

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Nov 25	Tuesday Nov 26	Wednesday Nov 27	Thursday Nov 28	Friday Nov 29	Saturday Nov 30	Sunday Dec 1
	4:30 - Handbells		Thanksgiving Office Closed 3:45 - No Choir	Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	10:00 - Advent Workshop	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, NOVEMBER 17, 2019
ATTENDANCE: 104



Sign Up to Give:
Christmas
Adopt-A-Family

Adopt-a-Family is a Christian gift-giving ministry for people in need. Sign-ups for Adopt-A-Family begin today. Thanks to generous donors like you, 5 families (27 people) in the Tri-Community Area will receive food baskets and gifts from our church. Monetary donations are also welcome. **All gifts must be brought to church by Sunday, Dec. 15th.** Questions? Please call Nan Nasser, 520-825-1245.

Prayers for:

- The Erlandson family, grieving Roe's death
- Those affected by and managing the damage by the floods in Venice.
- The students, families and staff affected by the recent gun violence in a school.
- All asylum seekers.
- All the granddaughters.
- Shirley's husband who is grieving.

Thanks for:

- Life of Roe Erlandson, and the love from God to their family.
- The life of Shirley.
- Traveling mercies for those traveling during the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Deborah asking for Ken
- Ken for Deborah
- David Raffety's successful cataract surgery
- Relief of toothache pain
- Lucy, granddaughter, receiving all care and attention and mercy and return for wholeness
- Thanks for healing prayers for Melody



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. **LARGEPRINT 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, Beverly Johnston, Deborah Derting

HOSPITALITY: Rita Smith, Susan Ruffini

GREETERS: Volunteers

FACILITIES: Laura Carey



Be Safe Out There! November Health Emphasis: Senior Safety

Many thanks to Dan Engeljohn, whose November 6 presentation on *Food Safety* kicked off the Health Ministry's emphasis on Senior Safety. Please be sure to stop by the Health Ministry table this month for more safety tips on *Using Medicines Safely, Keeping your Home Safe, Avoiding Scams, Tips for Older Drivers, and more!*



THE ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP Saturday, November 30th, 10:00 AM

Help start Advent in a joyous and meaningful way by helping to decorate the church for the Advent season. There is no need to sign up, just show up at 10:00 (not earlier, please)! Questions? Call Lynn Parker: 936-293-0304.



JANUARY 2019 ORACLE EARLY DEADLINE:

Due to scheduled staff vacations in December, **newsletter articles for the January 2020 Oracle must be submitted by Friday, December 6th.** Thank you in advance!



Oro Valley Jazz Band Concert, Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.

Save the date! Bring your friends to "Have Yourself a Jazzy Little Christmas," Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church. Enjoy big band classics and favorite holiday songs, followed by festive refreshments. It's free!



Save the Date!

Annual Appetizer Party and Dessert/Carol Sing



Please plan to join us for the Appetizer Party and Dessert/Carol Sing on Sunday, December 15th. The appetizer portion of the evening will begin at 5:00 PM at a host's home. The carol sing/dessert part of the evening will begin at 7:00 PM at Mountain Shadows. You may choose to attend only the carol sing and will be asked to provide just a dessert. Please see the November Oracle newsletter for more details.



**The Holy Family Seeks Asylum:
An Advent Faith Formation Program
Mondays, December 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m.
at Mountain Shadows Church**

**Facilitated by Rod Hutton,
Mountain Shadows' Elder for Learning**

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-14).

Mary and Joseph knew what it was to flee from violence, in fear for the life of their child. They knew that if they stayed where they were, Herod would find Jesus and would kill him in his manger. Join Rod Hutton for this 2-part discussion of scriptures and real-world challenges, on Mondays, December 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m. All adults are welcome.



**The Time for
Advent Expectation and
Christmas Joy is Here!**

To help Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church pray throughout these seasons, below is a link to download a devotional written by **Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe**, Pastor to Presbytery de Cristo (of which ours is a member congregation.)

Praying Luke: The Gospel in Voice and Vision: <https://presbyterydecristo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Praying-Luke-Advent-2019.pdf>



10th Anniversary Offering – WOW!

Last Sunday we received 36 offerings from the congregation for the 10th Anniversary of Legacy Ministry! What a great response! Thank you!

Haven't returned your offering yet? There still is time. Extra forms and envelopes are at the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

A full report of the total offerings will be in the January Oracle.



**Pastoral Care
Through December 1st**

Pastor Rachel Srubas will spend some Thanksgiving holiday time with family in the coming week. Parish Associate, Rev. Denise Edwards, will be available to provide pastoral care if urgent needs arise. Call the church at 520-825-7858 and listen to the full outgoing message. Rev. Denise Edwards will preach and co-lead worship on Sunday, December 1st. Pastor Rachel will be back on Monday, December 2nd.



**Roe Erlandson
Memorial Service**

On Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., a worship service and reception to honor the memory of Roe Erlandson will take place at Vistoso Funeral Home, 2285 East Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley, AZ 85755. Rev. Rachel Srubas will preside, and Director of Music Charmaine Piane Dame will provide music. All are welcome.

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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
Tending	Co-Clerk of Session	Skip Brauns
	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
Venturing	Personnel	Session as Acting Team
	Mission & Outreach	Laura Carey, Elder
	Communications	Tony Zoellner, Moderator
Session Elders		Dorothy Grimm
		Pamela Schultz

Mountain Shadows' Board of Deacons, Caring for the Congregation

Freja Cranston, Co-Moderator	Alida Wilkes, Co-Moderator
Beverly Johnston	Lynn Parker
Judy Meister	Brian Parker
Judy Hans	Carlton Wiens
	Connie Wortman

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.