

THE MESSENGER

SOUTHERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JUNE, 2014

SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...



WHAT ARE

YOU WORTH?

In the records of the Franklin County, Virginia Court House there is the will of a man who owned slaves. In the will he listed the value of each slave. One was valued at \$200. The name of the slave was Booker T. Washington, destined to be a great scientist and founder of the renowned Tuskegee Institute.

What are you worth? Melted down and packaged in the right way, probably two to five dollars depending on the inflation rate. You are made up of enough sugar to sweeten a glass of tea, enough salt to sprinkle on a fried egg, enough iron to make a small nail, enough sulfur to chase your dog's fleas away and enough lime to whitewash a tree house.

But is that you? Are you just a package of chemicals or is there more to you than that? The actions of God in Christ say there is much, much more.

We know of His willingness to become involved with us because of the manger at Bethlehem. When Jesus was born of Mary, he "*emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men*" Philippians 2:7 (RSV). We know of his ability to overcome sin and death and about his love and forgiveness, because of the Cross- and beyond that, the Empty tomb. "*And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross*" Philippians 2:9 (RSV).

The awesome truth is that we are not only "fearfully and wonderfully made", but that none of us is here by accident. God loves us and desires fellowship with us. The Psalmist David marvels, "*what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God...*" Psalm 8:4-5 (RSV).

Scripture clearly relates the story of God's divine invasion into a lost world to save it. How much do you think you're worth to Him?

Bill

SERMON TOPICS FOR JUNE

June 1- "The Longest Table in the World", 1 Corinthians 10:13-17

June 8, "Power Surge", Acts 2:1-21, Rev. Jill Ruhl, preaching

June 15, Youth Sunday

June 22- VBS Sunday- "Friends on the Roof", Mark 2:1-12

June 29- "Bring Down the Walls!", Joshua 6:15-20



Join Us In The Source!

Every Sunday @ 9:22 a.m. in Herren Hall

What does it mean to live as a follower of Jesus? It means living differently... upside down from the way the world lives. Join us in The Source for a four week sermon series that explores the radical teachings of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and how to live them out in a lifestyle of countercultural love and grace.

UPSIDE DOWN A Different Way To Live

June 15

"Happiness Redefined" (Matthew 5:1-12)

June 22

"You Can Change the World" (Matthew 5:13-20)

June 29

"A Higher Standard" (Matthew 5:21-37)

July 6

"Love The Ones You Hate" (Matthew 5:38-48)

Road Runners
on the Go!



All senior adults are invited to meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. for good food and fellowship. Contact Chris Hogg if you have any questions. 277-6176 or chogg@southernhillsumc.org

June 5—The Cellar (Signature Club—Lansdowne)

June 19—Winchell's (Southland Drive)



THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We cannot say that enough to the members of our Southern Hills United Methodist Church family who have successfully helped us through our 10th year of

assisting many of Lexington's homeless men on Saturday nights from December - March by providing warm, comfortable shelter, delicious meals, meaningful fellowship, and financial support as part of a community-wide mission with 23 other churches.

You drove in the worst kind of weather, assembled and made up the beds, cooked dinners, served meals, fixed sack lunches, prepared breakfasts, cleaned up after dinner, drove the bus to pick up the men and drop them off early on Sunday morning, ran out to the grocery or to your homes when we ran out of supplies, spent the night and then cleaned the area after the men had left, offered to take the men to church on Sunday, and even washed the beds' mattress pads. I'm sure we have missed some of the other things that you did for our men at Room in the Inn for the winter's four coldest months.

During the 2013-2014 season, approximately 275 people volunteered in one capacity or another (individuals, small groups, larger groups, multi-generational families, scout troops, circles, and mens' groups, for set-up, laundry, overnight hosts, and transportation while preparing and serving home-cooked meals (dinner, breakfast, and lunch) for more than 240 individuals on the first, second, and fourth Saturday evenings from December- March.

