

**Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist
Church**

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



HAPPENINGS

February 2019

Pastors:

Rev. Karl Stuckenberg

Rev. Jon Waterson

February Worship

February 3

Life Questions

What's Your Name?

Genesis 32:22-28

February 10

David: A Life

Shepherd

1 Samuel 16:1-13

February 17

David: A Life

Warrior

1 Samuel 17:41-51

February 24

David: A Life

King

2 Samuel 11:1-5

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

'Love Is a Relationship, Not a Transaction'

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. --Matthew 7:24-25



Dear Church Family,

"Love is a relationship, not a transaction." These were the words shared during one of our chapel services in Ensenada, Mexico during our recent Yugo Mission Trip. Sixty members of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist church brought your generosity and love to 3 families and tons of kids in Canyon Buena Vista where we partner with the Arc De Noe church. And sixty people from our church family took love from a transaction to a relationship over those three days in Mexico.

The theme for the week was, "Love Is." In particular, we were challenged to not think of our mission as building a home or offering a VBS. What Jesus calls us to do is not transactional but relational. The challenge for the week was to build a relationship while we were building homes for these families and sharing a vacation Bible school with children.

Relationships are what put God's love into action. When I saw our interpreter for the week was Carlos, I didn't immediately think of his house, which was the first home build I participated in six years ago. I thought about the friendship that I have built with him over the last six years of going back to Mexico, asking how his family is doing, and realizing that the relationship we built continues as he translates for our VBS in the community. When one of our youth returned to the church in Ensenada she wasn't looking for the building where her memories of VBS happened; she was looking for the teenager she met last year and has been in communication with over the previous 12 months. She was waiting to see her face-to-face again and give her a gift that was a reminder of Christ's love at work.

When we go to Mexico representing our entire church family, we go to build relationships. In my short time at Shepherd of the Hills, we have built nearly twenty homes and touched the lives of over 500 children through these trips. But more importantly, we have shared the foundation of Jesus Christ's work in our lives and the lives of those we have met. Their faith in Jesus connected them with our church through Yugo so that they might receive an answer to their prayers for a safe home to raise their family. The foundation that keeps us all connected isn't the cement slab the house stands upon; it's the relationship with the living Christ. And it's that relationship that brings us back each year because we are building so much more than houses.

If you donated towards this mission trip, THANK YOU! If you made the journey from Orange County to Mexico, THANK YOU! And if you've ever thought about building a home with us, let me encourage you to think beyond that for next year. Join us in building more relationships centered on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

With God's Love,

Pastor Karl

Mexico Mission



Around the Church



Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019 Begins

On Tuesday, January 29, the following individuals left for Israel: Bob Bass, Connie Bass, Carla Beddome, Joanna Capelle, Michele Corbett, Barbara Corso, Dorian Goldstein, Kim Harris, Scott Harris, Gary Jurgenmeyer, Jack Leggett, Mary Beth McGowan, Beverly Lohmeyer, Linda Loveland, Linell Mathisen, Cynthia Roehl, Eric Roehl, Denise Sibrt, Robin Simpson, Ron Simpson, Pam Slykhous, Pastor Karl Stuckenberg, Randy Tisdale, Regan Thomas, Pastor Jon Waterson, Corran Waterson, Karen Wendel, Linda Widdowson and Marilyn Widen. Please pray for a safe journey to and from Israel for the group. Members of the group will be returning on February 8 and February 11.

**Ash
Wednesday,
March 6**

Season of
Lent
begins

Mexico Mission



Mexico Mission Update

Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation we were able to build three homes this year with 15 people working on each home. Keys for home number one were given to Jose and Araceli Lopez. Jose is twenty and works in the fields. He graduated from high school, but was unable to go to college due to his father being in a serious car accident. Jose had to stay home and help support the family. Araceli is twenty-one. She only completed elementary school and then started working in the fields to help support her family. Jose and Araceli have a son, Damian born November 2018. House number 2 belongs to the Duarte Guzman Family. Raquel is a single 26-year-old mom who works in a factory and is trying to provide for her family which consists of Isaac, 10 years old, April, 4 years old and a daughter born in December. Raquel has completed Jr. High. The third house belongs to the Samorano Cruz family. Julio Samorano is 40 years old and a field worker. His wife, Laura, 33, is a housewife. They have three daughters: Elisa, 17; Carolina, 11; and Laura, 7. They are moving from a one room house where the wood has begun to rot, the roof leaks, and the foundation is dirt, to a brand-new home.

