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A family of faith united in service

Join us this fall

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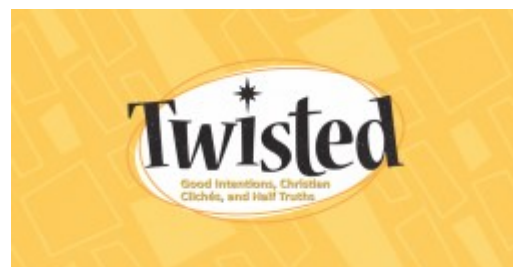
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Twisted: August Sermon Series

"Everything happens for a reason," right? Join us as we explore some well-worn Christian phrases and misused scriptures. We'll unpack good intentions, probe the theological implications and collateral damage, and discover the surprising and life-giving God who meets us in the messiness of our complex lives.



Leadership: September Sermon Series

What would your life look like if you grew and blossomed as a leader? What would our world look like if instead of recruiting church volunteers we unleashed leaders? Examine the spiritual ingredients of life-altering and world-changing leadership.



SOUTH ELKHORN Quarterly Current

SUMMER 2016

Creating Church

Michael Swartzentruber

"I went to mass today."

A surprising statement from a friend I knew as a lapsed Catholic. I was surprised (and intrigued) to learn he had returned to church. He is one of those long-missing Millennials, one of the statistics indicating younger generations are increasingly dis-affiliated and un-engaged in institutional religion.

And he went back to church. Why?

The national events of this summer--from a gay night club massacre to ISIS bombings, from the deaths of Philando Castile to the police officers ambushed in Dallas and Baton Rouge--sent him spinning spiritually. He felt the torment of a broken world and the pangs of dis-ease as one who lives within it. So he reached back into the recesses of his experience and recalled that there is something grounding, orienting, and reassuring about the gathered community of saints and sinners. He hoped church might provide spiritual clarity in a time of great confusion and anguish.

And, from what I can tell, it did. He was moved by the scripture reading, the collective worship, and left mass with a challenge and conviction: "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

I still believe in Church.

Not in the institution--call me a Millennial, if you will--but in the mission and ministry of the Church universal and our local congregation. I believe in what can happen when we gather to regularly reflect on the meaning and direction of our lives in community. I believe in what can happen when we concentrate and direct our resources to meet the needs of hurting, hungry, and hopeless people. I believe in what can happen when we intentionally and regularly encourage one another, challenge one another to grow and learn, welcome strangers and build relationships with people unlike ourselves, and support one another in times of difficulty. I believe in what can happen when we open ourselves to something bigger, something greater, something mysterious and holy.

God shows up and creates church out of us.

I believe in the church not because I believe in institutions and bureaucracies, which are both unavoidable and inevitably disappointing. No, I believe in church because I believe in a God who still chooses us. **God shows up and creates church out of our messy lives and inevitably disappointing institutions** when we open ourselves to something



bigger, something greater, something mysterious and holy.

I believe in our church. Not because of the "what" or "how" of church, but because of the "why." It's what the church is all about that energizes me, that calls me to devote my whole life to building up and leading church, that brings me peace and clarity. As St. Irenaeus of Lyons reminds us, the church is something we can all believe in, something lapsed souls can return to, something searching spirits can find healing and hopeful, because it exists to show us that "the glory of God is humanity fully alive." Indeed, the mystery and majesty of Christ is that in him God is most glorified and humanity is most fully alive. Which is why the church, as the Body of Christ, is worth the effort.

I believe God is still bringing people to fullness of life in the power of Christ's Spirit. When I look around at our church, I see it. I sense it. I believe it can happen still. I believe it is already happening.

A family of faith united in service

At A Glance

Music on the Banks
August 14, 5:00 PM

Kickoff Sunday
August 14, 9:00 AM
Adult, Children and Youth
Sunday School resumes.

Church Retreat
August 19-21
A weekend of rest, renewal and
spiritual Sabbath.

**New Member
Dinner**
August 28, 5:00 PM
A meal and warm welcome for
new members from 2015-16.

Consignment Sale
September 9-10

**Family Whiffle Ball
Game**
Sunday, September 11
5:00 PM

**Disciples Women's
Ministry Dinner**
September 25

**Associate Minister
Pulpit Swap**
October 2, 10:30 AM
Elizabeth King from Central
Christian Church will bring a
message in Sunday worship.

