

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

A WORD FROM THE UPPER ROOM

Many people are familiar with the daily devotional booklet of the United Methodist Church called The Upper Room, which is always available at our Southern Hills Welcome Center. The mission of The Upper Room is to reach out to people who may have no formal connection with Christianity, who may not go to church, but who are nevertheless seeking a spiritual dimension to their lives. The Upper Room is unique because its readers are also its writers; Christians who are seeking to share their experiences with others in a direct, honest statement of personal faith in Christ, and the ways in which faith grows. It is now translated into 35 languages and distributed to over 100 countries worldwide for a total circulation of over 3 million copies (readership is estimated at over 8 million persons). Did you know that one of those writers is part of our faith community? Lyle Weldon has now produced two devotionals for The Upper Room, and we are pleased to share his well-written devotional from the January-February, 2018 issue:

NEW LIFE

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!!
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)

Four years ago I moved to a newly developed subdivision. In front of each house was a maple tree. I noticed that the tree in front of my house was infested with insects. One day during a windstorm, the tree broke at the damaged spot. I cleaned up the branches and cut the remaining trunk to the ground.

A few weeks later I noticed a green shoot coming from the stump. Before fall arrived, the shoot was more than three feet tall. Today the tree has beautifully formed branches and is at least 18 feet tall.

At times our lives may seem broken beyond repair. Troubles may leave us devastated and hopeless. But we have a God who loves us through our brokenness. God's grace can remove the debris in our lives and help us grow into something even better than before. It may take time, but we can trust that God will help us transform our lives into something strong and beautiful.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for healing the brokenness in our lives. Forgive us and transform each of us into the beautiful person you intend us to be. Amen.

Thought for the Month—When all seems lost, God can help me rebuild my life.

Lyle Weldon (Kentucky)

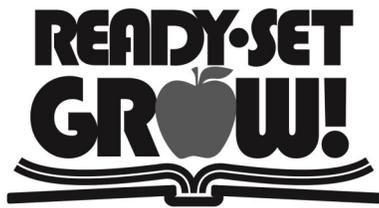
ROADRUNNERS

The Roadrunners meet every other week on a Thursday for lunch and fellowship Here is the schedule for the Roadrunners for the month of February:

February 8 El Charro Harrodsburg Road 11:30 a.m.
(Brian Cathey will be driving a van from the church if you would like to carpool)

February 22 Chop House Richmond Road 11:30 a.m.
(Brian Cathey will be driving a van from the church if you would like to carpool)

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!!



Plans are progressing for our new pre-k prep workshop ministry, *Ready-Set-Grow!* As The Source Lead Team investigated needs in the community, we discovered a desperate need exists to help parents prepare their pre-schoolers for the rigorous standards that now exist for new kindergarteners. School leadership has expressed their excitement at the opportunity to team up with The Source/Southern Hills to help meet this need as we offer a series of workshops, covering a variety of topics, aimed at assisting parents to prepare their children. The first workshop on March 19 will focus on Reading Skills, and the April 16 workshop will promote Math Skills.

We will work with the children on their skills and teach parents how to work at home with their children on those same skills. Dinner will be provided for the entire family, as well as free take-home resources to promote continued learning.

We are so thrilled that certified teachers from Clay's Mill Elementary are partnering with us to minister to our community in this way. We look forward to seeing how God blesses our community through *Ready-Set-Grow!* If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Rev. Jill Ruhl at jruhl@southernhillsumc.org or 859-358-4883.



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

The NEW LIFE CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, February 1st, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hazel Finney Reception Room. We'll be discussing our Hug Buddy Ministry with Lori Casey as our guest speaker. We'll also be filling forty Valentine bags for the Methodist Home. Please bring forty of the items you signed up for to this meeting. If you didn't sign up and would like to contribute feel free to do so. For information, please contact Harriet Schulz, 272-8714.

The MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE will meet on Monday, February 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the Bonus Room. We will have our White Elephant fundraiser, which was postponed from January, and will reveal our Secret Prayer Pals.

The PAT HERREN CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Members please bring cookies for us to sample and then cookies will be delivered to persons who are not feeling well. No mission food at this meeting. We welcome new members and are happy when our regular members are able to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings regularly or come when a topic is of interest.

The FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, February 14th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church.

The SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, February 14th, at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring your sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Our program will be provided by our own UMW Unit Treasurers, Carlene Hodges and Harriet Schulz. They will be describing how UMW monies are allocated. Please join us!



