

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

“A PERSPECTIVE ON PRIORITIES”

“On the day that Mahatma Gandhi was killed, I was in Delhi just an hour and a quarter before the tragedy, ...the greatest tragedy since the Son of God died on the cross...”

This is how the renowned Methodist missionary/evangelist to India, E. Stanley Jones, introduces his book, *Gandhi: Portrayal of a Friend*. Jones began his career in 1907 and helped to establish Christianity as an active movement in that vast sub-continent. He had occasion for a series of conversations with Gandhi in those turbulent years before India gained independence from British rule. Their friendship evolved as they talked of many issues of mutual concern, from human rights to religion. Gandhi had learned about Christian beliefs in his early life while living in South Africa, but had also encountered racism in the church there.

Although they often disagreed, Jones said that Gandhi showed him “more of the spirit of Christ than perhaps any other man in East or West.” The first time they met, Jones, concerned for the way Christians were perceived in that country, asked Gandhi a direct question: “How can we make Christianity part of the national life of India and contribute its power to India’s uplift? What would you, as one of the Hindu leaders of India, tell me, a Christian, to do in order to make this possible?”

Gandhi’s response was clear and direct: “First, I would suggest that all of you Christians, missionaries and all, must begin to live more like Jesus Christ. Second, practice your religion without adulterating it or toning it down. Third, emphasize love and make it your working force. Fourth, study the non-Christian religions more sympathetically to find the good that is within them, in order to have a more sympathetic approach to the people.”

E. Stanley Jones realized that Gandhi had put his finger on four critical directives that impact the individual and collective lives of Christians:

Live more like Jesus Christ. Jones’ comment: “We were worshiping Christ more than following him.” His situation is familiar to us today. We know how to go through the motions. Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Practice your religion without adulterating it or toning it down. Jones responds: “We don’t reject it; we reduce it- to a creed to be believed, or an emotion to be felt, or an institution to which we are to belong or to a ceremony or rite to be undergone- anything but a life to be lived!” He urges us not to inoculate the world with a mild form of Christianity as proof against the real thing.

Emphasize love and make it your working force. Gandhi was calling on Christians to adopt love as a total way of life – to make the Cross “operative in the political and economic as well as in the religious.” This was not just whimsical philosophizing from an eccentric guru. Jones reminds us that Gandhi himself adopted it as a way of life and led one of the greatest mass movements in history on that basis, winning independence for 400 million people before he himself was assassinated. He organized love instead of force, as he had learned from examining the life of Jesus Christ.

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Study the non-Christian religions, Gandhi said, “more sympathetically to find the good that is within them in order to have a more sympathetic approach to the people.” This is sound advice for anyone setting out to do missions, whether it is across the ocean or across town. Showing understanding and appreciation for the beliefs and culture of others is essential in order to build bridges of truth and friendship. When truth is encountered from unusual directions we can remember that Jesus “came not to destroy but to fulfill,” so that every truth found anywhere is truth that points us to Him who is the Truth. E. Stanley Jones reminds us that we can rejoice in finding truth anywhere, “knowing that it was God-implanted and would be God-fulfilled in Christ.”

What ways can we learn to rethink and revision our shared task of ministry? The world is waiting and looking for answers beyond our church doors. Michael Slaughter of Ginghamburg UMC focuses on the task before us: “It is time for the church to rediscover the radical counter-culture mission of Jesus and move out on the edge. Jesus calls us to move beyond our contributions to commitment. Jesus didn’t die for chicken dinners, bazaars and ‘country club’ church meetings. Jesus died and then rose from the grave so that the captives could be set free. He calls us to follow in costly Discipleship.”

Still in One Peace,

Bill

REV. JOAN WOODEN ~ DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP



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 **March 6th**, 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 traditional liturgy, choral music offered by our youth choir, and a sermon presented by Rev. Jill Ruhl, we will offer a special time of prayer and meditation through prayer stations (including imposition of the ashes), as well as Holy Communion. The stations have been designed and created by our program staff. Also, James Humlong will provide contemplative piano 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 reflection. This month, our service will held on Wednesday, **March 20th** at 6:15 p.m. Please make plans to join us for a time of prayer, Scripture readings, singing, meditation and Holy Communion.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP AT SOUTHERN HILLS

Our Second Annual *Music and Arts Camp at Southern Hills UMC* is scheduled to be held on **July 22-26th**. The success of last year's camp was due to a high number of volunteers who offered their time and talents for the camp. This year, we have plenty of opportunities for volunteering, as well, and we desperately need *early* commitment from our volunteers in order to make this a success! Help is needed in the following areas:

- Registration table – volunteers will greet the children and hand them their nametags. (30 minutes each morning & 15 minutes in the afternoon)
- Small group teaching or assisting – areas include Bible story, recreation, set design, choreography (thirty minute increments between 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed.)
- Driving Southern Hills Buses (Friday Only)
- Providing Lunch on Friday (This would be great for a small group! Four UMW Circles have already volunteered!)

