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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

You are invited to come and join us as we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday on February 14th at 7:00 pm. Lent is a season in the liturgical calendar, lasting forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days of Lent represent the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness, during which he was tempted, while preparing to begin his public ministry. The Sundays in Lent are considered “mini-Easters.” These Sundays serve as reminders of the anticipation of the Resurrection. The word Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word, lencten, which means spring.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. The forty days of Lent offer individuals a time for self-examination and reflection. The early church used the time to prepare those wishing to join the church for baptism, much like our current Pastor’s class is doing. Lent has become a time for individuals to focus on their relationship with God. Many will choose to give up something for Lent, others might choose to take on a new spiritual discipline during the season. In whatever way you choose to mark the forty days of Lent, we hope that you make the ministries and worship at Southern Hills part of your Lenten journey.

Through the six weeks of Lent, in worship we will explore the theme of Lament. To lament is to express sorrow, mourning, or regret, in a passionate way. Through the series we will affirm that expressing our emotions is an act of faith. We will look at the many themes of Lament, such as grief, sadness, protest, hurt, confusion, wilderness, and bewilderment, that particularly resonate with the themes of Lent. We will explore how when we lament individually and as a community, we open our hearts to God. We will remind ourselves that even in Lament, hope is found, for we trust that God is always with us, we are never alone. In our worship we will also create a safe place for finding comfort in our lament.

In addition to worship, there will be opportunities to deepen your spirituality. On Mondays in Lent, at 6 p.m. at the church, you are invited to come and participate in a Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) group, that will read, meditate and pray over the scriptures that will be used on the following Sunday in worship. This group will be facilitated Russ Wagner-Bark and Jenny Wynn. Each Sunday during Lent, during the Sunday school hour, Lisa Wynn will offer a class called Bible 101. This class will take an overview of the Bible from a feminine perspective. This class is not geared toward only women, mature youth and men are welcome to come! On March 6th, 13th, and 27th at 6 p.m., Melissa Powers and Jenny Wynn will offer a book discussion on select chapters from Martin Thielen’s book, “What’s the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?” A Guide to What Matters Most.

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

That is what our contributions to the Week of Compassion will accomplish. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, which seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

From the U.S. to Nicaragua, to Africa and around the world, our gifts are used to help people recover from catastrophe, learn to grow crops, provide food for the hungry, and much, much more. Your offerings for the Week of Compassion will be received on **February 18th and 25th.**



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

Fun & Fellowship

Fun & Fellowship has begun! Anyone 5 years old through 5th grade is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings, from 6-7pm, in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study, Games, Fellowship and more! We are covered on helpers for the first few weeks but need to get more for later in the semester. If you have a child in the program, we ask that you take at least one week, but anyone is welcome to volunteer! Please contact Amber if you would like to help, or you may sign-up by going to our online sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aaaf28a5f58-spring1> **PLEASE NOTE:** We will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Sunday School

We have had some great teachers and helpers step-up and teach our JourneyLand Sunday school class in January and February, but we do not have anyone signed up for March on into Spring. We ask that if you have a child in the program that you would invest some of your time in helping in Sunday School. Our curriculum is very user friendly! If you are interested, please contact Amber with any questions, or if you may sign-up by going to our online sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aaaf28a5f58-spring>

Chi Rho

Chi Rho Reconcile Weekend is Saturday, February 24th-25th February 24-25 and is an overnight retreat for

youth in grades 6th-8th. The cost is \$55 per person. Price includes: Saturday lunch, snack, and dinner, Oklahoma Science Museum program & overnight, and a lite Breakfast on Sunday at the museum. This retreat will feature games, worship, conversation, a service project, and an overnight experience at the Oklahoma Science Museum. This retreat is planned and led by the Regional Youth Council. If your Chi Rho Youth would like to attend, please have your \$55 fee/scholarship request to Amber by Sunday, February 18th.

CHAOS

CHAOS is meeting every Sunday, from 6-8pm in the Youth Room. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to come join us! **PLEASE NOTE:** We will not meet on Sunday, February 25th

Our youth and children groups are filled with adventurous, wonderful, energetic young people and their programs cannot happen without the time, talent, and love of our volunteers and parents. Thank-you once again for your support of our youth and children and please contact me with any questions.

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IT'S FRITO CHILI PIE TIME!

Monday, March 5, is SHCC's next time to serve dinner to the homeless at **Refuge Fellowship**. There will be sign up sheets in the gathering area if you would like to donate, prepare food, cook, or go with us to serve

the meal. Refuge Fellowship meets at First United Methodist Church in downtown OKC. We will take the van, leaving SHCC at 5 pm. We'd love for you to join us. Please call Marilee Hattendorf with any questions.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

For 27 years, First Christian Church here in Edmond has had a meal program that feeds the hungry; Breakfast on Boulevard. On average, twenty people eat their breakfast in the basement dining room at First Christian Monday through Friday. Food costs are covered by donations. The labor is done by volunteers. A "meal" at First Christian means a hot breakfast, and two sandwiches, one to eat for lunch and one for dinner, an apple and two cookies. Each person that comes gets food for a full day. They also provide about 90 take out "meals" to individuals and groups.

