

THE *Voice*

MARCH 2024



ABOUT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS



The place where faith and life connect.
The place with open hearts, open minds,
and open doors.
The place to belong, believe, become.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Deborah Lerner, Senior Pastor
Pastor Daniel Gómez, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ron Friesen, Assistant Minister of Care
Rev. Cliff Asay, Minister of Digital Arts

Welcome

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone in our community regardless of race, age, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. We invite you to join our shared journey of faith and to participate fully in the life of our church. Here, you will find open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

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Ken Goodenberger, Director of Music Ministry
Julie Killebrew, Health Education Facilitator
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Pastor Deborah



As we move more deeply into the season of Lent, the time of spiritual preparation before Easter, I feel as if I have missed the first few weeks. I'm not sure what bug got hold of me, but it kept me coughing and voiceless for well over a week. I am so grateful to Pastor Daniel for stepping in twice, with little notice, to take up the mantle of worship leadership and preaching. We are deeply blessed by the gifts of our full and part time associate pastors.

On these weeks when I could not come in person, I have worshiped with you by livestream, and that was helpful to me. Now I know better the experience we are providing for those who cannot be with us in person. It was wonderful to see those of you who were in the room when you turned to remind us we are chosen, blessed, and loved. I felt like you were glad I was there, even if you could not see my face.

And I was struck by how many there were. Our in person worship attendance recently has been better than at any time since COVID - -a real sign of recovery and hope. There is a new and festive mood as people enjoy their good Starbucks coffee (thank you worship team, for your inspiration in this regard) both in the narthex/lobby before the 10 AM service and at our Fellowship Hour. These warm and hospitable gatherings give us space in which we can make newcomers feel welcome and make a place at the table for them.

My real delight is in how many people are joining us for deeper discussions about matters of faith and life in our two Connections classes; one on Sundays at 8:45 AM; the other Wednesdays at 5 PM (new time) with soup and salad after. Between the two we have 40-50 persons gathering most weeks to delve more deeply into how God is calling us forward, individually and as a church. I am deeply grateful to Kathy Culliton and helpers for their willing spirit in providing those meals, which make such a difference in the climate of discussion.

Meanwhile, your leaders continue leaning in to the ambitious plan of ministry we adopted for 2024, seeking to hire new persons to help us reach the world with Christ's love; investigating options for updating our sanctuary, getting the word out through quality advertising and good stories shared with our local community.

I look forward to continuing our walk together toward the cross and resurrection, as we address our doubts and provide a welcome space for anyone to join us and find hope and renewed faith. Please take a moment to look at our Holy Week schedule and make plans to join us in many ways to enrich this holiest time of the Christian year.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Deborah

NEW POSSIBILITIES

Workshop: Geocaching 101



**Sunday, March 10
1:30—3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall Meeting Room**

A workshop on geocaching basics: What, how, where, when, and why.

Geocaching is like a treasure hunt. You download an app on your smart phone to discover where the caches are (these can be actual objects, like a bird house, or virtual). You choose one to find and then go out to locate it! A simple geocaching practice session near SHUMC will be held on the day of the workshop. There will be an optional practice session at a later time on an easy trail in White Tanks Regional Park near Waddell. **Interested? Sign-up soon. Seats are limited to 12 participants.**

PAINTING CLASS

**Tuesday, March 12 at 1 PM-3 PM
Fellowship Hall Meeting Room**



We are happy to welcome Julie Larsson back again to teach the class! Some mental health benefits of artistic expression are stress relief, boosts self-esteem and promotes healing. All supplies are provided and the class is free. Sign ups are available now.

CPR CLASSES



We will be having CPR recertification classes on **Tuesday, March 12 from 3:30-6:30 PM** and **Tuesday, March 26 from 1 PM-4 PM** in Fellowship Hall. There is a \$25 fee for those who

wish to take the class, but are not a part of the Heartsaver team. Sign-up sheets are available. If you are already a Heartsaver, please be sure to sign up to re-certify. If you are interested in becoming a Heartsaver, please let Julie Killebrew know.

SHUMC is looking to start participating in the Pen Pal correspondence of the Matthew 25 Prison Ministry. Julie Killebrew, Health Education Facilitator, is looking for a few women who feel led to participate in this ministry. The return to prison rate for women who have participated in this program is 3%, compared to more than 50% for those who have not. This is life-changing. If you are interested, please notify Julie at 623-215-2030 or sign up at the kiosk. We'll arrange an orientation meeting soon. Thanks, Julie



New to SHUMC in the last few years? Never been to a "Newcomer" Event?