Fall Festival
Saturday, October 8,
9:00 AM

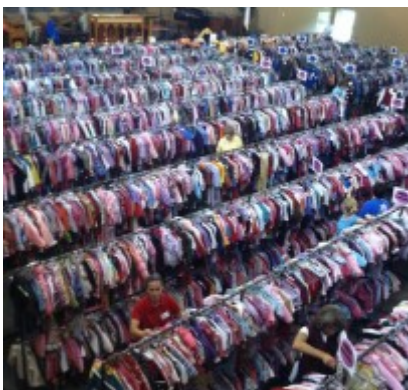
This Summer

NEW MEMBER DINNER
Sunday, August 28
5:00 PM, No Cost

Enjoy a meal, meet other new
members and ministry leaders,
glimpse the bigger church vision, and
take your spirituality to a deeper
level.

Families Welcome!

RSVP by August 19 to:
admin@southelkhorn.org
Or call church office (223-1433)



Christian Ministry Center during
the consignment sale.

CONSIGNMENT SALE
September 9, 9:00 AM-8:00
PM
September 10, 8:00 AM-
Noon

Quality, name brand clothing at
affordable prices. Seasonal Clothing
for newborns to juniors.
Fall sale has fall and winter clothes.
The proceeds from the sale go half to
Little Elks Preschool and half to South
Elkhorn. For more information email:
kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com.
Watch bulletin for details on signing
up to volunteer.



FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 8
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Come enjoy shopping for
handmade crafts, eating delicious
food and listening to great music.
Volunteer information is on the
white board in the foyer of the
Christian Ministry Center. For
information or to volunteer, email
Peter at:
woollam@aol.com.

Children & Youth

ALL CHURCH WHIFFLE BALL
Sunday, September 11
5:00 PM

Come one, come all, for an after-
noon of outdoor fun! We will gather
in the backfield for an all church
Whiffle Ball Game. Please bring lawn
chairs and a picnic dinner. Interested
in playing? Then please sign up in
the foyer on the white board. We will
divide up in teams and will let you
know who your coach is and your
team colors! Kona ice truck coming,
bring cash.

PARENT MEETING
Sunday, September 18
5:15 PM

All parents are encouraged to attend
this meeting as we discuss our
vision, goals and exceptions for our
children and youth programs for the
upcoming year. You will receive the
2016-2017 Student Calendar and will
also have the opportunity to sign up
for any and all volunteer options for
the entire school year.

This will be a very informative
meeting and a great way to meet
some new parents! Let's get
organized and excited about the
year ahead of us. Thank you for your
support!

RUN FOR THE HILLS 5K
September 30-October 1
Hazard, Kentucky
\$20 per person

The youth group (6th through 12th
grade) will run in the 5K Race in Haz-
ard, KY to benefit the Housing Devel-
opment Alliance. Contact Holly Fuqua
at hollyfugua@gmail.com for more
information or to sign up and join us.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Sundays
4:40 PM

Children's choir is an opportunity for
all children grades K-5 to experience
the joy music can bring while
praising God. No previous musical
experience is necessary. Children's
choir meets before Sunday evening
activities from 4:40-5:00 in the choir
room with our Music
Intern, Diana Vetter.

We will begin rehearsing
on September 18 as we prepare
songs to share with the
congregation for Children's Sabbath
and Advent. Come join us and bring
a friend! If you have any questions,
please contact Diana at:
dvetter13@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH
Sunday, October 23
10:30 AM

Come support children as they lead
us in Worship. The Children's Choir
will perform for this special day.

TRUNK OR TREAT
Sunday, October 30,
5:00 PM

Everyone is invited to meet in the
backfield of the church for a fun
evening of trunks and treats!

If it rains, we will move inside the
church. Come in costume, decorate
your car, bring a picnic dinner and
let's enjoy the evening!

We will have fire pits for roasting hot
dogs and s'mores! Bring your roast-
ing sticks and food items if you wish
to use the fire pits. Invite your
friends!

Sunday Night Schedule

Resumes September 18
Weekly Children & Youth Programming

4:40 PM—Children's Choir

5:00 PM—Meal (Ages K-12th grade)

5:30 PM—Activities

At A Glance

**Sunday School Kick
Off Sunday**
Sunday, August 14
9:00 AM

**Family Whiffle Ball
Game**
Sunday, September 11
5:00 PM

Parent Meeting
Sunday, September 18
5:15 PM

Run for the Hills
September 30-October 1

Children's Sabbath
Sunday, October 23
10:30 AM

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30
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Program guides with detailed
information are available online
at:

southelkhorncc.org/children
southelkhorncc.org/youth

SAVE THE DATES

Baptism Sunday
May 7

Baby Dedication Sunday
May 14

Graduation Sunday
May 21

Vacation Bible School
May 30-June 2

Middle School Mission Trip
June 25-June 30

High School Mission Trip
July 11-July 16



Children & Youth

Holly Fuqua, Associate Minister

Have you ever stood on Holy Ground? Have you ever been in the presence of God? God is revealed to us in many ways, and in many places and one particular place is church camp. For many people, church camp is Holy Ground.

