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PUMPKINFEST 2016

As we can tell from the pumpkins all over Southern Hills, it is once again time for our annual **Pumpkinfest!** On October 30th, from 4-6pm, in the front parking lot, we will be having this wonderful, yearly, community event. We will have trunk-or-treat, a bouncy house, a bouncy slide, music, games, food, and candy, candy, candy!

All ages are invited, so bring your friends, neighbors, nieces and nephews, grandparents... anyone you can think of! Everyone is invited to come in costume (but it is of course not required) and travel from trunk to trunk for games, treats, and candy! CDC will be providing free pizza, popcorn, and water again this year!

We still need your help leading up to the event. The Pumpkinfest booth is set up in the gathering area with the

candy donation bucket ready to collect your candy donations! You can also sign up to do a trunk, which you can make as simple or as complex as you like! We have had 'Mater from "Cars," OU and OSU inspired trunks, Ninja Turtles, Scooby Doo, Cotton Candy, Pirate trunks and much more! However elaborate or modest, we would love to have your trunk, after all...all trunks are welcome here at SHCC! We also need just a couple of people to sit at the bounce houses to help make sure all the kids get a turn and they play safely. We have a sign-up sheet for both houses in 30 minute shifts, please sign up where you can!

This is always a wonderful time and a great opportunity for community outreach. We invite our CDC families and promote it across all of our social media platforms so that we can meet



and greet as many as possible and show people what a loving family we have here at Southern Hills. We look forward to seeing you out there!

WORSHIP IN THE PATCH

October is such a wonderful time of fellowship and community here at Southern Hills. We have pumpkins arriving, friends and families gathering to sell those pumpkins, Pumpkinfest and Trunk-or-Treat, and this year we are celebrating Children's Sabbath in October as well. One other event that we began last year is Worship in the Patch, which we will be doing once again, as it was so well received and well-loved last year.

On Wednesday, October 26th, we will have our second annual Worship in the Patch. There will be activities for the children and youth from 5:30-6:00pm, with

a church-wide congregational meal from 6:00-6:30, and an outdoor worship service from 6:30-7:00. Dinner will be provided, but if you would like to help out with the meal, please contact Kristi Cook. We will eat and worship outside in the patch and/or the front parking lot as the weather (and ground) allows so please bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

Community is such a huge part of who we are here at Southern Hills and we look forward to this, yet another, opportunity to invite and welcome our surrounding community to worship in this unique way with us.

HAPPY 100!

You are Invited to a Reception for **Mona Baird** In Celebration of her 100th Birthday, Saturday, November 26, 2016, 3:00 to 5:00 pm at The Community Center of Bradford Village Retirement Community, 300 Enz Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma. No gifts please. If you are unable to attend, please offer your prayers, and send a card, if you wish. If you have questions, please contact Beth Gerardy at (405) 824-2543.

Mona Baird's mailing address:
300 Hadwiger Ave., Apt. 104
Edmond, OK 73034

THANK YOU!

50th Anniversary Committee would like to thank those who donated money.

SHCC was very generous in funding the Anniversary expenses. The money was used for a Banner, Two 24 hour Prayer Vigils, 50 Days of Prayer Cards, Clergy transportation and lodging, Banquet, Reception, Pictures, Time Line, Gifts of Kindness Tree, Tree of Life Leaf, and remainder amount will go to debt retirement.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

On Sunday, we celebrated Children's Sabbath, and it was a wonderful day of love, laughter, spirit, and song. Michael Davison, our Associate Regional Minister offered the Sermon, reminding us what our "sign" is to carry as Christians. Our children led worship in all the different parts of the service. They led us in our Call to Worship and in prayers, were a part of our Stewardship Moment, gave the meditations, offered our words of institution and the Lord's Prayer.



The Children's Choir, led by Kara Gregory and Laura Petersen (who have worked all semester as our music teachers), sang two beautiful songs, asking the congregation to join in "Our God is an Awesome God." We blessed Tatum Alyea, son of Christina and Stacie Alyea, and Reagan Lovinggood, daughter of Jessica and Krystal Lovinggood, and welcomed them into our Southern Hills family, promising to join in love, with

their parents, in their faith journey. Thanks to all who helped to make this day such a wonderful success. What a blessing our children are!

