



The Messenger

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From the Senior Pastor:

OUR PROGRAM MINISTRY TEAM

This month we want to highlight the people who are responsible for many vital ministries carried out at Southern Hills. In addition to the traditional roles of the pastors, Bill Moore and Dennis Burrows, we have a very talented group who lead us in work areas which are absolutely key components for our life together as a church:

Rev. Joan Wooden, Director of Music Ministries

Joan is an ordained Deacon, and we were proud at the Kentucky Annual Conference in June when she was introduced, transferring her Conference membership to Kentucky! She came to us from San Antonio, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Texas and her Masters degree from Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Joan skillfully directs our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Bells, instrumental ensembles and MOVE (Men's Only Vocal Ensemble). In addition, she does music and movement classes with our preschool. The passion, deep spirituality and energy that Joan brings to every choir, every group, has made a powerful impact in our church on hearts and lives of all ages. Joan is married to Ken Wooden, a Financial Advisor with Chase Investments. They have two children, Laura and Lynne Grace.

Priscilla Bagley, Director of Children's Ministries

Priscilla arrived to begin her work with us on July 29. The daughter of missionaries to Guatemala, she comes to us from Missouri City, Texas, a suburb of Houston. Priscilla has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Baptist University. Most recently, she taught kindergarten for the last seven years. Her warm spirit and obvious love of children is clear to everyone she has met, including young parents and Staff-Parish Relations Committee members who interviewed her. Priscilla has worked with ministries to children since college, designing programs for all ages, including Vacation Bible School and music. Priscilla is married to Kris who will be a student at Asbury Seminary this fall.

Adam Vodicka, Director of Youth Ministries

Adam is a graduate of Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. He recently completed a Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary. While a student at the seminary, Adam was selected to preach to the faculty while they were on retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC. In addition to leading the youth ministry program (assisted by Cory and Jeni Fetzer who work with the mid-highs), Adam leads our contemporary worship service, The Source, at 9:30 every Sunday morning. Both Adam and his wife, Katie are gifted musicians, and dedicated to building the faith of the youth in their charge. Katie also leads a dynamic young women's discipleship group. Adam has created a solid, active youth ministry in our church and, through his leadership team, has doubled the participation at the Source during the last three years.

Chris Hogg, Director of Recreational Ministries

Chris, the son of a United Methodist clergy family, is a graduate of Campbellsville College with a degree in Recreational Ministry. He oversees all the intergenerational recreation and fellowship activities conducted at our church. Chris is responsible for the operation of the Activities Building section of our church, including the gym and all meeting spaces. Chris launched a very successful Upward Basketball program several years ago, and it continues to grow in numbers and effectiveness. Last season there were 106 basketball players, 36 cheerleaders for a total of 142 children, exactly double the 71 participants from the first year. A total of 38 coaches were involved during the season. Adult basketball leagues and

coordination of LYSA Soccer meetings are part of his work. He also relates to special recreational events such as our fall festival, Fallderall, and the annual golf outing. Chris is the coordinator for the senior citizens fellowship group, Roadrunners. He is a talented guitarist and singer, and leads the music at The Source.

When you see these dedicated Christian ministry specialists around the church, please express your appreciation to them for all their hard work. We are very fortunate to have them on staff!

Bill

TRANSITION

Dr. Jungjoo Park, our accomplished organist, will be leaving us at the end of August. Jungjoo, her husband, Dr. Young-In Chi and their son Christopher will be moving to Minnesota where Dr. Chi has accepted a new position. We have been blessed for three years by Jungjoo as she has shared her musical gifts with us on both piano and organ. Her skill, precision and attention to preparation for each musical event have been received with deep appreciation by our congregation. Jungjoo will be honored by recognition in our worship services on August 28. We invite all persons who would like to contribute to a financial gift, as a token of our thanks, to make checks out to the church, put "Jungjoo" in the notation blank, and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to Bill McKinney in the business office. Thanks!

August Sermons:

August 7 - "Lost and Found," Luke 15:1-10
August 14 - "Transforming Grace," Luke 15:25-32
August 21 - "Forgive and Forget," Matthew 18:21-35
August 28 - Guatemala Trip Report

Thank You to Congregation

Thank you for participating in the Kentucky Conference "*Have a Heart for Seniors...2011 Annual Love Offering.*" Because of your generous offering of \$926.00 the Village is able to help many residents who outlive the money they have worked so hard to save over a lifetime. Your support provides these dear residents with the peace of mind that they can remain at the Village close to family and friends. It would be our privilege to give you a tour and share about our ministry to seniors. Please contact Susan Blankenship at (859) 858-3865 ext. 227 to schedule a visit. We are excited to announce that this spring, the Village is opening Kentucky's first "*Small Home for Memory Care.*" May God richly bless you as you bless others through your generous and faithful giving. With sincere appreciation and thanks, Tim Layton, Wesley Village VP for Development

