



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

# The Sharing Tree

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## THE HOPE CENTER IN JULY



July is SHCC's Month to Stock the Pantry at the HOPE Center. Each month the HOPE Center Pantry helps more than 550 Edmond families in need. With school now out for the summer, they really need our help! Please bring your items to the Gathering Area beginning this Sunday, June 24, and throughout the month of July. A list of items need is below, or you may see the

most up to date list at <https://hopecenterofedmond.com/>. Help us fight world hunger right here at home.

### FOOD ITEMS

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Canned Meals

The greatest need is for hygiene items, as food stamps cannot be used for these.

### PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Mouth Wash
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hand Soap
- Bath Soap
- Shaving Cream
- Sanitary Pads
- Tampax
- Kleenex
- Hand Lotion
- Wipes

## PLEASE WELCOME CURTIS FENNER

If you happen to have noticed how clean and tidy our building has looked lately, that is all thanks to our new Head of Custodial Staff, Curtis Fenner, and his crew who began in early June. Curtis comes to us from First United Methodist Church of Edmond, where he was in charge of the custodial crew for several years.

As with any transition of this type there may be a

few things that need some adjustment as the new crew learns the ins and outs of our building and our routines. If you know of anything that needs to be addressed, such as the number of chairs in your Sunday School setup, please let Chuck know.

If you see Curtis in the building, please welcome him to SHCC and let him know how much we appreciate his hard work and attention to detail!

## A FAREWELL RECEPTION

On Sunday, July 1 we will have a Farewell Reception for Jenny Wynn. There will be a table set up in the gathering area with a money tree and a basket, where you may bring

your cards and notes of thanks and love, to show her how much we have appreciated all the gifts she shared during her time at SHCC.

[WWW.SHCCEDMOND.ORG](http://WWW.SHCCEDMOND.ORG)

## ON THE PATH

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, Brooke Plumlee read the following statement in Traditional and Contemporary services.

*"As you know, Southern Hills has spent the last several months looking to the future. The task force was created; the budget was reworked and as a congregation, we approved a revised budget for 2018. We have begun to look at a sustainable budget for 2019. Visioning and sustainability have been a big part of the conversation that we as a church have had. Through conversation it seems that our situation does not allow for us to continue the pastoral relationship we are accustomed to. Therefore, leadership has come to the conclusion that we cannot move forward with current pastoral leadership. After prayerful consideration we have agreed, with Jenny, to help her as she transitions into a new pastoral position."*

*"We deeply appreciate Jenny's leadership these last three difficult years. Jenny has helped us move through our grief after Gary's death and has provided continuity and stability through that difficult time."*

*"We deeply love and appreciate Jenny and give thanks for her many years of service to Southern Hills."*

*"Jenny has decided that next Sunday will be her final Sunday, and we will work together... Minister and Congregation...to support one another, pray for one another, and move through this difficult change with all the love and care we have as the body of Christ."*

*"As Jenny's Pastoral Relations Committee, Moderator and Co-Moderator of the Leadership Council, and Elders, we ask you to come to us with your questions or concerns: We are: Brooke Plumlee, Rick Stricklin, John Walters, Russ Wagner-Bark, Kara Gregory, Carolyn Wagner-Bark, and Janella Tears."*

It feels strange to be writing my last article for the Sharing Tree. How does one say goodbye, when

they have shared over 8 years of ministry with a congregation, other than to say, "thank you"? Thank you for giving me the trust of the pulpit. Thank you for allowing me to walk alongside with you to witness your most sacred moments. I've been honored to be invited into hospital rooms to say blessings over new born babies. I have been humbled to be in the room with many of you as your loved ones took their last breath. I have rejoiced with you at weddings and cried with you at funerals. We have dreamed together and we have face difficult times together. But that is what the church does, we go through life together, we weather seasons together.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We have shared a season of time together and now we find ourselves entering into a season of change. Ministers come and go in congregational life. But the work of the church carries on. Through it all, God's Spirit remains faithful. I know that God has a continued vision for Southern Hills Christian Church. I have no doubt that the Leadership Council, Elders, Vision Task force, and each of you are committed to the task of discerning how God is continuing to call SHCC to be in ministry in this community. As you move through this transition, remember that this is an opportunity for you to reflect on where you are and where God is calling you to be Christ's Church.

