

# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

May 27, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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## Special Prayer Service

**5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28 | Courtyard**

We invite you to join us for a Prayer Service as we lament gun violence and pray for peace. We believe prayer does hold power. We speak to God in prayer, and God speaks to us, as well. Listen for God's voice. . .what are we being called to do, say, and be in these days of despair? If you know of someone who might need a time and a place to pray, please invite them.

## Come Celebrate!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.” Acts 2:1**

There is no better time to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than on Pentecost Sunday, and no better way to celebrate than to sing, pray, eat, give, learn, and worship together! Mark your calendar, wear red, and join us for...

## Spirit-Filled Worship\*

**8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary**

**10:45 a.m. | Sanctuary + [Livestream](#)**

\*(there will be no Saturday Courtyard Worship on June 4)

## Pentecost Breakfast

**9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Activity Center**

Grab breakfast and fuel up for a day of great celebration!

## Adult Bible Study

**9:30 a.m. | Library + Zoom**

Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with an in-depth study of Acts 2:1-21.

## Anniversary Celebration Lunch

Noon - 2:00 p.m. | Activity Center + Solomon's Porch

Nothing says celebration like a BBQ lunch with friends! Come dig in and catch up as we celebrate Pentecost and our 45th Anniversary with lunch, a bouncy house for the kids, and music by Thom McNeil's band, Sundown by Morning. If you'd like to volunteer to bring sides or help serve, [click here](#).

## Special 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Offering

### Summer Ministry

Join us in blessing summer ministry [with a gift](#) that uses the number 45...\$4.50, \$45.00, \$450.00...

## Worship This Weekend

**"Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith."**

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalices on the altar were made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. This Sunday we honor Owen Wegner.

## No Contemporary Saturday Worship

### Saturday, May 28 + Saturday, June 4

Contemporary Courtyard Worship will not be held this Saturday and next Saturday.

- This Saturday we invite you to attend a special Prayer Service lamenting gun violence and petitioning for peace to be held in the Courtyard at 5:30 p.m.
- In lieu of next Saturday, join us Sunday, June 5 for Pentecost!

## Sunday Sanctuary Worship

8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 29 | Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 29 | Sanctuary + [Livestream](#)

\*Worship Boxes and the PrayGround are available for young ones during Sanctuary Worship!

## Sunday Morning and More

### Breakfast for All

EVERY SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Activity Center

Breakfast for every one, every Sunday!

## **Adult Bible Study**

**EVERY SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m. | Library + Zoom**

An in depth study of the week's scripture.

Contact [Ruby Cadenhead](#).

Zoom - Meeting ID: 882 7978 6819 Passcode: 267585

[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

## **Ways to Love, Grow, and Serve**

Find more events on [Realm Events](#) or the [website](#) calendar.

## **Bread for All (BFA) Food Pantry Collection**

**EVERY SATURDAY + SUNDAY**

**9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Solomon's Porch on Saturdays\***

**8:00 a.m. - Noon | Gathering Space on Sundays**

Bread for All needs our support now more than ever. Please bring non-perishable food and diapers.

\*Due to construction, the Courtyard bin will be located on Solomon's Porch (back patio) over the summer.

## **Office Closed This Monday, May 30**

In observance of Memorial Day the office will be closed. If you need to contact a pastor, please email [Pr. Lauren](#).

## **Feed My People**

**THIS TUESDAY, MAY 31**

**5:15 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. | 1300 Lavaca St.**

Do a good deed before you even go to work! Come serve God's children breakfast at the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church. [Click here](#) for volunteer opportunities (greet, prep, serve, etc.) and to register.

Contact [Weldon Allison](#).

## **Wednesday Bible Studies**

**NO MEETING JUNE 1**

Wednesday Bible Studies will return June 8. Contact [Pr. Tom](#) or [Pr. Lauren](#).

## **Race to Jesus!**

**BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 20**

**7:00 p.m. | Location TBD**

Please join us for a weekly gathering to read and discuss the steps in the book "Race to Jesus," facilitated by Carole and Larry Morgan. Author Dr. Clarence Hill helps identify opportunities to make a genuine impact in building healthier relationships and working with others outside of our ethnic groups or any group that is outside of our comfortable and familiar sphere.

Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this group by [emailing](#) Dabney in the church office.

## **Readers' Heaven**

**READ A NEW BOOK!**

We have our next book! Ruby Cadenhead has invited us to read her favorite book - "Who Stole My Joy?" by Sandra Steen. **The book is extremely hard to find,** but Readers' Heaven has secured 7 copies and will be reading them on rotation, [email Karen Flint](#) to get on the list.

## **Upbring Golf Tournament**

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**

**7:00 a.m. | Golf Club at Star Ranch**

Join us for the Upbring Golf Tournament benefiting Foster in Texas, New Life Children's Center, and BeREAL.

Contact [Pr. Tom](#) or [Bill Dawson](#) to sign up for the ShepHills' team!

## **Mariposa News**

### **Grant Recipient**

Mariposa Family Learning Center was selected as the Winning Finalist for the 2022 Women's Fund grants cycle and will be receiving a \$45,000 multi-year grant award (\$25,000 in 2022 & \$ 20,000 in 2023). What a fantastic blessing!

## **Giving**

### **Beyond Capital Fund Appeal**

**The permit for construction is in hand, demolition starts Monday, and the giving keeps growing!**

**Last week:** 129 households are participating, \$2,202,131

**This week:** 132 households are participating, \$2,210,536

given and pledged to date towards our \$3 million goal. [Click here](#) to learn more and make your pledge.

## **Regular Giving**

Summer is here! Stay current with your giving while on the road - [give online](#). Thank you for giving freely and joyfully!

## **Supporting the Community of Uvalde, TX**

[Donations](#) may be given to the SWT Synod Disaster Response Team, and will be used locally in Uvalde, TX as concrete needs are identified in the coming days.

## **Prayers**

**We pray** for Tom Felger, Pam and Jeff Petterson, Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner, Tom Smith, Walter and Stacia DeBill, and Janice Pinckard.

**We pray** for Beth Getman, mother of Megan Getman.

**We pray** for the victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde--the 19 children and 2 teachers whose innocent lives were taken in violence. We pray for their families who grieve. We pray for the survivors who witnessed such horror. We pray that you will bring comfort to all who mourn. We pray for our state and national leaders to effect solutions to this tragic pattern. We pray for ourselves, that we may not grow numb to news of violence but rather work to end it and its causes.

**We give thanks** for teachers, school counselors, administrators, and all staff who live out their vocation in our schools. The past two years have been heavy enough, but this week was crushing. We pray that these servants of our children may know their work makes a difference. Give them good rest over the summer, time to refresh and reconnect with you and loved ones. Grant them your strength and your peace.

**We pray** for all graduates who are completing years of study and time invested in their future. We pray for God to bless the next steps of their journeys-- that wherever they go, they may know that God goes before, behind, and beside them.

**We pray** for all friends and Shepherd of the Hills members to stay well and for a safe return from Greece and Germany this week. As they walked in the footsteps of Paul and experience the Passion of Jesus Christ in Oberammergau, Germany, may the inspiration of your Holy Spirit renew faith and grow hearts.

**We pray** for the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace.

**On this Memorial Day weekend**, we pray for peace and for those who gave all in service to our country. Be with the families who have lost loved ones in war, and lead us toward a world where no one must give their lives in pursuit of freedom.

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

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

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

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unless we are notified otherwise.*

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