

SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Decorating Day

Saturday, December 1, at 9:00am
Please help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.
All are welcome!

Annual Sombra Del Monte Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 2, after Worship
We will elect board officers and
approve the proposed 2019 budget.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly
breakfast meeting on Saturday, December 8, at 8:00am
at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their
monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday,
December 12, at noon.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service
Monday, December 24
5:00pm**

Sermon Scriptures for December

December 2	Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 9	Malachi 3:1-4
December 16	Luke 3:7-18
December 23	Luke 1:39-55
December 30	Luke 2:21-52

THIS 'N THAT

Time to order your poinsettias! Plants are \$8.00 each. Please fill out the order form completely and legibly. Payment and forms can be put in the offering plate or Ilona's inbox in the church office. Forms will be in the bulletin and on the Information Desk.



It's that time of year when members and friends of Sombra Del Monte remember the church staff with a "love gift". You may place your check in the offering plate - just mark the memo line "staff gift".

January-June 2019 Worship Scheduling: Ilona is currently working on the schedules for Communion Preparation and Servants of the Table. If you know of a date for which you will be unavailable, please let her know by **December 10**. Thank you!

The Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, November 25, are provided by James Hackney in memory of Bonnie.

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December
BIRTHDAYS

Kent Maxwell, 12-8
Jennifer Parrish, 12-23

Tony & Deedra Lucero,
12-14



December
ANNIVERSARIES



From
the
Pastor

I'm Ready Now

It was a late, hot August day and my parents, grandparents, little brother and I were behind the levee not too far from the Mississippi River picking low-growing dewberries (closely related to blackberries). My grandmother was going on about what a visiting evangelist had said at the revival meeting last evening concerning the end of the world coming soon.

To my young ears, it sounded like it was next week or something. So, in my hot, sweaty, and scratched-up misery, I asked, "Well, if the end is soon, why are we out here picking these berries? Why don't we just stay home, eat bologna sam'iches and wait?"

Dad said, "Boy, hush and pick berries, and listen to your grandmother." Although there wasn't a lot of conviction in his admonition. I looked at my granddad picking next to me, he winked, and offered me a canteen of water.

My grandmother's fervor was not to be dampened and much later she concluded by saying Jesus was coming back like a thief in the night when you least expected him, so you had to always be ready. Ready, given what lay ahead in the weeks to come, I was ready now. Grandmother added, but just in case Jesus didn't come before winter, these berries would taste mighty good in a hot cobbler, along with the wild plum jelly on biscuits made from the sand plums we would pick next weekend, not to mention all the vegetable canning coming up.

I groaned, oh, please Lord Jesus, come soon before we have to do all that stuff, 'cause I am definitely ready now.

As we wait, let us be busy with God's work of compassion, healing, justice, and the proclamation of the good news as winter is on the horizon. ~Pastor Logan

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Prayers for the safety of deployed military troops and for the peace and comfort of their families during the holiday season.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Ezriana Gutierrez, Justin Leeps, Leon Parrish, Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Fred Shoemaker, and Carolyn Tumey

Our shut-ins are: **Joanne Colvin and Abigail McVeety**