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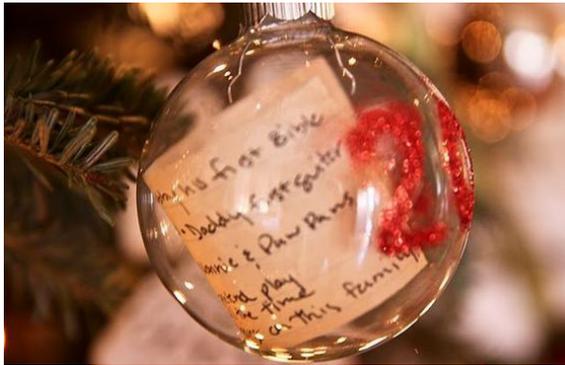
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CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORKSHOP



Sunday morning, **December 10th**, during the **Sunday School hour** in the Fellowship Hall, children of all ages and their families are invited to the Christmas Family Workshop! We will be doing crafts that will make beautiful ornaments, gifts, and remembrances! If you would like to help with this event, please contact Amber. We look forward to seeing you!

SHCC DRAMA TEAM PRESENTS: CHRISTMAS!

Sunday evening, **December 10th**, at **6:00pm**, in the Sanctuary, the SHCC Youth and Children Drama Team will be performing this year's Christmas shows: "Our Chaos, His Peace," and "What Christmas Means." Our Children's Choir will be singing Christmas Carols between the two shows! Following the performances, there will be a snack reception will in the gathering area. We are also expecting a special, jolly visitor, with whom you can get your picture taken! Please come and support our youth and children, and if you wish, **bring a snack to share!**



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9:00 AM SERVICE

How can we adequately tell the story of our transcendent God becoming a human being . . . becoming the poorest of the poor and the weakest of the weak . . . in order to give us His boundless, everlasting life? How can we celebrate such an event? The story should be retold both with time-honored tradition and with the newness of here and now. It should be celebrated with unbridled joy

and with deep, quiet reflection. It should be sung with great power and with heartfelt tenderness and exalt our magnificent God with boldness and with childlike humility. Such a retelling, such a celebration is our prayer for **An Evening in December**. May it give you a new glimpse of "Emmanuel, God with Us," and fill your heart with a new song of thankfulness and praise.

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FAMILY LIFE

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

DRAMA TEAM

The Drama Team Christmas Play is almost here! On Sunday, December 10th, at 6:00pm we will perform our Christmas Play: two one acts with our Children's Choir singing Christmas Carols in between! We will have a snack reception in the gathering area after the show where there will also be a special, jolly visitor to take pictures with us. Please bring your favorite holiday snack to share!

DRAMA TEAM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 12/9 Dress Rehearsal 8:30-11:00 am
- 12/10 Performance 5:30 call time, 6:00 show time

CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 10th, during the Sunday School hour, children and their families are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall and make some fun crafts that will make great ornaments, gifts, or just something to remember their year by! This is an all ages event, so our tiniest littles are invited!
If you would like to help with this event, please contact Amber

CHAOS

CHAOS has met for our last "normal" meeting for the Fall semester. We do have some fun nights lined up for the holiday season!

- **LCDA Shopping Night:** Youth 6th-12th grade will bring their dollars (and any extra dollars their adults give them!) as we go shopping for Christmas gifts for the Latino Community Development Agency's Children's Christmas party!
- **Youth Christmas Party:** On Sunday, December 17th, the youth will have their Christmas Party! We will be meeting at the church at 5:00pm, we will then go to Bradford Village to pass out Christmas Cards to the residents. After that we will go on a progressive dinner, and end the night with a White Elephant gift exchange!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School in December will be a little different, so here's the details...

Date	Journeyland	Faith Travelers	Youth
12/10	Xmas Family Workshop (No Sunday School)	Meet in Classroom (will go to Xmas Family Workshop together)	Xmas Family Workshop (No Sunday School)
12/17	Reg. Class	Reg. Class	Reg. Class
12/24	Combined SS in FH	Combined SS in FH	Combined SS in FH
12/31	Sweater Sunday (No Sunday School)	Sweater Sunday (No Sunday School)	Sweater Sunday (No Sunday School)

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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, December 19th. We hope you will join us. There are no requirements for attendance. Come by and check out the group. If the days and times need to be changed, we will do that. This is for you.

Your Stephen Ministry team.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Disciple Women's Charity Group is making sleeping mats for the homeless out of disposable plastic grocery bags. Please save your bags and leave them in the front office. Consider attending one of the upcoming PLARN (PLastic yARN) Workshops

to learn how to transform bags into sleeping mats. All are welcome to volunteer.

Dates:

- 12/06 at 11:00 am (BK)
- 12/06 at 6:00 pm (C)
- 12/08 at 10:00 am (BK)
- 12/11 at 1:00 pm (BK)
- 12/15 at 10:00 am (BK)



WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Disciple Women's Fidelity Group meets Tuesday, December 19 at 11:00 am for lunch out at Sumo Japanese restaurant on Broadway.

Disciple Women's Charity Group meets Thursday, December 14 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. They will be wrapping gifts for the HOPE Center Christmas Family.

WOW Lunch Group will meet at 12:30 pm, Wednesday, December 6 for lunch at Johnnie's on 33rd. All ladies of the church are invited.

SANTAS AND ELVES ARE BUSY!

Thanks to all of you who have brought gifts for our three Refuge Fellowship children! This coming Sunday, Dec. 10, is the deadline for presents to be turned in. The party for these children is Dec. 16th, and excitement is sure to be in the air!

