



Shepherd's Scroll

December 2023

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am
8:30am Service is Livestreamed
Nursery Available

Sunday Social Hour

9:15am - 10:15am
Coffee and snacks

Office Hours & Phone

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday
9:00am - Noon

404 N. Green Street
McHenry, IL 60050

Phone: 815-385-4030

www.shepherdofhills.org

Church Council

Carol Janssen
Christina Johnson
Jackie Huddleston
Paul Morgan
Barb Nalley
Bob Preston
Pam Schilf
Jay Quinlan
Jason Vanick

Our Mission:

To LOVE people wherever they are,
To LIVE the grace of God in Jesus Christ
and To GROW in faith and service.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Disciples and friends,

As I write this, I'm beginning to feel like the surgical wound is healing and I'll soon be able to move around better. Thank you for your concern, good wishes, and prayers. It is all greatly appreciated. They were present in the O.R. and in the Day Surgery unit. I will see the doctor on Friday for a Post-Op check-up.

By the time this reaches you, we will be very close to celebrating Christ The King-11/26/2023. This marks the end of one Church Year as we hear about the victorious return of The Lord.

The next weekend—12/03/2023—we will begin the Season of Advent and preparation for the story of Jesus' birth. This date will mark the beginning of a new Church Year—Year B. Advent has become the Season of Hope as disciples of Jesus anticipated his return. The Gospel of Mark will be featured during the coming year. The book of Mark appeared around the year 70. It reflects the remembrance of Disciples that were coming into the Community of The Church. The intent was to maintain a record of the reports by eyewitnesses to Jesus earthly life and ministry.

I am thankful for the Rostered Leaders who have agreed to share worship with you while I'm away. In this season of Hope, a portion of my hope is to be present with you in worship for the final weekend of Advent and the worship of anticipation on Christmas Eve and arrival of the little Lord Jesus on Christmas day.

In our Advent prayers let's agree to thank God for having already identified a Called-Pastor to lead Shepherd of the Hills into its future and to give our congregation the patience to await the answered call. Our collective prayers will be appropriately hopeful in the season of waiting and hope. I wish you, my sisters, and brothers a blessed Advent and a Joyous Christmas celebration.

With Gratitude and Blessing,

Pr. Rob



"Buzzing in and about SOTH"

Sunday Stewards

Barb & Jay Nalley, Ruth Paddock, Roberta Bass, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Kevin Harrington, Jackie & Dave Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Debby Krause, Bert Young, Jill Holtz-Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Sue Murphy, Lois Randall, Ron Jones, Pam Schilf, Lee & Sue Borresen, Dave Olsen, Betty Thompson, Patty Parisi, Sandy Orlando, Karen O'Neill, Breine Patton, Ann Tilling



Flower Sponsors

December 3: Paul & Carol Morgan
December 10: OPEN TO SPONSOR
December 17: Christina Johnson
December 24: Jackie & Dave Huddleston
December 31: Debby Krause and Beth & Bob Preston, In memory of Joan Preston

Refreshment Sponsors

December 3: Bonnie Johnson & Helen Burlack
December 10: Pam Schilf
December 17: Nevie Gamble
December 24: Jackie & Dave Huddleston
December 31: Debby Krause



The Lawn Rangers

Alan Holm, Andy Vantreeck, Mike Moushey, Bob Preston, Ron Jones

Memorials Received

In Loving Memory of Bev Blundell
Gail Wood



"You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever."

James, Daniel and Ruby Huddleston , Parents:
Brandon Huddleston and Rachel Venard Huddleston
Sponsors: Kristin and Jake Stemmen



SKIP - Shepherd's Kids in Praise Kindergarten - Grade 5

2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

5:30pm Simple Dinner 6:00 - 7:30pm Program

Interested in volunteering? Contact Heather



Shepherd's Fellowship Events - October & November

Ladies **BUNCO**



Sunday, October 22, 2023
11:30 am
Fellowship Hall



Biggest Winner - Marilyn Rooney
Biggest Loser - Donna Quinlan
Most Buncos - Bev Pearce

SOTH'S ANNUAL TRUNK OF TREAT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
1PM-3PM



ADULT NIGHT OUT @

Saturday, Nov. 11



Tour starts at 6pm



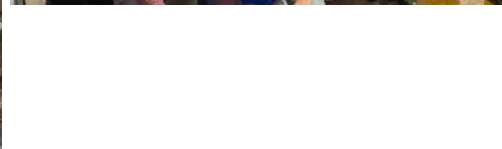
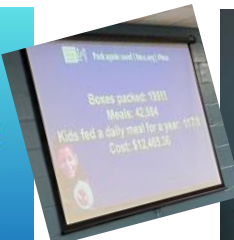
WELCA
Advent Dinner
 Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 • VFW McHenry
 5:00pm Table Viewing & Fellowship • 5:30pm Dinner
 McHenry High School Madrigals will perform



**Best Decorated
 Table Hostesses:**
 Christina Johnson &
 Lois Randall



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
 Monday, November 20, 2023
 Feed My Starving Children
 742 E Park Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048
 7:00-8:45pm



MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS
 by Randy Casey

The number of wonderful songs composed for Christmas is so long that almost everyone could name five without giving the idea a second thought. For instance, "White Christmas" comes to mind. It is one of the finest songs ever written on any subject, Christmas or otherwise. When Irving Berlin composed "White Christmas," he was truly inspired.

On Christmas Eve The Shepherd's Voices will sing a delightful arrangement of "Fum, Fum, Fum." While members of the Choir can tell you that I have presented them with challenging music, they can also tell you that the arrangement of "Fum, Fum, Fum" we will sing Christmas Eve is a whole lot of fun.

