



SOUTH ELKHORN Quarterly Current

EASTER 2018

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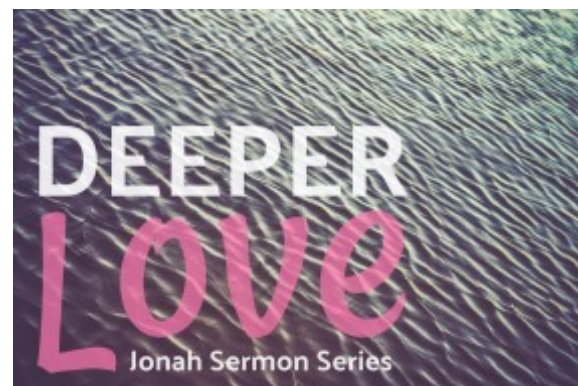
Sermon Series

You are not alone. There is a holy strength deep within you. God's Spirit enters into the sorrow and splendor of our lives to unify us, empower us, encourage us, and guide us. Free yourself for the deeper, more abundant way of The Spirit.

May 6	<i>Groans of the Spirit</i>	Romans 8:26-27
May 13	<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i>	Galatians 5:1,13-26
May 20	<i>Fire of the Spirit</i>	Acts 2:1-21
May 27	<i>Peace of the Spirit</i>	John 14:25-31

The "whale" is just the beginning. Dive into the epic story of a reluctant, runaway, pouting prophet furious with God's forgiveness.

June 3	<i>Ticket To Tarshish</i>	Jonah 1-2
June 10	<i>Mercy Madness</i>	Jonah 3-4



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Easter Rest

Michael Swartzentruber, Senior Minister



Easter rest. Nothing is quite as glorious as Easter rest.

We had family in town for Easter weekend. It was lovely on many levels, exhausting on others: you know how family is. Especially when all 10 of them stay at (take over?)

your house. Add in a meaningful Maundy Thursday service, preparing to preach the good news for two wonderful Easter worship services, and I can see why I was down for the count. I don't normally nap. But Easter Sunday I needed to prostrate myself on the couch.

Of course getting more than 25 minutes of actual afternoon shut-eye was impossible with a curly-headed three-year-old—squirming with Easter energy—who wanted to cuddle, too.

Even so, that's all it took. I just needed to relax my spirit in the company of love. And every tiny movement of my couch-mate brought a smile to my face. Rebecca and our six year old were on the other end of the sofa. No sleeping was happening. But we were resting as a family, with nowhere pressing to go and nothing immediately urgent to do... and that filled my heart. That rest was better than sleep.

All of us need Easter rest. Easter rest is not simply sleep or down time, it is soul re-creation. It is when God's love presses out the soul-creases we create by bunching up our lives with high-pressured responsibilities, jam-packed schedules, the constant hum of media, and our frantic search for meaning.

Soul re-creation can happen by accident (exhaustion can bring us there, too), but it is best when it happens with intentionality, preparation, and

purpose. That's when it becomes Sabbath.

*Easter rarely takes hold in us
without Sabbath.*

I am so glad we are a Sabbath-oriented congregation. Because without Sabbath, Easter-octane fizzles out. You'll notice Sabbath is not only a personal or family practice that we are each called to as people of faith. Sabbath is also a leadership and programming rhythm we are called to embody and model for a weary, frenzied, meaning-craved world. And so:



- Our Elders can take a one year sabbatical after every two years of service.
- Our children and youth programming take a Sabbath break from weekly meetings during the summer months.
- South Elkhorn encourages a three month Sabbatical to full-time clergy staff after six years of service and every five years thereafter.

Starting this July, Holly will begin her second three month Sabbatical after over a decade of servant leadership to South Elkhorn. I am excited for how Holly will recharge her soul, grow her leadership and spiritual understanding, and remind us of the power of Easter rest in Sabbath-keeping. Sabbatical is a blessed witness for our church as much as it is an investment in Holly's spirit, leadership and longevity.