Also held was a fantastic Vacation Bible School, Friday, Saturday and part of Sunday, for the children of the community. We had 15 volunteers working with the children each day. It was a great experience.



Around the Preschool

For Preschoolers, It's All About Love and Caring This February

Love the Lord with all your heart. Luke 10:27

February is all about love here at the preschool. We will be sharing valentines with our classmates and learning how to show others that we care about them. As we also love our pets, we will learn how to take care of them and to top off this fun unit we will have a Pet Parade – where we will parade around the campus with our stuffed animal pets. Each pet will win an award!

Registration is now open to the public – so if you know a family with a preschooler, ask them to call us for a tour! (949) 837-2993.

Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist Preschool



Children & Youth Ministry

Love Is...

Wednesday Night Connect for the Whole Family!

Starting Ash Wednesday, March 6

Back by popular demand, we are going back to our Wednesday Night Connect gatherings for Lent and our theme is LOVE IS...

March 6

"Shrove Wednesday" Pancake Dinner 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Family Friendly Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm

March 13 -- April 10

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm – 6:15 pm Connect Time
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm Children and Adult Program

Youth Auction Donations Needed!

Youth Auction is coming up - March 24! We are now accepting donations of new items, themed baskets, gift cards, anything of real value, all the way up to the Sunday before the auction. Be thinking of ways you might be able to support our youth ministries by donating any new items or themed-baskets for the auction. All proceeds go to the Youth Ministry at SOTH. It pays for Winer Retreat, Summer Camps, and new this year YUGO. Help the youth build a home in Mexico this year with your generous donations. You can email David Enger with any questions at denger@sothumc.org.

YOUTH AUCTION

RSM Children's Ministry Fundraiser

Childcare -Parents Night Out!

Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

\$25 per family

Additional \$5 for dinner- chicken nuggets, apple slices, apple juice or water.

RSVP to Cristina Flores by February 12 at cflores@sothumc.org.

Fun crafts, games and activities for children ages 3 years and up!

Joyful Noise Choir Performs in February



The Joyful Noise Children and Youth Choir will sing at the MV campus on Sunday, February 10, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. All ages 4 years through middle school are welcome to join the fun! For more information, please contact Schehera McKasson at sfmckasson@gmail.com or Alicia Riding at alicia.bursonriding@cox.net.

Around the Church



Between the Lines Book Group

Join us to discuss *This is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel on Sunday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m. For questions and to RSVP contact Mary Beth at mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com.

Golden Wed Celebration March 10

If you have been married for 50 years or more, please watch your mail and the church email blasts for your invitation to the Golden Wed Celebration on Sunday, March 10. Mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend. The event begins at 1:30 p.m.

Shepherd Seniors Brunch February 10

The Shepherd Seniors will meet for brunch on Sunday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Olive Gardens restaurant, 24256 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills. Hosts are John and Donna Wright. Please make reservations with Jean Lehman, jlehman2@cox.net or (949) 713-2025 now and until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 9. Newcomers welcome.

Shepherd Seniors Fellowship Luncheon February 26: Bible Jeopardy Redux!

Meeting begins at 12:30 • Game begins at 1:15.

If you enjoyed playing Bible Jeopardy with Pastor Karl and Pastor Jon last September, you have an opportunity to play **Bible Jeopardy Redux** with them on February 26, in Shepherd Hall on the Mission Viejo campus. We invite you to join us for lunch and then join Pastor Karl and Pastor Jon in another rousing game!

The menu for the meeting is mango papaya grilled chicken breast. We regret that we cannot accommodate special dietary considerations, but please bring your own



lunch and join us for the program if we are serving food that you cannot partake.

Cost for the luncheon and game is \$15. Last day to sign up and pay \$15 for lunch is February 17.

RSVP to Sunny Hartman at sunesue3@yahoo.com, Wanda Slowiaczek at slowiaczek@sbcglobal.net, or Avis French at eavisf@cox.net.

