

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

THE PLAYING FIELD

Jessica LaGrone is the Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary. During her first mission trip, she left the US for the mountains of Costa Rica. She went with a group to build houses with an international chapter of Habitat for Humanity, but she says her best work was building relationships with the children, who laughed at her toddler-level Spanish and taught her games on the rocky hillside. One day a group of them shyly pulled her by the hand and told her that they were going to show Jessica the most beautiful place on their mountain. She was very curious to see such a place.

After a long, breathless hike, they turned a corner where Jessica saw, in the middle of all the rugged mountainous glory . . . a lawn. A simple, flat lawn, rockless and sprawling, just like thousands of suburban landscapes back home. This did not seem too impressive. But just then, one of the boys pulled out a ball, and they began running and kicking it with glee. This space, while it looked ordinary to Jessica, was their soccer field—the only one for miles. To them it was holy ground. As they began to run and play (many of them barefoot), Jessica recognized that they were right. In the freedom and joy of these children of God, she found the most beautiful sight she would encounter on that mountain.

G. K. Chesterton’s assessment of the discipline and order found in the Christian scriptures was that “the more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.”

The playing field God provides for us in scripture exists not to constrain God’s creation or cramp our style but to provide the “room” Chesterton celebrates: a clear and free space for human flourishing, the restoration of God’s image in us and God’s glory in creation, and a place for goodness to run wild in our communion together.

In all the history of the world, one book stands in a category of its own; one book towers over them all. We’re referring to the Bible- the Word of God. Unparalleled in truth and unmatched in wisdom, the Bible tells us the story of the world- from creation to the new creation; it reveals the reality of God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and it teaches us what it means to be a human being, created in the image of God, broken by sin yet redeemed by grace, and destined for a life of profound purpose and deep meaning.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Still in One Peace,
Bill

SERMONS IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

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| September 2 | “Rebuild the Walls!,” Nehemiah 4:6-21 |
| September 9 | “Jesus and the New Covenant,” Colossians 1:3-20 |
| September 16 | UK Wesley Foundation—Rev. William Herndon, preaching |
| September 23 | “I Love to Tell the Story,” Acts 2:1-24, Rev. Jill Ruhl, preaching |
| September 30 | “There is Power in the Name,” Acts 3:1-10 |



FALL PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

All children and youth (ages 3 and up) are invited to become involved with music ministries, this school year. Rehearsals have just begun for our older groups, so September would be the perfect time to join. We have three graded vocal choirs, beginning with children who are 3 years old all the way through seniors in high school, as well as two different handbell choirs for students who are in the third grade and up. If you have children or grandchildren who enjoy music, please encourage them to participate in at least one of our choirs.

Our youngest choir, the **“Love Notes,”** will begin meeting after Labor Day. This choir is made up of preschool and kindergarten children (including “mature” 3 year olds!), and they will offer the congregation a wonderful glimpse of God’s glory when they sing their songs during worship. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30-10:55 a.m. All rehearsals will be held in the Bonus Room (Conference Room), across from the choir room. This choir has three very talented and dedicated leaders who will love and nurture your precious children: **Rosemary Souleyrette, Linda Burrows, and Julie Beck.**

On Sunday afternoons, our **Elementary Children’s Choir** and **Youth Choir** meet. These delightful choirs will present music during our traditional services at least once a month, and they will be featured in our *Festival of Christmas* concert in December. In addition, our Youth Choir has been invited to present a Christmas Concert for the UMW December Dinner.

Our two handbell choirs also meet on Sundays. Our youngest choir, **Celebration Ringers**, is for children in grades 3-5. This group focuses on basic handbell ringing techniques and will strive to present concerts for area nursing homes in December and May. Our **Joyful Ringers**, for grades 6-12, is our more advanced group. They are working on a bit more challenging music, and will ring for worship at least once every 8 weeks.

WORSHIP ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN’S CHOIR MEMBERS

Our Children’s Choir will, once again, have an opportunity to learn more about worship in a hands-on and engaging way. The children will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays for a time of snack and worship activities before choir rehearsal begins. They will primarily be led by **Ellie Cole** and **Candy Bridges.**

SUNDAY MUSIC & WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Below is the schedule of our Sunday musical activities for children and youth. All are welcome!

