



**April 2012**

## **Holy Week and Easter at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church**

God's Grace and Christ's peace to you from Pastor Rachel. Holy Week and Easter offer Christians an opportunity to participate in the meanings of Jesus' self-sacrificial love for the world. Join with others of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church and follow Christ to the cross, where he takes on all human frailty and redeems us through resurrecting love.

**Palm Sunday, April 1. At 10:00 a.m.**, worshipers will assemble under the church ramada.\* We will receive palm branches and process into church singing, led by the children of our Sunday School. In this way, we will commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. With leadership by their faithful Sunday School teacher, Linda Lazzeroni, the children will present a special song during worship. We all will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Special thanks and praise are due to the members and friends of the Facilities and Worship and Music Ministry Teams for their efforts in preparing our church for this important time. *\*Any persons for whom assembling outside presents an undue physical challenge will be graciously ushered into church before the procession. Christ honors all people, of all abilities!*

**Maundy Thursday, April 5. At 6:00 p.m.**, a simple but tasty soup, bread, and fruit supper will be served, thanks to the coordinating sponsorship of the Christian Community Building Ministry team. A vegetarian soup option will be offered, and transportation will be provided for those who need it. **At 7:00 p.m., all will quietly enter church for a Maundy Thursday worship service centered on Jesus' commandment to "love one another," which will include the sharing of the Lord's Supper.** Sunday School teacher Linda Lazzeroni and her daughter, Jezzica Lazzeroni, will be present to provide Christian care for children during the Maundy Thursday worship service. Thanks be to God for all those of our church who nurture children!



**Good Friday, April 6, Mountain Shadows will be closed and church staff will be given the day off.** Those looking for a Good Friday worship service may wish to attend the 6:00 p.m. gathering at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church at 7575 North Paseo del Norte, Tucson.

**Easter Sunday, April 8, Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church will glorify the risen Christ at two resurrection-themed worship services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** Thanks to coordinating efforts by Director of Music, Charmaine Piane Dame, **a special guest brass ensemble will play at both Easter services.** Childcare and Sunday School for children will be provided during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Children will be most welcome in worship at the 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service. New church members will be publicly welcomed at the 10:00 worship service, during which our church choir will sing.

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received at both worship services on Easter Sunday, April 8.** Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities. One Great Hour of Sharing supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People ministries. Thanks to the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team for coordinating this important annual offering, to be received on April 8.

Yours in the love of our crucified and risen Lord,

*Pastor Rachel*



## Notes from the Director of Music

And so the musical “**Did You Knows...**” continue again this month with interesting facts about a popular Hymn and choir member facts!

**Did You Know** the “**The Hallelujah Chorus**” from The Messiah was written in 1741 by George Frideric Handel. Well, I would guess most of us have a handle on G. F. Handel! Handel’s father tried to persuade him to enter the legal profession, but he loved the organ, harpsichord and violin. He began writing operas at an early age, first in Italy then London. By his 20s he was well known in London and one of the best paid musicians. People would fight for seats at every performance. His fame soared around the world. As with many composers & musicians, his glory passed and his music became outdated! One project after another failed. Handel was bankrupt and very depressed.

A friend of his sent him a manuscript with biblical texts. The opening words from Isaiah 40 moved him: “*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people...*” August 22, 1741, he shut the door of his London home and started composing music for the words. Twenty-three days later, the world had The Messiah! Handel tried to describe his experience writing the music. He didn’t know if he was in the body or out of the body.

The work opened to enormous crowds, with Handel leading from the harpsichord. King George II, who was present at a performance on March 23, 1743, surprised everyone by leaping to his feet during the Hallelujah Chorus. No one knows why. Some believe the king, being hard of hearing, thought it was the national anthem!!! To this day audiences everywhere stand during the stirring words: *Hallelujah! For He shall reign forever and ever.*

**Did You Know that Fran Moran & Roland “Cal” Calhoun** love to sing? Check out their stories!

The following is in **Fran’s** own words: “I SING IN THE CHOIR TO FULFILL A PROMISE I MADE WITH GOD WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER AND JOINED HIS CHURCH. (THAT PROMISE IS PRIVATE). I AM JUST SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE "TALENTS", "BLESSINGS" AND "OPPORTUNITIES" HE HAS GIVEN ME AND THE LEAST I CAN DO IS SING FOR HIM EVERY DAY. AND I CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY, I SING EVERYDAY.”

