



## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & UNIFIED WORSHIP

Need a meaningful Christmas gift for teacher, co-worker, friend or family? At Alternative Christmas, you can purchase beautiful hand-made Christmas cards and free trade gift items. The cards are \$5.00



each and the message to the recipient is that a donation has been made in their honor to the charity the card represents.

**The Alternative Christmas Festival will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9 to 10:30 am, Sunday, November 12.** All proceeds from the cards go to one of 14 charitable organizations and the free trade gift items are from Pambe Ghana.

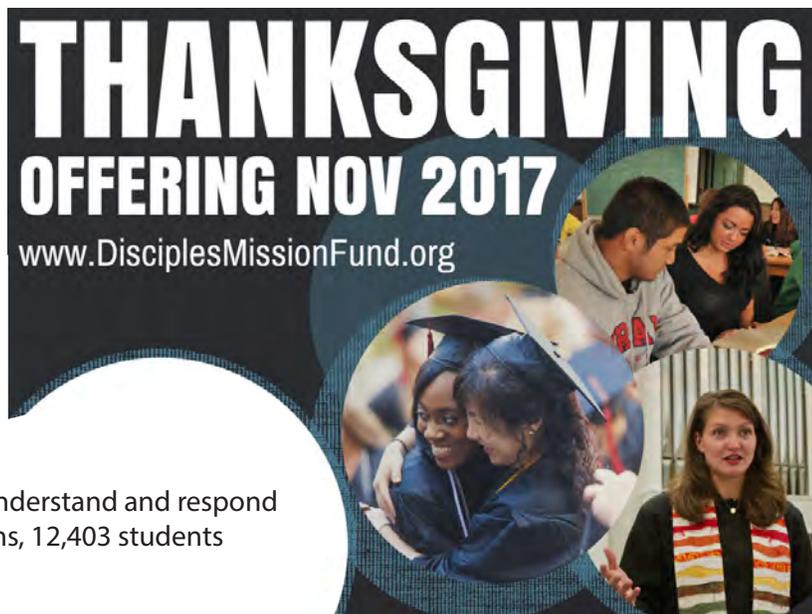
Enjoy brunch with your friends. Proceeds from the brunch will be donated to Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which responds to help victims of disasters worldwide. Items needed for decorating the Fellowship Hall are easels 12-14 inches high. If you can loan an easel, please notify Marilee Hattendorf. Her email is [maydorf@cox.net](mailto:maydorf@cox.net).

## 2017 THANKSGIVING OFFERING – NOVEMBER 19 AND 26

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits colleges, universities, seminaries and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your financial gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education for students attending one of the

Many current and former members of SHCC have been students of one of these institutions. This fund has helped many SHCC ministers to obtain their divinity degrees.

These institutions challenge students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. In the past 12 months, 12,403 students graduated from Disciples institutions.



# FAMILY LIFE

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

### C.H.A.O.S.

We have not had our usual meetings in October. Instead we have been working in the Patch, helping with Trunk-or-Treat, and other fun activities! We will meet every Sunday in November, in the Youth Room, from 6-8pm, except for 11/26, the Sunday of Thanksgiving Break).

### FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Fun & Fellowship is nearing its end for the Fall. We only have two more meeting left! On the 8th we will be hearing from Bethesda, Inc., who will lead a presentation for our children on their "Stop, Go, Tell" program.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Youth or Children Sunday School classes on November 12th. Instead, we encourage our families to attend the Alternative Christmas brunch

and shopping from 9:00-10:30, then join in combined worship at 10:45

### VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We need both a Teacher and a Helper for the JourneyLand Sunday School class for December. If you are interested, please contact Amber to sign up.

### DRAMA TEAM

Our Drama Team has started up their rehearsals for their Christmas show, which will be on the evening of Sunday, December 10th. Rehearsals will take place every Sunday from 4 - 6 pm, in the Sanctuary, each Sunday between now and the show. If you or your youth are interested in helping with sound, lighting, tech, or props, please come to one of our rehearsals this month or contact Janna Carr or Kara Gregory for more information.

## PUMPKINFEST

On November 29th, we held our annual Pumpkinfest. It was a fun time for our church and a wonderful opportunity for our community

to come and meet us. Although it is difficult to get exact numbers of how many children come through, we stayed busy the whole time!

