



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

# The Sharing Tree

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## COMBINED SERVICE AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please make plans to attend on Sunday, September, 30, 2018. It is Teamwork Sunday, and lots of great things are happening!

Immediately following the service, there will be a brief Quarterly Congregational Meeting.

Sunday School meets at 9:30 am, followed by a single service of worship at 10:45 led by pulpit guest Rev. Shannon Fleck, Executive Director of Oklahoma Conference of Churches.

After the meeting, pumpkin unloading begins, as we officially kick off the 22nd annual Pumpkin Parish! Please stick around to help unload. Pizza and bottled water will be available. Dress casually, and don't forget your work gloves!

## MONTHLY LISTENING SESSIONS

Due to the high engagement and interest of so many church members, we are going to continue with listening sessions in October and November, to invite your comments on any portion of this survey or anything else you would like to share.

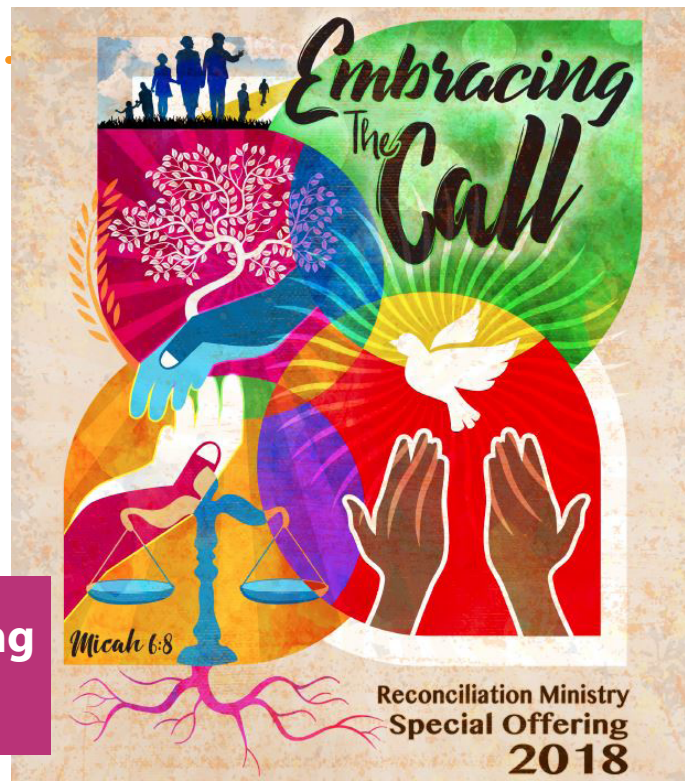
- **October 7, 10:15 am -11:15 am and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
- **November 4, 10:15 am -11:15 am and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Hope you'll join us!

Vision Task Force: Rick Connelly, Ann-Clore Duncan, Russ Wagner-Bark

## EMBRACING THE CALL

Consider the beautiful image for reconciliation, hands extended, calling us to listen. Have you seen someone cup their hand to their ear in order to hear better? We need to do the same. Step back from "what has always shaped our knowledge and sense of justice, but listen to today's voices. Let Fairness for all be our guide and the ministry of Christ's reconciling love, shared by God, be our new voice. As Jon Meacham writes in *The Soul of America: The Battle for our Better Angels*, "The voices of fear need to be forgotten, and the voices of reason, love, and faith in our fellow Americans need to be restored!" Are you listening?



**Reconciliation Special Offering  
September 23rd & 30th**

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

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

### FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Fun and Fellowship has begun!

Children K- 5th grade are invited to join us. We meet at 5:30 in the Fellowship hall, and share an informal meal together around 5:45. Dismissal is 7:00. It is never too late to join in, even if your child or grandchild cannot come every time. A registration fee of \$40 per child/ or \$4 per session will help us cover our meal and program costs for the Fall term. Talk to Allison if this creates a hardship for anyone. We're looking forward to a fun Fall with stories, games, crafts, service, cooking and singing! It is a time for us to learn and grow together in faith and discipleship. Join in! Volunteers are VERY WELCOME!! Please see the Christian Education board to see how you can help, or speak to Allison.

**PUMPKIN TIME, PUMPKIN TIME!** It won't be long until the pumpkins are here. The Youth will be helping to staff the patch on Sundays, and families together can also help. Kids, too, can participate in the unloading on September 30. Also mark your calendars for Worship in the Patch, Wednesday October 24, 6:00 pm. Our children will offer leadership in that worship.