Also, a gigantic thank you to those who have been shopping for the children whose families are clients at the Latino Community Development Agency. The big box in the Gathering Area will be there for those toy donations through Sunday, December

17. The toys should be new and suitable for children who are babies through age 11.

Once again, you are showing your love in action. The outreach committee appreciates you sooooo much!

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. We plan to return to early and late candlelight services next year. The Christmas Eve 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.

LATINO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TOY DRIVE

If babies are not your speciality, we have also participated in the LCDA's toy drive for the past several years. Renieri Espana has already brought us a big box that will be placed in

the Gathering Area to receive new, unwrapped toys for children up to 11 years old. So, if you'd like to be a Santa or an elf, there are plenty of opportunities around SHCC. Thanks!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

ADVENT COLORING DAY



As Christmas draws closer, the frenzy of shopping, to-do lists, and activities increase. When Christmas arrives, we often find ourselves worn out and ready to get back to a normal routine. If we get to Christmas and are so exhausted from *getting ready* for Christmas, then we haven't really done the work of Advent. Advent is a time of joyful anticipation, waiting and preparing for the arrival of the Christ Child. Meditation is one way that we can enrich our Advent journey. We would like to invite you to join us for an active meditation, or moving meditation. Active meditation

is very easy to practice. You simply chose a simple movement like, drawing, walking or even coloring to give you stronger focus. The repetitive motions act as a constant reminder to shift your attention back to the meditation.

Come and take a break from the busyness of the holidays to join us as we meditate on the Advent season and the coming of the Christ child.

Advent Coloring Day

All Ages Welcome

SHCC Gathering Area

Thursday, December 21, 2017

11 am – 1:00 pm (Come and Go)

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

There will be coloring pages, crayons, markers, and colored pencils. You are also welcome to bring your own supplies. We will also have some cookies, cider, and hot chocolate to share. Come rest, renew, and COLOR! If coloring is not your thing, we will also be PLARNING sleeping mats for the homeless community. See article on previous page.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS

Christmas is on its way and now is the time to think about Christmas bonuses for our wonderful staff. If you would like to contribute to that fund, put your gift in the offering plate and note that it is for the Staff Christmas Bonus. Gifts may be made through Sunday, December 17th. Let's show our staff how

very much we appreciate them and all the work they do throughout the year!

Darrin Hill
Leadership Council Moderator

Blue Christmas Service

Monday, December 18th, 7:00 pm

This special, introspective worship service is for those who are looking for a break from the “busyness” of the season. This service is also for those who find the holidays difficult due to loss and sadness. The Blue Christmas service gives worshipers a chance to find a quiet place to reflect, meditate, and worship. A reception will follow in the Gathering Area.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GOOD NEWS

As promised, here is the final monetary report from your Alternative Christmas generosity. Remember, all money earned goes directly to the agencies represented and is not a fundraiser for SHCC. Just another way you participate in sharing with others!

Card Sales for 14 Agencies	\$ 3,155
Fair trade gift items	968
Brunch for Week of Compassion	277
Total	\$ 4400

THANK YOU!

Dear Southern Hills Friends:
Words cannot adequately express our thanks for all you all did for Mom and for us following her recent stroke. We know that Mom greatly appreciated, as did we, your prayers, calls, cards, visits, and food while she was in hospice care. And we greatly appreciated your continuing those kinds of support for the rest of us after Mom’s passing. You anticipated our needs and met them with love and compassion; your generosity and

thoughtfulness helped us all get through that very difficult time. Mom would have been honored and touched by your care of us and by your kind words to us about her. We can’t thank you enough.

With love and gratitude,
Myrna Ranney
For all the Messenger, Ranney, Tomlin, and Puig Family



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.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

If bad weather on a Sunday morning threatens cancellation of the worship services, a decision will be made by 7:30 am and the word will go out in several ways. Information on church closings will be reported on the local news stations. The information will also be posted on the SHCC website and Facebook

page, and Twitter account. If bad weather is in the forecast, look to one of these sources to see if we will have services as scheduled. If it is determined that worship will occur as scheduled, please use your own good judgment about attending, taking into account the weather conditions and your own mobility.

POINSETTIAS

Now is the time to make dedications for poinsettias. They will decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and provide an opportunity to memorialize or honor someone special or a loved one. Cost per dedication is \$15.00. Orders may be placed through Sunday December 17th. Look for the Poinsettia insert in your Sunday bulletin.

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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

- 12/10 - Youth Christmas Play at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 12/17 - Christmas Cantata at 9:00 am Service
- 12/17 - Special Music at 11:15 am Service
- 12/18 - Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm
- 12/24 - Regular Sunday Schedule for morning services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm
- 12/31 - Sweater Sunday **Unified service at 10:45 am**
- 12/31 - **No Sunday school**
- 1/07 - Epiphany Party in Fellowship Hall -Details TBA

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 11/26	76
9:00 AM Worship 11/26	108
11:15 AM Worship 11/26	44
Total Worship 11/26	157
Sunday School 12/03	77
Combined Worship 12/03	171

PRAYERS

Mona Baird; Marie Byrkit; Ann & Dennie Hall; Barb Livingston; Alice Smith; Maureen Stickel; Kyle Campbell; Nolan & Barbara Pierce; Maxine Dixon; Zoe Jones; Cathy Rains; Keaton Barron; Donald Moll; Susie Park, Paul Hardt; Ed Huston; Boaz Camp (friend of Evelyn Hoemann's grandson); Ed Huston; Janella Tears; Kayla McClurg; Paul Hardt; Susie Park