Many thanks to CDC and their helpers for providing pizza, water, and for being there to make sure everyone was fed! Thank-you to those of you that decorated trunks so creatively and hosted games as well! Thank-you to the Hills for setting up a s'mores



station complete with a campfire! Thank-you to Jarrett Austin, Brooke Plumlee, and the Sampleys for helping the kiddos at the bouncy house and inflatable slide, keeping everyone safe! Thank-you to everyone who provided candy (we used almost every bit of it)! Thank-



you to those of you that stayed around to help us clean up! And last, but certainly not least, thank-you to Morgan Gregory for Co-Directing this year!

Every single bit of this event is a group effort, and we are so very appreciative of how fun, creative, helpful, and kind our family here at Southern Hills is!

# FAMILY LIFE

## CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT SOUTHERN HILLS

During our Children's Sabbath and at other worship services, Southern Hills has had a tradition of dedicating infants and young children. But what does that dedication mean for us as a congregation? During the dedication, the congregation pledges to support the family and the child as they grow in faith; because we take that pledge seriously, we must continually evaluate the ministries that we provide for children and their families. The Children's Council and the Staff have been prayerful considering how we might better support our growing children's ministries. You may have noticed that we have a number of new babies and toddlers joining our SHCC family. In an effort to make those families feel welcome in worshipping with us, a few changes and additions have been made!

There are new Kid's Worship Bags hanging under the front office window, with different activities for children to work on during worship. There is a Family Area, in the back of the sanctuary, where there are two rocking chairs and a floor mat for families to use to rock, feed, or let their young children stretch out. In the pew pockets, there are cards describing how we welcome children in worship with tips for families who might be worshipping with us for the first time. We also want to share with you a couple of helpful things to remember when welcoming children and new families to worship.



- Remember that the presence and sounds of children in worship is a gift and a sign of a growing church.
- Be helpful to parents of small children and make them feel welcomed, particularly if a child gets fussy during worship.
- Acknowledge children. Remember their eye level is often at our knees or below when we are standing. Get on their level. Make sure to smile, nod in their direction, and show your appreciation of them. Share high fives and fist bumps!
- Invite their family to sit with you. Ask them if they have any questions about the worship service, or if you can help them locate the bathrooms, water fountains, etc.
- Find a young child and their family before or after service. Make sure to make eye contact with the child and ask their name and share your name. Let them know how glad you are to see them and that you will be looking for them the next week. You might be the reason the family returns!



Remember our children learn how to worship from us. We are called to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere, where they can know they have a place in the community of the church. When you pray, sing, participate in offering, or take communion, young children are learning the rituals of our faith. Every week we have the sacred honors of helping them to learn to watch for God's presence in their own lives, encouraging them to share where they noticed God, and how they can participate in God's love. Most importantly, if we are paying attention to our children, we will also learn something about being a part of God's family as well.

*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ~Matthew 19:14*

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Committee discussed at our recent meeting ways to streamline our worship service time. Currently about one-fourth of our one hour service is being consumed by announcements. While we know announcements are an important part of our community of faith, we feel that our worship time could be spent in more beneficial ways.

We proposed that announcements be posted in a variety of ways: **Facebook**, **e-mail**, **Sunday bulletin insert**, **Sharing Tree newsletter** (which is mailed and e-mailed as well as posted on Facebook and Twitter), and on our **church website** ([shccedmond.org](http://shccedmond.org)). Announcements will also run on our large **projection**

**screens** prior to the start of our church service. It was our consensus that we can all be responsible for getting this information in one of these ways rather than taking up valuable worship time. Should a last minute announcement arise, of course Jenny will make it as needed. We would like to allow a few weeks to spread the word throughout the congregation and hopefully implement this plan by late November. As we moving into our Thanksgiving and advent seasons, may we focus on meaningful worship moments. Thank you for your cooperation as we try to streamline our service!

Jerri Bowlware  
Worship Committee Chair

## EDMOND COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

What's 36 years old, consumes over 2,000 desserts, and takes a community to run? The Edmond Community Thanksgiving Dinner, of course!

