



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

The Sharing Tree

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2018 Trunk-or-Treat is coming!!!

On Sunday, October 28th, from 4:00-6:00 pm we will have our annual Pumpkinfest-Trunk-or-Treat! This is a wonderful event that brings people from all over our community to Southern Hills, giving us the opportunity to meet new friends and build relationships!

CDC will be providing pizza! We will have lots of trunks with games...and of course candy! There will be two bouncy houses! S'mores will be made in the pumpkin patch!

Kids of all ages are invited to come in costume, or as you are! If you would like to help with this event but have not yet signed up, please contact Morgan or Allison to let them know how you would like to be involved!



EDMOND COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

It's that time of year, again! The Edmond Community Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner! Food donation opportunities will be requested in a few weeks, but we are really in need of **VOLUNTEERS!** Each participating church has been asked to provide **ONE** volunteer for the following dates/times:

- Friday, Nov. 16 (8 – 9 AM): Move equipment from storage to First Presbyterian Church Edmond (FPCE) **Filled**
- Saturday, Nov. 17 (8:00 – 9:00 AM): Help wash equipment
- Wednesday, Nov. 21 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM): Help move equipment from FPCE to UCO
- THANKSGIVING DAY, Nov. 22 (4:00 – 6:00 PM): Help move equipment from UCO to FPCE
- Friday, Nov. 23 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM): Help move equipment from FPCE to storage unit

Most of the work is manual, and requires lifting, pushing, reaching, and long periods of standing. Volunteer/s must be at least 12 years old. Volunteer names are due to the ECTD committee ASAP. Your support is greatly appreciated! Please contact Kara Gregory with questions.

TREE OF LIFE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, November 4, new leaves or stones will be hung and dedicated on the Tree of Life during All Souls' Sunday services. If you want to donate in memory of someone we have lost this past year, this is a special time to remember our friends in a lasting way. It is also a fabulous way to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

All donations help seed the SHCC endowment fund.

On October 10, the balance of the fund was \$92,136.75. For those who wish to discuss the purchase of a leaf or stone in honor of or memory of someone, please contact Ann-Clore Duncan, annclore@yahoo.com or 405.410.4793. October 24 is the deadline to have engraving completed for November. Donations of \$500-\$1,999 are recognized by an engraved leaf and donations of \$2,000 or more are recognized by an engraved stone.

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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Southern Hills kids of all ages have been having fun in the pumpkin patch! Some of our families have taken turns working together as a family. (Two more weeks in the patch. Can you help?) And our Fun and Fellowship kids capped off the first five weeks together with pumpkin fun. Fun and Fellowship will not meet on October 17, due to Fall break. Those of you getting away, have a wonderful family adventure. Even if you're staying here, get out to enjoy God's beautiful creation in this season. We are reminded of God's promise to Noah,

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

Speaking of Pumpkin fun, everyone is invited to **Worship in the Patch, Wednesday, October 24.** We'll share some games and a simple meal outside (weather permitting) at 5:30 and come together in worship at 6:00. Once again our terrific praise band will be leading us, and we'll share communion. This event will be our Fun and Fellowship for this week.

Trunk or Treat is almost here!! Sunday October 28, 4 - 6 pm. The bounce house and slide have been reserved. Pizza from CDC is planned. The candy is coming in. (More, more!) And a few folks have signed up to sponsor a trunk. If you can do so, or can help attend the activity at the bounce house / slide are, please see Morgan or Allison, or sign on

the Christian Education bulletin board – at the south end of Gathering area. Not only is this a fun time, it is a gift to our neighborhood children. Let's make it great!

Fun and Fellowship will not meet on October 31st, so our "Boos and Ghouls" can enjoy the holiday with their families. We will resume on November 7.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Drama Team resumes Sunday, November 4 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.

There will be no **CHAOS** on October 21, 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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FALL DECORATING

On Saturday, October 27, at 2:00 pm, all who are willing and able are invited to help with getting the Fall decorations down from the attic and to help prepare our Sanctuary and Gathering Area for the season. Please contact Jerri Bowlware to let her know you are available.



NEW PUMPKIN T-SHIRTS

New SHCC Pumpkin T-shirts are expected to arrive and be available for purchase this Sunday, October 21. The shirts will be heather gray, with two-color a on front and back. Children's sizes will be \$10.00, adult sizes will be \$15.00.



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.

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT ANYWAY?

