



The Shepherd Life

February 2020

Your Shepherd of the Hills

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Liz Mullen,
Vice-Moderator

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Nursery Attendant

Nichole Miller,
Nursery Attendant

Mae Hart,
Nursery Attendant



The Shepherd of the Hills Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 2nd after Worship. Below is a summary of activity as well as a summary of the Budget hearing the previous Sunday:

New Council Members Elected and
Balanced Budget Presented for 2020
By Lew Shaw

At the Annual Meeting of the Church Congregation following services on February 2, Mary Curtis was elected to a second two-year term as Moderator along with four new members of the Church Council. Treasurer Larry Wilson presented a balanced budget for 2020 that called for \$282,275 in income and expenses for the coming year.

Treasurer Wilson reported that the Church had a very successful financial year, which concluded with a surplus. The only significant change from previous budgets was the inclusion of a \$6,500 expense item for a part-time Faith Formation/Education minister to develop a youth program for the Church.

On the income side, member pledges for 2020 are projected to generate \$179,675, an increase of \$10,868 over 2019, or 63% of the year's total revenue. Other income sources include \$37,000 from facility use fees for the Hills Preschool and other Church facilities; \$5,000 distribution from the Church's endowment fund; and a \$19,500 unexpended carryover from the 2019 budget.

Almost two-thirds of the 2020 expenditures - \$182,975 - go for staff compensation, benefits and taxes. Some \$73,000 will be needed for the maintenance of buildings and grounds, office and administrative expenses, and insurance. Funding for the various committee functions (i.e., worship, music, Christian education, conferences, etc.) amounts to \$6,300. Another \$20,000 will go for planned outreach contributions (including Family Promise) and special offering donations.

The Endowment Fund had a balance of \$125,583 at the end of 2019, a 22.4% gain for the year. The total of consolidated and endowment funds amounted to \$325,915 as of December 31, 2019.

Newly-elected members of the Council are Liz Mullen, vice-moderator; Karyn Mercado, worship and music; Annemarie Killourhy, diaconate; and Dick Richardson, member-at-large. Alice Rice, Carol Shaw and Sue Spahle were the outgoing Council members.

Observance of the Church's 60th anniversary was a highlight of 2019 and raised \$4,328. Fifteen new members joined during the year, bring the current membership to 209, a 2.5% gain. The average Sunday worship attendance was 83.



Shepherd of the Hills will join forces again this year with Prince of Peace to do "Ashes to Go." It will be located at the pull through portion of Prince of Peace's parking lot just off 56th street. We will also join them for an Ash Wednesday services at their church that day at 11:00AM and 7:00PM.



Directory

We will be printing a very limited number of **paper church directories** for those who have no access to a smart phone or tablet. These will be available to pick up in the church office during regular business hours Monday-Friday. **Anyone who has not had a recent photo** taken please see Ernie Gregg February 16th after service. That is the deadline for photo and data updates prior to the publication of the 2020 then as well. The easiest way to always have the most up to date directory at your fingertips is to access it online via the **Instant Church Directory app**. If you have your email address published in the directory this service is available to you. Just go

to your device's app store and download the Instant Church Directory app. (It is a lime green church icon) Follow the directions to set up an account and once completed you should be able to access the most recent directory online. If you need assistance, please contact the church office during regular business hours.

60th Anniversary Concert Series

Donations in lieu of admission fee will be gratefully accepted.

February 16 - 3:00 p.m.
Emerging Artists,
Solos and Ensembles

March 15 - 3:00 p.m.
Mark Fuller,
Piano

April 26 - 3:00 p.m.
Emerging Artists,
Solos and Ensembles

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"ProFuture Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home"

A New Living the Questions Program on Climate Change

A dynamic new discussion series on Climate Change, featuring eco-theologian, bestselling author, and TEDx speaker, The Rev. Michael Dowd.

- Feb 4: 1. Un-Trivializing God—Reality as a Thou
- Feb 11: 2. The Purpose of Religion and Necessity of Science
- Feb 18: 3. The Epic of Evolution—A Cosmic Timeline
- Feb 25: 4. Thus Sayeth Reality—What Is Inevitable: What Is Needed
- March 3: 5. Thus Sayeth Reality—What Is Futile: What Is Urgent
- March 10: 6. Why We Struggle—Un-Trivializing Mythic Wisdom
- March 17: 7. Impermanence and Death as Sacred—Embracing Limits
- March 24: 8. Staying Sane, Sober and Inspired in Contracting Times

Each 90-minute session includes conversation around background readings, a 20-minute video presentation, and guided discussion.

Catalyst

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Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Shepherd of the Hills United Church of Christ
5524 E. Lafayette Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85018



FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00-3:00PM St. Mary's Citrus Drop off 1:00PM K2 Kids, FH
2 Annual Meeting, After Worship, Sanctuary	3	4 6:30PM Church Council, PH 6:30PM AZIPL, Sanctuary	5	6	7	8 9:00-3:00PM St. Mary's Citrus Drop off 10:30AM 2nd Sat Covenant Group, PH
9	10	11 6:30PM AZIPL, Sanctuary	12	13 5:30PM Girl Scouts, FH	14	15 9:00-3:00PM St. Mary's Citrus Drop off
16 3:00 PM 60th An-niv. Concert	17 Office Close President's Day	18 6:30PM AZIPL, Sanctuary	19 11:30AM Book Club, PH	20	21	22 9:00-3:00PM St. Mary's Citrus Drop off
23 Truthseekers, After Worship, FP	24	25 6:30PM AZIPL, Sanctuary	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29 11:00AM Reba Craig, Memorial Serrvice

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9AM Choir Rehearsal 10AM Worship with Fellowship afterwards 2PM Marshallese Worship 4PM Meditation	7AM 1st Light AA 5:30PM Contemplative Outreach Meditation	7AM 1st Light AA 6:30PM AA	7AM 1st Light AA 10AM Wednesday Wanderers 8PM AA	7AM 1st Light AA 10AM Christian Meditation 10AM UAA	7AM 1st Light AA Office Closes @ Noon	7AM 1st Light AA 8:30AM Yoga 10AM UAA