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# SOUTH ELKHORN *News*

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ORDINARY TIME

## Engage

*Michael Swartzentruber, Senior Minister*



I can still hear Jean-Luc Picard purposefully declare the now famous words from Star Trek, "Engage." These words sent the Starship Enterprise into warp speed through space, on to the adventure ahead.

I can imagine Jesus saying these words to his disciples, too. Jesus didn't counsel complacency or avoidance. Though that's where we go so easily. Everywhere Jesus went he engaged: the poor, the sick, the hungry, the rejected, the curious, and the seeking. He engaged troubled religious and social ideas with the good news of God's love. He engaged regularly in prayer and worship.

**This fall I hope you'll engage** on the adventure of faith that awaits. It's an adventure with Christ on the journey of growing in a life-altering, world-changing love. Show up to worship as we confront big issues like anger, forgiveness, and conflict. Join a class, workshop or group to connect in relationship, grow in faith, and widen your heart. Consider sharing your gifts in leadership or mission. Step up, step out... engage: a universe of new life awaits.

## Sermon Series

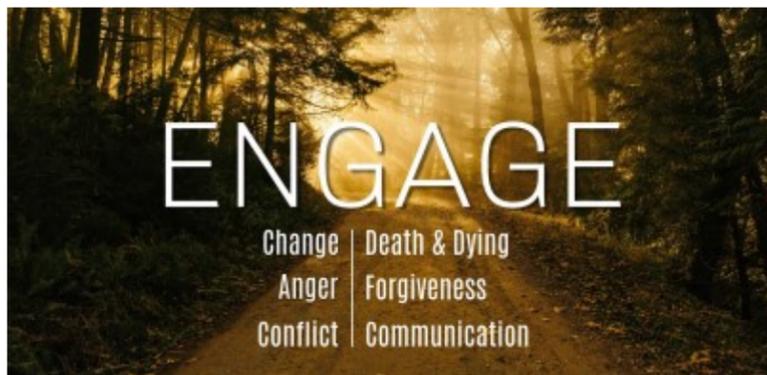
Visit [southelkhorncc.org/sermons](http://southelkhorncc.org/sermons) to:



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We all have things we avoid or ignore, sometimes more than we care to admit. And yet embracing these things just might change our lives—even the world. Lean into the difficult, awkward, and uncomfortable realities where God does the deeper work and sparks new life.

<b>Sept 8</b>	Anger	Genesis 4:1-16	<b>Sept 29</b>	Change	Joshua 1:1-10
<b>Sept 15</b>	Death & Dying	Psalms 55:4-7	<b>Oct 6</b>	Conflict	Matthew 18:15-20
<b>Sept 22</b>	Forgiveness	Matthew 18:21-35	<b>Oct 13</b>	Communication	James 3:2-12

**Ministry Staff:** Michael Swartzentruber, Sr. Minister | Chris Weiss, Music Minister  
 Holly Fuqua, Associate Minister

## Engage WORKSHOPS

<b>Mindfulness &amp; Anger</b>	Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM September 8 - 29	Spiritual Director Lisa Maas will lead a "long, loving look" at anger.
<b>Three Words &amp; Your Funeral</b>	Sunday Evening, 5:00 PM September 22	What three words will people remember you by? Reflect on your own eulogy and bless your loved ones with funeral service preparations.
<b>Estate Planning</b>	Sunday Evening, 5:00 PM September 29	Learn more about how to plan for and leave a purposeful legacy.
<b>Couples Enrichment</b>	Sunday Evening, 5:00 PM, November 3	Dr. Rick Landon will lead a couple's communication experience.

