



The Messenger

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Southern Hills
United Methodist Church
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Lexington, Ky 40503

September 2011

NEW OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

The approach of fall means the kick-off for a variety of exciting programs at Southern Hills, with something for everyone - from children to senior citizens! Here's a run-down of what's coming that is new and noteworthy:

1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER- EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 5:30-6:15 P.M., STARTING SEPTEMBER 14!

We want to take these weekly fellowship dinners to the next level by providing a dinner, cooked by our culinary staff, every Wednesday of the month instead of just two per month. We will be carrying on a grand Southern Hills tradition of sitting down together for food and fellowship in Herren Hall. We especially want to invite young families to join us, and kid-friendly entrees will be provided. The dinners will begin on September 14.

2. WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY SERVICES- ALSO EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 6:15-7:00!

Our Director of Music, Joan Wooden, will coordinate a weekly series of **Worship On Wednesday** experiences in the Sanctuary, following the Wednesday Night dinners, featuring a variety of music and worship styles. These services are also meant to be designed for families, with children of all ages. The services begin on September 14. Service offerings in September are as follows:

- September 14- a Contemporary Worship service, led by Adam Vodicka, Chris Hogg, and the Source Worship Band.
- September 21- Taize Worship with Communion. Quiet, Contemplative, Beautiful.
- September 28- Child-led Worship. Fun and meaningful for everyone

3. WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUPS AND CHOIR

Two different studies will be offered on Wednesdays this fall at 7 p.m.:

- "I Bought a House on Gratitude Street" is the name of the book by J. Ellsworth Kalas, led by Dr. Billy Ray Jennings
- "Daniel", an in-depth Precept Bible study led by Bonnie Lynch

And never forget, at 7, as always, **Chancel Choir** works on magnificent music that moves our hearts every Sunday morning. If you like to sing and want to be involved, please have a conversation with Rev. Joan Wooden.

I hope this gives you a clear picture of the variety of opportunities available to you every Wednesday. Join us for any and all of the activities listed above. Childcare will be provided as needed. There's a place for you on Wednesday night!

Sermons for September



September 4 - "Me, Myself and I," John 1:43-51, Rev. Dennis Burrows
11 - "When Crisis Comes," Psalm 46, Dr. Bill Moore
18 - Mike Morrissey, Missionary to Thailand
25 - "The Power of One," Esther 4:1-17

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.

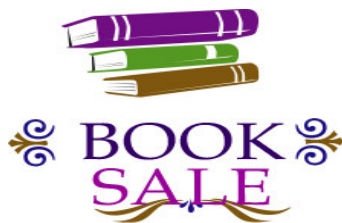


Southern Hills Books For Children program is looking for people to join the committee and help get books to children in need and is looking for someone who can set up BFC on social media sites to help increase awareness. The program's goal is to increase literacy through book ownership and the collection period is November 1st - December 8th. Numerous organizations that work with children request books from BFC in order to provide children with brand new books. Some children have never owned a new book and are so excited to have a book of their own. One administrator told me that she had books laid out on a table and kids were allowed to pick one book. One little boy looked, but walked away without taking one. She stopped him and asked why he didn't choose a book. The boy said, "I don't like to have to give them back so I would rather not take one at all." Of course she told him that these books were different

and it would be his very own book and he could keep it forever. Then the boy smiled and ran to the table to pick his book!! Southern Hills really does make a difference in the lives of thousands of children. Please consider volunteering with BFC. Contact Karen Sandberg at 224-8772.

HUGS (HANDS UNDER GOD'S SPIRIT)

Inviting new members! We are a group of women who knit or crochet prayer shawls, prayer afghans, prayer baby blankets and prayer lap robes. These prayed through gifts are given as a way of supporting those in need or those celebrating. Each item is meant to symbolize a hug from God. The ministry began in March 2011 and in 5 short months, we have already delivered 20 gifts. We have 9 members who meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 10:30 in the Fireside Room. Even if you do not knit or crochet and would like to come, don't worry. We will teach you. The group is a blessing not only to those we serve but to those who are serving. Contact Gail Isaac at 223-8172 or agsjlisaac@aol.com



The Rowland Small Group will be holding their annual Used Book Sale on Sunday, October 30 in Herren Hall and at Falderall 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.

NATHANIEL MISSION

Nathaniel Mission will be having their annual walk September 17th to raise funds to support the Nathaniel Mission in their quest for feeding the hungry, supporting those in need physically and nurturing their spirit. If you would like to walk you may ask people to sponsor you or if you are unable to walk please support those who are walking with a donation to the Mission. Starting this year at 1st United Methodist Church on High Street the walk will take you past Nathaniel Mission and tours will be available for the Mission market, Health Clinic and Church. Also meet the Land Trust director for questions about the future plans for the area. Registration is 8:30 and the walk is at 9:00. Sign up sheets will be available August 28th.



