

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

WELL-DESERVED HONORS FOR A LIVING LEGEND

Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90: 12

Dr. Marvin Mills is one of the true patriarchs of our church. He and his lovely wife, Eunice have been an active part of our church for many years. Recently, a special recognition came to Marvin for his military service, and at this season of the year we want to pay tribute to an exemplary soldier, educator, and advocate.

Marvin D. Mills, 96, was born on August 6, 1921 in Turkey Knob, West Virginia near Beckley. He was one of five children. After High School, Marvin didn't want to go to college. He wanted to work in the mines like his father and other relatives. He was a miner for 3 days when there was a slate fall. After that he said, "I'm outta here!" and went to college at West Virginia State University. Marvin picked up a nickname- "Stickie"- when he played on a baseball team called "The Friendly Billiards" who won the 1940 Colored State Championship. He played first base, batted clean-up and knocked many balls over the outfield fence into the Kanawha River. They called him the Big Stick, hence the nickname Stickie.

He was awarded his degree, but World War II intervened, and Marvin ended up as a Military Policeman in the segregated U.S. Army, serving in France, Italy, and North Africa.. Corporal Mills was in Europe with his unit- was present at the Battle of the Bulge, and ended up, as a result of that military action, escorting German prisoners on trains for processing in the south of France. Sometimes that meant that only Marvin and a handful of his fellow MP's would be guarding literally thousands of German soldiers riding in the boxcars. At stops, he said the guards would yell "Halt!" and fire a few shots into the air to make the prisoners think that someone was trying to make a break and was getting apprehended- just in case someone was thinking of making a run for it! They never let their prisoners know how few guards there were! Virtually all of Marvin's unit were college educated. Many were graduates. But because they were African-American, they could never rise above the rank of sergeant. After distinguishing themselves in Europe (Marvin also helped train the French police force), Marvin's company returned to the U.S. on a troop ship. At the bottom of the gangplank there were signs- "Black Troops this way", and "White troops this way."

Marvin and his fellow soldiers learned some "great truths" and came to some bold new insights after some dramatic, eye-opening moments in their own personal lives- learning full well from that experience that the world can be a difficult and dangerous place. The point is clear: a dramatic personal eye-opening experience can give us new insight, new perception, new vision.

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SERMONS FOR MARCH IN TRADITIONAL

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| March 4th: | "The Imitation of Christ," John 13:1-21 |
| March 11th: | "Parting Words," John 15:9-17 |
| March 18th | Eric Hughes preaching |
| March 25th | "The Long and Winding Road," Luke 19:28-40 |

Soon after his return from Europe, Marvin went to New York University where he received both a Master of Science degree in Public Health and a doctorate in Safety Management. He began teaching at his alma mater, West Virginia State University. He moved to Marshall University where he began consulting work for the CDC, the Center for Disease Control, which is a branch of NIOSH, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. As a matter of fact, he was later at the White House twice in 1970 at the signing of both the OSHA Act and the Transportation Highway Act. Marvin went on to have a distinguished career in education at Murray State (the first African-American professor) and the University of Cincinnati, where he retired at age 88.

On January 26, Guillaume Lacroix, the Consul General of France in Chicago came to Lexington and awarded Marvin Mills the highest distinction of the nation of France- The Legion of Honor. In his commendation Lacroix said, "Not only have you saved millions of lives, but you saved our country. You saved our values. You saved our independence." He said Mill's actions, and those of the allied forces, still carry today the appreciation of people all over France.

What a wonderful legacy of influence and service Marvin Mills has had: Teacher, at several institutions of higher learning- mentor and role model for literally thousands of students, good citizen in every community he lived, Activist, (Marvin helped to integrate the Charleston Civic Auditorium when he brought African-Americans to a Duke Ellington Concert, previously denied to them). He saw to it that a historical marker in downtown Lexington remembers that Cheapside was not just a "popular trading center" as the marker once read, but a slave auction block in the 1800's, selling slaves down the river to the south, including New Orleans and Natchez, MS. We are blessed to have this kind and effective leader at Southern Hills. May we all learn to "number our days", and live a life of service to others- just like Dr. Marvin D. Mills!

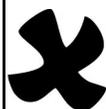
Still In One Peace,
Bill

REV. JOAN WOODEN ~ DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Children's Musical

All children in grades 1 thru 5 are invited to participate in this year's Spring musical, which will be presented on Sunday, May 20th for our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. This year, our musical is Mark Patterson's *Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet*, creatively based on 1 Kings 17-18. Practices are held on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-6:15 p.m. If you know of children who would like to participate in this exciting musical or you would like more information, please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org).

Lenten Taizé



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 held on Wednesday, **March 21st** at 6:15 p.m. Please make plans to join us for a time of prayer, Scripture readings, singing, meditation and Holy Communion.

