

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROPOSED

After Easter, the pipe organ in the Sanctuary was removed by technicians for the scheduled repairs required after fifty years of service. The organ project was fully funded and paid for in less than a year! The refurbished organ console and re-tooled pipes are scheduled to be returned to their rightful place by Christmas. Some discussions have led us to consider what other improvements should be made to the choir loft and chancel area during this interval while the organ is gone. Preliminary drawings have been produced by a Denham and Blythe architect on the basis of suggestions that have been made by church leaders and staff. More than 100 church leaders (including the Trustees and Finance Committee) have been involved in reviewing and formulating these plans, and now it is time to extend the conversation to the entire congregation. This is an opportunity to consider the following work:

- The choir is in need of a change in the seating accommodations. The men who are on the back row are squeezed into a very narrow aisle. When all 37 choir members are present, there is not enough room in the loft. Overall the seating needs to be expanded, with wider risers giving more room for all choir members, and increasing the seating capacity to 45. Safety rails would be added. Bell tables would be permanently located behind the choir.
- There is very poor air circulation in the choir loft, and the choir members often deal with uncomfortable temperatures since the air vents are inadequate. Particularly with the organ out of the room, it would be an ideal time to work on the duct work, and perhaps fans to help move the air.
- If the choir risers are pushed forward, then changes in the chancel area should be considered, including a new moveable pulpit, lectern, and altar. Some seating would be removed at the sides and in front of the chancel area. New projection screens and sound components would be purchased. The entire platform would be raised 18 inches. Altar railings should also be made to be removable, so that the entire platform area can be cleared away for musical presentations, drama, and other events.

The Sanctuary Renovation would be a companion project to the long-awaited organ project. We are blessed with a remarkable music program at Southern Hills. Not only do we have a fine organ, but we also have a surging musical program with children, youth, men's and women's ensembles, bells (children, youth and adult) and chancel choir. There is no better time in our current history at Southern Hills to accomplish this work in the sanctuary than these present days. The proposed work would accommodate a growing program, improve sightlines (the choir is currently blocked from view by both the large pulpit and organ), provide seating comfort, and adjust air circulation. Improving our facilities can assist in participation and attendance, as the quality of worship is improved. The projected cost: \$150,000. Church funds are available to begin the work immediately, and then further fundraising would take place, as we have done in the past for a major initiative.

We would like to invite all members of the congregation to not only become informed about this proposal, but to come to church and ask questions, see the design displays, and help us visualize a new worship environment. On April 22 a presentation was made in Sunday morning worship, but the task of explanation and interpretation will continue. Story boards can now be seen in the narthex and in Herren Hall. Many persons have already enthusiastically received the proposed design plans. The Administrative Team will meet on April 29 to formally consider the proposal and then vote on whether to proceed with the renovation project. Pending approval, the project would begin in May. Pray about these possibilities and join the conversation!

Still in One Peace,
Bill



The Health and Wellness team launched our Miles 4 Missions 2018 physical activity program on April 1ST. This program focuses on some of the local, regional, national, and international programs that Southern Hills UMC participates in. Each week participants will track their activity. Collectively the group will ‘virtually’ walk, run or swim to selected mission locations. In the first week the team had ‘walked’ to Nathaniel Mission, Arlington School, Common Good, the Methodist Home for Children, and the Red Bird Mission. It is not too late to join us on this journey. Our next destination is Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. You can register for the walk electronically on the SHUMC website or you can complete a paper form. The paper form should be submitted to the container at the Welcome Center. You can track our progress on the maps located in the hallway outside of Herren Hall.

REV. JOAN WOODEN ~ DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP



FINAL TAIZÉ OF THE SPRING!

Please make plans to attend our final Taizé worship experience of the Spring semester, which will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at 6:15 p.m. This special service, which includes singing, scriptures, prayers, meditation, and Holy Communion, is led primarily by our very talented laity, with Dr. Bill Moore leading the sacrament of Holy Communion.

SPRING MUSICAL TO BE PRESENTED ON MAY 20TH

Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet is the title of this year's Spring musical, which will be presented by our Children's Choir for both of our traditional services on Sunday, May, 20th. In addition to the musical, we will be honoring our “graduating” fifth graders: Emily Duffy, Murphy Ingle, Sophia Logan, and Bennett Losch. Hopefully, all four of these talented musicians will move up to our Youth Choir in the fall. Please make plans to attend.

MUSIC & ARTS CAMP AT SOUTHERN HILLS – HELP NEEDED!

