



# The Messenger

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## From the Senior Pastor:

### *“A PERSPECTIVE ON PRIORITIES”*

*“On the day that Mahatma Gandhi was killed, I was in Delhi just an hour and a quarter before the tragedy, ...the greatest tragedy since the Son of God died on the cross...”*

This is how the renowned Methodist missionary/evangelist to India, E. Stanley Jones, introduces his book, *Gandhi: Portrayal of a Friend*. Jones began his career in 1907 and helped to establish Christianity as an active movement in that vast subcontinent. He had occasion for a series of conversations with Gandhi in those turbulent years before India gained independence from British rule. Their friendship evolved as they talked of many issues of mutual concern, from human rights to religion. Gandhi had learned about Christian beliefs in his early life while living in South Africa, but had also encountered racism in the church there.

Although they often disagreed, Jones said that Gandhi showed him “more of the spirit of Christ than perhaps any other man in East or West.” The first time they met, Jones, concerned for the way Christians were perceived in that country, asked Gandhi a direct question: “How can we make Christianity part of the national life of India and contribute its power to India’s uplift? What would you, as one of the Hindu leaders of India, tell me, a Christian, to do in order to make this possible?”

Gandhi’s response was clear and direct: “First, I would suggest that all of you Christians, missionaries and all, must begin to live more like Jesus Christ. Second, practice your religion without adulterating it or toning it down. Third, emphasize love and make it your working force. Fourth, study the non-Christian religions more sympathetically to find the good that is within them, in order to have a more sympathetic approach to the people.”

E. Stanley Jones realized that Gandhi had put his finger on four critical directives that impact the individual and collective lives of Christians:

**1. Live more like Jesus Christ.** Jones’ comment: “We were worshiping Christ more than following him.” His situation is familiar to us today. We know how to go through the motions. Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”


**2. Practice your religion without adulterating it or toning it down.** Jones responds: “We don’t reject it; we reduce it- to a creed to be believed, or an emotion to be felt, or an institution to which we are to belong or to a ceremony or rite to be undergone- anything but a life to be lived!” He urges us not to inoculate the world with a mild form of Christianity as proof against the real thing.

**3. Emphasize love and make it your working force.** Gandhi was calling on Christians to adopt love as a total way of life— to make the Cross “operative in the political and economic as well as in the religious.” This was not just whimsical philosophizing from an eccentric guru. Jones reminds us that Gandhi himself adopted it as a way of life and led one of the greatest mass movements in history on that basis, winning independence for 400 million people before he himself was assassinated. He organized love instead of force, as he had learned from examining the life of Jesus Christ.

**4. Study the non-Christian religions**, Gandhi said, “more sympathetically to find the good that is within them in order to have a more sympathetic approach to the people.” This is sound advice for anyone setting out to do missions, whether it is across the ocean or across town. Showing understanding and appreciation for the beliefs and culture of others is essential in order to build bridges of truth and friendship. When truth is encountered from unusual directions we can remember that Jesus “came not to destroy but to fulfill,” so that every truth found anywhere is truth that points us to Him who is the Truth. E. Stanley Jones reminds us that we can rejoice in finding truth anywhere, “knowing that it was God-implanted and would be God-fulfilled in Christ.”

What ways can we learn to rethink and revision our shared task of ministry? The world is waiting and looking for answers beyond our church doors. Michael Slaughter of Ginghamburg UMC focuses on the task before us: “It is time for the church to rediscover the radical counter-culture mission of Jesus and move out on the edge. Jesus calls us to move beyond our contributions to commitment. Jesus didn’t die for chicken dinners, bazaars and ‘country club’ church meetings. Jesus died and then rose from the grave so that the captives could be set free. He calls us to follow in costly Discipleship.”

Bill

<h1>Sermons</h1> 	<p>Oct. 2 - “More Than Conquerors”, Romans 8</p> <p>Oct. 9 - “Renewing Your Mind”, Romans 12:1-2, Dennis Burrows preaching</p> <p>Oct. 16 - Laity Sunday, Dr. Oran Little, presiding</p> <p><b>Oct. 23 - New Services: “A Heart for Giving”</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“EKG:Ministry Flows from the Heart”, I Timothy 6:17-19</p> <p>Oct. 30 - “Relationships are Matters of the Heart”, John 13:34-35</p>
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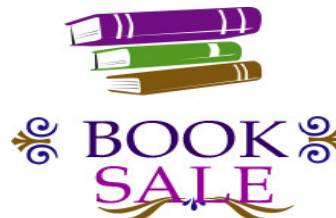
**Oct. 9 - Purpose Council Meeting**

12:15 p.m. in the Activities Building Kitchen,  
lunch will be served.

