



The Voice

Pentecost

June 2019

## CHANGE IN JUNE VOICE DELIVERY

Please pick up your paper copy of the Voice in the Narthex on the first Sunday of the month. Only permanent or temporary homebound and out-of-state copies will be mailed.

### Ministry Team

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### Hospitalization Notification Procedure

All members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church are encouraged to IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (623-584-2280) when you or a loved one are admitted to or discharged from the hospital.

### Welcoming Statement

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join in our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.

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**Article deadline for July issue of The Voice is Saturday, July 15, 2019**

## SUMMER WORSHIP

**Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. "Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

**Sundays at 10:00 a.m. "Spirited Traditional Service"**

**(Beginning June 2nd - September 1st)**

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 1ST**

## A Word from the Pastor



Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, and with it the quiescing of many meetings and activities as our numbers diminish. It has been hard to say goodbye to so many winter visitors, but we know they will be back next fall and winter.

In the meantime we have made a hard decision to also go to one service on Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. We have enjoyed the informal praise service and hope to continue it through the summer next year. For now we will take a mini vacation from June through August, and start it back up in September.

We give thanks for the fabulous band Ken put together, all of whom have been faithful to serve us week after week.

Stay tuned for many special moments throughout the summer. Below I list a few that are already on my radar screen:

- Be here to meet and welcome Rev. Stephanie Soon on June 8 and 9 (because she is clergy, we need to formally adopt her salary on June 2 at a Special Charge Conference) before she can come on board.
- Celebrate the birthday of the church on Pentecost, June 8 and 9, as we experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower those first followers of Jesus. **WEAR RED** as a sign of the flames that appeared throughout the gathering.
- Be here June 15/16, Father's Day Weekend and Conference Weekend, to enjoy the preaching of Rev. Lee Hirt
- Be here July 6/7 to celebrate Independence Day. On Sunday we will enjoy the Battle Hymn of the Republic with our choir. In both services we will sing our patriotic hymns, giving thanks to God for the freedom to worship as we choose. Picnic in planning stage.
- Throughout July: The Gospel According to Seuss. We will enjoy clips from Yertle the Turtle, The Zax, Horton Hears a Who, and The Sneetches to illustrate those messages.
- In August we will talk about "Messy Spirituality"
- Summer movies will be shown on Wednesday afternoons in a big cool room with refreshments, a giant screen, and good sound.
- Continuing moments celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year of ministry, which culminates in a wonderful celebration on November 17.
- Find the "mystery picture" in this issue taken 40 years ago. Try to guess who it is! There will be one in each edition through November.

Stay tuned for further plans and opportunities to gather, learn, and worship as we unfold all God has for us to do and be together.

And remember: We may be HOT, but We are chosen. We are blessed. And We are Loved.

Blessings  
Pastor Deborah

**SPECIAL CHARGE  
CONFERENCE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 2,  
2019  
11:30 A.M.  
CHOIR ROOM**

A Special Charge Conference is convening to approve the salary package of SHUMC's Assistant Care Minister, Rev. Stephanie Soon, who will be appointed to serve at Shepherd of the Hills UMC by Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata.

Following the Special Charge Conference there will be a short Church Council meeting to consider an agenda item from the Trustees. If you have additional agenda items, please contact, Bill Price, Chair.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH**  
**CELEBRATE PENTECOST BY WEARING RED**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY!**

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church. Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the **Sunday 50 days after Easter**.

**COME JOIN US FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE!**

## **Christian Education Update:**



We are happy to announce two new summer studies and one continuing study. The Rev. Richard Northup will be leading a study entitled:

### **Learning to Pray With Rev. Richard Northup**

This is a six week study using Teresa A. Blythe's book, "50 Ways to Pray."

During this study we will learn practices of prayer from many traditions and times.

As Jesus' disciples begged him to teach them to pray, we too long for instructions in prayer. This study invites us into a living relationship with God. This study will help us pray in traditional as well as new and ever-exciting ways.

Purchase of the book (\$12.50), is optional from the church office. Watch the bulletin & Enews for location of the class.