Any help would be appreciated, even if it's only for one day or a portion of a day! Please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org or 277-6176, ext. 23) if you are interested.



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, March 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 March:

March 14—El Charro—Harrodsburg Road

March 28—Chop House—Richmond Road

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, March 7th, at 1:30 P.M. in the Reception Room.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will meet Thursday, March 7, at 5:30 in The Hazel Finney Reception Room. We'll cover final details for the PEO Luncheon at Southern Hills on March 9. Also, ushering signups will be open for our Circle fundraiser, The Gotta Dance Recital, to be held May 31 and June 1. We'll go out for dinner after our business meeting. For questions please contact Harriet Schulz, 272-8714.

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church. Chelsie Stover will be visiting with us during our meeting.

Please join the **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** March 13 in the Fireside Room. Our business meeting and bring-your-own lunch will start at noon. Our program at 1:00 will be "Prayer and Self-Denial," a UMW program presented by Carol Dunigan, Gail Losch, and Eveleen Browning. We hope to see you there!

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Lois Dixon will talk to us about the life and good works of Billy Graham. Our mission food this month is peanut butter and crackers. Hope to see you there.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bonus Room. Our speaker will be John Hahn, who will be talking to us about the basics of forest fires.

KRISTINA WHITE - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday Morning:

March 3	Jesus is transfigured. Mark 9:1-13	Luke 9:35	Jesus is God.
March 10	The Poor Widow's Offering Luke 21:1-4; page 1128 in Deep Blue Bible	2 Corinthians 9:7	Jesus loves givers.
March 17	Jesus' Triumphant Entry Luke 19-29	1 Timothy 6:15	Jesus is the King.
March 24	The Plot to Kill Jesus Luke 22:1-6	John 13:21	Jesus knows what it's like to be hurt by a friend.
March 31	Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet John 13:1-17	John 13:15	Jesus shows us how to serve.

Wednesday Night:

March 6	Act of Worship:	Ash Wednesday Service
March 13	Act of Service:	Make a yard sign and go put it in someone's yard.
March 20	Act of Worship:	Escape Room Lesson
March 27	Fellowship:	Skyzone

Mark Your Calendars:

March 6th and 10th: We will have Family Lenten Activities available for all families of young children.
March 10th: Kids and their guy VIPs bowling! Meet us at Malibu Jack's for FREE bowling from 2-4 PM.
April 7th: NO INTERGEN SERVICE THIS WEEK. Children will meet in the Activities Room like normal.
April 12th: EASTER EGG HUNT at SHUMC campus from 6-8 PM. Dinner, activities, and the egg hunt.

Easter Candy Donations:

We've had a wonderful donation of candy-filled eggs. For anyone else who would like to donate candy, we only need chocolate candy. If you want to give towards this, please drop those off with either Kristina or Shawne.

Right Now Media:

Seeds of Easter music and videos:

There are thousands of ways that your family can be distracted away from the true meaning of Easter. We believe this Seeds of Easter music and videos will help prepare your family's heart to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection. We believe the music/ videos to word-for-word scripture will help your family go deeper with Jesus this Easter season.

DID YOU KNOW...

YOU CAN LISTEN TO SERMONS FROM SOUTHERN HILLS AND THE SOURCE ONLINE?

If you can't make it to church on a certain Sunday or just want to go back and listen to a favorite sermon again, our weekly sermons from both campuses are available for listening on our website! Here are click-by-click instructions on how to access them:

- 1) Go to our church website at southernhillsumc.org
- 2) On the left-hand side of the screen, you will see a blue-green menu bar. Scroll down and click on the button labeled "SERMONS."
- 3) On the "SERMONS" page, you will see the most recent sermon title displayed prominently. You can listen directly on the website by clicking the arrow, or you have the options to download or share the audio file. If the most recent sermon is not what you're looking for, you can also search the archives by date, series, speaker, or sermon title by using the drop-down menus located below the most recent sermon. Sermons from both campuses are available and can be found using this page!

