Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church

A Multi-Site Community of Faith serving the Saddleback Valley

October 2019

Pastors: Rev. Karl Stuckenberg Rev. Jon Waterson

October Worship

October 6 Inspired 2 Timothy 3:14-17

October 13

Inspired -In the Beginning Genesis 1:24-31

October 20

Inspired -The Battle Hymn Joshua 6:15-21

October 27

Inspired -Resisting the Beast *Revelation* 13:1-4

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Mission Viejo Campus

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

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Rancho Santa Margarita Campus

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

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HAPPENINGS

A Report from "Bright Hope For Tomorrow" Conference

Dear Church Family,

As I write this post, Pastor Jon and I are attending the Bright Hope For Tomorrow: The Future of the United Methodist Church conference at the *Church of the Resurrection* in Leawood, Kansas. This event has representatives from over 2000 United Methodist churches across the denomination. And each of these churches is here because they want to see a bright hope for the United Methodist Church rather than the dim despair of a denomination divided over the full inclusion of all God's children in the life of the Church.

As your pastors, Jon and I have both grown up in and loved the United Methodist church. Much of that love has been because we were the Church who proclaimed, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors." And our deepest desire is to continue being part of a church where we can keep those welcome mats at the front door of our sanctuaries. We believe in a church where all are welcome and where all means all. And we think that this kind of Church mirrors what we believe is at the heart of Shepherd of the Hills.

Whenever someone is baptized, baptizes a child, or joins as an official member in our Church, these are two of the vows we ask of them:

"Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves if so answer I do."

And,

"Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the ChurchChurch which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?"

Upon our return, we will host an all-church conversation to share what we have learned about the issues at stake in the upcoming 2020 General Conference. At this conference, our denomination will make some significant decisions about the full inclusion for people of "all ages, nations, and races" centered around the open inclusion of people from all sexual orientations.

This decision is far from a simple conversation. While I wish it were, the reality of these decisions forms a complicated web of issues related to the denomination and our local churches. Pastor Jon and I will do our very best to explain what the different plans being proposed are. We will try to share what the practical outcomes could be for Shepherd of the Hills. And finally, we will talk about what it means to continue being the Church in Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita. As a part of this process, we will also allow time for open conversations around the topic of LGBTQ inclusion, questions about the current stance, and how we can continue to be a church where all are welcome, including those who might disagree with you.

Lastly, I want to remind us that regardless of how our denominational structure and organization may change, the words of Romans 8:38-39 will remain true. When Paul wrote,

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May nothing ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our savior.

With God's Blessing,

Pastor Karl

Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. RSM Campus, \$5.00 per person Join us in a fun-filled evening for the whole family!

- Activities: Games, Crafts, Live Music, Food
- Trunk Decorating Contest:
 - Win a prize if your trunk is the Cutest, Funniest, Most Elaborate, Best Themed or the Grand Prize
 - Decorate the trunk of your car from 2:00 5:30 p.m.
 - Pass out your goodies to the children from 6:10 6:30 p.m.
 - Sign up at either campus to let us know how many cars to expect
 - Children's Costume Parade

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Vicki Faivre at vfaivre@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Night Connect Returns October 2-23

Wednesday Night Connect Update! This October, we're rolling out a new youth study, taught by our very own Emilie Schoettger! The series will run from October 2 through October 23 in Shepherd Hall (MV). Bring the whole family to enjoy a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and programs at 6 p.m. Pastor Karl will teach the adults in Shepherd Hall, Emilie Schoettger will teach the youth in the Music Room, and Laura



Arciniega will teach the kids in the Youth Lounge. Please bring a main dish (the church will provide dessert and drinks). If you can't bring a dish, please consider contributing to our pizza fund. It will be a great way to reconnect with Jesus and with each other!

Mexico Mission 2020: January 16-20 • Ensenada, Mexico

Interest Meeting: November 10, 2:00 p.m., MV Sanctuary

The Mexico Mission trip is January 16-20, and our mission is to construct finished houses in only three days and provide hope through the Vacation Bible School Program.

Shepherd's Mexico Mission is through a partnership with YUGO (Youth Unlimited Gospel Outreach). YUGO's Ensenada Outreach Center has been partnering with churches throughout the Ensenada area for years.

