

## THIS WEEK AT SOUTHERN HILLS

### Sunday, January 6

8:15a Bible Study for Men, Bonus Rm  
9:15a Source Studies, Keithshire Campus  
9:30a Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:30a Bible Diggers, Library  
9:30a Children's Ministry, Activities Rm  
9:30a Children's Ministry (PK-K), Rm 610  
10:30a Youth-Led Sunday School Class, Great Rm  
10:30a Source Worship, Keithshire Campus  
10:35a Love Notes, Bonus Rm  
11:00a Preschool Worship Hour, Activity Building  
11:00a Bible Apps Sunday School, Bonus Rm  
11:00a Seekers Class, Fireside Rm  
11:00a Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:00p Joyful Ringers (Youth), Sanctuary  
4:30p The About Group, Fireside Rm  
4:30p Pastor Eric Hughes Talks About Deacon Track, Bonus Rm  
4:45p Youth Choir, Choir Rm  
5:00p Children's Snack and Worship Enrichment Activity, Courtyard Rm  
5:00p Carillon Choir (Adult Handbells), Sanctuary  
5:30p Children's Choir, Choir Rm  
5:30p Snapshot (Youth Group)  
6:15p Celebration Ringers (grades 3-5), Sanctuary

### Monday, January 7

10:00a Upper Room Prayer Team, Prayer Chapel  
10:00a Vitality Aerobics, Great Rm  
10:30a Shawl Ministry, Reception Rm  
6:45p Worship Team Meeting, Choir Room  
7:00p AA, Fireside Room

### Tuesday, January 8

9:30a Pat Herren Circle, Fireside Rm  
6:30p Basketball, Men age 35 & up, Gym  
7:00p AA, Fireside Rm

### Wednesday, January 9

9:30a Ladies Bible Study, The Source, Keithshire Campus  
9:30a Faith Susannah Wesley Circle, Reception Rm  
10:00a Vitality Aerobics, Great Rm  
12:00p Sarah Bagby Circle, Fireside Rm  
5:30p Dinner served until 6:15 (Please make reservations)  
6:30p Middle School Small Groups, Youth Room  
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00p Ladies Bible Study, home of Teresa Eikenbary

### Thursday, January 10

9:30a Open Bridge, Reception Rm  
1:30p Jill Ruhl's Small Group, Library  
6:15p MOVE Vocal Rehearsal, Choir Rm  
6:30p High School Small Group  
6:30p Men's age 35 and over Basketball, Gym  
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 186, Activities Kitchen  
7:00p Take Your Best Shot, Bonus Rm  
7:15p LOVE Vocal Rehearsal, Choir Rm

### Friday, January 11

10:00a Vitality Aerobics Class, Great Rm  
12:00p Al-Anon, Conference (Bonus) Rm

### Saturday, January 12

11:00a Al-Anon, Conference (Bonus) Rm

## CLOSE THE GATE

**Matthew 2:1-12**

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### **Wise Men from the East Visit the Christ Child**

*And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Matthew 2:11-12 (RSV)*

### **The Apostle Paul knew how to Close the Gate**

*...but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14*

### **It is wonderful to remember, but sometimes good to forget.**

#### **1. We need to Close the Gate on Our Past Successes**

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)*

#### **2. We need to Close the Gate on our Past Hurts**

*So when you offer your gift to God at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there at the altar. Go and make peace with that person, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 23-24 (NCV)*

#### **3. We need to Close the Gate on Our Past Failures**

*I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:34*

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### **A Warm Welcome**

Welcome to Southern Hills United Methodist Church! We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Before you leave, please take a few minutes to stop by our *Welcome Center* located just outside the worship center in the Narthex. Our volunteers will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have or additional information you desire about the church.

### **2019 ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to present altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special event on a Sunday this year, please call the church office at 277-6176 and speak to Chelsie Stover about reserving a date for your arrangement. Altar flower arrangements typically begin at \$40-\$50.

### **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE**

Our January meeting will be Wednesday, January 9th, in the Fireside Room at noon. We hope to see you!

### **PAT HERREN CIRCLE**

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

### **METHODIST MEN MEETING**

#### **Monday, January 14, 2019**

The Methodist Men will meet on Monday, January 14, 2019, by meeting at The Source, SHUMC's second campus. The Source is located on Keithshire Place off Clays Mill. We will meet for fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and begin our tour at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Jill Ruhl will lead us on a tour of The Source's facilities and lead a discussion on activities and progress of The Source's ministry. We will adjourn to Brooklyn Pizza next door for dinner after our program. Mark the attendance pad with MM or call Dennis Liptrap at 223-1737 to reserve your place at dinner.

