

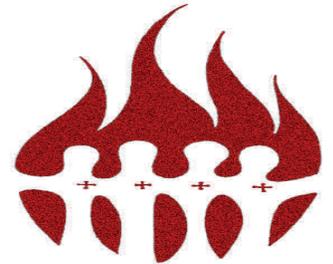


**January 2014**

## **Ministry Leadership Institute: A Practical Learning Series in January**

Presbyterians are Christians who actively share in ministry. Church members and friends collaborate in serving God through teams and ministries of the church.

During the month of January, 2014, before I begin my three-month pastoral sabbatical in February, I will offer a **Ministry Leadership Institute** to equip Mountain Shadows' congregants for ministry and leadership. **I urge all interested women and men--winter residents, deacons, elders, and friends of the church--to attend.** The classes will help you develop awareness and practical skills for Christian leadership and teamwork with our congregation. **Your participation will help ensure that Reverend John Cheek, the substitute pastor who'll serve Mountain Shadows Church from February through April, 2014, will find confident ministry partners among the faithful people of our congregation.**



Each Ministry Leadership Institute class is named after a hymn that expresses the meanings of the ministry skills we'll develop. **Mountain Shadows needs you and your ministry!**

**Sunday, January 5, 11:30-1:00 Healer of Our Every Ill: Practicing Healing Prayer and Home Communion.** Learn about extending care and sacramental ministry to ailing and homebound congregants. This class is especially appropriate for Deacons, members of the Health Ministry Team, past participants in Congregational Care Partner training, and anyone who feels called to become involved in the compassionate components of Christian ministry.

**Thursday, January 9, 9:30-11:30 How Firm a Foundation: Grounding our Ministries in God and Faith.** Learn about resources for basing your volunteerism on Scripture and other essential tools for Presbyterian Christians. This class is especially appropriate for Elders, Deacons, Ministry Team members and friends who need help developing the spiritual component of their church involvement.

**Thursday, January 16, 9:30-11:30 We All Are One in Mission: Equipped, Purposeful Leaders & Teams.** Learn about Mountain Shadows' mission to be centered in Christ, caring for community, as well as ministry teams' particular areas of emphasis. This class is especially appropriate for anyone who enjoys setting and accomplishing meaningful goals, and is committed to the active work of this congregation.

**Thursday, January 23, 9:30-11:30 God, Bless Your Church with Strength: Structuring our Ministries.** Learn about the six faith priorities that Mountain Shadows' Session will develop in 2014: *Gathering, Caring, Learning, Giving, Tending, and Venturing*. This class is especially appropriate for Elders and others who wish to think systematically about faithful congregational ministry.

**Thursday, January 30, 9:30-11:30 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me: Useful, Practical Ministry Tools.** Learn about vital nuts-and-bolts necessities for ministry at Mountain Shadows, including smart scheduling, sound financial practices, communication protocols, and more. This class is especially appropriate for Elders, Deacons, volunteers who help in the church office.

**Please sign-up today** to participate in the Ministry Leadership Institute at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Rachel*



# Notes from the Music Minister

## January 2014 Community-Wide Workshop & Hymn Festival Service!

The American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a community-wide workshop and hymn festival service, **January 18 and 19**. Choirs from the Tucson and surrounding areas are invited to participate in a workshop from 1:00-2:30p.m., Saturday afternoon. The topic is "The Future of Church Musicians." Dr. David Cherwien is the guest clinician. He is a nationally known conductor, composer and church organist. Currently he is the director of the National Lutheran Choir.

Following the workshop, the choirs will rehearse music for the hymn festival service on Sunday. Music includes a range of best loved traditional hymns as well as more recent tunes. Also included will be special hymn arrangements created by Dr. Cherwien.

Many of our choir members are participating in the event. You are invited to the hymn festival service on **Sunday, January 19 at 4p.m.** Christ United Methodist, 655 N. Craycroft Rd. is hosting the event. Some hymns will be sung by the choir alone and others will include the congregation. It sounds like a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon! **Hope you will join us.**

And - it's not too late to join the choir. We have many ideas in the works for Lent and Easter! You can be a part of our musical prayer. Please give me a call at 982-2437 or an email [bcdame@comcast.net](mailto:bcdame@comcast.net).

*Charmaine Diane Dame*

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### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRY TEAM - Spring Barbershop Harmony Show



CCBMT cordially invites MSPC congregants (and friends) to a wonderful day full of music and laughter and entertainment and good food and good fun and..... leave the driving to us! We will pick you up at your home, take you to the bus and make sure you get home at the end of the trip!