HOLY WEEK AT SOUTHERN HILLS

Palm Sunday Processional

All children and youth are invited to participate in our annual Palm Sunday Processional, which will be held on March 25th for our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. In addition, our Children's and Youth Choirs will conclude the processional by presenting an exciting Choral Introit before the children head back to the activities wing for Children's Worship. Please make plans to attend our Palm Sunday services, as our children and youth help us to remember Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday/Good Friday Opportunities

Our traditional Holy Thursday Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 29th. This service commemorates the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, where he instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This year, our experience will conclude with a Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness," with scriptures and music depicting the Passion of Christ, as candles are extinguished and the sanctuary grows darker. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar and chancel area, symbolizing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

On Good Friday, beginning at noon and lasting until 6:00 p.m., the sanctuary will be open for Holy Communion (offered by members of our staff) and meditation. You are also encouraged to linger, read scriptures and reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us.

SAVE THE DATE

April 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Coffee with Rev. Dan Baer
Nathaniel Mission

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UMW and EAGLES FLOWER and PLANT SALE

We are having a cold and sometimes snowy, dreary winter, but spring is coming! It's time to think about your flower and plant needs for the summer! The UMW and Eagles will be taking flower orders April 15, 22 and 29 with delivery on May 10 and 11! Order forms will be available on those dates in April. Our flowers are locally grown with care!

SPRING



The Faith-Susannah Wesley Circle's Spring Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, March 18, in Herren Hall. We will be there before the 9:30 a.m. service, between services, and after the 11:00 a.m. service. Delicious baked goods (cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, muffins, breads, etc.) will be available. Also, we will have RADA cutlery for sale.

All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit our many 'Making a Difference for Christ' projects, such as Nathaniel Mission, Common Good, U.K. Wesley Foundation, The Methodist Home for Children and Youth in Nicholasville, the Secret Pal Program at Eastern State Hospital, Military Missions and many other community and church-related projects.



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

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 in the Hazel Finney Reception Room. Our social action focus for the month is The Nest. Please bring diapers in sizes 3-6 if you would like to participate. We'll be finalizing details for the PEO Luncheon Fundraiser to be held at Southern Hills on March 10. For further information, please contact Carlene Hodges at 554-6800.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bonus Room at Church. The March meeting will be our Summer Reading Preview. Circle members are invited to bring or tell about a book they have read which they would recommend for a summer read. We may even get to hear about some of the new books from the Reading Program.

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Our speaker will be "our own" Lois Dixon. Her topic will be THE LIFE OF FRANCIS ASBURY. Anyone is welcome to come hear her presentation. Our mission food is canned meats, such as Vienna Sausage.

The **FAITH-SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the Church. Our speaker will be Lori Casey.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet at noon on March 14 in the Fireside Room. Bring your sack lunch and join us for fun and fellowship followed by our program. Our speaker will be Jill Ruhl, talking about The Source and more!



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
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.)

March 1
April 12
May 10

Evening Packing

(Tuesdays unless otherwise indicated)

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

March 13
April 24

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 8 Ramsey's/Nicholasville Road
March 22 Saul Good/Fayette Mall

On both of these dates Brian Cathey will be driving the church van for anyone that would like to carpool. For more information regarding the Roadrunners please call Brian at 277-6176, or email him at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org.



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 MARCH

March 7th Pizza and Salad
March 14th Breakfast for Dinner
March 21st Taco Bar
March 28th BBQ and Baked Beans



It is hard to believe, but at the end of April, The Source campus will celebrate our first year anniversary! The theme in worship on our launch Sunday back on April 30, 2017 was "A Fresh Start." Since that fresh start, we have grown in numbers and in God's grace. We have seen lives transform and added to the membership of Southern Hills. We have also begun our new outreach ministry, ReadySetGrow! and anticipate God using it to change the lives of students in Fayette County. We have much to celebrate! Our lead team is planning a special worship service for Sunday, April 29th around the theme of Transformation. We are also working on plans for a picnic bash to end all picnic bashes in Shillito Park that afternoon! Stay tuned for details to come!

- **SNAPSHOT:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays, February 11, 18 & 25. e'll dig into how the Bible came to be what we know today and 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, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 to hang out and grow in our relationships with God.
- **EMBRACE MEAL:** On Monday, February 19 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 5:15pm and 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, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 as we seek to build our faith and equip ourselves to be ambassadors for Jesus.
- **BACKPACKS FOR ARLINGTON:** On Tuesday, March 13 we will go to Embrace Church and help with preparing the backpacks for Arlington Elementary School We'll leave from Southern Hills at 5:30pm and be back by 7:15pm.
- **SET UP FOR ROOM IN THE INN:** On Saturday, March 31 before we go to Winter Jam, show up in the youth room at 3:30pm to help set up for our Room in the Inn guests.
- **YOUTH BAND:** Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 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 third session is on Sunday, March 4 from 12:30-2:00pm Please bring your binder with you and we'll go over any questions you had.
- **MORNING WITH THE BISHOP:** On Saturday, March 17 any of the year's confirmands have an opportunity to enjoy a morning of experiential learning and Q & A time with the Bishop, and a catered Chick-Fil-A lunch. We will meet at Southern Hills at 8:00am and return by around 2:30pm. Please let Brian know if you want to attend by Sunday, March 4.
- **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 and a comedian. We'll meet at Southern Hills at 4:00pm. Cost is \$15 a person.