RSVP for any workshop above by contacting the church office, signing up in the foyer, or online at:

[southelkhorncc.org/engage](http://southelkhorncc.org/engage)

# Life Together

## All Church Kick Off Sunday September 8

Sunday School Resumes • 9:00 AM

All Church Kick Off • 5:00 PM  
McMahan Hall & Playground

Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family:

- Potluck dinner
- Corn hole
- Kona Ice
- Music
- Can jam
- Sidewalk chalk



Lisa Maas  
Spiritual Director

### Inviting Mindfulness: What About Anger? Sunday School Class, Historic Sanctuary, 9:00 AM September 8, 15, 22, and 29

Spiritual Director Lisa Maas will facilitate a four-week small group experience.

Spiritual Direction is sometimes described as “a long, loving look at the real.” In a loving and compassionate circle, we will take “a long, loving look at anger.”

Anger is an emotion some Christians are very UNcomfortable with. Together we will explore the energy of anger, what anger may be here to tell us, and how to be with ourselves when we experience anger.

Call church office at 223-1433 to sign up or email [admin@southelkhornc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhornc.org).

# Children & Youth

## Sunday Evening Snacks

Help is needed in providing healthy snacks on Sunday evenings for children and youth. Please go to Signup.com at: <https://signup.com/go/JzzPeEk> or call the church office at 223-1433 or email at [admin@southelkhornc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhornc.org) and let administrator know when you can serve.

## Save the Dates

Sunday, October 20  
10:30 AM Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 27  
5:00 PM Trunk or Treat

## SUNDAY MORNING Regular Schedule Begins September 8

## SUNDAY EVENINGS Regular Schedule Begins September 15

9:00 AM	Sunday School	Room	Children & Youth Groups	Room
	Nursery ages 6 weeks-3 years	214	<b>4:40 PM Children's Choir</b>	204
	Pre K - Grade 2	121	Ages 5-5th Grade	
	Grades 3 - 5	123	*Resumes September 22	
	Grades 6 - 8	208	<b>5:00 PM Open Gym &amp; Snack</b>	211 & CMC
	Grades 9 - 12	207		
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Wonder</b>	203	<b>5:30 PM Activities</b>	
	(Age 3 - Grade 3)	&	Tiny Tots, Ages 3-Pre School	214
	Kids begin with adults in worship service. After Children's Moment, children dismissed to Worship & Wonder rooms.	209	Children, Grades K-5	203 & 209
			Youth, Grades 6-12	207 & 208

Download program guides for Youth, Children, and Tiny Tots at: [southelkhornc.org/children](http://southelkhornc.org/children)

# Serve

## Puerto Rico Mission Trip

March 28 - April 4, 2020

Informational Meeting, Sunday, September 15

Rebuild storm-damaged homes and community buildings. Connect with and learn more about the culture, religious practices, and life of our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. Informational meeting Sunday, September 15 following worship.

Contact Amber Greathouse ([ambergreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:ambergreathouse@gmail.com)) or Michael Swartzentruber ([Michael@southelkhornc.org](mailto:Michael@southelkhornc.org)) to learn more or RSVP to the informational meeting.



# Choir & Music

## Choir Rehearsals

**Sunday, August 11, 10:00 AM**  
Morning choir rehearsals begin.

**Sunday, September 15, 5:00 PM**  
Regular evening rehearsals resume.



Chris Weiss  
Minister of Music



Diana Vetter Moore  
Music Associate

# Community

Join a Group, Class, or Circle to deepen your faith and connect with others.

## Women's Circles and Groups:

**Martha Circle**, Meet first Monday of each month  
Sharon Woollam, 859-396-9493

**HOPE Group**, Meet every Thursday  
Holly Fuqua, 859-223-1433

**Priscilla Marys' Circle**, Meet first Tuesday of each month,  
Phyllis Rohlf, 859-223-8989

**Asher Group**, Meet various dates  
Laura Walsh, 859-537-4211

**Women's Bible Study**, Meet Sunday evenings  
September 1 - October 6, 5:00 PM, McMahan  
kitchen, Debbie McQuady, 859-221-8947 or  
[mcquady1983@gmail.com](mailto:mcquady1983@gmail.com).



