

**Shepherd of the Hills
United Methodist
Church**

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



HAPPENINGS

March 2019

Pastors:

Rev. Karl Stuckenberg

Rev. Jon Waterson

March Worship

March 3

David: A Life - Poet

1 Chronicles 29:10-22

March 10

El Camino Santo -

Adoption (Qasr el Yahud)

Matthew 3:13-17

March 17

El Camino Santo -

You Can Go Home Again...

You Just Can't Stay

Luke 4:16-30

March 24

El Camino Santo: Calling All

(Broken) Angels (Sea of Galilee)

Matthew 4:18-22,

John 21:4-8, 15-17

March 31

El Camino Santo - Blessed Are

the Who? (Mount of Beatitudes)

Matthew 5:1-16

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Mission Viejo Campus

9:00 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11:00 a.m. Modern Worship

26001 Muirlands Blvd.
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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

Lenten Wednesday Night Connect – Love Is... Adult and Children Program

Back by popular demand there will be Wednesday Night Connect gatherings on the MV campus for Lent. The theme is "Love Is..." This year there will be a meal and program geared for adults and children. We are breaking the tradition of just soup and salad, so that this year the meals will have a variety of foods offered, both adult and children friendly. We will even have desserts available. Each week there is a different theme. Please sign-up at the office table or Children's Ministry area if you plan to attend.

March 6

Shrove Wednesday – Pancake dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by a family friendly Ash Wednesday service from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

March 13

"Love is Patient"

Dinner: Provided by the Serfas Life Group
Program: Working together – collage/art project

March 20

"Love is Kind"

Dinner "Italian Night"

Program: Easter Baskets for South County Outreach

March 27

"Love Rejoices in the Truth"

Dinner: Potluck – Bring something to share
Program: Truth and Honesty

April 3

"Love Hopes"

Dinner: Provided by the UMW
Program: Hope

April 10

"Love Never Ends"

Dinner: Provided by the Gathering Group
Program: Love Never Ends



Ash Wednesday Is Start of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 6, marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday Service at RSM

The Ash Wednesday service at the RSM campus will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, in the sanctuary (following the Community Table at 6:00 p.m.). The imposition of ashes will be part of the Ash Wednesday service.



Lenten Hikes Return

Are you ready to walk in the steps of Jesus - without leaving Orange County? Join us for our Lenten Hikes! In addition to getting exercise, meeting new people, and walking outdoors, we will be re-creating some of the moments from Jesus' ministry that coincides with our Lent Sermon Series "Walking with Jesus." We'll go down to the river to listen to the words of John, hear the beatitudes on the hills of RSM, and visit the lakeside as we tell the story of the calling of the disciples.

The hikes will be held on Saturdays from March 9 through April 13, usually at 9 am (with at least 1 sunset hike). Locations and details will be published in the Weekly Word and church Facebook page. You can also join the Hiking Group in MyShepherd.

Eucharist – First Sunday in March -Border Ministry

On Sunday, March 3, our communion offering will go toward Border Ministry. A United Methodist-operated Mexican Border Ministry Network, with more than 16 service locations, is helping immigrants who have been processed and released, without resources, to appear at a later date, says Greg Forrester, a staff executive with the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Donations to UMCOR for Advance #901670, "Immigration Crisis," will support the agency's work with responding faith groups in the area.

Flowers for Easter: Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter

Want to honor or memorialize a family member or friend for Easter? You can purchase a flower to decorate one of our sanctuaries or donate toward the purchase of butterflies for the butterfly release at RSM. You can also purchase a potted palm for Palm Sunday at the MV site. Please use the envelopes available in the lobby at RSM or at the MV Office Table. Flowers and palms can be purchased beginning Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Special Needs Trust Meeting on March 3

Will your loved one with special needs lose his or her public benefits because of a direct inheritance when you pass away? If you are the primary caregiver for an individual with special needs, have you planned for the time when you are no longer able to do so? Join Cynthia Waterson, Esq., for a discussion on Special Needs Trust on March 3, 12:30-2:00 p.m., MV campus Shepherd Hall. RSVP to Paul Lu at plu@namioc.org.

'Happenings' Deadline...

The monthly *Happenings* deadline is generally the 10th of every month. (April *Happenings* deadline is Monday, March 11.) Deadline for the weekly *Happenings* is noon Mondays for the following Sunday. Please e-mail articles to jyamada@sothumc.org and bwestcott@sothumc.org.

Monday Night Huddle Meets Weekly at RSM

Monday Night Huddle meets on Monday nights at the RSM campus. We start at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, followed at 6:45-8:00 p.m. with study and discussion (with childcare provided). Our current study is *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, in which author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. There is a participant book that will be an optional, but suggested, read and a DVD with 10 minute video segments that we will watch together and follow up with discussion questions. Please RSVP to mindi.foote@gmail.com if you will need childcare or if you have any questions about Monday Night Huddle.

Give Ministries

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.



Red Cross Update

Thank you donors, volunteers and child care workers for showing your support of the community at the February blood drive. Shepherd donors exceeded our quota and helped save up to 75 lives this month. Well done! Our next blood drive is on Good Friday, April 19, from 1:00-7:15 p.m. at the RSM campus.