**Date:** Saturday, March 15

**Time:** Show is at 2:00p.m. with buses leaving Oro Valley at 11:00a.m. and return by 9:00p.m. Ticket price includes transportation, the show and reservations (you pay for your own meal) at The Claim Jumper Restaurant in Tempe after the show.

**The Trip:** We ride the chartered luxury buses from Sun City Oro Valley directly to the Mesa Performing Arts Center, arriving in time for the matinee show. After the show, the buses take us to the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Tempe. We order from the large menu and get individual checks. The buses bring us back to Sun City Oro Valley by 9:00p.m.

**The Show:** This year's theme is 'Vive Las Vegas' performed by the 70-man outstanding Spirit of Phoenix Barbershop Chorus (one of the top men's a cappella choruses in the world in international competitions) and our very own MSPC choir member Mike Moyer sings in this chorus. The featured guests, *Mastermind*, is the current international Barbershop Champion Quartet. It will be a top notch, professionally presented, highly entertaining show!

**Cost:** Depends on how many people take the buses. Mike gets excellent seats at good ticket prices for our large group. For the past 4-5 years, total price has been \$50-\$55 per person – includes show ticket and bus transportation. We'll know the final price by early March, the more people, the lower the bus cost per person.

*Shawne Cryderman*

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRY TEAM (CCBMT): Table of Friends

Table of Friends will begin in January. Letters will be sent out to participants the week of January 6, 2014. All are welcome to join in this fun adventure, which allows MSPC congregants a chance to get to know each other and share meals plus other activities! If you still want to be part of this annual, fun, rewarding MSPC activity, please contact Shawne Cryderman - 818-2690. *Shawne Cryderman*



## First Annual MSPC Craft Fair

Crafters and handmade items creators – this is your big chance to show off your skills and the wonderful items you have made! The MSPC craft fair will be held on **Sunday, April 6, after worship**. Crafters will be charged \$15 per table and it is suggested that the crafters also give 10% of their profits to MSPC. Money earned from the craft fair will be given to the Gifting & Stewardship team to be used as they see fit. **Eleanor Geiger will be the person of contact for this activity and needs to know if you are going to participate in this adventure, so please contact her (1-703-919-8418 or [geigereleanor@yahoo.com](mailto:geigereleanor@yahoo.com)) to sign-up and reserve your table.** *Shawne Cryderman*



## Join Our Ministry Team



Blessings on those who serve in the name of the Lord! Please join our ministry team to help promote fellowship and have fun with the “social” part of being a member of this congregation. Don’t want to be on the team, but still want to serve in some small capacity? Sign-up to help make/bake/bring cookies/sweets for Sunday fellowship or help with set-up, serving and clean-up of fellowship. Many hands make light work and we want your hands to join with ours!

Thanks for considering this request!

The CCBMT – *Karen, Liz, Judy, Helen, Elizabeth, Rita and Shawne*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday School News

Greetings from Sunday School. We are comfortable in our setting but would certainly welcome additional children. If your grandchildren, or your neighbors' grandchildren don't have a church home, please tell them that we have plenty of room, delicious and nutritious snacks, and we welcome visitors. There are a lot of activities we are doing that would be even more fun and interesting if we had a larger group. The exciting holidays just flew by so quickly and we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and Easter before we know it! All of the holidays give our children opportunities to create their own traditions and to share their families' traditions with each other. We continue each Sunday to discuss what is going on in their lives and offer encouragement and remind them of the power of prayer and faith. **We love our Sunday School! Thanks for your support of our sweet little group of children.**



*Linda Lazzeroni*

## 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

November 2013	2013			2012
	November Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual
Regular Offerings	\$ 17,936	\$ 188,654	\$ 197,800	\$ 184,270
Other Income	281	10,682	8,289	8,257
Total Income	\$ 18,217	\$ 199,336	\$ 206,089	\$ 192,527
Total Expense	\$ 18,083	\$ 214,986	\$ 221,601	\$ 213,993
Income less Expense	\$ 135	\$ (15,650)	\$ (15,512)	\$ (21,466)

If you have questions about the Church's finances, please contact David Raffety, Church Treasurer at 544-7397.

## HEALTH MINISTRY: Life's Third Trimester - North



Life's Third Trimester - North is a new Meetup Life Discussion Group for all church and community members ages 60-90. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 9:30 - 11:30a.m. in Room 3. Next meeting dates are Tuesdays, January 14 and 28 here at Mountain Shadows. Sandy Mauck, retired psychotherapist and life coach moderates the group. There is no fee or attendance policy - so come when you can! Register online at: <http://www.meetup.com/meet-up-group-IJPKLhOO/> or contact Sandy at [lifethirdtrimester@gmail.com](mailto:lifethirdtrimester@gmail.com). Share your wisdom and experiences! **Some upcoming topics include:**

- A definition of the third trimester: who we truly are
- It's not about age, it's about fulfillment
- What are you not facing about Facebook?
- Bridging the gap: adult children of third tri's
- Using your gifts: even when you think you don't have them
- Getting set in our ways: third trimester inevitability or an opportunity for more?

