

## SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

### RENOVATED WORSHIP SPACE BECOMING A REALITY

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"  
Psalm 122:1*

It seems like a lot has happened since April 22 when a plan to renovate the Sanctuary was presented to the Southern Hills family. The plan included an expanded choir loft, a raised platform, a place for the bell choirs to ring, movable altar rails, pulpit and lectern. It is a great time to do this, since the organ and pipes are undergoing renovation and upgrading. Following a unanimous vote of approval by the Administrative Team on April 29 the plans have moved rapidly. By the end of June, "demo day" arrived, and the work was begun. This meant that the congregation would have to vacate familiar surroundings and move down to the gym. How would people react? Would our folks make the move? We shouldn't have worried.

On July 1 we had our first services which fell just before the 4th of July. People filed into the spacious expanse beneath the walking track and basketball goals. They cheerfully picked up their own Hymnals and Bibles from a cart. As the bell choir began the services, a pleasant discovery was made- the music sounded great! The acoustics made everything reverberate like a cathedral. That was true of the choir anthems and the singing of hymns. There was a warm, reception from our people who responded to the unusual environment with joy and enthusiasm. This good spirit has continued as we have worshipped for three Sundays in the gym. Everybody seemed to adapt. Some found that they preferred the bleachers. The youth and Chancel Choir joined in a hauntingly beautiful anthem with the youth singing from above on the walking track!

July 15 was our last Gym Sunday, because the sanctuary platform is taking shape. On July 22 the choir and ministers stood on the plywood subflooring to conduct the service. The hardwood floor followed the next week. Beautiful! On July 29 we have scheduled a special service in the sanctuary to conclude a week-long Arts and Music Camp with the children presenting a musical called "The Trouble with Zerubabel" . **There will be ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 on this special day, followed by a barbecue luncheon.** It will be the first children's production presented in our expanded and versatile chancel area. Please plan now to attend, and see for yourself what a remarkable transformation has taken place in our worship space. Pray that God will use these efforts to reach and inspire many. Improving our facilities can assist in participation and attendance as the quality of worship is improved.

Remember, we have made a rolling start on this project, and any gift that you can contribute toward its completion will be deeply appreciated. Just write your check to Southern Hills and put "Sanctuary" in the memo line. Thanks!

Still in One Peace,

*Bill*



## Special Appreciation!

A special “thank you” is extended to those adults, youth and small groups who made our First Annual Music & Arts Camp possible. If you see these people (or members of groups), please extend a word of thanks to them:

Julie Beck	James Humlong
Tom Beck	Jeanne Lanz
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Adam Brewer	Michael Marshall
Mason Brewer	New Life Circle
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Colton Dalton	Dawn Sparks
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Christy Eubank	Katy Walsh
Faith-Susannah Wesley Circle	Michael Walsh
Randy Fultz	Keagan White
Patricia Herren Circle	Kristina White
Danielle Hughes	Lynne Grace Wooden

Worship Team

## Joyful Ringers & Youth Choir to Begin Meeting

Our Joyful Ringers (youth handbell choir) and Youth Choir, for grades 6-thru 12, will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. All interested youth are invited to attend these first rehearsals, as we ring, sing and plan for the 2018-19 school year.

## “Back-to-Choir” Ice Cream Sundae Party for Children

All children in grades 1-5 are invited to a “Back-to-Choir” celebration on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If your child/grandchild is considering singing with our Children’s Choir, this year, please encourage them to attend this event, which will include ice cream sundaes, “getting to know you” games, and an introduction to our Children’s Choir season! (Our “Love Notes,” for preschool and kindergarteners, will begin rehearsing after Labor Day!)

## Acolyte Training

Acolyte training for our third graders (and anyone else who hasn’t been trained) will be held on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All children in grades 3-7 are invited to be a part of this very important worship ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Wooden ([jwooden@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:jwooden@southernhillsumc.org)).

## There’s Room in the Choir!

It is with great joy that we proclaim that there’s (finally) room in the choir loft! If you enjoy singing praises to God, you are invited to be a part of our Chancel Choir. We would love to add voices in all four sections. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. For more information, please contact any choir member or Joan Wooden (277-6176, ext. 23)



Dear Southern Hills,

We are so grateful that you made a donation to our summer program! We are so excited about what the summer of 2018 will bring! Thank you for investing in us and our summer!

With gratitude,  
Malipo



Mark your calendar. It's that time of year again!