"Hunger/Homeless" Sunday, March 3 for South County Outreach

Great job! In January we collected 448 pounds of food.

March 3rd is Pasta

- Short pastas (no spaghetti)
- Any pasta sauce (glass is fine)
- Canned pasta meals like Chef Boyardee and spaghetti o's

Collection barrels will be out in front of the entrance to the church at MV and in the lobby at RSM. A collection grocery cart, at MV, is also located at the back entrance.



Ways to Donate to Shepherd of the Hills:

- Cash
- Check
- Paypal
- Pushpay

Text sothmv or sothrms to 77977 or go to our website: www.sothumc.org, and click on the Giving Link in the upper right. Make sure you select the correct category you want – Pledge 2018-2019.

- AmazonSmile – Shepherd of the Hills UMC

Our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2698839>



**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!

Around the Preschool

Preschoolers: Simple Machines and Dr. Seuss In March

Trust in the Lord and do good. Psalm 4:2

March at the preschool is all about simple machines. We'll be learning how they work, how they assist us in our day-to-day lives, as well as using several in the classroom. We have a blast using blow-dryers to move ping pong balls to paint with!

We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with Crazy Cat in the Hat Days, and looking for leprechaun gold in the sandbox on St. Patrick's Day. The children are learning all about baby animals and how their parents take care of them. They will also be planting seeds (which of course are

baby plants) and learning what is needed for the seeds to grow.

The preschool will also hold our annual Trike-A-Thon where we raise \$ for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, while the children learn how to ride their trikes/bikes safely. In HIS Service,
Becci Lukes, Preschool Executive Director MV/RSM
Sarah Galliver, Preschool Site Director RSM
Shepherd of the Hills Preschool
Mission Viejo & Rancho Santa Margarita Sites

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United Methodist Preschool



Children & Youth Ministry

SCO Easter Basket Event

At the Wednesday Night Connect Lenten series on Wednesday, March 20, the children will assemble Easter Baskets to benefit children from South County Outreach. Please bring the donations to church on Sundays, March 3, 10, 17. Items needed include: Easter baskets, plastic Easter eggs, Easter grass, candy (wrapped), crayons, coloring books, bubbles, small toys, stuffed animals, books, and anything you might think that the children would enjoy.



Save the Date for "Roar!" VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 22 -26 at the MV campus.

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

Lazy W Camps 2019 Beyond Belief – The Universe of God



Now is the time to be thinking of summer camp. Early bird deadline is March 31. If you plan on attending summer camp and are interested in help supplementing the cost, please call the church office and ask for Carolyn, or complete the Camp Form available at the church office or from David Enger and turn into the church office. The cost of each camp is \$445.00. Registration: www.lazywranch.org.

Elementary Camp /July 7-12/ 3rd – 6th grade

Junior High Camp/July 14-19/6th – 9th Grade

Senior High Camp/ July 21-27/ 9th-Graduated Sr.

Preschool Fundraiser

March 14-15 at Baja Fresh

Visit Baja Fresh (Alicia Parkway at Via Fabricante location only) anytime from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (bring a flyer) and Shepherd's preschool will receive 15% of the proceeds. Get together with family and friends for breakfast, lunch or dinner to help us, while you help yourself to some great food. Flyers available in the church lobby/narthex, or print out from the church website (see homepage link under Shepherd Kids).

Around the Church

Shepherd Seniors Woodworking Project

March 26 • Lunch \$15 • Wood Project \$15

For the Shepherd Seniors Easter woodworking project on March 26, 2019, we will be building a jewelry tree with a choice of 1, 2, or 3 dowels. Trees can be tall for necklaces (12", 9") or short for bracelets (6"). We will be using a white wood type and a brown red type. Trees can be finished or not finished. Sign ups for the project will be accepted until March 12. No orders will be accepted after March 12. The menu for this meeting is sliced old fashioned glazed ham with all the fixings. To register for this event or for more information, contact Wanda Slowiaczek

slowiaczek@sbcglobal.net ; Sunny Hartman sunesue3@yahoo.com; Avis French eavisf@cox.net.



Calling All Golden Weds – Sunday, March 10

All those who have been married 50 years or more are invited to join us Sunday afternoon, March 10, at 1:30 p.m., for a Mardi Gras Extravaganza in Shepherd Hall. Lunch will be served. Be sure to wear one of the Mardi Gras colors: Purple, Green or Gold.



UMW for March

Happy 150th Birthday United Methodist

Women. 1869 was the beginning of our organized mission work. Celebrate with us on Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 am in Shepherd Hall. All are welcome to attend and we especially invite any past presidents from SOTH to join us. Our speaker is Jane Stewart, currently Secretary for our Cal Pac UMW. She weaves her own family heritage into our UMW heritage. Please come and meet Jane and stay for lunch after the meeting.

Sarah Circle will meet at 1:00 at the home of Gloria Rose. This is an opportunity to connect with other women at Shepherd. Call Gloria at 837-4000 for directions.

