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# The Sharing Tree

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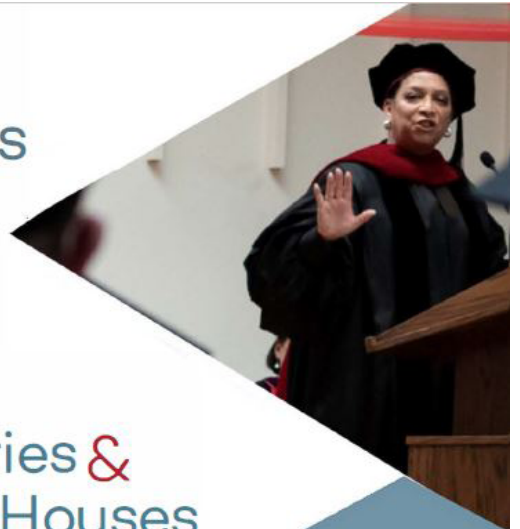


## Higher Education & Leadership Ministries

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Thanksgiving Offering 2019

[DisciplesMissionFund.org](http://DisciplesMissionFund.org)

Don and I have always been proud of the Christian Church's (Disciples of Christ) support of Higher Education - the belief that higher learning for those pursuing theological education equals smart clergy and smart congregations. This offering supports 15 Disciples related colleges, and 7 seminaries and divinity houses.

Our gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue the support of our institutions of higher learning. May the spirit of giving be your guide. We receive this Thanksgiving Special Offering on November 17 and 24.

Gayle Hurst

## A SUGAR AND SPICE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS



On November 17 Southern Hills will provide an alternative to the stressful, hectic shopping of the Christmas season. The sales of Alternative Christmas cards and gifts benefit various charitable agencies. Donations from the brunch will benefit Refuge Fellowship. Please contact Marilee Hattendorf to volunteer or for more information.



**11/17 - Alternative Christmas - One service at 10:45 followed by Congregational Meeting**

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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## Upcoming Family Life Dates

**Christmas Play Rehearsal, 4-6p.** Rehearsal continue for children and youth who want to be a part of the play on December 8. Meet in the Sanctuary at 4pm on each of these Sundays:

- November 10
- November 17
- December 1
- Saturday, December 7, 9a - 12p



## YOUTH LOCK-IN NOVEMBER 15, 7PM

Youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join for an all-nighter. New Covenant Christian Church will be joining us for the evening. Our adventures will include Clue Quest, glow-in-the-dark capture the flag, Bible Heist and more! Friends welcome. Register here: <http://bit.ly/youth-lock-in>

# SHCC PUMPKIN PARISH

## SHCC PUMPKINS SOLD OUT



**All pumpkins sold out as of October 29. Total Gross Sales \$27,618.  
More info to follow in the next Sharing Tree Newsletter.**

# SERVICE TO OTHERS

## BY MY SIDE

God is always with us, even if at times we are not able to feel His presence. There are times when we feel really close to Him, yet at other times He might seem far away and not involved in our lives. As a believer, we can always be certain He is always by our side, our constant companion whether we are aware of Him or not. This can totally change our life.

There are two statements that give us the assurance of His presence. Jesus said "I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth" John 14:16-17. Then He added "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make our abode with him". (v.23). What a wonderful amazing reality, that God has taken up residence in those of us who have received Christ's forgiveness and salvation.

With this truth grounded in our heart and mind and total being, we can know that no matter what we are going through, even the loss of a loved one, we are not alone. Being in Christ, we have is peace through



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

every storm we might have to face. There is none more powerful or knowledgeable than our almighty God, who lives in our very being and gives us comfort and strength.

Quite often I must remind myself of God's presence because, unfortunately we have a tendency to forget. BUT, the more we remember He is with us, the better we can discern His work and comfort in our life. Let's all pray to keep this aspect of God's character in the forefront of our mind.

Till next time, peace and joy,

Sandy Jehle  
Stephen Leader

## WEEKEND BREAKFAST

Thank you to Janeé and Sydney Austin and the Girl Scouts of Troop 452, who cooked eggs and pancakes and served the meal on November 2. They did an excellent job and plan to volunteer again. Way to go girls!





## EDMOND COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

What's 38 years old, consumes over 2,000 desserts, and takes a community to run? The Edmond Community Thanksgiving Dinner, of course! Tired of looking for #10 cans of green beans? Not sure where to find large bags of Pepperidge Farm Stuffing Mix? Don't have refrigerator space for 15 pounds of salted butter? No worries! The Outreach Committee would like to do the "heavy lifting" for you! Simply sign up to sponsor a food item, and then provide the monetary amount identified for the item. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Please



be sure to designate your item, and the amount included. Payment may be made via Check to SHCC (please include "ECTD – (ITEM)" in the memo line) or cash.

On Sunday, November 24 your Outreach Committee will do the shopping, and deliver the food to the designated food drop-off! It's that easy! Your support is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets, volunteer forms, and general information is available in the Gathering Area. Please contact Kara Gregory with questions.