CARE-NOTES ARE PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE



Are you or your family dealing with a difficult medical diagnosis, or the grief of the death of a loved one? Stephen Ministers are available to "walk alongside" during these times. There are also some very helpful booklets to serve as a resource during these days. With titles such as "When Your Spouse Has Cancer", "Dealing With The Anger That Comes With Grief", "Taking The Time You Need To Grieve Your Loss", and others, they are written by specially-trained professionals with experience in these areas. Your situation is unique, but it can also be helpful to know how others who have gone through similar circumstances have reacted – their questions, their fears, their uncertainties, their ways of coping. The booklets contain all this – and more. They are called CareNotes, and you will find them in a special rack in the hallway near the library. The booklets are provided by SHUMC's Stephen Ministry program for you to take for free, and to share with others.

Ministry ~ Rev. Dennis Burrows

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.



School Starts Soon!!!!

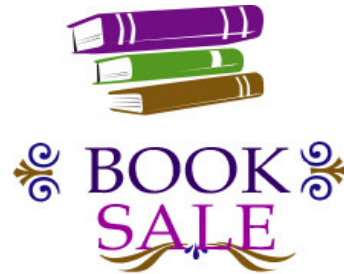
Are you in the process of making sure your child is fully vaccinated prior to the first day of school? Assuring that your children receive all their vaccinations in a timely manner is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure their child's health.

It is easy to forget that older children need vaccines. Children entering adolescence are at greater risk of diseases like meningitis and HPV. Vaccines to prevent these diseases are recommended for children age 11 or 12.

One last reminder, maintaining your personal vaccination record of your children is the safest way to guarantee those records are always available when needed. These records are only kept for a limited number of years by the medical provider who actually administered the vaccines. Also, doctors retire, move to another state or even close local offices. Colleges often require certain vaccinations prior to enrollment; therefore, these records are necessary for many years. The Health and Wellness Ministry Team suggests you provide peace of mind for yourself and your children by taking these simple steps.



The Faith Journey Sunday School Class will be viewing 12 lessons on Islam. This will start September 11, the first Sunday after Labor Day. The lecturer is Professor John Esposito who teaches at the Georgetown University, Washington, DC, and serves as a consultant for the Department of State. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library.



As now, the schedule is:

- 9/11/11 Islam Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
- 9/18/11 The Five Pillars of Islam
- 9/25/11 Muhammad—Prophet and Statesman
- 10/2/11 God's Word—The Quranic Worldview
- 10/09/11 The Muslim Community—Faith and Politics
- 10/16/11 Paths to God—Islamic Law and Mysticism
- 10/23/11 Islamic Revivalism—Renewal and Reform
- 10/30/11 The contemporary Resurgence of Islam
- 11/06/11 Islam at the Crossroads
- 11/13/11 Woman and Change in Islam
- 11/20/11 Islam in the West
- 11/27/11 The Future of Islam

The Rowland Small Group will be holding their annual **Used Book Sale** on Sunday, October 30. If you have books you would like to get out of your way, please consider giving them to us for our sale. The money goes for various charity projects. You may put them in the extra room in the Business Office, or if you would like to have someone pick up your books, please call the Rowland's at 219-1339 or the Neuzel's at 272-3732.

Please contact Melinda Edgerton at 223-3992 for more information.

Spouse Loss Support Group ~ Hospice of the Bluegrass ~ Center for Grief & Education
Thursday evenings ~ 6 p.m.~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Sept. 22 ~ Oct. 27
To register call: (859) 277-2700 or (800) 876-6005 or email lsandlin@hospicebg.org
Please register by Sept. 19.

Worship ~ Joan Wooden

Angels in Our Midst!

I have always enjoyed the imagery of God's angels, working in our midst. At times I've gotten a bit carried away with this idea and even projected the angel theme on cars traveling slowly in front of me whenever I was in a hurry. "Could it be," I'd ponder, "that there's an angel in front of me, slowing me down so that nothing horrible happens?" Immediately, my soul would calm down and my haste would subside. It's not a very theologically sound philosophy, but it makes me happy, nonetheless! Similar thoughts have crossed my mind as I've witnessed the results of the tireless efforts of our Southern Hills family.