This summer, many of the children and youth of South Elkhorn will walk on that Holy Ground, experiencing God's presence in a unique way. I would like to share with you some of their testimonies about church camp and why it is so special.

"Camp is a place where I feel God the most. Camp is where there is no judgment and I feel I belong."

"Camp has helped me discover my faith and brought me closer to God."

"At camp there are many fun things to do. We sing around the campfire. We sing 'Light the Fire' and 'Sanctuary,' and many others. It is really fun."

"Camp is a place to refocus priorities and reconnect with friends in an encouraging environment."

"At camp I feel insignificant matters exit me and I am cleansed and whole by the time I leave. I need camp to feed my soul. To keep me on the right path. To hear the pains of my heart and to strip them from me so I can continue on."

"Camp is a place where I can find myself and be myself, where I am not afraid to be a leader, where I am not afraid to laugh and cry and sing and dance. Camp is what the 'real world' should look more like. Truly God's playground!"

"Camp is where you can escape from the rush of everyday life. Everyone should take a leap of faith and experience the best place on Earth."

It truly takes a leap of a faith to escape the busyness of life and to unplug and immerse



yourself for a week at church camp. But taking that leap plays a significant role in the spiritual lives of our children, youth and even adults. It is life changing.

We are so proud of our children and youth who decided this summer to take that leap and step out in faith! But it doesn't have to be a week and definitely isn't just for children and youth. **You have the opportunity to experience that Holy Ground by taking the leap and attending our own version of camp, the All Church Retreat.**

If you have not already, I would strongly encourage you to prayerfully consider coming to the Retreat at Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center, August 19-21.

Our theme for the weekend is "Finding Holy Center." Finding our center in God gives us the awesome opportunity to stand on Holy Ground.

May we be present to Holy Ground moments, for they surround us with every step that we take.

Joy, Holly



HANG OUT AT HOLLY'S HOUSE **August 28, 5:00 PM**

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy a fun evening getting to know each other and the Youth Ministry Team.



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Life Together

Disciples Women's Ministry Dinner

Sunday, September 25
5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Please join us for a night of "Salad, Sandwiches and Service" in the Christian Ministry Center. It will be during Youth Group hours this year. We will be collecting baby supplies and donations for the baby pantry at New Hope Church in Hazard, KY. They are requesting baby wipes, shampoo, lotions, formula and bottles. We will also be hosting a service fair to promote opportunities to serve, grow and lead in our church. Register online at www.southelkhorncc.org/event/disciples-womens-ministry-dinner/ or call church 223-1433.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Join a circle or group beginning the first week in September. Find authentic community, grow in faith, and serve the world.

Martha Circle, Meet first Monday of each month
Becky Burklow, 859-494-7577

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

Priscilla Circle, Meet first Wednesday of each month,
Nancye Smith, 859-223-7246

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

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

Well Group, Meet first and third Sunday of each month,
Angie Kerrick, 859-338-5234



Young Adult Life Group

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Small group experience for college age and 20 somethings. Contact Rebecca Swartzentruber at raswartzentruber@gmail.com.

Embrace Life Group

Every other Thursday, 6:30 PM

A small group experience for adults who share in life together. Contact Rebecca Swartzentruber at raswartzentruber@gmail.com.

Church Retreat

AUGUST 19-21

ALDERSGATE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

125 Aldersgate Camp Rd.
Ravenna, KY 40472
aldersgatecamp.org

It's not too late! Come join in the fun!

COST:

Cottages	\$75/adult
Tent Camping	\$35/adult
RV Space	\$60

Children 4-11 Half price
Children 0-3 Free

Scholarships and Financial Assistance available.
Contact Holly Fuqua at hollyfuqua@gmail.com.

Registration Deadline August 12

Recreation

Pool	Swing Ring
Frisbee Golf	Hiking
Labyrinth	Ga Ga Ball

DESCRIPTION: Everyone and all ages are invited to share in a weekend of rejuvenation, relationships, and renewed spirituality. Experience soul rest in God's beautiful creation, including a Saturday morning spiritual walk and labyrinth. Enjoy incredible hiking in the Eastern Kentucky mountains, free time to play and laugh, campfire, talent show, swimming in the pool, and worship. Lodging is available for people of all mobilities and accessibility needs.

