



CHILDREN'S SABBATH

On Sunday, October 16th, we will be celebrating Children's Sabbath. The children: Little Lambs, JourneyLand, Faith Travelers, and Pastor's Class will all be leading us in worship! Associate Regional Pastor Michael Davison, who works closely with children, youth, and the adults who work with them every day, will be preaching for us.

Our Stewardship focus on the 16th is Koinonia, which is more that appropriate. Our core value of Koinonia states that "we offer a depth of hospitality where persons from differing ideological, theological, cultural, social and racial backgrounds can experience true Christian community and engage in experiences where each can grow spiritually and intellectually through meaningful dialogue with those having different life and faith experiences." While the children may not realize it, this is exactly what they do every time they gather! They bring their unique experiences, stories, thoughts, ideas, and questions every week. Once those are voiced, they truly listen to each other, as well as their teachers in a "true Christian community" that wants to learn, that wants to engage in new ideas, and that wants to have new experiences! Our children are not

afraid of diversity or differing schools of thought or theological backgrounds...quite the opposite in fact! They are always ready to open up to these things.

Even though, our children probably don't know the big "church vocabulary" that is stated within the core value, and even though they might not be able to define Koinonia for you, they understand the spirit of it. And isn't that what's really important? They understand, and put into action love for ALL. Visitors are made to feel welcome, regardless of whether they belong to another congregation or have never set foot in a church. They listen to the stories of the Bible and strive to understand how they have meaning in their lives. And rest assured, they crave that theological experience...boy do they bring some amazing and great big questions! Through it all though, their hearts are filled with love for God, for our church and community, for each other, and even for those around the world whom they will never meet.

We hope that you will join us for Unified Worship at 10:45am (9:30 for Sunday School) to celebrate the blessing that is our children!

SAVE THE DATES

October is here, which means PUMPKINS and lots of Fall activities. Be sure to save the dates for these upcoming events.

- 10/16 - Children's Sabbath - Sunday school at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
- 10/16 - 2nd load of pumpkins arrive

- 10/23 - Connections Potluck Dinner
- 10/26 - Worship in the Patch - Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Pumpkin Patch
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STEWARDSHIP

Our 2017 stewardship drive is underway. This year, we are focusing more on the mission and ministry of the church, rather than the numbers in the budget. In Sunday services the past two weeks, we have presented stories of how, in living out our core values of Worship and Service to Others, Southern Hills has impacted members of our faith community. In the next couple of weeks, we will hear more stories about

the impact our Church has had in living out our core values of Deepening Spirituality and Koinonia. We invite each of you to prayerfully consider your own story and what roll you will have in the story as it emerges for the ministry and mission of Southern Hills Christian Church in 2017. On October 23, we will conclude our campaign with a celebration to commit our gifts.

Tree of Life Upcoming Dedication

On Sunday, November 6, a Tree of Life dedication will be held to recognize those who have had a leaf or stone placed in their honor during the past year.

If you wish to purchase a leaf or stone in honor of, memory

of, or in celebration of a loved one, please do so by Oct. 15 so that your engraved leaf or stone will be completed by Nov. 6, 2016.

For more information on purchasing a leaf or stone, please contact Suellen, 341-0766 or Ann-Clore, 410-4793.

All Tree of Leaf donations become part of the SHCC permanent endowment. On September 18, the endowment balance was \$63,098.

YOUTH NEWS

Drama Team has begun their preparations and rehearsals for the yearly Christmas program. If you have a 4th-12th grader that would like to participate, please let Amber or Janna know.

Pumpkin Patch - The Youth will be working the 6-8pm shift in the Pumpkin Patch on both Wednesday 10/12 and 10/19. We will still be eating at 6:30, we will just eat outside! Dinner will be provided as usual. 30% of our profits from the Patch go to Children and Youth Ministries, so it is very important that we, as a youth group, put some energy into earning that money. The kids always have a good time doing this!

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Why Connections Groups?

At the beginning of this year, your Leadership Council began the Connections Groups. The stated purpose of these monthly groups was for us to get to know each other better—give us an opportunity to be with persons other than those in our regular Sunday school classes, women's/men's groups, dinners for 8, etc. Additionally, they were designed to give us a chance to discuss with each other topics that we might not normally talk about in our other small groups.

A hoped for longer term benefit of these Connections Groups is that, as we each answer the questions on the topic of the evening, we are getting to hear elements of each of

our individual stories, how we have become who we are and how we have come to feel the way we do about various topics. We are trying to build a basis of knowledge and trust that will help us be able to discuss, with respect and civility (much needed qualities in productive discourse), any difficult, divisive, or controversial issues that might arise in the life of the church or in society.

Many thanks to those of you who have been participating in the Connections Groups so far this year. We'd like to encourage everyone to participate in October and November so that as we ask for your input and suggestions for 2017 we can get a good idea of what form you would like these

groups to take next year. Look for a survey in late November (in both electronic and paper form) that will ask for your input.

The next Leadership Council and Connections Groups will be on October 23rd. The Council meeting will be at 4:00 in the chapel. As usual, everyone is welcome to attend. Connections will be at 5:30 in the fellowship hall and will again be a potluck supper.

If you have any questions or issues you'd like to present to the Leadership Council, contact Myrna Ranney, Moderator, or Darrin Hill, Vice Moderator. Note: All of the Leadership Council meeting minutes are available in the church office.

FIGHTING HUNGER IN OKLAHOMA AND THE WORLD

CROP Walk

2016 marks Edmond's 25th CROP Walk! Whether this is your 1st CROP Walk or your umpteenth, we invite you to walk with us to fight hunger & poverty around the world and in Edmond. 25% of the money raised for Edmond's walk comes back to local agencies.

