

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 4	Tuesday Dec 5	Wednesday Dec 6	Thursday Dec 7	Friday Dec 8	Saturday Dec 9	Sunday Dec 10
Office Closed Office Mgr. Judy Leonard on Vacation	3:00 - Handbells	9:00 - ESL	2:00 Christian Meditation 3:45 Choir			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, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

ATTENDANCE: 104



1st Sunday of Advent

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

PRAYERS FOR...

- Penny Gibbs who fell and broke her right arm;
- A friend who is suffering following a car accident;
- Those going through physical therapy;
- Bob Soerens as he recovers from back surgery;
- People around the world persecuted for their faith;
- Muslims who grieve the loss of lives;
- Puerto Rico and their restoration from hurricane devastation.

THANKS FOR...

- Time spent at Thanksgiving with family;
- Safe travel to visit family;
- Birthday celebrations.

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: Karl & Karen Kuehlwein, Dan & Linda Linegar

HOSPITALITY: Linda Linegar & Mary Anderson

GREETERS: Hib & Mary Knappe

COMMUNION SERVERS: Karen & Sherwin Koopmans, Cassi Fraley, Jane Stump

BLUE CHRISTMAS

When Merry Christmas is just not feeling so very merry!



Stop by the Health Ministry table in December to find some support through special Care Notes.

"In our culture, Christmas is the pre-eminent holiday. An entire season is devoted to it; it dominates the media and the economy. Yet precisely because it involves so many activities and it has special significance, Christmas can put a lot of stress on individuals to accomplish much and to smile while doing so."



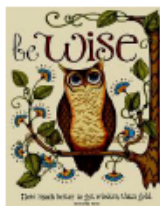
- Believe it's okay to not "be of good cheer."
- Let go of unrealistic expectations for celebration that's Christmas – card perfect.
- Find "comfort and joy" by connecting with others.
- Accept the present and experience joy in the moment.
- Let the meaning of Christmas ease your soul.

From Care Notes – Overcoming the "Blues" at Christmas Time



As the holidays approach, many of us will be invited to various kinds of holiday parties. The question always looms: "What is a suitable hostess gift?" The easy answer is **JUST COFFEE**. To make your gift more festive you will be given, free of charge, a special Christmas bag to hold your coffee. Meet you at the coffee table!!

Judy Leonard, Office Manager, will be on vacation Monday, December 4.



Who's Seeking Wisdom? Are You?

The 2018 Women's Retreat, "Growing Hearts of Wisdom," will take place January 31 - February 2 at Tucson's Redemptorist Renewal Center. Space is limited! To learn more contact Wanda Johnson at 520-825-4721.



Sunday, December 17th

Mountain Shadows' Appetizer/Carol Sing & Dessert Party



The **Appetizer Party/Carol Sing** will be held Dec. 17th. The Carol Sing and Desserts portion of the evening will be at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church. The appetizer portion of the party will be hosted by Rita & Dave Smith (Appetizer North) and Sandra Stephens & Tom Long (Appetizer South).

Beginning at 5:00 pm **heavy appetizers** will be served at our host's homes and then everyone will meet at Mountain Shadows for the Carol Sing and Dessert at 7:00 pm.

The sign-up sheet for what type of appetizer or dessert you plan to bring is located on the Ramada. If you just want to come for the Carol Sing & Dessert please indicated the dessert you are bringing on the sign-up sheet.

EARLY DEADLINE for JANUARY 2018 ORACLE NEWSLETTER

The deadline for article submissions to the January 2018 *Oracle* newsletter will be **December 8th**, to accommodate church staff vacations. Thank you for planning ahead!



The Women's Bible Study Group will not meet in December and will resume on Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018.



Fellowship

Table of Friends

Table of Friends will take place again in 2018. Sign-up sheets for this annual event are available on Ramada. Groups of 6-8 will gather monthly (Jan. - April) - doing whatever your group chooses to do! Group assignments will be made the first week of January. You will receive a letter sharing all the pertinent information.



Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group meets every Thurs., at 2:00 pm in the Chapel (formerly the Nursery) to share an hour of contemplative prayer and supportive friendship. All are welcome!



Christmas Adopt-a-Family

Adopt-a-Family sign-up sheets are available on the Ramada. Sign-ups are for specific items for 25 names provided to us from the Tri-Community Food Bank in Mammoth, AZ. You do not need to wrap the gift just bring it to church identifying who it is for and with the price removed by **Dec. 10th**. Please leave the store identification on the gift. A gift receipt is also helpful. Please plan to shop locally so that an item can be exchanged if necessary. Cash and food donations are also appreciated. Food baskets will also be assembled for each family. **Any questions, contact Helen or Carlton Wiens (247-6016) or Nan Nasser (825-1245).** Happy Holidays!

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Caring	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
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	Legacy	Dave Smith, Moderator
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	Facilities/Grounds	Jeff States, Elder
	Personnel	Dan Linegar, 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
Mary Anderson	George Gregg
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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.