

# Weekly Connections

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

November 12-19, 2017

## ShepHills Annual Meeting Sunday, November 19 at Noon

All confirmed members are asked to attend.

Presentation of **2018 Vision Budget**, election of four people to serve on **Council**, and **vote** to construct and finance Campus Renewal!

Lunch and childcare provided, as well as an indoor service project and organized games for PreK - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



*Give Thanks  
with a grateful heart*

Wednesday, November 22  
**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**  
Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
at noon or 7:00pm

# PRAYERS

- For Dale Mann, Marian Thompson and Gloria Rickard on their health challenges
- For Norma Smith and her brother, Jeff Andersen
- For Aiden Maxwell, nephew of Susie Cobb
- For Peggy Harris, sister of Bob Moore
- For First Baptist Church and the community of Sutherland Springs
- For our new members
- For our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud... faithfully!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Sunday, Nov. 12 - Wed. Nov. 22

## FILL THE RED BAG!

Please pick up a red bag from the Gathering Space and fill it with non-perishable items for Bread for All. We will be collecting items thru November 22. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3

## ADVENT WREATH/YULE CANDLE

**WHAT:** What better way to share the joy of Christmas with another than to make them the gift of an Advent Wreath or Yule Candle, hand made by you! This activity is for all ages and will take place between services.

**WHEN:** 9:00-10:30am

Thru November 29

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY OUTREACH

**WHAT:** When you are making out your Christmas gift list, please remember that our Christmas Families Outreach will be held again this year!

**WHO:** All of Us

**WHERE:** Trees with donation requests are in the Gathering Space

**INFO:** For any questions about the project, please contact Linda Roesle 512-472-4453 or 512-470-6804

Sunday School Hour

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PRACTICE

**WHAT:** Children singing songs of peace and joy for our Christmas Pageant!

**WHO:** Children in the Parent and Child Class thru 6th Grade

**WHEN:** Practice is during the Sunday School Hour

**INFO:** Want to participate? Contact Pr. Candice, [candice@shephills.org](mailto:candice@shephills.org)

Wednesday, November 15

## CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

**WHAT: NO HEAVY LIFTING REQUIRED!**

Our service project for November is to volunteer at the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) Warehouse sorting canned goods. We reserved 15 volunteer spots. CTFB has a new location, new building and some new procedures. Sign up in the Narthex or online at [www.shephills.org](http://www.shephills.org)!

**WHO:** Vintage Friends

**WHEN:** 9am-12pm

**WHERE:** Central Texas Food Bank, 6500 Metropolis Drive

**INFO:** Ray Tackett, cell: 512-659-7833, home: (512) 327-5397 or [rtackett2@swbell.net](mailto:rtackett2@swbell.net)

# DONATIONS NEEDED!

Bread For All

## FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

**WHAT:** We need travel soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, egg cartons and plastic bags for groceries! Please place items in the bin in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

Upbring BeREAL

## BICYCLE NEEDED

**WHAT:** Upbring has requested a lady's bike to provide transportation to work for a BeREAL young adult in San Marcos. Please contact Kathy Gerhardt, [kathnmark@gmail.com](mailto:kathnmark@gmail.com)

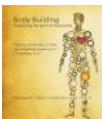
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## 2018 STEWARDSHIP

**"Body Building-Unleashing the Spirit of Generosity"** The heart muscle of stewardship is generosity. Exercise yours!



Find an online commitment card at [www.shephills.org](http://www.shephills.org)  
Look for the "give" icon.



Find a paper commitment card in your Sunday Bulletin or the Stewardship Brochure mailed to your home.

## Stewardship Sundays

**November 12** Stewardship Commitments

**November 19** Stewardship Commitments and Annual Meeting

**Don't miss our "Why We Fill Out The Card!" campaign on facebook!** Send your "why" to [Dabney@shephills.org](mailto:Dabney@shephills.org), along with a selfie or a picture of why you pledge, and we will post it!

# A PEEK AT ADVENT!



## The Season of Advent AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

### "THE FIRST CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS"

This Advent we will connect the heavenly music, story and characters of Christmas to fully experience the "Good News" with JOY and CELEBRATION!

### DECEMBER 3 ADVENT I:

Carol: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
Christmas Characters: Shepherds  
Christmas Candle: JOY

### DECEMBER 10 ADVENT II:

Carol: "Ave Maria"  
Christmas Character: Elizabeth  
Christmas Candle: HOPE

### DECEMBER 17 ADVENT III:

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Christmas Characters: The Heavenly Hosts  
Christmas Candle: LOVE

### DECEMBER 24 ADVENT IV:

One Worship at 10:00am  
Carol: "Magnificat"  
Christmas Character: Mary  
Christmas Candle: PEACE

### DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE:

Worship Services at 4, 6, 8 and 11pm

# WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12-19, 2017

**12 SUNDAY**  
 8:00am High School Lock-In  
 8:15am Worship  
 9:00am Breakfast  
 9:15am Blood Pressure Check  
 9:30am Sunday School/Next Gen  
 9:30am Adult Bible Study  
 9:30am Campus Renewal Forum  
 9:30am E Team Meeting  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:00pm Campus Renewal Forum  
 12:00pm Endowment Meeting  
 12:30pm Next Gen I/II Canned Food Scavenger Hunt  
 5:30pm Prayer Shawl

**13 MONDAY**  
 7:00pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting  
 7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting



**14 TUESDAY**  
 2:00pm Finance Team  
 4:00pm Splat Youth  
 4:30pm Firm Believers Exercise  
 4:45pm Prayer Group  
 5:30pm Firm Believers Yoga  
 7:00pm Council Meeting

**15 WEDNESDAY**  
 9:00am Vintage Friends Service Project  
 6:00pm Troop 31/Ship 31  
 6:15pm Bell Choir  
 7:30pm Adult Choir

**16 THURSDAY**  
 11:00am Ignite! Small Group Gathering  
 5:30pm Firm Believers Exercise  
 7:00pm Men's Basketball  
 7:00pm Stephen Ministry

**17 FRIDAY**  
 10:30am Bulletin Assembly  
 1:00pm Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication  
 3:00pm Weekly Connections Deadline

**18 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am This Matters! Leadership Meeting

**19 SUNDAY**  
 8:15am Worship  
 9:00am Breakfast  
 9:30am Sunday School/Next Gen  
 9:30am Adult Bible Study  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:00pm Annual Meeting  
 5:30pm Prayer Shawl

## ALL CHURCH SERVE UPDATE (A STORY OF STEWARDSHIP)

October 22 was All Church Serve Day, a day of service which is organized by the Outreach Team twice a year. This fall, Shepherd of the Hills put together 9 kitchen kits, 8 bathroom kits and 5 household kits for victims of Hurricane Harvey, with an estimated value of \$2,250 of donated items. Each bathroom kit also received a quilt made on this day, and each box received several cards of encouragement and pictures colored by our children.

As it unfortunately goes with disaster, you don't have to look far to find the needs. Travis County is actually providing some case management services to individuals and families that have been relocated to the Austin area. Many are from the Houston area and lost their homes and jobs. They are in temporary housing in FEMA funded hotels and a few are even currently homeless. Travis County is working with the families to find stabilized housing and jobs, and resources are scarce, especially since most of the attention and directed resources are going to areas with severe impact. Travis County was very excited and appreciative of the kits as they have already placed some families who have needs, and are trying to place others. Thank you ShepHills!