



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

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Hanging of The Greens

December 1st, 9:00 and 11:15 AM

On **Sunday, December 1, 2019**, join us we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with The Hanging of the Greens, in the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services.

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 15.

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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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Family Life Ministries during Advent

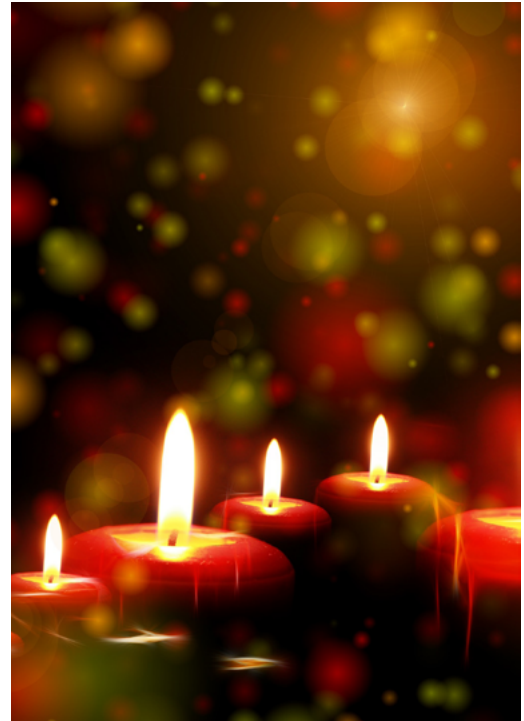
It's hard to believe Advent is 2 weeks away! Here's a list of the events happening this Christmas season for children, youth, and families.

The Christmas Play, Back to the Manger, is December 8 at 6:00 pm.

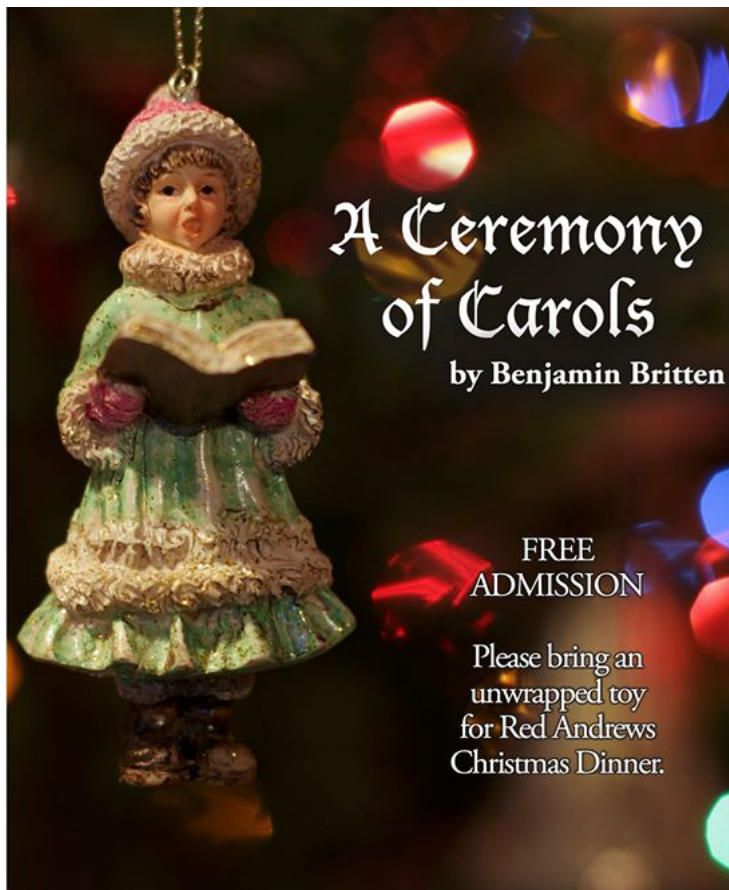
Youth Ice Skating is at Mitch Park, December 15 after the 11:15 service.

Ginger Bread decorating and Christmas Eve Service is December 24 at 5:30 pm.

Sweater Sunday is December 29 at 10:45am. There is no Sunday School.



EDMOND COMMUNITY CHORALE



Edmond Community Choral, of which Ted Drab is a member, cordially invites you to attend their Holiday Concert on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at First Christian Church, Edmond (201 E 2nd St), 7pm.** Under the direction of Rondal J. Wallace, the concert will feature "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, along with other holiday favorites. One of Britten's best-known and most-performed work, "A Ceremony of Carols" is a collection of ten carols framed by the chant "Hodie Christus Natus Est" ("To-day, Christ is born") at both the beginning and the end. This innovative, exciting, and stunningly beautiful piece is a true holiday treasure. Admission to the concert is free; guests are asked to bring an unwrapped toy (or monetary donation) to benefit the Red Andrews Christmas Dinner. An Oklahoma City Christmas Day tradition since 1947, the Red Andrews Christmas Dinner provides warm meals and toys to thousands of people each year. Mark your calendars to join ECC for their Holiday Concert, as they celebrate the season and support a worthy cause.

