

THE MESSENGER

SOUTHERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JUNE/JULY 2018

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

GOD IS WITH US

It's happened again. The killing and wounding of adults and children in a school in Texas. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. We do not live in a perfect world. We live in a fallen creation, and we know that things will only ultimately "be right" when we finally stand in the presence of our Lord and Master in the world to come.

When Jesus walked among us, he healed the sick. He raised the dead to life – the little daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Nain, and Lazarus. Remember how Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus? "Quite clearly", says William Barclay, "Jesus did not think sickness and illness and untimely death the will of God. Quite clearly he thought them the reverse of the will of God. They were the very things that he came to help and to overcome.

There are circumstances of our human situation that are in play. God created the world along with laws that govern it. God gave human beings dominion over this planet, Earth. God also created us to be free with a capacity to reason, to make choices, including the choice to risk and sacrifice ourselves to save others. Unfortunately, humans have the tendency to be drawn to the wrong path.

Can God intervene in the world directly, stopping accidents from happening, protecting us from the harm others would do to us, averting natural disasters, and miraculously healing our diseases? Yes. God can do anything he wishes to do. So we pray for miracles. But God's ordinary way of working is to guide us by the Scriptures, through prayer and the witness of the Holy Spirit, and to use doctors and medicine and others who seek to do what is right in order to help us and sustain us. God's ordinary way is not to intervene directly, even though a million times a day God must grieve over the terrible things that humanity does.. And God's ordinary way is to clean up after us, and to use the pain and tragedy in our lives to accomplish his purposes.

What can we say then, in times of deep loss and hurt? We can say that God is as grieved as we are, that he shares our sorrows and our grief, that He is afflicted with our afflictions, and that His heart is going out to meet our heart.

Our faith in Christ does not offer quick and easy explanations for everything. But the Lord has promised His loving presence, and the power to face these things triumphantly, to bear up under adversity, and to transform tragedy into a crown. Because of this we can say with confidence that *we are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going.* 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 The Living Bible

Still in One Peace,
Bill



In May, Southern Hills completed eight 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 that it also makes a difference in the minds and hearts of our volunteers!

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, and as we seek to live out our mission statement: ". . . reaching out to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. The nurturing of children inside and outside our walls, aiding those who are in times of need, and sharing the gospel in our words and deeds are central to our mission of serving Christ's kingdom". We look forward to partnering with the congregation as we begin Year #9 in September!

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

REV. JOAN WOODEN ~ DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP



WORSHIP TEAM WELCOMES LARRY HAY

Our Worship Team, under the able leadership of Julie and Matthew Beck, will meet on **Sunday, June 3rd**. This month's meeting will include an update and discussion surrounding the specific details of our Sanctuary Renovation Project, led by project manager, Larry Hay. All are welcome to attend this open meeting, which will be held in the choir room at **6:30 p.m.**

JUNALUSKA BOUND!

Six children, seventeen youth and twelve adults from SHUMC will head to Lake Junaluska (NC) on June 24th to participate in *Music and Worship Arts Week*, sponsored by The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Participants will experience a wide variety of rich worship services, and will be able to participate in choir, drama, dance, instrumental ensemble and the visual arts – all led by some of our denomination's most outstanding experts in their respective fields. Please be in prayer for our children, youth and adults, as they seek to learn more about worship, and how we are each called to use our gifts to honor and glorify God.

FIRST ANNUAL MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP SLATED FOR JULY 23-27

The first annual *Music and Arts Camp at Southern Hills* will be held from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., July 23-27. It is free (thanks to some generous donors from our congregation), and open to all students who have completed kindergarten thru fifth grades. This exciting, fun and fast-paced camp encourages all children to express their talents through singing, movement, drama and visual arts. During the week, the students will learn a musical (*The Troubbable of Zerubbabel*, by William Anderson) to be presented at assisted living centers on Friday. Our fabulous UMW Circles will provide lunch for the children each day. If you have children, grandchildren friends or neighbors who would enjoy the camp, please encourage them to attend! Registration is found on-line at: musiccamp.southernhillsumc.org. There are also brochures at our Welcome Center.



BAGBY LIBRARY

Summertime! Your purple-haired librarian loves summer. The children are out of school, the daylight is longer, vacations are planned, wonders everywhere. As much as I love summer, I know for some who are out of school, in a couple of weeks the parents and grandparents will hear, "I am bored!" Take the bored to a new place, the church library. Children can lose some reading skills during the summertime and the library has four shelves of books for children to help keep their reading skills current. Do these like a mystery:

- How many book titles have the name Mary?
- What books have Kentucky references in the title?
- Is there a magazine that shows art on the cover?

We have many books for the littlest ones, stories and fairytales to keep them happy. Remember, there is an open policy for taking the books from the library. You do not have to sign them in or out, just remember to bring them back, put them on the table under the TV, and we will get it in the proper place. Have fun in the church library! Outside the library door is a list of when other groups use the library but all other times are find for the visits.