Tired of looking for #10 cans of green beans? Not sure where to find large bags of Pepperidge Farm Stuffing Mix? Don't have refrigerator space for 15 pounds of salted butter?

No worries! The Outreach Committee would like to do the "heavy lifting" for you! Simply sign up to sponsor a food item, and then provide the monetary amount identified for the item. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Please be sure to designate your

item, and the amount included. Payment may be made via Check to SHCC (please include "ECTD - (ITEM)" in the memo line), Cash, or electronically through SimpleChurch.

On Sunday, November 19 your Outreach Committee will do the shopping, and deliver the food to the designated food drop-off! It's that easy!

Your support is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets, volunteer forms, and general information is available in the Gathering Area. Please contact Kara Gregory with questions.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the cupcakes through out the month for Clergy Appreciation month and the flowers in worship. Southern Hills is a wonderful

congregation and I am truly honored to be able to serve in ministry with you!

Jenny



## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

**Disciple Women's Fidelity Group** meets Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 am at the home of Floydette Seal. The service project will benefit the Water for Homeless Alliance, and a Hope Center Family.

**Disciple Women's Charity Group** meets Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. They will be making sleeping mats for the homeless from grocery sacks.

**WOW Lunch Group** is planning their scheduled meetings for November & December. Watch the next Sharing Tree for Dates and Locations.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We have so many wonderful volunteers that do so very much here at Southern Hills. The old adage is absolutely true: "It takes a village..." to do it all! This month we are shining the spotlight on one of our hardest working volunteers...

## Floydette Seal!

### In Her Own Words:

"I have been fortunate to have Southern Hills as my church family since 1994. That's a record for me since prior to 1994 I had never lived in one community longer than 6 years. This church community has nurtured me through the loss of my husband and helped me grow through the many opportunities to serve in the church.

"Although I have worked with other committees I am privileged to have been part of the Outreach Committee for several years. We work together in that committee, but I have been chairperson one year and co-chair several years. Planning and presenting the outreach projects for the church is rewarding, especially since our church family is very responsive to the many needs of the community and of our denomination. The fact that so many of our members help with the Refuge Fellowship meals is very impressive to me.

"Helping with the Worship and Wonder program and assisting in the JourneyLand Sunday School class keep me in touch with the children. It's fun to watch them as they grow up in our church family. "Volunteering is a rewarding effort in that we not only accomplish things that further the work of the

church, we also become closer to our fellow church members. It is sometimes difficult to venture into a new volunteer position, but the rewards are many."

### But That's Not All...

Floydette left out an important part of her volunteer work at SHCC. You might not know that she is responsible for the many beautiful banners you see in the Sanctuary and Gathering Area. Not only does she volunteer her imagination, talent, and the materials to come up with her lovely creations, she also takes the time to change out the banners to coincide with our seasons of the church calendar. What a blessing she is to SHCC!



**Thank-you, Floydette, for all you do and all you are to Southern Hills! We appreciate you!**

## HELPING THE HOMELESS



Disciple Women's Charity Group has an ongoing project to make sleeping mats for the homeless out of disposable plastic grocery bags. Please save your extra bags and drop them off in the front office. Consider attending one of the upcoming PLARN (PLastic yARN) Workshops to learn how to transform bags into sleeping mats. Watch the Sharing tree, Sunday Bulletin, Facebook and [shccedmond.org](http://shccedmond.org) for more info and upcoming dates. All are welcome to volunteer.

# Christmas

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## CAN YOU BE SANTA?

OKC metro area churches serving at Refuge Fellowship have been given the opportunity to provide a Christmas for children related to Refuge. Southern Hills has the names of three children, all 2 years old or under, along with suggested gift items. Many of you are already in a group that will be providing Christmas for a HOPE Center family,

and we will again be doing a toy drive for the Latino Community Development Agency's Christmas party. However, if you or your group are not involved in either of those projects and would like to make a baby's Christmas a little nicer, please contact Marilee Hattendorf for more information. Thank you so much!