Join us for a NEWCOMER LUNCH
**Sunday, March 17 at 11:15 AM
Fellowship Hall**

Meet our staff, ask your questions, receive some materials from us that will help you connect more deeply with SHUMC. If you "feel" new, even if you have been here a while, you are welcome. These events are held just for folks like you, to help you find your way among us. RSVP to church office, sign up at the kiosk, or simply write on your CONNECTIONS Card "Newcomer Lunch"



DEMENTIA CARE

**Tuesday, March 19
1 PM -3 PM
Fellowship Hall**

We will be presenting a program focusing on understanding dementia and taking care of the caregivers. The overall goal is to increase excellence in care for persons living with dementia. The caregivers will be able to explain how caring for people living with dementia will impact the individual giving the care and to describe methods caregivers can utilize to optimize their well-being. This program is sponsored by Hospice of the Valley. Caregivers are welcome to bring their loved ones with dementia to the church during the program. They will be cared for by three retired RN's in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. Sign up for this class at the kiosks or by the office.

ALZHEIMER'S MEDICATION CLASS

**Friday, April 5
10 AM-11 AM
Fellowship Hall**



There is so much happening in care of Alzheimer's care! We will be having a presentation by Andrea Callas, a graduate pharmacy student at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, to explore some of this exciting news. learn about the changes in care for individuals with Alzheimer's. Sign up at the kiosks or by the office.

NEW POSSIBILITIES CONTINUED

HEARTSAVERS



Did you know that SHUMC has a team trained in CPR and has a plan to respond to any emergency that should happen during an event at the church?

Heartsaver volunteers are primarily members and staff who have been certified by the American Heart Association to respond to someone having sudden cardiac arrest during the first minutes before paramedics arrive. Volunteers are trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the use of AED (automated external defibrillator). The goal is to have one or two Heartsaver volunteers available to respond to a medical emergency at each one of our worship services and other major SHUMC events.

We are in need of new recruits! If you are interested in becoming a Heartsaver, please notify Julie Killebrew, Health Education Facilitator. We will be having CPR recertification classes soon and education on the new AED devices that have recently been purchased.



A Wonderful Service Opportunity for SHUMC

Starting April 15, SHUMC will host a ten-week event called, *Finding Meaning and Hope: A Discussion Series For Family Caregivers*. This course is sponsored by Duet: Partners in Health and Aging. It was developed in 2017 to meet the great need of individuals who care for loved ones with dementia. This course focuses on giving the caregivers hope and meaning.

Julie Killebrew has been certified to teach this course at SHUMC. Our desire is to provide respite care during the course for those who would otherwise be unable to attend because they have nowhere to leave their loved ones during this time. We need three to four individuals each week to help watch over and keep these clients safe so their caregivers can attend the class. Please search your heart and pray about helping with this important task.

Please sign up for as many days as you feel comfortable in helping. We will have some general guidelines typed up for the volunteers. No physical care should be required except maybe helping to the bathroom which is located next to the meeting room. ⁵

BOOK CLUB



Do you enjoy reading a variety of good books? If you answered "yes," then the SHUMC Book Club invites you to join us. We meet at 10:30 on the third Thursday

of the month in the conference room. We choose a different book to read and discuss each month. Listed below are the titles for 2024.

Jan	West With Giraffes Rutledge
Feb	Lessons in Chemistry Garmus
Mar	Heaven and Earth Grocery Stores McBride
Apr	Horse Brooks
May	The Prayer Box Wingate

June, July & August:

We do not usually meet because a lot of people are gone for the summer. However, if enough people want to meet, we can do so.

Sept	Vanishing Half Bennett
Oct	My First Lady Benedict

If you have questions or need more information, please call Mary Jane B.

ASK ME ANYTHING

Have you been wondering about some aspect of our life together? Do you have questions about how our staff works together, or how they relate to the church? Want to know why we do what we do, and don't do what we don't do? Pastor Deborah invites you to ask her anything.



