.

Thank you to all of our donors who make it possible for men, women, and children facing homelessness to receive the healthcare they need. **We appreciate you.**

Leslie Friedman, M.S. | Donor Relations Manager

Office (602) 612-9771

Fax (602) 705-0567

Email lfriedman@circlethecity.org



Spotlight on Tom & Bev W.

Tom and Bev W. met while they were young teachers in Europe, working for the United States Department of Defense Dependent Schools, where their students were children of Department of Defense employees. Bev and Tom had each planned to live and travel there for one year, but they got married after two years and enjoyed living overseas so much that they stayed for 34 years! Tom taught high school history, geography and was a coach, while Bev taught in the elementary schools.

They toured every country in Europe while living there. They enjoyed skiing and hiking in many countries and played golf at a course in Dachau, Germany located next to the famous concentration camp. Tom coached many winning high school teams, while Bev became the European Women's Bowling Champion, once scoring a 682 series.

The two taught in Japan for two years and toured throughout Asia. Some of the highlights were walking parts of the Great Wall of China and seeing the Taj Mahal in India at sunset. They visited quite a few African countries and went on a safari in Kenya seeing thousands of animals. Other trips have taken them to Australia, Antarctica and South America.

After their retirement from teaching, Tom and Bev moved to Sun City West and started cruising. One special trip was an around-the-world cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have eaten at too many buffets and seen too many floor shows to count on their numerous cruises!

They have helped with the rummage sales at Shepherd of the Hills church and enjoy the music during services. Bev and Tom have many stories to share about their adventurous lives!

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4:00 PM, Saturdays	Sweet Hour of Prayer Service Weekly Communion and Hymn Sing	Chapel
5:00 PM, Saturdays	Social Hour-Coffee & Cookies	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM, Sundays	Spirited Traditional Service with Choir Communion 1st Sunday of the month	Sanctuary
10:00 AM, Sundays	Fellowship Hour - Coffee & Cookies	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM, Sundays	Connections Sunday School	Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
11:00 AM, Sundays	Informal Praise Band Service Weekly Communion and Praise Band	Sanctuary