



## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

This Sunday, November 8th is Children's Sabbath. Come and join us as we celebrate our children at Southern Hills as they lead us in worship. Exciting things take place during Children's Sabbath; the 3rd graders will receive their bibles, we will recognize our volunteers, we celebrate our vibrant children's programs that have happened throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

**Sunday School at 9:30 am**  
**Unified Service at 10:45 am**



Joel Markon

## COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR WOODLAND CHRISTMAS!

The Outreach Ministry will sponsor SHCC's 30th Annual Alternative Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are new to the church, this event is a way to avoid some of the commercialism of the Christmas season. We will have handmade cards for sale at \$5 each, with the proceeds going to our 18 non-profit agencies.



There will also be fair-trade gift items from many different countries, and the Disciples Women will have a bake sale benefiting our Disciples Mission Fund. Don't worry, we're also having a brunch that will benefit the Jamaica Mission trip next July. Rumor has it that biscuits and gravy will be served! This is a great time to invite family and friends to join you!

## DISCIPLE WOMEN'S CHARITY GROUP

Charity group will meet on November 17th to pack hygiene/snacks kits for Refuge Fellowship and the Salvation Army. We are currently accepting donations for the kits. Suggested items include: toothbrush with toothpaste, chapstick, deodorant, wipes, facial tissue, hair brush, washcloth, warm gloves, socks, hand warmers, and individually packaged nuts or

other snacks. Please leave your items at the church with a note indicating for Charity group or give them directly to a member of Charity group. Everyone is welcome to join us at 1:30pm on November 17th to pack the kits. For more information, visit with Teresa Lynn, Jane Vogt, or Melissa Powers.



## ON THE PATH

I love autumn. The air is crisp and cool, the trees are aglow in color, and in the air there is a faint smell of crackling wood fires. I always feel a strong sense of community during this season. I love to watch how we here at Southern Hills come together as the Body of Christ during this time. The Pumpkin Parish offers a place for friends to visit as they work in the patch together or buy a pumpkin. As pictures are snapped and kids run through the maze of pumpkins, families share their memories of their traditions of buying pumpkins from our Parish. The Pumpkin Parish gives us a chance to share with the community the warm hospitality that Southern Hills is known for. With each pumpkin purchased, the community is reminded of how important outreach is to Southern Hills. At our Pumpkin Fest, we give the community a taste of how important fellowship is to our congregation. As families and kids go from car to car trick-or-treating, we let people know that providing a safe space for children and their families is a priority for us at Southern Hills. We live out our core values of koinonia

and service to others in and around the Pumpkin Parish.

This year we had a wonderful opportunity to deepen our spirituality and worship together in the parish. The first line of our mission statement reads, "Providing vibrant, dynamic and meaningful worship experiences around the Lord's table." 92 children, youth and adults gathered for worship and dinner in the patch. People driving by on the street, or coming to buy pumpkins, were offered a glimpse of the beauty of our worshiping community. We lived into the message that all are welcome at the table, as children dressed as a Ghostbuster, Darth Vader, and a Monarch Butterfly, served communion and took up the offering. Looking out in the crowd, I saw a beautiful mix of people drawn together in community, living out their faith right there by the street. It was a powerful moment.

*Jenny*

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Be sure to mark your calendars for special worship services on December 20th. We'll celebrate the season with our Christmas Cantata in Traditional Service and continue with a special time of

Christmas worship and music in the Contemporary Service. We hope you will plan to come enjoy these musical gifts of the season! (Services will follow the regular Sunday schedule.)



## YOUTH NEWS

**All youth meet in the sanctuary this Sunday, 11/8 @ 9:30** for Sunday school to help with Children's Sabbath (there is one, unified worship service at 10:45).

There will be **no Youth Sunday school** 11/15 so that all may attend the Alternative Christmas breakfast and sale.

Starting 11/29 and running through 12/20, **CYF Youth Sunday school will be attending Jean Gauldin's Advent class**, being held in the chapel. Drama rehearsals are still going strong! 4-6pm in the sanctuary, every Sunday afternoon!

If you would like to plan/organize/help with a **Youth Christmas party**, please contact Jenny Wynn, as I will be out on maternity leave.

As always, I am here to help and support. Please feel free to come to me with thoughts, prayers, concerns, questions, or if you just need someone to talk to.

~One Love

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## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Your Leadership Council met on October 18th and the full minutes of the meeting are in a notebook in the church office.