I pray you allow Easter to reach deep within you this season by finding soul-filling rest in the love of God.

Life Together



Do you long for summer days, grilling out on a patio or deck, and gathering with friends?

Dine with Nine events are a great way to enjoy the summer and get to know others in the church!

Sign up online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/kF5g6AVoYKvIwBtg1>

or in the foyer starting May 6.

You'll be paired with a host and a small group for a shared meal in someone's home. Hosts will contact their group to coordinate details.

Contact Diana McKenzie at dianabmckenzie@gmail.com or 859-699-6039 if you have any questions.

DISCIPLES AT MOONDANCE Saturday, August 25, 2018 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Enjoy live music at Moondance Amphitheater in the Beaumont Center. All Disciples churches and friends are invited to gather for this dance-filled, fresh-air, food-truck fellowship with great community bands.



Get Connected



TEXT MESSAGES

Receive text alerts, church updates, event information, and encouragements. Using your phone text "SECC" to 40650 and follow the prompts.

BLOG: southelkhorncc.org/blog

Read Michael's (almost) weekly musings. Stay updated on church construction and staff developments.

MICHAEL'S MUSINGS

Get Rev. Michael's (almost) weekly musings sent directly to your inbox, including community care updates: <http://eepurl.com/cOIOAf>

THE CURRENT ENEWS

Stay up on the latest news and church alerts by email. <http://eepurl.com/cQRAkn>

Children & Youth

BAPTISM SUNDAY

April 22, Following worship

Immediately following service you are invited to Historic Sanctuary for a Baptism service for some of our Making Disciples students.

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 29, 10:30 AM

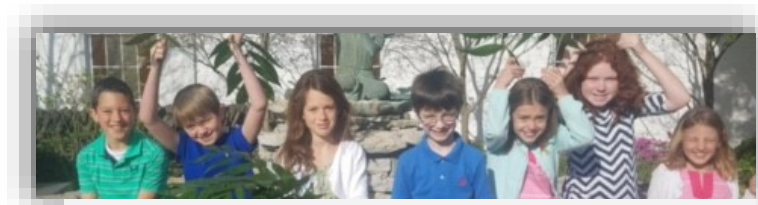
Come and celebrate with the youth as they lead in worship this day.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

June 17-21

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

The Mission Immersion Project helps youth understand the plight facing those who are poor in America. The hope is to instill a desire in youth to return home and begin or join similar areas of ministry.



REMINDER, last day for children and youth Sunday school this spring is **May 20**.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

May 6, 10:30 AM

If you have a child graduating from preschool, high school, college or graduate school, email church office at admin@southelkhorncc.org before April 29.

YOUTH POOL PARTY

Sunday, June 24

Youth (6-12 grade) enjoy a pool party at Alexa Zeroogian's home. Time to be determined.

"LEMONAID" SALE

Month of July

The children will sell lemonade each Sunday in July after church in the foyer. All money raised will benefit the homeless children in Lexington through the Salvation Army.

ALL CHURCH KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 16, 5:00 PM

Shillito Park, Shelter #2

Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family. Bring a picnic meal, drinks, outside toys and chairs. Popsicles provided.

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE RESUMES August 12

9:00 AM	Sunday School	Room
	Nursery ages 6 weeks—2 years	214
	Age 3 - Kindergarten	125
	Grades 1 & 2	123
	Grades 3 - 5	121
	Grades 6 - 8	208
	Grades 9 - 12	207
10:30 AM	Worship & Wonder	203 & 209
	Kids begin with adults in worship service. After Children's Moment, children dismissed to Worship & Wonder rooms.	

REGULAR SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE RESUMES September 16

	Children & Youth Groups	Room
4:40 PM	Children's Choir Ages 5—5th Grade	204
5:00 PM	Open Gym & Snack	211 & CMC
5:30 PM	Activities	
	Tiny Tots, Ages 3 - Pre School Children, Grades K - 5	214 203 & 209
	Youth, Grades 6 - 12	207 & 208

Children & Youth

Holly Fuqua, Associate Minister

Tiny Tots, Children and Youth, Oh My!