I would like to begin a meal program at Southern Hills to provide food for the weekends. It will take lots of planning, fund raising, volunteers and hard work. It will also challenge us to act on our faith, to show the love of Christ to strangers in need.

If you would like to help in some way, please contact Georgia Shaw.

Thank you,
Georgia

COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are always great events around our region that are open to Disciples of many interests and passions. Here are the upcoming ones!

Backyard Bird Extravaganza

Saturday, February 17th, 9AM-12AM; Lake Arcadia Wildlife Conservation Education Area
OK Wildlife Department is presenting an entire morning dedicated to birds. Presentations will cover bird identification and bird feeding tips; booths will feature bird photography with craft stations for the young at heart. There will be an optional bird walk from 11AM to noon.

Link to Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/403229160099340/>

2018 Day at the Legislature

Monday, February 26th, 8:30AM-4:45PM; OK State Capitol: 4th Floor Rotunda, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd, OKC
Join the Oklahoma Conference of Churches at the Annual Day at the Legislature. We will gather together this year to talk about "Equal Justice," specifically surrounding issues of Race and Immigration in the US and Oklahoma. There will be outstanding speakers and workshop!

Link to registration: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E251417&id=8>

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BAKE SALE THANK YOU

On behalf of SHCC Youth and the attendees, both past and future, of the International Affairs Seminar, we would like to say a big thank you to all that came out for the Bake Sale! We raised almost \$600! This money will go into the IAS fund which helps to send our youth on the IAS trip each year, this year helping to send Ethan Carr. So, thank you to our bakers and crafters, and thank

you to everyone who bought our goodies! A big thank you to Kara Gregory, Jessica Lackey-Kaplan and the youth and children that were present to help facilitate the event!

Thank you to those of you who have given to our "Take Stock" fund as well. Those donations have come in great numbers and we very much appreciate that!

If you have not yet "taken stock" but would like to, the forms are available in the gathering area, and donations can be left in the front office, or be put in the gathering plate during worship. Please mark all checks/cash envelopes with "IAS." We could not do our missions and programs without your support!

One Love,
Amber

SAVE THE DATE

- **Memorial Service for Patti Hyde - 2:00 pm, Saturday February 17, 2018 in the Sanctuary**
- **Memorial Service for Kayla McClurg - 10:00 am, Saturday March 10, 2018 in the Sanctuary**

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Disciple Women's Charity Group meets Thursday, February 15, at 1:30 in the Chapel. The scheduled activity is making blankets for the Infant Crisis Center.

Disciple Women's Fidelity Group will meet February 20, at 10:00 am in the Chapel (please note change of location), for a study of "Religion Through Art", led by Gayle Hurst.

WOW Lunch - The next WOW lunch will be Wednesday, Feb 28, 12:30 pm at Moni's on May Ave. Moni's will need to have an accurate count for a reservation, so please RSVP to Carolyn Christie.

SAVE THE DATE - REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AND LTS

Mark your calendar that on April 28, 2018 the Oklahoma Region invites everyone to the combined 2018 Regional Assembly and Leadership Training School.

This year we've created a single event to host a variety of training workshops with the regional business of Oklahoma's biennial Regional Assembly. Participants will experience the energy and enthusiasm of one of the nation's

top clergy during worship! Plus we'll have exceptional workshops for lay leaders and clergy that you've come to enjoy.

New Covenant Christian Church is graciously hosting our event and is excited to welcome us to their beautiful facility in north Oklahoma City.

So be sure to reserve Saturday, April 28, 2018! We are also

planning special activities for the Friday before and will keep you posted as they develop.

Stay tuned as our 2018 RA/LTS team moves into action and plans this exciting event for next spring!

Pam Holt,
Regional Minister

P.S. Have a workshop idea? Submit it to office@okdisciples.org

NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As we move into 2018, several have asked what they could do to help with budget attainment for SHCC.

The first step would be to let our members know where we are and where we need to be. Some have suggested that they would appreciate this information in our newsletter from time to time so they could help make a difference!

Currently, we have a budget that closely mirrors our 2017 budget. In 2017 SHCC was only \$4900 over budget. This was due to some generous gift donations in the last few months of the year which enabled SHCC to sustain all programs.

This year, we are looking at a shortfall of \$100,000 for 2018. Pledges are down by \$91,000. We have lost some long-standing members as they have passed away. Some have moved away to continue their spiritual journey with other churches.