Karl Hirsch reported that income is still greater than expenses and we are going into a time of year that has historically been our best in terms of regular and loose offerings. He noted that the church office will soon be sending reports to pledging members letting them know the current status of their pledges. (Commitment Sunday for 2016 was October 25.)

The nominating committee has met and Ted Drab, convener of that committee, said that they will be working toward gender and generational balance on the 2016 Leadership Council when they choose their nominees.

Jenny reminded us that on September 11, 2016, Southern Hills will be 50 years old. She mentioned the challenge of celebrating on a day that has become a day of national mourning. She asked for themes for our celebration and suggested the theme of "Dream" for all of 2016, including the birthday celebration. "Jubilee" was also suggested as a theme. The Council would welcome volunteers to help plan the birthday celebration.

The themes of evangelism and a presence for SHCC in the community (in addition to being the "Pumpkin Church") and building of community within the congregation were discussed. In January we are planning to begin some diverse small groups that will include fellowship, brainstorming ideas for how we can take SHCC's message into the community, etc. The input from the groups will be taken back to the Council for consideration and possible implementation.

In order to streamline the Council meetings and to better communicate with the congregation, the Ministry Cluster Conveners were asked to email their reports to Myrna the Wednesday before each Council meeting for distribution to the Council members so that they can review the reports and come to the meeting with any questions or comments.

As we come into the last 2 months of 2015, we would like to know if you have any comments or suggestions for the Leadership Council as to how you feel this first year under the new structure has gone and how we might do better in 2016. If you'd like to give us your input online, [click here](#). If you prefer a paper form, they will be available in your bulletin on Sunday.

## LCDA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) will hold a Christmas party for 700 children on December 5th. They are requesting support from our church with collecting new toys for children aged newborn to 11 years old. A box has been placed in the Gathering Area to receive donated toys. Please do not wrap the toys, so volunteers will be able to sort toys into appropriate age categories. Toys need to be collected by November 15th. Your gift of toys will bring smiles

of great joy to the faces of LCDA sponsored children and their families on Christmas morning! On behalf of the Outreach Ministry, we thank you for your generous donations.



## TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!

On October 25th, we had our latest PumpkinFest! A great big huge thank-you to all of those who helped make it a success! Thank-you for your donations of candy and dollars! Thank-you for your decorated trunks and for handing out candy to our trunk-or-treaters!

Thank-you to all those who helped with coordination, inflatables, music, games, supplies and more! Thank-you to CDC for providing and handing out pizza! We had children and youth attend, not only from SHCC, but from our surrounding community

as well. This event is always fun and once again, it was an amazing opportunity to share our hearts with those unfamiliar with Southern Hills. Thank-you, and we look forward to doing it again next year!

## GRAPEVINE? REINDEER? BIRDHOUSES?

Yes, that's right! To turn our Fellowship Hall into a forest for our "Woodland Christmas" we need your help. We are seeking the following items: Decorative birdhouses, woven grapevine, reindeer or wire reindeer, small Christmas trees (table top size and larger also), strings of white lights, pine cones, greenery garlands, artificial cranberries or holly sprigs and other nature-inspired items for an outdoor winter scene. Please mark anything you bring with your name (an address label will do) so we may return it. Items may be brought to the church office the week of Nov. 8. For questions, please contact Marilee Hattendorf.



## DISCIPLES MEN'S WORKDAY



Disciples Men are holding a workday Saturday, November 7th for a workday at Linda Lofton's house (1204 Pine Drive, Edmond, OK 73034). Show up at 10:00 am for donuts and coffee, followed by a variety of odd jobs around Linda's

house. There will be some cleaning and hedge trimming as well as painting on the agenda. Bring your work gloves and trimming tools. Painting supplies will be provided. For more info or directions contact John Gauldin at 405-250-0903.

## DISCIPLES MEN'S BREAKFAST



Disciples Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting as usual on the second Saturday of the month, November 14th. All are invited to join us for a hot breakfast in the conference room at 8:00 am, which will be followed by a brief meeting and clean up in the pumpkin patch.



## KID'S CORNER

### Couple's Baby Shower for Xavier Byrkit Brooks

Join us as we celebrate with the Brooks, November 14th, 10:30 - 12:00 pm in the Gathering Area. Amber and Tim are registered at Target.

### Sunday School Room Changes

Faith Travelers will now meet in Room 101 and the Nursery/Little Lambs will be in Room 112.

### Attendance

Fall is a happening time for Children's Ministries!

