



The Messenger

A publication of
Southern Hills
United Methodist Church
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Lexington, Ky 40503

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From the Senior Pastor:

GOD TAKES OUR LITTLE AND MAKES IT MUCH

At our Celebration Sunday Services on November 13 we will invite members of Southern Hills to make their faith commitments in support of the projected church budget for 2012. Our theme this year is **“Extravagant Generosity: the Heart of Giving”**, which reminds us that God has given us everything that we have, including our material possessions, because of His kindness and generosity. In his book *Come Share the Being*, Bob Benson writes about God’s incredible grace and the amazing ways in which God shares Himself with us. He writes:

Do you remember when they had old fashioned Sunday school picnics? It was before air-conditioning. They said, “We’ll meet at Sycamore Lodge in Shelby Park [This is in Nashville, TN. Ask Wiley Finney about it!] at 4:30 Saturday. You bring your supper and we’ll furnish the tea.”

But you came home at the last minute and when you got ready to pack your lunch, all you could find in the refrigerator was one dried up piece of baloney and just enough mustard in the bottom of the jar so that you got it all over your knuckles trying to get to it. And there were just two stale pieces of bread. So you made your baloney sandwich and wrapped it in some brown bag and went to the picnic. And when it came time to eat you sat at the end of a table and spread out your sandwich.

But the folks next to you- the lady was a good cook and she had worked all day and she had fried chicken, and baked beans, and potato salad, and homemade rolls, and sliced tomatoes, and pickles, and olives, and celery, and topped it off with two big homemade chocolate pies. And they spread it all out beside you and there you were with your baloney sandwich. But they said to you, “Why don’t we put it all together?” “No, I couldn’t do that, I just couldn’t even think of it,” you murmured embarrassedly. “Oh, come on, there’s plenty of chicken and plenty of pie, and plenty of everything- and we just love baloney sandwiches. Let’s put it all together.” And so you did and there you sat- eating like a king when you came as a pauper.

The point is this: We bring our little, and God brings His much, and in His amazing grace, God says, “Let’s put it all together.” Everything belongs to God, yet He invites us to partner with Him in sharing all the good things He has provided for us. Some call this stewardship. We call it “Extravagant Generosity.”

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:11

Bill

	<p>Sermons: Nov. 6 - “From Death...Life”, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Dennis Burrows, preaching, Nov. 13 - “Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of the Heart”, John 12:1-8 Nov. 20 - “A House on Gratitude Street”, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 Nov. 27 - Series: “Journey to Bethlehem,” “How Can This Be?” Luke 1:26-38</p>
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Ministry ~ Rev. Dennis Burrows

“Life is like tennis: the one who serves the most seldom loses!”



I have not received an attendance comparison between last year (backpack) and the year before, however, the more significant numbers may just be the No Child Left Behind goals just released. Arlington raised the percentage of students reading on proficient and distinguished levels 3 percentage points and 9 points for students that are now performing proficient and distinguished in math. Although those numbers may not seem overly impressive at first glance, it shows a different story when compared to the other 51 Fayette County schools. Only 3 other schools had more than the combined 12 percentage point gain. If you assume attendance is up on backpack days and you assume that learning is taking place then I think it is safe to say we have invested well in the children of Arlington.

~Mike Blodgett

Are You A Caregiver?

Rosalyn Carter said it best: *“There are only four kinds of people in the world – those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers”*.

Caregivers are needed for family members of all ages. The family caregiver might be family, friend, partner or neighbor. The caregiver fulfills a vital role in caring for those who cannot care for themselves. A caregiver might feel a sense of isolation and is hesitant to speak up for fear of being misunderstood. However, speaking up is one of the best ways to reduce feelings of isolation and relieve emotions bottled inside.

November is National Family Caregivers Month. If you know someone that is a caregiver, give them a call to let them know they are not forgotten. Let us all work to:

- Raise awareness of family caregiver issues
- Educate family caregivers about feelings of isolation
- Increase support for family caregivers

The Health and Wellness Ministry encourages everyone to “Reach out, touch a caregiver and let them know how special they are”!



Would you like to become a member of our Southern Hills UMC Faith Community?

On Sunday, November 20, we will be having a Membership Sunday, welcoming a group of new members at both of our Sanctuary services, 9:30 and 11:00. If you have been considering membership we would like to include you on this special day! Please contact our Membership Secretary, Joyce Storch, at 277-6176 for more information and so that we can plan for your participation. Thanks!



Saturday, Nov. 12
9:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.

Wilmore Senior Community Center
at Wesley Village
1125 Lexington Road, Wilmore, KY

Come and browse the variety of booths
and find that perfect gift for those special
people on your list!

What Kind of Woman Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?



A woman like Sarah

who faced a major change in life at an advanced age
and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.