Southern Hills UMC pecan sales are just around the corner. Enjoy a tasty treat or stock up for the holidays. Orders will be taken in Herren Hall and outside of the Narthex September 16th, September 23rd, September 30th, October 7th, and October 14th. Pecans are \$12.00 per bag and will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving baking. Payment will be made at the time of the order (this is different than in the past.)

### ROADRUNNERS

The Roadrunners meet twice a month on a Thursday to enjoy food and fellowship together. They visit area restaurants and spend time in conversation while enjoying a good meal. Here is their schedule for the month of May:

August 13th—Saul Good/Fayette Mall

August 27th—Red Lobster/Nicholasville Road

For more information regarding the Roadrunners please call Brian at 277-6176, or email him at [rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org).



The **UMC LEADERSHIP TEAM** will meet on August 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will not hold a regular meeting in August. We will resume our monthly meetings starting the first week of September. Watch the September newsletter and Sunday bulletins for details.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet at noon on August 8th in the Fireside Room. Bring your sack lunch and join us for fun and fellowship followed by our program. Our speaker will be Loretta Barnes, President of the UMW Lexington District!

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in the Fireside Room at 9:30 a.m. After the business meeting, we will stay in the Fireside Room for our "salad lunch." Please bring your salad and we will share and have a time of fellowship.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will not be meeting in the month of August. Please watch future bulletins for scheduling information.

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will not meet in the month of August. Their next meeting will be on September 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jean Hawkins.



## THE SOURCE KICKS OFF FALL

As we look toward vacations ending and a new year of school starting, The Source anticipates Fall activities that will encourage our spiritual growth, bond us together as a community, and stretch us to reach out into the community. This summer, Pastor Jill challenged our events team to hold at least one family-friendly fellowship event so that we can better know one another. Then in October, we will launch a study and sermon series that focuses on fruitful spiritual growth through small groups. Our hope is that relationships will be built through our fellowship events, and deepened through small group experiences. Each new small group will then be challenged to undertake a service project in the community that bubbles up out of the interests and passions of the group members. We're looking forward to a fruitful season of both spiritual and numeric growth as we continue to "REACH out, LOVE others, GROW in faith, and REPEAT this continuously, bringing God's amazing, transforming love to the world in practical, tangible ways."



### ALL CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 6:30 pm

Join us at The Source for an informal time that will include scripture, learning about prayer, Holy Communion, and praying together for our church community. This is a great opportunity for both our traditional and contemporary congregations to gather together. Please note that due to Pastor Jill's vacation, there is no July gathering, and the date for the August gathering is earlier in the month than usual. We will resume our typical meeting dates in September.

***ONE TO GROW ON...** The Grow Team seeks to encourage our community of believers to grow deeper in relationship with Christ. Our prayer is that you will be inspired to forge new spiritual disciplines: to be intentional to make time every day to get alone with God (practice being in His Presence), to delve into His Word and allow it to penetrate your heart, and to develop new practices of daily prayer. To that end, here is **ONE TO GROW ON...***

***And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."***

*~~Ephesians 3:17-19*

F. B. Meyer, (1847-1929) contemporary and friend of D. L. Moody, captures the scope of God's lavish, unconditional love with this statement: "The love of God toward you is like the Amazon River flowing down to water a single daisy." Oh, for the grace to love Him more...

- **SNAPSHOT:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, August 5, 12 & 26. We'll look at what living a life of worship really means.
- **EMBRACE MEAL:** On Monday, August 20, we will go the Embrace Church and help with their community meal. They need help with cooking, serving and cleaning up. We'll leave from Southern Hills at 5:15pm and be back by 8:00pm.
- **PRAYER LUNCH:** We'll meet at Fazoli's in Palomar from 2:00-3:00pm on Wednesdays August 1 & 8 to hang out, share a devotional and pray for each other. It's a good laid back time to invite a friend.
- **POOL DAY:** On Sunday, August 12, we'll meet at Southern Hills at 5:30pm then go to Southland Pool to have some fun! Make sure you bring sunscreen. It's free so bring a friend! We'll be back by 7:30pm.
- **GAME DAY:** Fridays from 10am—1pm August 3 & 10 we'll meet at Southern Hills and head to the park to play games, hang out inside if it's raining, or go on some kind of adventure around town.
- **YOUTH BAND:** We are going to meet in the Great Room at 4:30pm on Sundays before Snapshot in August to practice some songs to lead worship and have fun praising God. We'll meet August 5 & 12.
- **ACROYOGA:** We're going to try a class at Sora Ariel Arts in Lexington. It'll be a fun new way to stay in shape and try something different. The cost will be \$10 a person for the class. We'll text, email and post a poll so we can see what day is best for the most people.
- **FALL KICK-OFF:** On Sunday, August 19 we'll join with other youth groups at Shillito Park Shelter #1 to eat, play games, pray for our schools and be encouraged by a guest speaker. It'll be from 5:00-7:30pm. Just meet at the park, or let us know if you need a ride.

