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Shepherd Life

The Monthly Newsletter for
Shepherd of the Hills Congregational UCC

Shepherd of the Hills is a faith community which seeks to learn, to love, and to serve together.

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What a wonderful reception I've received since returning to Shepherd for this interim period. It has been 3 years since I was last with you, and I look

forward to getting reacquainted. I tried to retire once again after I left you, but as a good friend and retired pastor tells me of his retirement, "I'm like the old horse in the firehouse. When I hear that bell, I strap on the harness and am ready to answer the call." My friend is over 80, but the fire for ministry is still burning in his heart. For me, I have the fire AND the energy, so here I am with you for a season of transition and exploration.

This being an Arizona summer, I think we all find ourselves "laying low" in the heat of June, July and August. In these months of relative "quiet" in church life here in the desert, I am afforded some time to do planning for the fall, especially in the areas unique to interim ministry. There are 5 developmental tasks that will inform our work in preparing to call a new "settled" pastor. You will hear more about these tasks soon.

In the meantime, thank you for the opportunity to serve you again. I pray this time we have together will reaffirm God's call for us to "learn, love, and serve."

Serving in Christ,

Jim Meadows

Arcadia 4th of July Parade

Interested in participating with Shepherd of the Hills in the yearly Arcadia 4th of July Parade? Call the church office at (602)840-3130 to get more info.

THE HILLS PRESCHOOL REPORT

By Nola Enge

Our "Happy Campers" summer program is in full swing. I'm thankful we were able to keep all of our teachers employed and offer flexible schedules for our families taking off here and there in the spirit of summertime. Summer creates its own vibe, doesn't it? Even in the heat of Phoenix, we slow down, maybe get a little silly and are open to new rhythms. Our students enjoy lots early morning recess before the sun pushes us inside. Recently parents made a large "car wash" out of PVC pipe for children to ride the tricycles through. It actually spins and shoots water, a real favorite when the mercury climbs. Summertime means lots of water play, gardening, mud pie-making, open-ended art and science explorations, and unique projects with, importantly, the children's ideas and curiosities always leading the way.

SUMMER SING

Submitted by Nancy Splain

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 6715 N. Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale AZ 85253, has put out the invitation to all who like to sing to become part of their Summer Sing



Chorus. Participate in the all-day Rehearsal from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, July 16 and then perform in the concert open to the public at 3 pm. To register, visit the church website at <https://saintbarnabas.org> and scroll down to HAPPENING SOON section on the home page. Half-way down is the info on Summer Sing. Click on "Continue Reading Summer Sing" in this paragraph and you will find the place you can register and pay the \$25 fee with credit card. Cost includes copy of the music score, lunch and the rehearsal and concert participation. To carpool call Nancy Splain at (602)667-0792. Additional questions, contact Paul Lee: plee@saintbarnabas.org.

Volunteer Spotlight By Jeanne L. Roper



The definition of the word volunteer is "someone who willingly does something for another person or organization and is not paid to do it". Sue Spahle certainly fits that definition as an active volunteer at Shepherd of the Hills. Let's get to know Sue a little better!

Sue is a fourth generation Arizonan. Her grandparents moved to Arizona in the early 1900s from the great states of Ohio and Kansas. Her great-grandfather built the Ellis Shackelford House in Central Phoenix.

Sue graduated from Camelback High School in 1975 and then went on to ASU to graduate with a BA in Interior Design. At ASU, Sue was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority and is still involved in the local alumni association.

After graduation, Sue went to work in her father's dental practice as a temporary dental assistant. Eighteen years later Sue left her "temporary" job and then opened Artfully Done, an interior design company, with partner and sister-in-law Missy Shackelford.

Some of the volunteer positions Sue has held at Shepherd of the Hills has been serving on two search committees, SOH Council, Worship and Music team and she sings as an alto in the Sanctuary Choir. Sue is known as the "Choir Mom" as she sends out email reminders to choir, helps with the selection of music, files the anthems that the choir sings and keeps the choir organized!! Also, much of the seasonal decorations we all enjoy in the sanctuary are often the result of Sue's decorating expertise.

Sue and her husband, Mike, have been married over 20 years. Their family is composed of six grown children and three grandchildren. Sue and Mike enjoy traveling in their motor home, four-wheeling in their jeep and spending as much time as possible

with family.