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE...

We at Southern Hills have the opportunity to help with rebuilding efforts in a tornado damaged area in Northern Alabama. The mission trip would be from October 2nd - 8th. We would be working on homes in the Marshall County community. Workers are needed in areas of re-roofing, dry walling, and window installation. There would also be opportunities for individuals not skilled in these specific areas to help with food preparation and other areas. There would be some travel and food related costs. If you are interested in this mission opportunity, please plan to attend an informational meeting at Southern Hills on Aug. 31 at 7:30. Stu Johnson will be available in Herren Hall on Sunday morning between and after worship services for anyone who has questions.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR RADIO SHOW IS NEEDED



Our Southern Hills radio program, featuring sermons and music from our morning church services, is featured at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday morning on WLAP 630 Clear Channel Radio or on the internet at wlap.com. Demographic information shows that more than 4,000 people are listening to the show every Sunday. We have been contacted by listeners as far north as Covington, and as far south as Somerset. In order to maintain this coveted 8:30 a.m. time slot, we are in need of additional sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor, mentioned in all promo and radio spots, the cost is \$40 per week per sponsor, for a total of \$2,080 per year, which is tax deductible. Call Rick Shaw, Chair of our Communications Committee at: 422-1067. Thanks!

The Faces of Dementia



The theme for World Alzheimer's Day 2011 is "Faces of Dementia". September 21st is being observed as Alzheimer's Action Day and individuals are being asked to wear purple to take action in the fight of Alzheimer's.

More than likely most families of SH either have a family member with Alzheimer or know someone who has this sad disease. There are those who are working tirelessly to promote increased support, care and a better life for people with dementia and their care givers.

Below are ways in which the Health & Wellness Ministry Team encourages you to become involved:

- Make a donation – Tax deductible donations to the Alzheimer's Association supports vital research.
- Volunteer for a clinical trial – Recruiting trial participants is extremely difficult. Trials are recruiting people with Alzheimer's as well as healthy volunteers to be controls.
- Participate in a walk to end Alzheimer's – Walks are going on throughout the country right now.
- Go casual for a cause at work – Encourage your colleagues to dress down in exchange for a small donation for the Alzheimer's Association.
- Write to Congress – Tell Congress to make Alzheimer's a national priority.



Invite a Friend

You're invited!

Please join us in celebrating

The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth

140th Anniversary!

Annual Day Auctions & BBQ Lunch

Saturday, September 10, 2011

2050 Lexington Rd.

Versailles, KY 40383

2011 Annual Day Events

9:30 Registration & Bake Sale Open

10:30 Inspirational Program

11:45 Lunch and viewing of Auction Items

12:30 Silent Auction Open for Bids

1:00 Live Auction

Worship ~ Joan Wooden



We're Better Together! Hospitality and Worship

I love the Welcome Center at our church! On most week days, our wonderful volunteers are found at the desk, cheerfully answering the phones and greeting those who walk through the doors. It's nice to get up from my desk and go out to visit with them. They are always friendly and willing to talk as well as listen, and I am energized by their warmth. I'm not certain that they realize how powerful their ministry of hospitality is and how it sustains the staff as we go through our daily tasks. A friendly smile, a thoughtful comment... a glimpse of the Holy One, perhaps?

I have found that experience to be true with most of our church family at Southern Hills. Your gift of hospitality is remarkable! For me, the only thing that could possibly make that better is combining your wonderful hospitality with corporate worship! When we praise and honor God together, we open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and God is

indeed glorified!

As we move into the fall, I am excited about the opportunity that our church family has for coming together on Wednesday evenings for a meal and worship. While eating a meal together is, in fact, biblical, even the fellowship around the table promises to sustain us and offers a wonderful break from a busy week. Afterwards, everyone is invited to go to the sanctuary for a variety of worship experiences. It will be good to worship together!

Our Wednesday evening meals and worship will begin on September 14th, with dinner served beginning at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:15 in the sanctuary. I hope you will reserve Wednesdays for your church family and everyone, from the youngest child to the oldest adult, will experience the warm hospitality of our Southern Hills family, as well as the blessing that God offers to us when we gather together.



This month at...

Worship On Wednesdays!
(6:15-7:00 p.m.)

September 14
September 21
September 28

“Source” Worship with Adam Vodicka
Taizé Worship with Holy Communion
Vespers with traditional hymn singing,
scriptures and proclamation.

