

# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Jan 1	Tuesday Jan 2	Wednesday Jan 3	Thursday Jan 4	Friday Jan 5	Saturday Jan 6	Sunday Jan 7
Office Closed Happy New Year		No ESL	12:30 - Women's Retreat Mtg (Wanda Johnson's home) 2:00 - Christian Meditation 3:45 - Choir	3:00 - Health Ministry Mtg		10:00 - Worship 11:00- Fellowship

**JUST COFFEE** sales are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**SOCKS/HAND-ME-DOWN SUNDAY** is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month

**FOOD BANK** donations are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

**DEADLINE** for a weekly worship bulletin announcement is Tuesday morning

**DEADLINE** for The ORACLE Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

Thank you for your punctual submissions to: [mspcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mspcoffice@gmail.com)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017



## Happy New Year

and

## Welcome Rev. John Cheek

### A Happy New Year Prayer

To leave the old with a burst of song, to recall the right and forgive the wrong, to forget the things that bind you fast, to the vain regrets of the year that's past. To have the strength to let go your hold of the not worthwhile of the days grown old, to dare go forth with a purpose true, to the unknown task of the year that's new. To help your brother/sister along the road, to do his work and lift his load, to add your gift to the world's good cheer is to have and to give a Happy New Year!

(Based on a prayer from the Latin Times)

# 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:** Wendell & Pauline Gardner; Bob Soerens, Sam Leeper

**HOSPITALITY:** Denise Edwards & Rod Hutton

**GREETERS:** Volunteers

## 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



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.



Please pick up your copy of the first stewardship mailing on the ramada after the service. This saves us postage and lets you see some of what MSPC has accomplished in 2017 with your help.

## IMPORTANT DATE

All submissions for the 2017 Annual Report are due to Judy Leonard by Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

All submissions for the February *Oracle* are due to Judy Leonard by Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.



## 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!



The Women's Horizons Bible Study Group will resume meeting Thursday, January 11th at 2:00 pm in Rm 3.



## Just Coffee

The Just Coffee sale Sunday the 17th was terrific. We sold out of two varieties. For the year 2017, 394 pounds of **Just Coffee** were sold. That is a lot, but it did not meet the 456 pounds sold in 2016. There is a major reason for this short fall. Last year, we provided coffee for teachers in a local school through a believer in Just Coffee. Now that man's church is selling the coffee, so he took his business elsewhere. So Just Coffee is still being sold! Can we reach 400 plus pounds on our own in 2018????

### Check Out the Church Library!

The following books have just been added to the Library collection:



- "Waking Up What and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving
- "Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis" by Stephan Bauman
- "Break Open the Sky: Saving Our Faith from a Culture of Fear" by Stephan Bauman

## Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 28, 2018, following worship:**



Receive the Annual Report of 2017.

Thank outgoing Deacons and Elders & Other Leaders.

Review the 2018 Operating Budget.

All church members may vote on:

- Nominees for Elder & Deacon;
- 2018 Nominating Committee Members;
- Pastor's Terms of Call for 2018.

*Please plan to be present on January 28.*

# MOUNTAIN SHADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTOR

Rev. Rachel Srubas

### Director of Music

Charmaine Piane Dame

### Treasurer

David Raffety

### Office Manager

Judy Leonard

### Child Care Provider

Elder, Allison Townsend

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

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