It does seem to take a village to make programs successful! We could never have coordinated this special community service project if it hadn't been for each of you who provided much-needed support and so freely gave of your own time and resources. Please pat yourself on the back and know that we are so grateful to each of you and appreciate what you have helped our church accomplish this year for Room in the Inn!

Sincerely,
Bev Jaquith, Bob Mason, and Janie Bowen



KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN COVINGTON, JUNE 9-11

The Kentucky Annual Conference will be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, June 9-11. Led by our Bishop Lindsey Davis, this annual gathering of ministers and representatives from United Methodist churches all over Kentucky is a very special time of conferencing and renewal. One of the most exciting events of the Conference will be the ordination service for our own Rev. Jill Ruhl at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, June 9! She will be ordained a Full Elder in a beautiful and very meaningful service. You can watch this service as it is live streamed on the Conference website: KYUMC.org. It is also pleasing to note that our organist, James Humlong, will be playing for the sessions and worship services. Rev. Joan Wooden is on the Worship Planning Committee for Annual Conference. Margie Groves will once again lead and coordinate a prayer emphasis during the week. Dr. Bill Moore is a member of the Committee on Standing Rules.

Everyone is welcome to attend Annual Conference. If you would like more information about these events, please call Bill or Jill at the church office- 277-6176.

Welcome



CHRISTINA BOHN IS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Christina Bohn has accepted the position as the new Director of Children's Ministries at Southern Hills, with the strong endorsement of both the Search Committee and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She is coming to us from Delaware, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. Christina has an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies from Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mt. Vernon, Ohio and a Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary.

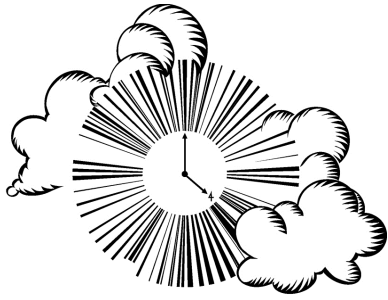
Christina has worked with ministries to children while in college, creating and teaching curriculum for children, including Vacation Bible School. Advanced reports and observations by our church leaders indicate that she loves children and is highly creative in her interactions with them. She is married to Aaron, who is starting a Master's program in Film at Asbury University this fall. Christina and Aaron will arrive in Lexington in mid-June. We welcome the arrival of this fine couple, and look forward to good days of ministry ahead!

PHASE 2 OF THE VISION PATHWAY PROCESS TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Eight months ago, our church embarked on a Vision Clarity Journey. The Vision Pathway Team has sought to assess and consider hopes and dreams for the future of Southern Hills. There are four tasks that the team has been working on: to Rethink Vision, Uncover Uniqueness, Talk Up Vision, and Live Out Vision. This process is based on a book called Church Unique, by Will Mancini. On June 2, this Vision Pathway Team will complete their work.

Over the next few weeks, Vision Pathway Team reports will be presented in the newsletter, in church services, and at official meetings of the church. It is clear, however, that this is only the first phase of the process, and that a second phase is in order to implement new findings and recommendations. Therefore, by the end of August, a new team will be constituted of both former and new persons of the Vision Pathway Team and begin to meet monthly. In order to reach out to a wide representation of our church, interested church members will be invited to make application to join the new Phase 2 team. These applications will be available at the Welcome Center at the church main entrance.

The chosen process for Phase 2 is facilitated by Spiritual Leadership Incorporated (SLI). It is the preferred visioning tool for 52 Annual Conferences in the U.S., including the Kentucky Conference. SLI and their staff have been made available to our church through the financial support of the Lexington District. Please prayerfully consider your participation in Phase 2 of our Vision Pathway Team!



Reduce Your Risk

With June will also come the need for protection from UV rays from the sun. UV rays from sunlight are the greatest during late spring and early summer. During the past years doctors have become more aware of the increase in skin cancer in the United States and have determined that all people need to protect themselves to prevent such issues as: Skin Cancer – Premature Aging of the Skin – Damage to Eyes (sometimes blinding) as well as many medical conditions that can be made worse by UV exposure.

