



The Messenger

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From the Senior Pastor:



THE BACKPACK MINISTRY FOR ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN THIS FALL

We will be renewing our efforts at Southern Hills this fall to provide a Backpack Ministry at Arlington Elementary School. The mission continues: to help combat pervasive hunger in our Fayette County schools. We have partnered with The Rock/La Roca, our mission church on North Limestone, right across the street from Arlington. Rev. Rosario Picardo is the new pastor at La Roca. I have already talked to him about the backpack ministry, and he is very concerned and passionate about the needs of

their neighborhood school. We have heard the story from enough teachers and school officials in town- children are coming to school hungry. Many teachers even keep food in their desks to stave off the hunger pangs which are actually a factor in a child's inability to learn. At Arlington Elementary, 91% of the children are on the Free Lunch program- about 260 children. These figures will change with the fall enrollment, but not by much. Being on this Free Lunch program means the children have food security issues- that they are at significant risk of being without food because of the extreme poverty of their parents and families. We have stories of families eating in shifts- some eat the available food one day, others on the next.

How critical is this need? Here are some facts that have really caught our attention: nationally, if a child finishes fourth grade and is not reading at a beginning fourth grade level, all the indicators for that child's life go down- ability to get a job, likelihood that they will join a gang, get involved with drugs or experience the break-up of a family. In the Florida correctional system, they plan the numbers of beds they will need based on fourth grade reading scores. One way to fight this alarming trend is to address some of the fundamental needs that school children have. Our low-income kids need mentoring, tutoring and, yes, they need food. Hungry kids have difficulty learning. This is where a backpack ministry has proven effective. There are eleven schools receiving this kind of help in Lexington right now. The children need food on the weekends as well as the meals on a school day. Backpacks with nutritious food are packed by church people and sent home each Friday. The food items include some that can be shared by siblings as well as other family members.

What are the results so far? Experience indicates that attendance goes up on Fridays when the backpacks are picked up. Attendance is up on Mondays when the children return the backpacks. Reading scores go up. Visits to the school nurse go down! These kinds of statistics are known by the staff at Arlington Elementary, and they are very excited about backpack ministry at their school. Linda Prater, the Arlington Family Life Coordinator, spoke to our congregation one Sunday morning, telling of the enthusiastic and positive reaction from the children. Mike Blodgett, our Backpack Ministry leader, reported that June 3rd was the last delivery of backpacks to the children of Arlington for the school term. 8,700 backpacks with over 100,000 food offerings were made available this past school year. In addition, 690 food bags were distributed for three extended breaks in the school schedule. Mike wrote, "Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to help make this ministry a success!"

What's Next? We will begin the new school year by providing 230 backpacks for children at Arlington Elementary on Friday, September 9. As before, school officials will track all statistics and determine who the neediest children are. The backpacks will be packed at La Roca. The church will also provide storage for the food items that will be gathered or

purchased. Various groups will once again be asked to participate in the packing on a rotating basis. The United Methodist Women have already committed to help through their Circles. So have our Youth and Children's Ministries. We will also be asking for assistance from men's groups, Sunday School Classes, and small groups. La Roca members and church staff will also take part in the packing and will deliver the backpacks to the Arlington school. Other churches have expressed interest in helping with this ministry, and we will be looking for more volunteers and resources to be added soon. Here are the three basic kinds of support we are asking for:

- **Sponsor a child for \$100.** This will buy a backpack/ bag and underwrite the food for a child for the entire school year starting September 3. Checks can be made out to "Backpack Ministry" and dropped in the offering plate or brought to the Business Office. The more sponsors we have, the more backpacks we can provide.
- **Designated food items will be requested** for the Southern Hills congregation to bring to church when supplemental backpacks are provided on holiday weekends.
- **Volunteer** to transport and organize the collected food or take a turn helping to pack the backpacks. If you would like to help with any aspect of the Backpack Ministry see Mike Blodgett between Sunday services or call him at 223-7715 or e-mail Mike at: mike.blodgett@insightbb.com.