If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, there are several opportunities for you to do so:

Food pick up and deliveries

Take place at 4:00 p.m. at Sam's Club on New Circle Road
February 13 (4 week supply)
March 13 (5 week supply)
April 24

Morning Packing

(Thursdays unless otherwise indicated)

10:00 a.m. for Set Up, 10:30 a.m. Packing

(Packing takes place in the basement of Embrace Church on N. Limestone.)

February 1
March 1
April 12
May 10

Evening Packing

(Tuesdays unless otherwise indicated)

(Packing takes place in the basement of Embrace Church on N. Limestone.)

February 13
March 13
April 24

**Boy
Scout
Sunday**



FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Members from both the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be participating in our worship services.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL
AND ACTIVITIES**

Our Wednesday night fellowship dinners are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in Herren hall. The menu is posted weekly in the bulletin and we ask that you please make a reservation so we can plan for the right amount of food each week. Donations are suggested to help cover the meal cost.

MENUS FOR FEBRUARY

February 7 Pasta and Salad Bar
February 14 Baked Potato and Salad Bar
February 21 Taco Bar
February 28 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Veggie

**Homes from the Heart
Gala**

**Building Homes for the Homeless
in Guatemala through
Catalyst Resources International (CRI)**

**February 17, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
Signature Club of Lansdowne
Tickets \$65 Per Person**

Purchase tickets at www.homesfromtheheartgala.com

Join us for an evening of:

- Silent auctions;
- Guest speaker Jeff Shepherd, UK Basketball Champion; and
- Music by Nicholas Jamerson of Sundry Best.

REV. JOAN WOODEN ~ DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP



MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS WEEK 2018: JUNE 24-29

Encountering Jesus: Jesus' Personal Encounters in the Gospels

Three distinct groups from Southern Hills are being organized to attend Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska (North Carolina), which will be held June 24-29. 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 three groups being organized from Southern Hills will include adults, youth and (new this year) children. In addition to the quality programming for adults and youth, the event has fabulous activities for children (completed grades K-5), including singing; drums; movement activities, choir chimes, crafts (led by our own Rachel Losch) and worship enrichment.

This year's theme, *Encountering Jesus: Jesus' Personal Encounters in the Gospels*, has been developed based on the following premise: "The Gospels reveal Jesus' teachings through personal encounters and conversation. How may we encounter Jesus through these encounters? What can we learn through these personal encounters?"

For more information, please contact Joan Wooden or look at the following website: <https://musicartsweek2018.wordpress.com/>

ASH WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday, marking the first day of Lent, emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on **February 14th**, and our church will offer multiple opportunities for worship. From **7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**, our sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer and meditation, as well as **Holy Communion**. Then, at **6:30 p.m.** we will have an intergenerational **service of worship**. In addition to our traditional liturgy and music, we will offer a special time of prayer and meditation through interactive stations (including imposition of the ashes). These stations will be designed and created by Brian Shumard, our youth pastor and Kristina White, our children's pastor. In addition, James Humlong will provide contemplative organ music for those who would prefer to spend time in prayer either in their pews or at the altar rail. Please make plans to attend, and bring your entire family.



LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE

Lent, the season of preparation for celebrating Easter, is historically a time for fasting, repentance and prayer. Our monthly worship experience in the style of Taizé provides a wonderful opportunity for such reflection. This month, our service will be held on Wednesday, **February 21st** at 6:15 p.m. Please make plans to join us for 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 6th 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.

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR LOVE & MOVE!

After a busy holiday season, our women's (LOVE) and men's (MOVE) ensembles took a much needed break. Beginning February 1st, both groups will begin rehearsing again, in order to prepare for Lent and Easter. Both groups would warmly welcome new members! Practices are held on Thursdays, with our men meeting from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and our women, from 7:15-8:30. We would love to have new members! If you would like more information, please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org).

- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, Feb. 11, 18 & 25. We'll dig into how the Bible came to be what we know today & look at the unfolding story of God's love for humanity in a series called "Love Letter".
- **Middle School Small Group:** We'll meet in the Great Room from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 21 & 28 to hangout & grow in our relationship with God.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, Feb. 19 we will go to Embrace church and help with their community meal. They need help with cooking, serving, & cleaning up. We'll leave from Southern Hills at 5:15pm be back by 8:15pm.
- **High School Small Group:** Meet at Katy's House (text Katy or Brian for the address) from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 as we seek to build our faith & equip ourselves to be ambassadors for Jesus.
- **Super Bowl Party:** On Sunday, February 4 from 5:30-8:00pm we'll play some games together, have the gym open, watch some silly videos, have a devotional & have the game on. We'll have some food too! This will be a great time to invite a friend, have some fun & let them hear the GOSPEL. We will not be doing small groups or clans.
- **Backpacks for Arlington:** On Tuesday, Feb. 13 we will go to Embrace church and help with their community meal. They need help with cooking, serving, & cleaning up. We'll leave from Southern Hills at 5:30pm be back by 7:15pm.
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary at Southern Hills we'll join with the rest of the church to prepare ourselves for Lent through an interactive service.
- **Youth Band:** Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 21 & 28 we'll meet in the Great Room from 7:30-8:30pm to work on songs to lead worship at Snapshot.
- **Confirmation 2018:** The second session is on Sunday, February 4 from 12:30-2:00pm. Please bring your binder with you & we'll go over any questions you had.
- **Winter Jam:** Mark it on your calendars for Saturday, March 31! If you aren't already gone for spring break join us for Winter Jam at Rupp Arena for a fun evening of concerts with a lot of bands, speakers & a comedian. We'll meet at Southern Hills at 4:00pm. Cost is \$15 a person.

ROOM^{IN} THE INN

Our Southern Hills family has been so generous in volunteering for this vital ministry of our community. If you are still looking for a way to help, these are the dates and assistance we still need:

- February 14: Volunteer to pick up and wash the linens and return them to the church
- March 24: Volunteers to set up
- March 24: Volunteer(s) to provide lunch

Any men who would like to volunteer to be overnight hosts can call Randy Collins, 312-1109, to sign up for March 17 (1 person) and March 24 (2 men).

THANKS SO MUCH for thinking about us! Janie Bowen (223-5522).

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Southern Hills ended the year on a very good note. We received numerous donations in December, we had a good response to the special Christmas offering, and we had multiple people prepaying their 2018 pledges. Taking all this into consideration, we still came up a little short. This was due to an operating deficit in the Early Childhood Program, which we are aware of and we continue to review and assess our expenses and fee structure to correct this problem in 2018.

Currently, our pledges for 2018 stand at 217 pledges for a total of \$781, 496.00. If you have not submitted a pledge card and wish to do so please contact the business office. Cards are also available in the sanctuary and at the information desk. You can put them in the collection plate, or my mailbox, or slide it under my door and I'll take care of it.

REUTER PIPE ORGAN - UPDATE

As of January 18, the total amount received is \$138,465 towards our goal of approximately \$140,000.00.

Current Income / Expense December 31, 2017

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	1,437	94.4
Contributions	1,269	105.8
The Source	195	
Other Income	52	99.0
Total Income	2,953	101.2
Expenses		
SHECP	1,489	98.8
Capital	126	100.0
Property	201	115.5
Personnel	739	95.8
Administrative	188	106.1
Education & Worship	49	76.8
The Source	171	
Leisure & Outreach	30	80.5
Total Expenses	2,993	102.3
Balance	(40)	



- Wonderfully Made: This year, our church is partnering with 1st UMC Downtown to bring our 5th graders and their parents a comprehensive study of human sexuality! If you have a 5th grader and are interested in this, please contact Kristina for more information. This will be held Feb 8-10! It's not too late to register!
- Ash Wednesday: Families will join the whole congregation on this night for the Ash Wed service.
- Lent Family Packets: The Sundays before and after Ash Wednesday, we will have a packet for each family available to help guide your family through the Lenten season. Please pick them up in the Activities Wing at SHUMC or the Welcome Area at The Source!
- Children and Family Ministry Team Meeting: We will be meeting on Feb 22 at 6:30 at SHUMC campus! If you'd like to join us, please contact Kristina!
- Wed nights: Children and Families are invited to join us on Wed nights at 6:30 in the Activities Room!
- Sunday morning lessons: Both campuses teach the same lessons each week!

	@ SHUMC	@ The Source
February 4, 2018	Intergen Worship	Jesus is Lost in Jerusalem
February 11, 2018	Jesus Calms the Storm	Jesus Calms the Storm
February 18, 2018	Jesus Prayed	Jesus Prayed
February 25, 2018	Jesus Prayed Alone	Jesus Prayed Alone

SHUMC 11:00 service for Preschoolers-Kindergarten: Join us in the Preschool Room down in the Activities Wing during the 11 o'clock service!

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130571940381849>

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**SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY
IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

Sermon Series: "The Gospel According to John"

- February 4: "The Gentle Healer," John 9:1-18
February 11: "The Good Shepherd," John 10:1-18
February 18: "Dead Man Walking," John 11:17-44
February 25: "When Love Comes to Town," John 12:12-19



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