## **PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

“God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**Whitney Hetzel**

## FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

We are well into the summer and the financial statement for July 19, 2018 shows a positive net balance. We are experiencing our usual summer pattern of giving, but we seem to be maintaining our positive position. Keep up the good work by keeping your pledges up to date. As always if you have any questions, feel free to contact me in the business office at 277-6176.

### SANCTUARY RENOVATION - UPDATE

Our new Sanctuary will soon be completed, but the cost to pay for it is a long way from being over. We have raised approximately \$30,000 of the estimated \$150,000 plus we will need to finish the project. Please mark your donations with sanctuary or renovation in the memo line. We have enough in reserve to continue this project, but moving forward we need to replenish the building fund. Thank you in advance for all you do.

### CURRENT INCOME / EXPENSE JULY 19, 2018

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	828	57.8
Contributions	658	52.2
The Source	70	69.8
Other Income	24	54.8
Total Income	1,581	55.7
<b>Expenses</b>		
SHECP	824	55.3
Capital	74	58.3
Property	91	50.2
Personnel	395	50.3
Administrative	83	44.4
Education & Worship	37	52.3
The Source	57	65.2
Leisure & Outreach	8	23.8
Total Expenses	1,569	53.0
Balance	12	



## SUNDAY MORNING:

August 5, 2018	SHUMC - Intergen Worship Source - What's in the Bible Vol 8: Wisdom from Above
August 12, 2018	Beginning of School Year Lesson
April 19, 2018	Rebekah and Her Kindness
August 26, 2018	Jacob's Ladder

**BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT:** Join us for our Back to School event Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at SHUMC from 4-6pm! We will have food, snow cones, carnival games and bounce houses! Let's start the new school year off together with some fun and encouragement! Invite a friend to join you! This is a rain or shine event. If it's raining, we will move to the gym!

**Please note:**

This is a whole church event. Everyone, young and young at heart, is invited to come and be together for the afternoon!

**RIGHT NOW MEDIA:** Log in to your RNM account and look for Yancy's Little Praise Party! This is full of fun, easy to learn worship songs for children! It's great to put on during play time just to listen to, or during a car ride to watch from the app! If you look this up, let me know what your favorite song is!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:** Starting September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our Kids and Families on a Mission!



## HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM MILES 4 MISSIONS UPDATE

Our 2018 Southern Hills walking program is in high gear and we are making our way around the globe while stopping at each of our Southern Hills supported mission programs to learn more about the work that the Lord has led our missionary partners to do. As of mid-July we have collectively walked a total of 9368 miles and have traveled to the following mission locations; Nathaniel Mission, United Methodist Children's Home, Arlington Elementary School, Common Good, Red Bird Missionary Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Alaska Mission Conference & Christian Friends of Korea. If you would like to see our progress at a glance, you can view the map and mission information on the posters mounted on the wall as you make your way to Herren Hall from our main campus sanctuary. Our next step is to visit our missionary partners, Mike and Sherri Morrissey in Padaya, Thailand then it is on to the Congo to visit Paul and Marty Law, but we need your help to get there. If you have already signed up please do not forget to log in your miles via our church website under the Connect tab ([southernhillsumc.org/connect/miles-4-missions](http://southernhillsumc.org/connect/miles-4-missions)). If you would like to join our team all you need to do is register via the same web address, start walking, track your miles and log them each week. Each step will help us toward our goal but it will also help you acquire some valuable exercise to benefit your mind, body and spirit!

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## Sermons in Traditional Worship in August

August 5th "God Will Provide a Lamb," Genesis 22:1-18

August 12th "Do You Have a Dream for Your Life?"  
Genesis 37:1-11

August 19th "A Man After God's Own Heart,"  
I Samuel 16:1-13

August 26th "A Tale of 2 Cities: An Overview of the Kings of Israel"  
1 Kings 11:7-13



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