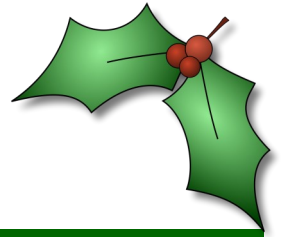




# Shepherd Life

## December 2019



### Your Shepherd of the Hills

#### Board Members:

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**Gabe Gavino,**

Custodian

**Julie Davis,**

Nursery Attendant

**Nichole Miller,**

Nursery Attendant

**Mae Hart,**

Nursery Attendant



The Angel Tree collection continues thru 12/15. Please select a child's wishes, purchase toys and return them, unwrapped, under the Christmas tree in the chancel.



Join some of the Shepherd Choir members in going out to spread holiday cheer with caroling and cookies on Sunday, December 22nd at 11:30AM. Contact Judy Eighmey for more information.



### Cookies Needed



Cookies will be gathered and distributed to our Shepherd members who might otherwise not have any home made sweets this season. If you are able, please bring a batch or two of cookies to the church kitchen before service 12/22. A few elves will package them for distribution after the service. Check in the narthex and see if you can assist in the delivery; it's a great way to share Christmas cheer with our friends.



### Family Promise 2020

2020 is near upon us and on January 26th SOH will host its first Family Promise event in 2020. Our church works with an organization called Family Promise whose mission is to help homeless families to turn their life around. As families transition to be self sufficient, they need a place to sleep and eat and SOH has been helping for the last 5 years. This is a great opportunity to perform outreach to less fortunate in Phoenix. Please consider volunteering for some aspect of this cause. We will need people to prepare and serve dinners, greeters, provide activities, and sleepover duty. Please see Bill Janiga (480-540-5760) or sign up on the White Board in the lobby of the sanctuary. Thanks

### **REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A POINSETTIA**

During the Advent Season again this year, the Worship and Music Committee would like to brighten the chancel with poinsettias. You can help with your gift of \$15.00 per plant. If you would like a poinsettia to be sponsored in remembrance or in honor a loved one, you may. The names of those remembered and honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. To designate a plant, please fill out the form below and then place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Payment should be made at the time of the order. (Deadline for orders is December 15<sup>th</sup>.)

**Please check the applicable box**

In Memory of     In Honor of

**Please print clearly:** Name/s:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation total (\$15 per plant):** \_\_\_\_\_



**Mark your calendar!**  
Invite your friends & family!  
The annual SOH Christmas Cantata will be **December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM**



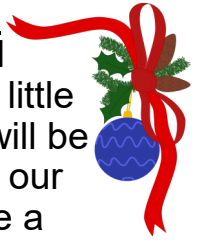
**Christmas Eve Service 5:30 PM**

Stay afterwards for a **Community Soup Supper**. Sign up is live! Invite your family & friends!



### **Decorate the Christmas Tree**

After the December 15th Angel Tree deadline has passed, our little friends at The Hills preschool will be making ornaments to decorate our tree in the chancel. If you have a favorite ornament you would like to lend also, please bring them in starting the 15th of December.



### **ICM NEWS**

ICM and Habitat for Humanity are included in the state of Arizona Credit for Qualifying Charitable Organizations, since they provide basic services to needy residents. The state of Arizona allows a \$400 tax credit for individuals and \$800 for couples. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a donation to these charities and it can be taken in addition to the tax credits for public and private schools. Check with your tax professional as you make your year end plans.



### **Happy birthday to our members celebrating a birthday in December**

- 2nd Laurel Kimball
- 2nd Doug Erickson
- 8th Margaret Schmich
- 10th Arthur Young
- 10th Abigail Verstegen
- 10th Connie Archer
- 13th John Clark
- 15th Kristopher Curtis
- 16th Barbara Lacy
- 17th Judy Bitter
- 17th Luke Olney
- 18th Homer Gilchrist
- 18th Joe Olney
- 24th Tommy Welker
- 28th Amy Warren
- 29th Todd Trickel
- 30th Ginny Wurtz



Are you willing to help organize the Soup supper after our Christmas Eve service? There will be an online sign up. A person or two are needed to oversee things that night. If you are willing to assist with this, let the office know.





# DECEMBER 2019


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Stewardship Luncheon after Worship Good Earth Sales W&M Mtg	2	3 6:30PM Church Council Mtg 6:30PM VIP Mtg	4	5	6 6PM Marshallese Worship	7 1PM K2Kids, FH 4PM Private Event, FH
8	9 9AM ICM Pick Up	10	11	12 5:30PM Girl Scouts	13	14 9AM Private Event, FP 10:30AM 2nd Sat. Covenant group, PH
15 Angel Tree gifts due	16	17 1:30PM Truthseekers	18 8AM Breakfast w/Santa, FH  11:30AM Book	19	20	21
22 Cantata Veterans of the Cross Offering 11:30AM Caroling	23 9AM ICM Pick Up	24 5:30PM Christ- mas Eve Worship w/Soup supper afterwards Ministry @ Doorstep Offering	25 Merry Christmas! 10AM Marshallese Christmas Service OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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

## Pledge to Sustain; Give, Share, Serve to Grow” 2020 Stewardship Campaign

We celebrated the conclusion of our “Pledge to Sustain; Give, Share, Serve to Grow” 2020 Stewardship Campaign last Sunday, December 1st by sharing share a meal together. Thank you to everyone who has returned their cards and all who participated in that time of fellowship. If you have not yet turned in your 2020 pledge card, please do so, soon. We appreciate all our members, and friends of Shepherd of the Hills support as we prepare for the important work we do in the year ahead.

<p>FOR CHURCH RECORDS Envelope # _____ (for office use)</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month beginning _____ (date and year)</p> <p>for an annual total of \$ _____.</p> <p>I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>For Your Records</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>I plan to give \$ _____ beginning _____ (date and year)</p> <p>Each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month</p> <p>Annual Total \$ _____</p>
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**THE WAY** *“I am the way...”* John 14:6 

**The Welsh League of Arizona** presents an encore performance of “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” **in honor of Mary Gilchrist** and as a fund raiser for Student Exchange on

December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM & 6:00PM  
at the Irish Cultural Center;  
1106 N Central Ave; Phoenix, AZ.



*Join cast members in singing popular carols as a way to set the stage for Dylan Thomas’ heartwarming remembrances of Swansea Town on a snowy, very special day in December, when the world was younger and perhaps a little kinder.*

Come Early! Tickets available at the door \$10 + donations. Credit cards accepted. For more info visit the Welsh League of Arizona Facebook page.



If your birthday was not acknowledged in 2019, we likely do not have it on file. Please assist us in being able to celebrate with you and make a note of your birthday on your Prayer/Attendance Card on Sunday or drop us a note via USPS or by email at [sohucc@gmail.com](mailto:sohucc@gmail.com)

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