

SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER  
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### Forgiveness

No way, I didn't just do that! Stupid, stupid! Yet, there it is, the proof all over my shoes and on the floor. I have just stepped in a roller pan full of paint. Awe, come on, we've all done things like this ... haven't we?

After the fact, we behave as if we were all-knowledgeable and all-powerful and should have known better and done better. I mean, there were no other forces at work in us, on us, or around us that could have contributed to our mistake. Sorry, folks, we are all the repositories of influences that determine our choices and behaviors often beyond our knowing or caring. Now, what do we do with our stupid experiences? Do we wallow in them to justify not being better or learn from them and be and do better?

I believe that if we can't learn to forgive ourselves we only experience the intellectual portion of God's forgiveness and miss out on its fullest, potential for joy and creative possibilities in our lives. ~Pastor Logan

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Maxine Shoemaker, 10-15  
Gloria Rogers, 10-16  
Deedra Lucero, 10-18  
Dorothy Beckner, 10-18  
Dorothy Parrish, 10-26  
Kayley Guay, 10-29  
Fred Shoemaker, 10-29



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Church Women United Annual Retreat

Friday, October 6, at 9:00am

St. Paul Lutheran Church (1100 Indian School Rd. NE)

DeeDee Heffner of St. John United Methodist Church will be the retreat leader. The theme is "Turning Aside" based on Exodus 3:1-15. The retreat will conclude at 12:00pm, but those wishing to bring a sack lunch may gather at the labyrinth for meditation and/or conversation. For more information, call Amy Costales at 867-4207.

### Gracias Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00pm  
Tingley Coliseum

This unique and dynamic show brings you a powerful message that will move your heart. Three amazing acts of world-class music and theater: The Opera, The Musical, and The Choir & Orchestra, as well as some surprises! Enjoy cherished carols, beautiful hymns, Christmas standards, and Handel's Oratorio "Messiah" all in one unforgettable evening. Please stop by the church office during business hours to get your **free** tickets.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at noon.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 14, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

The **Friends Fellowship** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 25, at 11:30am. Watch the bulletin for more information on October's program.



## THIS 'N THAT

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be collecting non-perishable items in October and November for **The Storehouse**. Items most needed are canned soups and stews, canned fish and meat, peanut butter, and baby food. They also accept dog and cat food to assist their furry friends. Please put your donations in the green box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

**2018 Stewardship Appeal:** We are in the process of developing the annual church budget. If you haven't already turned in your Estimate of Giving form, please do so. Forms are provided in the bulletin. Thank you.

**Ministry chairs:** please turn in your Program Information and Budget Estimates if you have not already done so.

## WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Prayers for Ben Harris who was recently hospitalized and underwent some tests. He is currently at home recuperating.

Prayers for Jennifer Parrish and the Pratt family. Jennifer's father, Butch Pratt, passed away on September 13.

Steve Parrish and family are thankful for your prayers. They have come safely through Hurricane Irma.

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

George Coleman (Dorothy Beckner's brother), Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Fred Shoemaker, Jeff & Elizabeth Thomsen, and Frankie Towne (John Towne's sister-in-law)

Our shut-ins are:

**Joanne Colvin, June Johnston, Abigail McVeety, and Corinne Wagner**