

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Mar 25	Tuesday Mar 26	Wednesday Mar 27	Thursday Mar 28	Friday Mar 29	Saturday Mar 30	Sunday Mar 31
2:00 - Lenten Class: Leaving the Garden	3:00 Library 5:30 Handbells	9:00 ESL	10:00 Balance Class 2:00 Christian Meditation 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

Just A Reminder 



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019
ATTENDANCE 126



Considering Church Membership?

We invite you to a Church Membership Exploration Coffee and Conversation, Wednesday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Church.

Meet with Pastor Rachel Srubas and Membership Ministry Team Elder Cassi Fraley to learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and what it means to belong to Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church.

Those who attend the April 3 gathering and wish to join the church will be received into church membership by the Session (leadership council) on Wednesday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

New church members will be publicly welcomed during worship on Palm Sunday, April 14. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet under the church ramada.

Prayers for:

- An end to hatred and support for the mosque shooting survivors in New Zealand.
- Peace & reconciliation of all people & nations.
- Bob Lamb as he faces treatment for cancer & Carole Jordal, as she recovers after surgery.
- Charmaine's son, Gabe, as he starts a new career.
- All those affected by the recent flooding in the Midwest.
- Traveling mercies for Dennis as he travels.
- Richard Banks, who is now in hospice care.
- Healing mercies and support for Morning Sun, Elisabeth & Gunter, Joy Lewis and Tom.
- A more permanent solution for Pamela's and Carl's transportation challenges.

Thanks for:

- The mechanics who repaired Pamela's & Carl's van.
- The prayers & cards that encouraged Tom's healing and to hasten Wayne's healing.
- Music from our choir, musicians & Steve Cupo.
- Gift of love that we share at Mountain Shadows.
- Rev. Rachel's 19th anniversary of her ordination.
- The healing prayers for Alyssa, Mary Ann's granddaughter.
- The recovery of friends who volunteer to aid others.

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: Karl & Karen Kuehlwein, Dennis Nelson & Elizabeth Houle

HOSPITALITY: Alida Wilkes

GREETERS: Volunteers

FACILITIES: Dave Smith



Are you, a friend, or a family member at risk for falls?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/injury tells us: "Each year thousands of older Americans fall at home. Many of them are seriously injured and some are disabled. Falls are often due to hazards that are easy to overlook but easy to fix. " Please **Stop** by the HEALTH MINISTRY display table in March for some good strategies and adaptations that can help you to prevent falls.



DISPOSE-A-MED

Prevent clutter and medication errors and dispose of your unused prescriptions and over the counter medications for proper destruction at an upcoming **Dispose-A-Med** event at the following location:

April 27, 2019

Target

10555 N. Oracle

9 am -12 noon

For more info check orovalleyaz.gov/police



Today's flowers are donated
by Tony & Linda Zoellner in memory of
their moms



April is Women's Health Month at Mountain Shadows

During our recent BODI visit to Tri-Community Food Bank, in Mammoth, a request was made for feminine hygiene and continence products. **Sunday, April 7th has been designated to collect these requested items.** As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CORRECT?

Yes, it is time again to update Mountain Shadows' congregational directory. **If you have changed your address, email, and/or phone number, please let Judy Leonard, Office Manager, know by emailing the office at mshpcoffice@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 520-825-7858.**



Maundy Thursday Soup Supper Or "Crock Pot for Hire"

The Christian Community Ministry Team (CCMT) will be sponsoring a **Maundy Thursday Simple Soup Supper on April 18th at 6:00 PM after worship.** Congregants and guests are invited to join. This Simple Soup Supper will take place in rooms 2, 3, and 4. Various selections of soups will be served, with a vegetarian soup and a gluten free soup available. If you would like to participate in "Crock Pot for Hire" and make a hot soup to share, please **sign up on the Ramada beginning March 10th.** We are asking that everyone to please RSVP by signing up on the sheet during fellowship activity.



Presbytery de Cristo Pastor, Rev. Brad Munroe, has written a Lenten devotional for daily use based on Jesus' Sermon the Mount.

You may find it online in a printable form at: <https://presbyterydecristo.org/2019/01/08/1enten-devotions-by-brad-munroe/>

Jesus' greatest ethical teaching began with seeing. Jesus saw the crowds – for who they were and what they were, in their beauty and blessing as well as their longing and need and fallen humanity. So Jesus went up on a mountainside, where, in Matthew's Gospel, God-events happen. Jesus sat, taking the posture assumed by a rabbi. Jesus' disciples came to him, and Jesus began to instruct them about living toward a sacred openness before God.



Live Courageously: Stewardship Campaign

If you haven't returned your pledge card, there is still time. See Dave Smith or David Rafferty if you need a replacement card.

Final Stewardship Campaign Results

Year	Total Pledges	Total \$ Pledged
2019	85	\$ 233,959
2018	84	\$ 236,350
2017	81	\$ 239,517
2016	77	\$ 217,230
2015	82	\$ 206,136



Brokenness and the Human Condition: A Lenten Learning Series

Join friends in faith at Mountain Shadows Church for a Lenten Learning series titled "Leaving the Garden." The classes will be held the next two Mondays, **March 25 and April 1 at 2:00 p.m.** Elder Rod Hutton will lead these insightful and thought-provoking classes.

This series on brokenness is well-suited to the season of Lent, during which Christians seek restoration through our truthful, healing relationship with Christ. Please join us.



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.

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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
	Co-Clerk of Session & Membership	Cassi Fraley, Elder
	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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	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Personnel	Pamela Schultz, Elder, Moderator
		Dorothy Grimm, Elder
Venturing	Mission & Outreach	Laura Carey, Elder
	Communications	Tony Zoellner, Moderator

Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Freja Cranston, Co-Moderator	Alida Wilkes, Co-Moderator
Beverly Johnston	Lynn Parker
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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.