**Oct. 23 - Administrative Board Meeting**

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**The Rowland Small Group** will be holding their annual **Used Book Sale** on Sunday, October 30 in Herren Hall and at Fallderall event that afternoon. 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.



**Books for Children**

Nov. 1 - Dec. 8  
Collection dates for books.



Contact Karen Sandberg  
at 224-8772 to volunteer to help.

**Save the Date!**

*The Lyric Choir*, a 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade division of the *Indianapolis Children’s Choir*, will join Southern Hills Music Ministries in a concert on **Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The choir is under the direction of Ruth Dwyer. Please make plans to attend!

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## Ministry ~ Rev. Dennis Burrows

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

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Dear Southern Hills family,  
Thank you so much for all the love shown to our family during the illness and death of our loved one, Lew Porter. Thank you for the visits, phone calls, flowers, food and friendship.

Ellie and family

### Live Your Life Well

Live Your Life Well is dedicated to helping people better cope with stress and enhances their well being. This national public education campaign is dedicated to strengthen one of our greatest assets: our mental health which keeps us productive, energetic, happy and hopeful-even in the face of life's challenges.

To live our life well we must begin to attempt developing several issues within ourselves such as:

- Loving ourselves and others
- Accepting the Love of God
- Treasure relationships alone or together
- Learn to Listen and rest
- Learn new skills to create happiness in ourselves and others
- Establish steps in our life to develop a more spiritual walk

Surveying what is necessary to be emotionally healthy in our day to day life as well as our spiritual life is no easy task. Spiritual development and emotional intelligence appear to be powerful approaches in Living Your Life Well. The Health & Wellness Ministry Team suggests everyone challenge themselves and see if it works for all.

### Children's Ministry AREA 345

Where 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can find out just how crazy their faith can be. We will be playing fun group games and learning more about a God who loves us with a crazy, never-ending, passionate love. **Join us from 4:30- 5:15 on Sunday evenings!**

### Sullivan University, Lexington

SHUMC Backpacks and Blessings program was supported by students, faculty and staff at Sullivan University. To support the program, pounds of peanut butter and jelly were collected last week for this important project. Students in Sullivan's Culinary Arts Club made a cash donation they had earned thru a cake sale and BBQ Fund Raiser for a community project and selected Backpacks and Blessings. The students were excited to present this contribution to Mike Blodgett earlier this week at Sullivan University. Education and food are two popular topics at Sullivan University, and all who participated were thrilled to assist SHUMC with this important, needed program.

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 will have pre-ordered boxes. All that is needed is someone who will fill them up and send them with love. I hope you join us in this mission during the months of October and November!

For more information please contact Priscilla Bagley at 859-277-6176



## What Kind of Man Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

**A man like Adam**

who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life  
and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.

**A man like Noah**

who witnessed the destruction of everything around him  
and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.

**A man like Abraham**

who had to leave everything he knew  
and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.

**A man like Moses**

who faced great opposition  
and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.

**A man like David**

who grieved the death of a wayward child  
and needed a shepherd's care.

**A man like Elijah**

who thought he was all alone  
and needed a still small voice to encourage him.

**A man like Job**

who lost everything  
and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

**A man like Peter**

who found himself in over his head  
and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.

**A man like Paul**

who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh  
and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.

**A man 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.*

Pray for Paul and Marty Law - Missionaries to the Congo



This November begins **Southern Hills' 8th year**

of participating in the Lexington **"Room In The Inn"** program for homeless men. Each Saturday from mid-November to mid-April, SHUMC will transport and host up to 16 male guests overnight providing them with Christian fellowship, supper, Sunday breakfast and sack lunches, as well as a safe and warm place to sleep. Approximately 20+ Greater Lexington area churches are involved in this community mission project with us, seven days a week, for 20+ weeks, during the coldest months of the year.

This effort **CAN NOT** happen by itself. It requires a volunteer commitment on your part: from the financial expense for preparing, delivering, and /or serving a meal, to the time it takes to set up sleeping mattresses, towels and bedding, to washing mattress pads at home and delivering them back to the church by the next Thursday, to transporting men from and back to downtown Lexington, to becoming a supervisory overnight host for the evening.

We will be so grateful to have your help once or several times, in one capacity or in many, during this winter season. Sign-ups will begin in Herren Hall on Sunday, Sept. 18 - Oct. 23 between services. Look for our table!