We look forward to seeing you on February 26!

Happy Birthday UMW, 150 Years!



We invite you to join us this year as we celebrate our 150 year birthday all year.

Our Leadership Team will meet Feb. 7, 10:00 am in Aldersgate Room. Anyone is welcome to attend and

contribute suggestions.

February 10 we will observe UMW Sunday at our Rancho Santa Margarita campus.

Cal Pac UMW Mid-Winter Event will be about climate change on **Feb. 16 at Yorba Linda UMC**. Registration is due by Feb. 4 so contact Marcia asap if you want to go. (949-215-4954).

Sarah Circle will meet with Jinny Pape this month on **February 19 at 1:00 pm**.

Deborah Circle project is supporting Skid Row Ministries by collecting reading glasses (from 99 cent store), gloves and blue tarps to provide

shelter. Please bring to patio any time this month.

Our General Meeting will be Thursday, February 28 at 10:00 am in Shepherd Hall. The program is **Prayer and Self-Denial** and there will be an offering taken. We traditionally have "stone soup" for lunch, with each person bringing a cup of chopped vegetables (or can) to add to soup pot.

Special Recognition pins are being presented for mission work this year to the families at RSM who have worked hard all year launching the Community Table. They are the Buessings, the Faivres, the Burgers and the Geoghegans. We also recognize Cindy Waterson for her work with Vacation Bible School here locally and also helping plan the Yugo VBS the past two years. She takes her vacation time in the summer to help with our own VBS.

So does Kristen Stuckenberg who was recognized at MV campus. Kristen gives *her all* leading VBS Opening and Closing each summer. She has also been known to do this at more than one church each summer. What a blessing and example our pastors' wives are.

Cynthia Beaman is recognized for her continued work with UMW and with Yugo despite her own life challenges. We are still accepting Pledges for this year. All money received in pledges goes through our District and Conference to various missions throughout the church. Our local fundraisers support local projects.

World Thank Offering suggestion: A warm bed is a gift many in the world do not have. Add a coin for each bed in your home.

The Reading program has new books added to the Library. Hope you will check them out.

Give Ministries

"Hunger" Sunday: February 3 and March 3

February 3 is "Soup Season"

- Hearty Soups like Progresso
- Crackers to go along with soup to make a meal

March 3 is for pasta and sauces

- Short pastas (no spaghetti)
- Any pasta sauce (glass jars are okay)
- Canned pasta meals like Chef Boyardee and Spaghetti'os

Bring one or more items with you on Hunger Sunday and place in the barrel outside the sanctuary at MV site or one of the barrels in the lobby at RSM site.



Community Table Is Every Wednesday at RSM

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.



Over 500 People Served at Community Table!

We are excited to share that in only nine weeks of Community Table we have been blessed to serve an average of 55 people per week – 18 of them community members. Our "regulars" are those whose budget may be stretched, those in grim circumstances, and those who have come to serve or share a meal and connect with others. Allow Community Table to be a blessing in your life. Sign up (bit.ly/communitytableserve), show up at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at RSM campus, or pray for our continued ability to connect our God and ourselves with our community.

SHIP Dinners in February

There are just two dates left for SHIP dinners in February. The Self Help Interfaith Program has openings on Thursday and Friday, February 7-8. It's dinner for eight people (besides your own party) for which you are the dinner provider. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/SHIPDinnersSOTH> or on the patio at the Give Table. SHIP is a transitional shelter providing solutions for getting people off of the street.



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.

Shepherd of the Hills

Seven Grace Disciplines:

*Celebrate • Devotion • Development
Tithing • Service • Sharing • Sabbath*

Give Ministries

Southwest Community Center – Friday, February 22, 2019

Southwest Community Center provides food and clothing for the needy and transient food and clothing. Hot noonday meals are provided every day of the week by volunteer organizations. Our church's time is the fourth Friday of every other month. Friday, February 22, is our scheduled time. There are various ways to help. You may cook, drive, serve. Each time we serve we need the following items: 12-14 casseroles, these need to be store brought, 4 tossed salads, 2 salad dressings, 1 pound coffee, 2 gallon containers of punch, cookies, heavy forks, heavy spoons, napkins, 150 cups, 2 gallons of milk. A detailed list is available from Barbara Mosher.