I will be praying for you in the days, weeks and months ahead. I ask that you would also please pray for me as I navigate the season of change in my own life and discern where God is leading me in ministry. Southern Hills will always be a part of me. Thank you for allowing me to partner in ministry with you. Thank you for your friendship, love and support.

Blessings,  
Jenny Wynn



## LITURGISTS NEEDED

Sunday morning Liturgists are needed for July and August. 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.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

### Summer Family Life Activities

Put these dates on your calendar, and check the Sharing Tree and Facebook for details on each event as it gets closer.

**Sunday 7/1** The Incredibles Movie Marathon (Open to all) - Stick around after Contemporary Worship on Sunday, July 1 for a theater style lunch (hot dogs and nachos, complete with fixins), door prizes and a viewing of the original "The Incredibles". Afterward we will take the church van to the theater to watch the long-anticipated sequel. More information to come on movie theater and times.

**Friday 7/6** Underground OKC (Youth) - Members of the Youth group should meet at the church at 9:30 on Friday, July 6. We will take the van to Oklahoma City to explore the Underground district. The tunnels are free but bring money for lunch!

**Saturday 7/14** VBS Day--Abundance Orchard: Where Faith Grows and Hungry People Are Fed (Children) - This year our VBS will focus on the feeding ministries of the Society of St. Andrew.

On Saturday, July 14, we ask that you bring your children ages 2-12 to the church beginning at 9:30. The children will rotate through stations including Bible stories, Service, Cooking, and Recreation, then eat lunch at 12:15. Children planning to attend the Regional Food Bank with their parents can leave after lunch. Children up to age 8 are invited to stay for the afternoon session of VBS, in which we will play games related to food and hunger. Volunteers will be needed for the morning session (9:15-12:15) then will be free to attend the trip to the Food Bank. Children under 16 require parental supervision to volunteer at the Regional Food Bank.

Other Upcoming Events:

- 7/18 - Prep for Mission Stillwater (Youth)
- 7/20 - Upstage Theater presents "Gypsy" (Open to all)
- 7/22-7/27 - Mission Stillwater (Youth)
- 8/1 - Barnett Splash Pad (Open to all)
- 8/12 - Laser Tag @ Brickopolis (Youth and Pastors Class)
- 8/19 - Fall Kick Off: Promotion Sunday and "Waterpalooza" (Open to all)

## FIGHT HUNGER IN OKLAHOMA

Save the date! The SHCC Outreach Committee has arranged for SHCC to go to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma on Saturday, July 14 for a shift from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. The Church van will leave SHCC at 12:45 in order to arrive 15 minutes prior to our shift. Children ages 8-16 are welcome to volunteer, but must have a parent or guardian to accompany them.

Summer is a difficult time for those who depend on the breakfast and lunch from the public school systems. Please consider joining us in this effort.



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Join us Saturday July 14, for a 1:30 - 4:00 pm Shift

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteers year-round to help fulfill our mission of "Fighting Hunger...Feeding Hope."<sup>TM</sup>



## SAVE THE DATE FOR A BABY SHOWER!

**We are so excited to share in the joy; Krystal Lovinggood is expecting a boy!**

You are invited to share the love and excitement with Krystal and Jessica Lovinggood at a baby shower in the Parlor at SHCC. Save the date of Sunday, July 29, from 2-4 pm. The Lovinggoods are registered at Amazon.com.

# COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

## FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Georgia Shaw is spearheading a new program at SHCC to provide weekend breakfasts to the food insecure population of Edmond, which we have been simply calling **The Weekend Breakfast Program**. As part of the process, she is researching the need for food assistance for people in Edmond, and sharing that information with our congregation. The results of Georgia's research have been published in a series of Sharing Tree articles. For info on Edmond Child Nutrition Services, Point in Time Screening, SNAP, and Project 66, please see the articles in previous issues of the Sharing Tree Newsletter beginning on April 10. <http://www.southernhillchristian.org/wordpress/newsletters/>

### What other Churches are doing about Hunger

#### Breakfast on Boulevard

I have written about First Christian Church of Edmond's Breakfast on Boulevard in a previous newsletter. This wonderful program has been in operation since 1991.