"EPIC OF EDEN" BIBLE STUDY TO BE OFFERED THIS SUMMER

This is an invitation to join us on a journey through the Old Testament this summer. A study, with Bill Moore and Eric Hughes as co-teachers will be offered on Wednesday nights at 6 P.M., July 11- September 5. Our text, along with the Bible, will be *Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry Into the Old Testament* by Dr. Sandra Richter. The books will cost \$20. The class will be held in the Main Conference (Bonus) Room, across the hall from the Choir Room.

It is the author's point of view that the Bible, as a whole, is intended to communicate to people God's plan for their redemption. She says, "This narrative begins with Eden and does not conclude until the New Jerusalem is in place. It is all one story. And if you are a believer, it is your story." If our goal is to know our own story, then we first have to come to understand the characters who populate the Old Testament: who they were, where they lived, what was important to them.

Perhaps you are suffering what Sandra Richter calls the "dysfunctional Old Testament closet syndrome." If so, she has a solution. Like a home-organizing expert, she comes in and helps you straighten out your cluttered closet. Gives you hangers for facts. A timeline to put them on. And handy containers for the clutter on the floor. Plus she fills out your wardrobe of knowledge with exciting new perspectives. Come and join us this summer!

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:

June 14th Chop House—Richmond Rd. June 28th Olive Garden—Fayette Mall

For more information regarding the Roadrunners please call Brian at 277-6176, or email him at



The **UMW Leadership Team** will hold their next meeting on August 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hazel Finney Reception Room. There will be no meetings of this committee in June or July.

MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE'S June meeting will be at Jolene Ashord's home on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss and select our circle officers for 2019. We do not meet in July.

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Virginia Atwood. We will have our annual potluck salad luncheon.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet at noon on June 13th in the Fireside Room. Bring your sack lunch and join us for fun and fellowship followed by our program. Our program topic is the UMW National Assembly. Our July meeting will be a celebration of birthdays with lunch location to be announced! If you can join us, please call Joyce Tiggelaar 278-5677 for details.

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** does not meet during the months of June and July. They will resume meeting in August.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will not meet in the month of June. Join us for our annual planning retreat July 12, 2018 at Lexington Country Club.



RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH

Our annual rummage sale to benefit the Guatemala mission trip is Saturday, 6/9. Save the date and save your donation items. We will be collecting donations at the church on June 7th and 8th and will also schedule pickups those days. Contact Brian Cathey at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org or call the church at 277-6176.



We wish to thank you for your flower/plant orders and support of the **UMW and Eagles Flower Sale**. The sale was successful and proceeds go to help with church projects/needs, missions and local charities.

HAPPY GARDENING!



CELEBRATING WITH THE SOURCE

On Sunday, April 29 we celebrated the first anniversary of the launch of our second campus, The Source. The Source's worship service featured five speakers who shared about how God had been transforming their lives, as well as two new-believer baptisms. The celebration continued after the service, as about 150 people gathered in Shillito Park for a picnic bash.

Over the last year the Source has added 18 new members to Southern Hills, Rev. Ruhl has performed 8 new-believer baptisms, 3 infant baptisms, and celebrated an additional profession of faith with a baptismal remembrance. The Source's average attendance has grown since the end of 2016 from the mid 60's to the mid 90's, and we have opened up relationship with the Kentucky UM Home and welcome their youth and counselors into worship and fellowship.

We have much to celebrate! And look forward to how God will continue to use Southern Hills/The Source to build the church and God's Kingdom as we reach out to our community.

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...** How much we pray reveals how much we depend on God. Author Priscilla Shirer calls prayer the "antithesis of self-sufficiency" and makes this observation: "If we truly believed the great God of the universe **istens intently** to the cry of our hearts and responds with power in our circumstances, we would never meet any circumstance without deciding to access the ear of God." "Don't be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~Philippians 4:6*

June

- **Summer Mission Week:** June 4-8 we'll be spending a week at Asbury University & doing local missions work around the Lexington area. We'll meet at Southern Hills at 10:00am on Monday, June 4. (Please eat breakfast before you come. We can give rides if needed.) We will do work around the church on Monday & go to Asbury for the evening. The rest of the week we'll split into two groups & do a variety of projects in Wilmore, Nicholasville & Lexington. Pick up will be at 5:00pm on Friday, June 8 at Southern Hills. The cost is \$150 a person. This helps cover food & boarding for the week. As always let Brian & Samantha know if you need a scholarship or a payment plan. Money is due by June 3.
- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, June 3, 10 & 24; July 1, 15, 22 & 29. We'll have conversations about how our faith informs every area of our life.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, June 18th (if you're not the King's Island type) go to Embrace church ([1015 N Limestone](#)) and help with their community meal. They need help with cooking, serving, & cleaning up. Get there a little before 6pm to help serve & if you stay for the service it is normally done by 7:45pm.
- **Prayer Lunch:** We'll meet at Fazoli's in Palomar from 2:00-3:00pm on Wednesdays June 13, 20 & 27; July 4, 11, 18 & 25 to hangout, share a devotional & pray for each other. It's a good laid back time to invite a friend!
- **Kings Island:** On Monday, June 18 we'll meet at Southern Hills at 9:00am & head to King's Island. Buy your tickets ahead of time at Kroger or online if possible. Bring money for food and drinks as well. We'll eat an early lunch before we go into the park to save some money. We'll be back by 11:30pm.
- **Game Day:** Fridays from 10am-1pm June 15, 22 & 29; July 6, 20 & 27 we'll meet at Southern Hills & head to the park to play games, hangout inside if it's raining, or go on some kind of adventure around town.
- **Youth Band:** We'll find a new day & time to meet for the summer but still meet in the Great Room to work on songs to lead worship at Snapshot.
- **Follow us:** Remember you can always keep up with what is going on at [shumy.org](#) or you can ask to become part of our Facebook group (SHUMY) or follow us on Instagram (@ shumy_lex