- 10/28 - Fun & Fellowship - 30
- 11/1 - Sunday School - 14  
Worship & Wonder - 12

### What's Happening in November

- 11/4 - Fun & Fellowship at 5:15pm - Assign parts for Children's Sabbath
- 11/8 - Unified Worship CHILDREN'S SABBATH at 10:45am. Journeyland and Faith Travelers will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30am to practice their parts.
- 11/11 - Fun & Fellowship at 5:15pm
- 11/15 - Alternative Christmas in the Fellowship Hall. NO children's Sunday School & NO Worship & Wonder
- 11/18 - Final Fun & Fellowship at 5:15pm for the semester
- 11/22 - Journeyland in the Little Kitchen at 10:15am, Faith Travelers in Room 101 at 10:15am, Worship & Wonder Room 108 during Contemporary Service
- 11/22 - "Deck the Halls" - decorate the church for Christmas after Contemporary Service (child care provided for birth - 5th grade)
- 11/29 - Unified Sunday - Sunday School at 9:30am, Unified Service at 10:45am. Congregational Meeting and Lunch immediately following service

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### November 5

- **Unified Sunday Worship Meeting** - 6:30 pm in the Boke Keene Room

### November 22

- **Elder's Meeting** - 12:30 pm in the Parlor
- **Leadership Council Meeting** - 4:00 pm in the Chapel

### November 29

- **Quarterly Congregational Meeting and Luncheon** - Following the Unified Service

## DISCIPLES WOMEN

Activities for October and November:

- **11/09** - Book Club and Lunch at the home of Jo Kirtley at 12:30 pm. The book is "Creating the Good Will" by Elizabeth Arnold.
- **11/16** - Disciples Women Hope Group at the home of Pat Fennell at 7:00 pm.
- **11/17** - Disciples Women Fidelity Group at the home of Marge Cowperthwaite at 10:00 am.
- **11/17** - Disciples Women Charity Group in the SHCC Chapel at 1:30 pm.
- **12/09** - WOW Lunch - Corner Bakery Cafe

Dear Church Family,  
Your cards, e-mails and facebook greetings for my birthday have been overwhelming. You helped make turning 80 years old worthwhile!  
Thank you.

Floydette Seal

## ADVENT CLASS

Pastor Jean Scott will be leading a Sunday School class about Christmas during the four weeks of advent. The theme will be "What the Gospels Teach about Jesus' Birth," based on the book "The First Christmas" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crosson. The class will be held during the regular Sunday School hour beginning, November 29 in the Chapel. If you are not attending a Sunday School class or if your class would like to join this combined class, you are welcome. For more information, contact Jean Gauldin: [jean@southernhillschristian.org](mailto:jean@southernhillschristian.org).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Service Times

Sunday 9:00 am - Traditional Service

Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School

Sunday 11:15 am - Contemporary Service

Sunday 3:30 pm - Communion at Bradford Village

2nd Saturday 5:00 pm - Contemplative Service

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **11/08 - Unified Worship - "Children's Sabbath"** - 9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 Worship
- **11/29 - Blood Drive - Location TBA**
- **11/29 - Unified Worship - "Hanging of the Greens"** - 9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 Worship
- **11/29 - Quarterly Congregational Meeting** - Brief meeting in the Sanctuary following worship
- **11/29 - Congregational Meal** - Salad luncheon in Fellowship Hall following Congregational Meeting.

## SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Minister of Congregational Care:	Pastor Jean Scott Gaudin
Minister of Spiritual Development:	Lisa Wynn
Children's Ministry Director:	Janeé Austin
Director of Youth Ministries:	Amber Brooks
Choir Director:	Andrea Hanson
Contemp. Worship Music Dir:	Jeanise Morton
Administrator:	Suellen Caywood
Dir. of Comm. & Technology:	Chuck Marshall
Accompanist:	Bryant Rains
Nursery Coordinator:	Valerie White

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 10/25	95
9:00 AM Worship 10/25	127
11:15 AM Worship 10/25	62
Total Worship 10/25	189
Worship in the Patch	92
Sunday School 11/01	104
9:00 AM Worship 11/01	166
11:15 AM Worship 11/01	73
Total Worship 11/01	231

## PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:  
Jane Hellwege; Barbara Livingston;  
Dorothy Messenger; Ann & Dennie  
Hall; Bob Plumlee; Mona Baird;  
Sarah Jones; Donna Huston;  
Squire Luttrell; Felix and Karen  
Kay; Michelle and Gavin Christie;  
Julie Caughey

