


Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday July 3	Tuesday July 4	Wednesday July 5	Thursday July 6	Friday July 7	Saturday July 8	Sunday July 9
	OFFICE CLOSED 4 TH OF JULY 		No Choir	OFFICE CLOSED		10:00 - Worship 11:00 - Fellowship



JUST COFFEE sales are on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
 SOCKS/HAND-ME-DOWN SUNDAY is on the 4th Sunday of every month
 FOOD BANK donations are on the 1st Sunday of every month
 DEADLINE for a weekly worship bulletin announcement is Tuesday morning
 DEADLINE for The ORACLE Newsletter is the 15th of each month
 Thank you for your punctual submissions to: mspcoffice@gmail.com



SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017
ATTENDANCE: 67



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
&

**WELCOME BACK
PASTOR RACHEL!**

PRAYERS FOR...

- Resuming shipments of Just Coffee;
- Sifa and family's possible eviction;
- Mary Knape's continued healing;
- Cassi's brother Keith;
- Chuck's health issues.

THANKS FOR...

- Successful triple transplant for Kathy
- Great message from Pastors Laura and Brad Munroe

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We trust that worship will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with the community of God's people. Following the service, please gather on the Ramada for conversation and refreshments. **LARGE PRINT BIBLES AND HYMNALS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE CHAIRS IN THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU CANNOT FIND ONE NEAR YOU, PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF OUR USHERS.**

USHERS/GREETERS: Carlton & Helen Wiens, Dave Donovan, Irene Camp

HOSPITALITY: Judy Hans and Volunteers

COMMUNION SERVERS: Suz & Gary Mahler, Judy Strong



RESILIENCE

Is the capacity to recover from difficulty with fortitude, perseverance, and buoyancy!

Stop by the Health Ministry display table and pick up some excellent @Care Notes and Aging brochures that offer you new strategies as you face inevitable life changes. These brochures provide new ways to address adversity and create a positive life. They will also remind you to:

- **Believe in yourself, be optimistic, be a survivor -not a victim, and Face your Fears!**
- **Accept challenges, embrace change, and adopt positive coping mechanisms. Be flexible and adaptable.**
- **Ask for help. Turn to your faith family, community networks, and friends.**
- **Rely on your faith and moral compass. Engage in regular Spiritual practices – Pray, Meditate, find God in Nature.**
- **Laugh, and maintain your sense of humor even during difficult times. Keep eating healthy and exercise as you are able.**

Facing Fear Faithfully: A 2-part Spiritual Formation Class

Wednesdays, July 19 and 26

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Room 3

Teacher: Pastor Rachel Srubas

Faith
FEAR

Explore Biblical teachings, sacred wisdom, and prayerful practices that help us reject fear, cultivate courage, and trust God. No matter what.



PRESBYTERIANS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Presbyterians and the American Revolution: Did You Know...?**

During the era of the American Revolution, King George III and his supporters perceived that the war was a "Presbyterian Rebellion." Why? The label "Presbyterian" was a much more ambiguous designation than it is at present. Employed broadly as a synonym for a Calvinist, a dissenter, or a republican, the term was used with considerable imprecision in the eighteenth century. Furthermore, it was used as a tool to inflame popular passions. The term Presbyterian carried with it the connotation of a fanatical, anti-monarchical rebel. Those who designated the war a Presbyterian Rebellion could be considered biased, partisan, and somewhat extreme. Nevertheless, the designation was based in reality. Calvinists and Calvinism permeated the American colonial milieu, and the king's friends did not wish for this fact to go unnoticed.

Historians of the Revolutionary era prefer to emphasize socio-economic factors in their explanations of what happened and why. Hence, the hypothesis that there was a significant religious factor in the midst of the conflict has not been given adequate consideration. There indeed was a profound religious factor at the heart of the conflict, both perceived and real.

This country was founded by people who sought the right to practice their faith, putting no idol or ruler above God. The countries from which the United States' founders came all had established national religions, and they weren't tolerant of the Pilgrims and Puritans who tended to regard Kings as idols. The Founders believed that certain rights were unalienable--given to us by God--and that any power or ruler who tried to take those freedoms from us was going against the Lord.

The following signers of the United States' Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians:

Thomas McKean – Delaware	Philip Livingston - New York
Matthew Thornton - New Hampshire	James Smith – Pennsylvania
Abraham Clark - New Jersey	George Taylor – Pennsylvania
John Hart - New Jersey	Benjamin Rush – Pennsylvania
Richard Stockton - New Jersey	James Wilson – Pennsylvania
William Floyd - New York	Rev. John Witherspoon - New Jersey

**Excerpted from writings by Richard Gardiner and Middle Island Presbyterian Church*

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Session Elders, Guiding and Governing the Congregation, & Ministry Team Moderators

Caring	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
Gathering	Christian Community	Evelyn Ramsey, Elder
	Membership	Carlton Wiens, Moderator
	Worship & Music	Mary Ann Butler, Elder
		Allison Townsend, Elder
Giving	Stewardship	Dave Smith, Moderator
	Legacy	David Raffety, Moderator
Learning	Childcare/Adult Faith Formation/Library	Pamela Schultz, Elder
Tending	Clerk of Session	Skip Brauns, Elder
	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Personnel	Al Johnson, Elder
Venturing	Mission & Outreach	Skip Brauns, Elder
		Elizabeth Houle, Elder

Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Linda Linegar, Co-Moderator	Kathy Moyer, Co-Moderator
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Carlton Wiens	Ann Wright
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Our Mission Statement

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is a Christ-centered fellowship, called to live as disciples of Jesus Christ as we care for our community and our world.

We strive to share the good news of the Gospel with each other and the surrounding communities, and to interact with love and grace with all of God's creation.