*Jayne Raffety*

## SAVE THE DATE! MSPC Blood Drive

Save the Date...the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 16th after worship. Did you know there is no age limit for giving blood in Arizona? Plan to donate! *Janice Ahlquist*



## HEALTH MINISTRY: Go4Life



It's January and time to recharge and to set up a good healthy fitness plan that works in your everyday life. Stop by the Health Ministry display table to pick up some **Go4Life** materials to help you get going!! There are sample exercise plans available, tip sheets, and great ideas for fitting exercise into your day.

**Go4Life** is an exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging at National Institute of Health (NIH). It is designed to help older adults fit exercise and physical activity into their daily life.

The **Go4Life** website is also a great resource with lots of printables : <http://go4life.nia.nih.gov/Go4Life>.

As always, remember to consult with your doctor before starting a new exercise regimen. **To help you kick off your good intentions on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> MSPC will sponsor another:**

## Enjoy your Fruits and Veggies Sunday!!

Are you able to help provide and prepare these special snacks for this special Sunday?  
**Contact Jayne Raffety 544-7397. *Jayne Raffety***

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## LEGACY MINISTRY: Legacy Ministry Grows as We Celebrate Two Saints



In July 2013, Mountain Shadows received two bequests from the estates of Bill King and Esther Lyn Jaques. Both gifts came to us with the words “to the glory of God.” These bequests are the first since the establishment of our Legacy Ministry in late 2009. And we believe these are the first two bequests in the history of our young church.

Both gifts came to us as “undesignated,” that is, without specific direction as to how they should be applied. Both directed us to use these to further the ministries of Mountain Shadows. The total of these two bequests was \$11,300.

The Board of Legacy Ministry has previously adopted a policy to use undesignated gifts to grow the General Endowment Fund within Legacy Ministry and to pay down the church's debt until such time as it is retired. After review of these gifts and our policy, the Session concurred and \$5,650 was included in a debt reduction payment in late November and \$5,650 was added to the General Endowment Fund.

Prior to these two bequests, the General Endowment Fund had a balance of approximately \$4,000. This balance came primarily from memorial gifts in honor of Nancy Martens. With these two bequests, the General Endowment Fund is now close to \$10,000. As an endowment fund, these gifts will be held in perpetuity and invested. Earnings from this General Endowment Fund will eventually be used to extend the ministries of Mountain Shadows.

By any measure, we are a young church and our Legacy Ministry is in its infancy. Yet in just four years we have planted seeds of hope!

We have received the blessings of two more of our saints – Bill and Esther Lyn. As we are instructed by Peter in 1 Peter 4:10: “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

**To the Glory of God! *David Raffety***

# MISSION & OUTREACH: Just Coffee at Mountain Shadows...Past, Present and Future



As we begin 2014, it is always a good idea to look at the past to learn how it shapes our present and future. So for a few moments, let us examine our relationship with Cafe Justo in that way.

**The Past:** We did not quite reach our goal of 500 lbs. sold, but we came close. Friends, neighbors and members of MSPC bought 440 pounds. We should rejoice in our continual support to this mission project.

**The Present:** Coffee will continue to be sold on the 1st and 3rd of each month. Can we perhaps pledge to sell more than 500 pounds this year? Can we realize that as we purchase this coffee for ourselves or for others, we are supporting one answer to the immigration problem? Villages are being rejuvenated, young men are staying and working the coffee fields instead of heading north, and families are remaining together because of the Just Coffee cooperatives. The number of farmers that receive a living wage for their coffee is directly dependent on the amount sold to valued customers like you.

**The Future:** 2014 offers many opportunities to learn more about the Just Coffee mission project. In the Spring, probably March, another one-day visit to Aqua Prieta will be planned. The delegation will meet with our missionary Mark Adams and his wife Miriam. We will learn about the process of growing coffee in Chiapas, see the roaster and witness the roasting, packing and shipping of this coffee. We will meet those who are involved daily in bringing us our coffee. For those who want the most in-depth experience of Just Coffee, you can join the November 7-16, 2014 trip entitled "Coffee, Migration and Faith." This one-week trip to Chiapas, Mexico builds relationships and understanding across borders while enjoying great coffee, delicious food and incredible hospitality with the Just Coffee farmers.