Deborah Circle is collecting items this month for Community Table blessing bags. Please bring any of the following items to AJ Lane on the patio any time in March: toothbrush, travel size toothpaste, shampoo, pocket size "Kleenex"; travel size deodorant, hand cleaner, soap in a case. If you have questions, call AJ at 949-680-9495.

We will host a **South District** mission study on **Saturday, March 16**. Registration is open, \$15 includes continental breakfast and light lunch. Study is on how we use our money. Time 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

World Thank Offering suggestion: Children in your life? Count all the children you love and make a gift for each one.



Shepherd Seniors Brunch March 24

The Shepherd Seniors brunch group will meet at 11:00 a.m. on March 24 for brunch at Mimi's, 22651 Lake Forest Dr., Lake Forest. For reservations, contact Jean Lehman at jlehman@cox.net or (949) 713-2025 by March 23 at 4:00 p.m. Newcomers welcome.



Between the Lines Book Group

Join us for dinner and a lively discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly on Sunday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Mary Beth McGowan at (949) 702-7286 or mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com.

Resource Team

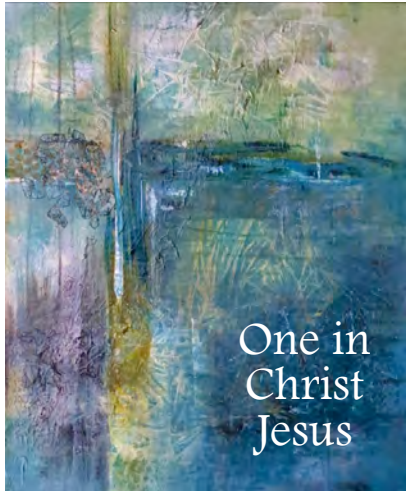
Financial Statements

Taxes: Need a copy of your giving for January-December 2018? Just give the church office a call at 837-2941.

Quarterly Statements: Financial Statements are mailed quarterly.

The next statements will be mailed the first part of April. We mail the statements to ensure the financial secretaries have properly recorded the amount given. If you find an error in your giving record, please do not hesitate to let Hazel or Carolyn know.

To ensure proper credit, please continue to use your offering envelopes. If you give a loose check, please place your envelope number on it and you are assured of receiving proper credit. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like a set mailed to you, please contact the church office at 837-2941.



Shepherd of the Hills UMC Centering Prayer Ministry

LENTEN SILENT SATURDAY

April 6 ✠ 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm

"So we, being many are one body in Christ, and all are parts of one another."
Romans 12:5

Join us for a quiet day of prayer and reflection
Take time to just "be" in the presence

New to Centering Prayer? No experience required,
simply the desire to "Be still and know that I am God" Ps 46:10

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

\$25.00 donation includes breakfast & lunch. Register online:
www.sothumc.org,
email: jyamada@sothumc.org or call church office: 949 837-2941

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, March 1 and March 15 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

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 and Third 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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March Birthdays

March 1	Kai Bush
March 2	Beth Holder
	Tyler Serfas
	Fern Trausch
	Jameson Werre
March 4	Don Ann Dobkins
	Keagan McKasson
	Nella McKasson
March 5	Josh Nason
March 6	Dick Bushnell
	Charlie Keller
	Ruth Marcy
	Charles Snedeker II
March 7	Kayla Stuckenberg
	Patrick Snedeker
March 8	Audrey Herbka
	Carrie Zapotny
March 9	Matthew Arroyo
	Carol Moss
	Kathy Narasaki
March 10	Michelle Domond
	Jan Newton
March 11	Ron Anzair
	Lee Leatherman
	Glenda McNeil
	Cal Shores
	Jonathan Stone

March 12	Julie Major
	Eleanor McGoldrick
March 13	Aileen Morgan
March 14	Janet Oliver
	Jolyon Olmstead
	Linda Puckett
March 15	Joan Provance
March 17	Liz Boulter
	Gail Cady
	Dominic Grandolfo
	Daniel Martin
	Ann Shimizu
March 17	Gretchen Shoemaker
March 18	Jana Betty
	David Dluzak
	Sandy Dluzak
	DeAnna Grandolfo
March 19	Julie Morris
	Mary Mulcahey
March 20	Doug Nason
March 21	Angelo Dobles
March 22	Linda Bender
	Cal Burt
	Skye Jurasek
	Fred Saremi
March 23	Bill Smith
March 24	Eric Roehl
March 25	Scott Cummings
	Landon Howard
March 26	Tristen Wasley
March 27	Mike Brooks
	Blair Brown
	Piper Olmstead

March 28	Payton Buessing
	Brigit Colwell
	Paul Russert
March 30	Michelle Gibson
	Jana Lu
	Barbara Steyn
	Bill Stone
	Kit Tisdale
March 31	Noah Patcha
	Sydney Patcha

March Anniversaries

March 24	David and Kelly Herbka
March 27	Cal and Ann Shores
March 31	Jody and Kenneth Johnson

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

Shepherd Activities Calendar Is Online

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

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Happenings

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March 10



Preschool, Children & Youth

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Give Ministries

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Community Table,
Blood Drive
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Shepherd of the Hills

Seven Grace Disciplines:

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



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