



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN DRAWING NEAR

At Southern Hills, we are guided by our vision statement, "Jesus Christ calls us to be a faith community that nurtures people in spiritually transforming relationship with God, others, and all creation." Over the next several weeks, we are excited to feature four different charities beginning with the Regional Food Bank and ending with Refuge Fellowship. You will have the opportunity to hear from speakers that work at each charity as well as from some of our members that volunteer with these organizations. We hope these stories will paint a narrative of not only how our lives are being changed, but also about each of our roles

in our community and how we can help those less fortunate. As you listen in worship each week, we hope you will think about what roll you will have in the story that emerges from the ministry and mission of Southern Hills Christian Church in 2018.

As we draw near to this year's Stewardship campaign, we ask that you think of the things for which you are thankful while listening to the speakers each week. Our annual campaign will begin on September 10 and conclude on October 1.

Thank you,
The Stewardship committee

HURRICANE RELIEF

As we watch the flooding and devastation in South Texas, due to Hurricane Harvey and anticipate the arrival of Hurricane Irma in Florida, we are heartened to know that Week of Compassion is already responding on our behalf. Working directly with local pastors to address needs, and supporting

hands-on agencies, Week of Compassion can bring our hope and our help. You can give to Week of Compassion through SHCC using our electronic giving portal at <http://www.simplechurchgiving.net/g3>. Be sure to select Week of Compassion from the list of designated funds.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING ONLINE!



Now you can give to the vision and mission of Southern Hills Christian Church electronically. Make a one-time donation or set up a weekly or monthly recurring e-tithe. It's safe and secure - and you will be supporting the vision and mission of SHCC.

Many feel that giving should be a participatory experience in worship. Since electronic giving does not lend itself to the physical act of giving, you will find Online Giving cards in the pew pockets. The Online Giving card contains a QR code, like the one to the right, that you may scan with your smart phone to set up online giving. If you choose to give online, these cards may also be placed in the offering plate to symbolically represent your gift that is taking place electronically.

For more information about online giving, visit the Southern Hills website at: <http://www.shccedmond.org/wordpress/giving/>



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

The start date of Fun & Fellowship has been pushed to Wednesday, September 13th. We do not yet have enough volunteers to fill all the spots for teachers, helpers, cooks, etc...so if you would like to help, please sign up in the gathering area or contact Amber with any questions.

C.H.A.O.S.

CHAOS, our youth group meetings for 6th-12th graders, is in full swing! We meet Sundays, from 6-8pm in the Youth Room. We do not serve a meal, but do snacks instead! If you would like to provide the snack for our meetings, please contact Amber.

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE FAMILY PICNIC

The Interfaith Alliance Family Picnic has been re-scheduled for Saturday, September 16th. It will take place at All Soul's Episcopal Church, in OKC, from 11am-1pm. Here is the link for the Interfaith Alliance Events Page: <https://www.tiaok.org/upcoming-events>

INTERFAITH YOUTH TOUR

This year's Interfaith Youth Tour will be on Sunday, September 17th, from 1-5:30pm. We will be touring The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Temple B'nai Israel, and The Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City.

We will leave the church in the van directly after Contemporary Worship, and will return to the church by 6pm. Any 6th-12th graders are welcome to come along. There are permission slips in the colored folders outside Amber's office, please fill out and return to Amber. There will be no C.H.A.O.S on the 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/24 - Leadership Council Meeting
- 10/08 - Youth in Pumpkin Patch, 5-7pm shift
- 10/15 - Children's Sabbath
- 10/25 - Worship in the Patch



LITURGISTS NEEDED

Sunday morning Liturgists are needed for September and October. In traditional service the role of the Liturgist is to read scripture and lead the Call to Worship. For Contemporary Service the Liturgist reads the scripture. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area near the front office window.

CENTRAL AREA DISCIPLE WOMEN

Three members of our SHCC Disciples Women attended the Central Area meeting held at Midwest City First Christian Church August 22nd. The program was presented by Heather Pike, who has worked with the Oklahoma Family Network for 17 years. We learned about the many services this organization provides for families with developmentally challenged children, including prenatal, parent-to-parent, bereavement, transition to

adulthood, sibling support, and much more. A very impressive organization with a motto of "Putting the pieces together for Oklahoma Families".

The meeting was informative and the fellowship good. Disciples Women groups across the Central area, including SHCC, contribute to CADW and last year that money (\$4,436.00) was distributed to Oklahoma Women's Veteran Or-



ganization, Skil-Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc., Homeless Alliance-Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma EMT Association. The next CADW meeting will be October 24 at First Christian Church, Norman. We invite you to mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ON THE PATH

I am excited to be back in the office and looking forward to the ministry that we will share together in the coming days, months, and years. I want to express my dearest thanks to this wonderful congregation for allowing me the space for the completion of my sabbatical. I also want to say thank you to Rev. Allison Longman for the ministry she provided to the congregation during my absence. I know that both Allison and David brought many gifts to this congregation.