HOW ABOUT PRAYER?

Are you happy with your prayer life? There aren't many people that I know that would say yes. I think we all fall a little short in this department. Even the most avid "prayers" realize it is never enough. One of the best methods for improving that is examining scriptural prayers and using them for a model.

Several of Paul's prayers are recorded in his epistles, and they supply a wonderful source about different ways to pray. Paul was a very humble man and his physical posture of bending his knees served as a reminder of his submissive position before our heavenly Father. He only had access to God the Father through Jesus Christ. Paul did not make himself the center of conversation but focused on the Lord and the church for whom he was interceding.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The basis of Paul's prayer life was the Trinity, he knew the Holy Spirit has limitless power. Although we can confidently approach the Lord's throne of grace, we must always remember that we are but humble servants, and He is our exalted God.

God always hears our prayers as long as they come from within our heart with true love.

'til next time, peace, grace and blessings,
Sandy Jehle, Stephen Leader

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 – 1:00 (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.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

Disciples of Christ have been committed since the beginning of our movement to encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. Currently over 52,000 students attend our 15 Disciples related institutions of higher learning and 7 seminaries & divinity houses.

Without these provided scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, many deserving

future ministers would have to give up their dream.

This is a legacy of which to be proud. Let's keep the dreams alive. We receive this Thanksgiving Special Offering on Sunday, November 24.

Gayle Hurst

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Thanksgiving is late this year, so "Hanging of the Greens" is early! Please plan to remain after church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, to work off your turkey by helping to decorate the church for Advent! We need plenty of help,

so please make it a family affair. Also, on Saturday November 23, we will meet at the church at 10:00 am to bring all the decorations out of the attic, so that it's a quick and simple process on Sunday. We'll see you there!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Be sure to mark your calendars for two special worship services on **Sunday, December 15th**. We'll celebrate the season with our Christmas Cantata in Traditional Service and continue with special seasonal music in the Contemporary Service. We hope you will plan to come enjoy these musical gifts of the season! Services will follow the regular Sunday schedule of 9:00 am Traditional Service, 10:15 am Sunday School, and 11:15 am Contemporary Service.

DISCIPLE WOMEN

The next SHCC Disciples Women meeting will be at 1:00 PM, Monday, November 25, in the home of Annette Duffy, 1018 Royal Way Edmond, OK 73034, Cell: 405-315-1834. All SHCC women are invited.

ADVENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Upcoming Events for Season of Advent:

- 12/01: Hanging of the Greens - 9:00 & 11:15 am
- 12/08: Christmas Family Workshop - 10:15 am
- 12/08: Youth Christmas Play & Reception - 6:00 pm
- 12/15: Christmas Cantata - 9:00 am
- 12/15: Special Music service - 11:15 am
- 12/16: Blue Christmas Service - 7:00 pm
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30 pm
- 12/29: Sweater Sunday Combined Worship - 10:45 am
- 1/05: Epiphany Party and Chili Cook-Off - 5:30 pm

LOST & FOUND

Beth Gerardy found a set of keys amongst the grocery bags used for plarning, and has turned them in to the front office. If you are missing a set of keys, please call John in the front office at 341-0766 to identify them.

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, and Twitter. We have also begun using an automated system to send out recorded phone messages.

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.



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December 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 Hanging of the Greens 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Drama Team	2 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	3 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Scouting BSA	4 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir	5 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	6 2:30p food prep	7 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
8 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Xmas Family Workshop 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elders Meeting (CR) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 6:00 Youth Christmas Play (S)	9 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Group 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	10 Newsletter Deadline 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00p Lectio Divina 7:00 Scouting BSA	11 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir	12 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	13 2:30p food prep	14 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
15 Music Sunday 9:00a Christmas Cantata (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council	16 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Blue Chrstmas (S)	17 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00p Scouting BSA	18 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir	19 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	20 2:30p food prep	21 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
22 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	23 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 1:00p Disciple Women (TBA) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch)	24 Church office closed 5:30p Christmas eve Reception and Candlelight Service	25 Church office closed Merry Christmas!	26 Church office closed	27 2:30p food prep	28 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
29 Sweater Sunday 10:45a Worship Service 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	30 Newsletter Deadline 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	31 Church office closed	Notes : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the holiday closing of December 24-26, the church office will be partially staffed on Friday, December 27 The church office will be closed on January 1, 2020 Due to the holidays, after the December 17 Newsletter, the next newsletter will be published on January 7 			

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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

- 11/25 - 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 - 6:00 pm
- 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**; No Sunday School
- 01/05 - Epiphany Party and Chili Cook-off

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 11/10	57
9:00 AM Traditional 11/10	94
11:15 AM Contemp. 11/10	41
3:30 PM Bradford 11/10	8
Total Worship 11/10	142

Sunday School 11/17	9
10:45AM Combined 11/17	149
3:30 PM Bradford 11/17	8
Total Worship 11/17	157

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PRAYERS

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