Dear Wesley Family,

Thanks so much for your partnership in bringing the gospel to the people of UK through your generous donation of \$6,150 in 2017. We're so excited to continue to reach students with you in 2018!

William Herdon—Campus Pastor

Dear Friends at Southern Hills Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to GBGM for our work in Belize. Without the prayers and financial support from churches like Southern Hills we could not be here."

Blessings—Jamie & Lisa Williams

"The Nathaniel Mission would like to thank you for your donation of \$2,660.00 received on January 29, 2018. Your generosity and kindness to our neighbors makes a lasting difference in their lives and the life of our community.

From supporting essential services and staff to making creative programs possible, your donation ensures that The Nathaniel Mission can continue to invest in the lives of those around us, restore hope and dignity to our disenfranchised neighbors, and transform our community with God's love and power.

We are eternally grateful for our partners like you. May God bless you as you continue to be a blessing to us and many others. Please remember The Nathaniel Mission in your prayers and future financial planning."

Rev. Dan Baer—Executive Director

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The year is off to a good start. We have lots of good things happening in 2018. Plans for 2018 include all of the events and activities that you are familiar with, but this year we added a few new ones. The 2018 budget was approved January 28th by the Finance Committee and subsequently approved by the Administration Team. We review the budget at each Finance committee meeting, but we will reassess the budget at our July meeting in case we need to make any adjustments. This year is shaping up to be another great year in the life of Southern Hills. I am always amazed at the many different ways that Southern Hills touches the lives of our members, our community, our state, our nation, and our world. I thank each of you for your continued support, for without you none of this is possible.

2018 PLEDGES

Currently for 2018, I have received 222 pledges for a total of \$790,256.00. If you have not submitted a 2018 pledge card, please contact the business office. There are plenty of pledge cards available.

REUTER PIPE ORGAN - UPDATE

As of February 14, we have reached our goal; the total amount received is \$143,198.25. Now we can proceed as planned with fully funded repair and upgrade of our beloved pipe organ.

Current Income / Expense
February 14, 2018

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	189	13.2
Contributions	206	16.4
The Source	7	16.7
Other Income	3	3.4
Total Income	405	14.3
Expenses		
SHECP	165	11.1
Capital	21	16.7
Property	19	10.7
Personnel	86	11.7
Administrative	15	8.0
Education & Worship	8	11.7
The Source	19	
Leisure & Outreach	1	2.9
Total Expenses	336	11.4
Balance	69	



Sunday Mornings:

@ SHUMC

@ The Source

March 4, 2018	Intergen Worship	Jesus Tells Us to Pray
March 11, 2018	Jesus Tells Us to Pray Together	Jesus Tells Us to Pray Together
March 18, 2018	Jesus Prayed For and Blessed the Children	Jesus Prayed For and Blessed the Children
March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday and Jesus Prays When He is Sad	Palm Sunday and Jesus Prays When He is Sad

SHUMC 11:00 service for Preschoolers-Kindergarten:

Join us in the Preschool Room down in the Activities Wing during the 11 o'clock service!

Bible Presentations:

On March 11th, We will be presenting our Kindergarteners and Third Graders their Bibles during Children's Worship at SHUMC and during Source Studies at the Source. Parents are invited to join us for those if they wish!

Wednesday Nights:

Children and Families are invited to join us on Wed nights at 6:30 in the Activities Room!

March 28th: Holy Week Scavenger Hunt!

Come join us at 6:30 in the Activities Room and begin our time walking through Holy Week together! This is our Easter Event!

Save the Dates:

VBS June 20-22 from 6-8:30 at SHUMC this year! If you'd like to volunteer, mark your calendar for a meeting on June 19th at 6:30pm!

Aldersgate Camp:

Be looking for posters and opportunities to attend camp this summer. Mrs. Kristina will be a Dean at one of the Grand Camps this summer! Look for the dates soon!

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

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...As we move toward Easter and the celebration of Christ's victory, we are reminded again of the great cost Christ paid for our redemption. In his book, "My Utmost for His Highest," preacher/teacher Oswald Chambers writes: "God wants to bring you into union with Himself, but unless you are willing to give up your right to yourself, He cannot..."

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'"

(Matthew 16:24) Are you willing?

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**UMW QUIET MEAL
MARCH 20, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

You are invited to come March 20 at 6:00 p.m. to the United Methodist Women's *Quiet Meal* during the season of Lent this Spring. The service will begin at 6:00, with the meal following immediately after in Herren Hall. We will be blessed to hear from Kristina White as she shares from her heart. Please join us by marking your calendars and coming to experience the quiet moves of the Spirit of God among us. Registration will remain open through March 18 and is open to anyone who would like to attend. Contact Ellie Porter with any questions or to reserve your spot at 223-4086.



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