The CDC recommends the below options for protection from these rays –

- ◆ Stay in the shade during midday hours (9am to 3pm standard time are the most hazardous)
- ◆ Wear light clothing that covers your arms and legs
- ◆ Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears and neck
- ◆ Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block both UVA and UVB rays
- ◆ Use sunscreen with protective factor (SPF 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB protection)
- ◆ Avoid indoor tanning

The Health & Wellness Ministry Team wish you a Healthy, Happy Sun Protected Summer.



**BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS...
...and thus fulfill the law of Christ.**

Stephen Ministry may be the “quietest ministry” at church, because it happens out of the spotlight, through providing one-to-one care for individuals experiencing difficult, uncertain or stressful circumstances of all kinds. SHUMC’s Stephen Ministry team is comprised of dedicated, caring individuals who want to make a difference by responding to the call to “bear one another’s burdens.” To talk to a caring Stephen Minister, contact one of SHUMC’s Stephen Leaders: Rev. Jill Ruhl, Jo Palmer, Barbie Lally or David Bowles at 277-6176.

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THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION

Thank you for participating in the Kentucky Conference’s ***“Have a Heart for Seniors...2014 Annual Love Offering.”*** Because of your offering of \$2,208.00, Wesley Village is able to help residents who outlive the money they have worked so hard to save over a lifetime. Your support provides these dear residents with the peace of mind that they can remain *“home”* at the Village close to family and friends.

It would be our privilege to give you a tour and share about our ministry to seniors. Please contact Susan Blankenship at (859) 858-3865 ext. 227 to schedule a visit. May God richly bless you as you bless others through your generous and faithful giving.

With sincere appreciation and thanks,

Tim Layton
VP for Development



THE FAITH SUSANNAH WESLEY CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Virginia Atwood. We will have our annual salad potluck luncheon.

SARAH BAGBY CIRCLE will meet at noon on June 11 at Longhorn Steak House for our birthday luncheon. Please call Linda Rowland to make a reservation if you did not sign up at the last meeting.

NEW LIFE CIRCLE will be serving dinner to the Vacation Bible School children Tuesday, June 17. Members of the circle will meet for their annual retreat and luncheon at the Lexington Country Club Thursday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. to plan the circle's events and activities for the coming year. Please

contact Carolyn Minter (231-8784) if you would like to attend.

MEADE SHOTWELL CIRCLE will be meeting on June 9th at Jolene Ashford's home at 7:00 p.m. Mary Ann Duncan and Joyce Hahn will report on the April National Assembly meeting for the program.

THE PAT HERREN CIRCLE will not meet in June or July. We will meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 for our salad luncheon and White Elephant sale.



CHURCH WIDE CAMPOUT!

For this summer, we are planning a whole church event designed around outdoor activities. However, you don't have to be the camping type to join the fun. We have 3 camp sites (up to 8 people per site) and 3 lodge rooms (double occupancy if necessary) reserved at Natural Bridge State Park for June 20-21. There will be a variety of activities planned for all age groups. Please let Chris Hogg, Teddy Poore, or Brian Cathey know if you need more information on plans and pricing. We'd like to know

as soon as possible if you plan on going, and we have to know no later than June 15th. Don't miss out!



GUATEMALA TEAM FUNDRAISER MEAL AND SILENT AUCTION

On Sunday, June 22nd, the Guatemala team will be providing a cookout lunch in Herren Hall to help raise money for our trip. The meal will consist of hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and a special Guatemalan dessert! Food will be served from 10:30am to 1:00pm, and at the same time we will be having a silent auction! You can expect a lot of great items for the auction worth bidding on. All money raised will go towards the total trip cost of

the team members who help make the event happen. Thank you for your great support of this continued mission for 5 years now.



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VBS 2014 is here!

June 16th- 19th

5:30- 8:00 pm every night! Register now at

<http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/shumc> or

www.southernhillsumc.org