#### TRUNK or TREAT – Sunday, October 28, 4-6pm

Morgan Gregory is ready to sign you up for a trunk, or receive candy donations for this big event. You may begin bringing candy at any time, and the staff promises to eat no more than half of it.

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### FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Drama Team begins Sunday, October 7 from 4 - 6 pm.** Janna Carr will again lead our children and youth (grades 4-12) in preparing a Christmas Play to be performed in December.

**CHAOS in the Pumpkin Patch!** During the month of October, the Youth will staff the pumpkin patch for the Sunday afternoon shift leading up to Drama team at 4:00 pm.



#### Interfaith Youth Tour

The Oklahoma Conference of Churches Interfaith Youth Tour, held September 16, was attended by over 100 Disciples youth and adults, 10 of whom were from SHCC. Participants visited First Christian Church of Edmond, Edmond Bahá'í Center, and Islamic Society of Edmond.

## CHECK OUT THE POLLINATOR GARDEN



Have you checked out the SHCC garden on the south west corner of the church lately? There are large blooming plants creating a haven for butterflies and many other insects! Three years ago, the church decided to convert the vegetable garden to flowers which attract and feed the bees and butterflies we depend on. From spring through fall, a beautiful banquet has been enjoyed by these hardworking creatures. So stop by and take a look, and give yourselves a pat on the back for being a caring "Green Chalice" church

## WHAT MAKES YOU COMFORTABLE?

What makes you comfortable when you are going through a stressful time? Although well-meaning friends may assure you that everything will be alright, the person who truly comforts is the one who puts an arm around your shoulder and says, "I'm familiar with the pain you are feeling, and I know it hurts."



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

immediate access to God in time of need.

Jesus is that kind of comforter for us. He came to earth as a human, experienced pain and suffering, and faced temptation without giving in to sin. He comes alongside to help us by being...

"Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus isn't a companion in word only. He demonstrated that He is the best possible friend because He willingly went to the cross to save us from our sins. He sacrificed Himself for us so we could be with Him forever.

He became the Mediator between Holy God and sinful humankind by offering His own blood as a sacrifice to reconcile us to the Father. Now we have

Jesus sits at the Father's right hand, interceding for us. We don't always pray correctly, but what a comfort to know that the One who is perfect speaks to the Father on our behalf.

On whom do you lean during difficult times? Although people may disappoint us with quick-fix responses to our hurt, Jesus Christ understands our pain and offers unlimited compassion and help when we come to Him.

Thank you and God bless you from your Stephen Ministers,

Sandy Jehle  
Stephen Leader

## MATS FOR THE HOMELESS SERVICE PROJECT

Southern Hills volunteers (and others from the community) have provided plastic sleeping mats for homeless persons in our area, made from repurposed plastic bags. We create mats that protect our friends from the cold or moisture, and provide a measure of comfort. Once completed, the mats are taken to our sister congregation, Refuge Fellowship, in downtown Oklahoma City, and given to those who sleep outside. Pastor Noel Gray distributes the mats. Join us if you are interested in helping in any way with this project.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS:

1. Collect: Bring clean used plastic shopping bags to the church. We can use bags, such as Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Sprouts – any color. We can use larger bags from retail stores if they are not too heavy. We cannot use lightweight (such as produce bags), or torn bags.
2. Sort and smooth: Sort through the bags donated, eliminate those not suitable. Smooth bags to be ready for cutting.
3. Cut: Use a rotary cutter and cutting mat (provided), or use scissors, to cut bags into strips.
4. Join: Join strips that have been cut, forming balls of PLARN.
5. Crochet: Crochet mats, either at home or with our group at church.

Instruction is provided for all steps. You can do the steps on your own or with a group. All the steps are important and needed. Planning workshops are held most Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and occasionally at other times. Contact Beth Gerardy (405) 824-2543.



## SHCC LEADERSHIP

A request was made to list the members of the following three groups so the congregation knows who to approach regarding different issues. We will also be making an effort to include this information on our website, which can be updated regularly as any changes to these groups occur.