The first annual *Music & Arts Camp at Southern Hills* is slated for July 23rd thru 27th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This camp, which will be geared towards elementary aged children, is sponsored by our Worship Team and funded by some generous donors. As a part of this ministry, we are planning to provide lunch for the children each day. We still need food and serving assistance for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. (The camp will be limited to 30 children.) If your small group would like to help out, please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org or 277-6176, ext. 23)

Save the Date

Women of Southern Hills



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Its Open Mic at
Comedy Off South Broadway

Remember that joke, limerick, or short story
you thought was the funniest you had ever heard?

Write it down, bring it with you.

You may get a chance to entertain your UMW friends,
or fulfill your dreams of being
a stand-up comedienne—at
least for a moment.

United Methodist Women
May 2, 2018 in Herren Hall
Pot-luck Dinner 6:00 pm
followed by a brief program



ATTENTION ALL FLOWER AND PLANT LOVERS

UMW and EAGLES FLOWER and PLANT SALE ORDERS FOR SPRING 2018

We wish to thank you for your flower/plant order and your support of the UMW and Eagles Flower Sale. Pick up dates will be in the church gym on THURSDAY, MAY 10 (1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.), and FRIDAY, MAY 11 (9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.) Our flowers are locally grown with care! Proceeds go to help with church projects/needs, missions and local charities.

If you have questions, please call Pat Childers (554-6708), Joyce Tiggelaar (278-5677), Eveleen Browning (327-7739), Mary Ellen Lutz (269-6167) or Jeanne Lanz (421-1934).



The **UMW Leadership Team** will hold their next meeting on August 2, 2018. There will be no meetings of this committee May-July.

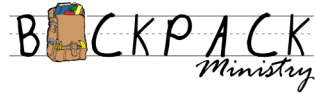
The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will hold a brief business meeting in the Hazel Finney Reception Room at 5:30 on Wednesday, May 2, prior to the annual UMW May Dinner at 6:00 p.m. that evening. If you would like please bring deodorant, shampoo and/or lotion for the Women's Hope Center. For Circle information please contact Teresa Eikenbary, 492-9198. Or even better, come join our group at the dinner for some fun fellowship. We'd love to tell you about New Life Circle and what we do.

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in the Fireside Room at 9:30 a.m. Following our business meeting we will move to the Pavilion where Judy Lay will make a presentation on "Place to Play and Pray." Each one of us will bring our own sack lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. In case of rain we will have an indoor picnic in the Fireside Room. Our mission food will be spaghetti and meat sauce in plastic jars or metal cans. We will NOT meet in June or July. Watch for news about our August meeting.

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Pat Kimbrell.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet at noon on May 9th 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 Reading Program.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will not have a separate meeting in May. We encourage all individuals to attend the UMW May Dinner.



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

**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.)
May 10



**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 MAY

- May 2nd - No Meal
- May 9th - BBQ/Cookout
- May 16th - Pasta & Salad (Last Meal)

THE SOURCE/SOUTHERN HILLS WELCOMES ISAIAH PROJECT INTERN

The Isaiah Project is an initiative of the Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to identify, encourage, and support young people who are feeling a possible call to the ordained ministry. It is designed to assist young people as they sense God's call upon their life in a specific way and to help them to discern exactly what God is calling them to do. One of the ways the Isaiah Project accomplishes this is to place college and seminary students as summer interns in nurturing congregations.

This summer, the Conference has assigned an intern to The Source/Southern Hills under the supervision of Rev. Jill Ruhl. Christy Eubank will be joining us at the end of May and will work alongside the staff and teams of The Source/Southern Hills in an effort to expose her to large church-team oriented ministry.

Christy grew up on a dairy farm in Bugtussle, Kentucky. She graduated from the University of Louisville with her degree in Communications, and has served as children and youth minister in local churches. Christy also served a two-year stint in the Peace Corps, stationed in Cambodia as an English Teacher/Trainer. She has a full-ride scholarship to Emory University's Candler School of Theology beginning this Fall, where she will begin work on her Master of Divinity degree.

We look forward to Christy being present in meetings, worship, and events at both of our campuses during her internship.



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:

- May 10th Malone's—Palomar Center
- May 24th Texas Roadhouse—Harrodsburg Rd.

For more information regarding the Roadrunners please call Brian at 277-6176, or email him at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org.

- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30pm Sundays, May 6 & 20. We'll continue to work on building real community and hear how we are truly viewed by God.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, May 21, 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 8:00pm.
- **High School Small Group:** Meet at Katy's house (text Katy or Brian for the address) from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursdays, May 3, 10 & 17 as we seek to build our faith and equip ourselves to be ambassadors for Jesus.
- **Avengers Movie Night:** On Tuesday, May 8, we will go to the movie theater by the mall and watch the new Avengers movie. Sign up on the youth room door and give Brian \$5 for your ticket and we'll buy them for you. Check the website and SHUMY Instagram for details about the time when they become available. We will meet at the movie theater. We can give rides if people need them.
- **Snapshot Bonfire:** On Sunday, May 20th, at Snapshot we'll meet at church then walk over to Brian's house for a bonfire with s'mores, games, worship and a chance to hear a story of how God has worked in someone's life. This will be our upcoming 6th graders first opportunity to join us at Snapshot!
- **Confirmation Sunday:** Sunday morning, May 20th, join us at the 9:30 service at the Southern Hills campus to celebrate with our confirmands!
- **Middle School Small Group:** We'll meet in the Great Room from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays, May 2, 9 & 16 to hangout and grow in our relationship with God. The upcoming 6th graders will be allowed to join us so they can get a feel for how we do things!
- **Youth Band:** Wednesdays, May 2, 9 & 16 we'll meet in the Great Room from 7:30-8:30pm to work on songs to lead worship at Snapshot.
- **Summer Mission Week:** June 4-8 we'll be spending a week at Asbury University and doing local mission work around the Lexington area. The cost is \$150 a person. This helps cover food and boarding for the week. As always let Brian and Samantha know if you need a scholarship or a payment plan. Sign up by April 29. Money is June by June 3.



Our **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** to benefit the Guatemala mission trip is Saturday, 6/9. We will be collecting donations Thursday, June 7th - Friday, June 8th in the gym. We will schedule pickups during that week. This year we will not be able to accept mattresses, couches or large TVs.

We can also use volunteers any time Wednesday through Saturday accepting and organizing items and conducting the sale on Saturday. If you have a truck, we could use your help with pickups on Thursday and Friday.

Contact Brian Cathey at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org, call the church at 859-277-6176 or text 859-667-4862.

We are hosting a **CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR** on Saturday, May 19th. We will be filling the gym with vendors selling all sorts of crafts, jewelry, decorator and home items. Email craftshow@southernhillsumc.org for information. Go to <http://craftfair.southernhillsumc.org> to register online or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

Financial Condition

The second quarter of the year started off great! Easter was a glorious day and gave Southern Hills a financial boost to begin the second quarter. As you can see by the financials below, our obligations are being met and we are operating in positive territory. Again I wish to thank the Eagles, who on a cold Saturday, spread mulch and cleaned up our flower beds for Easter Sunday. This kind act saves the church a substantial amount of money and I appreciate their efforts.

Reuter Pipe Organ - Update

All of the parts of the organ that are in need of repair or upgrading have been removed. The second installment was paid and I will keep you informed of any other developments concerning the organ.

Current Income / Expense

April 18, 2018

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	442	30.9
Contributions	407	32.3
The Source	42	41.6
Other Income	15	33.1
Total Income	906	31.9
Expenses		
SHECP	449	30.1
Capital	42	33.3
Property	61	33.3
Personnel	239	30.4
Administrative	43	22.9
Education & Worship	22	27.7
The Source	32	37.1
Leisure & Outreach	4	11.8
Total Expenses	892	30.1
Balance	14	



Southern Hills UMC Upcoming Family Events

- May 11th - At the Movies** - A Celebration of Mothers and Maternal Figures (6pm-8pm)
- 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)

Children's Worship/Source Studies Schedule:

May 6, 2018	Intergen Worship/ Jesus Loved God (Source only)
May 13, 2018	Jesus Asks Us to Love One Another
May 20, 2018	Intergen Worship/ Jesus Keeps His Promise to Send the Spirit (Source only)
May 27, 2018	Trinity Sunday

5th Grade Blessing: All 5th Graders and their parents are invited to join us at Equestrian Woods on May 6th at 12:30pm for a time of Blessing. Please RSVP to Kristina at kwhite@southernhillsumc.org

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

Intergenerational Worship on May 20 for the Musical

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... Sadly, in today's culture, many who profess to be Christians look much like those who have no such profession of faith. After the first Christian Pentecost, the Spirit emboldened the disciples, and lives were changed. They did not blend in with the culture. They stood for Christ. Believers today have that same Spirit; but the choice has to be made to reflect Christ instead of merely blending in with the culture. Rick Warren, author and preacher of Saddleback Church in California, explains it this way. "We can either be a thermometer or a thermostat wherever we go. A thermometer simply reflects the temperature of the environment. It reveals what the culture is like." On the other hand, a thermostat influences the temperature of the culture. "God wants you to be a thermostat." Are you willing? "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. --Roman 12:2*

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SERMONS IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY..." (Continued)

- May 6 "Grasshopper Religion," Matthew 6:11, Numbers 13:1-3, 25-33, 14:1-9
- May 13 Mother's Day, "A Mother's Love," Mark 7:24-30
- May 20 Confirmation Sunday, Children's Production
"Elijah—God's Faithful Servant"
- May 27 "Getting Rid of Guilt," Matthew 6:12, Colossians 2:8-10, 12-14



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