Sunday, March 3
11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall
Let's talk.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

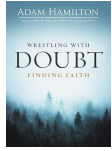
March 2 & 3

Our church continues to collect food and other products for Valley View Community Food Bank. Please place your canned non-perishable items in the collection bin at the Kiosk. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

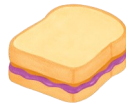
Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith
Sundays, at 8:45 AM
in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room



Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Whether you're a longtime Christian or someone brand new to faith, this series will lead you to a trust in God that is unafraid of hard questions. We will use a brand new book by Adam Hamilton to give shape to this series through the season of Lent. Join us!

MONDAY SANDWICH MAKERS

The sandwich makers meet on Monday mornings at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. They are in need of grape jelly and creamy peanut butter (**PLEASE —NO ORGANIC**). The sandwiches are taken to the Justa Center, a day center for homeless seniors. If you are interested in helping, just show up! For questions, contact Mary Giese at 623- 544-4760.



LIFE CHANGING BIBLE STUDY ONLINE



The group meets **Monday afternoons at 3 PM via Zoom**. Call the church office if you have questions. The Zoom link will be sent to your email inbox on Monday morning.

SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY

Depression and Anxiety Group- (March 4 & 18)
A support group for those struggling with anxiety or depression. **First & third Mondays from 6:30-8:00 PM** in then Conference Room.

Complicated Grief- (March 11 & 25) A support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one or friend by suicide or violent death. **Second & fourth Mondays from 6:30- 8:00 PM** in the Conference Room.

If you are interested in joining one, or both, of the groups, contact Pastor Ron at 623-215-3330 on his direct office line.

STRENGTH TRAINING EXERCISE CLASS

The Strength Training Exercise class meets at **9:45 to 10:45 AM, Tuesday and Thursdays in Fellowship Hall**. Everyone is welcome and the class is free. This is low impact — sit or stand.



CARDS AND GAMES

Every 4th Tuesday (March 26)
From 1-3 PM in the Narthex



Join us to play cards and games. We play games like Hand and Foot, Mexican Train, Dominoes and Bridge.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

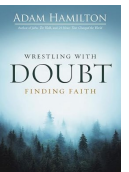
Every **Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM** in the Prayer Room. Please join us. For more information, call Cal L.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Every **Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM** in the Prayer Room. Facilitated by Rev. Ron Friesen. For more information, call the church office.

MID-WEEK CONNECTIONS CLASS

Meets on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM with a light meal. In collaboration with the Lent Season Sermon Series, we are also doing a study on the book "Wrestling with DOUBT" by Adam Hamilton. Please sign up for the class so we can better plan for the meal. Books are still available in the church office.



CHESS CLUB



Join the Chess Club every **Thursday at noon** in the Narthex. Questions: please call Jerry N.



United
Women
in Faith



UWF MONTHLY LUNCHEON Thursday, March 7

At 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Sign up and purchase your ticket for \$10.

REBEKAH CIRCLE Tuesday, March 18 from 2 PM-4 PM in Fellowship Hall.

MIRIAM CIRCLE Wednesday, March 27 from 1 PM- 2:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



GRIEF SHARE

more information.

Thursdays from 2 PM—4 PM in Fellowship Hall. (ending on March 28). Contact Kathy Culliton for

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL Fridays a 10 AM in the Bell Choir Room

CHOIR REHEARSAL Fridays at 1 PM in the Choir Room

Contact Ken Goodenberger for more information.



Resurrection Garden Make & Take



- Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
- Limit of 10 seats
- Small fee of \$5 to help defray overall cost

Provided supplies:

Charger plate, florist foam for hill, dried moss for hill, rocks, sand, clay pot for cave, twigs for crosses, ribbon, small artificial flowers, and clear drying glue.

Supplies a participant is asked to bring, *if possible*:

Hot glue gun, with wax; all-purpose scissors; kitchen knife to sculpt foam; newspapers to cover tabletop; any rocks or artificial greenery / flowers you prefer to use rather than what will be provided.

For more info, contact Deb G [redacted]

Join Us HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND **CHOIR CANTATA in the Sanctuary** *"The Rose of Calvary"*

Saturday, March 23 at 4 PM

Sunday, March 24 at 10 AM

Hot Cross Buns served during 11 AM Coffee Hour

Sunday at 8:30 AM "Rise and Shine" with Sermon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday — Thursday

March 25 – 28

9 AM– 3 PM in the Chapel

PRAYER VIGIL

Monday — Thursday

March 25 – 28

12 PM – 1 PM

in the Sanctuary & Chapel

RESURRECTION GARDEN CRAFT CLASS

Tuesday, March 26 10 AM– Noon

Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

(see flyer on page 7 for more details)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, March 28 at 4 PM

