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Join Us During Lent



Giving Up (Feb 14, 21 & 28)

Will you give up something for Lent this year? Will you join with many around the globe who temporarily refuse a beloved food or drink—like chocolate or soda—during this season of preparation and fasting. Why? What's the point of Lent, anyway? Join us on a three week journey to begin Lent by exploring what it means not to close ourselves off but instead pour ourselves out.



The Walking Dead (March 6, 13, & 20)

Death is not simply a medical limit to our earthly life. It is also an insidious spiritual destruction that operates in us and rules the living. Join us as we venture deep into Lent, engage a TV show that has captured the attention of millions, and explore what it means to live boldly beyond the grip of Death.



SOUTH ELKHORN Quarterly Current

LENT 2016

40 Days: A Lenten Journey

Michael Swartzentruber

40 days. There is a lot you can do in 40 days. You might brew and savor every kind of coffee bean at Coffee Times Coffee—and maybe not sleep for days. You might try your hand at a different sport each day—from handball to cricket to curling to light-saber fencing (let me know how that last one goes).

But maybe doing a lot of different things in 40 days isn't as transforming or life-giving as doing one thing, repeatedly, for 40 days. Recently I read about a woman who decluttered her house using a "40 bags in 40 days" technique. She went through her home piece by piece, room by room, area by area until she had thoroughly purged her home of unnecessary items and approached that spiritual nirvana known as "simplicity." You can read her story here: <http://bit.ly/17gujTX>.

Lent is a kind of 40 day challenge. Why 40? Well, according to the gospel of Matthew, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness praying and fasting before he embarked on his public ministry. This number also reaches back into the memory of Israel, recalling the 40 years spent in the wilderness searching for the Promised Land after narrowly escaping slavery in Egypt.

So, on Ash Wednesday, Christians of many different traditions will begin a 40 day spiritual challenge. Some will fast, others will pray, still others will find creative ways to repeatedly practice spirituality. One thing. 40 days.



The purpose is not to make us into spectacles of spirituality. Instead, the practice we take on is meant to prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week, for the death and resurrection of Jesus, for the kingdom of God breaking into our lives. Often that means saying "no" to something crippling our lives (a kind of crucifixion), like soda or gossip or lazy Facebook scrolling; and filling the void with something more purposeful, powerful, prayerful (a kind of resurrection), like giving that soda money to a ministry or mission. Or maybe serving at a shelter or foodbank. Or taking a friend to lunch and asking about their life.

What could you pursue that might open you to the wonder and mystery of the resurrected Christ? I invite you to embark on a Lenten journey, to de-clutter your soul, and make space for resurrection. 40 days.

A family of faith united in service

This Spring

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 10
Receive ashes in the Historic Sanctuary at a community worship service.

Walk for Warmth

Saturday, February 20
Raise awareness and dollars for homelessness and hunger.

Couples Enrichment

Sunday, February 28
Strengthen your relationship and renew your heart.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24
Prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus by sharing in the Last Supper.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27
Resurrecting Hope Sermon Series begins.

Baptism Celebration

Sunday, April 10

Roundabout Sunday

Sunday, April 17
Don Gillette of East Second Street Christian Church preaching

Baby Dedication

Sunday, May 8

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 15



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The Season of Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 10
Historic Sanctuary
7:00 PM

Welcome this holy season of soul preparation with song, scripture, a sermon, and the imposition of ashes.



WALK FOR WARMTH

Saturday, February 20

Phoenix Park

9:00 AM

\$25 registration fee,

\$10 kids, ages 5-12

Help raise awareness about poverty and homelessness in Lexington, and raise funds for the Mission's Homeless Prevention Program, and join an awesome South Elkhorn team!

Register anytime on-line at <http://www.walkforwarmth.org>. Please fill in the team name as "SECC"; or you may late register prior to the walk at 9:00 AM.

Contact Lizzy Brown (lizzysearsbrown@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



OUTREACH

Practice your faith this Lent by bringing canned food items to South Elkhorn each Sunday. Together, we'll support God's Pantry during a time of year when there are fewer donations but just as many hungry people. Blue donation bins are at the main entrance and next to the kitchen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 24

Historic Sanctuary

7:00 PM

Prepare your heart for the death and resurrection of Jesus through the Last Supper. Share in a contemplative and prayerful worship service with song, scripture and communion. Childcare provided.



Children & Youth

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 26, 9:00 AM

Join in on a fun-filled morning of hunting eggs, playing games, creating crafts, and enjoy a visit (and photo op) with the Easter Bunny.