I must share what has been happening on Sunday nights. I just can't keep it to myself!

Our **youth (6th-12th grade)** have been working very hard for several weeks preparing for Youth Sunday which is April 29. The theme is "People of the Table." Each week they have sanded and painted their own TV Tray with beautiful art, poems, and scripture passages. Each table is unique and special and will be displayed in the foyer on Youth Sunday. Make sure you take the time to check them out.

The **younger children (K- 2nd grade)** have been learning the stories of the Bible, starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. The children are also learning how to talk and listen to God. The **older children (3rd- 5th grade)** are learning their books of the Bible. They even played the game, Old Testament Hop Scotch. Want to hear them recite the books of the Bible? Find one of them and ask! Maybe they will ask you to join in a game of Hop Scotch too! Every time you hop, you say the book of the Bible you step on. What a fun and active way to learn!

And then we have our **Tiny Tots (preschool age)** and it is amazing to see what these children are learning too! A couple of weeks ago, they performed a reenactment of the arrest of Jesus. As I sat on the floor, two children pretended to be police officers, arresting Jesus (Jesus was portrayed by one of our girls).

After the arrest, the kids told me Jesus died. I told the kids that I was so sad about Jesus dying. Then the Tiny Tots put Jesus in the tomb (which just so happened to be the nursery bathroom). As I was crying about the death of Jesus, a little boy concerned about my sadness, came up to me, looked up and pointed his finger while making his point and said, "Don't you worry, she will be risen in just one minute." And then 10 seconds later, she came out of the tomb and we all jumped up and down with great joy screaming at the top of our lungs, "She is Risen! Jesus is Risen!"

The little boy was right. Sometimes, we must wait a minute.

May we embrace the Easter Season with excitement like our children and youth.

She is risen, Jesus is risen indeed!

Youth rooms taking on a new look

In the next couple of months you will notice some changes in the youth rooms. We are excited to announce that we are getting youth room makeovers! New paint and new furniture will show our youth how special they are and how much the church is invested in them.

-Debbie Parrett, Facility Enhancement

This Summer

NEW SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting June 3, Room 211, 9:00 AM

Dale Stanton

Drop in any Sunday this summer for fun, learning, and connecting in a casual class setting. Email Dale Stanton for more information at dalestanton45@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

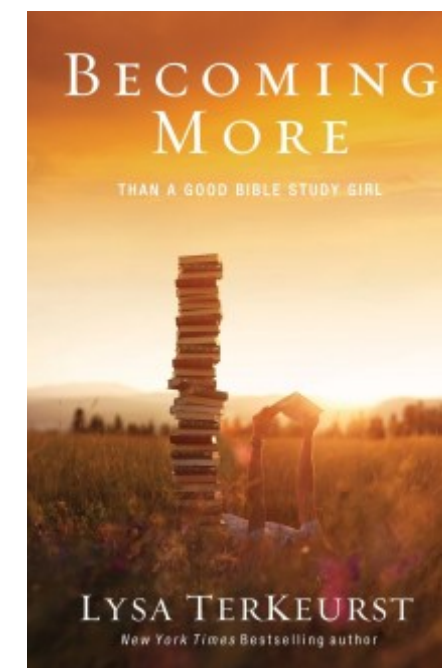
June 10-July 15, 6:00-7:30 PM

Attention All Women!

- Do you not only want to know God's truth but also feel equipped to live it out in your everyday life?
- Do you want to know God, personally and intimately?
- Are you tired of just going through the motions of being a Christian?

Come to Sunday evenings study as we explore Lysa TerKeurst's six-session study - *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl*. Together, we'll discover how to step out of religious duty (go to church, be nice, pray) and experience a living and deep intimate relationship with God.

Email Stasia at admin@southelkhorncc.org by June 1 to register for the class and secure a workbook (cost \$12.99). For more information, please contact Debbie McQuady at mcquady1983@gmail.com.



