



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

The Sharing Tree

Vol: 29

Issue: 6

March 13, 2018



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lectio Divina

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 by Russ Wagner-Bark and Jenny Wynn.

Bible 101

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! More info in the Bible 101 article inside.

What's the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?

On March 27th at 6 p.m., Melissa Powers and Gayle Hurst will offer the final session of book discussion on from Martin Thielen's book, "What's the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?" A Guide to What Matters Most. You may purchase the book from Amazon or other booksellers. Reading the book will be helpful but is not required to participate in the discussion.

Maundy Thursday - The Way of the Cross

You are invited to join us on March 29th at 7:00 pm for Maundy Thursday worship. This service will include communion and reflections on the Way of the Cross. The practice of the Way of the Cross, which is also known as the Stations of the Cross, for meditative reflection, on the final hours of Jesus' life, is a very old one. Each stop marks a point along the way to Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the stations are recorded in scriptures, but others, such as Jesus falling, are legends that developed much later in the Christian tradition. We will experience the Way of the Cross through images and the music of lament. The music and images will help guide our worship, prayers and meditations. Together, during our Maundy Thursday service, we will acknowledge the struggles and pains we face in the world, as we walk with Jesus' for his final steps to the cross.

OVERFLOWING - EASTER OFFERING

The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus Christ. God walked among us in the person of Jesus, and God continues to give us treasures unbounded through the Holy Spirit. Our response to this great generosity of God is overflowing compassion, joy, faith, gratitude, and love.

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter

Offering is one of the many ways we can share our response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." The General Ministries include Homeland Ministries, Overseas/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Board of Church Extension among others. Watch for a complete listing of these ministries in your Sunday bulletins. The offering will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILIES

Now is the time to make dedications for Easter lilies, which will decorate our sanctuary for Easter and provide an opportunity to memorialize or honor someone special or a loved one.

We will be taking orders for Easter lilies through Sunday March 25. Please use the green order form in your Sunday bulletin or call the front office at 341-0766 for other options.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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 during Spring Break, March 21st.

If your child has a Spring birthday, we are still doing our Birthday Bank for Heifer International. Each child brings coins or dollars in the amount of their age and puts in our bank (for example: if your child is turning 7 they would bring 7 dollars, 7 pennies, or any other combination of any denomination). This is by no means a requirement, but if your child would like to do this around their birthday but doesn't have the money/change, just let Amber know so we can have some for them to put into the bank!

Children's Sunday School

We have had some great teachers and helpers step-

up and teach our JourneyLand Sunday school class (5 years olds-2nd grade), but we have space for more! We need helpers for April and May. 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>

Youth Sunday School

For the next few weeks, the youth, 6th-12th grades will be attending the Bible 101 Class, held in the chapel and taught by Lisa Wynn.

CHAOS

CHAOS is meeting every Sunday, from 6-8 pm in the Youth Room. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to come join us! **PLEASE NOTE:** We will not meet during Spring Break, March 18th and March 25th.

2018 Summer Camp

Yes, you read that right! Summer camp information out! Registration opened on March 7th! All of the registration info is online this year!

To register your student and for dates of camp, please go to <https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/ok-region-2018-summer-camp>

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.

Our next gathering will be at 7 pm, March 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.

Blessings,
Your Stephen Ministry team.

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP - THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who donated time, money, food and supplies for this month's Refuge Fellowship meal! After the worship service, a dozen SHCC folks served Frito chili pie, salad, and halo oranges, topped off with 8 different homemade desserts. Seconds were served, and some people took another meal in containers to go. We gave away goody bags containing bandanas, wet wipes,



peanut butter crackers, etc., donated by Melissa and James Powers. In addition, some coats, down vests, and Thunder t-shirts were given away. Probably the most special items were two of the completed PLARN sleeping mats that Beth Gerardy has organized us to start making. Thanks to Roger Harms for navigating the OKC street construction and getting us there and back safely!

NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As we continue to make every effort to keep our members and congregants informed, we are still in need of your help!

Currently, we still have a budget shortfall of \$103,000 for 2018. Pledges are down by \$91,000 from the 2017 pledges. We have lost some long-standing members as they have passed away to be with our Lord. Some have moved away and continue their spiritual journey with other churches.

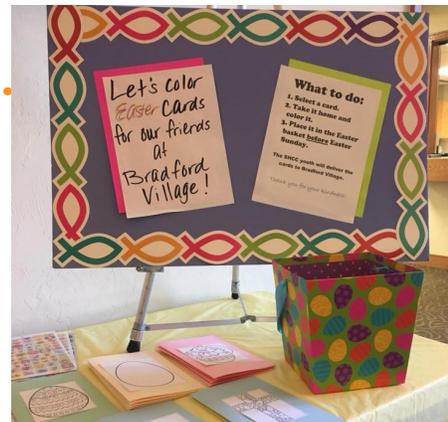
SHCC's Stewardship committee is actively looking at all ways to be able to provide the outreach that we are known for and maintain our church family as well. In addition, our new Vision Task Force is helping with the difficult decisions that come with our budget woes.