A new year has arrived, but the purpose and quality of Just Coffee remains the same! Can YOU make buying Just Coffee one of your New Year's Resolutions?

*Drene Camp*

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## Many Thanks & "Mission Minded" Luncheon

*Many thanks to Mountain Shadows*, a truly generous Christian congregation, for supporting November's Thanksgiving baskets for Catalina Community Services and the December Adopt-A-Family Christmas for families from Tri-Community Food Bank.

Check out the Mission bulletin board located behind the Sunday beverage station. This month's highlight is **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**.

Our next "**Mission Minded**" Luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30a.m.**, with location to be announced! All those with mission hearts or leading mission projects are invited to come to share and learn more about the goings on and goings out! in missions at Mountain Shadows. Please sign-up under the ramada.

*Jayne Raffety* 544-7397.



# Announcements

## Update on Pastoral Sabbatical Plans and Resources



On November 17, 2013, Pastor Rachel Srubas preached a sermon called "Rejoice in What God is Creating." You can listen to that sermon here [Rejoice in What God is Creating 11-17-2013](#) or by going to [www.mountainshadowchurch.org](http://www.mountainshadowchurch.org), and clicking on Resources, where audio sermons may be heard. In the sermon on November 17, Pastor Rachel described the pastoral study project for which she has been awarded a grant of \$12,200 by the Louisville Institute. \$7,500 of the grant will pay the salary of Rev. John Cheek, the substitute pastor who will serve Mountain Shadows during Rachel's sabbatical, February through April of 2014. The remainder of the grant will fund Rachel's project, summarized below.

During World War I, Ottoman Turkish forces systematically deported and exterminated Armenians living within Turkey. Pailadzo Captanian, an Armenian who survived a forced march to Syria while pregnant, published in 1919 a French language memoir of her experience. The memoir has never been translated into English, despite Captanian's having relocated to the United States, where she made an impact on popular American cuisine.

In "Redemption in Translation: An Armenian Woman's Memoir of Genocide," Rachel Srubas will translate into English and write theological and literary reflections on Pailadzo Captanian's *Mémoires d'une déportée arménienne*. She will study accounts of the Armenian Genocide and relevant theologies, and use an array of translation tools to produce a responsible and artful English-language version of Captanian's work. Rachel will visit Turkey to pay homage to the Armenians who died and those, like Pailadzo Captanian and Rachel's own grandfather, who endured. By translating into English, writing a reflection on, and seeking a publisher for, Captanian's memoir, Rachel will remember and honor a particular woman of letters. While the project will shed light on a nation's historic campaign of organized brutality against an ethnic minority, ultimately it will serve God's redemptive purposes of truthful revelation, healing, justice, and peace.

The Louisville Institute's *Pastoral Study Project Program* enables pastoral leaders to bracket daily work routines in order to pursue a pressing and significant question for the life of faith. Grants of up to \$15,000 support independent or collaborative study projects, and grantees may use a variety of platforms to share what they learn with a wider audience.

The Louisville Institute is funded by the Religion Division of Lilly Endowment and based at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (Louisville, Kentucky). The Institute's fundamental mission is to enrich the religious life of North American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of their institutions, by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them, so that the work of each might inform and strengthen the other.

Thanks be to God, who is providing resources to ensure Mountain Shadows' uninterrupted flourishing during Pastor Rachel's sabbatical, and is providing the means for Rachel to travel, study, rest and be reinvigorated during her time away from our church.

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## PRAYERS and SQUARES (P&S)

Prayers and Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. **The ministry's motto is, "It's not about the quilt, it's about the prayers."**



It began at Hope United Methodist Church in Rancho Bernardo, CA, with a quilt for a two-year-old child, following heart surgery. There are well over 1,000 P&S chapters worldwide. Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church is #724, established in 2007. Since 2008, the MSPC group has given away 46 lap-size prayer quilts. Though the quilts are often given to people experiencing illness, injury or grief, a few have been received by people in honor of their accomplishments or reaching milestones in their lives. One was created especially for a three-year-old in our community who was severely injured when hit by a truck. Two years ago the group crafted special pillowcases and gave each child in the church a special pillow.

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The idea behind these quilts is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, leaving the ends free to be tied in square knots. The quilts are dedicated at a Sunday service then tied while prayers are said on the ramada after the service. As each knot is tied a silent prayer is raised for the person being honored or comforted by receiving the quilt.

