


# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Nov 26	Tuesday Nov 27	Wednesday Nov 28	Thursday Nov 29	Friday Nov 30	Saturday Dec 1	Sunday Dec 2
2:00 – Advent Study: Jesus: The Early Years	4:00 Bells	9:00 ESL 2:00 Learning Mtg (Cassi's)	3:45 Choir No Meditation		10:00 Advent Workshop	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, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
**ATTENDANCE: 97**

### PRAYERS FOR...

- Those hospitalized
- Travel mercies
- Kale, his doctors & family
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Sue Hallchurch's mother, Martha, as she adjusts to assisted living
- McDee's recovery of healthy vocal chords

### THANKS FOR...

- Helpful sermons & music to uplift our souls
- Family & friends' health restored
- The joy of returning to our Tucson homes
- Our partnership with Rincon Church and joint ministry with asylum seekers
- The wonderful dinner with the Tucson Refugee program
- The joy of safe arrival of new lives in the family
- Evelyn Ramsey's healing
- Vision and heavenly message that helps through life's challenges
- Helpful friends & family who assisted with a move



## Adopt A Family

Today, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, is the first day to participate in our **annual Christmas Adopt A Family Ministry**. We will support six families in the Mammoth/San Manuel communities, all serviced by Tri Community Food Bank (TCFB). There are children of all ages, parents who want pots & pans, towels. Each family will receive a food basket with a canned ham and plenty of hygiene items not supplied by TCFB. Sign-up sheets are on the ramada and deacons can help with questions. Contact Nan Nasser for more information: 825-1245

# 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:** Roe & Dee Erlandson, Karen Kuehlwein, Lynn Parker **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**HOSPITALITY:** Gale DiGiorgio, Alida Wilkes **ARE:**  
**GREETERS:** Martha Macrander and Volunteers **MONDAY – FRIDAY**  
**FACILITIES:** Karl Kuehlwein **8:15 AM – 1:15 PM**



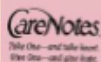
## BLUE CHRISTMAS

### When Merry Christmas is just not feeling so very merry!

Is this your first Christmas without a loved one? Does stress heighten for you in this season of many events, preparations, and family interactions? Do memories (good and bad) flood into you at this time of year? Do you find yourself re-experiencing grief or loss? Perhaps, you are just feeling “Blue” at Christmastime?

*Please know that you are loved, where you are, by God and by your church!*

On **Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>**, in the Sanctuary from **2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**, all are welcome to come and breathe, listen, feel, and pray. Joe Doerfer will lead a special time of **Guided Christian Meditation** with the **HOPE** that you encounter God and the Holy Spirit and find some **PEACE** to sustain you this Christmas season.



Also, please stop by the Health Ministry table in December to pick up some supportive Care Notes to take home for yourself or a friend for the season!



**Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Memory of Jack Leer** will take place at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and give thanks to God for Jack's life.



For the remainder of November, and for all of December except Thursday, December 6, Christian Meditation will not meet until Thursday, January 3 at 2:00 p.m. **On Thursday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., ALL are welcome to attend the Blue Christmas meditation gathering announced in this insert.**



While Pastor Rachel Srubas visits family for Thanksgiving, Parish Associate Denise Edwards will be available as needed to provide pastoral care to the congregation. Call 520-825-7858 to get connected.



Today's flowers are donated by Judy Hans, in honor of her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



## Appetizer Party and Dessert/Carol Sing

Please plan to come to the annual **Appetizer Party and Dessert/Carol Sing** on **Sunday, December 9th**. The evening will begin at **5:00 pm** with appetizers at a host's home. Rita and Dave Smith have agreed to open their home in SaddleBrooke for our members who live north of Mountain Shadows. Karen and Sherwin Koopmans have agreed to open their home for those living south of Mountain Shadows. Participants will be asked to provide a dessert or a hearty appetizer to feed 10-12 people. **The carol sing/dessert will begin at 7:00 pm at Mountain Shadows.**

Coordination of participants and their hosts will take place the week of Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and invitations will be distributed Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> during fellowship. **Please sign-up to attend this annual event by November 25<sup>th</sup>. You may choose to bring a dessert and only attend the carol sing.**



### Advent Adult Education Class: "Jesus: The Early Years"

Mondays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17  
from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Advent adult study will discuss the religious traditions surrounding the birth and youth of Jesus, drawn from biblical and post-biblical texts. Join us as we explore stories of Jesus and his mom. Please sign-up on the sheet on the ramada.



### JANUARY 2019 ORACLE DUE DATE:

Due to the holidays and scheduled staff vacations in December, **articles will be due for the January 2019 Oracle by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule at Mountain Shadows

- **Sunday mornings in December:**  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24:**  
Worship at 5:00 p.m.  
*O come, all ye faithful!*



### HOLIDAY INVITATION Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) Holiday Open House

**When: 5:00 P.M, December 11, 2018**  
**Where: 527 E Waverly Street,  
Tucson, AZ 85705**

Please come and get to know and support these wonderful young people, have a cup of cheer (hot chocolate or apple cider), sing Christmas songs and eat holiday cookies. You can RSVP to Elizabeth Houle at [deneliz64@gmail.com](mailto:deneliz64@gmail.com) or call 520-400-3065. Car-pooling will be arranged.



### THE ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM

Help start Advent in a joyous and meaningful way by helping to decorate the church for the Advent season. There is no need to sign up, just show up! Call Lynn Parker with questions (936) 293-0304.

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

<b>Caring</b>	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
<b>Gathering</b>	Christian Community	Shawne Cryderman, Moderator
	Membership	Deborah Derting, Moderator
	Worship & Music	Mary Ann Butler, Elder
<b>Giving</b>	Stewardship	Dave Smith, Moderator
	Legacy	David Raffety, Moderator
<b>Learning</b>	Childcare/Adult Faith Formation/Library	Rod Hutton, Elder
		Cassi Fraley, Elder,
		Vice Clerk of Session
<b>Tending</b>	Clerk of Session	Skip Brauns
	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Personnel	Pamela Schultz, Elder
<b>Venturing</b>	Mission & Outreach	Laura Carey, Elder
	Communications	Tony Zoellner, Moderator

**Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation**

Linda Linegar, Co-Moderator	Alida Wilkes, Co-Moderator
Mary Anderson	Rex Knorr
Freja Cranston	Kathy Moyer
Judy Hans	Carlton Wiens

**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.