Please understand that there are no easy fixes to our budget shortfall. We will do everything we can to efficiently use the pledges SHCC has been honored with to date, but it will take even more to get us to a sustainable position.

With the current shortcoming 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.

EASTER CARDS FOR BRADFORD VILLAGE

The next time you are in the gathering area, stop by our Easter Table! There are cards and stickers so you can make an Easter Card for our friends at Bradford Village. The cards will be delivered by some of our children before the holiday! The Bradford Village residents love getting the cards, and are overjoyed to see and interact with the children! If you are interested in going on the delivery trip, please contact Kara Gregory or Jenny Wynn!



KAYLA McCLURG

A celebration of the life of Kayla McClurg was held Saturday, March 10 at Southern Hills Christian Church. Kayla died peacefully Saturday, January 6, 2018, of complications from congestive heart failure, four days short of her 63rd birthday. Kayla touched innumerable souls around the world, including

I would like to offer this challenge.

My family has increased our giving by \$9 per person each week. The way I look at it, my wife and I can easily give up one \$18 meal each week, cook together at home, and have quality family time to spend together. This seemed to us a winning proposition. More time together, and at the same time, provide a few more dollars towards our struggling church that we care so much about.

If this is something that you can do as well, we welcome all to join in on this challenge. If you have not had the time to pledge, we would be honored to hear from you!

We plan to update SHCC's pledge status in several ways, to include the newsletter and the TV in the gathering area. Please search your heart, and if you have the ability 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.

Sincerely,
Gary Tears
SHCC Financial Convener

many right here at SHCC, through her gifts of simple presence and service, faithful friendship, teaching, preaching and writing. Memorials may be made to the Tree of Life Endowment Fund of Southern Hills Christian Church, 3207 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK 73013.

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...

Darrin Hill



Darrin Hill has been a part of Southern Hills for around 12 years. Darrin has been Moderator of the Board (2017), is an Elder, a member of the Sound Booth Tech Team and is always ready to jump in wherever there is a need. As a lifelong Scout he says that being helpful, as a rule, is something to live by.

One of Darrin's favorite things about Southern Hills is that he "loves seeing all the amazing changes at church and helping to facilitate those changes. Change is hard at time, but it is a necessary part of life, especially Christian life."

A favorite moment of volunteerism for Darrin is "volunteering my time and knowledge of fishing



to our youth and families with our family fishing clinic... Jesus was speaking metaphorically when he called us to be fishers of mankind, but I like to take it literally. The disciples were fisherman, so was Jesus, and even though they probably didn't practice **"Jesus was speaking metaphorically when he called us to be fishers of mankind, but I like to take it literally."**

'catch and release' I think they got the same thrill that our new and old anglers get when they catch a fish. Fishing is a lot of fun, and I consider fun to be a blessing from God. It's also a way we can marvel at the wonders of God's creation, a green sunfish is

beautiful and to be able to hold one after YOU catch it really helps connect you to the natural world."

To those who have never volunteered at SHCC before, Darrin says: "There never will be enough time to volunteer until you start making time. I realize in today's society we value our time, and it is a valuable commodity we don't seem to have enough of, but like Jesus and the Disciples did when they shared the bread and loaves with the masses, it's amazing how much time you can make when you decide to share it."



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

FROM THE ELDERS:

Grace and peace to you from God and our Lord Jesus Christ! Your elders have been busy in February and we wanted to share what we have been doing!

On February 11 we had a specially called meeting for a time to get acquainted with one another, on-board the new elders, and talk about how we see our role in the church. We committed to our own spiritual development this year. We began that process with a Lenten devotional study during the Sunday school hour and will continue study opportunities throughout the year.

On February 25 our regional minister, Pam Holt, was present with us. She led us in some important

conversation centered around how the elders can help a congregation during difficult and stressful times. We want to provide our congregation a listening ear and a gracious heart. We will talk more about this in the weeks to come.

Also, on Sundays during February the Elders conducted communion services at Bradford Village in Edmond. Total attendance at the four services was 51. It is truly humbling and a blessing to serve SHCC in this way.

Blessings,
Carolyn Wagner-Bark & Janella Tears
Co-Moderators, SHCC Elders

SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Many people are now involved in preparing sleeping mats for homeless persons. If you would like to help, we still need clean plastic shopping bags which you may drop off at the church. You may also like to attend one of the "Plarn Workshops" scheduled on the

church calendar (Bring your own scissors, please). Once finished, the mats are distributed to homeless persons to provide comfort and warmth to those sleeping outside. **Plarn Workshops are scheduled every Monday night at 6:30 in Boka Keene.**

THE PEOPLE

The People is a new LGBTQIA+ support group (allies are welcome) that I have started. I have noticed that our community is in need of more gathering spaces for LGBTQIA+ members and allies. We will meet every

Monday evening from 6:30- 8:30 PM. The age group is 18+ for now, but a teenage group is coming soon. Hope to see you there!