## INITIAL 2019 CROP WALK NUMBERS:



33 total walkers + 8 Spirit Walkers (raised funds, but couldn't walk with us) = 41 Participants who have submitted \$4,640 so far! (expect more to follow)

With 28 walkers and countless sponsors, Southern Hills is making a difference near and far! Additional donations can be submitted throughout November by check OR online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/edmondok/Donate>

This wouldn't have been possible without great support from you guys. You're the BEST!

## SHALOM MEALS

This Advent, Pastor Rob and his family will be hosting Shalom meals in their home. A Shalom Meal is an Advent celebration that includes liturgy, singing, breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. Towards the end of the meal, we toast God's new creation, giving thanks for God's blessing and expressing our hopes and commitments for the new year. Wine will be served, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring their preferred 'toasting,' beverage. The gathering times are listed below and the meals will last approximately 2 hours.

For each dinner, co-hosts are being sought to arrive early and stay late for helping with set up and clean up. Co-hosts are also being asked to provide

an entrée that will feed 8 -10 people. All other participants will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Children are more than welcome, but please make sure you sign them up too!

To follow are the primary entrée, dates and times for the Shalom Meals:

- December 8th – 4:00 (Ham)
- December 11th – 7:00 (Chuck roast)
- December 13th - 7:00 (Chicken Breasts)
- December 14th – 6:00 (Turkey)
- December 15th – 1:00 (Ham)
- December 18th at 7:00 (Chuck Roast)

Watch for sign-ups coming soon.

## CHILDREN'S USBORNE BOOK FAIR

The SHCC Child Development Center is having a children's book fair, which is also open to the church. The benefit to supporting this book fair is that half of every dollar spent will come back to the Southern Hills CDC in the form of books for their library.

Usborne books are engaging, developmentally appropriate books that cover a variety of age ranges and subjects. From activity books, to fiction series, to internet-linked science and history encyclopedias, there is sure to be something that will make a great Christmas gift for the child in your life. SHCC Child Development Center parent, Jennifer

Thompson, is hosting the CDC Usborne Book Fair. She is setting up the ability to shop online. Go to: <http://www.UBAMJennifer.com>

Click on the "Shop" link at the top and then click on "Southern Hills Book Fair" before making your selection. Online shopping is open now and runs through Friday, November 15. To receive free shipping on your online order, select "eFair Shipping Option" during checkout. Online orders will ship to Southern Hills approximately one week after the Book Fair Closes, so books will be here in plenty of time for Christmas gifts.

## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Home made peanut brittle, cranberry bread, cookies and other goodies will be for sale at the Sugar and Spice Alternative Christmas on Nov. 17. Anyone who would like to help create these items can make them at home and donate them, or come to the bake sale prep, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen. Ingredients will be in the kitchen and proceeds will go to the Weekend Breakfast. If you have a favorite recipe that you think would be good for the bake sale, please send me the recipe so I can purchase the ingredients.

Georgia Shaw



## NEW STONES PLACED ON THE TREE OF LIFE

Sunday, October 20 was a celebration of wonderful parents during the Tree of Life ceremony.

Beth Gerardy was accompanied by two of her daughters and their families as she placed a stone in honor of her parents, The Reverends Mona M. and R. Scott Baird, long-time Disciples of Christ ministers. Mona and Scott became members of Southern Hills in 1992, 50 years into their marriage and after retirement from serving three Disciples congregations. Upon Mona's passing in 2018, many gifts were made to the church. Their



stone reads, "Given by Friends and Loved Ones to Honor Their Witness in Our World."

Two other stones were placed by the Walters Family, in honor of both sets of their parents, and the Sneed family, in honor of Francis Sneed. See the October 22 edition of the Sharing tree Newsletter for pictures and the full article

about those dedications.

To inquire about a leaf or stone, contact Ann-Clore Duncan.

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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

- 11/15 - Youth Lock-in - 7:00 pm in the Youth Room
- 11/17 - Alternative Christmas
- **11/17 - One service at 10:45 followed by Congregational Meeting**
- 11/25 - Disciples Women Meeting - 1:00 pm at the home of Annette Duffy
- **11/27 - SHCC Office closed at noon**
- **11/28 - SHCC closed - Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 12/01 - Hanging of the Greens
- 12/08 - Youth Christmas Play
- 12/15 - Christmas Cantata at 9:00 am
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Celebration and Worship Service - 5:30
- 12/29 - Sweater Sunday - One service at 10:45

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 10/27	57
9:00 AM Traditional 10/27	82
11:15 AM Contemp. 10/27	43
3:30 PM Bradford 10/27	8
Total Worship 10/27	133

Sunday School 11/03	60
9:00 AM Traditional 11/03	97
11:15 AM Contemp. 11/03	42
3:30 PM Bradford 11/03	8
Total Worship 11/03	147

## SHCC STAFF

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## PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Ruth Harness; Bud Kahmar; Julie Kruse; Amber Marcha; Dennis Marcha; Valerie White; Shirley Bibb; Evelyn Elliott's Son; Mary Lou Pendleton; Dan Cheatham; Dianne Baker; Nanci Moll; Janet Moll; Keith Spaulding