Have you ever wondered how the sanctuary paraments get placed, and how it happens that they are always the correct liturgical color? I've never served a church that was so conscientious about such a thing, and yet, I haven't even been asked to assist in this endeavor. One Saturday afternoon, last spring, my youngest daughter and I were skating in our empty parking lot. A car appeared with several people, who got out and went inside the church. They returned to their automobile about a half an hour later. After they were gone, I went into the sanctuary to discover that the "Parament Angels" had been at work again! These "angels," perhaps better known as the Altar Guild, quietly do their work so that we, as worshippers, are visually guided to the Holy One through the traditional colors of our liturgical seasons, as well as the adornments on our altar. While they do not require affirmation, it seems fitting to affirm them for their tireless work on our behalf. Altar Guild members include: **Brenda Baker, Lauren Belcher, Rob Claybrook, Leslie Hay, Sandra Jackson, Karen Janes, Becky Malone; Harry Miller, and Lynn Osborne.** Next time you see one of these "angels," offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their ministry in our midst!

Graded Handbell Program Begins August 21



This fall, we are offering a graded handbell program for children and youth, grades K-12. The program will include **Children's Chimes** for grades K-2; **Older Elementary Handbell Choir**, for grades 3-5; and our **Youth Handbell Choir**, for grades 7-12. All handbell choirs will begin the week of August 21, and van transportation will be provided for the Older Elementary Handbell Choir. Below, you will find the weekly rehearsal schedule. Please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org) to register for the age appropriate handbell choir:

- Sunday** **4:30-5:00 p.m.** *Children's Chimes* (grades K-2)
 7:00-8:00 p.m. *Youth Handbell Choir* (grades 6-12)
- *Monday** **4:30-5:30 p.m.** *Older Elementary Handbell Choir* (grades 3-5)
 **van transportation from local school/childcare centers provided after 3:00 p.m.;*
 please contact Joan to make arrangements.



Kick-Off August 21

Our Children's Choirs, for ages 4 through the 5th grade will begin their fall season on Sunday, August 21, from 5-6 p.m. with an Ice Cream Sundae party and introductory rehearsal. If you know of children in this age group, please encourage them to get involved with music ministries, this year.

Parents Sing Praise!

All parents of our children's choir members are invited to participate in our new praise team – "Parents Sing Praise!" This group will lead music for our monthly "Worship Celebration," which will incorporate the brand new United Methodist supplement, **Worship and Song**. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, immediately following Children's Choir, from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided.



Coming In September 

Slated for Tuesdays, this Fall

All youth (guys and girls), grades 6 thru 12 are invited to participate in the Southern Hills Youth Choir, this fall. Rehearsals are tentatively set for Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., beginning August 23.

Worship on Wednesdays

Plans are underway for our Fall Programming, which will include a midweek meal followed by a 45 minute worship experience, varying in style. Please make plans to share your Wednesday evenings with your Southern Hills Family!



SHUMY YOUTH GROUP



August is chock-full of great events for us! Here's what we're up to for this month!

Final Youth Meeting of the Summer

We will be having our last normal youth group meeting of the summer on August 7th from 4-6 p.m. at the church. After this meeting, we will go back to the 5-7 p.m. time slot as we start our new and exciting fall semester! Don't miss it!

KICK OFF FALL EVENT!!

On August 14th, you will want to be at the church at 5 p.m. for a special surprise kick-off event to bring in our new semester. Come as you are, bring friends, and get ready for a blast! We will be revealing our new theme for the semester along with the fall calendar of events.

NewSong Music Festival

Artists like Family Force 5, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, The Afters, and Me In Motion will be at Camp Loucon to head up Newsong festival 2011. The dates are August 19th - 21st. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. on August 19th and be back around noon on the 21st. Cost of this event will be \$60 for the weekend. **IMPORTANT:** Adam needs to know BY AUGUST 8TH if you are going. Your money and permission form need to be in by that date. Get your money in ASAP!

REMINDER: Don't forget our compassion child that we have adopted! Bring in \$1 or more each month!

Website ~ Our new website has launched! You can find us at www.shumyouth.org. You will find the new fall semester permission form that everyone must fill out on the site. Also, facebook us and find us on twitter (shumysource)! We invite all of our middle school and high school age students to come worship with us on Sunday nights from 5-7pm. We will have music, lessons, fellowship, food, and fun! Come check out youth group and bring a friend!