Bring your friends and an Easter basket.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Housing Development Alliance
Ages 13-18
July 10-15
Cost \$75

Hammerin' In the Hills!
Come join carpenters in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky as we build a warm, safe and affordable place for a family to live. We spend the day working hard and we spend the evening playing hard!

See Holly for more information.

SUMMER CAMP

See dates to the right

Children and youth are invited to unplug, experience the beauty of God's creation, the wonder of forming new friendships, and grow closer to God. Camp Wakon'Da-Ho is in Casey County Kentucky.

Registration forms are available in hard copy on the nursery counter or online

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 31- June 3

6:00-8:00 PM

"Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love." All children ages 3- Grade 5 are invited to connect with friends old and new, grow in faith, and experience God's love! We will transform the church into an ocean of excitement as we explore the Bible through singing, crafts, science projects, recreation and more!

Registration will begin in April.

Adult volunteers are needed for a host of activities and responsibilities. Share your creativity, energy, and love with young people!

Contact Holly Fuqua at
hollyfuqua@gmail.com
or Lisa Dennison at
lisa.dennison1@gmail.com



Sunday Night Schedule

Weekly Children & Youth Programming

3:45 PM—Praise Dance (Ages 5-12), 4 week session starting March 10

4:45 PM—Children's Choir (Starting Feb. 14)

5:00 PM—Meal (Ages K-12th grade)

5:30 PM—Activities

This Spring

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, Fuqua's House

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 AM
McMahan Hall

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 10:30 AM

Potluck Dinner & Bingo with Keenagers

Sunday, May 15, 5 PM

Vacation Bible School

May 31-June 3
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Program guides with detailed information are available online at:

southelkhorncc.org/children
southelkhorncc.org/youth

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School May 31-June 3
Youth Mission Trip July 10-15

Camp WaKon'Da-Ho Dates

June 3-5	Mini Camp
June 6-11	CYFI
June 12-17	Eighter's Camp
June 20-24	Junior Camp
June 24-26	Camp 101a
June 27-July 2	CYFI
July 4-9	Chi Rho I
July 11-16	Chi Rho II
July 22-24	Camp 101b

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CHOIR
Music at South Elkhorn

Table with 4 columns: Group Name, Age Group, Practice Day, and Time. Rows include Children's Choir, Choir, Women's Choir, Men's Choir, and Praise Band.

Contact Chris Weiss our minister of music at chris.weiss@mac.com to get musically involved!

South Elkhorn Media Team
This team is open to anyone who is attentive and desires to help our corporate worship run smoothly. No prior knowledge is necessary. We'll train you! Contact our minister of music at chris.weiss@mac.com to get connected!



COUPLES ENRICHMENT
Sunday, February 28
5:00 PM
No Cost. Childcare provided
Want to refresh your communication skills to enrich your relationship? Join us for a 90 minute session to help couples become more aware of their individual and partner needs, renew some problem-solving skills and practice communication skills.
About our Leaders: Jerry and Candy Shepard are certified ACME - Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment - leaders. Jerry and Candy have helped many couples improve their relationship skills by addressing specific topics in focused sessions (such as this event) and led long-term couples marriage enrichment programs.



Jerry and Candy Shepard

RSVP Facebook, http://on.fb.me/1SU9r0W or email Jane Estopp janeestopp@gmail.com
For more see www.bettermarriages.org

STAY CONNECTED

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Subscribe to our church e-communications:
http://bit.ly/1kQ0pDw

TEXT MESSAGING

Do you want to receive text alerts, information, birthday wishes and encouragements?
Using your phone text "SECC" to 40650 and follow the prompts.

Life Together

Euchre, Saturday, February 13, 7:00 PM, McMahan Hall
Anyo ne is welcome to join the card game. Contact Jean-nine Robinson at 333-9703 to reserve your place. New players are always welcome.

Young Adult Life Group
Tuesdays, 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.

Men's Breakfast
Fourth Saturday of each month, 8:00 AM
Enjoy breakfast and fellowship with the men of South Elkhorn.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

- Martha Circle, Meet first Monday of each month
Becky Burklow, 859-494-7577
HOPE Group, Meet every Thursday
Holly Fuqua, 859-223-1433
Marys' Circle, Meet first Tuesday of each month
Phyllis Rohlf, 859-223-8989
Asher Group, Meet various dates
Laura Walsh, 859-537-4211
Priscilla Circle, Meet first Wednesday of each month, Nancye Smith, 859-223-7246
Well Group, Meet first and third Sunday of each month, Angie Kerrick, 859-338-5234

Camel Award
Deadline: February 14

You are invited to nominate an individual or a team (group) of individuals who have been innovative and creative in bringing new ministries to our congregation or who provided outstanding leadership in an existing ministry. The Camel Award is named in honor of the late Clayton Curd who had a vision that our Drive Thru Bethlehem needed live camels to be complete. Email me (janetwarren17@gmail.com) or leave a hard copy with Stasia.



