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SOUTH ELKHORN News

FALL 2015

Our Staff

Michael Swartzentruber
Senior Minister

Chris Weiss
Music Minister

Kim Skidmore
Preschool Director

Holly Fuqua
Associate Minister

Stasia Kruse
Administrator

Kay McAllister
Pianist

Installation Sunday, August 16

Guest preacher, Rev. Joseph Pusateri, and Regional Minister and President, Rev. Greg Alexander, will join us for a special Sunday of worship at South Elkhorn. Rev. Pusateri is the Senior Minister at Simpsonville Christian Church outside of Louisville, KY and close friends with Michael. Rev. Alexander will officially "install" Michael as Senior Minister at South Elkhorn during worship.



Rev. Joseph Pusateri



Rev. Greg Alexander

Michael's Musings

"So, how did you meet and fall in love?" Rebecca and I have fielded this question in dining rooms, on decks, and seated in living rooms. For the last few months, we've met with many of you in small groups for "Appetizers with Michael and Rebecca." Not only do we enjoy telling the trials, terrors and treats of our story (it involves jealousy, intrigue and Mayan ruins), we also treasure the laughter-filled stories and tear-filled memories many of you shared with us.



Without fail, after each get-together in the comfort and intimacy of a home environment, I would hear someone say: "I really feel like I got to know people. I wish we could do this more often."

You can. Indeed, this fall I hope you do. I pray you take seriously the calling of Christ to share life with others, to find a spiritual community in which to connect deeply, grow boldly, serve humbly, and love relentlessly. I don't mean church friends you "hang out with" from time to time. I mean people who you commit to meet with regularly, *as spiritual community*, to grow together *intentionally*.

Appetizer's with Michael and Rebecca offered a brief glimpse into how spiritual community can blossom when we pause to listen carefully and prayerfully to one another. This fall, if you're not already a part of a group here at South Elkhorn, I want to challenge you to take the next step in your faith journey and engage.

We are a seriously friendly church

This Fall

Michael's Installation

August 16, 10:30 AM

Join in the installation of Michael Swartzentruber as we celebrate his ministry as Senior Minister here at South Elkhorn.

Fall Programming Begins

August 16

Sunday School resumes at 9 AM and Youth & Children programming kicks off with a carnival at 5 PM.

All Church Retreat

August 21-23

Camp WaKon'Da-Ho, \$60 family
Enjoy fun and fellowship during this weekend with other families from the church.

Keenagers

12:30 PM, CMC

August 28-Energizers (Gaynelle Morris)
September 25-4 Elders (Joe Esenbock)
October 23-Meal & Fellowship
November 11-Show & Tell
December 11-Catered Meal

Disciples Women's Dinner

August 30, 5:00 PM

All women invited for the 25th Annual Fall Kick-Off Dinner.

Life Together

CONSIGNMENT

Fall/Winter 2015 Kids Consignment Sale

Friday, September 11, 9 AM – 8 PM

Saturday, September 12, 8 AM-NOON

Quality, name brand clothing at affordable prices. Seasonal Clothing (newborns – juniors)
Fall sale has fall and winter clothes. For more information email kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com. Watch bulletin for details on signing up to volunteer.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 10, 9 AM

Come enjoy shopping for handmade crafts, eating delicious food and listening to great music. Volunteer information will be in upcoming bulletins.



KEENAGERS

12:30 PM, Fourth Friday of each month

Join the senior adults to share a pot luck meal and have a good time with speakers, musicians, and more.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S DINNER



The 25th annual DWM (CWF) Fall kick off dinner will be August 30 from 5 PM -6:30 PM in the CMC. Our guest for the program is Marlana Vanhooe. Please bring elementary school supplies for table decorations. Registration information is on the DWM Bulletin Board in church lobby.

This event is for all women and their friends. Come join in the celebration!

Children & Youth



ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL

Sunday, August 16, 5 PM

Join us to kick off the school year with a dunking booth, fire truck, inflatables, carnival games, dinner and more. There is no cost. Bring a lawn chair, towel, bathing suit (if you want to be dunked) and drinks for your family. For \$1 you can throw three balls to the person in the dunking booth. If you donate \$5, you can dunk our very own Senior Pastor! The money raised goes to benefit the Housing Development Alliance.

Pick up your calendar, forms, and program guide at the carnival for children and youth programs.

Sunday School Starts August 16, 9 AM

Nursery & Toddlers (Rm 214)

Katherine Bennett

Caroline Bennett

3rd-5th grade (Rm 121)

Patsy Golden

3 Years-Kindergarten (Rm 127)

Becky Burklow

Suzanne Johnson

6th-8th grade (Rm 208)

Angie Ingmire

1st -2nd grade (Rm 123)

Karen Randles

Laura Walsh

9th-12th grade (Rm 207)

Ron Wigglesworth

Cameron McGrath

Sunday Nights Resume August 16

Weekly Children & Youth Programming at South Elkhorn

4:00 PM—Praise Dance (Ages 5-12)

5:00 PM—Meal (Ages K-12th grade)

5:30 PM—Activities

This Fall (Cont'd)

Consignment Sale

September 11-12

For more information email: kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com. We are in need of volunteers.

Youth Run for the Hills

October 2-3

5K Race in Hazard, KY to benefit the Housing Development Alliance.