**Cal** sings in the MSPC choir because in his words, “They’ll let me.” Cal feels the fellowship of any common cause is pleasant. When singing there is a feeling of accomplishment and progress. He needs the challenge of doing well and the sense of striving. Perhaps we all do. Cal’s impression is that others seem to enjoy the music; he has a sense of being useful.

**Now that you are getting to know us better – why not try singing with us? Rehearsals are Thursdays from 3:45-5:15pm. Charmaine Piane Dame**



## DEACONS

“Greatly honored are those who show mercy.” The fifth Beatitude gives us perspective on what’s important in the Kingdom. Margaret Aymer in her *Horizons* Bible study defines mercy with three progressive components:

- Compassion or pity
- Taking Action
- Dedication or staying the course

“For they will receive mercy.” God honors His children who become vulnerable and take risks to show mercy in our world. Ms. Aymer’s prayer can be ours as we in the community of faith seek courage and wisdom in how to be merciful:

- Move us to act with mercy
- Steady us to dedicate our lives to the Christ-like way of mercy
- Transform us into people who show mercy, as you show mercy

*Karen Koopmans*

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Christian Community Building Ministry Team invites (and encourages) everyone to sign up for **ONE - just ONE Sunday** fellowship to share the responsibility. A team of two is needed to make coffee, set-up, get the cookies, lemonade and iced tea ready to be served and clean-up. It is an easy task that doesn't include setting up tables, just the refreshments. Sign up for one Sunday at a time (not an entire month).



Also needed are "cookie" folks to supply cookies for a Sunday at a time. Training and assistance is available.

Please sign up for the **Maundy Thursday Simple Supper** so we know how many folks to prepare for.

If you plan to attend the Prime Time Players dress rehearsal for **THE DINING ROOM**, on **Monday, April 16 at 3:30**, please sign up and give your **\$15.00** per person to David Raffety. *Shawne Cryderman*

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Vacation Bible School 2012

This year Mountain Shadows will again host VBS. The dates to keep in mind are the week of July 30 through August 3 and August 5 when the children will present in worship some of what they have learned. WE hope that all the children who attend Sunday School will come to VBS. And in order to have a great week we will need many adult volunteers.



All adults volunteering will receive training—but the prerequisites are fairly simple. Besides being fingerprinted by the sheriff's department we ask you to interact with the children. This is probably the most important thing you can do with children—talk to them.

The book, *Powerful Interactions: How to Connect with Children and Extend Their Learning*, offers these suggestions for asking children questions: "In a powerful interaction, you pause to **be present**, then intentionally **make a personal connection** with the child [by slowing down and staying in the moment, listening to the child, personalizing your interactions, showing respect, and guiding behavior], simultaneously **moving the child's learning forward** in a small, yet purposeful, way [by responding to their curiosity, having conversations, inspiring imaginative play, solving problems together, laughing with children, and asking questions]. Therefore, the questions you ask them make a difference in both the child's feelings towards you *and* the child's thinking and learning."

Here are some other strategies suggested by the authors for asking good questions: alternate between silence, commentary, and questions; tailor the questions to the child; and offer a manageable challenge.

Volunteering for Vacation Bible School can be fun and inspiring too. Please consider spending a week with our children this summer. For more information talk with Linda Lazzeroni or Cassi Fraley. *Cassi Fraley*

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Look Who's New in the Nursery!



Sadly, Traci Meadows resigned in February due to health concerns. But we are excited to introduce Linda Lazzeroni's daughter, Jezzica, who will be providing nursery care. Jezzica is an artist (one of her pieces won an award and is on display in the Main Library), a singer, a dramatist (she is currently in a school musical), and an excellent student. She offers consistency, responsibility and enthusiasm. When she is not needed in the nursery she will help her mother in Sunday School as she did on March 11. She was welcomed there by the children, who brought her treats after worship! I think they like her—and so do I. Stop by and greet her in the nursery before church or after the children have left the Sunday school room after worship. *Cassi Fraley*

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Hello from Sunday School Land!**

What a great group of children we have at MSPC! From the very youngest in my class to the eldest, we have great dialogue, varied interests and skills, and, best of all, we have older children who step up to help the younger children. I want to thank Cassi for the additional help she always gives me and the way in which she anticipates the needs for our Sunday School.