Thank you for your continued support. If you feel called to be a part of this worthy project, please contact Barbara Mosher at (949) 582-8263. All items need to be to the Shepherd Hall kitchen by 10:30 a.m. on our assigned date.

Next Blood Drive February 14 at MV

Our next blood drive will be Thursday, February 14, 2019, 2:00-8:15 p.m. at the MV campus. For an appointment to donate, contact Avis French at (949) 830-1167 / eavisf@cox.net or Mary Beth McGowan at (949) 702-7286 / mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com. You may register online at www.redcrossblood.org or sign up on the church patio between services.



Blood Drive Volunteers Needed

Shepherd of the Hills' Give Ministries is seeking volunteers to staff registration for the blood drives conducted for the Red Cross.

We conduct a blood drive every other month:

- On the Mission Viejo campus on a Thursday, from 2:00-8:15 p.m.
- On the Rancho Santa Margarita campus on a Friday, from 1:00-7:15 p.m.

Also at RSM we need volunteers to take away chairs in the Sanctuary before the drive and restore chairs after the drive.

Staffing registration requires a person to staff registration for 2nd shift (4:00-6:00 p.m. at MV, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at RSM) and for 3rd shift (6:00-8:15 p.m. at MV, 5:00-7:15 p.m. at RSM) and lock the doors.

As a donor registrar, you:

- Check in donors when they arrive. The system right now is paperless; the computer-based system is not being used for our drive.
- Ensure that donors read the history instructions. If they used RapidPass, they have already done this action online.
- Be sure the donors see all of the opportunities, coupons, sign-in sheet for the next drive.
- When the donors leave, thank them. Mark the sign-in sheet if they were deferred.
- Chat with them, make them feel comfortable.

For more information about the blood drives or to volunteer to help make this life-saving program a success, contact Avis French at eavisf@cox.net, or Mary Beth McGowan at mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com, or talk with either one of us on the patio between services at your campus.



**Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 am**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 9...or you might be late for church!

Prayer Ministry

Centering Prayer Sunday Mornings

In preparation for Sunday morning worship, try stopping by the MV Prayer Room at 8:30 a.m. for a Centering Prayer sit. We end in plenty of time for the 9:00 a.m. service. Led by Bob Olson, udita@cox.net.

First & Third Friday Centering Prayer Group Grows

Please join in prayer Friday, February 1 and February 15 at 6pm in the MV sanctuary. This group includes a short Lectio Divina (praying scripture) following the Centering Prayer sit. All are welcome. Led by Leah Rose Smith, leachrosesmith1@gmail.com

Wednesday Centering Prayer 11:45 a.m. every Week in the Sanctuary

We begin with a few minutes of sharing followed by a 20 minute sit. We end with spoken prayer and the Lord's Prayer. All are invited to attend. No Centering Prayer experience is required. Some in this group have been known to go to lunch afterwards. February 27 gathering will be at 11:00 a.m. with Father Sheehan.

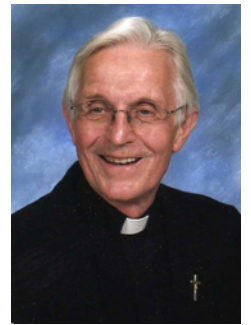
A Catholic Priest at a Methodist Church? Again We Say Why Not!

Father Bill Sheehan will be joining us for a midweek visit February 26 and 27.

Tuesday, February 26, join us for an intimate conversation with Fr. Bill in the MV Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, February 27, Father Bill will join our Wednesday Centering Prayer Group at the special time of 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no cost to those attending.

We were so blessed by his presence and wisdom during his visit last July. When we heard he would be in Southern California again, our Centering Prayer Ministry jumped at the chance to have Fr. Bill all to ourselves. Fr. Bill is looking forward to visiting with us as much as we are.

All who are, or have participated, in any of our Centering Prayer activities or prayer groups are invited to attend either or both. There will be no cost to attend. Questions? Contact Jill at the church office, (949) 837-2941.



