



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

# The Sharing Tree

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## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



All are invited to a special Christmas Eve Candlelight service of worship on December 24th. Gathering time with friends and family will begin at 5:30 pm. Hot cocoa and snacks will be available as the Southern Bells play, and Children lead us in Christmas Carols in the Gathering Area. At 6:00 pm we will begin to worship in the sanctuary with a

festive tone as we move toward the lighting of the Christ candle at the center of our Advent wreath. Join us as we allow the power of Gospel story and the beauty of the Christmas music prepare us for the arrival of the baby Jesus. The service will conclude with communion and the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night, as we lift our candles high.

## SWEATER SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Christmas Day is Sweater Sunday at Southern Hills! Join us on Sunday, December 30 for an informal service of worship at 10:45. Please stay for a brief congregational meeting following the service to vote on the 2019 slate of officers. Sunday School will not meet this day.



## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please give the Christmas Offering to support Oklahoma Regional Ministries in our work to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the church
- Empower new communities of faith
- Represent the church in ecumenical gatherings
- Respond to disasters in Oklahoma
- Walk with those in conflict

Your gifts to the Christmas offering, on December 16 and 23, support the work of the Disciples of



Christ churches in the Oklahoma Region, sustaining the life of the church by connecting, empowering and equipping Disciples of Christ to love and serve like Jesus.

Thank you for providing your finest gift. 100% of your gift supports Oklahoma Regional Ministries.

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# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

**LOVE Sunday December 23** - Are you filling your manger with straws of kindness to make a bed for the Christ child?

### **CHILDREN'S NATIVITY - 9:00 Traditional Service**

All children are invited to join in as we dress in costumes and present the Christmas story. There are no lines to memorize, and there are adult helpers to follow, so it will be easy to do. And... if it doesn't go smoothly, those are the best ones! **Please arrive at 8:40.** Most children have costumes already assigned. Mary and Joseph and Angels – go to the CE office. Shepherds and lambs – go to Boka Keene. **Grandchildren or others are invited to join in. Extra costumes will be ready.**

The story will be at the very beginning of the service. However, Rob would like the older children to stay in worship for a few more minutes. If some parents would sit on the front row, it will help with "worshipful behavior!" The littlest ones may go on to the nursery or to seats with you. It is the best place for pictures too.

For those who can stay, we will share a more informal version of the Nativity story in contemporary service. We'll recruit some "actors" if necessary.

Have to miss it? Never fear – we will tell the "rest" of the story on Epiphany Sunday, January 6.



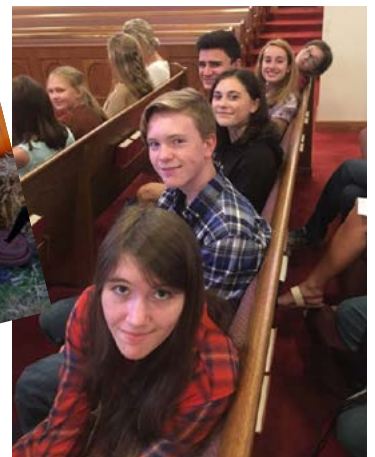
Thanks to all the staff, children's volunteers and Youthspensors who helped with Family Life events and activities in 2018. You are loved and appreciated beyond measure!

### **Christmas Eve Fellowship 5:30, Worship 6:00**

Our children and youth have shown themselves to be such wonderful singers, we have been invited to sing some carols in the Gathering Area, before worship begins! We will rehearse together briefly during the Sunday school hour this week, but if your children aren't be there for practice just have them join in Christmas Eve anyway. If you want to practice at home, we will sing – Away in the Manger Vs. 1-2, Hark! The Herald Angel Sings, Vs. 1, Joy to the World! Vs. 1, O Come All Ye Faithful, Vs. 1-2. The singing will sing about 5:50 pm on Christmas Eve.

### **SNOWBALL SOCK MOUNTAIN**

Snowball Sock Mountain is growing, with your contributions of NEW socks for Refuge Fellowship. White snowballs (white socks) or as someone recently suggested- Black Ice!! (Black socks) We will receive socks for any size until January 6, to be delivered to Refuge Fellowship on January 7.



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## CAN YOU FORGIVE?

Isn't it funny how little children usually don't hold grudges? They may cry and throw a tantrum, but once their anger has been vented, they let it go. Adults, however, have a tendency to hang on to their offenses. When someone wrongs us or our loved ones, we want them to pay for it, to suffer like we did. It only seems fair to expect restitution of some kind, and unless that occurs, we withhold forgiveness.

As Christians we are called to a different standard and way of thinking - one consistent with God's character. His Son demonstrated this here on earth. He is a merciful Father who wants us, His children, to show mercy to others. God expects us to forgive as Jesus did, regardless of the circumstances.

This seems almost impossible until we look to the cross. Christ's death on the cross made us recipients of a mercy so great it is beyond our comprehension. The Savior took all of our sins upon Himself and died



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

in our place. Although we deserve condemnation, through Jesus Christ we have instead received God's mercy. He has filled us with the Holy Spirit, we have His power to truly let go of wrong done to us and extend mercy to others, just as God has given mercy to us. Let's let one of our best Christmas gifts be one of forgiveness.