Fall Music Programming for Children and Youth

All children and youth, from **ages 4 through seniors in high school**, are invited to become involved in music ministries at Southern Hills. Our fall schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11:

Sunday Afternoons/Evenings

3:30- 4:30 Older Elementary Handbells (grades 3-5)
4:30-5:00 Chimes for Children (K-2)
5:00-5:15 Children's Choir snacks and fellowship
5:15-6:00 Children's Choirs (ages 4-5th grade)
7:00-7:45 Youth Handbells (grades 6-12)
7:45-8:30 Youth Choir (grades 6-12)

If you have any questions, please contact
Joan Wooden at 277-6176 or
jwooden@southernhillsumc.org!

Stephen Ministry: Caring for Hurting People"



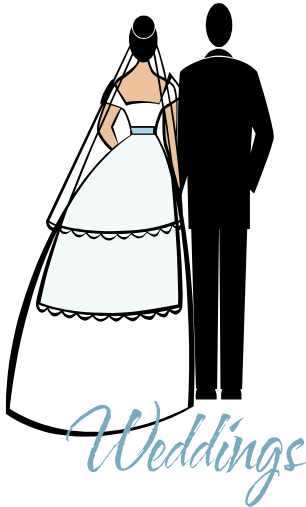
What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay persons to give distinctively Christian care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life hurts or losses. It is an international program that involves thousands of congregations of different Christian denominations in the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Southern Hills UMC has trained over two dozen Stephen Ministers through the years and currently has over one dozen Stephen Ministers actively serving in our congregation.

What are the qualifications of a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers must take an intensive structured training course over six months which covers a variety of situations. Additionally, Stephen Ministers must attend twice-monthly supervision sessions for accountability, monitoring progress in ministering effectively to care receivers, and for additional training and skill practice. All Stephen Ministers are approved and formally commissioned by Southern Hills UMC to serve as part of the program.

If you have questions or would like to receive the care of a Stephen Minister, simply call Jo Palmer, Barbie Lally or David Bowles at 277-6176.



Denise Newman Stuckert

and

Robert John Mason

*request the honor of your presence
at their Christian celebration of marriage
on Saturday, September 17, 2011
at 12:30 p.m.*

Southern Hills United Methodist Church

Reception to follow in Herren Hall

Please no gifts



SHUMY YOUTH GROUP

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

No Youth September 4th! Have fun for Labor day weekend!

Paintball Day -On September 10th, we will be spending the day shooting each other (with paint, of course J). We will meet at the church at 12pm and get back around 6-7pm. We will be going to Louisville for this trip since the only close paintball field closed a while back. Cost will be TBA, but make sure you bring your permission slip!

Special night – September 18th -For our youth group time on September 18th, we will be having a night of fellowship with board/card games and we will be helping our new college students get acclimated by sending them care packages! Don't miss out.

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 September 24th, we will be serving Southern Hills by doing clean-up and helping take care of the church we call home. We will start at 10am and go until 3-4pm. Lunch will be provided!

5th Quarter Parties -For September 16th and 30th, we will be hosting a 5th 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. 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 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 – Tues. at 7pm at the Vodicka House

High School Boys – Wed. at 7am at Chick-Fil-A

Middle School Boys and Girls – Wed. at 7pm, Youth House

Middle School Boys and Girls – Sun. at 9:30, 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 (9:30am in Herren Hall) to see how we can work together to impact each other, Lexington, and the world for Christ.

-Adam Vodicka, Pastor

• **Wednesday Worship** – Attention all busy parents and families! Looking for a night service during the week to reconnect with the Holy Spirit? Starting in September 14, we will be having a weekly meal on Wednesday nights followed by a service in the main sanctuary. The meal starts at 5:30 and the service will start at 6:15. Come straight from work and bring friends for fellowship and community. The Source will be providing the worship service every 2nd Wednesday of the month so if you would like to help out with music, speaking, etc..., please let Adam know!

• **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 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.

• **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!!

Sermons in September

September 4th – Labor Day: Fruits of True Labor (Matthew 9:35-38)

September 11th – The Humor of the Bible: Part I

September 18th – The Humor of the Bible: Part II

September 25th – The Humor of the Bible: Part III

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

United Methodist Women



The UMW Board Meeting will be held at 5:45 on **September 7th**, followed by a Unit Meeting at 6:30, where Officers, Budget and other important items, including some changes for next year will be voted on. So please plan to attend as this is a very important meeting. Following the business meeting we will have a program on **Human Trafficking**. Marissa Robinson Castellanos, Project Manager with Catholic Charities of Louisville and Adjunct Instructor at St. Catharine College, will be our speaker. She will 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.** All women are invited to attend.

The Lexington District Meeting

Southern Hills UMC

September 24, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Program: "How Can We Be of Service?"

Communion will be served following the program.

Breakfast type foods will be provided by the Meade Shotwell and YUMS Circles before the meeting.