The Mexico Mission offers the choice of either home construction or providing ministries to the local children through a VBS program. Any high school youth or adult can participate in either the housebuilding or children's ministry. Families who wish to attend with children 8th grade or under are welcome, but children must be under a parent's supervision at all times. There is no child care or specific program for families attending the mission trip. There are two scheduling options available this year: 1.) You may come down with the team on Thursday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. (suggested for construction teams), or 2.) You can come with the team leaving on Friday, January 17 at 7:30 am (VBS teams). Both teams

at 7:30 am (VBS teams). Both teams return Monday, January 20 around 1:00 pm.

There is an **Interest Meeting** on Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in MV Campus Sanctuary--bring your questions!

Orientation Meeting December 8, 2:00 p.m. in MV Campus Sanctuary. Registration deadline is December 8.

More information and sign-up form is

available on the church website, www.sothumc.org, as well as in the Mexico Mission brochure.

Holy Communion (Eucharist) World Communion Sunday, October 6

On Sunday, October 6 we observe World Communion at both campuses. Your gifts support World Communion scholarships will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be? Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands. A communion offering envelope will be in the Weekly Happenings on Sunday, October 6.





Give Ministries

October 6 Is Next Hunger Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is Hunger Sunday. South County Outreach would appreciate the following items for the month of October: Hamburger Helper, Tuna or Chicken Helpers, packaged skillet dinner kits, and the kind of boxed item that only needs a protein to be added, canned fruit, mayo, mustard, and ketchup. Collection barrels will be near the entrance to the sanctuary at the MV campus and in the lobby at the RSM campus.



Blood Drive October 24 at MV

The next blood drive for Shepherd of the Hills will be Thursday, October 24, 2:00-8:15 p.m. at the Mission Viejo campus. To make an appointment to donate:

- Contact Avis French, (949) 830-1167, eavisf@cox.net
- Contact Mary Beth McGowan, (949) 702-7286 (cell), mary.beth.mcgowan@sce.com
- Register online at www.redcrossblood.org and follow the instructions

Operation Christmas Child Begins in Late October

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift filled shoe boxes.

What can you do to help?

<u>Pray:</u> Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box.

Pack a Box: It's that time again to start collecting items to fill shoeboxes full of love, caring and fun! These boxes will be shipped worldwide sending a message of God's love. We will distribute pre-printed cardboard boxes on October 27 and November 3 with the **final collection day November 10**. There will also be a limited supply of plastic boxes with a charge of \$2.00 each. Once you have decided the age of the child you will be shopping for consider a "WOW" gift (one bigger thing to really catch the child's eye, like a doll, stuffed animal, car, truck, or deflated soccer ball and pump). Items

 Sign up on the church patio between services on Sundays at either campus
Child care will be offered from 3:00-5:00 p.m. If you need



child care, please make an appointment to start 3:00-3:45 to allow you to complete the process before child care ends at 5:00 p.m. Also, please notify Avis or Mary Beth when you make your appointment that you need child care.

like toothbrushes, comb or brush, school supplies, flash lights with extra batteries, sunglasses, socks and

flipflops are also good ideas.

Discover the destination of your box(s) online: When you pay your \$9.00 shipping fee online you can print out a special barcode/label so that you can find out the final destination of your box.



<u>Unable to pack a box</u>: The first thing you can do is pray for these children and all the volunteers who make this "labor of love" happen. Next you can help cover the shipping costs, \$9.00, by donating cash or checks written to "Samaritans Purse" with "OCC" written in the memo line. Turn your donations in at the GIVE Table or the church office.

Join the SOTH "Packing Team": We will be putting together teams to go to our local OCC Processing Center in November and December.

For questions, please contact Kathy Toon at kathymtoon@gmail.com.

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.



