

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Jan 7	Tuesday Jan 8	Wednesday Jan 9	Thursday Jan 10	Friday Jan 11	Saturday Jan 12	Sunday Jan 13
		9:00 ESL 10:00 Mission 2:00 Finance Mtg 2:30 Health Mtg 3:00 Stewardship	2:00 Christian Meditation 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:30 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 ATTENDANCE 80



The word “epiphany” (from the Greek epiphaneia or theophaneia) means “appearance” or “manifestation” of God and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

(An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95))

Prayers for:

- Safe travels after family visits
- Republic of Congo during elections

Thanks for:

- The joy of MSPC family’s generosity during the year and gracious support
- Allison, who sends thanks for cards and love
- The poinsettias adorning our sanctuary
- The beautiful music by Chris Tackett
- Family gatherings
- Carole Jordal and Mary Knapé here in church
- All the Adopt-a-Family generous donations
- Our wonderful choir and musicians
- The gift of bicycles for a YAV family, after one bike was stolen

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: Judy Strong, Connie Wortman, Lynn Parker, Marsha Kwolek

HOSPITALITY: Karen & David Lee, Karen Kuehlwein

FACILITIES: Dan Linegar

GREETERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pauline & Wendell Gardner, Brian Parker



Blessings for a Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit in 2019!



New Year's resolutions are great... but success is even more likely when you choose your health goals and design an **ACTION PLAN!** Try using a template, that you can pick up at the Health Ministry Table, to help you go the distance and stay on track. Your Health Ministry team is available to talk things through to personalize your plan. And, the January Health Ministry Table is loaded with other good resources on emotional fitness, exercise, diet, educational opportunities, and spiritual resources to help you get started!



"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."



Live Courageously: Stewardship Campaign

Did you read *Gratitude 2018* in the first stewardship mailing? Did you realize the impact your gifts of time, talent, and treasure have made in your community and throughout the world? Listen today and next week as we continue to describe how you are making a difference.

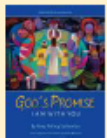


The flowers today are donated by
Ron & Rose Anderson
in
loving memory of their parents.



Home Communion Training & Refresher: for Prospective & Continuing Servers

After worship today 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.



Women Horizons Bible Study

1st and 2nd Thursdays,

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, Jan. 10th. We will be discussing Lesson 4. If you have any questions, contact Karen Koopmans at (520)818-6337. New-comers 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!



Non-perishable foods received today at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church will be donated to the food bank at Interfaith Community Services. Thank you.



All-Church Retreat: Thursday, February 28, 2019

The Thrive Project is a church vitality initiative we're engaged in with the Presbyterian Church (USA), to ensure our church's flourishing now and in the years ahead. **Mark your calendar and sign up to attend The Thrive Project All-Church Retreat on Thursday, February 28, from 9:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the beautiful Redemptorist Renewal Center, 7101 West Picture Rocks Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.** *The retreat is free of charge!* It will feature spirited worship, engaging guest presentations, a delicious lunch, and time to enjoy the company of friends in faith. By participating in the retreat, you will help us identify Mountain Shadows' strengths and envision our future ministries. Read more about the retreat on page 5 of January's *Oracle*. Add your name to the sign-up sheet under the church ramada!

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.

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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Brittany Nuño

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	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
	Personnel	Laura Carey, Elder
Venturing	Mission & Outreach	Tony Zoellner, Moderator
	Communications	

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.