



## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, March 20** - Palm Sunday - Regular service times
- **Monday, March 21** - Walk the Labyrinth in the Chapel - Available all week
- **Thursday, March 24** – Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, March 26** - Egg Hunt at 10:00 am
- **Sunday, March 27** - Easter Sunday

## EASTER WILDFLOWERS

In past years, our Easter decorations have included lilies in our sanctuary and gathering areas. These were made possible through contributions made in memory and in honor of loved ones. This year, the Worship Committee has chosen to have the Easter dedications take on a new meaning by purchasing plants with a purpose! The Environmental Stewardship Committee of SHCC has chosen to transform our vegetable garden into plantings that attract and support butterflies, and other beneficial pollinators. These pollinators are facing drastic population decreases nationwide. Since the butterfly, like the lily, is revered as a meaningful Easter symbol, both committees thought a pollinator garden seemed a perfect way to honor our loved ones. Even better, you'll be



able to enjoy this dedication through the summer and into fall. Be watching the newsletter for more information about this special project.

As always, you are welcome to make as many dedications as you like in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. There will be an insert in the Easter worship bulletin acknowledging dedication(s) received by March 23rd. The suggested donation per dedication is \$15 but any amount will be gladly accepted. We will still purchase a few live lilies to decorate the church for this special season. Please include payment with order. Thank you!

The Worship and Environmental Stewardship Committees at Southern Hills

## 2016 DISCIPLES MEN REGIONAL RETREAT



### Disciples Men Looking Forward

Make plans now to attend the **Annual Disciples Men Retreat**, April 1 & 2, 2016 at Central Christian Camp & Conference Center in Guthrie, OK.

**Camp opens at 9 am, Friday**  
**Registration begins at 5:30 pm**  
**Retreat ends at 1 pm, Saturday**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jr.**  
**Pastor, East Sixth St.**  
**Christian Church**



**Entertainment by SHCC Praise Team**

To register for the Men's Retreat online, or to download a registration form that can be completed and mailed in, visit: <http://okdisciples.org/connect/adults/oklahoma-disciples-men/dm-2016-retreat/>  
For questions about the event, please contact John Gauldin, Disciples Men president. Cell 405-250-0903 • email: trdr@cox.net

## ON THE PATH

The last several months and weeks, something exciting has been happening in our congregation. In the words of a prayer I read this morning, "the Wind of God has been bringing fresh and vigorous possibilities" to Southern Hills as we continue to live out our mission and vision in the community through our core values. Take for example our core value of Koinonia. We have started an exciting new monthly opportunity for fellowship called Connections. At the first Connections, eighty-six people gathered to share in conversation and learn more about each other. You are invited to join in and continue the conversation at the next Connections event on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. The meal that night will be potluck and there will be child care for children through 5th grade.

Our core value of Service to Others is being lived out as we plan a mission trip to Jamaica this summer. One of the mission projects will be to renovate and enlarge the Hanover church kitchen so that they can feed the hungry in their community. If you are interested in going on the trip or leaning more about this

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Oklahoma Conference of Churches sponsors "Stations of the Cross" at the "Jesus Wept" statue in downtown Oklahoma City on Good Friday. Come at 11 am,

wonderful mission opportunity, please contact Jean and John Gauldin.

As Holy Week approaches, there will be several opportunities for you to experience our core values of Deepening Spirituality and Worship. You are invited to come during regular church office hours to walk the labyrinth that will be located in the Chapel during Holy Week. We will have beautiful worship experiences on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

In all of our core values, energy continues to build as planning is underway for celebrations of our fiftieth year of ministry together. This is an exciting time for SHCC as we live out the dreams God has for us as a vital and vibrant church. I am blessed and excited to be on this journey with each of you!

Blessings,  
Jenny

## YOUTH NEWS

Please continue to be in prayer for Thaddius Hatendorf, Morgan Gregory, Katalina Marcha, and Iris Traugher-Hill as they continue their IAS trip this week. They began their seminars on Monday.

**CAMP REGISTRATION:** Camp registration for Chi Rho camp at Oakridge, CYF Conference at Central, and Mission Guthrie are now open. All forms and information are available via the region's website, Mission Guthrie's website and Facebook page. For more info see Janee' or Amber.

**MISSION GUTHRIE:** The forms and the \$25 deposit are due to Amber by March 23rd. Forms are available on the region's website, our Facebook group pages and on Amber's office door.

March 25th, for this Holy Week experience. Pastor Jean Scott Gauldin, of Southern Hills Christian Church, will be participating.