Can you help us? Please be in prayer about this ministry which we know will have a very positive impact on young lives far beyond the four walls of our church. The need is great, and the time is right. Thank you!

Bill



PRISCILLA BAGLEY IS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Priscilla Bagley has accepted the position as the new Director of Children's Ministries at Southern Hills, with the strong endorsement of both the Search Committee and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She is coming 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.

Priscilla has worked with ministries to children since college, designing programs for all ages, including Vacation Bible School and music. She is currently working with her husband Kris in Children's Ministries at the First United Methodist Church in Missouri City. In addition, Priscilla is a worship leader for the contemporary service at the church, and the leader of an adult Bible Study. She is a missionary kid, and spent her early years in Guatemala. Priscilla and Kris will arrive in mid-July. Kris, who is on the path to ordination, will be a student at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore. Priscilla will officially begin her work with us on August 1. We welcome the arrival of this fine couple, and look forward to good days of ministry ahead!

IVY DEVOE COMPLETES TERM AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Ivy Devoe is completing a six month period of service to our church as the Interim Director of Children's Ministries. Ivy was the natural choice to be our interim, in part because she has worked with the children of Southern Hills, in one role or another, for the past seven years. Ivy has done a commendable job of keeping our Children's Ministries on track during this time of transition, and has loved and cared for all of our children. We are deeply grateful for her ministry. Thanks, Ivy!

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.

Bibs or Aprons?



I recently visited a fast-growing church in Minnesota to learn from their staff. It was a privilege to witness their passion for doing high quality ministry in Jesus' name. I left with some new insights and renewed passion for the Gospel.



One of the phrases that I heard while I was there was, "We want our members to wear aprons, not bibs." Here's what they meant:

Bibs are for people who only want to be fed.
Bibs are for those who are not yet ready or willing to feed themselves.
Bibs are for those who are more interested in being served than in serving.
Bibs are for those who insist that the church exists for them and their needs.
Bibs are for babes in the faith, those who haven't caught God's vision for the church, or those who are not yet of the faith.

Aprons are for those who have a heart to serve others in Jesus' name.
Aprons are for those who know that they are the church.
Aprons are for those who don't mind getting their hands dirty.
Aprons are for those who take the time daily to feed their spiritual hunger.
Aprons are for those who are growing in faith, and hunger to help others grow.

On the night when he was betrayed, just hours before he was crucified, the very Son of God took off his outer garments, wrapped a towel around his waist, and washed his disciples' feet. When he was done he said, "I have just given you an example to follow." In other words, Jesus called his disciples to wear aprons, not bibs.

In Matthew, Jesus is recorded as saying, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." He also said, "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for me, you will find it."

~Author Unknown



Tanning Bed Dangers

Were you aware that Tanning Beds are now listed among top cancer risks? The International Agency for Cancer Research stated lights used in tanning beds give off mainly ultraviolet radiation, which cause skin and eye cancer. UVA rays also penetrate deep into skin, causing destruction and loss of skin elasticity and damaging your immune system. People who use tanning beds are 2.5 times more likely to develop squamous cell carcinoma, 1.5 times more likely to develop basal cell carcinoma and for those who are exposed to tanning beds before age 35 their risk of melanoma are increased by 75 percent.

One may think using a tanning bed to get that "base" tan will protect them from skin cancer, but in reality, the lights just act as a radiation multiplier, further increasing their skin cancer risk. The occasional use of tanning beds almost triples the chances of developing melanoma. Why not give up tanning beds in 2011? It could save your life and your looks. The Health & Wellness Team encourage you to be wise and consider the risk before utilizing Tanning Beds.



AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth
ANNUAL DAY

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Versailles, KY

Gates open at 9:00 a.m., Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

We are asking for your help in obtaining auction items for our Annual Day Friends of the Children Auction. In addition to the live auction, we have a silent auction and bake sale. You may take your donations to the Versailles Campus Administration Bldg., 2050 Lexington Rd., Versailles. Please recommend a value for your items. Every item donated or financial gift makes a difference.



SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Items needed for the Silent and Live Auctions:

- Quality antique furniture, lamps, tables and other antique items
- Art: paintings, sculptures, prints, etc.
- New and used items in excellent condition, such as bicycles, TVs, furniture, etc.
- Weekend/holiday getaways, time-shares, hotel gift cards
- Collections and collectors' items, such as autographed game balls, figurines, pottery
- Handmade quilts and afghans
- Household items such as dishes, glassware, matching table linens, etc.
- Hand crafted items such as wooden shelves, wreaths, large Christmas decorations, etc.
- Gift certificates to local merchants such as oil changes, car washes, restaurants, etc.
- Other unique ideas:
 - Golf package for 9 or 18 holes
 - 30 minute Massage
 - Salon visit for hair styling, manicure, pedicure
 - One night stay at Bed and Breakfast

For Kids:

- Tickets to Children's museum
- Gift cards - Build-A-Bear, Toys R Us,...

In order for your item to be included in the Live Auction, we must receive it no later than noon on Friday, September 10 to allow time for the auctioneer to plan the auction.

*If you have any questions, you may call -
 Luanne Bullock 223-7345,
 Delores Harper 296-6579, or
 The Methodist Home 873-4481.



Bake Sale

Items Needed:

- Cakes - Muffins - Brownies -
- Candy - Cookies - Dessert Bars -
- Breads - Pies (These items may be brought on Annual Day to the gym before the program.)
- Be sure to wrap items individually (1 dozen cookies, 1 loaf of bread, etc.) and include a list of ingredients or the recipe with each item. This will help those with dietary restrictions and allergies.
- Note: Health Department regulations prohibit cream-filled or home canned items.*
- Please put prices on items.

Worship ~ Joan Wooden



A few weeks ago, my family and I moved into a home that we recently purchased after over 10 months in a lovely little rent-house. It was a great place to stay, but I was pleased that it was only temporary, for the windows did not easily open. I missed the fresh air on those cool fall and spring days, and so one of the first things I did when we moved into our own home was to open all of the windows. Luckily, the weather cooperated, and the evenings were cool for a few days. The first morning, I was awakened by wonderful chirping of birds that gently nudged me out of my slumber. It was a beautiful sound, as though God was greeting me. "Good morning, God!" I thought, as I happily got out of bed. That encounter with the Holy One was all too familiar, yet it took me a moment to realize the other

places where I feel God's presence so clearly.

One of my favorite times of the week is actually on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. You guessed it - choir practice! Our choir is made up of very special people who enjoy singing together and are themselves, full of joy. During the first 10 minutes, as they are warming up their voices and I hear them blending so beautifully, I am keenly aware of God's presence. It's not the kind of presence that makes one inhibited or stiff. Rather, it's simply God delighting in His people - gathered to prepare music for worship - to rehearse and to fellowship. It is a holy encounter; one that sustains me for the remainder of the week.

Sunday mornings are much the same. As we gather for worship, God is present, delighting in each of us. The ministry of our greeters and ushers sets the tone for a holy encounter, simply by their warmth and gentle smiles. Equally as important, *your* encounters with one another as you meet in the pews often reflect God's presence in our midst. All of these holy encounters occur before the actual service begins!

As you go about your daily life, I hope you have those moments when you are cognizant of God's presence with you and that you rejoice in this understanding. I also hope you have things that you do during the week that bring you sheer joy and remind you that God is, in fact, delighting in you! Finally, I hope that, as you prepare for worship each week, you are mindful that God's presence is very real in our corporate worship and that *you* can be a reflection of God's love to those around you.



Needed: Instrumentalists of All Ages!