Southwest Community Center – Friday, October 25

Stop by the Southwest Community Center table on the patio at the MV campus on Sunday October 13 or 20 and sign up to donate one or more items to help us provide a hot noon-day meal at the Southwest Community Center on Friday, October 25. The center is located in Santa Ana and feeds men, women and children who need food. We serve a hot noon-day meal to the people at the center bi-monthly. The meal consists of a hot casserole, toss green salad, buttered whole wheat bread, cookie or sweet bread and a drink. Due to new health regulations, casseroles need to be store bought. If you can donate items or would be able to go to the Center to help serve, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., stop by the table on the MV patio campus and sign up. For additional information, please contact Jan Brooks at (949) 280-7758 or Shannon Clark at sjcinsjc@cox.net or (949) 496-6017.

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.

Sunday Centering Prayer -Sundays 8:30 a.m.

In preparation for Sunday Worship join us in the MV Prayer Room for a time of silent prayer. Leaders are Bob Olson, Vivian Martin and Tom Roberts. Questions? Feel free to contact leaders or Jill at the church office.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

"A Taste of Centering Prayer"

Sunday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Join us in the MV Prayer Room for a brief introduction to Centering Prayer. Learn how easy the method is, the benefits to mind, body, spirit and soul while building our relationship with God and one another. Our time includes 5 -10 minutes of quiet.

"Be still and know that I am God." Ps 46:10

Prayer Shawl Ministry

October brings the beginning of fall, the holiday celebrating Christopher Columbus' discovery of America and, of course, Halloween which many believe is the day when spirits freely roam the earth and children roam their neighborhood hoping for yummy treats.

We are all back to our daily routines after a summer of vacation fun. The Knit Wits meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate on the MV campus. We get together to knit and crochet

prayer shawls for people who are in crisis. These shawls are a gift from our ministry. There is no charge. These are given with the hope that they bring peace, healing and love to the recipient.

We also participate in the Heart Walk, the Aids Walk and the Community Table at RSM.

Our entire church participates in this mission. The ladies make the shawls, the Sunday School children decorate the bags into which we place the shawls, our pastors bless the shawls and the congregation prays over them. Thus far we have given away 1900+ shawls. How soon will it be before we reach 2000?

If you would like to become part of this ministry, please contact Marilyn Widen (714) 821-9634 or Debbie Chawner (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: Anyone interested in becoming a part Available 24/7 at MV Campus of Prayer Ministry, please contact

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.

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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





"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

This 'n' That

Pastor's Bible Study at MV Wednesday

Pastor Karl's Bible Study at the MV campus is always open—anyone can participate as each week stands on its own. Currently we are studying the Gospel of John, chapter by chapter. The class is at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (6:00 p.m. during Wednesday Connect) in the Aldersgate Rm. Child care is available; please let Amy Strawn know at astrawn@sothumc.org (7 days in advance, please).

All Saints Service Sunday, October 27

Part of the worship service on Sunday, October 27 will be a remembrance of those who have died during the past year, November 10, 2018 – October 23, 2019. All Saints Day has been established as the day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament naming of all Christian people of every time and place.

We will remember those who have died in our church this past year, as well as in the Church universal. As a way of ministering to our church families, we are extending an invitation for our members to submit names of relatives who have died between November 2018 and October 23, 2019, but are not members of Shepherd of the Hills. Please contact the MV office at (949) 837-2941 and give us the name of the deceased, relationship, date of death, etc. Forms are available at the office table at the Mission Viejo campus and at the Informational Center at the RSM campus on Sunday mornings and in the church office.

Shepherd Seniors Wood Project December 10

12:30-2:00 p.m., MV Shepherd Hall. Our holiday woodworking project will be led by Reverend Jerry Carter. The project is cedar luminaries, 5.5" x 8.5", unfinished. Jerry will do all the cutting of the wood, and we will assemble the luminaries after lunch. Cost is \$15 for lunch plus \$5 for each luminary ordered. (Luminaries must be pre-ordered and paid for by Sunday, December 3.) Everyone will get an LED battery light and a written plan that explains that a person can buy a small glass candle or some other LED candle if they wish to.

Shepherd Seniors Fellowship needs your help! Please step forward and offer your leadership help to Sunny Hartman (sunesue3@yahoo.com) or Avis French (eavisf@cox.net), and we'll be able to add additional events in the future.