A woman like Hagar

who was abandoned along with her child
and needed someone to offer her hope and remind her of God's
presence.

A woman like Hannah

who struggled with her inability to bear a child
and needed someone with whom to share her sadness and pain.

A woman like Naomi

who had lost her loved ones
and needed someone to hear her sorrow and pain.

A woman like Ruth

who left everything that was familiar to her
and needed someone to journey with her in her new life.

A woman like Esther

who was faced with a major decision
and needed someone who could listen to her concerns and offer encouragement.

A woman like Mary of Nazareth

who lived with both the joys and struggles of having an exceptional child
and needed someone to help her sort out the ponderings of her heart.

A woman like Martha

who was burdened by the demands of daily life
and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.

A woman like Mary Magdalene

who received healing from inner turmoil
and needed someone to walk with her as she built a new life.

A woman like you.

*If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you,
please call Jo Palmer, Barbie Lally or David Bowles at 277-6176*



**A Special
Birthday**

The children of **Dr. James A. Shepherd** invite you to join us in celebrating his

90th birthday, Sunday, November 27, 2011

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Asbury Hall, First United Methodist Church

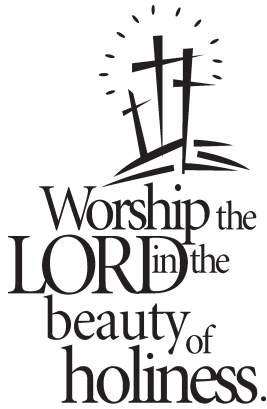
211 Washington St.

Frankfort, KY 40601

mydye@wnccumc.org

Worship ~ Joan Wooden

Worship on Wednesday
6:15-7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary



1 Chronicles 16:29

November 2: Celebration Worship

This service will be led by our newest praise band, *Celebration*, made up of some of our staff members: **Priscilla Bagley**, vocalist; **Chris Hogg** and **Bill Moore**, guitars; **Adam Vodicka**, percussion; and **Joan Wooden**, keyboard. All of our music will be selected from the United Methodist Church's newest hymnal supplement *Worship and Song*, which includes music from a variety of genres.

November 9: Source Worship

This contemporary service is led by members of the **Source Praise Band**, and includes music, prayers, and a powerful message, delivered by our **Source** pastor, **Adam Vodicka**.

November 16: Worship in the Style of Taizé with Holy Communion.

A small vocal ensemble from our Chancel Choir, including **Rick Arnold**, **John Francis**, **Bob Hooker**, **Fran Wilson**, and **Joan Wooden**, as well as instrumentalists **Fred Hanchett**, clarinet; **Bonnie Lynch**, horn; **Bill Moore**, guitar; **Jill Townsend**, flute; and **James Humlong**, piano, will lead this meaningful contemplative prayer service with Holy Communion. In addition, visuals will be provided by **Lynn Osborne** and our liturgist will be **Ruth Ann Storrow**.

November 23: No services.

November 30: Family Led Worship

Priscilla Bagley, our new Children's Director, is developing this intergenerational service, which will be led by our children and their parents.



An Invitation: LOVE Open for New Members

Our Ladies Only Vocal Ensemble (LOVE) would like to extend an invitation to all women of the church to join this very special choir. The choir, made up of a terrific group of women who love praising God through music, meets on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., three weeks out of every month, and sings for worship once a month. Practices are informal and fun! All rehearsals are held in the choir room.



Save the Date!

A **Festival of Christmas**, our annual music ministries Christmas concert, will be held on **Wednesday, December 14**, at **6:30 p.m.**



Indianapolis Children's Choir to Present Concert Saturday, November 19

"The Lyric Choir," made up of select fourth thru eighth graders from the **Indianapolis Children's Choir**, will present a concert at Southern Hills on Saturday, November 19. We are honored to host this choir, under the direction of Ruth Dwyer, a nationally recognized conductor. Ruth, the niece of our own Nancy Beck, is a frequent guest conductor and clinician for festivals, conferences, colleges and universities across the United States and abroad. She is internationally recognized as a treble choir specialist and Kodály educator.

For over 25 years, the Indianapolis Children's Choir has been recognized for educational and artistic excellence around the world. Founded in 1986 by artistic director Henry Leck, the ICC offers programs for toddlers through high school age children. Each year, the ICC presents its own concert season and also performs in a wide variety of professional, civic, and private functions. Our UMW has graciously agreed to provide a meal for the choir, prior to their concert. The UMW always offers wonderful hospitality to guests of our church, and their meal will be delicious. This will be organized by **Kay Griffin**. The **Chancel Choir**, **Chime Choir**, and **our Elementary Children's Choir** will also perform in this very special concert. It will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend.