Do you have an orchestra or band instrument in your closet that you would enjoy playing again? Do you already play in your middle school, high school or college band or orchestra? Do you enjoy music? Then why not make a short term commitment to music ministries at Southern Hills by joining our newly organized **Instrumental Ensemble?**

Instrumentalists of **all ages** are needed to make this a success! Rehearsals will be held in the choir room on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m., with our first performance scheduled for July 27th, as part of our Annual Ice Cream Social.

United Methodist Women ~ Linda Rowland

Stockings for Children!



**Christmas Stocking Marathon
July 6th**

All ladies of the church are invited to come and help. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Come prepared to iron, sew, chat and create those lovely stockings enjoyed by the children of the Methodist Children's Home.

The Sarah Bagby Circle will be going to the Merrick Inn at noon on July 13th for our annual Birthday Luncheon.

The Pat Herren, Meade Shotwell and Faith Susannah Circles do not meet in July.



Ice Cream Social

**CHURCH WIDE
SUMMER CELEBRATION**
Everyone is invited to come out
and enjoy the evening beginning with our



**Hymn
Sing**

**Annual Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing
July 27th
6:30 - 8:30 pm.**

Sponsored by the Southern Hills United Methodist Women.
Susi Mollencop and Becky Goodrich are in charge.



Bring your bikes!

Following the ice cream social and hymn sing,
join us in the parking lot for

Games

and then at dark we will celebrate with

Fireworks!



**Water
Slide**



Chris Hogg is in charge of outdoor activities!



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

Cave Run Boating Trip

We are going to Cave Run Lake on July 6th for swimming, boating, food, and fun! We will leave the church at 10am and be back around 5pm. Cost will be \$20. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Cedar Point Trip

Hurry, as our slots for this are filling up fast! We will be going to Cedar Point Amusement Park on July 13th for a whole day of roller coasters and thrills! Cost for this trip will be \$50 and we will leave promptly at 6am to get there for the park opening. We will be staying the night at a local Methodist church in Ohio and arriving back in Lexington at 11:00am the next day, so bring sleeping bags, toiletries, etc...

Red's Game

The Reds will be playing the Cardinals on July 17th at 1:10pm, and we will be there! Cost is \$30 and we will provide food and transportation. We will leave right after The Source (10:30am) and be back around 5 or 6pm. Added bonus – we get to run the bases after the game!

Paintball War

We will be going to Louisville to play paintball all day on July 20th! Cost is \$30 (which includes food, paintball field fee, transportation, and paint usage) and we will leave the church at 9am and be back around 5pm.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Bring a camera to the church on July 24 from 5-7pm for our annual scavenger hunt! Food will be provided.

Church camping

We are going to camp at the youth house on July 26th! Bring your tents to set up in the backyard. It will start at 8pm and go until 7am on July 27th. Cost is \$10.

Website

Our new website has launched! You can find us at www.shumyouth.org 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 at a new time in the summer (4pm-6pm). Come check out youth group and bring a friend!

-Adam Vodicka and Cory Fetzer

Bible Studies – Tuesdays at 7pm at Vodicka's house (for high school girls), Wednesdays at 7pm at the youth house (for middle school boys and girls)



“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 the Herren Hall) to see how we can work together to impact each other, Lexington, and the world for Christ.

-Adam Vodicka, Pastor

· We have moved! – The Source is now meeting at a new location: Herren Hall! Our first service there was May 15th and was truly a time of renewal and blessing. We hope to continue to grow, so bring people with you and worship God with us as we continue in a new place that God has blessed us with.

· Guatemala 2011 – Don’t forget to support all your fellow brothers and sisters that are going to Guatemala to aid in building a church! If you would like to know how to donate or pray for an individual, email Pastor Adam at avodicka@southernhillsumc.org. Our silent auction to benefit the trip will be July 9th from 6-8pm, so come out and support the mission! Tickets are \$5.

· Source Small Group – We have a small group that meets every Sunday morning at 11pm 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.

