


# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 24	Tuesday Dec 25	Wednesday Dec 26	Thursday Dec 27	Friday Dec 28	Saturday Dec 29	Sunday Dec 30
Christmas Eve 5:00 Worship 6:00 Cider & Cookies		No ESL	No Christian Meditation No Choir 4:30 Handbells			10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship
Office Closed - Dec 24 – Jan. 1 Judy Leonard, Office Manager, on Vacation						

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

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 9, 2018**  
**ATTENDANCE: 120**



## Today We Will Receive The Christmas Joy Offering

A Presbyterian tradition for nearly 70 years, the **Christmas Joy Offering** gives vital funding to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions as well as to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges serving communities of color. It's a wonderful opportunity to express generosity and, at the same time, support important needs in the PC(USA) community. **Thank you for your generous giving.**

### PRAYERS FOR...

- Mike's recovery from a stroke
- Judy and Cecil
- Allison & her father Phil, who is in Hospice care
- All refugees
- Jane's and Julie's healing after surgery
- Shirley's health
- Friend Peggy
- Alan's family, who are grieving his passing
- The Caring Ministry & home communion training
- Those sick and failing ...may they find joy
- Sister-in-law who lost her job
- Friends Judd and Justine

### THANKS FOR...

- Blessing our "Adopt-a-Family" families with your gifts
- Mystery Santa's generous money gift
- Connie's successful surgery
- Jack Leer's memorial service from daughter, Jackie
- Table of friends
- Condolences sent to Fran and Jerry
- Healing prayers for Tom
- Pamela and Carl enjoying goodness of life

# 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:** Bob Soerens, Deborah Derting, Wendell & Pauline Gardner

**HOSPITALITY:** Steve Cupo, Dan Engeljohn, Shawne Cryderman

**GREETERS:** Ron & Rose Anderson

**FACILITIES:** Dave Smith

## **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!*



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!



## **Mountain Shadows'** **Office Closure**

The Church office will be closed from Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> until Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Listen to the recording at 520-825-7858 if you need pastoral care.

## **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!*



Live Courageously

## **Live Courageously:** **Stewardship Campaign**

On the ramada, after the service, please pick up your copy of the first stewardship mailing. This saves postage and lets you see some of what MSPC has accomplished in 2018 with your help.



## **Home Communion Training & Refresher:** **for Prospective & Continuing Servers**

On Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 3, please join Pastor Rachel Srubas, Home Communion Coordinator Jayne Raffety, and friends for a refresher/introduction training for Home Communion Servers. We will cover the prayerful and practical components of this sacramental ministry. Please sign-up and/or talk with Pastor Rachel or Coordinator Jayne Raffety.



## *Poinsettia Celebrations & Memorials*

*Wayne & Mary Ann Butler, in memory and celebration  
of Betty & Bill who loved Christmas*

*Shirley Calhoon, in memory of Roland Calhoon*

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

*Laura Carey, in memory of Julie Carey (daughter)*

*Freja Cranston, in memory of Robin Baker*

*Shawne Cryderman, in memory of June & Sam Cryderman (my parents)*

*Deborah Derting, in memory of Kirk (brother) & my mom*

*Frances Edson, in memory of Robert Edson*

*Sam Leeper, in memory of my parents and in celebration of their influence on my life*

*Dan & Linda Linegar, in memory of Jane Fleming*

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

*Janet Rives, in memory of Sam & Louise McMillan*

*Bob & Kathy Soerens, in memory of our parents Norbert & Josephine Soerens,*

*& Edwin & Johanna TenPas and the celebration of Jesus' birth*

*Linda Walka, in memory of the Walka Family*

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

*Connie Wortman, in memory of family and friends*

*Anthony & Linda Zoellner, in memory of our parents*



*Nicky Bantock, in celebration of Cameron (nephew)*

*David & Nancy Jones, in celebration of our 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on Dec. 23<sup>d</sup>*



*Bill & Dorothy Grimm, with thanksgiving for our many blessings*

*Diane & Dan Rhoades, with thanksgiving for all the prayers*



### **Christmas Eve Cider & Cookies**

Please stay and enjoy fellowship after our Christmas Eve worship service at 5:00 pm. We will be serving our traditional hot apple cider and ginger cookies.



### **Nursery-Age Kids Coming for Christmas?**

Brittany Nuno, a safety-certified nursery caregiver will be available at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church during the 5:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24.

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David Raffety

**Office Manager**

Judy Leonard

**Child Care Provider**

Brittany Nuño

**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

Mary Anderson

Freja Cranston

Judy Hans

Alida Wilkes, Co-Moderator

Rex Knorr

Kathy Moyer

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.