Children and Youth

Acolyte Training & Refresher Course – Sunday, October 13

Coming Sunday, October 13 Acolyte Training will be held from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Pizza will be served. Acolyte training is for anyone in 3rd grade - Sr. High. During the training, Acolytes are trained to bring the light of God into the service, and then, at the conclusion of the service, bring the light of God out into the world. The acolyte ministry originated from Old Testament times. The scripture tells us of the prophet Samuel assisting Eli the priest and of Elijah being assisted by Elisha. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Heather Arambarri at (760) 224-2018 or email her at harambarri@gmail.com.

October Is Busy–And Fun–at Preschool!

October is such a fun month at preschool. The children have settled in and teachers are enjoying watching their

personalities evolve. They will be learning about the seasons, especially fall, and planting vegetables in our school gardens. At the beginning of the month we have our Parent/ Teacher Informational meetings and look forward to our Mommy 'n' Me days at our school pumpkin patch at the end of the month. Chapel is up and running where the children learn that "Jesus is our rock" and God has made each and

every one of us special. Towards the end of the month the children talk about real and pretend in preparation for Halloween and we look forward to seeing everyone at our fun booth at Trunk or Treat! Happy Fall!

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









Resource Team

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Quarterly statements to those who pledged will be mailed the early part of October. Please review your statements carefully. If you note any item(s) that need correction, please contact the church office, 837-2941. Remember, you can also view your statement online at MyShepherd. Go to Financial section, click the dots and click my "Pledge Statement."

OFFERING GIVING

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, to reach out and to serve those in need in our church and community. Please continue to strive to keep your pledge current.

PLEDGING VS. GIVING

The amount you pledge helps us to determine our budget and set our goals for the year.

When you give to a specific fund, other than the budget, on a Sunday morning, using your pledge envelope, that amount is credited to the fund you designated. When you receive your statement, it will reflect all areas you have given to in the past 3 months. If your pledge is short and you have given to a specific fund that fund will be reflected and the difference noted on your pledge.

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future

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.

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.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 a.m.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, November 2.

'Happenings' Deadline...

The Happenings deadline is generally the 10th of every month (November Happenings deadline is Monday, November 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.

Activities Calendar Online

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

Confidential Pastoral Care pastoralcare@sothumc.org or 837-2941

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

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October 7	Mary Jo Hitchner	<u> </u>		
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	Claudia Short			
	Scott Syler			0
	Cameron Thorson		JoAnn Minnig	
	Adam Van Winkle	- · · · · -	Olivia Zapotny	0
October 8		October 15	Charlotte Runyan	
October 8	Lila Betty Riva Binder	October 16	Ryan Arroyo	
October 9	Daniel Croft		Derejo Buessing	
	Ane Franchello		John Hoffer	
October 10	Diana Annett		Jo Hutcheson	b
October 10			Neal Hutchinson	
October 11	Myra Hunter		Lauri Ann Tilton	
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	Alex Van Winkle	October 19	Sophia Croft	0
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October 12	Sandy Binder		Gerry Easton	Oc
	Glenda Lindahl		Jack Leggett	00
	Dick Otto		Pam Wolf	Oc
	Diana Weir	October 21	Derek Mills	Oc
October 13	Pat Brewer	October 22	Shelley Cummings	00
	Robin Burrow		Jamie Foundoulis	00
	Jennifer Figarotta		Brian Fues	Oc
October 14	David Gibson		Peter Lindegren	00
	Mildred Holmes	October 23	Candi Hutchinson	00
	Christina Lackey		Nancy Rabbitt	

October 25	Bob Bone
	Amy Maskrow
October 27	Tom Gramlich
	Jim Shotwell
October 29	David Beaman
	Roland Bender
	Carrie Callen
	Bill Greenfield, Sr.
October 30	Luke Schoettger
	Renne Schuttera
October 31	Caitlin Heinly
	Janet Keller
	Laura Witczak

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

October Anniversaries

October 3	Terry & Jane Wright
October 4	John & Glenda McNeill
October 6	Tim & Judie Bertolino
October 15	David & Marian Cummings
October 20	Aaron & Erin Foellmi
	Jeff & Debbie Hulbert
October 26	Jack Leggett & Marybeth Mc Gowan
October 27	Scott & Kimberly Harris

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Connecting people with Jesus and each other so they become deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ

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