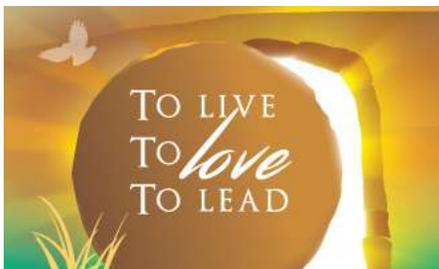
**CHAOS** is in full swing and we will be beginning working on Youth & Senior Sunday soon. We are meeting every week in March, EXCEPT for the 16th (Spring Break).

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Saturday, March 26th, 10:00-11:30. If there are any 6th-12th graders that would be willing to help out with this event, please let Amber or Janee know and plan to be here at 9:30 that day!

One Love,  
Amber

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## EASTER OFFERING



This special offering to be received March 20th and 27th will be used to support the general ministries of our church such as Disciples Home Missions, Global Ministries, Higher Education, Disciples Volunteering, Disciples Men and Disciples Women support, Developing Haitian Ministers, Immigration Counsel, Family & Children's ministries—and more! Watch for further details.

## DO YOU HEAR A RINGING?

Some of you in the 9:00 service may have noticed a bell ringing in the gathering area! This is our way of signaling that it is time to be seated in the sanctuary, to enter into the attitude of worship, and to make ourselves ready to be a part of the community that shares God's love together.

In an effort to improve the flow of the worship service, the leadership has made some changes in the worship's order. So, this is a way to help those who are in the gathering area know that the communal worship of our Lord is beginning!

~Andrea Hanson

## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is March 20th. One of the most joyous events of the day is seeing the children process into the sanctuary waving palm branches, commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. If



you have children or grand children who would like to wave palm branches in the processional, be sure to bring them to either the 9:00 am or 11:15 am service on Palm Sunday!

## EASTER FUN

Easter is right around the corner and we need your candy donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a bin in the gathering area to collect your donations. Saturday, March 26th at 10:30 will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will have 3 hunts for various ages (2 years - 5th grade). We will also share a story and have some hoppin' fun Easter music.



## KID'S CORNER

### Save the Date:

3/23 – F&F at 5:15pm  
3/26 – Easter Egg Hunt at 10am - Gather in Sanctuary  
3/30 – F&F at 5:15pm  
4/03 – Camp Sunday  
4/06 – F&F at 5:15pm  
4/10 – Unified Service at 10:45am with Baby Blessings

### Baby/Children Blessing

We will have a Baby/Children's Blessing during the service on 4/10. If you have a child or grandchild that you would like to be part of the service please contact Janeé.

**Summer Camp experiences** are happening for children who have completed 2nd – 5th Grade! Camps fill up quickly, make sure to register early! The registration process starts online at the region's site <http://okdisciples.org/news-events/event-registration/>.

Blessings,  
Janeé

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March 20, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm

# Connections!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 20th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a light supper and conversation in small groups with other SHCC attendees you may enjoy getting to know better. Each table will have a facilitator from the Leadership Council to collect your hopes and dreams for SHCC

and help us become the church we envision!!!

Please note the new start time of 5:30 pm. Dinner will be a potluck so please bring a food item to share. Child care will be provided for children under 12.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### FLOWER POWER RETURNS!

Spring flowers are already in bloom, and many folks have been asking about the TLC cards. We will have the cards by March 20, and you may purchase them in the Gathering Area or by calling Marilee Hattendorf.

They are \$20 each, and TLC allows us to keep \$4 from the sale of each card. Proceeds will benefit the upcoming Jamaica mission trip. Thank you for your support, and Happy Planting!

### REFUGE FELLOWSHIP HELP NEEDED

Our next time to serve at Refuge Fellowship is April 11. We will be serving ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, and dessert. We will need helpers to furnish and cook food, monetary donations for the ham, and servers for the evening meal. Watch for sign up sheets in the Gathering Area and the Sunday School folders. Thank you for helping with this quarterly opportunity to serve those in need.

### WEEK OF COMPASSION THANKS

Once again, SHCC has generously donated to help victims of disasters around the world through the Week of Compassion offering. The preliminary total for the offering was \$2,977, which is fantastic. Remember you can respond to any worldwide disaster by giving to the Week of Compassion, no matter the time of year. Their overhead expenses are very low, so almost all of your gift goes directly to help those who are suffering. Thank you, SHCC!