What keeps Sue volunteering at SOH is that she feels Shepherd is a part of her extended family, a welcoming home for all and a community of faith she wants to see grow and make a difference in the lives of others as Shepherd has had on hers. She enjoys working with people and being part of a team working together with a common goal in mind.

Positive, energetic volunteers make such a difference in a church or in any organization who depend on their volunteers to help run their day-to-day operations. Shepherd of the Hills is lucky to have Sue as a volunteer. She does make a difference.

Rev. Meadows' Sermons for July 2016

July 3rd

First Reading: Psalm 66:1-9

Lesson: Luke 10:1-11

Sermon Title: "Traveling Light"

July 10th

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Title: "Do This, and You Will Live"

July 17th

First Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Title: "Sisters, Sisters!"

July 24th

First Reading: Psalm 138

Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Title: "The Paradox of Choice, or How Much More Do We Need?"

July 31st

First Reading: Proverbs 3:13-18

Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Title: "How Much Is Enough?"



July's Special Offering Benefits the Homeless

Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) is our special offering for July. CASS provides shelter and support services to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. CASS connects people to the appropriate resources so they can rebuild their lives and permanently end their homelessness.

The 2016 Heat Relief Campaign seeks to protect the Valley's homeless during the hot summer months from heat-related injuries. Donations help provide the shelter beds, bottled water and relief from the Valley's extreme temperatures to keep the homeless safe this summer.

- \$100-One night of shelter and heat relief for 5 homeless individuals.
- \$250-Medical treatment by an EMT for 1 heat-stressed homeless individual.
- \$500-4 nights of emergency shelter with case management, employment services & child care for a homeless family of 4
- \$1,000-One week supply of bottled water for homeless outreach teams

Help us help those trapped in homelessness. Our church will collect this special offering on July 24th. Donations given directly to CASS may be eligible for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You may also purchase bottled water at your local Safeway that they will donate directly to help the homeless in need.



Childcare Worldwide®

Empowering Children in the Developing World

Following up the Ugandan Kids Choir performance at SOH on April 10, the council voted to apply \$480 of previously undesignated funds from the Outreach budget to support a Ugandan child for 1 year under the Childcare Worldwide Sponsorship program. The child is Sharua N., an 11 year old Ugandan girl who has no parents living with her and her siblings. Stay tuned as we learn more information about her and what information is safe to be shared publicly.

Please check out their website at <https://childcareworldwide.org> to learn more about the wide range of their programs.



During the summer months many of Duet's regular volunteers are out of town or otherwise unavailable to assist.

Below are some of the services you may choose to provide:

- Grocery shopping "For" or "With" Transportation
 - Escort someone to medical appointment
 - Friendly visiting
 - Friendly phoning
 - Paperwork Assistance Sort mail, bill paying, insurance forms, etc.
 - Handyman Services Minor home repairs
 - Respite Assistance Break for caregiver; companion to homebound person
 - Computer Assistance Teach homebound seniors basic email, internet skills
- If you are interested in volunteering please visit their website at:

www.duetaz.org/index.php/giving/volunteering/

to find information on volunteering and attending their next volunteer orientation meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10am Bridge	2 8:30am Yoga 1:00-4:00PM United Art of AZ Art Classes
3 10am Worship Communion	4 Church Office Closed Happy 4 th of July!	5	6 ICM Pick-up	7	8 10am Bridge 5:30pm Sanctuary reserved-Private event	9 8:30am Yoga 1:00-4:00PM United Art of AZ Art Classes 5:30pm Sanctuary reserved-Private event
10 10am Worship	11	12	13	14 	15 10am Bridge	16 8:30am Yoga 1:00-4:00PM United Art of AZ Art Classes
17 10am Worship	18 ICM Pick-up	19 	20	21	22 10am Bridge	23 8:30am Yoga 1:00-4:00PM United Art of AZ Art Classes
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Through our ministry of hospitality, we provide space to the following:

Sun. - 3:00pm	Marshallese Worship in Fellowship Hall
Sun. - 4:00pm	Meditation Group in Parish House
Mon. - 8:00pm	AA Group in Hall
Tues. - 6:30pm	AA Group, Al-Anon, ALA-Teen in Hall
Wed. - 8:00pm	AA Group in Hall
Mon.-Sat. - 7:00am	First Light AA Group in Fireplace Room
Sat. - 8:30am	Hatha Yoga in Hall

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