**B**e kind to  
one another and  
build each other up.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Disciple Womens' Dinner

**Sunday, October 20, 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

Enjoy dinner, connect with other women of all ages, and learn more about ministries in the life of the church like Sunshine Ministry.

## Men's Groups:

**Tuesday Bible Study**, Weekly at 7:30 AM  
Michael Swartzentruber, 859-223-1433,  
[Michael@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:Michael@southelkhorncc.org)

**Men's Breakfast**, Meets 4th Saturdays  
Dave Johnson, 859-396-4709,  
[kybammer@gmail.com](mailto:kybammer@gmail.com)

## Adult Sunday School Classes

**Bible Class**, Room 108  
Reading through the Bible.  
Jean Gatewood, 859-351-3965,  
[jsgatewood@aol.com](mailto:jsgatewood@aol.com)

**About Christianity**, Room 211  
Topical discussions.  
Timothea Branham, 859-351-6860,  
[timotheabranham@gmail.com](mailto:timotheabranham@gmail.com)

**Lectio Class**, Room 110  
Discussing scripture used in sermon/worship.  
Jack McAllister, 859-806-8096,  
[mrjackmac@twc.com](mailto:mrjackmac@twc.com)

**Lectio**, Room 111  
Spiritual practice of *Lectio Divina*  
Jane Estep, 859-221-0127,  
[janeestep@gmail.com](mailto:janeestep@gmail.com), Tara Cox, 859-539-4269,  
[tkcox00@gmail.com](mailto:tkcox00@gmail.com)

# Fall Community Events

## Consignment Sale

**September 6, 9:00 AM-8:00 PM**  
**September 7, 8:00 AM-Noon**

Quality, name brand clothing at affordable prices.  
Seasonal clothing for newborns to juniors!

September sale has fall and winter clothing. The proceeds from the sale split between Little Elks Preschool and South Elkhorn. For more information

Visit: [southelkhorncc.org/consignment/](http://southelkhorncc.org/consignment/)  
for more information.

Email: [kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com](mailto:kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com)  
to help serve.

You can help by spreading the word on social media. Check out the Little Elks consignment sale on Facebook and Instagram.



## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Thousands of people from the community pour onto the grounds of South Elkhorn for this annual event. Over 170 vendors sell their hand made wares in a fun, festive day.

You can help make this big day a success, You can sign up on the whiteboard in the church foyer to help in many different ways:

- Set Up
- Bake Sale
- Distribute food
- Parking
- Assist Vendor
- Dismantle

Learn more at  
[southelkhorncc.org/community-programs-events/fall-festival/](http://southelkhorncc.org/community-programs-events/fall-festival/)  
or contact Mary at 859-321-0244 or [marylee.bbn@gmail.com](mailto:marylee.bbn@gmail.com).



Mary Mahr  
Fall Festival Coordinator

# From the Cabinet

## The South Elkhorn Cabinet

The Cabinet provides vision, considers policies, transacts business, and administers programs in accord with the mission of the church. You can learn more about the ministry leaders in this year's Cabinet: [southelhorncc.org/ministry-cabinet](http://southelhorncc.org/ministry-cabinet)

## Cabinet 2019 Mid-Year Report By Susan Springer, Moderator



South Elkhorn's Cabinet members have been hard at work this year! Since January, we've met each month to discuss and provide leadership on a number of items. Two that stand out to me are:

- The ordination of Callie Olson as a minister
- The prayerful discernment about the placement of the American Flag in worship, resulting in a more respectful location in the foyer

So far, 2019 has also been the year to identify and address numerous building maintenance and repair concerns. Our commercial insurance and the proceeds from the land sale to the adjacent real estate developers have provided the funding for the majority of these projects. Those that have been completed, or are underway, include:

- Install appropriate wattage bulbs in the Historic Sanctuary
- Replace two non-working A/C units in the Historic Sanctuary
- Upgrade ceiling lighting in the Little Elks wing to brighter, more efficient LED units
- Replace a leaky water heater in the Nursery
- Replace the entire shingled roof and a few rotted soffits, and repair leaks in the flat roof
- Replace crumbled brickwork in the breezeway
- Repair the drywall where roof leaks have occurred in the breezeway and McMahan Hall
- Repair the ceiling of the portico outside of the McMahan Hall entrance
- Humane removal of squirrels swimming in the baptistery (yes, you read that correctly!)