10:30 a.m. – Love Notes (preschool-kindergarten) Bonus Room

4:00 p.m. – Joyful Ringers (youth handbell choir) - Sanctuary

4:45 p.m. – Youth Choir (grades 6-12) – Choir Room

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Worship Exploration Activities and Snack (grades 1-5)– Courtyard Room

5 :30 p.m. – Children’s Choir (grades 1-5) – Choir Room

6:15 p.m. – Celebration Ringers (grades 3-5) – Sanctuary

ADULT SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED!

All of our adult choirs and ensembles are welcoming new members! Our **Chancel Choir** is open to all older youth and adults, and sings for worship every Sunday. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this very special “family” of singers, please contact Joan Wooden (jwooden@southernhillsumc.org or 277-6176, ext. 23.)

If you enjoy singing, but have time constraints, please consider joining either of our small ensembles, which meet on Thursday evenings. Our **Men’s Only Vocal Ensemble (MOVE)** meets from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and our **Ladies Only Vocal Ensemble (LOVE)** practices from 7:15-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Both groups sing for our Festival of Christmas concert, as well as for worship on an occasional basis. We would love to have you join us!

If you are an instrumentalist, God will be glorified when you offer your gifts in worship! Our **Taizé Ensemble** is open to wind and string players, and meets once a month - usually the day before our monthly Taizé service. Please contact Joan Wooden if you are interested in playing.

SEPTEMBER TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE



Our monthly Taizé service of prayer and Holy Communion will be held in our Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:15 p.m. This contemplative service of worship is led by terrific instrumentalists, vocalists, and liturgists from our congregation. Rev. Jill Ruhl will offer Holy Communion, this month. All are invited to attend.



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James & Lisa Williams and the Belize Methodist High School Scholarship and Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,100.00.”

These gifts were given through The Advance of the General Board.



Mark your calendar. It's that time of year again!

Southern Hills UMC pecan sales are just around the corner. Enjoy a tasty treat or stock up for the holidays. Orders will be taken in Herren Hall and outside of the Narthex (under the awning) from 10:15-12:15 on September 16th, September 23rd, September 30th, October 7th, and October 14th. We have some new choices this year so come and check them out! Pecans are \$12.00 per bag and will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving baking. Payment will be made at the time of the order (this is different than in the past.) This is the main UMW fundraiser for 2018. Please help us raise funds to support many worthy causes. For additional information or questions please contact one of the committee members: Karen Crist (619-1185), Ruth Midboe (293-5000), Jolene Ashford (881-5177), Rhonda Prebeck (317-331-5873), Mary Kenady (277-3246), or Harriet Schulz (272-8714).

ROADRUNNERS

Come and join the Roadrunners for their bi-weekly lunch fellowship! This is a great opportunity to share a meal and conversation.

September 13—Saul Good/Fayette Mall

September 27—Red Lobster/Nicholasville Road

Contact Brian Cathey for information at rbcathey@southernhillsumc.org.



The **UMC LEADERSHIP TEAM** will meet on September 6, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.

The **NEW LIFE CIRCLE** will gather for their annual tailgate meeting at 5:30 on Thursday, September 6, in the Courtyard Room. This will be a great opportunity to catch up before discussing our projects for the Fall. For those who care to participate, please bring items for our September Outreach, The Kentucky United Methodist Home.

The **SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE** will meet at noon on September 12, 2018 in the Fireside Room. Bring your sack lunch and join us for fun and fellowship followed by our program. Our speaker will be Officer Towery III talking about Scam Prevention and Safety.

The **PAT HERREN CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will have a planning session concerning the election of officers and program ideas for the coming year. Your participation and input would be appreciated. If you are willing, or know someone else that would be willing to make a presentation, please share those ideas at the meeting. Our mission food will be crackers and peanut butter in a plastic jar.

The **MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE** will meet Monday, September 10th, in the Bonus Room. Watch the bulletin announcements for more information.

The **FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jean Hawkins. We will have breakfast at 9:30 with the meeting to follow.

KRISTINA WHITE - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING:

September 2, 2018	SHUMC: Inter-gen Worship Source: Esau Forgives Jacob
September 9, 2018	Queen Esther
September 16, 2018	Joseph
September 23, 2018	Moses Frees the Israelites
September 30, 2018	Moses and the 10 Commandments

BACK IN THE DAY EVENT: All grandparents or seniors are invited to bring their grandchildren or children who are like their grandchildren to our Back in the Day event on Sept 16th from 3-5 in Herren Hall! We will be playing games, eating light snacks together and taking some Black and White photos together! If you plan to come, please RSVP to Kristina so we have enough food for everyone! kwhite@southernhillsumc.org **Please note:** ALL adults AND children are invited to come whether or not you have a grandchild or grandparent to come with you! There will be plenty of children for adults to hang out with!