"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 (9:30

a.m. in Herren Hall) to see how we can work together to impact each other, Lexington, and the world for Christ. -Adam Vodicka, Pastor

· **Supper 8** – Are you a couple looking for a way to meet new couples? Join Supper 8! This is a program where we pair 4 couples up to have dinner with each other, rotating at each couple's places. No structure at all, just fun and fellowship! Talk to Pastor Adam or email him with questions.

· **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. (FIRST SERVICE IS OCT. 30TH!)

· **Source Small Group** – We have a small group that meets every Sunday morning at 11pm in the activities building. Pastor Adam will be leading a six week study of Philippians starting October 23rd. Please come and enjoy fellowship with each other! Email Stephanie Moore at sdm528@gmail.com for more info.

· **NEW Young Women's Small Group** – Every Monday night at 7pm @ the Vodicka House, a group of young women (20-50) meet for fellowship and a closer look at the Word. Sarah Billings and Danielle Roark lead this group. If interested email them at sarahbillings@gmail.com or danielleroark@gmail.com.

Sermons in November

November 6th – Guest Preacher

November 13th – Veteran's Day: Holy Armor, Ephesians 6:10-18

November 20th – Thanksgiving: The Language of Thanks, 1 Corinthians 14:15-19

November 27th – Guest Preacher

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

United Methodist Women ~ Linda Rowland



Officers for 2012

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Patricia Herren Circle: Jo Ann Boswell
Faith-Susannah Wesley Circle: Dee Dapson & Virginia Atwood
Sarah Bagby Mid-Day Circle: Joyce Buckley
New Life Circle: Patti Lester & Kay Griffin
YUM: Becky Goodrich

All UMW Unit officers have a training session Nov. 5th at St. Luke's UMC. They will meet in the Sanctuary from 9:30 to 12:00. St. Luke's UMW will be having their Bazaar as a fund raiser from 9:00 to ?. Get there early for hot cider and browsing, or stay late and they have sandwiches for sale.



OCTOBER
Fallderral

We hope that all the participants in the Fallderral enjoyed the cakes and cupcakes the UMW provided for the cake walk.

The UMW Unit will not be selling pecans this year. In lieu of this, we will be collecting a **LOVE offering** from the UMW members to help make up for this. We still want to be give to our charities. You may give the offering between now and December 31, 2011.

Church Women United Is Friday, November 4th at 9:30 for fellowship and 10:00 for celebration. This is World Community Day: Living our Faith, unlocking action. It will be held at Arlington Christian Church 1206 N. Limestone in Lexington.



The UMW will be helping to coordinate and provide a meal for the **Indianapolis Children's Choir** that is coming on November 19th. Thanks to all who are helping with this.

Thanks to all who made baby quilts that will be taken to Conference this weekend.

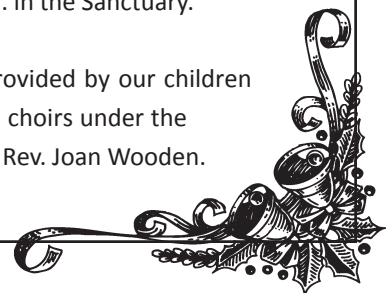


Celebrate the Season
With the Women
Of
Southern Hills United Methodist Church

All women are invited to
Enjoy Christmas Music and Fellowship at our
Annual
Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday, December 7
At 630 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Music will be provided by our children
and youth choirs under the
direction of Rev. Joan Wooden.





The Meade Shotwell Circle will meet on Monday November 14th, at 7:00 at Pat Tuttle's home. Please bring a jar of Spaghetti sauce for the Children's Choir Supper. The program will be announced later.

The Pat Herren Circle will meet on November 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Diane Sutton from Central Baptist Hospital will speak on "Benefits of Exercise at Any Age".

The Faith Susannah Wesley Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 9th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church. Susan Burberry will speak to us about Fair Trade products.

The Sarah Bagby Circle will be going out for lunch on Wednesday, November 9th, at noon at the Friendship Tea Room at the Gift Box. Please call Linda Rowland at 219-1339 to make your reservation. Guests are welcome.

The YUM Circle will be changing the date for the November meeting because of Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin for the new date. We will be discussing the Adopt-A-Family project and gearing up for Upward Basketball. We are always looking for new faces. If you like to eat and would like to get to know some of the "newer" members of the church, please join us. We will have snacks and a baby-sitter, so plan on joining us.

SHUMY YOUTH GROUP

Here's what's coming up in youth...

FALL RETREAT IS COMING!

Our big fall retreat for the semester is right around the corner! We will be going to Aldersgate Camp for fellowship, growth, and fun. The dates are November 18th-20th. We will leave the church at 5pm on the 18th and be back on the 20th around noon. Cost for the retreat is \$80 but if money is a problem, talk to Adam and we can work it out. WE JUST WANT YOU THERE! Feel free to bring friends too.