**Leadership Council:** Brooke Plumlee (Moderator), Rick Stricklin (Vice Moderator/Personnel Chair), Karon Gregory (Deepening Spirituality), Ron Whitaker (Property), Alysha Dailey (Diaconate), Carolyn Lamiell (Service to Others), Gary Tears (Finance), Jarrett Austin (Communications & Technology), Jerri and Steve Bowlware (Worship), John Walters (Stewardship),

Kara Gregory (Fellowship), Karl Hirsch (Treasurer), Lisa Wynn (Secretary), Russ Wagner-Bark (Risk Management)

**Vision Task Force:** Stacie Alyea, Rick Connelly, Ann-Clore Duncan (co-chair), James Powers, Melissa Powers, Myrna Ranney, Dre' Sampley, Dave Schmidt, Russ Wagner-Bark (co-chair) and Ron Walker

**Interim Minister Search Committee:** Cole Abbott, Cheryl Aspy, Janee' Austin, Robyn Cowperthwaite, Les Harness, Jill Hill, Brooke Plumlee, Janella Tears, Riz Trauber-Hill, Steve Wynn.

## INTRO TO YIN JI JING & ZY QIGONG



Come and learn about the practice of Yi Jin Jing and ZY Qigong at a lecture led by Claire GuYu Johnson and Jerigtu Borjigin. While there is no fee for this lecture, a love donation will be accepted. September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

### ABOUT THE TEACHERS:

**Claire GuYu Johnson** grew up in Beijing and in the US in a family of tai chi, herbal medicine, acupuncture and qigong practitioners. She met and studied with a number of masters including ZY Qigong Grandmaster

Xu Mingtang who traveled with in 1999 internationally. She has practiced solitary meditations without food and water in Chinese and Tibetan caves. In 2000 she established America's first ZY Qigong School and Healing Center in Seattle.

**Jerigtu Borjigin** is a Mongolian healer from the land where Shamanism originated and a family of well-known Shamans, healers and Tibetan Buddhist Rinpoches. He is the sole successor of a rare Taoist lineage of Yi Jin Jing. He apprenticed with Taoist healers and ZY Qigong Grandmaster Xu Mingtang. Claire and Jerigtu met in Inner Mongolia and married in 2010. They teach and heal internationally.

For more info on the physiology of Qigong: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJRtZAwVwgo>

## BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible study has resumed for the fall at 10:00 am in the Boka Keene Room. Georgia Shaw leads the study. The book they are using is, "Feeling Secure in a Troubles World" by Charles Stanley. See Georgia for more information.

## PANERA BREAD

Sunday, October 7 is Panera Bread Day! Eat at Panera Bread between 4:00 and 8:00 pm, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to SHCC. You must present a flyer when you order. Flyers will be available in the gathering area.

## WOW LUNCH

WOW lunch will be at Black Bear Diner on Wednesday, Sept 26, 12:30 pm. They have an extensive menu with lots of choices. The restaurant is right next door to Kwan's (where we ate last month). If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 12:00. Please RSVP to Carolyn Christie so that she may make a reservation. All ladies of the church are invited.