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

**June 12, 2019 - July 17, 2019 Location TBA**

### **Can I Trust God With My Health? With Pastor Alma Aguirre O.**

We can all identify with the plight of Job at some time in our lives, whether it is poor health, family problems, a career failure, or some other personal struggle. These valleys have a way of challenging our faith in God's provision and guiding hand. This study invites us to address a variety of questions about health: How does God use pain and suffering in the lives of his children? How do we deal with the stresses of life without letting them negatively affect our health? What can the church do to answer these questions and help those in poor health?

**Thursdays at 10:00 A.M.**

**July 25, 2019 – August 29, 2019 Location TBA**

We are continuing with Life Changing Bible Study. Watch for new days and times.

- Education Committee



## HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE SHUMC FOUNDATION? ASK ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS!

(L-R) Stan Van Peursem, Patt Prill, Marian Hamman, Barr Spellman, Joni Livengood, Birt Kellam, George Wheeler, Richard McBee (not pictured)

## SHUMC FOUNDATION

Excerpts from a letter received from Allison Wong to the SHUMC Foundation. Allison was a recipient of the Dysart Unified School District Scholarship during her undergraduate degree. (The entire letter can be found on the bulletin board near the office).

April 5, 2019

My name is Allison Wong and I was 1 of your recipients for the SHUMC Foundation Scholarship. I attended Rochester Institute of Technology in 2011 and graduated in 2016 with a degree in Information Technology with a focus on Web Design...This scholarship allowed me to complete my studies and as a person with a disability (deafness), attaining a higher education made me more marketable in the job market...I graduated with no debt thanks to your scholarship. I am currently working at Cigna as Serum Master/Project Manager/Release Train Engineer...I am beyond thankful for this position and am committed to representing the community of my employer to be a role model, to emphasize that deafness doesn't have to be a burden, and that it is not going to be easy, and that you can't quit. It taught me perseverance. Recently, I volunteered in an awareness event for STEM involving the American School for the Deaf.

Most Appreciatively,  
Allison Wong



## RUMMAGE SALE UPDATES:

Pick-ups quiet down as we head into the hot days of summer but can be arranged when given enough notice. If you require a pick-up before the fall when it is cooler and we have more people available, please contact the church office, 623-584-2280 and your call will be referred. If you need to **drop off items**, Shawn opens the containers on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays**. Left container is for furniture items and right is for all others.



Last month I talked about our book booth which Sandee Spears oversees and asked for assistance.



This month I would like to feature our art booth which Gloria Walz has ably chaired for years. She has been assisted by Irlana Waggoner, Kathy Swanson, and Carol Strand. A big thank you to all the ladies! If anyone has an interest in art and/or would like to learn more about our art booth, please talk to any of the ladies mentioned.

Other questions, please feel free to contact me at 623-748-3751 or patburke48@gmail.com.

- Pat Burke, Rummage Sale Chair

# SINGING SHEPHERDS



The SHUMC Singing Shepherds are a small group who perform weekly, December thru April, at Assisted Living and Memory Care Centers throughout SCW and Surprise. We sing popular hymns, favorite old time songs & patriotic songs. Singing brings us joy to share our love, faith, outreach and compassion thru music, allowing us to see the happy smiling faces of the residents. Many residents sing along, clap, direct, and truly enjoy our performances. It's amazing how dementia residents and others react to music, it fills their souls!

We are always looking for new

members to sing with us, especially bass, tenor and altos. We have so much fun and would love to have you join us.

**We are also looking for an accompanist.** Anyone interested, please contact Pat Prill at 734-552-8818, or e-mail: [pjep620@gmail.com](mailto:pjep620@gmail.com).



THANK YOU TO THE SHUMC'S  
PRAISE BAND MEMBERS FOR  
YOUR TALENTS, GIFTS, & TIME.

THEY WILL RETURN SEPTEMBER 1ST!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We had hoped to keep our 10:45 Informal Praise Service going through the summer but find diminished attendance and support personnel have made that impossible, at least this year. This service will resume on September 1.