Because of the varied ages we are working on making some adjustments so that each one of our children will have a meaningful Sunday School experience. As a result of this disparity of ages within one group I am developing a curriculum geared to meet the needs of all of the ages (i.e. crafts for younger kids; creative writing and crafts which require more dexterity for the older children.) I appreciate the patience of the children and the parents as we move forward with the sole intention of giving our kids a deeper understanding of the Bible, of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and the comfort of a safe environment conducive to learning.

Recently I have been gifted with some amazing volunteers who have served as helpers. I am sending out a call for a few more of you. It works well to have a person in there for two consecutive weeks (minimum) as it creates some consistency and the children will be happy to see a familiar face. You don't have to do any lesson planning, you don't have to know how to sing, you don't even have to make cookies and pour milk! You just need to show up and be pleasant! Occasionally, I will ask a question or two as things arise; but for the most part, it is about being present and available.

Please let me know of any concerns you may have and of any volunteer hours you may wish to share with our youth!

*Linda Lazzeroni*, llazzeroni@msn.com

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp**

Montlure, your camping ministry, is pleased to announce that registration for the 2012 summer program is now available. You can go to [www.montlure.org](http://www.montlure.org) to see the summer schedule of camps for children going into grades 4 through 12 and then register by making a secure payment with a credit card. You also have the option of registering by mail.



Montlure offers six weeks of camp for children. Whether you are a first-time camper, or a veteran senior high, there is something for everyone at Montlure.

Make your plan to have camp be a part of your summer. *Cassi Fraley*

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## **EVANGELISM & COMMUNICATIONS: Did You Miss Worship Last Sunday??**



If so, now you can go onto our website at [www.mountainshadowchurch.org](http://www.mountainshadowchurch.org) and listen to Pastor Rachel's sermon. With the help of Ken McAllister and our office manager, Stacy Rogers, we now have recorded audio sermons available, just like the written sermons that have been on our web site for some time. You will find these new audio recordings under the "Resource" tab. Click on Sermons Audio, find the Sunday you want to listen to, click on the file, make sure your computer speakers are turned on, and enjoy. If for some reason, you cannot attend service, please try to take time to hear the message. *Dan Linegar*

# FINANCE: Monthly Financial Report



Below is a financial summary of the Operating Budget showing the most recent month, year-to-date results, the year-to-date budget, and the prior year year-to-date results.

## Monthly Financial Report - Operating Budget

February 2012	2012			2011
	February Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual
Regular Offerings	\$ 14,591	\$ 31,625	\$ 44,424	\$ 30,401
Other Income	<u>2,919</u>	<u>4,302</u>	<u>5,442</u>	<u>8,301</u>
Total Income	\$ 17,511	\$ 35,926	\$ 49,866	\$ 38,702
Total Expense	<u>\$ 23,194</u>	<u>\$ 43,076</u>	<u>\$ 45,888</u>	<u>\$ 35,418</u>
Income less Expense	\$ (5,684)	\$ (7,150)	\$ 3,977	\$ 3,284

If you have questions about the Church's finances, please contact Mike Penner at 825-2905, Moderator of the Finance Ministry Team, or David Raffety, Church Treasurer at 544-7397.

## MISSIONS: Have You Bought Your Just Coffee Plus Today?

Okay, you say, convince me!! Why should I buy Just Coffee Plus? Because space prevents me from going on and on, let me give you just three reasons. (I will wait until next month to give you more reasons!)



1. **The Coffee is GOOD.** This high mountain, patio dried, hand selected estate coffee has a remarkable flavor that is never bitter or acidic, smells as good as it tastes and is very consistent because it is never blended with all the other coffees in Mexico.
2. **You have a direct relationship with the grower.** Why shouldn't you know the person who grows your coffee. His name is on every bag. The coffee is good and wholesome and the growers are proud of their product.
3. **The coffee is Fair Trade Plus.** Just Coffee is about so much more than the growers receiving a higher and more consistent payment for their coffee. It is about owning the business that delivers the coffee to you. It is having the chance for their adult children to work not just in the coffee fields, but in managing this international company. It is about paying for health care for every grower and their family. It is about re-investing profits from the company back into the community. It is about being owners of the business, not just coffee share croppers. It is a way for the growers to stay on the land they love instead of seeking work in the US.

