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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Southern Hills Christian Church presents Joseph Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Christ" as the centerpiece of our Maundy Thursday observation. This year's service will be an interpretation of Holy Thursday with Tenebrae. Members of the



Oklahoma City Philharmonic and the Tulsa Symphony, will present the music of Joseph Haydn as a string quartet.

Prior to the extinguishing of lights in memory of Christ's passion, or "Office of Tenebrae," we will recall Christ's institution of the Lord's supper and partake of communion in the gathering area. As we gather, there will be scrumptious breads and juices to choose from as we enjoy the companionship of one another. Formal communion will be offered as we are moving into the sanctuary. All are welcome as we remember the events that transpired leading to Christ's betrayal, denial, and death. Join us at 6:30, as we break bread together prior to the 7:00 pm Office of Tenebrae (Ceremony of Shadows), which dates back to the fourth century.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE NEEDED



There is a need for used tennis shoes, sneakers, shoe laces, belts, and socks to be donated to refugees in Texas. Children's and adult sizes up to men's shoe size 9 would be welcomed. For more information please contact Marilyn Walters by phone at 627-7404 or by email at walters19@cox.net.

REV. BETHANY WATKINS LOWERY JOINS US FOR EARTH SUNDAY

We welcome the Rev. Bethany Watkins Lowery to our Pulpit on April 28 for our 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Rev. Watkins Lowery is the Director of Development for Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) and Hope Partnership. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Hope Partnership and DCEF partner with Disciples to find new and effective ways to transform communities through innovative mission and good stewardship of capital resources. Bethany is a proud graduate of Bartlesville High School and has a BA in Government from Smith College. She earned an M.Div. and was a Disciples Divinity House Scholar at the University of Chicago. In 2010, She was ordained in Meinders Chapel at Phillips Theological Seminary. Bethany has settled down in Indianapolis, IN, with her husband Joe and their dog Dolly Parton, but Oklahoma will always feel like home.



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Pray-ground. You may have seen (or heard) the expanded pray-ground in our sanctuary. Just as Jesus welcomed the children, we want to make sure our children know they're an important part of the body of Christ, even as they're learning how to be in worship. Even though it is designed as a quiet space, it will take some time to get used to the sounds the Pray-ground inevitably invites. These are the sounds of children learning, and they are the important reminder that learning to be in worship is a lifelong journey; a journey that can only happen through practice.

Changes to Nursery. In order to better accommodate the needs of our children, nursery staff will no longer be taking children during worship to the children's moment. If you wish for your child to be in worship for children's moment, please make arrangements for getting them to and from the nursery.

Summer Camp! It's not too late to register for camp. The church pays ½ of 1 discount rate registration per child. Register at www.okdisciples.org and then turn in your registration and check to Pastor Sarah to get the discount. Early registration closes April 24. More information can be found in the camping folders outside the Family Life Ministries office or online at <http://www.southernhillschristian.org/wordpress/camp/>

Children ages 5 through 5th grade

Fun and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 5:30-7 through May 22. Dinner is provided at no cost, love offerings are appreciated.

Easter Sunday, during Sunday School children will be able to hunt Easter eggs hidden by our youth. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket). Children should meet in their regular classroom; they will be summoned once the hunt is ready.

Summer Sunday School

It takes all talents and skills in the kin-dom. Do you have a special skill or talent you'd like to share with our kids? Let Sarah know if you'd like to lead our kids for a Sunday this summer and teach them about your passion.

Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars for July 15-18, 6-8pm each evening. Children are invited to ReNew this summer in a green VBS, as they explore what it means to care for God's creation. Register at <http://www.southernhillschristian.org/wordpress/ministries/children/>. While you're there you can also volunteer to help make this VBS happen. Needed donations can be viewed at the above link.

CHAOS Youth grades 6-12

- **April 21**, Happy Easter! No CHAOS this evening
- **April 28, 6-8 pm**, meet in the youth room. We will play some games and then begin Youth Sunday Planning.
- **May 5, 6-8 pm**, Youth Sunday planning
- May 12, no CHAOS
- **May 18, 10 am-12 pm**, Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Youth & Grad Sunday, May 19 Combined Worship

Calling all graduates. Do you know a high school or postsecondary graduate. We'd like to know about them. Send their names and blurb about their accomplishment to Pastor Sarah.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

PLARN? WHAT'S THAT?

Are you curious about the Plarn Workshop on the church calendar each week? Do you have questions about why we are collecting Plastic shopping bags? Do you wonder who gets the "Mats for Homeless" we make? Would you like to see how the mats are made?

On Sunday, April 28, in connection with Earth Sunday, we are going to have a demonstration in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour, of what we do, and show you how you can help.

The Plarning Project is a service project that combines:

1. care of the earth through repurposing plastic bags
2. care of the human family who are homeless.



AN UPDATE ON THE WEEKEND BREAKFAST

Since September 1, 2018, we have served 513 visitors breakfast and given them food for the rest of their day. This service could not have happened without many donations from the congregation and the work of over 100 different people who have volunteered many hours. I have estimated the total volunteer hours for 2018 to be 827.