#### Enid Welcome Table

Central Christian Church of Enid hosts a Sunday evening meal for anyone who is hungry. Every week a different community group plans, prepares and serves the meal to those in need.

#### Friendship Feast

Ponca City Christian Church began a free meal and fellowship program in 1990 to anyone who came. They serve Monday through Thursday nights. The program's rapid expansion was due to an overwhelmingly positive response from church and civic organizations that provided generous donations of time, food and money.

#### Community Breakfast

The First Christian Church of Lawton, Oklahoma has a free breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 every Sunday for those in need as well as those of the congregation who would like to come early to meet and greet new people.

#### Cooks Night Out

Four Edmond churches provide a free dinner each Friday of the month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 p.m. Meals may be eaten at the church or taken out. Here is the monthly schedule.

- 1st Friday-Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 N.W. 164th. St.
- 2nd Friday-First Presbyterian Church, 1001 S. Rankin
- 3rd. Friday-Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 E. Danforth
- 4th. Friday-St. John's Catholic Church, 9th and Boulevard

#### Edmond Mobile Meals

In 1974, two women, with the help of 7 local churches making a donation of \$25.00 each, began cooking and delivering meals to home bound people. These churches gave not only their resources but provided many volunteers and still do to this day. They include:

- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Peace Lutheran
- First Christian Church
- Southern Hills Christian Church

Mobile Meals serves those who are homebound, those with chronic health issues, individuals who cannot cook or shop for themselves, who have no one home with them during the day to prepare meals for them and those recovering from illness, accident or surgery. Clients must live within the delivery boundaries. From the first delivery of 6 meals, Edmond Mobile Meals now serves over 200 meals each day and has a volunteer force of 400 caring citizens. The volunteers deliver the meals and check on the welfare of the recipient. For many, the mobile meals volunteer is their only contact with another person all day.

Georgia Shaw

# COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

## MATS FOR THE HOMELESS PROJECT



People of all ages work together to make sleeping mats.

The making of the mats out of used plastic shopping bags, is not hard, but does require investment of time and busy hands. The bags are prepared by cutting strips and joining the strips and rolling them into balls called "PLARN" (PLastic yARN). The Plarn is then crocheted or woven into mats.

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). Plarn Workshops are held most Monday nights at 6:30 in Boka Keene. We plan to meet all Monday evenings in July, as well as Wednesday, July 11 at noon.

Please contact Beth Gerardy with any further questions.

Thank you,  
Beth Gerardy

## SHCC DAY AT JOHNNIE'S

Johnnie's is hosting Southern Hills fundraisers on the first Saturday of each month in June, July and August. Beginning Saturday July 7. Eat at either Edmond Johnnie's locations for lunch or dinner and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Southern Hills

Christian Church. **Don't forget to mention when you order you are with Southern Hills.** Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Weekend Breakfast program. Contact Georgia Shaw for more information.

### Churchwide Garage Sale

The Garage Sale on June 23 raised \$1060 for the Weekend Breakfast Program! A big thank you goes out to the Outreach Committee for organizing the sale, and to everyone who helped at the event, and to Floydette Seal for the use of her garage. Thank you also to our new head of custodial staff, Curtis Fenner, for help loading up the tables from the church that were used at the Garage Sale.

## "DID YOU KNOW?" - FROM THE VISION TASK FORCE

Kathryn J. Green, the new provider of our financial services, is doing a great job!

The Visioning Questionnaire is now available. The information you provide when you complete the questionnaire is vitally important to SHCC's future. (Thanks in advance for your participation.)

Assistive listening devices are available for use in the sanctuary. They are kept in the church office.

The church utilities went up from \$25,000 in 2016 to

\$36,000 in 2017.

Minutes from each Leadership Council meeting are available in the church office if you would like to review them.

You can help us save on utilities by turning off the lights and adjusting the thermostats when you leave an area or room after a meeting.

