

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Jan 21	Tuesday Jan 22	Wednesday Jan 23	Thursday Jan 24	Friday Jan 25	Saturday Jan 26	Sunday Jan 27
Office Closed Martin Luther King's Birthday		9:00 ESL	2:00 Christian Meditation 3:30 Choir Practice	Annual Meeting Presbytery de Cristo		10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship Annual Congregational Meeting

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, JANUARY 13, 2018
ATTENDANCE 124



Live Courageously

Today is Stewardship
Commitment Sunday.

Please place your completed
commitment card before God
when the offering is received.
Thank you.



Next Sunday, January 27th,
the Annual Congregational
Meeting will be held immediately
following worship. Please plan to
attend this important meeting.

Prayers for:

- People of Yemen
- A reliable car for friends
- The families of the police officers killed
- Seniors without family to help with health issues
- All healing from surgery & illness

Thanks for:

- Words of comfort for Allison & family
- Thanks for expressions of love for lost family members
- Jayme Closs being found and help for her healing
- Son Brian's health and coming wedding
- God being with us
- God's comfort during medical procedures

Remember: Each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Mountain Shadows' chapel (the little room north of the church office), a group gathers for a time of Christian Meditation. You're invited to attend and practice this richly silent way of praying to God, who knows our needs.

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: Rose & Ron Anderson, Rita Smith

GREETERS: Elizabeth Houle & Dennis Nelson

FACILITIES: Dan Linegar



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!



Live Courageously: Stewardship Campaign Today is Commitment Sunday

If you have forgotten your pledge card or lost it, you can get a replacement from Dave Smith or David Raffety or you can bring it next week. But don't forget! Thank you for your commitment.



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;
- A proposed change to church bylaws.

Please plan to be present on January 27th.



Extraordinary Time

Attend an **Author Talk, Book Sale and Signing** on Monday March 4th 2-4 p.m., in the Church Sanctuary. Be sure to bring a friend as we learn from writer and faith leader **Laura Dunham** as she reflects faithfully on her season of compounded loss, illness, and life transition.

Lectio Divina: Praying God's Word Monday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Guest teacher Katherine Ann Smolik OSB, will introduce *lectio divina*, a deeply prayerful way to read Scripture. All are welcome at this class!



Interfaith Community Services Empty Bowls Event March 2, 2019

Join us March 2nd for the Empty Bowls Event, a fundraiser for Interfaith Community Services at the Chinese Cultural Center. Buy a ticket online for \$25 to sample soups and desserts; and take home a hand-crafted ceramic bowl. (See the website for more details). The Koopmans will drive and arrange carpooling. We will leave from Mountain Shadows at 11:00 a.m. Please see either Karen or Sherwin Koopmans, or call 818-6337 or email skkoopms@gmail.com.



Taste of Chiapas February 15, 2019

Please plan to attend this fundraiser for *Cafe Justo Y Mas*. The evening will feature Mariachi music, speakers who have close connections with Cafe Justo, and a message from Rev. Mark Adams. There will be a silent auction at the event and a raffle for big ticket items. The cost of the event is \$20.00 person. Raffle tickets sold today are \$20 dollars for 5 tickets. Participants do not have to be present to win. Please see Irene Camp for more details.



Mission Trip to the Border at Douglas, Arizona/Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, February 5th

A one-day mission trip to the Border will feature Coffee Justo and its mission in Agua Prieta. The day will include reflections at the border, both on the U.S. and Mexican side. We will participate in the weekly vigil for those attempting to cross the desert who have died. Lunch and a simple dinner are included in the \$25 per person price. For an extra \$80.00 per room, there is an option to stay overnight at the historic Gadsen Hotel. Sign up today, space is limited to 14 participants and we are almost full! A passport is required.



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!**

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

Caring	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
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	Worship & Music	Mary Ann Butler, Elder
Giving	Stewardship	Dave Smith, Moderator
	Legacy	David Raffety, Moderator
Learning	Adult Faith Formation/Library	Rod Hutton, Elder
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		Skip Brauns
Tending	Clerk of Session	Jeff States, Elder
	Finance	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Pamela Schultz, Elder
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Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Linda Linegar, Co-Moderator

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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.