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# October 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><br>9:00a Tai Chi (GA)  | <b>2 Newsletter Published</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10:00a Bible Study (BK)<br>11:00 Overeater's Anon (C)<br>5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH)<br>5:30 Praise Team (S)<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)                                | <b>4</b><br>6:00p Girl Scouts (P)                           | <b>5</b><br>2:00p Break-fast food prep  | <b>6</b><br><b>7:30 - 8:15</b><br><b>Free Breakfast</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00a Traditional Worship (S)<br>9:15 Worship & Wonder<br>10:15 Listening Session (FH)<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>11:15 Contemp Worship (S)<br>3:30 Communion Service (BV)<br>4:00 Drama Team<br>4:00 Listening Session (FH)   | <b>8</b><br>9:00a Tai Chi (GA)<br>12:00p WOW Book Club<br>6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch)<br>6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)<br>6:30 The People (P) | <b>9 Newsletter Deadline</b><br>6:30p Vision Task Force (BK)                                     | <b>10</b><br>10:00a Bible Study (BK)<br>11:00a Overeater's Anon (C)<br>12:00 PLARN Workshop (BK)<br>5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH)<br>5:30 Praise Team (S)<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S) | <b>11</b><br>7:00p Stephen Min. (P)                         | <b>12</b><br>2:00p Break-fast food prep | <b>13</b><br><b>7:30 - 8:15</b><br><b>Free Breakfast</b> |
| <b>14 Commitment Sunday</b><br>9:00a Traditional Worship (S)<br>9:15 Worship & Wonder<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>11:15 Contemp Worship (S)<br>12:30p Worship Committee Mtg.<br><b>12:30 More Pumpkins Arrive</b><br><b>1:00 CROP Walk</b> (Mitch Park)<br>3:30 Communion Service (BV)<br>4:00 Drama Team | <b>15</b><br>9:00a Tai Chi (GA)<br>6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)<br>6:30 The People (P)  | <b>16 Newsletter Published</b><br>12:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P)<br>7:00 Caregiver's Support (P) | <b>17</b><br>10:00a Bible Study (BK)<br>11:00 Overeater's Anon (C)<br>5:30 Praise Team (S)<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)  | <b>18</b><br>4:30p Food Co-Op (FH)<br>6:00p Girl Scouts (P) | <b>19</b><br>2:00p Break-fast food prep | <b>20</b><br><b>7:30 - 8:15</b><br><b>Free Breakfast</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00a Traditional Worship (S)<br>9:15 Worship & Wonder<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>11:15 Contemp Worship (S)<br>3:30 Communion Service (BV)  | <b>22</b><br>9:00a Tai Chi (GA)<br>6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch)<br>6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)<br>6:30 The People (P)                        | <b>23 Newsletter Deadline</b><br>6:30p Vision Task Force (BK)                                    | <b>24 Newsletter Published</b><br>10:00a Bible Study (BK)<br>11:00 Overeater's Anon (C)<br>5:30p Worship in the Patch<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)                                   | <b>25</b><br>7:00p Stephen Min. (P)                         | <b>26</b><br>2:00p Break-fast food prep | <b>27</b><br><b>7:30 - 8:15</b><br><b>Free Breakfast</b> |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00a Traditional Worship (S)<br>9:15 Worship & Wonder<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>11:15 Contemp Worship (S)<br>12:30p Elder's Meeting (CR)<br>3:30 Communion Service (BV)<br>4:00 Leadership Council (C)<br>4:00 Pumpkinfest  | <b>29</b><br>6:00p Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch)<br>6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)<br>6:30 The People (P)   | <b>30 Newsletter Published</b>   | <b>31</b><br>10:00a Bible Study (BK)<br>11:00 Overeater's Anon (C)<br>5:30p Praise Team (S)<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)   |   |   |  |

# 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



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/23 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 9/23 - Leadership Council - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 9/30 - Combined Service at 10:45
- 9/30 - Congregational Meeting following service
- 9/30 - **Pumpkins Arrive** following Congregational Meeting
- 10/07 - Panera Bread Day - Eat at Panera, SHCC gets 20%
- 10/08 - WOW Book Club - 12:30 pm in the Chapel
- 10/09 - Vision Task Force - 6:30 - 8:30 in Boka Keene
- 10/14 - Second Load of Pumpkins following service
- 10/14 - CROP Walk - 1:00 pm at Mitch Park
- 10/24 - Worship in the Patch - 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 10/28 - Pumpkinfest - 4:00 pm in the front parking lot

## SHCC STAFF

Interim Minister of Family Life:  
Family Life Intern:  
Interim Director Choir and Bells:  
Interim Director of Contemporary Music:  
Dir. of Communications & Tech:  
Church Office Coordinator:  
Child Development Center Director:

Allison Longman  
Morgan Gregory  
Lacie Bowlware  
Ben Bowlware  
Chuck Marshall  
John Greer  
Suzanne Ray

## ATTENDANCE

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School 9/09        | 65         |
| 9:00 AM Traditional 9/09  | 88         |
| 11:15 AM Contemp. 9/09    | 45         |
| 3:30 PM Bradford 9/09     | 16         |
| <b>Total Worship 9/09</b> | <b>149</b> |

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School 9/16        | 71         |
| 9:00 AM Traditional 9/16  | 109        |
| 11:15 AM Contemp. 9/16    | 36         |
| 3:30 PM Bradford 9/16     | 16         |
| <b>Total Worship 9/16</b> | <b>154</b> |

## PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Mona Baird; Susie Park;  
Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones;  
Rod Marcha; Janee' Austin and family;  
Bonnie Guthrie