

THE MESSENGER

SOUTHERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

NECESSARY ENDINGS

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Henry Cloud wrote a book called *Necessary Endings* in which he suggests that endings are a necessity. Why endings? Whether we like it or not, endings are woven into the fabric of life itself. Life has seasons, stages, and phases. As the Byrds reminded us in their Sixties song “Turn, Turn, Turn,” there is a season for everything. Taken from Ecclesiastes, the message is that there is a season for things to begin and a season for things to end, and that is how life works.

A necessary ending for me is about to arrive. An ending season of my life has come, because I have reached the designated age that means that my years as an active minister in the United Methodist Church are complete. At the Kentucky Annual Conference on June 12, after 47 years of ministry, I will officially retire. Put into the context of endings, I see this event as normal, expected and even a good thing. It’s time.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the people of Southern Hills United Methodist Church. Sharon and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful, loving place. I can hardly believe that it was 13 years ago when my work at the church began. It’s good to look back and remember the outstanding people and pivotal events that continue to shape our life together.

Part of the process of life is that sometimes something must come to an end so that new things, new opportunities can begin. For us to ever get to a new level, a new tomorrow, or the next step, something has to end. As a new pastor arrives at the church with fresh perspectives and experiences, they will encounter a church that is moving strongly on a mission of *Building True Reflections of God’s Amazing Love*. A change of leadership is an opportunity for new growth and exciting new ministries. Let’s begin praying now for the new pastor who is coming. I know that the Best is Yet to Come!

Still in One Peace,
Bill



Music & Worship Arts Week 2019: June 23-28



Two distinct groups from Southern Hills are being organized to attend Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska (North Carolina), which will be held June 23-28. This is a multi-generational event of arts, praise, and renewal that is held in the beautiful Smoky Mountains and sponsored by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. It is especially designed for those who enjoy singing, dancing and/or drama, as well as for those who lead these ministries in local congregations. The two groups being organized from Southern Hills will include adults and youth.

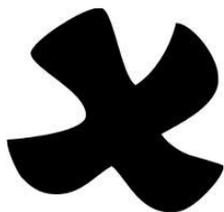
This year's theme, **Spirit of Wonder**, has been developed based on the following premise: *"A spirit of wonder fuels imaginations and hearts, especially as we move into the unknown."*

This is especially appropriate as we live into our denomination's journey into the 21st century.

For more information, please contact Joan Wooden or look at the following website:

<https://musicartsweek2019.wordpress.com/>

FEBRUARY TAIZÉ SERVICE



Please join us for our monthly worship experience in the style of Taizé, which will be held in our sanctuary on Wednesday, **February 20th** at 6:15 p.m. This very special service includes a time of prayer, Scripture readings, singing, meditation and Holy Communion.

SPRING MUSICAL FOR CHILDREN

All first thru fifth graders are invited to join our Children's Choir, which has just begun working on our Spring Musical. The musical will be presented for our congregation on Sunday, May 12th during our traditional worship services. If you know of children in this age group who might be interested in participating, please invite/encourage them to join the choir for the Spring. Our rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons, from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS...

In February 2019, lay and clergy delegates from our global church will gather in St. Louis, Missouri for a called special session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options to strengthen the unity of the church.

As United Methodists, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Regardless of the decisions made at the General Conference level regarding these issues, we at Southern Hills will continue to fulfill that mission. Our central focus is now, and will remain, building true reflections of God's amazing love by helping people to connect, grow, and serve, all centered around worship.

Detailed information regarding the called special session of General Conference may be found at:
www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session



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. The Gathering will take place on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019, 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 February:

February 14—Asian Wind, Palomar

February 28—Texas Roadhouse, Beaumont

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



The **UMW Leadership Team** will meet Thursday, February 7th, at 1:30 P.M. in the Reception Room.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will hold its monthly meeting in the Hazel Finney Reception Room on Thursday, February 7, at 5:30 P.M. We'll enjoy a snack supper provided by some of our members before proceeding with our business meeting. We'll discuss our part in the March PEO Luncheon, ushering for our annual fundraiser, the Gotta Dance Recital, as well as our Hug Buddy visits. Our February mission focus is the Methodist Home. If you care to participate, please bring a \$10.00 Walmart gift card, which we'll place in a Valentine card (provided by Circle) and deliver to the residents. For questions regarding this outreach, call Sally Collier (396-0331). For questions regarding our Circle, call Janie Bowne (223-5522).

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church. Our speakers will be Carlene Hodges and Harriet Schulz. The program will be about the Mission Funds and the Projects Treasury.

Please join the **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** February 13 in the Fireside Room. Our business meeting and bring-your-own lunch will start at noon. Our speaker at 1:00 will be sharing information about established and expanded new Hospice services. Please join us!