We at Mountain Shadows buy this coffee, not only because it tastes good, but also because it one answer to justice in the region of Chiapas. The cooperatives were begun through the efforts of our Border Ministry, Frontera de Cristo. The cooperatives have a great opportunity to expand. However, expansion is only possible with increased sales of the product. Therefore, we at Mountains Shadows hope to increase our sales in 2012 from 250 pounds to 400 pounds. Watch our goal thermometer rise! Buy your coffee on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays!

**Fun Coffee Fact:** It is legend that coffee was discovered about 1,500 years ago in Ethiopia when a tired goat herder noticed how active his goats got at night after eating coffee tree leaves and berries. It didn't take long for the goat shepherd to discover the miraculous effect of coffee. *Drene Camp*, Just Coffee Chairperson

## MISSIONS: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be Received on Easter Sunday



2011 was a historic year for weather-related disasters. An earthquake and tsunami struck Japan in March. The National Weather Service reported 1,500 tornadoes across the United States. Heavy rain and pelting snow caused historic flooding. Drought, heat waves and wildfires caused devastation in the Southern plains. Yet, in the midst of all the upheaval, the Presbyterian church was there for those in need because of your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

This offering, begun in 1949 in the aftermath of World War II, and shared by eight other protestant denominations, brings hope and joy to those in need throughout the world. Although this is an ecumenical offering, gifts from Presbyterians are used by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This offering is divided among three programs: The Presbyterian Hunger Fund, The Self Development of People, and the Presbyterian Disaster Fund. Our PCUSA received about 7.5 million dollars in 2011. Mountain Shadows gave \$2,726.67.

As we contemplate the many disasters of 2011, we realize anew how important this offering is! Our theme for this year is "Sharing Resources, Changing Lives". Let us generously share our resources and thereby change many lives. Can we top our 2011 offering? Let's prayerfully try! *Drene Camp*

## Announcements

### A Distinguished Alumnus Among Us!

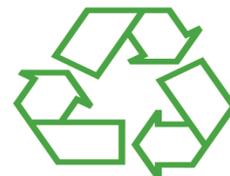


Founded by a Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Duncan McMillan, in 1875, **Wasatch Academy** is an independent, interfaith boarding school serving grades 9 through 12, in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. It provides an excellent college preparatory education as indicated by the high number and quality of the colleges that enroll Wasatch graduates. At the start of the 2011-2012 academic year Wasatch Academy welcomed 285 students from 36 countries and 28 states.

**Mountain Shadows' affiliate member, Tom Tucker** attended Wasatch Academy from 1946 to 1953. He has served the school on the Board of Trustees since 2000 as Chair of the facilities and infrastructure committee for most of that time. He is also a member of the equestrian committee. Tom was recently honored to learn that he has been selected as a **Distinguished Alumnus** for 2012, which will be awarded at Founders Day on April 21. **Congratulations, Tom!**

## RECYCLE, RECYCLE!

Do you have flower containers that have come to your home with flowers from church? If you would bring them back and leave them in the kitchen, our winter flower minister, Lynn Parker, will find them and use them again! **THANKS!**



## Fellowship Time on Easter Sunday, April 8



Easter Fellowship will take place from **9:00—9:45, BETWEEN services**. The Christian Community Building Ministry Team will provide coffee, cake, breads and donut holes and be responsible for preparing the coffee, lemonade and iced tea, plus set-up and clean-up. **No fellowship AFTER the 10:00 service.**



Friday, April 27, 2012

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

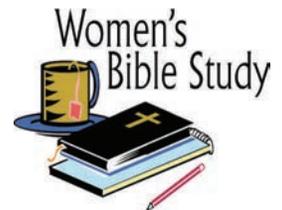
at St. Philips In The Hills Episcopal Church  
4440 N. Campbell Ave. at River Road

Conference Registration Fees:  
\$35 each, 3 or more is \$25 each

Call 297-2738 ext 233  
with questions about registration

## Attention! Please Note....

Due to Holy Week, there is a change in the date for Women's Bible Study in April. We will meet on April 12 and 19, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week. The study continues with Lesson 7, *Greatly Honored Are the Peacemakers!* of Confessing the Beatitudes, by Margaret Aymer. For more information, please contact Judy Hans at 818-3285.



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### *The Dining Room*

by A. R. Gurney



*THE DINING ROOM*, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1985, covers a span of 50 years, in which actors/actresses play 57 different roles. Individual stories merge into a single saga of family tensions, regrets illicit relationships and uncertain futures; some funny, some touching, some rueful.