We encourage all ladies to attend.

September Circle Meetings:

The New Life Circle will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 8 in the Reception Room. Members will discuss several items of business and will share Hug Buddy updates. For further information, please contact Kay Griffin or Patti Lester.

The Meade Shotwell Circle will meet on September 12, at the home of Joyce Hahn for a potluck meal.

The Pat Herren Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Joan Wooden will present a program called "Music and Worship, Singing Our Faith".

The Faith Susannah Wesley Circle will meet Wednesday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Gerry Wyrick.

The Sarah Bagby Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Susie Basham, from God's Pantry, will be our speaker.

The YUM Circle will meet on Sunday, September 25, at 3:30 in the Fireside Room Child Care will be provided.

Pray for Paul and Marty Law - Missionaries to the Congo

From the Business Office ~ Bill McKinney

During the summer we completed a number of projects here at the church, including, of course, the more visible ones like our replacement of the minister's windows. I expect our new doors for the alternate Sanctuary entrance will be in place by the time you read this column. Additionally, not so visible work, such as HVAC repairs for the Activities and Education Buildings and minor plumbing maintenance are always required. This church is in almost constant use, and our small maintenance and janitorial team works hard in conjunction with a custodial service to try to keep our facilities clean for everyday use—it's a tough and thankless job. I appreciate the work they all do on our behalf and hope you do also.

September begins our budget build process for the new year. I'll ask our program directors for their inputs, consolidate those with my estimates of our needs in 2012 and then present that information to our Finance Committee by early October. We'll actually begin the stewardship campaign late that month and hopefully end it successfully mid-November. Expect to hear more about this soon.

Here's another plea concerning directed donations — those to outside organizations like the Methodist Home or Samaritan's Purse or for specific needs like Haiti or Japan relief. Please, please make out your checks to Southern Hills and just annotate in the memo line of the check where you want it applied. That way we can send one check to the organization for all our donations rather than a church check and 10-20 of yours. I can't endorse/deposit a check written to other organizations and therefore cannot provide you credit on your contribution statement for donations made out to them.

Please remember we have an automatic donation program available. Almost 30 church members now take advantage of this simple process—you can't forget your check! 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

Current Income / Expense		
Thru 23 Aug 2011		
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
INCOME		
SHECP	582	59.9
Contributions	859	67.8
Other Income	29	50.8
Total Income	1470	64.1
EXPENSES		
SHECP	642	66.1
Capital	89	74.2
Property	101	67.6
Personnel	468	61.8
Administrative	129	60.1
Education & Worship	26	49.3
Leisure & Outreach	20	68.9
Total Expenses	1476	64.3
Balance	(6)	

Date Change!

Purpose Council Meeting
scheduled for
October 9
has been changed to
October 2nd
at 12:15 p.m. in the Activities Kitchen.
Lunch will be served.

Please mark your calendar so you want miss it
or come on the wrong day!

Fellowship ~ Chris Hogg



Hikers

come out and enjoy fellowship and the start of fall...

Raven Run

Saturday, September 24

Meet in front of the Activities Building at 1:00 p.m.

A food stop after the hike

For further information contact Sid Holland at sidholland@aol.com.

3RD ANNUAL RON ZAVITZ MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, October 15th @ noon with dinner to follow

The Brook Golf Course in Versailles

Door prizes, contest prizes, and 1st and 2nd 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. With that in mind, I hope many of you who haven't participated in the past will consider joining the fun this year, and those who have participated will come back for another great outing.

The money raised from this event will again go to support our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program. With our bleachers now in place in 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.

Speaking of raising money, there are two ways that is accomplished 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. Please call or e-mail Chris Hogg if you have ideas about who we might contact to be 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.



FALLDERALL

Sunday, October 30th 3-6pm

Trunk-or-treat from 5 to 6.

Fallderall will be back this October with all of the familiar events, and a few new ones. Combining the event with a community-invited trunk-or-treat was a huge success last year, and we hope it will continue to grow this year. Contact Chris Hogg if you're interested in helping plan the event.





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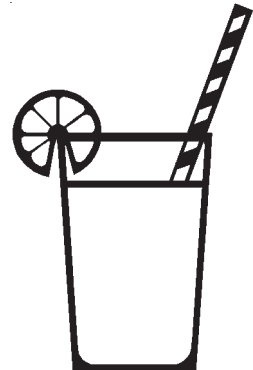


Ministers: Dr. Bill Moore
Rev. Dennis J Burrows

Children's Ministry ~ Priscilla Bagley



**MOVIE UNDER
THE MOON**



Come join us September 17th for a family movie under the moon. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the show. The movie will start at 8:00 pm. There will be concessions and fun for the whole family.

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.