

**Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist
Church**

*A Multi-Site Community
of Faith serving the
Saddleback Valley*



HAPPENINGS

September 2019

Pastors:
Rev. Karl Stuckenberg
Rev. Jon Waterson

September Worship

September 1 -

Coming Home (MV)
Isaiah 44:1-8
Help My Unbelief! (RSM)
Mark 9:14-29

September 8 -

Sacred Selfies
Matthew 7:1-5

September 15 -

Sacred Selfies
Corinthians 15:31-32

September 22 -

Sacred Selfies
2 Samuel 6:14-17

September 29 -

Sacred Selfies
John 1:14-18

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Mission Viejo Campus

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Modern Worship

26001 Muirlands Blvd.
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(949) 837-2941

Rancho Santa Margarita Campus

9:30 a.m. Relaxed Traditional
Worship
11:00 a.m. Modern Worship

30605 Avenida de Las Flores
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688
(949) 589-1502

Welcome Back Pastor Karl - September 8

On September 8, we will welcome back Pastor Karl. Plan to attend either worship service at the MV campus. There will be a special welcome back reception in Shepherd Hall between services. Plan to attend and greet Pastor Karl as he returns from his 15-week Sabbatical Leave.

Wednesday Night Connect Returns

September 25

Wednesday Night Connect is back for a four-week series this fall! Join us on September 25 for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and separate kids and adult programs at 6:00 p.m. The program will run from through October 19. It's a great way to reconnect with Jesus and with each other! For more information, contact Laura Arciniega at larciniega@sothumc.org. If you'll need childcare, please let Amy Strawn know at astrawn@sothumc.org.



Breaking Bread Returns September 19

Breaking Bread is coming back after summer hiatus. We have an exciting and interesting schedule for the 2019-20 season and we hope you will join us as often as possible. Our first Breaking Bread is on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Press is RSM. This year we are jumping into the deep end right away. Our theme for September is "What's It All About?" We will be talking about meaning of life kind of stuff. Join us at Breaking Bread for great food and fellowship.



Scenes of Summer 2019:

*Vacation Bible School at MV
campus, right.*

*Music Camp at RSM campus,
below.*



Around the Church

Communion Served September 1

Communion will be served at both campuses during both services on September 1. The communion offering will go towards the Youth Service Fund of the United Methodist Conference. Youth Service Fund is a unique ministry because it is completely BY, WITH, and FOR Youth.

Pastor's Bible Study at MV Returns September 18

Pastor Karl's Bible study at the Mission Viejo site will resume on Wednesday, September 18. The class is held in the Aldersgate room at 10:30 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. We will begin the study of the gospel of John.

Disciple II Class Coming to MV Campus!

Study Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts over 24 weeks, on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

- September 10 - Introduction and Q&A about the study
- September 17 - The study begins with Lesson 1

Contact Elizabeth Schoettger at chaplainebe@gmail.com or (949) 275-4780 for questions or more information.

Children and Youth

MV Sunday School Teacher and Helper Meeting - September 15

If you're interested in serving in Sunday School at the MV campus, please join us on September 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall! We'll share our vision for Sunday School, review curriculum, and learn about positive behavior support. Lunch is provided. Contact Laura Arciniega (larciniega@sothumc) for more info.

RSM Parents Meeting - September 8

The RSM Lay Leadership Team is hosting a parent's meeting on Sunday, September 8 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The focus will be on updating everyone on Sunday school plans for the upcoming year and discussing the launch of the RSM youth program this fall. All parents are encouraged to attend. Child care is provided.

Joyful Noise Resumes September 8



The Joyful Noise Children and Youth Choir resumes practice on Sunday, September 8 at 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Lounge at the MV campus. All ages 4 years through high school are welcome to join in on the fun! For more information, please contact Schehera McKasson at sfmckasson@gmail.com or Alicia Riding at alicia.bursonriding@cox.net.

Preschool's Been Quiet...But Not for Long!

During the summer months, we've been busy with two weeks of summer camp at RSM and two weeks at MV; now it's been way too quiet around the campuses without the sounds of our children! We have been painting, repairing, organizing, and working on accreditation, curriculum, and our beautiful outdoor classrooms!

We still have a few spots available at both our campuses, so if you know someone with a child between the ages of 2 1/2 - 5, have them give us a call to arrange a tour! Looking forward to a new school year full of fun, learning and faith...