-Adam Vodicka and Cory Fetzer

Bible Studies

High School Girls – Tuesdays at 7pm at the Vodicka House

High School Boys – Wednesdays at 7am at Chick-Fil-A (starts August 17th)

Middle School boys and girls – Wednesdays at 7pm at the Youth House

Middle School boys and girls – Sundays at 9:30 in the Fireside Room (starts August 14th)

From the Business Office ~ Bill McKinney

Current Income / Expense		
Thru 22 July 2011		
		% Budgeted
INCOME		
	(in thousands)	
SHECP	508	52.2
Contributions	758	59.8
Other Income	27	48.6
Total Income	1293	56.3
EXPENSES		
SHECP	565	58.2
Capital	79	66.2
Property	76	51.1
Personnel	414	54.6
Administrative	98	45.4
Education & Worship	24	46.3
Leisure & Outreach	19	64.8
Total Expenses	1275	55.6
Balance	18	



“Deliverance Frees us, community binds us, the image of Christ defines us” - The Source focuses on Hebrews 5:9b: “He became the Source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.” Christ’s love and sacrifice is a constant reminder and motivator for all actions in our day-to-day lives. We are called to be a unique, radical people to build lasting relationships with any and all around us. I invite you to browse the ministries available here and to our services (9:30am in Herren Hall) to see

how we can work together to impact each other, Lexington, and the world for Christ.

~Adam Vodicka, Pastor

- THANK YOU!! – All of us at The Source would like to thank the church and its leaders for allowing us to use Herren Hall for our new permanent meeting place. We have received so much love and support from the church for this move and we have seen significant growth and energy come from this move. Thank you so much and we are excited to see the future of The Source grow in the place where the original members of Southern Hills worshiped!
- Worship Service for Lexington Country Place – Lexington Country Place is looking for help to set up a worship service for their residents every 5th Sunday at 2:30pm in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to spread Christ’s kingdom and love to those who cannot get out to attend a service. If you would like to lead prayer, speak, share music, etc... for this, please let Pastor Adam know at avodicka@southernhillsumc.org.
- Source Small Group – We have a small group that meets every Sunday morning at 11am in the activities building. We are currently studying the book “Same kind of different as Me”. Please come and enjoy fellowship with each other! Email Stephanie Moore at sdm528@gmail.com for more info.
- NEW Preaching Series – On September 11th, we will start a 5 week series exploring the humor and laughter in the Bible. Come join us as we explore a side of the faith that often gets ignored!!

Find us on Facebook (The Source) and
Twitter (Shumysource)!
www.sourceworship.com

**Pray for Paul and Marty Law
Missionaries to the Congo**

Sermons in August

August 7th – Guest Preacher: Jeremy Woodley

August 14th – Tenacious Faith: Genesis 45:1-15

August 21st – Spiritual Gift Sunday: Romans 12:1-8

August 28th – Guatemala Sunday: Meet in Sanctuary!



A reminder to the UMW Board members that we have a **very important** board meeting at **6:30 on August 3rd**. We will be discussing some possible changes to the UMW. Please plan to attend. Nancy Korb



Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Christmas stockings for the Methodist Home.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing and to those who worked so hard to put it together.

I would like to thank all of our ladies for following through on a few lines from a poem I try to remember: "It's sharing and caring and finding time to be helpful to others, Lord, as you have been to me." The ladies of Southern Hills came through with flying colors from Christmas Stockings, to shoes for the tornado victims and now to re-stocking our own Methodist Mountain Mission, and this has all been in the month of July.

Blessings to all, Carlene Ott

Human Trafficking. We read about it in the newspaper and hear about it on the news. We shake our heads in sadness and think, "I wish there were something I could do about this, but what?" Marissa Robinson Castellanos, Project Manager with Catholic Charities of Louisville and Adjunct Instructor at St. Catharine College, is coming to share her expertise about this crime and offer suggestions about what we can do to help. Don't miss it! **Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room.** ~Susan Burberry



August Meetings

The Meade Shotwell Circle will have a brunch at Susan Day's home on Saturday, August 6th.

The Pat Herren Circle has its Annual Salad Luncheon and White Elephant Sale on Tuesday, August 9th in the Kitchen in the Activities Building.

The Sarah Bagby Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 10th at noon in the Fireside Room. Everyone bring your own sack lunch. We will eat and fellowship from 12:00 to 12:30 and then begin our program and business meeting at 12:30. Our speaker will be Cory Fetzger, our Assistant Youth Minister. He will give his testimony and talk about his work at Southern Hills.



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3rd Annual Ron Zavitz Memorial Golf Scramble

This year's golf scramble is tentatively scheduled for a 1:00 p.m. tee time on Saturday, October 15, 2011. We will again be looking for participants, hole sponsors, and volunteers to help make this year's event a huge success. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join the fun and fellowship, and help support our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading programs. Be on the

look out for details in the upcoming weeks and please consider how you might be involved and who you know that might want to be involved as well. If you would like more information, to participate, sponsor a hole, or volunteer contact Chris Hogg at (859) 277-6176 or email chogg@southernhills.umc.org.

Our worship services may be heard on 630 WLAP-AM radio every Sunday at 8:30 A.M., brought to you by Quantrell Cadillac, Volvo and Subaru and Al Torstrick Insurance.