REGISTRATION: Paper copies available at the Church Welcome Center, contact the church office, or visit our website



Learn more and register at
southelkhorncc.org/event/church-retreat

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Using your phone text **"SECC"** to **40650** and follow the prompts.

A Family of Faith United in Service

 **SouthElkhornCC.org**

Serve

Show God's love by helping a child learn this fall. Drop off much needed supplies at the church: crayons, pencils, notebooks, markers, glue sticks, tissues, pens, pencils, sanitary wipes, highlighters, and scissors.

Where: Supply drop box in South Elkhorn Foyer

Who: supplies collected by Disciples Women's Ministry and distributed to New Hope Church in Hazard, KY to children in need.

When: drop off supplies throughout the month of August.

For more information contact Lizzy Brown: 859-317-3438 or lizzysearsbrown@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed For:

CONSIGNMENT SALE September 8-10

Volunteers needed to set up, work consignment and tear down. Contact Debbie Parrett at 859-533-2015 or jdklafarm@aol.com.

FALL FESTIVAL October 7-8

There are many ways to volunteer at our annual Fall Festival; parking set-up, parking assistants, concessions, bake sale and dismantling of event. Contact Peter Woollam 859-489-7507 or woollam@aol.com.



Music on the Banks

Sunday, August 14, 5:00 PM

Listen to great music and enjoy time with your friends! This is a free all-church event open to the community. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic food, Frisbees and enjoy the afternoon!

This month will feature world class guitarist Ben Lacy from right here in Lexington. His funky base line and guitar leads will have you mesmerized. Ben is an entire band on six strings and five fingers. Check out Ben's website at www.benlacy.com.



Meet Evelyn Cartmill

By Jane Estepp, Member of South Elkhorn



What an honor to introduce to you a leader and Elder in our church: Evelyn Cartmill! I had the delightful privilege and joy of interviewing Evelyn learning all about her amazing life. Evelyn was born in Woodford County on St Patrick's Day of 1923 to two teenage farmers. She went to Mortonsville Elementary and graduated from Versailles High School in 1940. She went on to Transylvania University and graduated in 1944 with degrees in Business Economics and English.

Evelyn joined the Disciples of Christ Church and community in 1945 and served as a co-minister with her husband in 1951 in Pennsylvania. She started working at the Disciples Regional office in 1965 in Nashville, during which time she organized all of the women's events, including spiritual development retreats and assemblies. At the encouragement of her beloved husband Don Cartmill, Evelyn was ordained in May 1976 and was eventually **the first woman to hold the title of Deputy Regional Minister. She was also the first female elder in the state of TN**, as well as the Vice President of Church Women United, and she served on the executive committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship for US and Canada.

Evelyn told me a wonderful story about her very first task in the Regional Office in 1965, before she was even on the payroll, actually! She was instructed to send out invitations to "all" of the women in the region to attend a retreat together. So, unaffected by the separation of the file folders of the white congregations from the black congregations, Evelyn fulfilled her duty of inviting "ALL" the

women in the region to the retreat. Consequently, there were many who were incensed that she had invited the black women to the "white" retreat, but the decision and invitation were upheld after much consideration, and **young innocent Evelyn initiated the very first integrated Disciples Women's Retreat.**

Evelyn has been a member of our South Elkhorn for 31 years now, and in that time, she has served as the moderator, an elder, the Drive Through Bethlehem chair, Outreach chair, Evangelism chair, Worship Leader, a member of the Mary Circle, and the general President of the Disciples Women's Ministry. (She also preached one sermon!)

In her time as DWM president, Evelyn organized a grand total of 25 women's dinners, which is why we celebrated her with a paver stone in the Faith, Hope and Love Garden. She has initiated and completed countless service projects, and encouraged the fellowship and friendship between all the women in our congregation. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve with Evelyn, and I am inspired by her investment in this community so very much.



The new paver in South Elkhorn's Faith, Hope, and Love Garden honoring the leadership and mentorship of Evelyn Cartmill.

Cabinet Highlights



Janet Warren
Moderator

It's all about TEAMWORK!

Your Cabinet members continue to lead their individual teams as they attend to area responsibilities and they participate as a team member on the Cabinet. Evidence of their work abounds: (this is not an inclusive listing!!)

