

THE MESSENGER

SOUTHERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AUGUST 2019

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

I just flipped on the TV and I heard a statement repeated several times in only a few minutes. The NBA draft was finishing up and most of the press conferences with these newly minted multi-millionaires began with “I’m really excited to be here.” I’ve visited some of these cities where these players landed, and I’m not so sure “excited” is the word I would use. Of course, that excitement may have been fueled by their new beginnings as professional athletes; it could also be that huge signing bonus they were about to put in the bank.

The NBA draft occurs about the same time that Methodists experience our own new beginnings. In June, I was officially appointed to Southern Hills. Our Bishop and District Superintendent stood up and read my name and assigned me to this community. I stood, and I felt the energy of the moment. Friends and colleagues offered prayers and encouragement; we sang a song, and the moment was over.

As I got in my car, the moment came back to me, and my heart started to beat a bit faster. The last two Sundays of June, I stepped into the pulpit, first at the Source, and then on our Harrodsburg Rd campus, and began my time as pastor. I was aware that this was a new feeling for a lot of people—our church has only had four senior pastors in our sixty years. I know the men I follow loved Jesus and loved this community. These were men who weren’t perfect but who gave all they had to lead faithfully.

As I thought about those leaders and as I looked out among the congregation, as I thought about the stories and the lives that have been changed because of Southern Hills, all I could feel was one thing—absolute excitement. I am so honored to join this family and to walk together as we take new steps as a church. There are certainly new challenges every day, and I can’t predict a single moment to come. However, I do know that as we seek the One who holds all things in his hands, the Holy Spirit will guide, equip, and energize us to do some incredible things.

As cliché as it may sound, I truly am excited to be here with you and to call Southern Hills our church family. On behalf of Joy and the boys, thank you for your welcome and how you have already embraced us. Know that I am praying for you and that I already love you! I hope I get to see you soon, and I’m looking forward to getting to know you better. Until then...

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jim



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 18th at 4:00 (handbells) and 5:00 p.m. (vocal choir). All interested youth are invited to attend these first rehearsals, as we ring, sing and plan for the 2019-20 school year.

All First thru Fifth Graders are Invited to join the Children's Choir!

Our Elementary Children's Choir (grades 1-5) will begin meeting on Sunday, August 18th. They will meet in the Courtyard Room at 5:00 p.m. for snacks and games, and then will come to the choir room at 5:30 p.m. for practice! ALL elementary children are invited to attend – and bring their friends who enjoy singing!

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training for our third graders (and anyone else who hasn't been trained) will be held on Sunday, August 18th from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. All children in grades 3-7 are invite to be a part of this very important worship ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org).

There's Room in Our Choirs!

All of our adult (and older youth) ensembles are welcoming new members in August! If you enjoy praising God through singing, please consider joining one (or more) of the vocal ensembles that fit your schedule:

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Men's Only Vocal Ensemble (MOVE) – Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Ladies Only Vocal Ensemble (LOVE) – Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

New Vocal Ensemble Forming

If you would like to be in on the "ground floor" of our new 8:30 a.m. worship service, please consider joining our newest vocal ensemble! This group will probably meet on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00-6:45 p.m. (except on Taizé nights) but that is negotiable! Please contact Joan Wooden if you are interested in helping out (jwooden@southernhilssumc.org or 277-6176, ext. 23).

NATHANIEL MISSION UPDATE!

In addition to the multitude of generous donations the Nathaniel Mission receives from individuals, groups, and churches, the operation of our ministry requires significant funding through securing grants. Ministry is expensive, particularly ministry focused on improving the wellbeing of impoverished neighbors and neighborhoods. The Nathaniel Mission's Children and Youth Development Opportunities, those programs aimed at addressing critical gaps in educational support for young individuals along the Versailles Road Corridor, is an important aspect of our work toward the transformation of our communities. Our summer camps, after-school programs, and other initiatives are an investment in our neighborhoods that truly does lead to restoration, but not without a high price tag.

Therefore, it is with immensely grateful hearts that we write to inform you that The Nathaniel Mission has received an especially generous grant through the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government's Extended Social Resources grant of \$70,000. The Nathaniel Mission is proud to receive this first-time award through the City of Lexington as our government officials seek to support organizations like ours doing important work in underserved areas of our community. We are thrilled to know we have secured much of the financial resources necessary to impact the lives of our young neighbors, offering them critically important educational, developmental, and relational support.

Many thanks to the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government Office of Social Services and to our God, who continues to equip the Nathaniel Mission with the resources necessary to transform our communities!

UMW PECAN SALES



ALERT!!! Prepaid pecan orders will be taken in September and October!