SHCC's Stewardship committee is actively looking at all possible ways to continue the outreach for which we are known, while also supporting the vital ministries of Southern Hills. With the current shortfall in pledges, and our active membership of 216, a \$9 per week increase in each member's pledge would enable SHCC to continue with current worship, outreach, and staffing needs.

So that you may check on the progress towards our budget goal, we plan to update our pledge status in several ways, to include the newsletter and the TV in the Gathering area. Please search your heart and prayerfully consider your contribution. If you have a desire to help SHCC get to our goal, please contact the front office, use a pledge card, or use Simple Church to make or increase your Pledge. We would be honored to hear from you!

Sincerely,
Your Stewardship committee

DISCIPLES MEN

Disciples Men had their first meeting of the year. Georgia and Ron Shaw graciously prepared breakfast for us. Georgia presented an idea for outreach. She talked about the ministry at First Christian Edmond called Breakfast on Boulevard, and suggested SHCC explore the idea of having a similar sort of weekend breakfast/

lunch bag service. A committee was formed to work out details.

Kurt Sampley and Darrin Hill discussed some possible activities that the church men could participate in and alternatives to meeting just on Saturday mornings. Also we discussed having family oriented activities.

An ongoing project to upgrade front office computers and software was discussed and Disciples Men decided to donate \$1000 towards that project. Chuck Marshall pointed out that we were only \$400 shy of our funding goal of \$2400.

BIBLE 101

Overview of the Bible from a feminine Perspective

Have you ever been embarrassed because you felt you really didn't know much about the Bible? Do you hold the view that the Bible is ancient and out-of-touch with today? Does it bother you that the bible is mostly stories about men, told from a man's perspective, so you've just been avoiding it?

What if we blew all of that out of the water and opened you up to a whole new world of inspiration and application for your life? Over five or six Sundays during Lent, we will cover the entire bible. Each class will stand independently, but you are encouraged to attend all of the classes so that you come away with a good understanding of what the Bible is all about. While we will look at the Bible from a feminine perspective, this class isn't geared toward women only. It is also appropriate for mature youth and men, so come one, come all!

This class will be taught by Lisa Wynn, a self-proclaimed Bible Lover, Commissioned Minister and Hospice Chaplain. The class will meet in the Chapel from 10:15 – 11:05 Sundays, from February 18th through March 18th with a possible addition of March 25th. Dust off your bible and bring it to class!



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Many people are now involved in preparing sleeping mats for homeless persons. If you would like to help, here are some ways to get involved:

1. Save your clean plastic shopping bags and bring them to the church.
2. Attend one of the "Plarn Workshops" scheduled on the church calendar. At these times, we work together to cut and join the strips of plastic bags to make balls of PLastic yARN to be crocheted into the sleeping mats. We enjoy fellowship together while our hands are busy. (Bring your own scissors, please)

3. Crochet a mat. Instructions are available from Beth Gerardy (405-824-2543) If you want to crochet, you can do it on your own or with a group, as you please.

Once finished, the mats are distributed to homeless persons to provide comfort and warmth to those sleeping outside. We work prayerfully in Christian love for those who are experiencing homelessness. Thanks to all who are participating. **Beginning February 26, Plarn Workshops are now scheduled every Monday night at 6:30 in Boka Keene.**

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, February 20. 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.

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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

- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday Special Service - 7 pm in the Sanctuary
- 2/15 - DW Charity Group- 1:30 pm in the Chapel
- 2/18 - Bible 101 Lenten Class begins - 10:15 am in the Chapel
- 2/20 - DW Fidelity Group - 10 am in the Chapel
- 2/20 - Caregiver's Support Group - 7 pm in the Parlor
- 2/25 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Parlor
- 2/25 - Leadership Council Mtg. - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 2/27 - Outreach Committee Mtg - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 3/06 - Lenten Book Study - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 3/13 - Lenten Book Study - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 3/25 - Palm Sunday
- 3/25 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 3/25 - Leadership Council - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 4/01 - Easter Sunday

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 2/05	75
9:00 AM Worship 2/05	94
11:15 AM Worship 2/05	62
Total Worship 2/05	156
Sunday School 2/11	93
9:00 AM Worship 2/11	89
11:15 AM Worship 2/11	68
Total Worship 2/11	157

PRAYERS

Mona Baird; Ann & Dennie Hall; Barb Livingston; Alice Smith; Maureen Stickel; Nolan & Barbara Pierce; Cathy Rains; Keaton Barron; Donald Moll; Susie Park; Rev. Jesse Jackson; Betty Marcha; Bryant Rains; Mary Connelly; Shirley Bibb; Marie Byrkit; Amy Wright