Describe how your nominee(s) have contributed to the ministry of SECC. Recent winners were: Norm Atkins, Evelyn Cartmill, Rhoda Rolfes and Jim Price, Bob and Jean Stewart, Darrin Deaton, Gaynelle Morris and Nichole Shafer, Sarah Anders and Adam Zeroogian.

Consignment Sale
March 4, 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
March 5, 8:00 AM-Noon

If you are interested in being a seller or want more information on selling, please email kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com. We will have volunteer sign ups the middle of February so start blocking out time to help us out! When you volunteer, you have the opportunity to shop early on Thursday, March 3. We need volunteers on Friday during the sale and Saturday afternoon to put everything back in order for church Sunday. More information will be in Current and bulletin. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Parrett at 859-533-2015 or email her at jdklafarm@aol.com. More information on South Elkhorn's website (www.southlekhomcc.org).



From the Cabinet

Looking Forward

Cabinet Highlights from Janet Warren, Moderator

The 2016 Cabinet gathered early this month for a planning retreat. Members got off to a fast start in the development of team work skills through activities led by Pastor Michael. The energy, camaraderie and creativity flowed as we identified not only issues with “room for improvement” but also dreams for the future. Beginning work was done to hone the list into the FOCUS for 2016.

A few of the emerging themes are: increasing the Spiritual disciplines of study, service and giving; building a culture of invitation and connectedness; planning for sustainable growth; and, addressing growth in children, youth and young adult ministries. We’ll keep you informed of our progress as we translate these dreams into a focus and “next steps”.

The Cabinet meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in room 211 and is open to all church members. You are welcome to come and also, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions (859-806-7542) or janetwarren17@gmail.com.



Janet Warren
(with husband Dale)
2016 Cabinet Moderator

Cabinet leaders have been at work filling their teams and committees which they oversee. There is always a need for more volunteers. Please don’t wait for someone to call you – take the initiative this year to step forward in service by contacting one of the following cabinet leaders. They’ll match your interests and availability with just the right job!

Financial Overview

Treasurer, Aden Randles

As Treasurer for 2016, I am looking forward to communicating to you regularly on the financial well-being of the church. 2015 Financials are presented in the chart.

For 2016, we have a lot to look forward to celebrating. Many new families have pledged contributions for 2016, and the church planned a balanced budget for the year. In addition, our mortgage balance is currently less than \$60,000. If each of us follows through with our pledges and commitments, we will have stabilized our operating financials and be debt free by the end of 2016!

For more information or questions please feel free to contact me at arandles@commerceprop.com.

	Actual	Expected
Pledged Ministry	\$300,537	\$329,886
All Other Revenues	\$ 83,972	\$ 63,562
Total Revenues	\$384,509	\$393,448
Operating Expenses	\$431,182	\$417,670
Total Over / Under	(\$ 46,673)	(\$ 24,222)

2016 Cabinet

Janet Warren	Moderator	859-806-7542
John Johnson	Vice Moderator & Leadership Development	859-806-2376
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Peter Brackney	Deacon Chair	859-576-5708
Lisa Dennison	Discipleship Team Leader	859-684-2264
Steve Feese	Ministry Support Leader	859-227-5730
Sharon Humphries	Outreach Team Leader	859-797-6898
Madonna Hurst	Fellowship Team Leader	859-223-9502
Angie Ingmire	Witness Team Leader	859-420-3363
Laura Walsh	Member at Large (Congregational Liaisons)	859-537-4211
Susan Zeroogian	Member at Large (Congregational Liaisons)	859-433-8100

Welcome Amanda DeWitt

Amanda served at South Elkhorn as a children's coordinator in 2015. In the fall, she departed for Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. She has returned to pursue her degree closer to home (Lawrenceburg) and rejoins our team at South Elkhorn as our Ministry Intern. Amanda will gain experience in a variety of ministry settings: worship, administration, leadership development, pastoral care and more. We are very excited to welcome her in this new role at our church.



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 or debit 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.