In 1986, SHCC started our Alternative Christmas Festival tradition in response to the over commercialization of Christmas. We wanted to give our members and friends an opportunity to purchase gifts that give life and hope to others. We have continued to have this festival every year since.

This year's Festival will be held from **9 to 10:30 am, Sunday, November 11 in Fellowship Hall**. The theme is "Festival of Nativities". You won't want to miss the beautiful transformation of Fellowship Hall.

Church members create beautiful handmade Christmas cards representing many different non-profit agencies. The outside of each card is decorated with cross stitch, water color, stamps, fabric designs, etc. The inside of the card says something like, "To celebrate Christ's birth, a gift has been given in your

honor to (Name of Agency). Merry Christmas!

We sell the cards for \$5 each, and then people give the cards to others instead of buying friends a present they don't need anyway. All funds are sent directly to the agency named on the card. We try to include a good mix of local, national and international groups. It's a great event to share with a friend!

In addition to the cards, we have a sale of fair trade handcrafted items from around the world. To add to the festivities, breakfast is served by a dedicated group of our ladies. All proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation who will match our donation to benefit **Refuge Fellowship**. The festival will also include special activities for children.

WOW LUNCH

WOW Ladies Lunch Group will be meeting this month Wednesday, Oct 24, 12:30 pm at Jo's Famous Pizza, 900 S. Kelly.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Christie, so that Jo's have tables set up appropriately. All ladies of the church are invited.

VETERANS SLIDESHOW

On Sunday, November 11, we will honor our veterans with a slideshow during service. This tradition, started by Rick Stricklin, continues this year as we show pictures of SHCC Veterans from the past and present. If you or a loved one served in any branch of the military, we would love to include an image or two in the slideshow to say "thanks for your service!" Please send images to Chuck or John in the front office.

FREE BREAKFAST UPDATE!

Weekend Breakfast Still Growing!

The Free Weekend Breakfast served 24 people on October 6, and 30 people on October 13! We are starting to see some families showing up. This is a wonder-

ful program for the community so, please check the signup in the Gathering Area. **We need volunteers for November!** If you would like further information, please contact Georgia Shaw.

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. The next sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, November**

4,10:15 am -11:15 am and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Hope you'll join us!
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NO CHRISTIAN HAS TO "GO IT ALONE"

God created each of us for fellowship which is why no Christian has to go it alone in our walk of faith. No matter what reason we have for having separated ourselves from the Body of Christ, it pales in comparison to why God wants us involved in the church. We need love, encouragement, fellowship, accountability, and a spiritual outlet----- and it is through other believers that God provides all these things.

The Jewish community was very close knit. They shared ancestry, land, traditions, and a center for worship. However when Jews began to believe in Jesus as their Messiah, they were disowned and persecuted by their loved ones and neighbors. Some were scattered throughout the world, while others remained in Jerusalem to weather the storm. All were very aware of the persecution that they were in danger of. Yet the writer of Hebrews admonished



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

them to encourage each other and remain steadfast and faithful. (see Heb. 3:13)

They needed to draw confidence from other believers, and so do you---especially during difficult times. Other Christians, such as Stephens Ministers and our Elders will help you grow in your faith, and they will give you love and support that you need to face the challenges ahead.

Thank you for listening to my "wanderings" best of everything and blessings upon you. Remember we love you and so does God.

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

- 10/21 - 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
- 10/27 - Decorate Sanctuary & Gathering Area for Fall - 2 pm
- 10/28 - Pumpkinfest - 4:00 pm in the front parking lot
- 11/04 - All Saints Sunday
- 11/11 - Alternative Christmas - 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
- 11/25 - Deck the Halls - 12:30 in Sanctuary (lunch provided)

SHCC STAFF

Interim Minister of Family Life:

Family Life Intern:

Director of Traditional Music:

Interim Director Choir and Bells:

Interim Director of Contemporary Music:

Director of Communications & Technology:

Church Office Coordinator:

Child Development Center Director:

Allison Longman

Morgan Gregory

Bryant Rains

Lacie Bowlware

Ben Bowlware

Chuck Marshall

John Greer

Suzanne Ray

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 10/07	77
9:00 AM Traditional 10/07	92
11:15 AM Contemp. 10/07	32
3:30 PM Bradford 10/07	15
Total Worship 10/07	139

Sunday School 10/14	69
9:00 AM Traditional 10/14	78
11:15 AM Contemp. 10/14	41
3:30 PM Bradford 8/14	14
Total Worship 10/14	133

PRAYERS

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