· Outdoor Service! – We will be having an outdoor service and picnic at The Source on July 17th...bring a picnic blanket and invite your friends! The picnic will take place in front of the crosses by the activities building at 9:30am.

Sermons in July

July 3rd – One for All (1 Peter 2:17-25)

July 10th – Guest Preacher: Cory Fetzer

July 17th – You Can Run, but You Can’t Hide (Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24)

July 24th – What Have You Done Lately? (Psalms 105:1-11)

July 31st – Guest Preacher: Eric Hughes (remember to pray for your Guatemala Mission Team!)

Find us on Facebook (The Source) and Twitter (Shumysource)!

www.sourceworship.com

From the Business Office—

In June we completed the window replacement project for the Tulsa side of the church— including the ministers’ offices. We hope to address other window replacements in the next few years. New doors for the alternate Sanctuary entrance, matching the new main entrance doors, should be installed no later than July.

We normally forward contribution statements in July as a mid-year “how goes it” for those who pledge. However, one can tell from the following chart our giving has been consistent throughout this year, with only a few falling behind. To save reproduction and mailing costs, we’ll not send the normal notice this time and ask that you contact me if you need information on your giving. We’ll try to resolve the issue over the phone/email or I’ll forward a statement for your use. Here’s my info: Phone: 859-277-6176; email: bmckinney@southernhillsumc.org.


I appreciate those who participate in our Kroger gift card program — your taking the time to use and reload your cards provides hundreds in rebates to the church every month.

Like last year, the business office will be closed most Friday afternoons. Please see me or Carol, Monday - Thursday for church business. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,
Bill McKinney

Current Income / Expense		
Thru 15 June 2011		
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
INCOME		
SHECP	405	41.7
Contributions	639	50.4
Other Income	25	43.5
Total Income	1069	46.6
EXPENSES		
SHECP	445	45.7
Capital	64	53.2
Property	65	43.3
Personnel	334	44.1
Administrative	78	36.4
Education & Worship	20	38.7
Leisure & Outreach	18	63.3
Total Expenses	1024	44.6
Balance	45	

Stephen Ministry: Caring for Hurting People”



**BEAR ONE ANOTHER’S BURDENS...
...and thus fulfill the law of Christ.**

Stephen ministry may be the “quietest ministry” at church, because it happens out of the spotlight, through providing one-to-one care for individuals experiencing difficult, uncertain or stressful circumstances of all kinds. SHUMC’s Stephen Ministry team is comprised of dedicated, caring individuals who want to make a difference by responding to the call to “bear one another’s burdens.” To talk to a caring Stephen Minister, contact one of SHUMC’s Stephen Leaders: David Bowles, Jo Palmer, or Barbie Lally at 277-6176.

Pray for Paul and Marty Law - Missionaries to the Congo



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- July 3 - Independence Sunday- "The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control," 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- July 10 - "It's Cool in the Furnace," Daniel 3:19-30
- July 17 - "Living It Up in the Lion's Den," Daniel 6:16-23
- July 24 - "Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow," Luke 4:16-21- Rev. Dennis Burrows
- July 31- "Life Lessons from a Talking Donkey," Numbers 22:20-31

**SOUTHERN HILLS PEOPLE AT
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Our church was well-represented during the activities at the Kentucky Annual Conference, June 8-11 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington. Oran Little, Lay Leader, and Bill Kimbrell, Administrative Board Chair, were our delegates to Annual Conference present for the Laity session and during voting for the election of General Conference delegates. Margie Groves, who headed up the Prayer Ministry for Annual Conference, was also one of our delegates. United Methodist ministers are appointed year to year in our system. Bill Moore and Dennis Burrows are grateful to report that Bishop Lindsey Davis has reappointed them to Southern Hills for the 2011-2012 Conference year. As most people know by now, John Hatton was appointed at this conference to serve the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church in Paintsville. A special note of congratulations is in order to John who was appointed as a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska. This is the Conference that elects new Bishops in our Jurisdiction.

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