With Holy Communion

Stripping of the Sanctuary

(Live streamed)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29 at 4 PM

Dramatic Presentation "Sisters of the Cross"

In the Sanctuary

(Live streamed)

EASTER WEEKEND

A Joyous Celebration of the Resurrection

Saturday, March 30

4 PM – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sunday, March 31

8:30 AM— Rise and Shine

10 AM — Spirited Traditional



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

The Chapel, will be open Monday-Thursday, March 25-28, from 9 AM until 3 PM. This is a self-guided experience. Come, and make the journey of the Cross with Jesus.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



'Maundy' is derived from the latin 'mandatum' which means basically "commandment."

Maundy Thursday services traditionally include a focus on the Last Supper, and in many places, a foot or hand washing

service is included. Today, the stripping and washing of the altar is often an integral part of Maundy Thursday. Either way, Maundy Thursday ends with the starkness of the empty, bare altar. Our souls are bare as well, as we begin to walk through the rest of the weekend.

The new commandment and communion were only introduced this night – it is not yet completed! Jesus was focused on modeling for his disciples (and for us) what servanthood and fellowship could look like. Serving one another, serving the least and the outcast, and seeing ourselves not as masters but as those who serve. Maundy Thursday was only the beginning! We are called to be Maundy Christians every day.

PRAYER VIGIL

During Holy Week, come and join the Pastors for a prayer vigil March 25-28 from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Come, and join us as we pray for our church, the families and our community surrounding our church.



RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off days for March are Monday—Wednesday, 18, 19 and 20. The containers at the back of the campus will be open from 8 AM until 1 PM. If you need help unloading, please call the church office and Shawn will come help you. Sort and Pack will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 8 AM and Thursday, March 21 at 8 AM. We always need helpers with sort and pack. No heavy lifting necessary. We can use medium and large moving boxes. Thanks for your support. One new thing we are doing this year: each sort and pack we will be packing a box or two of clothing to be immediately donated to the Behavioral Health Unit at Del Webb Hospital. We always have so many clothes left over after the sale. The Behavioral Health Unit admits clients who have nothing to wear. This way, we are supporting this unit throughout the year.

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8:30 AM

The ministry of men in the local church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor(s), to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. The focus is not only inward but outward to all men, assisting them to engage in coordinated service projects and events in their community. On Thursday, March 14, they are visiting the SAW's project at Fountain United Methodist Church in Fountain Hills, AZ.



SAWs® is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing freedom to people with permanent disabilities in low-income households through the construction of wheelchair ramps. The ramps serve as their gateway to the world, re-opening connections with neighbors and the larger community while providing independence and accessibility.

Interested in carpooling? Come to the church patio on Thursday, March 14 at 8:00 AM. For further information, you may contact Pastor Daniel at pastordaniel@shepherdofthehills.org or Pastor Ron at ministerofcare@shepherdofthehills.org

NEWS FROM THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT AND PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

Each year our committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Valley Vista High School. Students receive funding during their undergraduate careers. We are currently funding 3 students at Northern Arizona University, 1 at Grand Canyon University and 1 at George Washington University. The following thank you was received from Sawyer Boehlert who graduated from the University of Arizona in December;

I'm Sawyer Boehlert and I am thankful for being a 2020 recipient of the SHUMC Dysart Scholarship. I attended the University of Arizona and have completed my degree in Nursing with an emphasis in Integrative Health. Following graduation, I am looking forward to obtaining a career in Nursing and passing my board exam. My hope is to work with pediatric patients in a high acuity setting. The funding you provided allowed me to focus on my studies and maintain my GPA in an accelerated 17 month nursing program. I look forward to serving vulnerable populations and making an impact on a person's life in a situation where they need help the most. Thank you SHUMC foundation for all that you do for college students that continue to obtain higher education to reach their goals.

Sincerely,

Sawyer B.

We will soon begin the application process for 2024 graduates. You are touching more lives than you realize! Please consider including contributions to any of the funds of the Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee in short and long-term plans. Contact any pastor or committee member for more information.

MISSIONS



Pictured in the photo from left are Becky Fay, Missions Team Chair; Cat Grimsby, Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Chair; and Pastor Daniel Gomez, Associate Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Church.