Prayer Chain

Prayer is the key to the heart of God. Prayer is the only way to a real and personal relationship with God. Anyone interested in being on the Prayer Chain is welcome to join this powerful group praying for others. Please contact Carolyn Bohmholdt at cbohmholdt@sothumc.org and let her know you want to be added to the Prayer Chain. Each week a list is sent by e-mail noting the special needs for prayer for individuals within our church, friends and family members.

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 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."

--1John 4:16

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

February is the time for love. Valentine's Day marks the middle of the month when we think of those we love. Do you have friends who need a hug, a kind word, a friendly visit, a meal or just a sign that you remember and love them?

Our prayer shawl ministry tries to provide a shawl full of God's love and prayer. We have many letters from recipients affirming that the shawl was just what they needed at a time when they felt lonely or were ill, experiencing a tough time in their life, or feeling depressed with no place to turn. The shawl provides a positive experience. When the shawl is wrapped around them, they draw closer to God and know that many people are praying for them.

These shawls are free. Members of the Knit Wits knit them with love and caring. We do accept donations for yarn. The women of this ministry spend many hours knitting the shawls and prayer squares for our Ministry.

Our reward is hearing the many replies from the recipients of the shawls, telling us how their lives have been shaped by receiving a shawl.

This February when you think of someone you love who is in need of a special hug, stop by the table and pick up a shawl.

God, with His love for us, wants us to share His love with others. Valentine's Day is the perfect time.

Marilyn Widen



This 'N' That

A Request from your Care & Nurture Committee:

Are you able to provide rides for members to church related events? Are you visiting church members or willing to visit a member on a monthly basis? Are you able to occasionally provide a meal for someone in need? If YES, please give us a call! Please also let us know if you are in need of any of these valuable resources. Your Care and Nurture Committee is hard at work. Please contact Tom or Karen Roberts at drtwroberts@gmail.com or (949) 291-2851 or call the church office.

Stephen Ministry at Shepherd

If you would like information on how to become a Stephen Minister or if you could you use the one-on-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact Ane Franchello at (949) 322-4920 or Debbie Chawner at (949) 292-5709. Stephen Ministry leaders will be wearing blue name badges on Sundays.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

My family and I thank you for your love, support and prayers as we grieve Bill's passing. Your cards, calls and expressions of sympathy have meant so much to us during this difficult time.

Norma and the family of Bill Graves.

Pastoral Care at Shepherd of the Hills

James 5:13-15 reminds us that as the church we are to care for one another, especially in times of struggle and illness. Pastoral care is important in the spiritual life of a church, and Shepherd of the Hills wants to walk with you when life gets hard. Our Pastoral team wants to pray with you before surgery, visit you in the hospital, and walk with you through tough times. In addition to our Pastoral Team, we have trained Stephen Ministers, who are here to care for you as well.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the office and let us know. We also have set up an e-mail address at pastoralcare@sothumc.org that is confidential and will go directly to our Pastoral Team, who can respond to those needs.

**Confidential
Pastoral Care**

pastoralcare@sothumc.org
or (949) 837-2941

Resource Team

Resource Team

Year-end Statements

Your year-end statements have been mailed. If you have not received your statement showing the amount you gave, January 1 – December 31, 2018, please contact the Mission Viejo site church office at 837-2941 and let them know. A statement will be issued to you.

Financial Statements

Financial statements are mailed quarterly. Statements will be mailed the early part of April. The purpose of mailing quarterly statements is to assure the financial secretaries have properly recorded the amount given by each family unit correctly. To ensure proper credit, please use your offering envelopes. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set, please contact the Mission Viejo site church at

837-2941. If you do give a loose check, please place your envelope number, if known, on it. Please use the blank line on the offering envelope to indicate any additional offering included such as Benevolences, UMCOR, communion, etc. Remember, you can check your giving status on My Shepherd by going to the Financial section and hitting the 3 dots. Options will come up pertaining to financial statements.