Hop, peace, joy, and love to all during this special time of year, 'til next time,

Yours in Christ,  
Sandy Jehle

## ELDER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Date	Offering 9:00 am	Communion Prayer 9:00 am	Communion Prayer 11:15 am	Bradford Village 3:30 pm
Jan 06, 2019	Jerri Bowlware	Steve Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware
Jan 13, 2019	Jerri Bowlware	Steve Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware
Jan 20, 2019	Jerri Bowlware	Steve Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware
Jan 27, 2019	Jerri Bowlware	Steve Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware

## DIACONATE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Traditional

January	Name
In Charge	Jesse Dailey
	Holly Abbott
	Cole Abbott
	Jessica Lovinggood
	Krystal Lovinggood

Contemporary

January	Name
In Charge	Laura Pollard
	Ben Pollard
	Laura Nevel
	Kat Marcha



# COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

## SHCC DOES IT AGAIN!



The 28th Edmond CROP Walk is on track to raise more than \$10,000 to help people in need far and near. Team SHCC included 31 walkers and countless donors responsible for \$3,153.52! Church World Service receives 75% of walk donations and 25% is distributed to five local agencies: Breakfast on

Boulevard, Edmond Mobile Meals, HOPE Center, Project 66 Food Pantry and Samaritan House. Ongoing participation in the CROP Walk is just one way SHCC is making a positive difference in our world. Thanks to all who made this year's event such a success.

## REFUGE FELLOWSHIP TOY DRIVE

Outreach is sponsoring a toy drive to provide gifts for several little girls ages 2 and 3 this year who attend Refuge Fellowship Church. If you would like to give, please bring unwrapped gifts to the Gathering Area by Sunday, December 16.



## LCDA TOY DRIVE



Southern Hills will once again participate in the Christmas Toy Drive for the Latino Community Development Agency, where Dr. Reniery Espana is employed. The agency is planning a Christmas party

for 300 children from infancy to 12 years of age. Unwrapped toys should be placed in the box in the Gathering Area. The deadline for donations is December 16.

## IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

If bad weather on a Sunday morning threatens cancellation of the worship services, a decision will be made by 7:30 am and the word will go out in several ways. Information on church closings will be reported on the local news stations. The information will be posted on the SHCC website, Facebook page, and Twitter account as well.

If bad weather is in the forecast, look to one of these sources to see if we will have services as scheduled. If it is determined that worship will occur as scheduled, please use your own good judgment about attending, taking into account the weather conditions and your own mobility.



## CALLING ALL CHILI CONNOISSEURS!

Get your crock-pots, and your taste buds ready! The Epiphany Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night is Sunday, January 6th! There will be FIVE categories for which you may attempt glory: BEST TASTING, MEATLESS, MOST CREATIVE, TONGUE BURNER, and FAN

FAVORITE. A panel of judges (to be named) will vote on all but the Fan Favorite. Everyone who attends will have an opportunity to vote for the Fan Favorite, so be sure to bring your family, and friends! Of course, you can't have chili without the sides, so there will be sign-up sheets in the gathering area for "fixins."

The cook-off will kick-off at 6:00 pm, chili entries



must be registered and on the tables by 5:30. Be sure to BYO-Crockpot. Please contact Kara Gregory with questions. Also, please let Kara/ the Front Office know if you own a cornhole game or golf toss set, and are willing to lend it for the event.

There is no childcare provided for this event, as we want our families to be able to celebrate and break bread together.

Were you the lucky recipient of a Dirty Santa gift? Do you have Christmas gifts that you plan to regift? If you would like to donate items for Bingo/door prizes, contact the front office. We look forward to seeing you January 6th!

**Poinsettias arrive on Friday, December 21, and will beautify our Sanctuary for Worship on Sunday, December 23 and Christmas Eve service on Monday. If you ordered a poinsettia, please remember to take one with you after the Christmas Eve services so it may beautify your home as well. The church will be closed on December 25 and 26, making Thursday, December 27 the next opportunity to pick up your poinsettia.**





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# January 2019

**Location Key:**  
 BK Boka Keene  
 BV Bradford Village  
 C Chapel  
 CR Conference Room  
 P Parlor

S Sanctuary  
 YR Youth Room  
 GA Gathering Area  
 FH Fellowship Hall  
 TR Toddler Room  
 WW Worship & Wonder

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Church Office Closed	<b>2 Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (LK) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>5</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>6 Epiphany Sunday</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) <b>5:30 Epiphany Party (S)</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>8 Newsletter Published</b> 5:30p Intercessory Prayer (C)	<b>9</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>10</b> 8:30a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>11</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>12</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>13</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>14</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 5:30p Intercessory Prayer (C)	<b>16</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>17</b> 8:30a Tai Chi (GA)	<b>18</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>19</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>20</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>21</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Church Offices Closed 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>22 Newsletter Published</b> 12:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (lunch out, Location TBD) 5:30 Intercessory Prayer (C) 7:00 Caregiver's Support (P)	<b>23</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>24</b> 8:30a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>25</b> 2:00p food prep 7:00 Cub scout Lock-in & Pine Wood Derby	<b>26</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>27</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elder's Meeting (P) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	<b>28</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	<b>29 Newsletter Deadline</b> 5:30p Intercessory Prayer (C)	<b>30</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>31</b> 8:30a Tai Chi (GA)		



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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

- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30 pm
- 12/30 - Sweater Sunday service - **10:45**, No Sunday School.
- 1/06 - Epiphany Party and Chili Cook-off

## PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Susie Park; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Verna Manning; Paul Murray and family; Bob Hoemann; Michael Bohn, Darlene Browsers; Evelyn Elliot, Jarrett Austin

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 12/16	87
9:00 AM Traditional 12/16	150
11:15 AM Contemp. 12/16	54
3:30 PM Bradford 12/16	13
<b>Total Worship 12/16</b>	<b>217</b>

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