July

- **Pool Day:** On Sunday, July 8, we'll meet at Southern Hills at 5:30 p.m. 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 7:30 p.m.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, July 16, we will go to Embrace Church and help with their community meal. They need help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We'll leave from Southern Hills at 5:15 p.m. and be back by 8:00 p.m.

FROM THE GROW TEAM:

FAMILY WORSHIP WITH RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Help your children and/or yourself learn scripture this summer! RightNow Media has *Seeds Family Worship* interactive videos for you and your family! We suggest starting with the *Power of Encouragement* volume, found in the "Southern Hills UMC" library section. If you've never done a family devotion together, this will be an easy and great place to start. Sing a song, learn the hand motions and talk about what each one means...all while memorizing scripture together!! Visit the "Grow" tab on the church website to register if you don't have an account, or to get access to the Southern Hills offerings.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

Financial Condition

In review of the financial statements for May 20, 2018 Southern Hills remains financially stable. As we move into the summer months, our donations continue to meet our expenses. Please be aware that we usually have a summer period with lower donations. So please keep Southern Hills in mind as you plan for your summer vacations. As always if you need anything from the Business Office, feel free to call me.

Sanctuary Renovation

Plans for the renovation of the sanctuary are progressing. We are continuing to receive up-dated bids and should have a final budget with a construction plan ready soon. Anyone wishing to donate to sanctuary renovation project, please send a check made out to the church with "renovation" in the memo line.

Current Income / Expense May 20, 2018

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	577	40.3
Contributions	493	39.1
The Source	45	44.5
Other Income	18	40.2
Total Income	1,133	39.9
 Expenses		
SHECP	561	37.7
Capital	53	41.7
Property	75	41.3
Personnel	293	37.3
Administrative	61	32.3
Education & Worship	28	39.8
The Source	42	48.1
Leisure & Outreach	6	17.3
Total Expenses	1,119	37.8
Balance	14	



Check out **RIGHT NOW MEDIA** this summer as you travel! Below is a list of lessons that we will be doing in June and July! If you happen to be away from us that week, just log in and catch up together! There's also coloring pages, crafts, games and even Flashcards to help you stay fully connected to us at church while you are away!

Children's Worship/Source Studies Schedule:

June 3, 2018	Intergen Worship	Paul and Disciples Spread the Good News
June 10, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 1 What is the Bible	
June 17, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 1 Who Wrote the Bible	
June 24, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 2 Who Chose the Books of the Bible	
July 1, 2018	Intergen Worship	What's in the Bible Vol 2 What is Salvation
July 8, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 3 Don't Lie, Don't Cheat	
July 15, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 3 What is a Pentateuch	
July 22, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 7 Ezra and Nehemiah	
July 29, 2018	What's in the Bible Vol 8 Poems in the Bible	

VBS: Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to join us June 20th-22nd @ the SHUMC campus for Rolling River Rampage! Registration will be coming soon! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kristina at kwhite@southernhillsumc.org

VBS SUPPLY LIST: If you're able to help us, we need to borrow some supplies to help decorate for VBS! Please let Kristina know if you're able to let us borrow anything on this list!

- 4-5 artificial Christmas trees
- 3-4 wooden palettes
- Inflatable rafts
- Kayak
- Canoe paddles
- A small canoe
- Camping chairs
- Wooden logs to sit on for the stage
- Electric 'fake' fire

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16th - Kingdom Builders - A Celebration of Fathers and Paternal Figures (11am-1pm)

June 20th-22nd - Rolling River Rampage - Vacation Bible School

July 14th - Back in the Day - A Celebration of Grandparents and Special Senior Friends (10am-12pm)

August 10th - We Have the Meats - A Back-to-School Event (6pm-8pm)

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JUNE AND JULY SERMONS IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

June 3: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation," Matthew 6:13
June 10: "Thine is the Kingdom," Eric Hughes, preaching
June 17: "Father's Day, "Sowing Good Seed," Mark 4:26-29

Sermon Series: "Epic of Eden- A Christian Entry into the Old Testament"

June 24: "God's Original Intent," Genesis 1-2:4
July 1: "God Calls Abraham," Genesis 12:1-9
July 8: "More Righteous Than Me," Genesis 38, Eric Hughes, preaching
July 15: "The Story of Redemption," Ruth 1:1-18
July 22: "Moses and the Ten Commandments," Exodus 20:1-17, Eric Hughes, preaching
July 29: "The Rainbow Connection," Genesis 8-9



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