### **ROOM IN THE INN SIGN-UP POSITIONS**

**SET-UP:** This group inflates the air mattresses electronically, makes up the beds, puts out towels and bathroom supplies, and supplies a mint/candy for each pillow.

**Meals: (A)** Prepares an evening meal of one entree, one/two vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert, serves it around 7 p.m. in the Activities kitchen, and cleans up afterwards;

**(B)** Cooks a hot breakfast or casserole and brings it to the Activities Building Saturday evening or by 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning;

**(C)** Fills 16 brown lunch bags with sandwich in a zip-loc bag, fruit, cookie, napkin, drink, and chips and brings to the Activities kitchen by 7 p.m. Saturday night. Puts Kroger-type plastic bag inside the brown bag for men to use for carrying the next day.

**OVERNIGHT HOST (2):** Supervises the men during the evening and night, sets up for breakfast, warms meal, makes coffee, makes sure lunches are ready, cleans up, deflates mattresses, collects bedding for laundry service and volunteer pick-up.

**LAUNDRY:** Comes to the Activities Building Sunday morning to pick up a maximum of 16 mattress pads, washes and dries them, and returns them to The Source Room by Thursday evening.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Trains under and must be certified by Bill McKinney to operate the step-on church bus to pick up the guests at a downtown location around 6:15 p.m. and return them to that location by 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

**MORNING HOST (if needed):** Is "on call" if any of our guests want to stay for the 9:30 a.m. church service on Sunday. Stays with the guest(s) before and during the service and returns him/them in his own car to the drop-off downtown location following the church service.

**FINANCIAL SPONSOR:** Don't have time for any of the above? Just mark your check "RITI" and put it in the collection plate!



## SHUMY YOUTH GROUP

The Fall semester of SHUMY has officially kicked off! Here's what's coming up in youth...

**Hayride: October 2<sup>nd</sup>!** - We are going to Boyd's orchard for our annual hayride and bonfire! We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and we will be back around 8:00 p.m. Bring 5 bucks and tell Adam if you are going...spots are filling up fast!! Food provided.

**M.A.D. Day and H.A.D. Day** - During Fall break, we will be taking the middle schoolers and high schoolers out on separate days. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the middle schoolers will be going to Champs for some fun! Bring \$10 and invite friends! On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the high schoolers will be going to Mad Potters to paint and then out to eat! Bring \$15 bucks and bring friends to that too!

**SHUMY Service** - As always per each semester, we will take time each month to serve the areas around us by either providing manual work, food, or just a caring ear. For this month, on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be serving specific members of the congregation for leaf-raking and general labor. Lunch is provided, meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.!

**5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Parties** - For October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> quarter party here at the church from 10pm until midnight. BRING FRIENDS!! We will have food, games and fun here to celebrate the football game (win or lose) and to outreach to those who don't normally go to church. Bring \$1 to help costs. Let's reach those around us!

**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 as at [www.shumyouth.org](http://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 – Tues. at 7 p.m. at the Vodicka House  
High School Boys – Wednesdays at 7a.m. at Chick-Fil-A  
Middle School boys and girls – Wed. 7p.m., Youth House  
Middle School boys and girls – Sun. 9:30 a.m., Fireside Room



### **“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 (9:30a.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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. 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](mailto:avodicka@southernhillsumc.org).

**Source Small Group** – We have a small group that meets every Sunday morning at 11p.m. in the Activities Building. Please come and enjoy fellowship with each other! Email Stephanie Moore at [sdm528@gmail.com](mailto:sdm528@gmail.com) for more info.

**NEW Young Women's Small Group** – Every Monday night at 7p.m. at 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 [sarahkbillings@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkbillings@gmail.com) or [danielleroark@gmail.com](mailto:danielleroark@gmail.com).

. \*\*\***Remember, Step-by-Step** (a ministry to aid young single mothers and their children) has started! See Adam if you want to help out!

### **Sermons in October**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Humor of the Bible: Part IV  
October 9<sup>th</sup> – The Humor of the Bible: Part V  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – Guest Preacher  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Doing Hard Things: 1 Thes. 2:1-8  
October 30<sup>th</sup> – Remembering the Unforgettable:  
1 Cor. 11:23-30

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## Worship ~ Joan Wooden

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

**October 5: 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.

**October 12: 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**.

**October 19: Worship in the Style of Taizé with Holy Communion**. A small vocal ensemble from our Chancel Choir 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 and other elements of our service will be provided by **Lynn Osborne**.