The birth of the baby Jesus is unique from all other human births. This Holy birth is the inspiration for the large library of The Church's Christmas music.

The Choir and I wish you and your family a very "Merry Christmas."

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Thanksgiving Blessings

This year has been extremely hard on our community. We have been receiving more than the normal amount of phone calls from people in need. We anticipate providing meals to approximately 100 families in our community this Thanksgiving season. All donations are greatly appreciated - \$40 feeds a family of four - \$50 feeds a large family. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can use Vanco.



Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 3, 2023

11am to 1:30pm

PRAISE BAND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WALKING TACOS

HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

ADVENT WALK LEADING YOU ON A JOURNEY

BACK TO BETHLEHEM WITH ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE.

For more information contact Heather
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

The Christmas Bazaar

is just around the corner
Sunday, December 10, 2023

Please bring all craft donations
to the church office
starting Nov. 1 until Dec. 8

Questions?
Contact Jennifer Walker at (815)245-8613

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING EVENT

Join us for a day or a few hours of Christmas card making that will be distributed to homebound and senior residences in the area! Bring a dish to pass for lunch.

Hosted by Christina Johnson and Lois Randall

Saturday, December 9th 9am-4pm

Questions contact Christina Johnson:
christinaj1124@gmail.com

JOIN US AT THE CHICAGO WOLVES

Saturday, January 6, 2024

7:00pm Allstate Arena

Tickets \$25/each

Money is due November 24, 2023

If interested email Heather
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

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Christmas Card Outreach

We are collecting signed Christmas cards, to be distributed to homebound and senior residences in the area.

Please drop cards off in the Narthex by December 10th.

Questions contact Christina Johnson:
christinaj1124@gmail.com

Hat and Mitten Tree

We are accepting donations of winter scarves, mittens and hats, tree located in the Narthex.

DROP OFF DEADLINE: Monday, 12/11

Contact the office if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please choose an ornament to help out a family in need.

Tree located in the Narthex.

DROP OFF DEADLINE: Monday, 12/11

Contact the office if you have any questions.

Update from the Call Committee

Special thanks to all of those who participated in filling out the Call Committee Questionnaire. It is greatly appreciated!

Faithfully Yours,
The SOTH Call Committee



FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Topic is:

"Genealogy, how to get started"

December 6, 2023

12:30 pm

Joyful Harvest Church



FOR INFORMATION WWW.JOYFULHARVEST.ORG

Save the Date YOUTH GATHERING TRIENNIAL 2024

for 8th Grade and High School Students

July 14-21, 2024

For more information Contact Heather
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Available Monday through Friday
- 6:00 am - 6:00 pm Ages 5 - 11 years old —
For Landmark, Edgebrook, Duker, Hilltop and
Riverwood
- Transportation to and from is available
- For more information contact Ashley Metcalf
ametcalf@shepherdofhills.org

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

- Offering 3, 4, and 5 year olds Classes
- Contact Jennifer Walker - jwalker@shepherdofhills.org



Men's Breakfast

the first Saturday of every month,
8:00am @ Buddy Z

Ladies Breakfast

the first Saturday of every month,
8:00am @ Kim & Patty's Restaurant

Would you be willing
to learn to serve as a
Greeter? Usher?
Liturgist?
Communion
Assistant? Help set
up for communion? Please prayerfully consider
serving your church family in one of these ways.
Call the church office at 815-385-4030 to sign up.
Thank you!



Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song!

Shepherd of the Hills offers several music
ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's
Bells and Shepherd's Praise Band.



The groups perform at
services, special programs,
holidays and other church
events. We welcome
new members!

If you are interested please call the church
office at 815-385-4030.

Mary Martha Circle/Bible Study

is the second Tuesday of every month,
1:00 - 3:00pm in Room 5.



Please bring your Bible and
a copy of the publication
"The Gather" if you have one.

Questions? Please call or
email: Sharie Moy,
815-236-2642
or teacup76@comcast.net.

**Monday Night Zoom
Prayer Group**

is every Monday, 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 869 5417 4425

Passcode: 683774

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Questions? Please call or email:

Barb Nalley



815-354-4322 or nalleybarb@gmail.com

Refreshment Sponsors are needed for Sunday morning social hour. Interested? Cost is \$30.

Sponsor Flowers in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones or "just because". Cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Sponsors are encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the 10:00am service.

Sign-up and forms are located in the hallway outside the church office. Any questions give the office a call at 815-385-4030.

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					10am: Christmas Extravaganza Set-up	8am: Ladies B'fast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's B'fast@ Buddy Z 5pm: Worship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School 11:15am: Christmas Extravaganza	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS 6pm: Girl Scouts 6:30pm: Cub Scout 11	BUZZ 7pm: Praise Band	12:30pm: Women's Rec. 6:30pm: Cub Scout 11 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	2pm: HS Parent Meeting 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		9am-4pm: Adult Craft: Christmas Card Decorating 5pm: Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School Music Sunday Christmas Bazaar	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS 6:30pm: WELCA	BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 7pm: Praise Band	12:30pm: Women's Rec. 1pm: Prayer Shawls 6:30pm: Cub Scout 311 7pm: Confirmation/Yth Grp. 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	12pm: Staff Mtg 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	5pm: PS Christmas Program	5pm: Worship
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
3pm, 5pm & 11pm: Worship	10am: Worship 	BUZZ 7pm: Praise Band	12:30pm: Women's Rec. 6:30pm: Cub Scout 131 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		5pm: Worship
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