SAVE THE DATE

Women of Southern Hills



Let's go to the HOP

Remember Sock Hops, juke boxes, 78 rpm vinyl records, cherry cokes, Bobbi sox, drive-in theaters, jitterbug, and those wonderful singing groups.

Well, let's go back

Don your saddle oxfords or Converse tennis shoes, poodle skirts or rolled-up jeans, whatever you wore

*to your sock hops
& celebrate our graduating senior girls*

*United Methodist Women
May 1, 2019 in Herren Hall
Pot-luck Dinner 6:00 pm
followed by a brief program
and entertainment.*



GOD'S PANTRY

Your gift of \$12,055 during 2018 continues our daily work to gather and distribute enough food to provide more than two million meals each month. Every dollar you give provides 8 meals. Working together with our network of more than 400 pantries and meal programs, your generosity makes a difference to 200,000 Kentuckians each year.



BACKPACK Ministry

Upcoming backpack ministry dates are as follows:

A.M.: April 11, May 9

(3 week pack)

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

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

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

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

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

Financial Condition

We got off to a great start in January; however, a couple of snowy and icy Sundays slowed our donations. Through February 20th we have spent approximately \$7,000 more than we have taken in. This early in the year there is definitely no need for concern. Our church continues to be sound financially and can easily withstand the variances in our monthly budgets.

Sanctuary Renovation and Finishing a Good Work

We currently have raised \$68,392.00 of the approximate \$200,000.00 that we need to replenish the Building Fund. The "Finishing a Good Work" campaign is where you can actually help pay for specific items purchased in the Sanctuary Renovation. Of course, any general donation is acceptable too. We will continue this campaign throughout 2019 or until we reach our goal. Your continued support is greatly appreciated; please mark your donations with sanctuary or renovation in the memo line.

Income	Current Income / Expense	
	February 20, 2019	
	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	246	15.8
Contributions	168	13.3
The Source	8	6.7
Other Income	9	21.0
	Total Income	431
		14.5
 Expenses		
SHECP	231	14.9
Capital	21	16.7
Property	21	11.1
Personnel	128	15.7
Administrative	17	9.3
Education & Worship	5	7.8
The Source	13	14.4
Leisure & Outreach	2	7.1
	Total Expenses	439
	Balance	(7)

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**...Repentance plays an integral part of the Lenten Season, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Author/pastor Henry Blackaby asserts that "confession without repentance is merely admission." Likewise, in "My Utmost for His Highest," Oswald Chambers writes: "Repentance always brings a man to this point: I have sinned. The surest sign that God is at work is when a man says that and means it." "Create in me a clean heart, o God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10.



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 MARCH

March 6: BBQ, baked beans, and chips

March 13: Baked potatoes and salad

March 20: Pizza and salad

March 27: Taco night

BRIAN SHUMARD ~ DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. We'll look at what was important to the early Church and compare how things are today.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, March 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, March 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, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., we'll meet at Katy's house (2153 Palomar Trace). We are going to keep looking at what being the Church means.
- **Youth Band:** Wednesdays, March 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, March 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.
- **Confirmation:** If you are in grades 6-12 and have not been through confirmation before, join us for our second session on Sunday, March 3rd, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your notebooks. This month we'll cover the way of discipleship, salvation, and the way we reason and test our ideas of faith.
- **Unashamed Forever Concert:** A Christian hip-hop concert on Friday, March 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Traders Point Church in Whitestown, IN (outside of Indianapolis). Get your own ticket at unashamedtour.com. Tickets are \$25. We'll meet at Southern Hills at 5 p.m. and be back around 12:30 or 1:00 a.m. We can drop people off at their homes.

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SERMONS IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- March 3:** "Listen to Him," Mark 9:2-10
Dr. Bill Moore
- March 10:** "Finding God in the Garden," Mark 14:32-52
Rev. Eric Hughes
- March 17:** "On Trial," Mark 14:53-72
Dr. Bill Moore
- March 24:** "Before Pilate," Mark 15:1-15
Dr. Bill Moore
- March 31:** "The Way of Sorrow," Mark 15:15-24
Dr. Bill Moore



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