The Vision Task Force

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**Save the date of Saturday, July 7, 1:00 - 5:00 pm.** Art and Carolyn Christie would like to invite you to a celebration in honor of Claire Christie and Jeremiah Prescott, who were married May 5 in Atlanta.

Due to the heat here in Oklahoma, this is a casual event. Please RSVP to Carolyn at 405-478-5284 or [acchristie@aol.com](mailto:acchristie@aol.com)

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

We have long said, "Southern Hills is Edmond's best kept secret." Let's not keep it a secret any longer!

The Communications and Technology committee is working on a comprehensive communications plan to be rolled out in the fall. We will be concentrating our efforts on three areas of focus for communications and marketing: Website, email, and social media (mostly Facebook, but also Instagram). All three of these will play a different role in our communications plan. While this plan is in progress, here are a few of the changes coming this summer.

We will be making changes and improvements to our website, which is already very functional. We will be adding more photography, to better capture the spirit of Southern Hills, and show the world what we are really all about. The Child Development Center has, for many years, had its own website. Soon we

will be hosting their website with our own. The hope is to drive traffic to our website from theirs, and vice versa.

As social media continues to become a fixture of modern society, we will increase our presence on Facebook. According to Statista.com, as of 2017, 72.4% of the population of North America uses Facebook. Because advertising on Facebook is inexpensive, there is no better method to get our message to such a large audience.

Here's how you can help:

- Visit our website
- Follow us on Facebook
- Like and share our Facebook posts
- Make sure we have your current email address

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# July 2018

**Location Key:**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:45 Incredibles Marathon (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	<b>4</b> 6:30 The People (P) 6:30 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>3</b>	<b>4th of July</b> <b>Church Closed</b>  <b>Happy Independence Day!</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00a Youth - OKC Underground & Lunch	<b>7</b> <b>Johnnie's Day</b> Eat at either Edmond Johnnie's location, and 20% will be donated to SHCC for the Weekend Breakfast Program!
<b>8</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	<b>9</b> 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:30p The People (P) 6:30 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>10</b> 7:00p Weekend Breakfast Planning Mtg (C)	<b>11 Newsletter Published</b> 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 12:00 PLARN Workshop (BK) 5:30 Praise Team (S)	<b>12</b> 7:00p Stephen Min. (P)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:45p Regional Food Bank  12:45 VBS
<b>15</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>16</b> 6:30p The People (P) 6:30 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>17</b> 6:30 p Vision Task Force (BK) 7:00 Caregiver's Support (P) 7:30 Outreach Committee (C)	<b>18 Newsletter Published</b> 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 6:00 Youth - Mission Camp Crafting time	<b>19</b> 4:30p Food Co-Op (FH)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Youth Trip - Mission Stillwater</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30 Elder's Meeting (CR) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	<b>23</b> 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:30p The People (P) 6:30 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Newsletter Published</b> 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S)	<b>26</b> 7:00p Stephen Min. (P)	<b>27 Youth Return from Mission Stillwater</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elder's Meeting (CR) <b>2:00 Lovinggood Baby Shower (P)</b> 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	<b>30</b> 6:30p The People (P) 6:30 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>31</b>				

# Southern Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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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

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



## PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Mona Baird; Cathy Rains; Nolan & Barbara Pierce;  
Shirley Bibb; Susie Park; Karon Gregory, Joe Jones; Elsie Knight;  
Fred McCullough; Alice Smith; Debbie Bohn's mother, Elizabeth  
Gaughan; Marge Cowperthwaite; Ann-Clore Duncan; Donald Moll;  
Jeanne Parsons

## SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Interim Dir. of Family Life Ministry	Jill Hill
Family Life (Children & Youth) Intern:	Morgan Gregory
Interim Contemp. Music Directors:	Ben & Lacie Bowlware
Dir. of Communications & Tech:	Chuck Marshall
CDC Director:	Suzanne Ray

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 6/10	63
9:00 AM Traditional 6/10	84
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/10	45
Total Worship 6/10	129
Sunday School 6/17	53
9:00 AM Traditional 6/17	108
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/17	35
Total Worship 6/17	143
Sunday School 6/24	71
9:00 AM Traditional 6/24	71
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/24	46
Total Worship 6/24	117