2019 has also seen a steady increase in our congregation's giving. South Elkhorn is blessed to be in a strong financial position, and much of this is due to the offerings and donations by those who truly love their church. You can read more about the church's finances in the Treasurer Update on the next page.

Our membership is increasing too, with new families and individuals who feel that love and want to be a part of it. I'm encouraged by both the familiar and new faces volunteering to assist with community and global outreach projects such as the Little Elk's Consignment Sale, Lexington Habitat for Humanity, and Finding Friendship Through Freedom which supports women in Guatemala and Egypt.

The next half of the year looks to be a fun one as we gear up for October 12th's annual Fall Festival, one of our church's biggest community events. Preparations are in full swing and you'll see promotions for volunteers over the next few weeks (see Fall Festival, Page 3). We encourage you to sign up to help during this event and the many remaining opportunities occurring in 2019, including the Little Elk's Consignment Sale in September and December's Drive Through Bethlehem. Volunteers reap many joyful rewards and make a big difference in the life of our church!

Would you like to hear more about the activities of your elected Cabinet leadership team? Better still, would you like to become more involved in ensuring that South Elkhorn continues to be a loving, dynamic church? Please feel free to reach out to me or to anyone on the team! Our contact information is available on our church website ([southelhorncc.org](http://southelhorncc.org)) and you can reach out to me directly at [sspringer39@yahoo.com](mailto:sspringer39@yahoo.com) or call/text 859-608-9757.

# Financial Overview



## By Michael Lewis, Treasurer

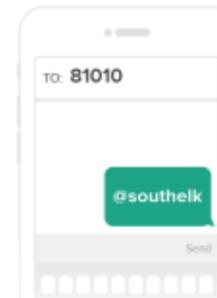
I am amazed and inspired by our church generosity, both financially and through the ways so many share time and energy. As you can see in the snapshot below, we are making strong progress in our financial position. The 13.6% increase above expectation in church revenue is a result of two things:

1. Some families choosing to make their annual contribution at the beginning of the year.
2. Gifts from those who are new or are going above their pledge.

Mid-Year 2019 Summary	Expected	Actual	Increase/Decrease
Church Revenue	\$205,000	\$233,000	13.6%
Church Expenses	\$234,500	\$239,000	1.7%
Church Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$29,500)	(\$6,000)	-80%

While the gap is shrinking, we still anticipate that church expenses will outpace our giving. So we continue to rely on income from events like the Fall Festival and Consignment Sale to make up the difference.

You can contact me with questions or inquiries at [finance@southelhorncc.org](mailto:finance@southelhorncc.org).



## Stay Connected

Receive church updates, encouragement, and event information by text. You can sign up on your smart phone or computer by going to: [rmd.at/southelk](http://rmd.at/southelk) on your web browser.

Or with any phone you can simply text @southelk to 81010 as shown in the image (left).

## Little Elks Preschool

As we are preparing for all of the students to come back to school I wanted to update you on what went on during the summer. We had an environmental concern brought to our attention. Given the age of our building the concern of asbestos materials being used was a possibility. A very generous parent paid for our building to be tested by an environmental specialist. We were very happy to find out that the building did not contain any asbestos. This is great news for the health of all that use the building. We also had the lighting updated throughout the classrooms and hallways.



Kim Skidmore  
Little Elks Director

We are now 12 teachers and 140+ students strong! Please check us out and let friends and family know about our great program! For more information, contact me at 859-223-3557.