Becci Lukes, Executive Director,
Sarah Galliver, RSM Site Director

Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist Preschool



Give Ministries

The Community Table Is Every Wednesday at RSM

The Community Table provides a free meal to anyone whose budget is stretched or who wants to share a meal with others. Meals are served every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. See www.sothumc.org and follow the link on the home page for information on all the ways you may get involved.



Hunger Sunday on September 1

South County Outreach (SCO) let us know how much your donations of snack items in August helped. They created snack bags for their families. They had a backpack program and were also able to drop a snack bag in each of those, as the children left. It was awesome!! Our next Hunger Sunday is September 1. SCO has asked us to help with fruit— for the kid's lunches as well as seniors who love canned fruit in the hot weather. Suggested items for September: applesauce cups, fruit cups (not refrigerated), canned fruits (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.).



How to Give to Shepherd Online

Select one of these options:

- From your Mobile Device - Select a campus and Text the following:
 - Mission Viejo - Key Word: **SOTHMV** to 77977
 - Rancho Santa Margarita- Key Word: **SOTHRSM** to 77977
- Visit MyShepherd at sothumc.ccbchurch.com and click on Give, located in the left column of the home page.
- Visit the church website at sothumc.org and click on the Giving link.

Join the Meal Train

Know someone who is ill, suffered an injury, death in the family, recovering from surgery, birth of a child, etc.? A meal can be provided to the family through the Meal Train. Contact Kathy Toon, (714) 292-7742 or kathymtoon@gmail.com, and she will get the train moving to provide the family meals. You can become part of the Meal Train by contacting Kathy, who will put you on the list of those who are willing to provide a meal in time of need.

Service and Share (Tuesday Group) Help Needed at MV

We are looking for folks to join our MV group. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - noon. We have two groups—those who tackle fix-it jobs around the church and those who help with mailings, organizing and keeping the sanctuary pew racks organized. If you are interested, please call Jill at the church office (949) 837-2941, email jyamada@sothumc.org, or just “show up.”

Friday Morning Group Needs Help at RSM

We're looking for people to join our RSM group. We meet Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to fold the *Happenings* and restock the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Pat Brewer at dicknpatbrewer@aol.com.

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Tithing • Service • Sharing • Sabbath*

Prayer Ministry

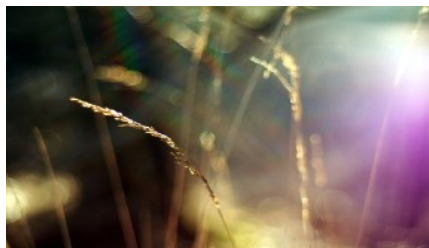
Silent Saturday: "Hospitality of the Spirit"

Saturday, November 9
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MV campus

Breathe in the Living Spirit of God with Centering Prayer, journaling and walking a labyrinth. Holy Communion will be served.

New to Centering Prayer? No experience required, simply the desire to "Be still and know that I am God." Ps 46.10

\$25 donation includes breakfast and lunch. Register at www.sothumc.org, email jyamada@sothumc.org, or call the church office at (949) 837-2941.



Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. -Rev. 3:20

Be Part of Our Prayer Chain

Prayer is the practice of the presence of God. It is the place where pride is abandoned, hope is lifted, and supplication is made. Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility and acknowledging our dependence upon God. Prayer is the needful practice of all peoples from all over the world. Prayer is the exercise of faith and hope. Prayer is the privilege of touching the heart of the eternal. Prayer is simple communication with God through written or spoken words, thoughts, meditation or song. It is a very powerful tool. The power of prayer should not be underestimated. A prayer list is sent out each week listing those who have requested prayer. If you would like to become part of Shepherd of the Hills Prayer Chain, please email Carolyn Bohmholdt at cbohmholdt@sothumc.org.

Draw near to Me and I shall draw near to you, for I am the source that you seek.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Welcome, September. After a summer of vacationing, having fun, relaxing, and traveling, it's time to settle down and get into a daily routine once again. The Knit Wits are looking forward to a year filled with giving our handmade shawls and prayer squares to those who need them.

The shawls have proven to be a welcome gift for someone who is ill, lonely, hurting, depressed or grieving. The prayer squares are a gentle reminder that you are never alone, that God is always with you. I often include a prayer square in a letter or card when I sense that person could use a pick-me-up.