## SHCC AT FOOD BANK

Once again, a great crew of 25 had a fun and rewarding trip filling 2,706 backpacks with nutritious, kid friendly, non perishable food. The backpacks are sent home with students who have been identified by their schools as being at risk for chronic hunger. A total of 9,600 pounds of food was packaged. Thanks everyone!

Please note The Stamp out Starvation outreach event is still happening March 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Western Oaks CC, however the SHCC van will not be running. If interested in participating, you are invited to meet at Western Oaks.

**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, April 16th, 2016  
1801 Craig Boulevard  
Edmond, OK 73003

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Your Leadership Council met on February 28th. It was reported that the first Connections Sunday went very well with 86 members meeting for supper and for conversation in order to get to know each other better. The response to the evening was very positive. The March Connections Sunday is the 20th and we'll meet from 5:30 to 7:00 (instead of 5:00-7:00). The meal that evening will be a potluck. Childcare will be provided for children up through the 5th grade. We are hoping even more members will attend in March.

The committee planning SHCC's 50th anniversary celebration for September 11 has met and is gathering ideas and beginning its work. Charles Hattendorf is chairing a committee to review the

new structure and suggest any changes based on our experiences implementing the structure last year.

Karl Hirsch reported that finances are in good shape. John Walters indicated that the Finance Committee is working on a long-range financial plan for the congregation.

As always, the complete minutes for the council meeting are available in the office. The next meeting will be March 20 at 4:00 in the chapel. All members are welcome to attend the meetings. If you have anything you would like for the council to address, contact Myrna Ranney, Moderator, or Darrin Hill, Vice Moderator.

Thank you, Southern Hills Christian Church, for making Marie Byrkit's birthday, such a great day. Thank you for all the hard work you put into it. Marie is still talking about what a great time she had.

Thank you again,  
Mark and Elaine Byrkit



## THE HOPE CENTER NEEDS CANNED GOODS

The HOPE Center is supported by the donations of individuals, churches and other groups. Southern Hills typically holds a food drive in July to help stock the HOPE Center Food Pantry, however, there is a

great need right now for canned goods. Contact the HOPE Center for more information at 348-1340. Thank you.

## MISSION JAMAICA 2016

Become a part of the mission to Jamaica. Fund-raising is beginning for the Southern Hills Mission to Jamaica, July 2 – 10. Mark your calendars for the GARAGE SALE on April 16. Any items you have to donate to this sale can be delivered to Floydette Seal's home (1801 Craig Blvd.) on Friday, April 15.

John and Jean Scott Gauldin are leading this trip to work in the Hanover area of Jamaica. Rev. Delroy Harris, friends of the Gauldins and part of the United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands, is their local contact. (United Church is a Federation of Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ and Presbyterian Churches in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands). The church in Hanover is beginning an outreach program to feed the hungry in their community. One of

our mission projects is to renovate and enlarge the kitchen so the members of the congregation can feed their community. The other mission project is to work with the local church to present a community Vacation Bible School.

**There will be an informational meeting on Palm Sunday, March 20th, in the chapel during the Sunday School hour for those who are interested in attending the mission trip to Jamaica.**

More information will be in each issue of The Sharing Tree, or contact John or Jean – [trdr@cox.net](mailto:trdr@cox.net) or [jean@southernhillscristian.org](mailto:jean@southernhillscristian.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

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **3/19 - Stamp Out Starvation** - 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Western Oaks CC\*
- **3/20 - Elders Meeting** at 12:30 pm
- **3/20 - Leadership Council** at 4:00 pm
- **3/20 - Connections!** at 5:30 pm
- **3/24 - Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:00 pm
- **3/25 - Good Friday**
- **3/26 - Easter Sunday**
- **3/27 Church Office Closed**

\*Please Note: The SHCC van will not provide transportation for Stamp Out Starvation at Western Oaks Christian Church.

## SHCC STAFF

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

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 3/06	108
9:00 AM Worship 3/06	148
11:15 AM Worship 3/06	64
Total Worship 3/06	212
Sunday School 3/13	91
9:00 AM Worship 3/13	115
11:15 AM Worship 3/13	54
Total Worship 3/13	169

## PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:  
Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird;  
Sarah Jones; Ann & Dennie Hall; Ed  
& Donna Huston; Felix and Karen  
Kay; Tom & Judy Martin; Valerie  
White; Maurice Friot; Kelly Johnson,  
Brandon Swanson and daughter  
Breanna; Jenny Wynn, Kim Brown,  
Nikki Stricklin, Lydia Johnson