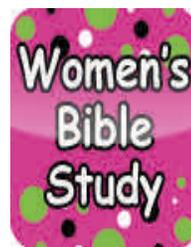
The quilt tops are sewn at home by individual quilters, or sometimes at work parties which occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Through the generosity of the Session and individual supporters in our congregation, a large stash of materials has been developed. People who wish to help are welcome to take materials from Room. 2. Please ask Cheron Mayhall, Penny Gibbs or Janet Dawson for assistance.

At the monthly sessions, all skill levels of sewers are needed. **There are even tasks for those who do not like to sew!** Gatherings are occasion for fellowship as well as quilt production. On a Sunday when a quilt is dedicated, persons are needed to stand with the quilt while it is tied and prayed over, helping to maintain a prayerful atmosphere around the quilt.

Any member or friend of MSPC can nominate a person to receive a prayer quilt. First the nominator should ascertain that the proposed nominee would wish to be a recipient. There are forms available in the office to submit a nomination. Pastor Rachel will work with the recipient and P&S members to determine the best time and program for the quilt dedication, Questions? **Call Cheron Mayhall – 825-9863; or Nan Nasser – 825-1245.**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursdays, January 9 & 16 at 2:30p.m. as we continue our Horizons study, God in Exodus & Deuteronomy. Lesson 5, "God Provides" covers Exodus 15:22-18:27, as God provided for the Hebrew people in the wilderness, he still provides for the church and the world through the combined efforts of all disciples. Learn more by picking up a study guide from Judy Hans or in the church office. Suggested donation for the guide is \$8. **For more information, contact Judy Hans at [jhans@wbhsi.net](mailto:jhans@wbhsi.net) or 818-3285.**



## DEACON SUNDAY

Sunday, February 2, 2014, Mountain Shadows will celebrate *Deacon Sunday* on the patio following worship. It will be a time for all parishioners to identify and greet their deacon. **See you there!**



**DON'T FORGET...**you can listen to any sermon you may have missed by going to our website at [www.mountainshadowchurch.org](http://www.mountainshadowchurch.org). Go to the Resource tab and under that heading you will find Sermons Audio. It's a great way to stay connected to Mountain Shadows, even if you are unable to attend Sunday worship.



**Monday—Friday**  
**8:00 a.m.—Noon**

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**  
**ARE DUE**  
**JANUARY 15, 2014**



**E-Oracle Newsletter!** Just a reminder that you can receive your Oracle via email. Email Stacy Rogers at [office@mountainshadowchurch.org](mailto:office@mountainshadowchurch.org) and she will add you to the email list. You can also view or download the Oracle at [www.mountainshadowchurch.org](http://www.mountainshadowchurch.org), under the Resources tab. Either way, view the Oracle in **FULL COLOR** and receive it sooner!

For those who want to continue to receive a paper copy, please pick up your copy the 1st Sunday of the month, under the ramada. Those not picked up will be mailed.



# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH</b> <b>IS PER CAPITA SUNDAY</b>			1 <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>HAPPY NEW</b> <b>YEAR!</b>	2 <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	3	4
5 <b>8:30AM</b> Living the Questions <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>11:30AM</b> Practicing Home Healing & Home Communion <b>2:00PM</b> Eagle Scout Court <i>Keenan Odenkirk</i>	6 <b>12:30PM</b> Membership <b>12:30PM</b> Christian Community Building Ministry Team	7 <b>3:00PM</b> Facilities	8 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL	9 <b>9:30AM</b> Church Leadership Institute <b>2:30PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	10	11
12 <b>8:30AM</b> Living the Questions <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>11:30AM</b> Health Ministry	13 <b>10:00AM</b> Deacons <b>3:00PM</b> Living Well	14 <b>9:30AM</b> Life's 3rd Trimester	15 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL	16 <b>9:30AM</b> Church Leadership Institute <b>2:30PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	17	18
19 <b>8:30AM</b> Living the Questions <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality	20 <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>MARTIN</b> <b>LUTHER</b> <b>KING, JR. DAY</b> <b>3:00PM</b> Living Well	21	22 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL <b>3:00PM</b> Session	23 <b>9:30AM</b> Church Leadership Institute <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	24	25
26 <b>8:30AM</b> Living the Questions <b>10:00AM</b> Worship <b>11:00AM</b> Hospitality <b>11:30AM</b> Annual Congregational Meeting	27 <b>3:00PM</b> Living Well	28 <b>9:30AM</b> Life's 3rd Trimester <b>1:00PM</b> Prayers & Squares	29 <b>9:00AM</b> ESL <b>11:30AM</b> Mission-Minded Lunch @ the Raffetys	30 <b>9:30AM</b> Church Leadership Institute <b>3:45PM</b> Choir	31	