


Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 31	Tuesday Jan 1	Wednesday Jan 2	Thursday Jan 3	Friday Jan 4	Saturday Jan 5	Sunday Dec 30
Office Closed New Year's Eve	Office Closed Happy New Year!	No ESL 4:30 Handbells	2:00 Christian Meditation 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Choir Practice			10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 

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, DECEMBER 30, 2018



Live Courageously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1 TIMOTHY 6:10-19

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: Bob Soerens, Deborah Derting, Wendell & Pauline Gardner

HOSPITALITY: Gale DiGiorgio, Alida Wilkes, Shawne Cryderman

GREETERS: Volunteers

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. 24th until Jan 2nd. Listen to the recording at 520-825-7858 if you need pastoral care.



"What goes up must come down." Please join us in taking down the Advent decorations on Saturday, Jan. 12th at 10:00 a.m. Make way for the new year."



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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.

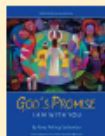


Home Communion Training & Refresher: for Prospective & Continuing Servers

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.



If you would like to take a Poinsettia home, they may be taken home after today's service.



Women Horizons Bible Study 1st and 2nd Thursdays, 2:00 p.m – 3:30 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3rd. We will be discussing Lesson 3, "God's with Us in Our Discouragement." If you have any questions contact Karen Koopmans at (520)818-6337. Newcomers always welcomed!



Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation Group meets every Thurs., at 2:00 pm in the Chapel to share an hour of contemplative prayer and supportive friendship. All are welcome!

IMPORTANT DATES

All submissions for the 2018 Annual Report are due to Judy Leonard by Friday, January 11th.

All submissions for the February Oracle are due to Judy Leonard by Tuesday, January 15th.



Do You Refinish Furniture?

The Facilities Ministry Team needs your help. We are looking for someone who would be willing to refinish the wooden bench under the church Ramada. If you can help, please talk to Tony Zoellner, Karl Kuehlwein, or Dave Smith. Thanks!



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019, following worship:

Receive the Annual Report of 2018.

Thank outgoing Deacons and Elders & Other Leaders.

Review the 2019 Operating Budget.

All church members may vote on:

- Nominees for Elder & Deacon;
- 2018 Nominating Committee Members;
- Pastor's Terms of Call for 2019.



Please plan to be present on January 27th.

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David Raffety

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

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

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.