RIGHT NOW MEDIA: Log in to your RNM account and look for Hermie and Friends! Hermie and Friends is a Best-selling animated series created by Max Lucado. The series deals with issues like Fear, Pride, Obedience. Hermie and Wormie and a host of other character's experience life in the garden under the watchful and loving eyes of God. They learn lessons of life through inspirational stories of faith.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: Starting September 5th, we will resume our Kids and Families on a Mission! Parents are welcomed to join their children each week! We rotate through nights of Fellowship, Worship and Serving throughout the semester. Here's the schedule for September!

September 5, 2018	Fellowship Night: Popsicles in the Park
September 12, 2018	Act of Service Night: Making games for OCC boxes
September 19, 2018	Act of Worship Night: 4 Acts of Worship-What are they?
September 26, 2018	Act of Service Night: Making sewing and fishing kits for OCC boxes

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

We will begin collecting items for our OCC packing party! The tubs/collections stations will be out on September 9th! The packing party will be November 7, 2018. Here is a list of needed items:

For further ideas: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Balls with pumps	Tools	Crayons	Soap	Pencils	Stuffed Animal
Washclothes	Combs/Brushes	Toothbrush	Small notepads	Hairbows	
Cups/Small containers	Rulers	Pencil Sharpeners	Coloring books	Jumpropes	



Where: Shillito Park,
Shelter #1
When: Sunday, October 14,
3:00 p.m.

This year we are taking our annual Blessing of the Animals out into the community! Bring your pets to the park to receive a blessing from Rev. Jill Ruhl, and enjoy the fellowship of other pet owners! Please make sure your pets are on leashes or otherwise restrained.



2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

SHUMC will soon begin our ninth year serving the students at Arlington Elementary through our Backpack Ministry Program! Each year we provide food each weekend for approximately 300 students to take home. This food helps them on weekends when food at their homes may not be in plentiful supply. Students typically receive eight items in their food bags: Chef-Boy-R-Dee bowl or a Ramen noodle cup, a container of juice, a pudding cup, a fruit cup, a granola or cereal bar, an oatmeal packet, a macaroni and cheese packet, and peanut butter or cheese crackers.

Packing the food bags takes place across the street from Arlington Elementary at Embrace United Methodist Church (1015 N. Limestone Street) twice a month, once during the day and once in the early evening. This effort requires many hands; we are blessed with faithful volunteers who assist month after month! We always welcome new volunteers to either our day or early evening packings. In addition, about every six weeks we do a food pickup at Sam's Club on New Circle Road, and we always need volunteers to transport the food to Embrace. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for the exact days/times of the packings, or email Lyn Bracken for volunteer opportunities (2brackens@gmail.com).

Church members may be interested to learn that the cost of the backpack program for one school year is approximately \$27,000! Of course this vital ministry could not happen without the financial support of our congregation. Southern Hills members have always been very generous in giving financially to the Backpack Ministry. While we do have enough funds remaining from last year to get us started for this school year, in order for the program to continue, we ask once again for your contributions to this important ministry. If you wish to donate to the Backpack Ministry program, please make your check payable to SHUMC, marked for "Backpack Ministry". Donations may also be made online via the church website (www.southernhillsumc.org).

Pray with us that these food bags will be both nourishment and a blessing to these children and their families for the 2018-19 school year!

SHUMC Backpack Ministry Team:

Judy Blakeman, Lyn Bracken, Sarah Hicks, Nancy Kline, and Nancy Rhodus

Food Delivery Dates (all on a Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.)

August 27 (7 weeks)	February 12 (4 weeks)
October 23 (4 weeks)	March 12 (5 weeks)
November 27 (food only—no packing) (5 weeks)	April 23 (5 weeks) (this could change depending on snow days)
January 15 (4 weeks)	

Morning Packs (all on Thursdays at 10 (set up), 10:30 (start packing))

September 6 (3 weeks)	January 31
October 11	February 28
November 8	April 11
November 29 (3 weeks)	May 9 (3 weeks)
January 3	

Evening Packs (all Tuesday at 5:30 (set up), 6:00 (start packing))

September 25	February 12
October 23	March 12 (3 weeks)
January 15	April 23

Christmas Bags

Christmas bags will be available to take home December 2, and December 9. They will be collected on December 16th and delivered on December 17th.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE - RICK ARNOLD

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The current financials shows our expenses are running \$37,000 above our donations. This is due in part to our typical summer donations being slower than normal. As fall and schools begin, I expect this situation to improve. If you have any questions, contact me in the Business Office at 859-277-6176, ext 16.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION - UPDATE

The Sanctuary looks great, but we still have a lot of work to do. We have raised \$40,652.00 of the estimated \$160,000 we need for this project. Please mark your donations with sanctuary or renovation in the memo line.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger has recently upgraded the Community Rewards system, and as a result, we have a new account number, it is BA589. If you are already enrolled, then you were automatically converted over to the new number. If anybody would like to enroll, you can do so by searching for Southern Hills or using the new number – BA589.

