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28TH ANNUAL EDMOND CROP WALK

1pm Sunday, October 14th at Mitch Park

When the Edmond CROP Walk started in 1991, Southern Hills was there. And we have been there every year since. In that time, the Edmond Walk has raised more than \$379,000. SHCC should be proud of the difference we have helped make far and near.

Why CROP Walkers Walk?

From every dollar raised by the Edmond CROP Walk, 75¢ will be used by Church World Service to fight hunger and poverty around the world, as well as provide disaster relief following events like Hurricane Florence and

tornadoes in Oklahoma. The remaining 25¢ supports local organizations: Breakfast on Boulevard, Edmond Mobile Meals, HOPE Center, Project 66 Food Pantry and Samaritan House. It's a great opportunity to take a walk on a beautiful day with other people of faith from around our community. It feels good to do good.

28th Annual Edmond CROP HUNGER WALK

Transforming communities around the globe



The Edmond CROP Walk is one of many opportunities presented by Southern Hills. We don't expect everyone to participate in each one. If you want to join us, would like to sponsor a walker or have questions, contact Don Hurst, Donna O'Keefe or Cindy Treadway.

PUMPKINS HAVE ARRIVED!

Pumpkins have arrived, and sales are under way. If you have not yet signed up for a shift in the pumpkin patch, see Kurt Sampley or Cindy Treadway on Sunday in the Gathering Area to get involved. They will be signing people up before and after services. During the week, you may also call John in the front office (341-0766) to schedule a shift. Shifts are available from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



A second load of pumpkins arrives Sunday, October 14 following the contemporary service. Please make plans to stay and help out if you are not participating in the CROP Walk.

Funds raised from the sale of pumpkins go to support Habitat for Humanity, Oklahoma Central Christian Camp in Guthrie, SHCC Disciples Men, and SHCC Children and Youth Ministries.

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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Fun and Fellowship is growing as we explore, play, eat and learn together. Our first three themes: FUN, FRIENDS, FAMILY. On Family week, we made Thursday night's dinner for our families, making pizzas to take home. Next up: FELLOWSHIP and FALL. Helpers are always welcome, to prepare our simple dinner, clean up, help with crafts and games. You don't have to be a parent or grandparent to participate! All children K-5th are welcome to join in. It is never too late. Would you like to help, but cannot help on Wednesday nights? Please talk to Allison about supply gathering or crafts prep.

Worship and Wonder had to delay its beginning, but will have its first session this Sunday, Oct 7, during traditional worship. Children K-2nd are invited to experience this special program, hearing Bible stories in a worship context just right for them and a room specially prepared for them. (off the little kitchen) Thanks to returning storytellers and greeters who make this happen. If you would like to learn more about this program, see Janee Austin or Janey Duffy.

Speaking of Children in worship: If your child is Worship and Wonder age, please keep them with you in worship until after the Children's Moment. Then the group will go together to the Worship and Wonder room. If your child is staying for Sunday school, you will not need to pick them up, as their class is right there in the little kitchen.

Younger children in second service are invited to stay with you in worship, or go to the nursery as needed. Busy bags are available to occupy children who remain in worship. They are available underneath the main office window.

Worship in the Patch: Wednesday, October 24 Plan to join in for a simple meal together outdoors, amidst the pumpkins at 5:30. We'll have a few games, and at 6:00, a special worship with music from our wonderful Praise Band. Children and adults are invited to come in costumes! Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

PUMPKINS! Consider working together as a family in the patch, helping other families make those special choices of exactly the right pumpkins. Kurt Sampley and Cindy Treadway would happily sign you up for a shift, any day, now until the end of October.

TRUNK or TREAT – Sunday, October 28, 4-6pm Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday October 28th from 4 to 6. Trunk sign up is posted on the youth and children's bulletin board. Candy donation drop off is located in the gathering area (The staff promises to eat no more than half of it).

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! Be sure to come and purchase pumpkins from our youth on October 7th from 2-4 we will have drama team after pumpkins from 4-6.

Youth at CROP Walk - On Sunday October 14 we will not have chaos! We will start out at SHCC after Contemporary service helping with pumpkin unloading, and leave in time to attend CROP Walk.

There will be no chaos or drama team on the 21st of October, due to Fall Break.

Fall Fest November 9-11 - This weekend retreat is a chance for our youth to grow together in their faith and have some fun team building activities. Registration is open and we are super excited to be returning back to Oakridge Christian camp in Anadarko. Register your youth at: <https://okdisciples.org/news-events/event-registration/>

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WHAT MAKES YOU COMFORTABLE?

Where there are mountains, there must also be valleys – it's a simple fact of the created world. The same is also true in our spiritual life. To reach the place that the Lord is leading is, we must traverse "the valley of the shadow of death."



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Spiritual mountain tops are a wonderful place to rest. At such times we feel close to God and sure of His love. But we get to those high places by tailing through the valley, where we discover God's Character, the truth of God's promises, and our own weakness. There are aspects of the Lord we see only as we journey through the shadows.