### **YOU'RE INVITED**

Today at 4:30pm in the Bonus Room, join Pastor Eric as he speaks about why he is going forward for ordination as a deacon. The session will be filmed and should last between 15-30 minutes. All are welcomed.

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- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, January 6th, 13th, and 27th.
- **Middle School Small Group:** Wednesday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the youth room.
- **High School Small Group:** Thursdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We'll meet at Katy's house (2153 Palomar Trace) to dig into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- **Confirmation:** If you are in grades 6-12 and have not been through confirmation before, join us for our first session on Sunday, January 6, from 12:30-2:00 pm. We ask that you let Samantha or Brian know if you are going to attend. Parents come in for the first part of the meeting so we can go over what confirmation looks like here at SHUMY!
- **Mexico Mission Team:** We are starting to raise funds for our mission to Tijuana in July of 2019 to build a home for a family, provide food, and help with the building of a community center. If you have work you need done around your home and would like to donate to the project costs, please get a form at the welcome center and turn it in to the church office. We'll be in contact with you about when we can come help. Thank you for your support!

### BAGBY LIBRARY

Happy New Year! As you many know, your purple-haired librarian likes to start her day with devotions. I use three different sources and feel it is good to begin the day with a right attitude. My purpose for this year is to stay true to God with readings. The library has several resources on the table just inside the library door with a variety of magazines and books to start your day or night correctly. My favorite is a book titled 365 Great Thoughts for Clergy and Church Leaders, edited by Terry Swan. If you think you don't have time for long studies or devotions, this is the book for you. Sentences and paragraphs for each day of the year from many people get the brain cells thinking about God. Pick up a book. Peace be with you.

### 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 [rbcathy@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:rbcathy@southernhillsumc.org) or call the church at (859) 277-6176.

**January 9th: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and veggies**

**January 16th: pizza and salad**

**January 23rd: taco and nacho bar**

**January 30th: baked potato and salad**



### MAKE HEALTH YOUR RESOLUTION

Find ways to boost your health, fitness, and wellbeing, and be an inspiration to others!

- Make healthy food choices. Grab a healthy snack on the go. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Be active. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park farther away and walk.
- Protect yourself from injury and disease. Put on a helmet, sunscreen, or insect repellent. Wash your hands for 20 seconds.
- Manage stress. Don't overschedule or overcommit. Take short breaks throughout the day.
- Make an appointment for a checkup, vaccination, or screening.
- Quit smoking. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free counseling on how to quit smoking for good.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/family/minutes/tips/healthresolution/index.htm>

### FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE

The Faith Susannah Wesley Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all materials for the February newsletter to Chelsie Stover at [cstover@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:cstover@southernhillsumc.org) by Thursday, January 17th.

### 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](http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session)

Southern Hills' leadership will continue to keep you updated and informed.



### UPCOMING CHILDREN AND FAMILY EVENTS

#### Children in Worship:

Here at SHUMC, we value children as a part of our worshipping community. Their presence grows out of our commitment to nurture them as they grow in their relationship with God. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7) Children wiggle! Adults do too! Bringing your children to the service may not always be easy, but it is an important part of the spiritual growth. Children learn from SEEING adults. When adults SEE children in the service, it also helps them grow too.

There are activity carts at both entrances to the sanctuary. On the carts you will find activity bags with crayons and other quiet activities that will help your child. There are also clipboards with sermon notes and coloring pages for children. Science tells us that when children's hands are busy, their brains are able to focus on what they are hearing. These tools are here to help your child engage in worship.

**A note to parents:** If you feel you must leave the sanctuary with your child, please come back. We aren't the full body without you both!

**A note to congregation members:** Express joy at having the children worship with us. Be intentional about greeting the children when we pass the peace!

### SHUMC: Children's Worship

#### The Source: Source Studies

January 6	<b>INTERGEN SUNDAY AT SHUMC</b> Jesus Speaks with the Religious Leaders Luke 2:39-52	Luke 2:52	Jesus is wise.
January 13	John Baptizes Jesus Matthew 3:13-17	Matthew 3:17	Jesus is God's son.
January 20	Satan Tempts Jesus Matthew 4:1-11	Proverbs 3:6	Jesus shows us the way.
January 27	Jesus Calls Disciples Mark 1:3-10, John 2:35-51	2 Corinthians 5:17	Jesus can change our lives.

### Kids and Families on a Mission:

We will resume our Wednesday night activities on Jan 9th with an Act of Service Project for the Room in the Inn ministry that our church participates in! Come join us at 6:30 in the Activities Room!

### 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 January:

**January 10—Malone's, Palomar Center**

**January 24—Sedona Taphouse, Palomar Center**

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