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room. We will have our annual "cookie share." Please bring your cookies for a "tasting." Afterwards the cookies will be taken to members who are not able to be at our meeting. Hope to see you there.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will have its first meeting of the new year on Monday, February 4th, at 7:00 in the Reception Room at church. It will be our annual fundraising White Elephant Sale! Bring at item or two in a gift bag to auction off, and bring a little (or a lotta) cash to buy something for yourself! Also, if you were a Secret Prayer Pal last year, this is the time to reveal your identity to your pal. We will also make our individual pledges and sign up for PEO Luncheon responsibilities. Important stuff! Hope you will be there! Members and all ladies of the church are welcome. Contact Kris Swoveland at 219-1468 if you have questions.

KRISTINA WHITE - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday Morning:

February 3	Jesus Performs His First Miracle John 2: 1-11	John 2:11	Jesus has God's power.
February 10	Nicodemus Visits Jesus at Night John 3:1-21	John 3:16	Jesus gives us eternal life.
February 17	Jesus is Rejected John 6: 41-71	Mark 2:17	Jesus loves everyone
February 24	Jesus Heals People Mark 1: 21-45	Luke 4:40	Jesus heals us.

Wednesday Night:

February 6	Act of Worship:	Slimed Lesson
February 13	Act of Service:	Game/Craft night at Wesley Village
February 20	Act of Worship:	Escape Room lesson
February 27	Fellowship:	Everyone bring a non-board game to teach the group

ATTENTION WESLEY VILLAGE FRIENDS:

On Wednesday, February 13th, the children will be meeting at Wesley Village from 6:30-7:30 to play bingo, make a craft and decorate some cookies with our friends who live at Wesley Village. Alan has reserved a room for us. I hope you can join us!

RIGHT NOW MEDIA:

5-MINUTE FAMILY DEVOTIONAL—OLD TESTAMENT HEROES FROM JELLY TELLY

We can learn so much from the heroes of the Bible! Some of them are unlikely heroes—ordinary people who God uses in extraordinary ways to move forward his great plan. This video devotional plan will uncover some of your favorite Bible characters and encourage you to see how God worked through them—and think about how God is working through you!

ROOM IN THE INN

Each Saturday December 2018-March 2019, SHUMC will transport, and host up to 12 guests overnight, filling them with Christian fellowship, a tasty supper, Sunday breakfast, sack lunches, as well as a safe and warm place to sleep for the night.

Our RITI committee will be so grateful to have your help this upcoming season. You may call RITI coordinators Bev Jaquith (276-1358) or Janie Bowen (223-5522) to schedule dates and times. If you are interested in helping on the last Saturday of the month, these dates will be handled by The Source. Please contact Doug Donaldson (489-7324) to sign up for these dates.

We look forward to seeing you in our Activities Building this upcoming winter on one or more cold Saturday nights!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

From Dave Cohn, Director of **Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center**: Thank you for supporting the ministries of Aldersgate Camp & Retreat center! All of us here at Aldersgate Camp appreciate the donation from your church of \$4,000.00 for Aldersgate Camp's ongoing ministries. Your gift provides an important foundation for the spiritual development of campers and retreat attendees. God continues to change lives at camp.

From William Herndon, Director of **The University of Kentucky's Wesley Foundation**: Thank you for your generous donation of \$4,500 made to the Wesley Foundation at the University of Kentucky. I am so extremely thankful for Southern Hills. I wouldn't be the same and the Wesley would not be what it is without you.

From Rev. Dan Baer, Executive Director of **The Nathaniel Mission**: The Nathaniel Mission would like to thank you for your donation of \$4,500.00, received on December 6, 2018. Your generosity and kindness to our neighbors makes a lasting difference in their lives and the life of our community.

God's Pantry: You donated a total of 528 pounds of food, valued at \$881.76, and \$490.00 in cash contributions. Thank you, Southern Hills!

NATHANIEL MISSION MARKET

Are you looking to use your hands serving the Lord? We have a great opportunity on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 12:45-2:15 at the market. There are different responsibilities: shopping assistant, prayer and computer spreadsheet, greeter. If you cannot commit weekly, we are always in need of those who are willing to sub in for the regulars that are scheduled. Our immediate need is a short-term sub in the months of February and March on Wednesdays as a shopper assistant. If you are interested, please call or email Bonnie Lynch (859-533-2313) (lynchb@aol.com).



Upcoming backpack ministry dates are as follows:

A.M.: January 31, February 28, April 11, May 9

(3 week pack)

Meet at Embrace Church basement, 10:00 a.m. for setup, pack shortly after.