Starting June 2 we will offer ONE service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Please make a note, and revise your calendar to join us for the summer. Our Saturday service will continue at 4 p.m.

## Shepherd of the Hills Welcomes



The Rev. Stephanie Soon as our new part time Assistant Minister of Care beginning June 3, 2019. Rev. Soon has worked in churches for many years in a variety of positions, including music and children's ministries. She was ordained a deacon in 2000 in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference after completing her seminary education at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. She also holds a Master of Sacred Music from Boston University School of Theology, and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in pastoral care and chaplaincy services. She has served as a Hospice Chaplain since 2005. She also served as pastor of Park United Methodist Church in 2017-2018.

Rev. Soon moved to the Tempe area a year ago after her husband's transfer. After living a year in the Southeast Valley but traveling regularly to Sun City West for pickleball, they moved to Sun City West in April (he now has a long commute to work but loves his long weekends here). When she came in to ask about how she might become involved we immediately invited her to interview for our position.

Rev. Soon will be working under the direction of Pastor Alma to meet the care needs of our congregation with focus on Hospice Care & Memorial Services. We look forward to all God has for us together.

## TRUSTEES AT WORK - PRAYER ROOM REMODEL



Thank you to all the volunteers at the Rummage Sale for their hard work which raised the funds towards this remodel. Thank you to the Trustees & Shawn for your expertise, skills and time. The Prayer Room remodel is taking shape.

Thank you to Kelly O'Neal, master gardener for the beautiful landscaping.

Summer is a busy time with many upcoming projects. Watch the Enews & Bulletin for volunteer opportunities to help these projects become a reality.

## D.A.S.H. Documented Asylum Seekers Help

The Mission Committee invites you to participate in helping to prepare and serve a meal at a United Methodist Church in the Valley who are assisting documented asylum seekers.

When: Saturday, June 1, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

We will need 4-6 volunteers, carpooling is being considered. Please call 623-584-2280 or sign up in the office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support for the D.A.S.H. program in June we will be collecting NEW packaged underwear and diapers. Donations are being collected in the Narthex.

Mission Committee

### THANK YOU!

Pastor Alma reminds us every week that we touch more lives than we know.

Here are some examples:

Circle the City, hospital for the homeless - \$6,060.05

Mary's Place, day center for dementia clients - art supplies & \$2,000.00

The Inn, a sanctuary for documented asylum seekers - \$3,505.00

Your support is greatly appreciated and makes life easier for many people.

Thank You!

Mary Jane Banfield, Mission Chair



### DYSART COMMUNITY CENTER NEEDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 325 STUDENTS

Dysart Community Center provides students with a variety of activities to promote education, skill-building, civic engagement, the arts and mentorships.

#### After-School Program -

- ◆ One hour homework session each day with additional 20 minutes for reading - 80% student participation
- ◆ One hour of physical activity
- ◆ One nutritious meal per day
- ◆ Developmental needs are nurtured in small group activities:  
Social skills and values like anger management, teamwork, and respect for diversity are taught
- ◆ Arts and crafts, science projects, music lessons, and various enrichment projects through many organizational partnerships.



The number of youth annually participating in the Dysart Community Center is 325. The number of youth served through programming, services, and special events is 700. 2013 census, 27.9% of El Mirage residents are below poverty level.

Please be generous as you shop for school supplies for the Dysart Community Center. The children need our help for this school year.

- Mary Jane Banfield, Mission Chair

## LET US PRAY

### The HYMNS

By Carol Hilder

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

we are all

“Children Of The Living God”

and

“Standing In The Need Of Prayer”

In You, Christ,

“There Is No East Or West”

so please

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

You are

“The Churches One Foundation”

and thru You

“We Are The Church”

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

Us to You

AMEN



## IN MEMORIAM

Pat Jared

May 23, 2019

Shirley W. King

May 7, 2019

Janet Schafstall

May 11, 2019.