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**...Even under the threat of persecution, Peter and the apostles knew they "must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) Are we too busy seeking the pleasure and praise of people instead of seeking the blessings and glory of God? **"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as for the Lord, not for men."** ~Colossians 3:23 Are you living for an audience of One?*

HOLY LAND JOURNEY

Join Bishop Leonard Fairley, Dawn (Sparks) Fairley, Pastor Jim Nichols, and the Kentucky Annual Conference on a Holy Land Journey February 12-21, 2020. This awesome journey will follow the footsteps of Jesus and change the way you read the Bible. The trip is all-inclusive and begins at \$3,296. Please pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center for more information or to register. **If registering, please use Tour Host ID # 53726 on the top line of the registration form.**

SOUTHERN HILLS ADVENTURE CREW LAKE DAY



Join us as we spend the day at Cave Run Lake on Saturday, August 24! Cost is \$30 and includes boat rental, lunch, and transportation. Meet at our Southern Hills campus at 8 a.m. Email Teddy Poore at tpoore@thesourceumc.org with questions.



ALL-CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

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. Our next gathering will take place on Tuesday, August 27th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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 August:

August 8th: Malone's—Palomar Center

August 22nd: Cattleman's Roadhouse—Frankfort

For more information regarding the Roadrunners please call Brian at 277-6176, or email him at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org.

ALDERSGATE GOLF SCRAMBLE



The 16th annual Aldersgate Golf Scramble will take place on Friday, August 23, at 1:00 p.m. at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond, KY. Awards will be given to the members of the winning team and to the winners of the longest drive and the closest-to-the-pin contest. The cost is \$65.00 per player, which includes your cart and green fee, balls, drinks, tee prizes, and a cookout following the event.

To register online, visit: aldersgatecamp.org/golfscramble.

For more information, contact Derek Robinette (502-321-1302; derek@rivercitymethodist.com) or Dave Cohn (606-723-5078; dave@aldersgatecamp.org).



The **UMW LEADERSHIP TEAM** will meet Thursday, August 1st, at 1:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will not meet in August. We'll start up our regular monthly meetings on Thursday, September 5, at 5:30 in the Courtyard Room, where we'll have our annual tailgate get-together. Please call Carlene Hodges for further information: 554-6800.

The **FAITH-SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will not meet in August. Please stay tuned for future dates as we head into the fall.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, August 14th, at noon in the Fireside Room. Our speaker will be Betty Rush, who will discuss Mission U. at Lindsey Wilson College.

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet on August 13 at 10:00 A.M. in the Fireside Room. After a short business meeting, we will have our "SHARE-A-SALAD LUNCHEON." Drinks are furnished.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will not meet in August. Please stay tuned for future dates heading into the fall.

Sunday Mornings:

August 4 INTERGEN SUNDAY @ SHUMC	Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman and Restores a Young Girl to Life Matthew 9:18-26	Mark 5:36	Jesus has power over sickness and death.
August 11 **BLESSING IN WORSHIP	Jesus Walks on Water Matthew 14:22-23	John 6:19-20	Jesus calms our fears.
August 18	Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man	Luke 5:20	Jesus forgives us.
August 25	Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	1 John 3:18	Jesus followers care for others.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH:

Join us on August 11th from 3-5 P.M. at the SHUMC campus for a fun-filled afternoon to celebrate the end of a wonderful summer! We will have inflatables, games, snow cones, and nachos!

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATORS:

On August 11th during all worship services, we will have all children, youth, and educators come forward to receive a special blessing before school starts back.

KIDS AND FAMILIES ON A MISSION:

We will start back up on Wednesday night September 4th! Mark your calendars!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Children's Ministry is looking for a few new faces who have a heart for showing children the love of Christ! We have lots of new little ones in our nursery who will melt your heart! Our preschoolers and Kindergarteners love having new friends! Our elementary-age children engage with our leaders in amazing ways as they grow deeper in their faith! If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please see Kristina or Shawne. You can email us at kwhite@southernhillsumc.org or scarter@southernhillsumc.org.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

Financial Condition

We are deep into the summer months, and our net operating fund reflects it. Weekly donations have dropped to their lowest point of the year. This is always expected during the summer vacation season; however, the church remains financially stable. Please try to keep the church in mind as we vacation and have fun this summer. The early childhood program continues to operate in solid positive territory, which makes our overall position look much better than it is. Midyear contribution reports for June 30 were mailed the last week of July; if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the church at 277-6176.