The shawls are blessed on Communion Sunday by our pastors. The process to obtain one is simple. Come to the Prayer Shawl Ministry table on Sunday, fill out a request form, find the perfect shawl and leave the rest to us! We will put in it a bag decorated by the Sunday School children, include a prayer and a note with a little history of our Ministry. There is no charge. Every year we are questioned about the cost-it is FREE to you. You may pick out a color coordinated prayer square if you would like, and we'll put that in the bag along with your chosen shawl. This is a simple process, which can bring a smile to someone's face.

We are knitting scarves for the Community Table at RSM and also for the annual AIDS walk next summer. We welcome anyone who would like to knit or crochet. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate on the MV campus. We have fun and fellowship, along with knitting and crocheting! Come and join us!

Marilyn Widen MV (714) 821-9634 and Debbie Chawner RSM (949) 292-5709



Prayer Chain:

E-mail sent to members of the Prayer Chain

Prayer Teams:

Available weekly during both MV worship services and Communion Sundays at RSM

Centering Prayer:

Christian Meditation, Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the MV Prayer Room,
First Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the MV Sanctuary and every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the MV Sanctuary

Prayer Room & Prayer Garden:

Available 24/7 at MV Campus

Walk the Prayer Labyrinth:

RSM & MV Campus

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be made by calling the church at (949) 837-2941 or emailing jyamada@sothumc.org or cbohmholdt@sothumc.org.

If you have a confidential prayer request or concern, please email it to pastoralcare@sothumc.org.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of Prayer Ministry, please contact Diana Annett at annett1@cox.net or (949) 533-3028.

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please contact Carolyn Bohmholdt at cbohmholdt@sothumc.org.

"...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them."

--1 John 4:16

Prayer Labyrinth at MV

Dedication Sunday, September 15 between services

The MV design is based on the Medieval Chartres Cathedral labyrinth in France from around 1200 AD. Labyrinths have been used by a wide variety of cultures for at least 3500 years.an ancient meditation tool which has found its place in our modern world.

All are invited to walk the labyrinth. Walking a labyrinth offers a pathway to spiritual wholeness. There is no wrong or right way to walk the labyrinth path; just enter and begin following the path. One common method is to use a favorite breath prayer or scripture. As you walk, focus on your breath, and each inhale and exhale pray, "Breath of God, breathe in me," or "Be still and know that I am God." Walking provides a rhythm that allows us to center on the Holy, letting go of distractions and worries we become fully present with the Spirit of God.

The Prayer Ministry gives thanks and praise to God for the donors and those who helped level and prep the area for the installation. For questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the Prayer Ministry Team or call the church office.



Between the Lines Book Club

If you like to read, enjoy a relaxed meal and a great discussion, join us for our annual Book Selection Barbecue on Sunday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Email RSVPs and book suggestions to mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com before September 17. Call with questions (949) 702-7286.



Shepherd Seniors Brunch September 8

The Shepherd Seniors will meet for brunch on Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Claim Jumper, 27845 Santa Margarita Parkway, Mission Viejo. Peggy Rutherford, as hostess, should be contacted for a reservation at peggyrutherford@outlook.com or (949) 380-7283 by Saturday, September 7. Newcomers welcome.

UMW News for September

United Methodist Women invites you to join us on **Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.** for our program: Sisterhood of Grace: Hymns that Tell Our Story, as we continue to celebrate our 150th birthday. We will have a salad bar lunch following the business meeting.

Leadership Team will meet September 5, 10:00 a.m. in Aldersgate.

Sarah Circle meets with Darlene Robertson on September 17 at 1:00 p.m. We continue looking at "50 Women Christians Should Know." Guests always welcome, and we can arrange car pool from church. Check with Marcia (949) 215-4954 or Jinny (949) 586-4228.

Deborah Circle is supporting Operation Gratitude for our military. Please bring to the Office Table on the patio during September any of these items to include in care packages for active military: hand wipes, deodorant, drink mix packets, gum, lip balm, sunscreen tubes (small), and thank you notes. Any questions, ask AJ Lane (949) 680-9495.

World Thank Offering suggestion for September: How many states have you visited in your life? Add a coin for each one. Turn in this thank offering at the October General meeting.

South District UMW Annual Meeting will be Saturday, September 21 in Murrieta. Registration is \$15 due by Sept. 10th, check made to South District UMW. It includes lunch. Theme: "Continuing Our Legacy." Speaker Polly Petersen, Cal-Pac UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator, will share a testimony about how UMW started in India. President Sylvia Coussa has invited us to wear hats of fascinators.

Contact Charlotte Mabes (770) 314-0606 or Marcia if you are interested in attending.

