

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 cookies will be available as we enjoy Christmas music, and the children make gingerbread houses in the Gathering Area. At 6:30 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! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and join us on Sunday, December 29 for an informal service of worship at 10:45. 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 15 and 22**, 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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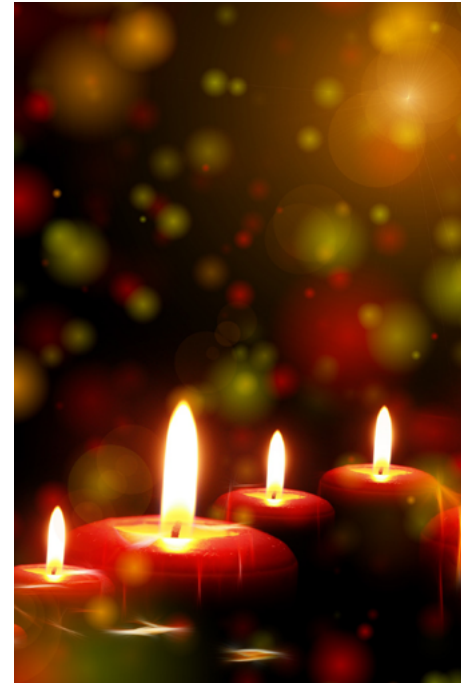
Family Life Ministries during Advent

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.

Fun & Fellowship Starts Back on January 8th!

Join us on Wednesdays this Spring. From 5:30-7pm each Wednesday, children and you share a meal, games, and faith conversation through small group study. Bus rides are available.



WEEKEND BREAKFAST NEWS

Southern Hills has given 1,284 visitors a hot breakfast and enough food for their noon and evening meal since we started in September, 2018. Another way to think of it, is that we have provided 3,852 meals for food insecure people in Edmond.

For some time, January 2020 has been the target date to begin serving breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday. That day is fast approaching and I have been thinking of some changes that need to be made to do that. I think that it's going to mean a bit more work from our cooks, servers and greeters.

On Fridays, we will cook as much of the meal as possible for both days, Saturday and Sunday. I think we can continue with one volunteer cooking on Fridays if we keep the entree for one of the days a simple to prepare item.

On Saturday morning, the cooks will prepare and serve the meal, then make the sandwiches to be given out on Sunday morning. The servers and greeters will help clean up and reset the tables for Sunday.

There are a few other changes to think about. I have a new sign up sheet that includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday that will be in the gathering area soon. I am ordering a new sign to go out by the street that includes Sunday. We need to have new fliers made advertising the additional day. More food and supplies will be need to be purchased and I would like to find a volunteer to do that each week. I am also looking for a volunteer or two who would take over for me at the prep or one of the breakfast services from time to time.

It sounds like a lot, and I am sure there will be some challenges, but I am convinced that with the Lords help, we can do it.

Thank you, thank you to all the volunteers and donors. This could not be done without your giving. Thank you for your time, money, food, kind thoughts and prayers.

Georgia

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.



CALLING ALL CHILI CONNOISSEURS!

Get your crock-pots, and your taste buds ready! The Epiphany Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night is Sunday, January 5th! A panel of judges (to be named) will bestow bragging rights on the best. 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 Lynda Deibel or Patsy Drab with questions. Also, please let 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 5th!

Poinsettias have arrived and will beautify our Sanctuary for Worship on Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve service on Tuesday. 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 28, making Sunday, December 29 the next opportunity to pick up your poinsettia.



HOPE IN SPITE OF WORLD CONDITIONS

Where do you place your hope? If it is in governments, financial markets, or education, I am afraid you will be disappointed. Our world is swiftly changing. Governments fail, great economics slip away, and many institutions are becoming unstable. When this happens we struggle with fear and insecurity.

The world however, won't become more trustworthy. Ever since the time of the Tower of Babel (Gen.11) people have been promising a better civilization, but no man made advance has permanently enhanced our lives. Some institutions go through periods in which humanity is greatly benefited, but ultimately any part of society that challenges God won't last. This is because the talented and knowledgeable people involved are also sinful people. Greed, pride, and lust



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

have been the downfall of many civilizations.

Brilliant, charismatic leaders may claim to offer a better tomorrow, but no man or woman is the solution to the world's problems. Only Christ can deliver on His promise of hope to us who trust in Him. He lives in us, guiding our path, comforting us in loss and sorrow, and promising us an eternal future on heavenly bliss.

This changing world can be a scary place especially for those people who trust in themselves. But----- those who trust in God

can have hope and confidence even in this chaotic world, He is our one constant. His word is always true, His power is absolute, and His promises are certain. Human institutions fail, but when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth, all will be made right.

Now that's my story and I am sticking to it. Have a great and wonderful life in Christ, till next time,

Peace and blessings,
Sandy Jehle
Stephens Leader

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS

Christmas is on its way and now is the time to think about Christmas bonuses for our wonderful staff. If you would like to contribute to that fund, put your gift in the offering plate and note that it is for the Staff Christmas Bonus. Gifts may be made through Monday, December 23. Let's show our staff how very much we appreciate them and all the work they do throughout the year!

Leadership Council Moderator,
Rick Stricklin

THANK YOU

Thank you, everyone, for your support of the 2019 Edmond Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Your generosity made it possible to serve 3,050 meals! In addition, many of you were part of the 689 volunteers that it takes to operate this annual event. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the dinner, and I look forward to 2020!

Blessings,
Kara Gregory



FREE TO GOOD HOME

Les and Ruth Harness have like-new, queen-size, Sleep Number bed that they would like to part with. Contact Les for more information, and to arrange pick-up.

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January 2020

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 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	3 2:00p food prep	4 7:30a Free Breakfast
5 Epiphany Sunday 7:30a Free Breakfast (FH) 9:00 Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 6:00 Epiphany Party (S)	6 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	7 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Scouting BSA	8 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00a 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 2:00p food prep	11 7:30a 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

- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Celebration and Worship Service - 5:30 pm
- 12/24 - 12/27 - Church offices closed
- 12/29 - Sweater Sunday - One service at **10:45; No Sunday School**
- 12/31 - 01/01 - Church offices closed
- 01/05 - One service at **10:45; Sunday School at 9:30 am**
- 01/05 - Epiphany Party and Chili Cook-off - 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 12/08	62
9:00 AM Traditional 12/08	92
11:15 AM Contemp. 12/08	55
3:30 PM Bradford 12/08	8
Total Worship 12/08	145

Sunday School 12/15	70
9:00 AM Traditional 12/15	128
11:15 AM Contemp. 12/15	50
3:30 PM Bradford 12/15	8
Total Worship 12/15	186

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Nanci Moll; Janet Moll; Keith
Spaulding; Lynda Deibel;