



EPIPHANY PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The Epiphany Party, Bingo Night and Chili Cook-off was a great success!! Congratulations to our winners:

- **Betty Cowperthwaite** - Most Unique
- **Nikki Stricklin** - Tongue Burner
- **Allison Longman** - Meatless
- **Roger Hellwege** - Best tasting & Fan Favorite

A very special thank you to Lynda Deibel, Patsy Drab, and Kara Gregory, for organizing the Chili Cook-off. Also to John Walters for being our "Bingo Caller Extraordinaire," and for everyone who helped with greeting, working in the kitchen, with set up, and with clean-up. You are a great team!! Thanks to everyone who brought chili, deserts, and all the extras!



A big THANK YOU goes out to Janeé Austin, Kaden Austin, Reed Hill, and Carter Marshall for their work undecking the halls, and another big THANK YOU to Jerri & Steve Bowlware and Curtis Fenner for getting the decorations and Christmas trees back up in the attic. That is no small feat! We appreciate your hard work!

Blessings,
SHCC Staff

Thank you to everyone who made a donation toward the SHCC staff "Christmas Bonus" fund! We are touched by your generosity every year. From all of us, to all of you, we give our heartfelt thanks and blessings for our ministries together at SHCC and throughout the greater community in 2019!

Blessings,
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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 (NBC, ABC & CBS affiliates). The information will be posted on the SHCC website, Facebook, and Twitter.

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, please use your own good judgment about attending, taking into account the weather conditions and your own mobility.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

THANK YOU!! The two Nativity stories were a success, even without any rehearsal. Imagine what they could have done if I made plans sooner. Thanks to Karl and Mary Hirsch for folding up so many costumes the first time, and to Mary, Reed and Kaden along with all the parents who pitched in, and even dressed up! Finally this week, all the costume stuff will be stored back in the attic, and we might be able to see the floor and couch in the Family Life office.



Snowball Sock Mountain is completed with 151 pairs of socks, two jackets and one hat delivered to Refuge Fellowship on Monday. WOW! Thanks to those who helped make that happen.

New Family Life (Children and Youth) Director

No – this is not an announcement - but a search committee is underway to find just the right leader

for these important ministries. Allison will be completing her interim on January 31. Parents and other adults will need to step up to keep programs going, or to decide how to go forward. To that end...

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING - Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm in Boka Keene. Please come be part of the brainstorming about children and youth programs for 2019.

Worship and Wonder is very much in need of some additional teachers and greeters. If you can help, even once or twice, please see Allison or Morgan.

Nursery – Two of our caregivers have “retired,” so the personnel committee will be pursuing the hiring of one or two more caregivers. Watch for details if you know someone who might be interested.

Camp Registration is open for all camps taking place this summer. <https://okdisciples.org/news-events/event-registration/>

The Annual Youth Bake Sale is coming soon! abe on the lookout for info on how you can get involved.

Chaos! start date is to be determined and will be reassessed as soon as possible.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

The Hope Group meets Monday January 21, at 2:00 pm at the home of Marilee Hattendorf. Pat Fennell is co-hostess.

The Fidelity/Charity group will meet Tuesday, Jan 22, at 1:30pm in the SHCC Parlor. The Bradford Village visit has been cancelled.

WOW Lunch group meets Wednesday, Jan 23, at 12:30 pm. Interurban has been suggested. Please RSVP to Carolyn Christie.

2019 DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

#1 We live in the most incarcerated country in the world and Oklahoma ranks 1st in the country for incarceration rates.

#49 We live in an incredibly educated nation, yet Oklahoma's public schools are ranked 49th in the nation for education.

What does it mean to be 1st and 49th? How does it impact the people of the state? How can the faith community unite together to improve these stark numbers?

Join us for the 36th Annual Oklahoma Conference of Churches Day at the Legislature **Monday, February 25th, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm** at the Oklahoma State Capitol Building in the 4th Floor Rotunda.

Check-in and registration opens at 8:30 am
Register online at okchurches.org

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Once again I have decided to keep my regular resolution to not make any resolutions. That way I don't worry about breaking them, pretty smart huh. Instead I am going to attempt to improve my way of thinking about my health, and moreover, about my attitude towards others. After accidentally running across some scripture the other day that told me my body is the temple of God I did quite a little contemplating about it.

Does God really care about whether we are physically fit. Came up with the answer "yes." God's Holy Spirit resides inside of every believer after we have accepted Jesus Christ into our being. I think of Him as my conscience that helps to keep me on the straight and narrow. It is our obligation to care for our body which is His temple.

An article in U.S. News and World Report tells of a man that asked God for guidance, and felt the answer was in the Bible. He concluded that Jesus must have been strong and fit, since "He could walk 40 miles, not in Reeboks but, in sandals."

A Maryland psychologist who evaluated religious faith and mental health revealed that those with religious values experienced lower suicide rates, less drug use, happier marriages, and less depression.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Let's all try a little kindness. "Research indicates that helping others may reduce stress and improve your health." If we will all exercise prayer, read our Bible, and pray that we might be allowed to talk to someone about the Christian way of life, you maybe surprised how good you will feel. I am not a doctor but hey----- why not give it a try. What have you got to lose?