## SAVE THE DATES



Join us Sunday, November 26, following contemporary service, to Deck the Halls in preparation for the Advent and Christmas Season. We will be preparing the Sanctuary and Gathering Area. Pizza for lunch will be provided. On Sunday, December 3, join us for The Hanging of the Greens Unified Service at 10:45 am. Sunday School will be at 9:30.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE



This year, Christmas Eve happens to fall on a Sunday. With the busy nature of the holidays, and the prospect of having four services that day, the Worship Committee has decided to have one Candlelight service at 6:00 pm. The morning services will follow the usual Sunday schedule of 9:00 am Traditional and 11:15 am Contemporary, with Sunday school at 10:15 am.

## LITURGISTS NEEDED

Sunday morning Liturgists are needed for November and December. 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.



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# November 2017

**Location Key:**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<b>2</b> 3:15p Tai Chi (GA)	<b>3</b> Boy Scout Lock-in	<b>4</b>
<b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 2:00p CROP Walk (Mitch Park) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Drama Team 6:00 CHAOS	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Newsletter Published</b>  3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:30 Soultending (C)	<b>8</b> Regular Wednesday Schedule	<b>9</b> 1:00p PLARN Workshop 3:15 Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 CDC-CPR Training (C) 7:00 Stephen Min. (CR)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 Disciple Men's Breakfast (CR)
<b>12 Alternative Christmas</b> 9:00a Alternative Christmas (FH) 10:45 Combined Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Drama Team 6:00 CHAOS	<b>13</b> 10:00a PLARN Workshop 12:00p WOW Book Club (P) 6:00 MNF/BTQ (The Patriarch)	<b>14</b>  3:15p Tai Chi (GA)	<b>15</b> Regular Wednesday Schedule  Last Fun & Fellowship for Fall	<b>16</b> 1:30p DW Charity Grp. (C) 2:00 Dorothy Messenger Memorial Service (S) 3:15 Tai Chi (GA) 4:30 Food Co-Op (FH) 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 7:00p Byrkit/Currell Wedding & Reception	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Tree of Life Ceremony</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 12:30p Elder's Mtg (CR) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council Mtg (C) 4:00 Drama Team (S) 6:00 CHAOS	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Newsletter Published</b>  10:00a DW Fidelity Grp. (Floydette Seal's Home) 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Caregiver's Support (P)	<b>22</b> 10:00 Wed. Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:00p Southern Bells (MR) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>23 Thanksgiving Day</b>  Church Closed	<b>24</b>  Church Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Deck the Halls</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 12:30p Deck the Halls (S & GA) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) <b>No Drama</b> <b>No CHAOS</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00p MNF/BTQ-Big Theo. Questions (The Patriarch)	<b>28</b>  3:15p Tai Chi (GA)	<b>29</b> 10:00 Wed. Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch 5:00p Southern Bells (MR) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>30</b>  <b>Regular Wednesday Schedule</b> 10:00 Wednesday Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:00p Southern Bells (MR) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 6:00 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 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

- 11/12 - Alternative Christmas - Brunch at 9:00, Worship at 10:45
- 11/16 - DW Charity Group - 1:30 pm in the Chapel
- 11/21- DW Fidelity Group - 10:00 am - Donna McKay hosting
- 11/21 - Caregiver's Support Group - 7:00 pm in the Parlor
- 11/19 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 11/19 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 11/26 - Deck the Halls - Following Contemporary Service
- 12/03 - Hanging of the Greens Unified Service at 10:45
- 12/10 - Youth Christmas Play at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- 12/17 - Christmas Cantata at 9:00 am Service
- 12/18 - Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm
- 12/31 - Sweater Sunday Unified service at 10:45 am
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## SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
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 10/29	78
9:00 AM Worship 10/29	125
11:15 AM Worship 10/29	43
<b>Total Worship 10/29</b>	<b>168</b>
Sunday School 11/05	65
9:00 AM Worship 11/05	129
11:15 AM Worship 11/05	40
<b>Total Worship 11/05</b>	<b>169</b>

## PRAYERS

Mona Baird; Marie Byrkit; Ann & Dennie Hall; Alice Smith; Maureen Stickel; Kyle Campbell; Betty Marcha; Nolan & Barbara Pierce; Don Hirsch; Tandra Gray; Zoe Jones; Cheryl Aspy; Jessica Lackey Kaplan; Cathy Rains; Keaton Barron; Julie Wynn; Donald Moll; Myrna Ranney; Leah Tomlin; the Tomlin-Puig family; the Messenger family

