


Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 3	Tuesday Dec 4	Wednesday Dec 5	Thursday Dec 6	Friday Dec 7	Saturday Dec 8	Sunday Dec 9
2:00 – Advent Study: Jesus: The Early Years	2:30- Health Ministry Mtg (Skype)	9:00 ESL	10:30 Jack Leer Memorial Service 2:00 Christian Meditation 3:45 Choir	January Oracle Deadline		10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship  Advent 2

JUST COFFEE sales are on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

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 18, 2018

ATTENDANCE: 97



Adopt A Family

Our annual Christmas Adopt A Family Ministry is underway. We are supporting 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

PRAYERS FOR...

- Chuck's successful surgery on his ankle
- Judy's recovery from a cold
- Safe travels

THANKS FOR...

- 400 pounds of food donated for Impact
- The wonderful people of this congregation
- Judy Hans' 80th birthday on Dec. 2nd
- So much to be thankful for
- Family gatherings
- Singing together
- McDee's great granddaughter visiting

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 & Diane Rhoades, Mary Ann & Wayne Butler

HOSPITALITY: Gale DiGiorgio, Shawne Cryderman

GREETERS: Dave & Nancy Jones

FACILITIES: Dave Smith

COMMUNION SERVERS: Connie Wortman, Karen & Sherwin Koopmans

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

ARE:

MONDAY – FRIDAY

8:15 AM – 1:15 PM



BLUE CHRISTMAS

When Merry Christmas is just not feeling so very merry!



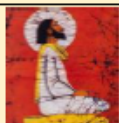
Is this your first Christmas without a loved one? Does stress heighten for you in this season of many events, preparations, and family interactions? Do memories (good and bad) flood into you at this time of year? Do you find yourself re-experiencing grief or loss? Perhaps, you are just feeling "Blue"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

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

On Thursday December 6th, 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!



On Thursday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., ALL are welcome to attend the Blue Christmas meditation gathering announced in this insert.

For the remainder of December, Christian Meditation will be on a break and will resume on Thursday, January 3rd at 2:00 p.m.



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.



Today's Poinsettia is honor of Judy Han's 80th Birthday.

Flowers donated last week were donated by Madeline Bosma



You are invited to:
Interfaith Community Services (ICS)
Holiday Open House,
When: 2:00 P. M., December 7, 2018
Where: 2820 W. Ina Road

(Next to Christ the King Episcopal Church)

Enjoy refreshments and a chance to see where your food bank contributions are distributed. Volunteer stories and recognitions will be held at 3:00 pm.



**Advent Adult
 Education Class:**
“Jesus: The Early Years”

**Mondays, 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.



Church Directory Photos!
December 9th & 16th

We need photos of couples and singles in our church directory. Look for our “Photo Spot” at the Church during Sunday fellowship time so that we can capture your award-winning smiles. This painless process won’t take but a minute and will help us complete our Church directory. We will be ready, willing, and able to *take your photos on December 9th and 16th following worship.*



**JANUARY 2019
 ORACLE DUE DATE:**

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



**Consider Giving A
 Unique Hostess Gift this
 Christmas Season...
 JUST COFFEE!.**

To make this gift more festive, you will be given a Christmas bag to hold your gift. Your purchase of Just Coffee will not only delight your hostess, it will also help support the farmers in the Just Coffee cooperatives.



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 or call 520-400-3065. Car-pooling will be arranged.

**Advent and Christmas
 Worship Schedule
 at Mountain Shadows**

- **Sunday mornings in December:**
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec. 24:**
Worship at 5:00 p.m.

O come, all ye faithful!



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

Caring	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
Gathering	Christian Community	Shawne Cryderman, Moderator
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	Worship & Music	Mary Ann Butler, Elder
Giving	Stewardship	Dave Smith, Moderator
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		Vice Clerk of Session
Tending	Clerk of Session	Skip Brauns
	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Personnel	Pamela Schultz, Elder
Venturing	Mission & Outreach	Laura Carey, Elder
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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.