

# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Monday Dec 2	Tuesday Dec 3	Wednesday Dec 4	Thursday Dec 5	Friday Dec 6	Saturday Dec 7	Sunday Dec 8
2:00 Advent Study: "The Holy Family Seeks Asylum"	3:00 Celebration Mtg 4:30 Handbells		2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:00 Ensemble 3:45 Choir	9:00 – Spiritual Peer Group		10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship

JUST COFFEE sales are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

FOOD BANK donations are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

DEADLINE for a weekly worship bulletin announcement is Tuesday morning

DEADLINE for The ORACLE Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

Thank you for your punctual submissions to: [mspcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mspcoffice@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019**  
**ATTENDANCE: 114**



**Today, in the Sanctuary  
at 2:00 p.m.,  
"Have Yourself a Jazzy  
Little Christmas" With the  
Oro Valley Jazz Band**

Bring your friends and enjoy big band classics and favorite holiday songs, followed by festive refreshments. It's free!



## *Prayers for:*

- Rehema's successful ear surgery.
- To stop weapons from flowing from the U.S. to south of the border.
- Eric's move from Oro Valley and finding employment.
- Joan & Saul as they move into their new home.
- Families with teenage children who are coming into adult life.
- Healing mercies for Granddaughter Marylin, and family friend, Charmaine.
- Mary Knap

## *Thanks for:*

- Nan Nasser who coordinates Adopt-A-Family.
- A Celebration dinner for refugees in Tucson.
- The love of this congregation and for all that they have done for us - Dee Erlandson.
- God's gift to Amaya who is now responding to sound and motions.
- The life of Gene
- The Community Food Bank for feeding 6,000 families.
- Those prisoners who are in alcohol and drug recovery and my 44 years of sobriety



# 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:** Dan & Linda Linegar, Elizabeth Houle, Bob Soerens

**HOSPITALITY:** Shawne Cryderman, Susan Ruffini

**GREETERS:** Volunteers

**FACILITIES:** Dan Linegar

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Karen Thomas, Jayne Raffety, Mary Ann Butler



## Tidings of Comfort and Joy From your Health Ministry Team

Mountain Shadows' annual "Blue Christmas" display provides a variety of resources to help us all – especially those who are experiencing loss or anxiety during this holiday season.

Please stop by for helpful *Care Notes*, good support resources, and even tips on eating healthy during the holidays.



*As our gift, please be sure to take home a tag from the Blue tree offering HOPE as you journey through the season.*



## JANUARY 2019 ORACLE EARLY DEADLINE:

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

## Coming Up!

All submissions for the 2019 Annual Report are due to Judy Leonard by Wed., January 15, 2020.



## Congregation "Town Hall" Meeting Sunday, December 8 Following Worship

The Session invites you to join Mountain Shadows congregants in a "town hall" meeting to *look forward faithfully together*. During 2019, Session has undertaken a study of our current and future needs, consistent with our mission, and how our current campus supports our future. Please attend this meeting for a presentation from Session. It begins after worship and lasts approximately 45 minutes.



## 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.



**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.



**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 December Oracle newsletter for more details.



**Sign Up to Give:  
Christmas  
Adopt-A-Family Gifts**

Adopt-a-Family is a Christian gift-giving ministry for people in need. To sign-up look on the Ramada for the sign-up sheets. 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. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you shop:

- No gifts over \$70.00, no gift cards, no electronics, no candles.
- Always get a gift card receipt (for returns) and enclose it with the gift when you bring it to church.
- Do not gift wrap your gift.
- If you are looking for tools, consider Harbor Freight.

*Please include the colored coded sheet with the name of the recipient on it.*

Questions? Please call Nan Nasser, 520-825-1245.

**December 2019 Office Hours**

Due to scheduled staff vacations, the office hours during December are:

Monday, December 2 –  
Friday, December 20  
8:15 a.m – 1:15 p.m.

**Monday, December 23 –  
Wednesday, December 31  
Office Closed**

*Normal office hours will resume on  
Thursday, January 2, 2020*

# MOUNTAIN SHADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTOR

Rev. Rachel Srubas

### Director of Music

Charmaine Piane Dame

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

<b>Caring</b>	Health Ministry	Jayne Raffety, Moderator
<b>Gathering</b>	Christian Community	Shawne Cryderman, Moderator
	Co-Clerk of Session & Membership	Cassi Fraley, Elder
<b>Giving</b>	Worship & Music	Mary Ann Butler, Elder
	Stewardship	Dave Smith, Moderator
<b>Learning</b>	Legacy	David Raffety, Moderator
	Adult Faith Formation/Library	Rod Hutton, Elder
<b>Tending</b>	Co-Clerk of Session	Skip Brauns
	Finance	Jeff States, Elder
<b>Venturing</b>	Facilities/Grounds	Dan Linegar, Elder
	Personnel	Session as Acting Team
	Mission & Outreach	Laura Carey, Elder
<b>Session Elders</b>	Communications	Tony Zoellner, Moderator
		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.