The SHUMC Missions Team invited the congregation to give financial donations during the 2023 Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season to support the Matthew 25 Prison Ministry. The response was overwhelming and a check for \$12,483.47 was given to the ministry. The volunteer Prison Ministry provides programs for women in the Perryville Prison located in Goodyear, Arizona and for other youth offenders in Maricopa County.

The Matthew 25 Prison Ministry is based on the scripture of Matthew 25:35-36, 40b: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

One of the Prison Ministry programs offers scholarships for inmates to earn associate degrees through Rio Salado College. The college and the prison system work together to determine recipients of the scholarships. Another program matches female pen pals to female inmates. A third program provides assistance to those who are being released from incarceration. The assistance is in the form of items not provided by the prison system such as a bus ticket, clothing, shoes, toiletries or placement in a halfway house to gain life skills. Thank you, Shepherd of the Hills Church congregation!



During the Lenten season, the SHUMC Missions Team has chosen the organization Duet: Partners in Health and Aging to receive our Easter offering.

Duet was started in 1981 by The Reverend Dr. Dosia Carlson and Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix. Duet is a non-profit, interfaith organization that promotes health and well-being through its free-of-charge services to homebound adults, family caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren. Duet also introduced the concept to the Phoenix area of congregational health programs led by faith community nurses.

Checks of support can be made out to the church with “Easter Offering” in the memo line. Thank you for thinking of those who need our help.

COUPS FOR TROOPS



The Missions Team is still collecting coupons for the families of U.S. troops overseas. These must be manufacturers coupons and must have an expiration date. The coupons are sent to U.S. military bases in Germany and Japan. Families can use the coupons on the base up to six months after the expiration date. Please place the flyers with the coupons in the basket near the church office. Team members will take care of cutting the coupons out of the flyers. Thank you for your help with this project.

KINDNESS KITS



SHUMC will be assembling Kindness Kits for Circle the City in April during Fellowship Hour. Circle the City is a non-profit organization that provides medical care to homeless individuals. The Kindness Kits supply the homeless with immediately needed hygiene and comfort items. Each Circle the City kit will contain a card of encouragement with an inspirational note of encouragement, written by you. The cards will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship. Please take a moment to write something positive and uplifting.

MISSIONS CONTINUED



Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities

Since 1987, Feed My Starving Children has given hope to so many in the form of nutritious MannaPack meals to those who are hungry around the world. Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit.

FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. Meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

Come and join us on **Thursday, March 14 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM**. We are going to pack meals at the *Feed My Starving Children* location in Mesa, AZ. If you'd like to carpool, meet at the church (in the patio area) as we are planning to **leave at 10:45 AM**.



GRILLING FOR HOMELESS SENIORS

In October 2023, we had the opportunity to host a barbecue for 160 homeless senior citizens at the Justa Center. It was a very rewarding experience to provide our "service and witness" to 160 individuals who graciously received us into their daytime place of refuge and support. Since 2006, the Justa Center has solely focused on older adults experiencing homelessness and provides life-sustaining resources, services, and support to homeless seniors.

We will be having another barbeque **Saturday, March 16 from 9 AM-11 PM**. Carpool will meet in the patio area of the church and will **leave at 8 AM**. Put your name on the sign up sheet and also check the column if you can offer carpooling or if you would need a ride. This is a great missions experience and an opportunity to see how SHUMC helps the Justa Center and the seniors they care for.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EASTER BASKET COLLECTION



Easter is early this year, March 31! SHUMC United Women in Faith will again help provide Easter baskets for underserved children. The following information will help guide the making of the baskets. Please bring the completed baskets on or before the March luncheon on March 7.

WHAT SHOULD THE BASKET LOOK LIKE? EASY ANSWER: FULL!

Basically, there should be little room left. Please put more than one item in the basket. Children don't understand that one expensive item can be worth more than several smaller items.

Please use medium baskets. The Dollar Store has a good size. Remember, all items need to be new. Do not include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, broken or used toys, razors or razor blades or hotel size toiletries.

Chocolate candy melts and causes allergic reactions in some children. Nuts are also allergenic and cannot be donated. Anything that looks "pretty new" or only "slightly" used or anything that looks like or can be used as a weapon should not be included.

Thank you for your support and understanding of the rules that need to be followed for the sake of the children.