Many of you may be wondering how I spent my time during the sabbatical. Here is a quick glimpse of some of the things I did. The first part of my time was spent connecting with family and friends both in Oklahoma and Texas. I attended a workshop on Leadership Development. This workshop had many speakers who lectured on effective leadership habits. I also took a long road trip to Arizona and Colorado. This trip allowed me to spend time in prayer and meditation out on many hiking trails. No matter where I found myself on the journey, during

the sabbatical, I was engaged in a time of deep prayer, meditation and discernment. Diana Butler Bass writes in her book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming Faith*, "discernment points the way, guides the way, and becomes the way- the way that begins with God-questions, that winds through wisdom, and ends with in the healing of the world." The two God questions that kept coming up in different forms during the sabbatical were, "Who have I been?" and "Who is God calling me to be?" I think that these are questions that we need to be asking ourselves, both individually and as a congregation on a regular basis. We are ever evolving, and if we are listening, we find God is continually calling us in new and exciting ways. I am looking forward to sharing with you some of my dreams, questions, and hopes that have emerged from this time of Sabbatical. See you Sunday!

Jenny

THANK YOU!

Dear SHCC Family,
Thank you for all the cards, notes, prayers and concern. My mother-in-law, Mary Camp, had led a long life surrounded by family. Kenny and I were comforted by your love and compassion.

Blessings,
Pam and Kenny Camp

During my last ordeal I, once again, felt thankful to be part of the SHCC family. The congregation and the staff literally showered me with prayers and notes of care, offers of help, visits to the hospital and many other expressions of love. The love you gave me, fueled my recovery and optimism for the future.

Pat Fennell

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT

We invite you to be a part of our Caregiver's Support Group at Southern Hills Christian Church. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Parlor/Conference room. The group includes Stephen Ministers and Leaders in a "Care and Share" experience, emphasizing a listening ear to provide whatever support you need.

This group is focusing on a broad range of caregiver needs. If you are caring for a loved one, have done so in the past or anticipate doing this in the future, this

is for you. We wish to include those who have cared for a loved one now deceased; those caring for the elderly; those caring for a loved one with special needs; or any other care needs.

Our next gathering will be at 7 pm, September 19. We hope you will join us. There are no requirements for attendance. Come by and check out the group.

Blessings,
Your Stephen Ministry team.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF OKLAHOMA



1,257 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS
IN THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK NETWORK
OPERATE FOOD PROGRAMS TO FEED
OKLAHOMA'S HUNGRY



FIGHTING HUNGER

MORE THAN 96 CENTS
OF EVERY DOLLAR
DONATED GOES DIRECTLY TO
HUNGER RELIEF



ADMINISTRATIVE & FUNDRAISING COSTS

IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, THE REGIONAL
FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTED
49.9 MILLION
POUNDS OF FOOD



41.6
MILLION MEALS

September is Hunger Action Month. Oklahoma is one of the hungriest states in the nation. Olivia Townsend from the Regional Food bank will be present with us in both the 9:00 am and the 11:15 am worship services on Sunday, September 10 to tell us about the many ways in which we can make a difference to those struggling with hunger in Oklahoma. Volunteers from Southern Hills Christian Church will be working at the Regional Food Bank on Thursday, September 14, 9:30 am to noon. Working together, we can solve hunger in Oklahoma. The church bus will leave at 8:45 to arrive 15 minutes before our shift. Please sign up in the gathering area or call Laura Pollard at 833-8664.

IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY

126,990 PEOPLE
ARE HUNGRY

INCLUDING 45,740 CHILDREN
AND 16,152 SENIORS

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is the largest private domestic hunger-relief charity in the state - providing enough food to feed more than 126,000 hungry Oklahomans every week, 37 percent of which are children. One in four children and one in six adults struggle with hunger, never certain where their next meal will come from or if there will even be a next meal.

Our administrative and fundraising costs are only 4 percent, which means 96 cents out of every dollar donated goes to feed the hungry in our state.



ONE IN SIX
OKLAHOMANS
STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER

"If I don't eat I sit down, I feel very hungry, and sometimes I fall asleep. It's because the hunger goes to my tummy and I feel lazy and it makes me fall asleep. I wouldn't learn anything because I would be so tired. They always feed us and they always give us drinks, and they put it in a sack."