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Your Leadership Council will meet next Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00 in the Chapel. All are welcome to attend. The Connections Groups will be at 5:30 that day and will again be a potluck. At Connections we'll be introduced to SimpleChurch, software for churches that will allow us to access our church directory and our individual giving records online from any of our smart devices or our computers. (Simple Church has additional capabilities that we will learn about and be trained to use at a later date.) **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND CONNECTIONS AND BRING YOUR SMART DEVICES TO LEARN THE SIMPLECHURCH LOGIN PROCESS AND HOW TO ACCESS OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE.**

The Memorial, Bequest, and Endowment Committee recommended several expenditures from the Squire Luttrell bequest to Southern Hills. The Leadership Council had already voted to pay for the sound baffling in the fellowship hall with some of the money (around \$7,600). The additional expenditures, which were approved by the Leadership Council, were: Up to \$12,000 for curb and sidewalk repair and repainting the stripes and markings in the handicap parking spaces; \$7,000 for a stone for the Tree of Life in Squire Luttrell's memory; \$11,000 (the equivalent of 2 month's of principle) toward debt retirement.

The Ministry Covenant Revision Committee, based on further discussion and input, has made some changes to the member section of the revisions. Those changes will be presented to the Leadership Council on the 23rd for their approval. Charles Hattendorf, chair of the Revision Committee, will go over the proposed changes at the Connections meal that evening.

If you have any questions or concerns that need to be brought to the attention of the Leadership Council, please contact Myrna Ranney, Moderator, or Darrin Hill, Vice Moderator. Note: Minutes from all of the Leadership Council meetings are available in the church office.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's be sure to let Jenny and Jeannie know how much we appreciate their leadership and all they do for us!



DISCIPLES WOMEN

Activities for October:

- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, October 26th, 12:30 pm. Come join us for great food and conversation at Zarate's Latin Mexican Grill.

FIGHTING HUNGER IN OKLAHOMA AND THE WORLD

CROP Walk

Make plans to join us at 2:00 pm November 6, 2016 at Mitch Park for 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, sorting, packing or whatever else they need help with. Participants must be at least 8 years of age, and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The church van will leave at 8:45 am to arrive 15 minutes before our shift.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Chris Koehler came forward October 16th to unite with our Southern Hills family. Chris has been visiting for several months at the invitation of the Gregory

family. During that time he has been attending the 9:00 am service and the Boka Keene Sunday School class. Please make Chris welcome among us!

Pre-registration is encouraged at www.regionalfoodbank.org. The reservation code is shcc. If you are unable to pre-register online, please contact Jan Little at 348-0236 with your name and phone number.

CANDY! CANDY! CANDY!

We need candy!

Trunk-or-Treating is less than two weeks away. There is a donation bucket by the Pumpkinfest Stand in the gathering area. We need to fill that up several times over to have a successful Trunk-or-Treat event!

Thank-you so much!

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

Drama Team will be meeting on October 23rd (Fall Break) but will not meet on October 30th (Pumpkinfest)

Worship in the Patch - On Wednesday, October 26th, we will be having our 2nd annual Worship in the Patch. Youth and Children are invited to wear their costumes and meet in the pumpkin patch on the front lawn from 5:30-6pm for games and activities! There will then be a congregational-all-church dinner from 6-6:30, followed by a worship service from 6:30-7pm all on the front lawn!. So bring your friends, family, and neighbors, your blankets and lawn chairs for a wonderful fellowship event!

PUMPKINFEST! Sunday, October 30th, from 4-6pm in the front parking lot we will have Pumpkinfest 2016! We will have trunk-or-treat, music, free food and popcorn provided by SHCC CDC, bounce houses and

KIDS CORNER

Children's Sabbath was a great success! Our children led us in song and in spirit for a beautiful day of worship. Thanks to everyone who helped to get our kiddos ready and to execute this fantastic day!

We will begin working in November with our Children's Council on **Christmas Family Workshop**. This event will be during the Sunday school hour on December 11th. We have a couple of people that have volunteered to help but we will need a few more. If you would like to help out, or have a craft idea, please let Amber or Pam Camp know. Thank-you!

SAVE THE DATES

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

- 10/23 - Connections Potluck Dinner
- 10/26 - Worship in the Patch - Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Pumpkin Patch
- 10/30 - Pumpkinfest - Come Trunk or Treat with us in the SHCC Parking lot from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

more! Come in costume or come as you are, all are invited! If you would like to provide a trunk or help with bouncy houses the sign up sheets are in the gathering area, along with our candy donation tub. Many thanks in advance for making this year another great community event!