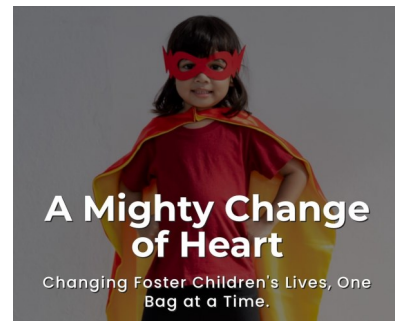
THESE ITEMS ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS. ANYTHING A CHILD WOULD LIKE IS GREAT!

crayons	coloring books	anything art related
markers	small toys	comic story books
books	nerf toys	jacks and marbles
sports cards	trading cards	games, small hand held
puzzles	dolls	balls, bubbles
activity books	match box cars	Beanie Babies
pens and pencils	game cards	candy
jump ropes	hair items	Christian items, crosses, jewelry

******REMEMBER, IF ANYTHING REQUIRES BATTERIES, PLEASE INCLUDE THEM**

EASTER BASKET NEWS

There is a table with Easter Basket Supplies, including bags to go over the baskets in the hall by the Choir Room. Please feel free to use anything you need to complete your basket. The baskets will go to A Mighty Change of Heart on **March 7** during our United Women in Faith Luncheon. Please put the completed baskets on the bench in the Narthex. Thanks, UWF.



Hobby Show and Tell Photos



2024 Order Form for Easter Honorariums

\$15.00 per Honorarium

Your Name _____ # of Plants Ordered _____ Total Enclosed _____

PLEASE PRINT SO NAMES ARE LEGIBLE

(PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

To the Glory of God _____

(Donor name(s) will be printed as an insert in the bulletin)

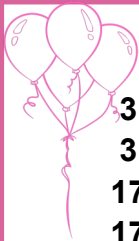


Orders MUST be
in the Office
no later than the
Deadline of
Monday, March 25

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) **after the 10:00 AM** service on Easter Sunday (March 31).

_____ I would like to donate my plant to someone who can enjoy it during the Easter holiday.

Please make your check payable to: **SHUMC** (Shepherd of the Hills UMC)
and on the Memo line: **"Easter Flowers"**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Minnie J.	24 Sheila A.
3 Pauline T.	27 Regna P.
17 Patty O.	27 Ann W.
17 Jim D.	29 Peggy P.

We need your permission to print your name and the day of your birthday and/or anniversary. Contact the church office by phone or email to set this up.

For Personal Prayer:

Saturday 4 PM Service

Prayer Minister -room to left after service

Sunday 10 AM Service

Prayer Minister available at southwest wall after service

Weekly Communion during Lent at 10 AM Service

Our Prayer Room is **ALWAYS** open for private prayer

Chapel open Monday -Friday, 8 AM-2 PM

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Use your mobile phone camera and hold over the QR Code

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CHURCH CALENDAR



In Memoriam

Rose H.

1/15/24

Bonnie S.

1/19/24





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).



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Drop a check by the office (or mail it);
2. Go to www.shepherdofthehills.org and click on the DONATION tab OR use your mobile phone camera and hold over the QR Code shown.
3. Call our Financial Secretary, to set up regular online giving or to make a gift using your credit or debit card by phone.
4. 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.
5. Arrange with your financial advisor to send all or part of your RMDs directly to the church and avoid paying any taxes on your donation.



Thank you for your generosity!! If you have any questions, call Julie at 623-584-2280 or email her at: accounting@shepherdofthehills.org.

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE JUSTA CENTER



A \$10.00 donation will buy a sandwich for 25 friends. A \$20.00 donation will buy a sandwich for 50 friends. Or, splurge and go for 250 sandwiches for just \$100.00.

Please place your donations in the white baskets (with the sandwich signs posted on them), by mailing or dropping off a check in the office or by debit or credit card by calling Julie Calvert.

Thank you for your generosity!

THE CANDLE OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

The candle of Celebration and Remembrance can be dedicated to anyone to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, honor, or in memory of someone special.



Please call, email, or stop by the office to set this up. Your request will be printed in the announcements and on a slide, but read only at the 4 PM and 10 AM services.

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.



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4:00 PM, Saturdays	Sweet Hour of Prayer Weekly Communion	Chapel
8:30 AM, Sundays	Rise and Shine Communion 1st Sunday of the Month	Fellowship Hall
8:45 AM, Sundays	Connections Sunday School	Fellowship Hall Meeting Room
10:00 AM, Sundays	Spirited Traditional Service Communion 1st Sunday of the month; Communion offered after 10 AM service on remaining Sundays Communion weekly during Lent	Sanctuary