### October 26: Traditional Praise

The congregation will be encouraged to select our hymns of praise from the United Methodist Hymnal. This will be followed by a devotional, led by **Rev. Dennis Burrows**, and a prayer time, lifting our joys and concerns.

## ACOLYTES



### Acolyte Training

Calling all third graders! Additional children are needed to serve as acolytes for our traditional worship services. This is a very important part of our worship, where the "light of Christ" and the "Word of God" are symbolically brought forward to mark the beginning of our service. We will have a training session on Sunday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. for any child who is in the third grade and older and has not participated in the program before. The training will be led by **Kathy Cloin**, acolyte coordinator, and will be held in our sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

## Welcoming Our New Organist

For the last several months, we have undergone an extensive search in order to fill our organist/primary accompanist position at Southern Hills. A search committee, made up of choir members and other interested persons, was formed. We received fifteen resumes and listened to the vast majority of the applicants play, ultimately narrowing our search to two viable candidates. After rehearsing with the choir, serving as a guest organist for a Sunday morning, and receiving countless accolades for his playing (as well as demeanor!), **James Humlong** was selected to be our new organist/primary accompanist.

James is a very popular wedding organist, has served as organist at Gardenside Baptist Church, and has been a much sought after supply organist among Lexington area churches. In addition to the fact that James is a very gifted musician, with a passion for music ministry, he is also a student at University of Kentucky's College of Pharmacy. We are blessed to have James on our staff, and I invite you to extend to him a warm Southern Hills welcome!

### Christmas Is Coming! Let's have some FUN!



Christmas gifts for my daughter's teachers, so I placed an order! It felt so good! The next day, I found myself humming Christmas carols! It is *fun* to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, and all the festivities that go along with it! It is sheer *fun* to sing those special songs of the Season! It lifts our spirits and gives us hope! God gives us the wonderful gift of preparation and blesses us for our efforts.

If you have considered joining one of our choirs or ensembles, NOW would be the perfect time. Preparations for Christmas have just begun, and you will find a wonderful group of people, with similar interests, involved in music ministries. If you have any questions about our programs or rehearsal schedule, please contact Joan Wooden ([jwooden@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:jwooden@southernhillsumc.org) or 859/277-6176, extension 23).

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## United Methodist Women ~ Linda Rowland

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**The UMW (United Methodist Women) is open to all women.** If you are not a member, please consider visiting our Circles. Join in our fellowship and in our serving God and others.

**October 5** - UMW Board Meeting at 5:45 in the Hazel Finney Room. The Business Meeting will follow at 6:30 in the Fireside Room.

**The Meade Shotwell Circle** will meet on Monday, October 10th, at the home of Nancy MacDonald. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. and our speaker will be Joan Wooden.

**The Pat Herren Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 11th, at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room. We will have a “Get Acquainted Session” by everyone telling two lies and one truth. The Circle has to pick the one truth.

**The Faith Susannah Wesley Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 12th, at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Dee Dapson. Rev. Dennis Burrows will be our speaker.

**The Sarah Bagby Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 12th, at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Priscilla Bagley, our new Director of Children’s Ministries, will be our speaker.

**The New Life Circle** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13 in the Reception Room. Members will continue discussing UMW changes, plan their November 7 meal for Wesley Foundation, and share Hug Buddy updates. For more information, please contact Patti Lester or Kay Griffin.

**The YUMs (Young United Methodist)** would like to thank everyone who ordered mums. It was a great fundraiser. Our next meeting will be October 23rd at 3:30 in the Fireside Room. Childcare will be provided.

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## From the Business Office ~ Bill McKinney

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**On Oct 23, we will begin our annual Stewardship Campaign.** The campaign theme and publicity are not finalized as we go to press, but our process will remain much the same. I will have pledge card packages available after services for you to pick up and will mail those remaining the following week. Our Commitment Sunday will be on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> — please have your pledge card to us by or at that time. Those of you who delay too long may receive a follow up note or phone call from our Stewardship Team.

As one can see in the chart, our 2011 income is enabling us to meet our current expenses, a direct reflection of the faithfulness of our members. For your information, this chart does not reflect the additional tens of thousands of dollars our congregation directs to overseas missions, disaster relief, Backpack, God’s Pantry, Habitat, and other ministries. Our generosity and selfless service often astound me.