P.M.: February 12, March 12 (3 week pack), April 29

Meet at Embrace Church basement, 5:15 setup, pack shortly after.

Food Delivery: Feb 12, March 12 (5 week), April 23 (5 week)

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

Financial Condition

Once again we finished the year on high note. Our year-end 2018 income and expense report shows we broke even for the year. Southern Hills continues to provide for a wide variety of ministries, missions and causes, I want to thank everyone for your support and hope you will continue your support throughout 2019.

Commitment Cards - Update

For 2019, I have received 238 pledges for \$870,087.00, which is actually a slight increase from 2018. If you have not filled out a pledge for 2019, it's never too late to do so. If you need a card, stop by or call me in the Business Office.

Sanctuary Renovation - Update

We currently have raised \$64,392.00 of the total cost of \$191,129.00, leaving a balance of \$126,736.00. In addition to this, we spent \$9,452.00 on 50 new choir chairs (\$135.00 each) and 3 new pulpit chairs (\$592.32 each). We are launching a new campaign to "Finish a Good Work." This will allow you to help pay for specific items purchased during the renovation, including the new pulpit, projectors, screens, pulpit chairs, and choir chairs. Your continued support is greatly appreciated; please mark your donations with "sanctuary" or "renovation" in the memo line.

Income	Current Income / Expense December 31, 2018	
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	1,561	108.9
Contributions	1,249	99.1
The Source	125	125.0
Other Income	44	97.7
Total Income	2,978	104.3
Expenses		
SHECP	1,557	104.5
Capital	126	100.0
Property	178	97.9
Personnel	751	95.5
Administrative	181	96.5
Education & Worship	64	91.1
The Source	91	104.6
Leisure & Outreach	30	88.6
Total Expenses	2,977	100.5
Balance	1	

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**...Prayer is essential to faith. Martin Luther said it this way: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." **"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."** (Col. 4:2) How much time do you spend in prayer each day? Corrie ten Boom goes straight to the heart of the issue: "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in Herren Hall. PLEASE make your reservation for these meals no later than Mondays at 12:00 noon. You can either mark the pew pad that you will be attending, or call the church office to let them know. We are excited to enjoy this fellowship time together and hope that you will join us and take the opportunity to get to know each other around the tables. The menu is posted weekly in the bulletin. Donations are suggested to help cover the meal cost. If you are able to help out on a Wednesday night, please let Brian Cathey know. We would love for groups to volunteer to help with food prep or cleanup. We also welcome suggestions for menu or themes for our Wednesday night meal. Please contact Brian at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org or call the church at (859) 277-6176.

MENUS FOR FEBRUARY

February 6: Pasta and salad

February 13: Pot roast, mashed potatoes, and veggies

February 20: Pizza and salad

February 27: Taco/nacho bar

BRIAN SHUMARD ~ DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, and 24. We'll look at what was important to the early Church and compare how things are today.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, February 18, we'll go to Embrace UMC (1015 N Limestone) and help with their community meal. They need help serving & cleaning up. Meet at Southern Hills at 5:15 and we'll be back by 8:00 p.m.
- **Middle School Small Groups:** Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., we'll meet in the Great Room to grow our roots deeper into Christ. For grades 6-8.
- **High School Small Groups:** Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., we'll meet at Katy's house (2153 Palomar Trace).
- **Youth Band:** Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 in the youth room. We'll practice songs to lead worship at Snapshot. If you play an instrument or want to sing feel free to join us, even if it is just for a week!
- **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.
- **Backpacks for Arlington:** Tuesday, Feb. 12, we'll go down to Embrace UMC and pack weekend meals for students at Arlington Elementary. Meet at Southern Hills at 5:30 p.m. We'll be back at 7:00 p.m.
- **Room in the Inn:** Saturday, Feb. 16, meet in the Great Room at 5:00 p.m. We'll set up the beds, set up chairs and towels, and cook food for the guests. We'll serve them, hang out for a bit, and clean up. We'll be done around 7:00 p.m.
- **Guys' and Girls' Night:** Sunday, Feb. 17, we'll meet at Southern Hills at 5:30 like normal but split into a guys' group and a girls' group to go out and have an adventure and a time to hang out. We'll be done at 7:30 p.m. for pickup at Southern Hills. Bring \$15.

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SERMONS IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- February 3: "Waiting for the Answer to a Promise," Luke 2:22-35
Dr. Bill Moore
- February 10: "Friends on the Roof," Mark 2:1-12
Dr. Bill Moore
- February 17: "Jesus Calms the Storm," Mark 4:35-41
Rev. Mark Shepherd
- February 24: "When the Wind is Against Us," Mark 6:45-52
Dr. Bill Moore



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