Current Income / Expense
August 20, 2018

Income	(in thousands)	% Budgeted
SHECP	961	67.0
Contributions	754	59.8
The Source	73	72.8
Other Income	29	64.8
Total Income	1,816	64.0
Expenses		
SHECP	967	64.9
Capital	84	66.7
Property	117	64.5
Personnel	473	60.2
Administrative	97	52.0
Education & Worship	42	60.2
The Source	63	72.7
Leisure & Outreach	9	27.6
Total Expenses	1,853	62.5
Balance	(37)	



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Our Wednesday night fellowship dinners will resume on September 5th! 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 SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5—Taco Bar

September 19—Pasta, Salad & Bread

Sept. 12—BBQ, Baked Beans & Chips

September 26—Breakfast



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, September 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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... "My dear brothers, take not of this: 'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.'" - James 1:19-22

In a culture rife with anger, hate, and divisive words, these verses from the book of James provide a disciplined response to cultivate in order to negate this trend of toxic rhetoric. When we believe in the power of the Word of God to change us, we can change the world.

BRIAN SHUMARD ~ DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Snapshot:** 5:30-7:30, Sundays, 9, 16, 23 & 30. We will have conversations about how we can use our personalities, gifts and influences for God's glory.
- **Embrace Meal:** On Monday, September 17th, we'll go to Embrace UMC (1015 N. Limestone) and help with their community meal. They need help serving and cleaning up. Meet at Southern Hills at 5:15 and we will be back by 8:00 pm.
- **Middle School Small Group:** Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6:30-7:30pm. We'll meet in the Great Room to grow our roots deeper into Christ. (Grades 6-8)
- **High School Small Group:** Thursdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30-7:30pm. We'll meet at Katy's house (2153 Palomar Trace) to ask some big questions and dig into the Bible.
- **Youth Band:** We'll find a new day and time to meet for the fall. Still meet in the Great Room to work on songs to lead worship at Snapshot.
- **Dreamers Sunday School:** A student-lead class for grades 6-12 that meets from 10:30-11:00am on Sundays at Southern Hills campus. It focuses on studying the Bible and building up student leaders.
- **Encourage Each Other:** If you have a game or performance that you want people to come and see and cheer you on, sign up on the new whiteboard in the youth room!
- **Follow Us:** Remember you can always keep up with what is going on at shumy.org, you can ask to become part of our Facebook group (SHUMY) or follow us on Instagram @shumy_lex.
- **Campfire at Brian & Janeen's:** 7:00-9:00pm on Saturday, September 15. Meet at 2351 Tulsa Rd. for a campfire, s'mores, some worship, a devotion and some games. Invite a friend...or SEVEN!
- **Middle School Fall Retreat:** Friday, October 12—Sunday, October 14 anyone in grades 6-8 will be going to Midway, KY (staying at Brian's in-law's house) to go over how our teenage years are not separate from the rest of our lives, but a launching pad for our futures. Cost will be \$25.00 per person.

**SOUTHERN HILLS
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The DREAMERS Sunday School Class

Daring to trust God in
Reviving student leadership by
Empowering each other and
Accommodating opinions, using
Methodist teachings to
Encourage growth in faith and
Revolutionize hope
Starting now.

*"Don't let anyone look down on
you because you are young, but
set an example for the
believers in speech, in conduct,
in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12*

The DREAMERS Sunday School class is a student run class for grades 6-12 meant to encourage student leadership in the Church. We attend the 9:30 traditional service together before meeting for the class which is held between services, from 10:30-11:00. The high School students take turns leading the class each week using UMC endorsed curriculum. This year we are starting off with *Renegade Gospel* by Mike Slaughter. This study focuses on the Red Letters (Words of Jesus). We hope to empower each other to grow in our faith by learning from God's word and each other. We believe that today's youth have power in the Church and should not be afraid to speak out.



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