I trust you will give strong consideration to increasing your pledge or giving in 2012. Just as they do in our households, costs to support and maintain our church and its missions continue to increase. We work hard to hold down expenses, and frequently “make do” when “new” could really be the right answer. For example, the RISO high speed copier in our business office has been here since about Adam, and has made over five million copies. Parts are no longer available so we’ve needed to replace it for a while. We need to increase the budgets for all our ministries and have money available to improve the overall appearance of our facility. We’ve made great strides in these areas over the past couple of years and don’t want to slip back now.

Current Income / Expense		
Thru 20 Sep 2011		
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
<b>INCOME</b>		
SHECP	641	65.9
Contributions	950	74.9
Other Income	33	58.0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1624</b>	<b>70.8</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
SHECP	718	73.9
Capital	99	82.2
Property	114	76.4
Personnel	511	67.5
Administrative	130	60.4
Education & Worship	29	56.6
Leisure & Outreach	21	71.6
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>64.3</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>2</b>	

Please remember we have an automatic donation program available. I know many of you pay bills on-line, 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](mailto: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.

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## Fellowship ~ Chris Hogg

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October 30, 2011

Fallderall - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trunk-or-treat - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Fallderall is for all ages in the church and community. Activities will include inflatables, carnival events (cake walk, games for children etc.), food, and trunk-or-treat. Contact Chris Hogg if they have ideas for events or questions concerning Fallderall and contact Priscilla Bagley about Trunk-or-treat.

Here are some things that YOU can do to make this traditional fall festival a big success.

**BRING** the whole family and some friends to an event designed to create fellowship within our church body, but also to help us become more of a presence in the community.

**ENJOY** the fun and festivities!

**VOLUNTEER** to help with activities. Sunday School classes, small groups, men's and women's groups are all urged to sponsor an activity or help serve and cook the food. We need everyone's help to have a bigger and better Fallderall and Trunk-or-treat! You can sign up with Chris Hogg or Priscilla by calling the church (277-6176).

### **UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING!**

**Age 5 – grade 6 boys and girls.**



You can pick up registration brochures at the church, or register on-line through the link on the church website. **Evaluations begin Saturday, November 12th.** Contact Chris Hogg if you are interested in coaching or refereeing. (277-6176 or [chogg@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:chogg@southernhillsumc.org))

At the training session in Nashville last summer our group listened to Caz McCaslin, the founder of Upward Sports, talk about reaching out to the young people of your community as a “race to the heart of a child.” He talked about all of the different influences children have on their lives, especially as they get close to and into their teen years. With the children that enter our building through a sports league, we have an opportunity to be the church for them during their developmental years. We want to minister to their parents and families as well, but these children are in a prime time for choosing a direction for their lives. As we try to improve our basketball league and add cheerleading, we trust that

God will take our efforts and multiply them into something life changing for the kids that come into our gym. As registration continues and the season approaches, please pray for our league: coaches, players, referees, parents, other volunteers, etc. I would also ask that you think hard about any way you might be able to get involved in this ministry to make our church a more hospitable place for everyone involved.

#### **Roadrunners**

A senior adult group that like to eat out! They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at a specified restaurant for lunch, fun and fellowship. In October they will meet at:

O'Charley's Turfland on the 13th  
Bob Evans (Brannon Crossing) on the 27th.



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Ministers: Dr. Bill Moore  
Rev. Dennis J Burrows

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**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL RON ZAVITZ MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**



**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at noon with dinner to follow  
The Brook Golf Course in Versailles**

**Door prizes, contest prizes, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes awarded**

The Ron Zavitz Memorial Golf Scramble has become an annual way to honor the memory of a Southern Hills member who selflessly gave his time to offer free golf clinics to adults and children alike in our congregation. Ron's vision for the church golf scramble was to have people of all skill levels and age groups out to fellowship together and raise money for a good cause within our church. The money raised from this event will again **go to support our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program**. With our bleachers now in place and paid for, we will look to use these funds to improve the experience for everyone involved, and also to improve the facility for everyone else who uses it. There are two ways to raise money through the golf scramble. The first and most significant way is through sponsors. We are asking businesses to **sponsor a hole for \$100**. A sign is then placed on one of the 18 tee boxes during the event with their name and information on it as advertisement. We have already had one business step up this year and give us \$500 even though we were only asking for \$100! We need your help on this aspect because many of you may know of personal or church connections that we might contact about becoming a sponsor. The second way we raise money is through **participants** in the event. The first two attempts have not been particularly well attended, and our committee is hoping for a dynamic increase for this third time around. Sign-up sheets are available at the welcome desk and in the Activities Building. Finally thanks to the church for supporting both the golf scramble and our Upward program, and to those of you who are volunteering your time to help with this event.

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