Here is a wonderful prayer by Elizabeth Peale Allen: "Our Heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessings upon us all. We thank Thee for this marvelous physical body with which thou didst endow us at birth. We thank Thee for this fine mind Thou didst give us to use as an instrument of life. And we thank Thee for the immortal soul which came to us from Thee. Help us to remember who and what we are and so to live with dignity and power. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Hope, peace, joy and love in the new year, till 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 13, 2019	Steve Bowlware	Jerri Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware
Jan 20, 2019	Jerri Bowlware	Steve Bowlware	Darrin Hill	Jerri & Steve Bowlware
Jan 27, 2019	Steve Bowlware	Jerri 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

A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

Yesterday marked the 1 month anniversary of my tenure as the Interim Minister at Southern Hills Christian Church. It was also my wedding anniversary. It seems that anniversaries or other markers in our lives serve to cajole us into taking inventory of our lives, and hopefully give thanks. Our faith teaches us that we should begin each day with a world of praise on our lips, but sometimes we forget. So thanks be to God for those markers. There surely is a lot to give thanks for at Southern Hills Christian Church.

Thanks be to God for Southern Hills Christian Church; for our administrative staff, our building maintenance team, for our programming staff, and for our wonderfully gifted worship leadership team (we would be amiss if we didn't sneak in yet another word of thanksgiving, and "Welcome to the world," to the newly arrived, every precious breath of life, Harper). Another reason to give thanks is the people of this church. We have volunteers coming and going at all hours of the day here: picking up in the sanctuary, making sure the coffee will be ready, preparing cocoa for Christmas Eve & a Chili cook-off for our Epiphany party. We have volunteers that give countless hours to taking care of financial matters, outreach priorities and worship preparations. We have volunteers that serve as bridge pastors & serve at a moment's notice when the pastor gets bitten by the stomach bug. We have volunteers that sit with folks who are not feeling well, or simply feel alone. We have volunteers, who come in and water the plants, pick up 'the junk,' and who take the time to make our church look and feel warm and welcome. We have more volunteers than is possible to list. Over the last month, as I worked relatively long hours, it never ceased to amaze me, who would pop up in the building at the strangest time, to take care of a necessary, often simple but easily overlooked task. Important tasks. All of these people are mindful and committed. Thanks be to God for a church full of so many loving and caring members that serve Southern Hills so faithfully.

I believe SHCC is called to serve Edmond in a similar manner, in many ways we are already doing so. Thanks be to God!

In his recent book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*, Brian McLaren writes:

"What would it mean for Christians to rediscover their faith not as a problematic system of beliefs, but as a just and generous way of life, rooted in contemplation and expressed in compassion, that makes amends for its mistakes and is dedicated to beloved community for all."

SHCC understands this at least in part but what would it mean for our church to rediscover our faith in such a way? I would argue this church is by and large made up of people committed to "just and generous" ways of life. We are compassionate people, and many of us are engaged in contemplative spiritual disciplines, often as simple as prayer. Which begs the question: how are we sharing this Good News? It doesn't have to be difficult. In fact, I think it comes rather naturally for most of us (if we don't over think it or get in the way of ourselves). I will be saying more about this in the days to come.

In the meantime, as we continue into this new year, let's try to begin each day with a word of thanksgiving on our lips: "Oh God, thank you for our lives." Or, "Gracious Creator, thank you for the people you have put in my life." Or, "God thank you for my life, please help me serve." The list goes on, and you don't need me to tell you how to pray. Hopefully, however, you take my point: it is important to begin each day with a word of gratitude and praise on our lips, so we can remember who we are, to whom we belong and the world which we are called to serve.

Shalom,
Pastor Rob

SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Training School - February 23, 2019 at FCC Edmond

Register at <https://okdisciples.org/lts-2019/>

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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
		1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Newsletter Deadline 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (LK) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	3	4 2:00p food prep	5 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
6 Epiphany Sunday 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 5:30 Epiphany Party (S)	7 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Cub Scouts	8 Newsletter Published 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK) 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	10 8:30a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	11 2:00p food prep	12 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
13 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 4:00p Family Life Committee (BK) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	14 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Cub Scouts	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Boy Scouts	16 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	17 8:30a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C)	18 2:00p food prep	19 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
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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

- 1/10 - Intercessory Prayer Group - 5:30 pm in the Chapel
- 1/14 - WOW Book Club - 12:00 pm in the Chapel
- 1/14 - PLARN Workshop - 6:00 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 1/14 - Big Theological Questions - 6:00 pm at the Patriarch
- 1/15 - Caregiver's Support - 7:00 pm in the Parlor
- 1/17 - Intercessory Prayer Group - 5:30 pm in the Chapel
- 1/21 - Offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/22 - Lectio Divina - 6:00 pm in the Chapel
- 1/24 - Intercessory Prayer Group - 5:30 pm in the Chapel
- 1/27 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 1/27 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 1/28 - PLARN Workshop - 6:00 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 1/28 - Big Theological Questions - 6:00 pm at the Patriarch

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 12/23	53
9:00 AM Traditional 12/23	98
11:15 AM Contemp. 12/23	52
3:30 PM Bradford 12/23	13
Total Worship 12/23	163

Christmas Eve 12/24	93
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Sweater Sunday 12/30	
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Sunday School 1/06	80
9:00 AM Traditional 1/06	
11:15 AM Contemp. 1/06	50
3:30 PM Bradford 1/06	14
Total Worship 1/06	

PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Susie Park; Elsie Knight;
Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Verna Manning;
Bob Hoemann; Michael Bohn, Jarrett
Austin; The family of Polly Blundell