## SHUMC HEARTSAVERS: HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS

Remember when engaging in summer outdoor activities:

- Take frequent breaks in the shade or indoors to cool down
- Apply and reapply sunscreen often, including the top of head and ears
- Wear light colored, light weight, breathable clothing
- Stay hydrated with water; avoid beverages with caffeine or alcohol.
- Never leave anyone (any age, children or adults) in a car, including pets

**Warm Weather is Coming**

**Please keep hydrated!**



## SHUMC SUMMER MOVIE FUN 2019 SHOWN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Starting JUNE 12, free movies will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on select Wednesdays. Free snacks will be served. All are welcome so bring your friends and neighbors for summer movie fun in a cool environment.



THE GREATEST SHOWMAN is the movie for JUNE 12. Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical that follows P. T. Barnum as he rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle.

On JUNE 26 the movie is MRS. DOUBTFIRE starring Robin Williams and Sally Field. Mrs. Doubtfire is a delightful doting housekeeper who is actually a well-meaning divorced father trying to spend more quality time with his children.



A DOG'S WAY HOME will be shown on JULY 10. This movie chronicles the heartwarming adventure of Bella, a devoted dog who embarks on a 400 mile journey home.



On JULY 24, the movie is RATATOUILLE. This delightful animated comedy takes place in one of the finest restaurants in Paris where a determined young rat dreams of becoming a renowned French chef. Fun for the whole family.



DREAMER starring Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning is the movie for AUGUST 7. A horse trainer and his young daughter are determined to help an injured racehorse in an uplifting story that celebrates dreams, second chances and the importance of family.



On AUGUST 21, the movie is MARY POPPINS RETURNS starring Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Cameo performances by Meryl Streep, Dick Van Dyke and Angela Lansbury are SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS.



THE SANDLOT is the movie for SEPTEMBER 4. Full of family fun, this movie follows a group of neighborhood kids on their magical summer adventures.

GREENBOOK is the movie for SEPTEMBER 18. Inspired by a true friendship that transcends race and class, this movie takes place in the 1960's south where the friends are confronted with racism and danger as well as unexpected humanity and humor. They are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.



## SHUMC SUMMER MOVIE FUN 2019 - CONTINUED



The OCTOBER 2 movie is PLACES IN THE HEART starring Sally Field, who won an Academy Award for her performance. The emotionally, gripping story centers around Edna Spalding (FIELD) and her unending struggle against extraordinary hardships in Depression-torn Texas in the 1930's.

TOOTSIE is scheduled for OCTOBER 16. Dustin Hoffman stars ~ with Jessica Lange, Teri Garr, Dabney Coleman, Charles Durning, Bill Murray and Geena Davis in a heartfelt classic that set a new standard for laugh-out-loud comedy.



### 40 MORE YEARS' MYSTERY GAME PICTURES FROM 1979



#### DO YOU KNOW THIS GENTLEMAN?

The mystery person's name will be revealed during the announcements on Saturday & Sunday services. If you have a picture you would like to share, contact the office or send your picture(s) to:

[church@shepherdofthehills.org](mailto:church@shepherdofthehills.org)

Watch for the next 1979 Mystery Game Picture in the July Voice.

### REMINDER:

If you are going to be gone during the summer, please fill out a prayer and presence card with the dates you will be away or call the office and inform them when you will be away. Caution - if you forget to do so, you may receive a care phone call. If you miss or fail to fill out a prayer & presence card we do make care phone calls. We miss and care about you, because you are chosen, blessed & loved at Shepherd of the Hills.

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PROMPTLY**

## **THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE June 2019**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Saturdays 4:00 p.m., "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - in the Chapel**

**Sundays, 10:00 a.m. "Spirited Traditional Worship" - in the Sanctuary**

Coffee Hour after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall! Come Join us.

### **Worship Sermons**

June 1-2                   Living as Easter People: What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Acts 1:1-11

June 8-9                   Living as Easter People: How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?

**Pentecost (Please wear red)**

Acts 2:1-21



June 15-16               Rev. Lee Hirt, preaching

Sermon: 3

Father's Day - Conference Weekend