
The Shepherds' Voices

Mid-North Shepherd's Center for Adults 55+

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Happy Birthday!

Marcella Taylor	6
Jackie Nytes	7
Joe Wood	9
Art Sterne	10
Pat Thorlton	11
Helen Brittain	17
Faustina Pryor	20
Dorothy Coleman	23
Cynthia Kuhn	23
Janet Penwell	23
Rita Schilling	27
Jeff Linnan	28
Shirley Marshall	30

God bless you on your December birthday. We will celebrate this month's birthdays on Wednesday, December 6, with cake and ice cream for everyone. A special thank you to Norma Arend and Marilyn Downey for volunteering to call our birthday folks for each month.

Deadline for newsletter items is
December 13th.

Shepherd's Center Office Hours:

Monday:	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday:	CLOSED

The Shepherd's Center Offices will be closed from December 21 through January 2



From the MNSC Offices:

As 2017 draws to a close, I am reminded of the many things – both positive and negative – that have occurred in our lives. As we move forward, it is the essence of having hope in what comes next. I found this quote and thought it worthwhile.

“Do not depend on the hope of results. You may have to face the fact that your work will be apparently worthless and even achieve no result at all, if not perhaps results opposite to what you expect. As you get used to this idea, you start more and more to concentrate not on the results, but on the value, the rightness, the truth of the work itself. You gradually struggle less and less for an idea and more and more for specific people. In the end, it is the reality of personal relationship that saves everything”.

Thomas Merton

- Jeff Linnan, Executive Director

December Meeting Schedule:

<u>Investment Club</u>	9:30 a.m.	Thurs. 12/7
at Broadway UMC		
<u>Finance Meeting</u>	9:30 a.m.	Wed.. 12/13
At North United Methodist		

The Board of Directors No Meeting in December

Program Committee No Meeting in December

Memoir Writers No December Meeting



Shepherd's Center Book Club

In December, we will read and discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. In a remote Yunnan village, a stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and also encounters the Akha people. Cultures clash as their adoption story unfolds.

January's choice is *Dragon Teeth*, a historical thriller about Ivy League dinosaur-bone hunters in the 1870's American West. It is the second posthumous Michael Crichton book to be published.

Our books are available at the Indianapolis Library. Whether you read these books or not, join us for discussion on December 6 @ 1:15 p.m. in the library on the second floor – right off the elevator. .

"When what should my wondering eyes should appear...but 10 extra pounds on my hips, thighs, and rear. "

Great Decisions 2018

Plans are already in the works for the Great Decisions program series for next year. As always, we have a very committed and connected committee to help make these informative programs happen. Members include Dotti Gerner (Chair), Charlie McDonald, Vic Childers, Phil Hexamer, Ed Johnson, and John Clark.

Topics for 2018 include:

- Russia
- Media & Foreign Policy
- Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
- U.S. Defense Budget
- The waning of Pax Americana
- South Africa
- Global Health

Please plan to join us April 11, 2018 for the kick-off

Jazz Brunch Success!

Many thanks to the MNSC Members who joined in making this year's Jazz Brunch a successful one. With over 130 items for the Silent Auction (wow!), we netted almost \$4,900.00 – the third highest amount in the last seven years.

Special thanks to Jan Swartz – who stepped in when others could not – and took the reins in making this event one of our best. We also want to acknowledge all of our members and non-members alike who volunteered their time on November 11.

We also had some rather creative auction items including fresh-made pies (Yummy!) from Bill Keiffer and two dozen cookies/month from Joan Barclay.

Next year's brunch is tentatively planned for Mid-October – we are looking at either the 13th or 20th.

A Time For Giving

We want to thank all of our generous members who have given of their funds to help keep the Shepherd's Center a viable program for all.

Donations have been received from: Ed Johnson, David Sedgely, Betty Lingeman, Ada Shaun, Carol Zeltner, Donald Nelson, Mary Gillim, Babrbara Ralston, Mary McGarvey, and Jo Pannel.

We also received several memorial donations for those loved ones who have recently passed. Those include:

In memory of Helen Ladson: Mary Kress and Joan Barclay.

In memory of Kristine Linnan: Randy & Bonnie Strate and Nancy Hitchcock.

We will also be sending out the Fall Appeal letter soon to help generate more funds to support Mid-North Shepherd's Center for the coming year. Please give generously and help us grow!