-Kori,
Summer Feeding Client

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rachel Held Evans at the 2017 Bishop's Lecture Series, Friday and Saturday, September 8th & 9th

Evans, author of "Searching for Sunday," "Faith Unraveled," and "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" will be speaking at St. Paul's Cathedral (Episcopal Diocese of OK). She will be speaking Friday from 7-8:15 pm, and Saturday from 9 am-2 pm. There is a cost for this event and you can register for tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-bishops-lecture-series-tickets-36875247859>

BTQ (Big Theological Questions) at the Patriarch September 11th & 25th

Our Monday Night Fellowship group meets from 6-8pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, at the Patriarch in Edmond. We share in fellowship and discuss everything from theology to current events to whatever else is pressing on our hearts and minds. We are a group that is diverse in thought, theology, political ideology, background, and age, but are always open to listen to each other's thoughts and ideas. Childcare is available, please contact Amber with questions regarding care.

Interfaith Alliance Family Picnic, Saturday, September 16th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

You and yours are cordially invited to this family event! It will take place at All Souls' Episcopal Church, 6400 N Pennsylvania Avenue, OKC OK. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy some fun activities that include Flutterbye the Clown, face painting, kickball, horseshoes, croquet, hula hoops, crafts for adults and kids, as well as fellowship with families from the Interfaith community! The event is free, but there will be a collection for Infant Crisis Center. They are asking for the following items: Diapers (preemie to 4T), formula, blankets, bottles, toys, clothes in good condition (preemie to 4T), as well as financial contributions

You can register for the event here: <https://www.tiaok.org/2017-family-picnic-sign-up> and can access the events page for more information

CAIR-OK Bystander Intervention Training: Step Up, Speak Up, Take Action Saturday, September 23, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Since November of 2016, the American Muslim community has seen an increase in the number of bias incidents and hate crimes. Here in Oklahoma, we have witnessed Islamophobic harassment and discrimination. These incidents can be scary, but can we afford to stand by while our neighbors, colleagues, friends, and family are attacked? *How do we act as allies to protect our communities and dismantle the systematic biases that allow hate incidents to happen?*

Join CAIR Oklahoma, Surayya Anne Foundation OKC, and our special guest Zahra Billoo, Executive Director of CAIR-SFBA as we teach you how to safely intervene in the event you witness a hate crime or bias incident!

- This training will equip you with tools to protect a victim of harassment without escalating a volatile situation. You will learn the principles behind safe and proactive intervention and have the chance to practice the techniques you learn. We will also discuss some ideas about larger solutions to stop incidents of violence before they start. The training is intended for anyone aged 15+ - no prior training is required.
- It can be uncomfortable to challenge social norms and intervene in a situation in the moment, but learning how to make our community safer is an important lesson for all of us. This training will involve light to moderate physical movement, interaction in small groups, and role-playing scenarios. We are happy to provide any accommodations to make this training accessible to all.
- Registration is FREE here: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eeicc3i447957302&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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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

- 9/11 - Book Club - 12:00 pm in the Chapel
- 9/11 - Big Theological Questions - 6:00 pm at The Patriarch
- 9/12 - CROP Meeting - 7:00 pm in the chapel
- 9/12 - Outreach Meeting - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 9/13 - Fun & Fellowship resumes - 5:15 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 9/14 - Regional Food Bank - Leave SHCC at 8:45 am
- 9/19 - DW Fidelity Group - 10:30 am at Carolyn Christie's home
- 9/19 - Caregiver's Support - 7:00 pm in the Conference Room
- 9/21 - DW Charity Group - 1:30 pm in the Chapel
- 9/24 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 9/24 - Leadership Council Mtg - 4:00 pm in the Chapel

SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Pulpit Supply:	Rev. Allison Longman
Interim Dir. Children's Ministries:	Amber Brooks
Director of Youth Ministries:	Amber Brooks
Choir Director:	Andrea Hanson
Interim Contemp. Music Directors:	Ben & Lacie Bowlware
Business Administrator:	Suellen Caywood
Dir. of Communications & Tech:	Chuck Marshall
CDC Director:	Carolyn Lamiell

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 8/27	72
9:00 AM Worship 8/27	90
11:15 AM Worship 8/27	63
Total Worship 8/13	153
Sunday School 9/03	75
9:00 AM Worship 9/03	92
11:15 AM Worship 9/03	51
Total Worship 9/03	143

PRAYERS

Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird; Marie Byrkit; Ann & Dennie Hall; Alice Smith; Maureen Stickel; Denise Hill; Kyle Campbell; Betty Marcha; Bonnie Pierce; Nolan & Barbara Pierce; Don Hirsch; Tambra Gray; Zoe Jones; Cheryl Aspy; Jessica Lackey Kaplan; Donna Parks; Cathy Rains; Bill Bigham; Keaton Barron