We have recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. Plans are to buy a commercial style refrigerator and freezer for the Church kitchen and have the electrical work done to support these appliances. The breakfast committee has decided to start getting estimates on the electrical work. As the freezer is an immediate need we will plan some fund raisers, and save up the money until we have the \$2100 needed. Donations of any size towards this project will be welcomed.

We have financed the breakfast so far with donations, fundraisers and .002 percent annually from Outreach funds. We spend money every week for groceries and supplies for the kitchen. Our weekend breakfast fund is about \$4,200 at this time, not counting the grant money and not counting a gift of \$250.00 that was given for the freezer.

We plan to sell TLC gift cards beginning in April, sell food at the Folksongs and Fellowship concert in May and have an indoor garage sale in the fellowship hall August 9th and 10th.

We would like to expand the program to include Sundays early in 2020. Yes, it will take more money, more volunteers, more everything, but hungry people will be fed, even on the weekends.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work through these ministries:

- Disciples Women - leading Bible studies, international journeys, and providing educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere.
- National Benevolent Association - young adult XPLOR Residents, and health and social service leaders, launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities.
- Disciples Home Missions - Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
- Refugee and Immigration Ministries - offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants.
- Our General Ministries - abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond.
- Global Ministries - collaborating and serving with community organizations around the world.
- Council on Christian Unity - cooperating with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

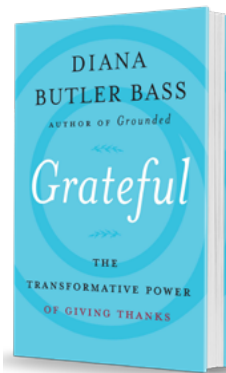
Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions. Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. This Easter Special Offering lets us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through the tending, nurturing, and caring for others. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work. Please give generously to this special offering which will be received on April 14 & 21, 2019.



SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

The Spiritual Journey Sunday School class will begin a study of Diana Butler Bass' book, "Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks" on Sunday, April 28th. Anyone is welcome to join.

Blessings,
Lisa Wynn



EASTER HAT PARADE

EASTER HAT PARADE! Ladies and gents, let us don our favorite hats this Easter! I have chosen one of Grandmother's hats and I don't want to be the only one!! Let the parade begin April 21st!

Blessings,
Mary Hirsch

DISCIPLE WOMEN ACTIVITIES

Activities for April & May:

- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, April 24, 12:30 pm at Jo's Famous Pizza on Kelly Ave. Please RSVP to Carolyn Christie.
- **Book Group** - Monday, May 13, 12:00 pm in the Chapel. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.
- **Disciple Women Fidelity/Charity Group** - Tuesday, May 21, Salad Luncheon, time and location TBD.
- **Disciple Women FHope Group** - Monday May 20, 12:00 pm at the home of Patsy Drab.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

Easter and beyond...

- April 21 Matthew 28:1-10
- April 28 Matthew 28:16-20
- May 5 Acts 10:1-17, 34-38
- May 12 Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

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May 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 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	2 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P)	3 2:30p food prep	4 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
5 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 SS w/Lisa Barnett (FH) 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 1:00p Family Life Committee (BK) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 6:00 CHAOS Youth Group (YR)	6 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	7 Newsletter Published 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA	8 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	9 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	10 2:30p food prep	11 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast 6:00 pm Youth Lock-in
12 Mother's Day 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV) 4:00 EPS Baccalaureate (EMHS)	13 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	14 Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	15 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	16 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	17 2:30p food prep	18 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast 10a-12p Youth Sunday Rehearsal
19 Youth & Graduation Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Combined Worship (S) 12:00p Fellowship Meal (FH) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	20 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	21 Newsletter Published TBD DW Fidelity/Charity 7:00p Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	22 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	23 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	24 2:30p food prep	25 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
26 Earth Sunday 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)	27 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	28 Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Scouting BSA	29 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)	30 3:15p Tai Chi (GA)	31 2:30p food prep	

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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

- 4/18 - Holy Thursday Service with Tenebrae, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 4/21 - Easter Sunday - Services at usual times of 9:00 and 11:15 am
- 4/21 - Children's Egg Hunt during Sunday School hour
- 4/22 - Church office closed the Monday after Easter
- 4/23 - Lectio Divina - 6:30 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 4/28 - Earth Sunday - PLARN Sleeping mat workshop, 10:15 in Fellowship Hall
- 4/28 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 4/28 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 4/30 - Lectio Divina - 6:30 pm in the Boka Keene Room
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ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 4/07	75
9:00 AM Traditional 4/07	104
11:15 AM Contemp. 4/07	50
3:30 PM Bradford 4/07	13
Total Worship 4/07	156

Sunday School 4/14	84
9:00 AM Traditional 4/14	123
11:15 AM Contemp. 4/14	48
3:30 PM Bradford 4/14	13
Total Worship 4/14	184

PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Susie Park; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Verna Manning; Bob Hoemann; Michael Bohn, David McWilliams; Ruth Harness; Bud Kahmar; Jo Kirtley; the Parks family; Julie Kruse; David Wentz