Fall Festival

October 10, 9 AM-4 PM

Over 150 craft booths, great music and delicious food.

Children's Sabbath

October 11, 10:30 AM

Come support children as they lead us in Worship.

Trunk or Treat

October 25, 5 PM

Decorate your trunk, put on a costume and come share in some fellowship. All ages welcome!

Save the Date

December 5, Breakfast with Santa

December 6, Lessons and Carols

December 12, Drive Thru Bethlehem

December 13, Children's Choir & Dance

December 20, Choir Cantata

Disciples.org



CHOIR PRACTICE

Resumes, Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 PM

Come join us every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to sing with the South Elkhorn Choir. We have an additional practice at 9:45 AM before service. Everyone is welcome and we would love to have you. The choir has practice in Room 204 with our Music Minister, Chris Weiss. Childcare available.

MUSIC ON THE BANKS

Sunday, August 16, 5 PM

Come hear the music of Drew and the Human Groove Hormone on the same night as the Church Carnival. We will be out front in the church parking lot ready to get everyone excited about all the new things to come at South Elkhorn.



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AUGUST IS RE-ENROLLMENT MONTH FOR KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

South Elkhorn has participated in Kroger's previous community rewards program in which many of you used a Kroger gift card to pay for your purchases and Kroger's donated a portion of those purchases to the non-profit organization of your choice. Supporters that do not re-enroll in August will drop from the program on September 1st until they do re-enroll.

TO re-enroll in THE NEW KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Simply go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Any questions, please see Dave Johnson.

New Sermon Series



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A sermon series exploring *Courage* August 23

Compassion August 30

Connection September 6

JOIN A GROUP THIS FALL

Sunday Morning Groups

About Christianity (Rm 211)
Explorers (Rm 111)
Seekers (Rm 105)
Bible Class (Rm 108)
Lectionary Class (Rm 110)

Mid-week or Monthly

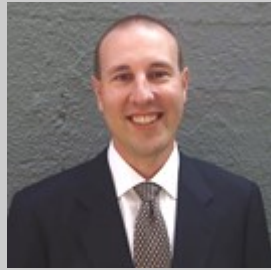
Keenagers
Men's Breakfast
College Group

Disciples Women's Ministry

Mary's Circle
Martha's Circle
Priscilla's Circle
Asher Group
Well Group
Hope Group

To learn more or join a group, contact Associate Minister, Holly Fuqua at hollyfuqua@gmail.com.

Looking Forward



Aden Randles
Cabinet
Moderator

As the summer winds down and we look forward to the busy activities of the fall season, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the 2015 Cabinet for their hard work and commitment to serving. It is a pleasure working with this team as we continue to help lead South Elkhorn through an important growing phase in the life of the church. Please join me in thanking:

- *Vice Moderator—Janet Warren
- Secretary—Nicole Price
- Treasurer—Dave Johnson
- *Worship—Beth Daugherty
- *Witness—Kelly Nossokoff
- *Fellowship—Mary Louis Phelps
- *Ministry Support—Brian Whitmer
- Outreach—Amber Greathouse
- Discipleship—Chip & Lisa Dennison
- *Members at Large—Stephanie Reedy & Peter Brackney
- *Chair of Elders—Scott Brown
- *Chair of Deacons—Darrin Deaton

During the fall, a Nominating Committee is formed to identify and recommend new Cabinet members for 2016. Janet Warren will be heading up that committee. The offices identified with an asterisk (*) above are held by leaders whose terms expire at the end of 2015. The Nominating Committee will be interested in any recommendations for nominees from members of the congregation for those open positions. If you have any suggestions, please contact Janet Warren. In addition, I urge you to prayerfully consider accepting any responsibility to serve on the Nominating Committee or on the 2016 Cabinet should you be approached. I have found it to be a very rewarding experience to work with such an energetic and diverse team.

Financial Overview

A financial snap shot for the first half of 2015 is shown in the table to the right. We are outpacing our expected costs while giving has not yet caught up to pledged amounts. We expect giving to improve as summer comes to a close and the fall program year begins. Many of our expense overruns occurred during the winter with high utility and grounds costs. Additionally, we incurred higher than anticipated costs in the transition to equip and supply our new church custodian. South Elkhorn is a generous church and we have full confidence that the financial gap will close in the coming months. For more information please contact Dave Johnson, Treasurer at Kybammer@gmail.com.

	Actual	Expected
Pledged Ministry	\$156,297	\$164,193
All Other Revenues	\$ 34,234	\$ 34,531
Total Revenues	\$190,531	\$198,724
Operating Expenses	\$220,658	\$211,822
Total Over / Under	(\$ 30,127)	(\$ 13,098)



Good Things to Come

We are happy to report that South Elkhorn is now the official owner of the .849 acres between our parking lot and Old Harrodsburg Road. We completed purchase from the Commonwealth this week and plan to develop signage for it in the future.

Give Online

Support mission and ministry
Visit www.southelkhorncc.org/give



Giving online is one more way you can share your generosity through the mission and ministry of South Elkhorn. Scheduling your gifts for each month ensures that you won't forget to stay current on your commitment and helps the church maintain a consistent cash flow to continue mission and ministry throughout the year.

You can make one-time gifts to South Elkhorn by credit card without an account. If you create an account, you can also make recurring gifts and access your giving history. Giving online allows designated gifts for your annual pledge, the building fund or a special fund.