



Welcome!

We are an open table people. That means all are welcome here. No matter your past dilemmas or present challenges, no matter your age or race, no matter your gender or political party: we want you to be creative, bold, generous, and make a difference. We hope God unleashes your passion and gifts because the world sorely needs them. We are eager for you to wonder, question, explore and grow. Most of all, we want to journey with you in the adventure of Christ's love. We are glad you're here!

Michael Swartzentruber
Senior Minister

October 1, 2017

If you are a guest with us today

- We hope you feel at home here, so relax and be yourself.
- We would love to know you are with us today. Please fill out a **Connection Card** (located in the seat pocket of the chair in front of you). You can drop it in the offering plate during service or leave it at the Welcome Center in the foyer.
- Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

Explore South Elkhorn

November 5 • Room 108 • 5:00 PM

Join us for our gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet our team, engage in conversation, and find your place in our spiritual community. For more information or to RSVP, please fill out the connection card or contact the church office: admin@southelkhorncc.org.

Children's Worship & Wonder

After the children's sermon, children age 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, & gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209).

Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to two years during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).



Stewardship Campaign

I Love My Church

You are invited to prayerfully discern how you will participate in resourcing the mission, ministry and vision of South Elkhorn. Your giving not only reflects how you love your church, it also expands the impact of love through South Elkhorn. You can participate in one of several ways:

- Fill out an estimate of giving card found in your bulletin or on the glass table in the foyer. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office.
- Email your giving estimate to the church treasurer, Aden Randles: arandles@commerceprop.com. Indicate if your gift is weekly, monthly or annual. A 2018 budget for mission and ministry will be built on your gifts to this year's campaign.



Fall Festival Meeting

October 8 • Following Worship • Room 211

Join in making final preparations for the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14.



Pastor Appreciation Month

October

I love my church! We are celebrating the month of October by showing our appreciation to Michael and Holly for their leadership at South Elkhorn Christian Church! Cards will be available at the Welcome Center before and after church each Sunday in October if you wish to write notes of gratitude and share your kindest thoughts with our pastors. Please stop by for even more ideas on how we can show Michael and Holly how much we love them and our church.

In lieu of candy and small gifts, we will collect donations for those who wish to contribute to charitable causes chosen by Michael and Holly, to be given in their honor.



Serve Day

Saturday • October 21 • 12:00 PM • Lady Veterans Connect

Share your love, energy, and skills. Live out your faith in "a family of faith united in service." The Lady Veterans Connect seeks to provide hope, homes, and healing. Everyone (ages 12 and up) will have something important to do. Contact Dale Warren at 401-2789 or dale.warren@uky.edu.

Children & Youth

Tiny Tots (Age 2 - Pre K)
Children (Grades K - 5)
Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

Regular evening programs tonight

4:40 PM	Children's Choir (K-Grade 5)
5:00 PM	Open Gym & Snack
5:30 PM	Activities

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday	October 22	Children's Sabbath	10:30 AM	Children lead Worship
Sunday	October 29	Trunk or Treat	5:00 PM	Come out and decorate the trunk of your car

Sermon

I Love My Church:

Altared State

Luke 15:11-32

Focus Verse: "But we had to celebrate and rejoice...."

(Luke 15:32a)

Quote: "Is it possible, I wonder, to say that it is only when you hear the Gospel as a wild and marvelous joke that you really hear it at all? Heard as anything else, the Gospel is the church's thing, the preacher's thing, the lecturer's thing. Heard as a joke - high and unbidden and ringing with laughter - it can only be God's thing."

-Frederick Buechner

Big Ideas:

- Grace is a joke
- The church has to party
- An invitation to joy

Discussion Questions

1. Read the passage(s) slowly and carefully. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. Do you identify with either brother? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?
3. The parable does not let us in to what the older brother decided to do. Do you think the older brother chose to join the party? Why or why not?
4. Are there people in your life who seem to be on fire with joy? What do you think feeds their joy? What feeds yours?



Write why you love your church on your heart and post it in foyer.

Our Staff

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NOTES:

Lined area for notes.

Order of Worship

Prelude Stephan Daming

Song *Everlasting God*

Call to Worship Kelly King

Welcome

Song *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

†Centering & Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Moment Holly Fuqua

Sermon: Altared State Michael Swartzentruber
Luke 15:11-32

Song *Trading My Sorrows*

Communion
Gluten free bread in small cups on tray

Elders: Scott Brown, Anne Carter

Generosity Cameron Young

Doxology

Song

Benediction

Postlude

† Prayer list available in church foyer on glass table and online at www.southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list
 *Chalice Hymnals (CH) are located near the stairs at the back of the worship area.

Deacons Serving This Week
 Prepare & Serve-Teri Dickey, Jane Phillips, Sarah Goad
 Distribute, Serve, & Stage-Laura Walsh
 Serve & Clean-Jane Estep, Karen Kubale, Rebecca Swartzentruber



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