

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 25	Tuesday Dec 26	Wednesday Dec 27	Thursday Dec 28	Friday Dec 29	Saturday Dec 30	Sunday Dec 31
Merry Christmas		No ESL	No Christian Meditation No Choir			10:00 - Worship 11:00- Fellowship Rev. John Cheek Guest Preacher
Office Closed						

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, DECEMBER 17, 2017
ATTENDANCE: 113



Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Worship

- Choral Celebration
- Carols & Candlelight to Celebrate the Savior's Birth

Nursery care provided

Please stay and enjoy fellowship after worship. We will be serving our traditional Christmas Eve hot apple cider and ginger cookies.



PRAYERS FOR...

- Paralyzed grandson, Robert
- Those affected by the California wild fires
- Hib and Mary
- Friend Richard and health of in-laws
- Those in addiction recovery
- Comfort for Keith Verbeck
- Healing for Penny Gibbs and Don Larsen
- Christians persecuted for their faith

THANKS FOR...

- Charmaine and the music program
- Pastor Rachel's poem
- Sifa and family
- Our church community
- Carlton facilitating the use of the church directory
- Kale's new family

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: Dan & Linda Linegar; Wendell & Pauline Gardner

HOSPITALITY: Gale DiGiorio; Rachel & Garry Lawrence

GREETERS: Dave & Nancy Jones

BLUE CHRISTMAS

When Christmas is just not feeling so very merry!

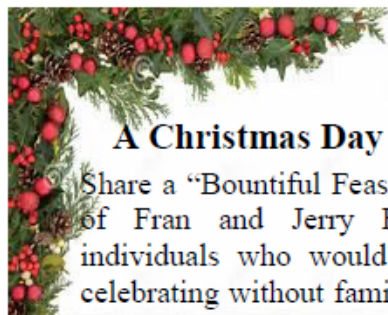
Stop by the Health Ministry table in December to find some support through special Care Notes.

"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



A Christmas Day Gathering

Share a "Bountiful Feast" at the home of Fran and Jerry Bonewitz, for individuals who would otherwise be celebrating without family this holiday season.

When: Monday, December 25 at 2:00 P.M.

Where: 60813 East Eagle Ridge Drive
(Eagle Crest Ranch)

Why? Sharing in the Love of Jesus Christ,
Our Savior.

R.S.V.P. mont-hsv@sbcglobal.net or
[501-209-5094](tel:501-209-5094)



Next Sunday marks the beginning of our stewardship campaign. In addition to mailing campaign materials, we will have Moments for Stewardship and Moments for Thank You that highlight how MSPC is making a difference with your help.



Poinsettia Celebrations & Memorials

Ron & Rose Anderson, in memory of Rudi & Rosa Lukas

Irene Camp, in memory of Bob Camp (husband) and Martha Grinder (daughter)

Laura Carey, in memory of Julie Carey (daughter)

Roe & Dee Erlandson, in memory of our parents

Jayne Haynes, in memory of John & Mary Hechler (my parents)

Tom Long & Sandra Stephens, in memory of Mary Long & J.R. Stephens

Martha Macrander, in memory of David Macrander

Gunter & Elisabeth Pawloski, in memory of our son Björn (Bruce)

Jayne & David Raffety, in memory of Jim & Marilyn Martineau;

& Paul & Vonnelle Raffety

Mary Rabito, in memory of Sam Rabito

Sharon & Garrett Rassing, in memory of Clint, Andy, Georgie Rassing and Don & Edith

Janet Rives, in memory of Sam & Louise McMillan

Gay Russell, in memory of Wesley Russell & Crystal Roberts

Bob & Kathy Soerens, in memory of parents Norbert & Josephine Soerens;

& Edwin & Johanna TenPas

Judy & Cecil Strong, in memory of Bill & Dorothy McNees

Anthony & Linda Zoellner, in memory of our parents

Alida Wilkes, in memory of Giovanna DeLong (sister) & Joseph Hansen (husband)

Connie Wortman, in memory of "So many loved ones."

Judi & Skip Brauns, in celebration of our family!

Madeline Bosma, in celebration of daughter Punta's "coming of age"

Bill & Dorothy Grimm, in celebration of "transition"

David & Nancy Jones, with thanksgiving for the caring family of friends here at MSPC

Sherwin & Karen Koopmans, with thanksgiving for Sarah, Matthew & Emily

Diane & Dan Rhoades, with thanksgiving for health, happiness, loving family & friends



Spiritual Care, Christmas through New Year's

The Mount Methodist Shadows Church Office will be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day. All church staff members will be away. If you urgently need spiritual care during this time, call the church at [520-825-7858](tel:520-825-7858). The recorded greeting will refer you to ordained persons who may provide assistance.

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Elder, Allison Townsend

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
Giving	Stewardship	Allison Townsend, Elder
	Legacy	Dave Smith, Moderator
		David Raffety, Moderator
Learning	Childcare/Adult Faith Formation/Library	Pamela Schultz, Elder
	Tending	Clerk of Session
Finance		Jeff States, Elder
Facilities/Grounds		Dan Linegar, Elder
		Al Johnson, Elder
		Skip Brauns, Elder
Venturing	Personnel	Elizabeth Houle, Elder
	Mission & Outreach	

Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Linda Linegar, Co-Moderator	Kathy Moyer, Co-Moderator
Mary Anderson	George Gregg
Freja Cranston	Connie Wortman
Carlton Wiens	Ann Wright
Alida Wilkes	

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.