Reminder...

November 27th normal youth group activities have been cancelled due to Thanksgiving. Spend time with family and friends and thank God for all the blessings in your life!

SHUMY Service

On November 12th, we will be reaching out to the community in Lexington to serve them in a unique and fun way. It will be from 10am-3pm with lunch provided. Don't miss out on being Christ's hands and feet to our community!

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

Bible Studies

High School Girls – Tuesdays at 7pm at the Vodicka House
High School Boys – Wednesdays at 7am at Chick-Fil-A
Middle School boys and girls – Wednesdays at 7pm at the Youth House
Middle School boys and girls – Sundays at 9:30am in the Fireside Room

From the Business Office ~ Bill McKinney

By the time you read this, Southern Hills should be about half way through our annual Stewardship Campaign. I trust each of us will prayerfully consider the needs of our church as we decide whether and how much to pledge for this next year. Please understand that pledged income makes up the vast majority of our annual income and we count on it when developing the budget. The attached chart highlights the Administrative Board approved 2012 budget, which requires a 9% growth in income—not an unreasonable sum considering the demographic make up of our congregation. It will, however, require each of us to increase our giving as able. The outcome of our Stewardship Campaign will determine our final budget, which will be presented for approval at the January Administrative Board meeting.

There are not really that many changes in next year's budget, with the exception of a more realistic assessment of our daycare program, SHECP. We are being much more conservative with our expectations for tuition income, and with known expenses. Additionally, we have planned slight increases in our other ministries as well as increases in other operating expenses like utilities and personnel. Finally, we've added funding for an HVAC maintenance contract to assure our new HVAC systems are properly maintained. Hopefully, our Stewardship Campaign will support these needed adjustments.

As in the past, we will provide time in services on Nov 13th, our Commitment Sunday, for all to bring forward their pledge cards and place them on the altar. If you cannot attend this meaningful service, please return your card prior to that time. Should you choose not to pledge this year, it is still helpful for you to return your card so we will know you have been notified of our campaign.

A new pledge year is the perfect time to enroll in our automatic donation program. I know many of you pay bills online, or have monthly mortgage payments automatically deducted from your bank accounts. This process works just the same. If interested, please contact me directly by phone: 859-277-6176 or email: bmckinney@southernhillsumc.org.

Thanks again to 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.

Respectfully,
Bill McKinney

Proposed 2012 Budget			
<small>(In thousands, with 2011 as comparison)</small>			
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	
INCOME			
SHECP	971.8	897.6	
Contributions	1,266.3	1,385.5	
Other Income	56.8	59.7	
Total Income	2,294.9	2,342.8	
EXPENSES			
SHECP	971.8	971.3	
Capital	120.0	115.0	
Property	149.3	169.1	
Personnel	757.5	778.0	
Administrative	215.4	223.8	
Education & Worship	51.9	55.1	
Leisure & Outreach	29.0	30.5	
Total Expenses	2294.9	2342.8	



THIRD YEAR OF UPWARD BEGINS!

By now most of you know about our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program that is now in its third year at Southern Hills. In year two we showed significant growth both in numbers and in running the program. The participation jumped from 71 in the first year to 142 in the second year. The Upward committee and I look forward to seeing how much more we can grow this year!

One of the big additions this season is the availability of online registration. We have signed up with a company called Bluesombrero to run our online registrations. They have set up the website and the merchant account to allow parents to fill out their registration and make their payment from home. I hope that this among several other small improvements, helps us to accommodate a growing population of participants. Thanks for your prayers and support!



**Golf Scramble
Results**

The 3rd Annual Ron Zavitz Memorial Golf Scramble resulted about \$1500 raised to supplement the Upward budget. Thanks to all of the participants and sponsors who made it a success



The Hikers will be going to Shakertown on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Meet in front of the Activities building at 1:00 p.m. We will be having dinner at Shakertown. If you desire to have dinner please RSVP by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11 to Sid Holland 859-537-5560. Come out and enjoy fellowship with a nice group of hikers.

**Charge Conference and Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 20**

Everyone is invited to attend our Annual Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our District Superintendent Rev. Mark Girard will be present.

Our annual Thanksgiving meal will follow the conference at approximate 6:30 p.m.



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Ministers: Dr. Bill Moore
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Remember those
who are less
fortunate



Operation Christmas Child

Southern Hills UMC will be sending presents to children all over the world that may not otherwise get presents. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this effort. We have some pre-ordered boxes available or you may use your own box. All that is needed is someone who will fill them up and send them with love. Remember to add the \$7 per box for shipping.

Sunday, November 6th children will be filling boxes in Sunday School and November 13th will be the box dedication in the Sanctuary. You may bring your boxes to church anytime before the deadline of November 13.

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.