Southern Hills has always been a leader in the Edmond CROP Walk. We hope you will walk with us or pledge to support one or more of our walkers. Walker Packets are available from Cindy Treadway at ctreadway@okcu.edu.

Regional Food Bank

Save the Date! November 5th is our next opportunity to serve at Regional Food Bank. We will be serving from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. More information will follow.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Laure Ayers came forward September 4th to unite with our Southern Hills family. She has been visiting for several weeks at the invitation of her friend,

Katalina Marcha. Laura transfers her membership from First Christian Church in Guthrie. Please make Laura welcome among us.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Have you seen the new Sunday School brochure? If not, pick one up at the counter near the front office at church. We have many exciting Sunday School opportunities. The Spiritual Journey group is one option you might consider. This group reads and discusses

topics focusing on spiritual formation and prayer. We do so led by different books and literature chosen by the class. We also meditate during our class time – our group includes folks seasoned in meditation and beginners. All are welcome. Join us during the Sunday School hour in Room 114.

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT

Stephen Ministers at Southern Hills will be offering the service of a support group for caregivers. The second meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Caregivers may be any person who is currently providing care, has done so in the past, seems likely to in the future or is interested in helping a care giver.

The Stephen Ministers visualize this as an on-going group with the capacity to welcome any length of needed support. The group will be supportive for those who have lost a loved one they were caring for, as well as those in a current care giving role. The point of contact is Art Christie, 405-478-5284.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Activities for October:

- **Disciple Women's Fidelity Group** - Tuesday, October 18th, 10:30 am, at the home of Carolyn Christie.
- **Disciple Women's Charity Group** - Tuesday, October 18th, 1:30 pm in the chapel.
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, October 26th, 12:30 pm. Come join us for great food and conversation at Zarate's Latin Mexican Grill.

TOTE BAGS

An order for SHCC Tote bags will be placed very soon. You may order a tote in any of 6 beautiful colors (Hot Pink, Orange, Teal, Lime Green, Purple, and Red) for \$12.00 each. Contact Sue Dowler for more info.



KIDS CORNER

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 16th at 10:45 (unified worship). We will be working on giving out roles over the next two weeks both in Sunday school and during Fun & Fellowship. If your child will be present for this wonderful day, please have them in the Sanctuary at 9am on the 16th so that we can run through everyone's parts once before worship. There are a variety of roles the children can have in this worship service, so all are invited to participate. We look forward to celebrating our children!

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WORSHIP IN THE PATCH



Bring your chairs and blankets, and Join us October 26th at 6:00 pm for our 2nd Annual Worship in the Patch. The Pumpkin Patch provides a wonderful venue for this all-church, all-ages, event. This special service begins with a time of fellowship over a meal served in the Pumpkin Patch. A time of worship featuring music by the SHCC Praise Band will follow.



PUMPKIN PARISH 2016

Pumpkin Parish 2016 is officially under way! We had a great time unloading 2022 pumpkins last Sunday. The Boy Scouts of Troop 79, and Cub Scouts of Pack 337 showed up in record numbers ready to help out. A big thank you goes to the scouts for all their hard work, as well as to everyone who stayed after church to help.



Dont forget the next load will be here Sunday October 16th after that day's Unified Service.

If you haven't signed up for a time to staff the Pumpkin Patch, look for the sign up sheet in the gathering area or see Gary Wallis.

PUMPKINFEST

Start getting those costumes ready because on Sunday, October 30th, from 4-6pm in our front parking lot, Pumpkinfest is returning! We will have games, a bounce house or two, Trunk-or-Treating, music, and more! Free pizza and popcorn will be provided by CDC! Bring your kids, your family, your friends, your neighbors...everybody for a fun filled afternoon!



This is a wonderful community outreach opportunity that is only successful through the efforts and support of our amazing congregation! So all through October we will be collecting candy; look for the collection box in the gathering area! We will also need people to come bring their trunks, and help at the games and activities, so please let Amber know how you would like to help out and she will get you all set!



SHCC PUMPKIN T-SHIRTS

Several people have expressed interest in purchasing an orange pumpkin t-shirt. We have many children's sizes left, but no adult sizes. If interest is great enough, we may be able to place a small order for adult sizes. If you would like to order a pumpkin t-shirt, please contact the front office with your size

and quantity, so that we may explore the feasibility of placing an order.

Blue SHCC 50th Anniversary T-Shirts are still available for purchase in the front office. Adult sizes are \$12.00, and kid's sizes are \$10.00.

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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

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SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Minister of Congregational Care:	Pastor Jean Scott Gaudin
Interrim Dir. Children's Ministries:	Amber Brooks
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 9/25	85
9:00 AM Worship 9/25	108
11:15 AM Worship 9/25	61
Total Worship 9/25	169
Sunday School 10/02	114
9:00 AM Worship 10/02	107
11:15 AM Worship 10/02	69
Total Worship 10/02	176

PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:

Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird; Ann & Dennie Hall; Ed & Donna Huston; Barb Livingston; Valerie White; Maurice Friot; Kelly Johnson, Brandon Swanson and daughter Breanna; John Wallace; Bryant Rains' sister, Stephany; Alice Smith; Herb Wootten; Evelyn Elliot; Briane McClaine; Maureen Stickel; Kim Brown; Randy Park; Rod Marcha; Dave Whelan; Jeanne Parson; Patsy Drab; Carmen Larger; John Huntman; Brittany Lawson; Gail MacClain; Howard Wise