CROP Walk 2016 will be at 2pm on November 6th, at Mitch Park. Amber will be walking and would love to have her children, youth, and families walk with her! See Cindy Treadway for more information.

Summer Camp - For all you planners, the Region has just released the dates of Summer Camps for 2017!

- Chi Rho Camp: June 5-9
- Junior Camp: June 19-23
- Discovery Camp: June 23-25
- CYF Conference: June 26-30

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group will be working the pumpkin patch again this week from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided as usual.

Registration for **Qahal/Koinonia Weekend** (formerly Fall Fest) is due to Amber by Sunday October 23rd. Turning in your registration fee of \$95 will get you registered. The weekend is November 11th-13th and will be at Oakridge Camp. Please contact Amber with any questions.

Even if your youth will not be doing a trunk please encourage them to come to Pumpkinfest. We will group at Amber's trunk and make sure all the cars have enough candy throughout the event!

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~One Love,
Amber Brooks

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

As a follow-up to the Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism event on October 2nd, the Adult Education Committee has developed a recommended reading list. We suggest using one or more of these resources in your Sunday school class or reading them on your own. Watch for more Reconciliation events coming soon.

Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Recommended Reading:

Under Our Skin: Getting Real About Race

Author: Benjamin Watson with Ken Petersen

Publisher: Tyndale Momentum (2015)

Discussion Resources Available at underourskinbook.com

"In this challenging look at race, bias, and justice, Benjamin Watson, tight end for the New Orleans Saints and social-media commentator, speaks from his deepest heart to articulate what many of us think and feel. Part memoir and part social commentary, *Under Our Skin* offer a look at both sides of the race debate and appeals to the power and possibility of faith as a step toward healing." From the book's website – underourskinbook.com

Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God

Author: Kelly Brown Douglas

Publisher: Orbis Books (2015)

"The author strikes a good balance between political theology and analysis. Names in the news, including Michael Brown, combine with her own personal perspective as a mother to give the narrative poignancy and timeliness. *Stand Your Ground* raises important spiritual and social questions." Publishers Weekly

Towards the "Other America": Anti-Racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter

Author: Chris Crass

Publisher: The Chalice Press (2015)

Free EPDF available to download – see website below. This book "is a call to action to end white silence and a manual on how to do it. In addition to his own soul-searching essays and practical organizing advice in his 'notes to activists,' Chris Crass lifts up the voices of longtime white anti-racist leaders organizing in white communities for Black Lives Matter." From www.chalicepress.com/Towards-the-Other-America-EPDF-P163.aspx#Description

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Author: Michelle Alexander

Publisher: The New Press (2010, 2012)

Resources available at newjimcrow.com

"The New Jim Crow is a stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status-denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement."

"The New Jim Crow challenges the civil right community – and all of us – to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America."

From newjimcrow.com

Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership & Awakening Community

Author: Leah Gunning Francis

Publisher: Chalice Press (2015)

"Leah Gunning Francis's conversations with both the clergy and young activists show how important it is for communities of faith to reach out to a new generation of young leaders and help elevate and nurture their gifts. What many of the clergy interviewed in this book realized in the course of the Ferguson protests was that rather than sitting back in their sanctuaries and waiting for the young people to seek out the church for guidance and leadership, it was the church that needed to go out and meet the young people where they were, joining them shoulder to shoulder, on the streets, in the struggle for justice." From the book Foreword by Jim Wallis

White Privilege: Let's Talk – A Resource for Transformational Dialogue

Created by United Church of Christ in partnership with Center for Progressive Renewal

"An adult education curriculum designed to invite members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive and bold conversations on race."

www.privilege.uccpages.org

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The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving

Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for those pursuing theological education at one of our seven seminaries or divinity houses. Consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders. What impact has your pastor had in the life of your church, community or region? You can thank them by supporting the Thanksgiving Offering.

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Sabbath is a weekly invitation—not to prohibition, but to permission—to enter into the fullness of life as a part of God's creation.

Sunday as Sabbath, if you are old enough, conjures up images of closed businesses and quiet activities. It was a day for "thou shall not." Don't work, don't go to the movies, don't play cards, don't miss church, and don't look like you are having fun! It wasn't all bad. For many, Sunday meant family dinners when relatives dropped in, and a slower pace to interrupt the rhythm of the work week.