Though walking in Valleys is an inevitable part of life, believers aren't left comfortless. Verse 5 of Psalm 23 is about having met needs, including the desire to

be soothed. Here is the image of a tender shepherd rubbing oil onto an animal's skin. God promises assurance, healing, and safety even in hardship.

When we surrender to whatever the Lord has to teach us in this dark place, our spirit is quieted, and our faith is strengthened.

Blessings, love, and peace from your Stephen Ministers,
Sandy Jehle, Leader

OKLAHOMA DISCIPLES FOUNDATION, INC.

A permanent endowment fund established by the Region late last year benefits the work of Refuge Fellowship-First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Inc. in Oklahoma City which serves the homeless community of Oklahoma City. Rev. Noel Gray leads this ministry with the assistance of volunteers from local disciples' churches. Every

dollar, up to \$50,000, donated to the Refuge Fellowship-First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Endowment Fund this year will be matched by the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. Donations may be mailed to Oklahoma Disciples Foundation at 301 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73118. Please make check payable to ODF

and donate Refuge Fellowship Endowment in the memo line. Donations may also be made on the Foundation's website at www.ok.dfdn.org. From the donate page, select Refuge Fellowship-First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Endowment Fund from the dropdown fund menu.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE!

We will be having our annual Alternative Christmas celebration on November 11. Beautiful handmade cards representing 14 non-profit agencies will be available for sale at a cost of \$5 each, with all money raised going directly to the agency represented. We are still in need of groups or individuals to make cards for four of our agencies including Free to Live, Infant Crisis Services, Latino Community Development Agency, and Positive Tomorrows. If you can help out, please call Marilee Hattendorf. Thank you!

SOMETHING NEW AT ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS!

This year's Alternative Christmas will have something new! In addition to a yummy breakfast, lots of fair trade gift items, and beautiful handmade cards, we will be including a Festival of the Nativities. Nativities from all over the world will be displayed throughout our fellowship hall. These will not be for sale, but will be on loan from members and friends of SHCC. If you would like to share a nativity set or sets for our display, please call Marilee Hattendorf. Many thanks!

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.

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!

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FREE BREAKFAST UPDATE!

Weekend Breakfast Growing!

The weekend breakfast served 22 people and 2 dog-son September 29! That's a new record! Jill and Darrin Hill (below right) cooked up a delicious breakfast while volunteering in the kitchen. This is a wonderful program for the community so, please check the

signup in the Gathering Area for availability. If you would like further information, please contact Georgia Shaw. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers!

Breakfast Burritos, fruit, and hashbrown potatoes are on the menu for this Saturday, October 6!



Kara Gregory made a new friend last week. Here she is (at left) with one of the weekend breakfast's canine participants! All furbabies are given dog biscuits which have been donated to the weekend breakfast program!



Z BOUTIQUE POP UP SHOP AT SHCC

Sarah Zantout is Mom to three of our CDC children. One graduate of our program, and two whom are currently enrolled. To show her love and appreciation for our Child Development Center, Sarah wanted to find a way to give back. On Thursday, October 4, Sarah will open her Z Boutique Pop Up Shop in our Gathering Area from 9:05 - 10:15 am, and from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. A portion of her sales will be donated to the Southern Hills CDC Scholarship Fund, which assists those in need with tuition for our CDC program. While the hours are designed to allow CDC moms to shop as they drop off and pick up their kids, all are welcome to come by and shop the Z Boutique Pop Up Shop.



From the Z Boutique Website:
"Z Boutique is an online women's clothing store, based out of Edmond, OK. They offer a variety of styles for the modern, everyday gal. Everything in the shop is thoughtfully handpicked by the owner, Sarah Zantout, to ensure it encompasses the fun and modern style of the Z Boutique brand."

Check out Sarah's Z Boutique fashions on her website:

<http://www.zboutiqueokc.com>

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 the flyer at right when you order. Flyers will also be available in the gathering area on October 7. The proceeds from this event will help fund the Weekend Free Breakfast Program. Eat at Panera Bread and help fight hunger in Oklahoma!



HELP SUPPORT

SOUTHERN HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WEEKEND BREAKFAST

WHERE 1472 South Bryant Avenue, Edmond, OK 73034

WHEN Sun, Oct 7th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?*

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event. Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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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, October 16. 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.

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS 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.

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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

- 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
- 10/16 - DW Fidelity/Charity - 1:30 pm at Floydette Seal's
- 10/16 - Caregiver's Support - 7:00 pm in the Parlor
- 10/21 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 10/21 - Leadership Council - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 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 9/23	72
9:00 AM Traditional 9/23	93
11:15 AM Contemp. 9/23	48
3:30 PM Bradford 9/23	15
Total Worship 9/23	156

Sunday School 9/30	106
10:45 Combined Svc. 9/30	121
3:30 PM Bradford 9/30	17
Total Worship 9/30	158

PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Mona Baird; Susie Park;
Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones;
Rod Marcha;