

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

January 15, 2021

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church www.shephills.org

WEEKEND WORSHIP

CONNECT!

This Weekend in Worship

Discovering our Connections

to God | to each other | to our place in the world

Mr. Crazy Hair has dug himself out of the snow. Come join him as we CONNECT! And speaking of snow... thanks for sharing all your pictures with us...make sure and tune in to Live-stream at 10:45 am to see them!

Worship

5:30 p.m. Saturday

8:15 a.m. Sunday

10:45 a.m. Sunday

Courtyard Worship*

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Live-stream

*In the case of inclement weather, please join us at 10:45 am Live-stream Worship. Notification of cancellation will be sent via Realm.

Learning Hour

New This Week! Watch during the Learning Hour!

9:30 a.m. MANNA "SOULWORK"

Did you miss Wednesday's Manna at Noon? Then tune in during the Learning Hour through the link "Church Online" at www.shephills.org, or Facebook or YouTube for this week's edition of "SoulWork," and get into shape with spiritual exercises during the season of Epiphany!

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the Epiphany study *Made in the Image of God*, as we ask "Who are we that God would send His one and only Son to die for us?"

Contact Ruby Cadenhead (rubies61@gmail.com) or go to onrealm.org, Community, Events, January 17, Adult Bible Study for a full listing of classes and scriptures, and a direct link to Zoom.

10:00 a.m. CAMP HOPE (PREK-GRADE 4)

Welcome back! We look forward to meeting and seeing everyone. Contact Joel Timmons (joel@shephills.org) for Zoom info, or go to onrealm.org, Community, Events, January 17, Camp Hope.

SPECIAL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting Webinar

NOON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Hear ye, Hear ye! Join us immediately following worship for a **Virtual Town Hall Meeting** featuring a video presentation of the 2020 Annual Report! Hear directly from those involved in the ministries, and bring your questions! Register for this webinar at www.shephills.org/webinar

HELPING EACH OTHER

The Art of Neighboring-CAN YOU HELP?

According to the recently conducted ShepHills survey, individuals are feeling disconnected. At various points, people in our congregation need help as a result of an illness, a family death or job loss. Being a good neighbor, a Good Samaritan, is a concrete way to say "I care about you and want you to feel connected".

This can be accomplished by providing a meal, transportation or assistance with simple household or computer tasks. Please contact Rebecca Guengerich (rguengerich@gmail.com) and become a part of this team if you would like to help when the need arises. You may not be called on a regular basis, but it is nice to know people are available to say "I care."

FINANCE CONTROLLER

Meet Kevin Marlow!

Born in Iowa, I have lived and worked as a corporate financial leader in Southwest Florida for the past 27 years. I have three grown sons and a daughter, and five young grandchildren. Our daughter and son-in-law and their children, Josiah and Aubrey, live in Cedar Park and work for Mission of Hope, a ministry serving the people of Haiti, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic with the Gospel, medical care and education. In my free time I love exploring new places and traveling with my wife, Clare. I also enjoy swimming, biking and running and look forward to competing in a few Sprint and Olympic distance triathlons here in Austin.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Courtyard Collections

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. SATURDAYS

Bread For All needs plastic grocery bags! Bring bags and non-perishable food items to the Church Courtyard every Saturday. Collection bins will also be available during Outdoor Worship services.

Manna at Noon

12:00 PM WEDNESDAYS, LIVE-STREAM

"SoulWork... Getting into Shape!"

Join us for "SoulWork," a weekly series during Epiphany. Come get into shape with spiritual exercises! Also available online Sundays during the Learning Hour.

Habits of the Heart

7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAYS ONLINE

Come discover a "Faith Habit" in each of our Scripture readings that follow the lectionary and build on connecting faith and life.

Ignite! Groups Resume

FIND A GROUP TODAY ON WWW.SHEPHILLS.ORG

Tending to our Spiritual Shape in the New Year,

ACT LIKE JESUS is our theme and looks at what it means to be holy—not in religious intent or feeling—but in the details of everyday life. Go to www.shephills.org, Connect, Small Groups to learn more about these groups and what times they meet. Sign up while you're there, or contact Pr. Tom, (tom@shephills.org)

Youth Group

7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

Grades 9-12 meet in person or on Zoom. Contact Joel Timmons, (joel@shephills.org)

Communion in the Courtyard
12:15 PM THURSDAYS

Receive communion from a pastor. Social-distancing in place, please wear a mask.

NextGen
7:00 P.M. THURSDAYS

Grades 5-7 meet on Zoom.

Contact Joel Timmons (joel@shephills.org)

Reader's Heaven
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Finish reading "Sacred Waiting: Waiting On God In A World That Waits For Nothing," By David Timms. Linda Roesle will be our facilitator. Contact Karen Flint (karenflint@me.com) or go to onrealm.org, Community, Events, January 28, Reader's Heaven for a direct link to Zoom.

Summer Plans for Youth + Children!
SUMMER MINISTRY FLYER!

The summer Ministry Flyer for events like summer camp, day camp and special summer Youth trips has been emailed to families! You can also find it at www.shephills.org/publications under 2021 General Publications. Or contact Joel Timmons (joel@shephills.org) and he will send it to you!

GIVING

We thank God for our partnership in mission and ministry and look forward to see what God is up to in 2021! If you would like to pledge or make a financial contribution, please visit www.shephills.org/give or onrealm.org/shephills/giving

PRAYERS

Please pray for Bob Moore, Julie Shank, Kristen Murray, Olivia Nutter and Emma Sather

Please pray Cyndi Christenson and family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Burch

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn, Jean Bessent and Janettee Henderson and family on the death of her brother, Larry Hall

Please pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for all those in the medical field caring for the sick. We give God thanks for vaccine development, which brings us all hope for our future health and well-being. We continue to pray for a cure and for an end to the spread of this disease.

Please pray for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

A Prayer for our Nation.

Almighty God, we pray for our nation and its leaders. We pray for a peaceful transition of power this week. We pray for civility, for kindness, and for love of neighbor to be our guide as we live together as citizens of this great country. Bless our public servants, especially our incoming President and Vice-President, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Be with our President and Vice-President who are leaving their offices this week, that they may move faithfully into the futures set before them now. Help all those in our government use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

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