Sabbath is more than what not to do. The seventh day of creation stands alone to remind us that we are not the Creator. The world does not exist because of our frenetic

activity and our mindless busyness. Each week there is a reminder that we are the created, a part of something wonderful and awesome that is beyond our own clever crafting or industrious labor.

The entire cosmos is a gift—us and everything in it—close at hand or light years away. It is chaos brought to order by a Divine Word spoken. The result is a system of provision and abundance so magnificent that you only have to work six days, and yet there is supply and produce for seven.

"Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work" (Exodus. 20:10, MSG). Permission not to work. A command of God not to

try to cram eight days into seven. A promise again of enough and an invitation to dare to trust God.

For Focus and Reflection: Where and how in my life do I take time to rest and catch my breath?

Prayer: Holy One, may I come to rely more on your promise of provision. Amen.

Join us this Sunday and celebrate the abundance of God's provision and love as we dedicate our 2017 Stewardship Commitments.

From *Community of Prayer* by Bruce Barkhauer
<http://www.chalicepress.com/Community-of-Prayer-P1686C3.aspx>

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

It's not too early for "Dreaming of a White Christmas." That is this year's theme for SHCC's annual Alternative Christmas event. Sixteen charitable organizations will benefit from this "Service to Others" opportunity which will be held in Fellowship Hall on November 13.

Beautiful homemade cards, representing each organization will be available at \$5 each. After purchasing your cards, enjoy brunch and visiting with friends. Donations for the brunch will benefit future Jamaica Mission trips.

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November 2016

Location Key:
 S Sanctuary
 YR Youth Room
 GA Gathering Area
 FH Fellowship Hall
 TR Toddler Room
 WW Worship & Wonder
 BK Boka Keene
 BV Bradford Village
 C Chapel
 CR Conference Room
 P Parlor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Newsletter Published 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 6:30p Souttending (C)	2 Regular Wednesday Schedule	3 3:30p Tai Chi (GA)	4	5 8:30a Zumba (FH) 9:30 Regional Board Meeting (C)
6 Daylight Savings 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 2:00p Windsong Rehearsal (S) 2:00 CROP Walk (Mitch Park) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Drama Team (S)	7 6:00 Zumba (FH) 6:00 MNF-Big Theological Questions (Patriarch)	8 Newsletter Deadline 3:30p Tai Chi (GA)	9 Regular Wednesday Schedule	10 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (CR)	11 Qahal (Fallfest) Begins	12 8:30a Zumba (FH) 10:00 Unified Worship planning Mtg. No Zumba
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27 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 UnifiedWorship (S) 12:00p Congregational Mtg (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Drama Team (S)	28 6:00 Zumba (FH) 6:00 MNF-Big Theological Questions (Patriarch)	29 Newsletter Published 3:30p Tai Chi (GA)	30 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon. (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:00 Southern Bells (MR) 5:30 Praise Team Reh. (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	Regular Wednesday Schedule 10:00a Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 Overeater's Anonymous (C) 5:00p Southern Bells Rehearsal (MR) 5:15 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team Rehearsal (S) 6:30 CHAOS 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)		

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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

- 10/23 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm
- 10/23 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm
- 10/23 - Connections Potluck Dinner
- 10/26 - Worship in the Patch - 6:00 pm in the Pumpkin Patch
- 10/30 - Pumpkinfest - Come Trunk or Treat with us in the SHCC front parking lot from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- 11/01 - Next Sharing Tree Published
- 11/05 - Regional Food Bank - Leave SHCC at 8:45 am
- 11/06 - Daylight Savings - Dont forget to Fall Back an hour!
- 11/06 - CROP Walk - 2:00 pm at Mitch Park
- 11/13 - Alternative Christmas - 9:00 -11:45 in Fellowship Hall
- 11/19 - All Church Work Day - 9 am - 4 pm - Come and go

SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Minister of Congregational Care:	Pastor Jean Scott Gaudin
Interim 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 10/09	89
9:00 AM Worship 10/09	103
11:15 AM Worship 10/09	67
Total Worship 10/09	170
Sunday School 10/16	86
Unified Worship 10/16	185

PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:
Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird; Ann & Dennie Hall; 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 Hunteman; Brittany Lawson; Gail MacClain; Howard Wise; Ed & Donna Huston; Lynda Deibel; Russ & Carolyn Wagner Bark