Nominating Committee: We are searching for a few mission minded women to join our board. We meet the first Thursday of each month, except July and August. Please contact Carolyn Bohmholdt, cbohmholdt@sothumc.org or Maryann Wisner, beachmama1@cox.net.



Resource Team & More

Resource Team

Financial Reports

In our new fiscal year, July 1-June 30, 2020 financial statements to those who pledge will be sent out quarterly. The first quarterly report will be sent the first part of October and will cover the months of July, August, and September. Please review your statement carefully. If you note any items that are not correct, please contact the Mission Viejo campus church office at 837-2941.

Pledges for our Fiscal Year – July 2019 – July 2020 Budget Set

Thank you for your continued support of Shepherd of the Hills UMC through your financial giving. Your support makes it possible for the work of God to encompass us so we can reach out and connect with Jesus and each other. At the Resource Team meeting, the budget for our fiscal year 2018-2020 was set for \$1,211,100. We have received commitments thus far for a total of \$652,720. If you have not turned in a Commitment Card or gone on-line to complete the form, please do so today.



Troop 1602 sponsored a car show at the MV campus this summer, attracting classic rides and a great crowd.

'Happenings' Deadline...

The *Happenings* deadline is the 10th of every month

(October *Happenings* deadline is Tuesday, September 10).

Deadline for the weekly *Happenings* is noon Mondays for the following Sunday.

Please e-mail articles to jyamada@sothumc.org and bwestcott@sothumc.org.

Activities Calendar Online

For up-to-date information on church events, see the online calendar at sothumc.org.

Stephen Ministry

Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministry is a caring and supportive ministry for anyone going through a difficult time in their life—a divorce, grief, financial problems, etc. It is confidential one-on-one care provided by a Stephen Minister who has received intensive training and can walk a person, with Christian love, through this period in their life.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry (a friend, a relative or someone in the community), please let us know. If you would like information on becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact us at afranchello@sothumc.org, speak with us on a Sunday (you can recognize us by our blue name badges), call the church office or speak with a pastor.



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To resolve this, please go to the "Junk" section in your email system and designate the following as "safe domains":

- @churchcommunitybuilder.com
- @ccbchurch.com

For any questions, please contact Jill Yamada at jyamada@sothumc.org or Alicia Riding at alicia.bursonriding@cox.net.

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July Birthdays and Anniversaries



September Birthdays

September 1	David Bush Maleyna Grandolfo Tristan Olmstead
September 2	Nathan Gibney
September 4	Bonnie Johnson Randall Oliver Kaylene Spangler Thelma Williams
September 5	Stacy Bower Anne Braun Gay Mulgrew
September 6	Olivia Blanks Cameron Kohls
September 7	Lynn Fues
September 8	John Thorson
September 9	Henry Ambrose Paul Lu Mark Serfas
September 11	Gina Lalani

September 13	Rebecca Bush David Neish
September 14	Art Green Con Leatherman Luke Wisner
September 15	Brenda Wiles
September 16	Alexandria Edgar Sean Fullerton Roger Johnson
September 17	Paul Jordan Susan Patcha Randy Tisdale
September 18	Glenda Otto
September 19	Mike Binder Mindi Foote Patti Snedeker
September 20	Ethan Mills
September 21	Terry Carlson John McNeil
September 22	Jennifer Burch
September 23	Florence Campbell
September 24	Mel Annett Sandra Green Troy Horner Levi Van Der Wal Allison Vu
September 25	Nathan Beaman Cody Boone Aaron Foellmi Zack Lalani

September 26	Kristen Lindegren Jeff McKassen Bennett Pursley Stewart Slykhous
September 27	Ryan Foundoulis Iva Green
September 28	Jessica Binder Luke Brown
September 29	Austin Burger Joynell Burgess
September 30	Ryan Arroyo

If we missed or incorrectly listed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know at the church office. Thank you!

September Anniversaries

September 2	Mikel and Donna Rodin
September 5	Henry and Rochelle Ambrose
September 11	John and Donna Wright
September 12	Daniel and Patty Croft Jim and Alicia Riding Bill and Lynne Sales
September 17	Peter and MaryAnn Wisner
September 24	Tony and DeAnna Grandolfo
September 28	Bill and Sandra Greenfield Patric and Lisa Horner Paul and Jana Lu
September 30	John and Laura Witczak

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In partnership with YUGO Ministries, our youth traveled to Ensenada, Mexico this summer to build a house for a family in need.



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