Iris Traughber-Hill

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Disciple Women's Charity Group meets Thursday, March 15, at 1:30 in the Chapel. The scheduled activity is making birthday cards for Bradford Village residents.

Disciple Women's Fidelity Group will meet March 27, at 10:00 am in the home of Floydette Seal. (Please note, this is a schedule change from the original date of March 20.)

Disciple Women's Hope Group will next meet on April 2, 7:00 pm at the home of Cheryl Aspy. The scheduled activity is making Hygiene Packets for Women at Day Center, OKC

WOW Lunch and WOW Book group

Both groups will meet together, Wednesday April 4, 2018, 12:30 pm for lunch at Brent's Cajun (33rd & Broadway). Following lunch, the group will carpool to see the movie, *A Wrinkle in Time*. The specific movie time and theater is yet to be determined. All ladies of the church are welcome for lunch and the movie.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Memorial Service for Wanda Bewley - 2:00 pm, Saturday April 14, 2018 in the Sanctuary**

SOME assembly REQUIRED

connect. empower. equip.

Location:

New Covenant Christian Church
12000 N. Rockwell Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Connect

The Oklahoma Region is excited to invite you to its 2018 Regional Assembly and Leadership Training School. This new format combines two important events – our annual training event for laity and clergy and our biennial business meeting, the Regional Assembly.

Empower

We have invited Rev. Virzola Law as our keynote speaker. Her dynamic enthusiasm for sharing the good news of the Gospel will inspire you and provide plenty of opportunity to stimulate conversation with your fellow clergy and congregants.

Equip

You'll find a variety of Leadership Training School workshops to equip you with new approaches to worship, church administration, stewardship and much more. We've arranged for local and national workshop leaders so be sure to sign up for your preferred workshop.

Participate

Voting delegates from each congregation register to participate in the Region's biennial Regional Assembly. The officers of the Regional Board will present a slate of new officers for the Regional Board and provide the opportunity to review and vote on proposed changes to the Region's Constitution.

Join Us at New Covenant Christian Church, OKC

It all begins at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 28th. The good folks at New Covenant Christian Church in Oklahoma City are rolling out the red carpet and hospitality for us. So don't delay! Select your workshops and plan to join us at the 2018 Regional Assembly and Leadership Training School!

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Virzola Jo-Nan Law

Rev. Law currently serves as Senior Pastor of the historic Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She is the first elected female and African American to serve in this capacity at Lindenwood.

Before moving to Memphis she was Senior Pastor at Woodland Christian Church in Houston, Texas. Prior to full time ministry she received a Masters of Divinity Degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, and a BS in Mathematics from Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, TX. She also worked on her masters degree while attending Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. During her seminary years Rev. Law served as Associate Pastor at First Christian Church in Carrollton, Texas.



Date: Friday, April 27, 2018

Event:

12-2:00 pm Top Golf Outing
Top Golf, 13313 Pawnee Dr., OKC OK
(reservations required)

6:30 pm Clergy Dinner
New Covenant Christian Church
(reservations required)

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Schedule:

8:30 am Registration & Prayer Garden
9:00 am Coffee/Exhibits
9:30 – 10:30 am Workshops
10:30 am Exhibits
11:00 am – 12:15 pm Worship & Business Mtg
12:15 – 1:15 pm Food Trucks/Exhibits
1:00 – 1:15 pm Hymn Sing
1:15 – 2:15 pm Keynote Speaker
2:30 – 3:30 pm Workshops

Southern Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



*Spirituality
Koinonia
Serving Others
Worship*

3207 S. Boulevard
Edmond, OK 73013
(405) 341-0766 | FAX (405) 341-7661
Email: frontoffice@shccedmond.org
Website: www.shccedmond.org

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

- 3/15 - DW Charity Group- 1:30 pm in the Chapel
- 3/20 - DW Fidelity Group - 10 am in the Chapel
- 3/20 - Caregiver's Support Group - 7:00 pm in the Parlor
- 3/23 - 3/24 - Pastor's Class Retreat - FCC Lawton
- 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
- 3/27 - Lenten Book Study - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 3/29 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 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 3/04	85
9:00 AM Worship 3/04	113
11:15 AM Worship 3/04	53
Total Worship 3/04	166
Sunday School 3/11	78
9:00 AM Worship 3/11	125
11:15 AM Worship 3/11	58
Total Worship 3/11	183

PRAYERS

Barb Livingston; Mona Baird; Marie Byrkit; Dennie Hall; Alice Smith; Nolan & Barbara Pierce; Cathy Rains; Keaton Barron; Donald Moll; Betty Marcha; Shirley Bibb; Suellen Caywood; Susie Park; Karon Gregory