Sanctuary and Finishing a Good Work—Update

We currently have raised \$104,070.33 of the approximate \$200,000.00 that we need to replenish the Building Fund. Your continued support is greatly appreciated; please mark your donations with “sanctuary” or “renovation” in the memo line.

Habitat House

Construction of our 29th Habitat House is well underway. As of July 21, we have raised \$5,130.00 toward our \$7,000.00 commitment. Your continued support of this project is greatly appreciated; please mark your donations with “Habitat” in the memo line. Any questions about the build can be directed to Glenn Dussinger at 271-6219 or glennnduss@twc.com.

Income	Current Income / Expense	
	July 22, 2019	
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	934	60.2
Contributions	633	50.3
The Source	57	45.8
Other Income	26	59.5
Total Income	1,650	55.4
Expenses		
SHECP	880	56.7
Capital	74	58.3
Property	86	46.2
Personnel	436	53.4
Administrative	92	50.2
Education & Worship	34	50.7
The Source	47	51.7
Leisure & Outreach	7	20.8
Total Expenses	1,655	54.2
Balance	(5)	

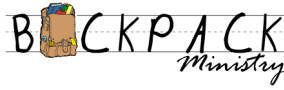
A NOTE FROM ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY'S FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

To whom it may concern:

I am retiring this year and appreciate all the help and food bags we have received for the children in our school. I will miss everyone that brought the bags into Arlington school so the children would not be hungry on the weekend. You're so greatly appreciated, and I only can hope that we continue this program in our school.

Sincerely,

Linda Prater, Arlington FRC



In May, Southern Hills completed nine years of service to the students of Arlington Elementary School in north Lexington. Our Backpack Ministry provides food bags for nearly 300 children to take home each weekend during the school year. This is a huge undertaking, and would not be possible without the full support of the congregation. You have been faithful with monetary donations, volunteering your time, and praying for the students.

There is much that happens behind the scenes in this ministry, and we are especially grateful for our devoted volunteers, who make it a priority twice a month to pick up food from Sam's Club, fill food bags at Embrace United Methodist Church, and transport them across the street to the school. The administration and staff from Arlington confirm that this vital ministry makes a huge difference in the lives of their students. We know also that being involved in this ministry makes a difference in the minds and hearts of our volunteers as well!

Thank you, Southern Hills! Your time, your donations, and your prayers are all instrumental as we strive to assist families just a few miles from our church who deal with food insecurity on a daily basis. As a congregation, we seek to nurture children inside and outside our walls and aid those who are in times of need, these being central to our mission of serving Christ's kingdom.

At this time, we have to say goodbye and thank you to our fearless leader, Lyn Bracken, who has handed over the reins of the Backpack Ministry in anticipation of a future relocation outside of Lexington. Lyn has been the heart and soul of this ministry and has been instrumental in its success. Thank you, Lyn! You will most certainly be missed.

We look forward to partnering with the congregation as we begin year number 10 in September!

—The SHUMC Backpack Ministry Team: Judy Blakeman, Lyn Bracken, Sarah Hicks, Nancy Kline, and Nancy Rhodus

BRIAN SHUMARD ~ DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, August 4, 11, 18, and 25. There will be people sharing some teachings from what God has been showing them. Let Brian know if you'd like to share too!
- **Girls' Small Group:** Wednesday, August 7, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We meet before prayer lunch in the Great Room to grow closer to Christ.
- **Prayer Lunch:** Wednesday, August 7, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Fazoli's in Palomar. We gather together to hang out, share a devotional, and pray for each other.
- **Nathaniel Mission:** Join us 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, August 1 and 8, to go help with the mission market, where we pray for people and help them get food and household items. Meet and get picked up at Southern Hills.
- **Game Day:** On Fridays, August 2 and 9, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Meet at Southern Hills by the gym, and we'll go to the park and play games or hang out inside if it's raining. It's a great time to invite friends!
- **Guys' Small Group:** Fridays, August 2 and 9, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. (after Game Day). We'll meet in the Great Room to encourage each other to live a life for God's glory and dig into the Bible.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, August 19, we'll go to Embrace UMC (1015 N. Limestone) and help with their community meal. They need help serving and cleaning up. Meet at Southern Hills at 5:15, and we'll be back by 8:00 p.m.
- **Dreamers Sunday School:** A student-led class for grades 6-12 that meets from 10:30-11:00 a.m. on Sundays at the Southern Hills campus. It focuses on studying the Bible and building up student leaders.
- **Parent Meeting:** We'll be meeting Sunday night, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room to go over our plans for the year, sign up for meals, check our paperwork, and pray for the school year.

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August 25th: Jesus Changes Everything: Colossians 3:18-4:2

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