- Steve Feese and Ministry Support completed the parking lot resealing project.
- Madonna Hurst and Fellowship have provided meals and visits to members unable to attend Keenager luncheons and programs.
- Angie Ingmire and Witness are at work on Fall Festival and Drive Thru Bethlehem.
- Phyllis Wigglesworth and Worship have installed new equipment in the CMC, upgraded decorations, completed a remodel of the sound storage area, and are currently creating new banners.
- Sharon Humphries and Outreach collected more than 2000 nonperishable items for a Lenten food drive, allocated funds and provided a service opportunity at God's Pantry.
- Lisa Dennison and Discipleship completed a very successful Vacation Bible School for over 100 children and with more than 50 volunteers.
- Peter Brackney and the deacons welcomed the

following new deacons to fill vacancies: Michael Cawood, Tara Cox, Teri Dickey, David Dickey and Morganne Brackney.

- Felito Aldarondo and the Elders focused on congregational care needs.
- John Johnson, Vice Moderator, has begun to organize the Nominating Committee with an eye to filling the 2017 Cabinet positions.
- Aden Randles and the Finance Team presented a recommendation to Cabinet for the adoption of an Endowment Fund giving opportunity. The Endowment Fund was approved by the Cabinet and will be implemented over the next few months.
- Nicole Price captures all the action in our minutes!!

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:
There has been no further contact of the developer to SECC. We do expect to learn soon of the upcoming zoning change hearing.



Faith, Hope and Love Garden



By Janie Fields, South Elkhorn Church Member

The Faith, Hope and Love Garden was created after the untimely death of my daughter, Missy Fields, May 9, 2004. As I began my grief journey, I realized my family and I needed a quiet place to pray and find peace after our loss. My family and the church partnered together to create a place that we could memorialize and honor our loved ones. We began work on the garden in the fall of 2004. Each rock used in the garden was brought from our farm in Anderson County. The garden was finally completed in May 2006.

The pavers in the garden have been placed to memorialize loved ones that have passed on as well as honor those we love. Placing a paver in the garden for marriages and baptisms is a meaningful way to celebrate a wonderful day. For more information about placing a paver in the garden contact me at butterflymom@windstream.net or call the church office.

Financial Overview

By Aden Randles, Treasurer



At the halfway mark of 2016, our financials have improved significantly and begun to stabilize from the first few months of the year. Thank you for your generosity! Giving statements through June have been mailed out. Please look for them in your mailbox if you have not yet already received one.

The financials for the first six months of 2016 are shown in the chart. While our giving still lags behind what has been expected, we have made up considerable ground. At the end of March, giving was 21% less than we expected. As of today it is now just 9% less. In addition, we have offset some of the revenue shortfalls by limiting our expenses which are 5% below budget.

Here's some great news -- from April 1 thru July 10, our giving has been 1% above what we expected and 8% ahead of 2015! We have a lot to be grateful for and appear to be on solid footing heading towards the second half of the year. In addition, we remain on pace to pay off our mortgage by year's end.

We have two very important events coming up in the fall that have very positive impacts on our community and our church. While both require significant volunteerism, I hope you will join me in donating your time to these worthwhile efforts.

- The fall consignment sale in September is a great opportunity to make affordable clothing and children's items available to our community. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the church and Little Elks. South Elkhorn's portion was \$6800 from the spring sale, which provided the funding to fill, seal & strip our parking lot.
- The fall festival in October is an event that the community looks forward to each year. The proceeds from this event average around \$15,000 annually. In Peter Woollam's generosity moment last month, he quoted a specific percentage of those proceeds would be designated for Outreach. That figure was out-of-date as the Cabinet modified the policy about 7 years ago to remove specific allocations to ensure that funds could go towards our most pressing needs. However, the Cabinet, Executive Team, and Finance Team all agree that one of our most pressing needs is to be able to allocate more funds to Outreach. Finance and Outreach will work together to propose to Cabinet a plan that would allow for a greater allotment of funds to Outreach from Fall Festival proceeds than traditionally given.

South Elkhorn is, and always has been, a very generous church. Thank you for your gifts, and I will continue to inform you on our finances on a regular basis.

For more information or questions please feel free to contact me: arandles@commerceprop.com or call 859-536-4241.

January - June 2016 Results

	Actual	Expected
Total Revenues	\$174,841	\$201,702
Operating Expenses	\$191,546	\$201,702
Total Over / Under	(\$16,704)	\$0
Mortgage Balance	\$35,538	