Meet Your Resource Team:

The Resource Team is composed of two groups: The Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the supervision and care of all property and equipment owned by the church. Members of our Board of Trustees are the following: Cal Shores, President, Joanie Burt, Chris Pearce, Rob Foote, Damian Buessing and Wesley Johnson. The Finance Committee members work as a team to set, manage and track our budget and finances. Members of the Finance Committee include: Dan Wiles, Sheryl Mitchell, Bob Figarotta, Bud Manazir. And Pete Wisner. Also included in this team effort are the following: Pastor Karl Stuckenberg, Pastor Jon Waterson, Stephanie Foundoulis, Jim Mulgrew, Allison Lockwood, Carolyn Bohmholdt, and Jill Yamada.

Attendance Pad

Why do we ask you to fill out an “Attendance Pad” each week? This is to help us keep connected with members of our congregation and prayer requests. We like to know who is in attendance and any needs members of our congregation might have. It also helps us to be aware of those not attending and to reach out to those in need of support and prayer. Please take a few minutes on Sunday morning to complete the “Attendance Pad”.

‘Happenings’ Deadline...

The monthly *Happenings* deadline is generally the 10th of every month. (February *Happenings* deadline is Thursday, January 10.)

Deadline for the weekly *Happenings* is noon Mondays for the following Sunday. Please e-mail articles to jjamada@sothumc.org and bwestcott@sothumc.org.

Shepherd Activities Calendar Is Online

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

February is African American History Month

Black History month was originated in 1926 by historian Carter G Woodson as “Negro History Week.” Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthday of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social conditions of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass. Woodson also founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1976, during the nation’s bicentennial, the week was expanded to National Black History month. Since then, U.S. presidents and public figures have encouraged all Americans to celebrate Black History month.

The 2019 theme, **Black Migrations**, emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. While inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through today.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

February 2	Addison Arredondo
	Emily Berner
	Jon Huthinson
	Josh Smay
February 3	Samantha Moore
February 4	Hartzell Alpizar
February 5	Debbie Chawner
	Mary Jo Colwell
	Diana Hurtado
February 6	Rena Johnson
	Charlotte Mabes
	Peter Wisner
February 8	Lexie Danko
	Duncan Hutchinson
	Kay McGownd
	Beverly Peace
February 9	Alexander Dudney
	James Morgia
	Jim Morse
	Pamela Selawski
	Carol Smoot
	John Wright
February 10	Christopher Bower
	Jenine McQuaid
February 11	Jennifer Heinly
	Shelby MillsEd
February 11	Barbara Webster
February 12	Kylie Narasaki

February 13	Lucie Duco
	Christina Edgar
	Ed Riffe
	Jane Wright
February 14	Courtney Harris
	Jonathan Wright
February 15	Bobbi Martin
February 16	Carol Gibbs
February 17	Teri Martin
February 18	Joseph Zappia
February 20	Dan Dague
February 21	Margot Strawn
	Walker Zolna
February 22	Philip Bardowell
	Bryan Doppenberg
	Tony Grandolfo
	Shannon Wasley
February 23	Gail Holmes
February 24	Colette McClellan
	Sara Piazza
	Evan Rabbitt
	Maria Valera-Roknaldin
	Denise Westcott
February 25	Toni Carlson
	Mary Beth McGowan
	Kenneth Styles
February 26	Michael Bower
	Chris White
February 27	Sandra Greenfield
	Cynthia Roehl
February 28	Samantha Nason



February Anniversaries:

February 3	Steve and Julie Aird
February 6	Greg and Nancy Semos
February 11	Karl and Kristen Lindegren
February 14	Philip and Sarah Bardowell
	Gordon and Carolyn Silkwood
February 15	John and Teri Martin
February 16	Mark and Andrea Howard
February 20	Dennis and Sherry Hambrick
February 29	Cliff and Ann Shimizu

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

Shepherd of the Hills UMC Staff

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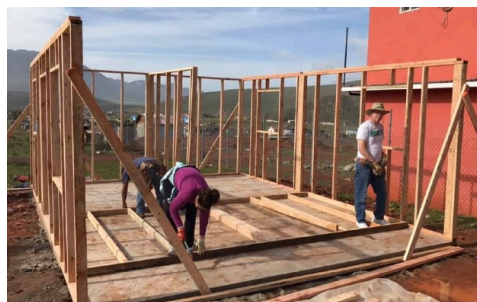
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