MSPC congregants and guests are invited to the dress rehearsal on **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm** in the MVCC ballroom. **Cost is \$15.00** per person, payable to MSPC treasurer, David Raffety. The money will be put toward the debt reduction campaign. A reception will be held immediately following the dress rehearsal at Mike and Sally Penner's home in SaddleBrooke. Please plan to join us for this opportunity to see three of our own – Judi Brauns, Shawne Cryderman and Susan Sterling – as they perform. **For more information, please see David Raffety or Shawne Cryderman.**

## Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

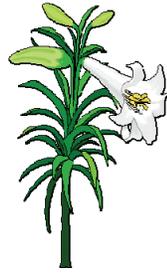
Christian Community Building Ministry Team (CCBMT) will be sponsoring a Maundy Thursday Simple Soup Supper on **April 5** before worship. Congregants and guests are invited to join their brothers and sisters in Christ while partaking of a simple meal of soup, bread, grapes, water and lemonade. This Simple Soup Supper will take place **in rooms 2, 3, and 4 beginning at 6:00 pm**. The choir will be served at 5:30 pm. Various selections of soups will be served, with a vegetarian soup available. Please plan to attend this Lenten activity.



# WRITING IS FUN!!!



The next meeting of the Write-On Group will be held **Monday, April 2 at 6:30p.m.** in room 3.



## Fresh Easter Lilies

Due to the advances in technology, we will have **FRESH** Easter lilies in the Sanctuary this Easter Sunday. The lilies have had their pollen removed.

# JOVIALITY!! • Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Hurry! Highlight your calendars!** The Gaslight Theatre version of *The Three Musketeers* will be presented just for us. Proceeds go to our Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona. At the ticket table under the Ramada, you can see the Gaslight Theatre's seating chart. Transportation to and from the theater is provided on request.



## Feasting on the Word Adult Bible Study

Every Sunday morning at 8:30a.m., in Room 3. **Drop-ins are welcome!**



## JOIN US FOR CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAYS @ 3:45p.m.

### OFFICE HOURS



**Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon**

**MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE  
DUE**

**APRIL 15, 2012**

## Taizé Worship Schedule

Sunday @ 5:00p.m.



**April 8**

**May 13**

A note from Pastor Rachel: Looking for a list of folks who need prayer? See your Sunday worship bulletin insert and give thanks for Deacons who keep our weekly prayer list up to date. This month, in lieu of a prayer list in the Oracle, I give you a bit of wisdom from Richard J. Foster, author of **Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home**. In Simple Prayer we bring ourselves before God just as we are, warts and all. Like children before a loving father, we open our hearts and make our requests. We do not try to sort things out, the good from the bad. We simply and unpretentiously share our concerns and make our petitions....When we pray, genuinely pray, the real condition of our heart is revealed. This is as it should be. This is when God truly begins to work with us.



# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>8:30AM</b> 1 Adult Bible Study <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00PM</b> Hospitality	2 <b>6:30PM</b> Write On Group	3	4 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL	5 <b>3:45PM</b> Choir <b>6:00PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service	6	7 <b>No Men's Fellowship Resumes April 14th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b> 8 Worship <b>9:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00PM</b> Hospitality <b>5:00PM</b> Taizé	9	10 <b>3:00PM</b> Legacy <b>4:00PM</b> Gifting & Stewardship	11 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL <b>4:00PM</b> Evangelism & Communications	12 <b>2:30PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	13	14 <b>8:00AM</b> Men's Fellowship
<b>8:30AM</b> 15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>12:00PM</b> Food Drive @ Bashas	16 <b>10:00AM</b> Deacons <b>3:30PM</b> "Dining Room" Dress Rehearsal	17	18 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL	19 <b>2:30PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	20	21 <b>8:00AM</b> Men's Fellowship
22 <b>8:30AM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality	23	24 <b>1:00PM</b> Prayer's & Squares	25 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL <b>3:00PM</b> Session	26 <b>3:45PM</b> Choir <b>4:00PM</b> Pastor Rachel @ Splendido	27	28 <b>8:00AM</b> Men's Fellowship  <b>Presbytery de Cristo @ 1st Presbyterian Church, Douglas, AZ</b>
<b>8:30AM</b> 29 Adult bible Study <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>7:00PM</b> Gaslight Theatre	30					