Roundabout Sunday

A 5 Church Pulpit Swap July 29



Michael Swartzentruber

@Crestwood
Christian
Church



Don Gillett

@Central
Christian
Church



Kory Wilcoxson

@Twin Pines
Christian
Church



David Shirey

@South Elkhorn
Christian
Church



Bennie Braddick

@East Second
Street Christian
Church

1767 Legacy Partners



By Diana McKenzie, Endowment Trustee President

I am excited to share with you that an Endowment Fund has now been established for South Elkhorn. This ever-flowing stream of resources will enhance the church's ministry and mission in perpetuity. We invite you to join with faithful financial leaders to become a 1767 Legacy Partner and help it grow! Annual Endowment Fund distributions will be used as follows:

- 50% directed to outreach
- 30% designated for debt retirement or reserve for future capital needs
- 10% designated by recommendation of the finance committee
- 10% directed to Regional Disciples programs and causes

The 1767 Legacy Partners are individuals who have included South Elkhorn Christian Church in their estate plans as the beneficiary of a will or trust bequest, retirement account, life insurance policy, life income gift, or similar provision. For more information or to let us know that you have made such a planned gift, please contact by:

Email: dianabmckenzie@gmail.com
Phone: 859-699-6039

Or feel free to contact any other South Elkhorn Endowment Trustees: Dick Murphy (Vice President), Aden Randles (Secretary/Treasurer), Janet Connell, Jim Price, Lynn Purdom, or Janet Warren.

Celebration of Life Services for Carol Rice

Thank you to our church family for the love, prayers, and support shown toward our family and friends during this difficult time. Special thanks to Michael, Holly, Jack and Kay McAllister, the HOPE Group, Stasia, and the ladies who prepared food for the family during the visitation time prior to the service on March 31.

Carol loved our church and the love and caring shown by its members. Her smile was always present wherever she went.

Lucien Rice

Memorials in memory of Carol:

John Whealy, Naples, Florida
Stephanie Ockerman, Morehead, KY
Pauline Young, Morehead, KY

Choir & Music



Chris Weiss
Minister of Music

SUMMER CHOIR

Starting June 3 at 10:00 AM come to the Choir Room 204 for Summer Choir! Youth and adults are welcome as we lift our voices together in praise! Contact Chris Weiss at Chris@southelkhorncc.org for more information.

ALLISON COLVIN JOINS TEAM New Pianist

Allison began Palm Sunday and brings years of piano and church music experience to South Elkhorn. She works as the accompanist for the Scott County High School choir. More on Allison will be available from the church blog soon (southelkhorncc.org/blog) and on the staff page of the church website.



Allison Colvin
Pianist



Diana Vetter Moore
Music Associate

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

This April a youth ensemble formed and is practicing on Sundays 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM leading up to Youth Sunday (April 29, 2018).

Contact Diana at diana@southelkhorncc.org for more information or interest in future participation.



Serve



Help build the 35th Disciples for Habitat home.

This summer, join with other Disciples in the Lexington area to build a home for Zidane, Jolie and their two children: Christian (11) and Jemimah (5).

Build dates will be May 8 - July 21.

To get involved, contact Alan Campbell: ascampb@gmail.com or 859-492-4048



You can also help fund this build by making a donation to South Elkhorn designated "Disciples for Habitat."

Learn more about this family and the build at southelkhorncc.org/habitat



SERVE DAY Sunday, May 20, 1:00 PM

Lend a hand to people from Eastern and Central Kentucky living with HIV. Solomon's House is sponsored by AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) and needs help with a few spring projects, including a garden.

To learn more or RSVP, contact Timothea Branham (Outreach Ministry Team Leader) at: timotheabranham@gmail.com or 859-351-6860.

If you can not participate in serving, you can still help by donating flowers or vegetable plants for the garden.

Learn more about AVOL at AVOLKY.org



#LEXGIVEBACK

Help make Lexington a Compassionate City. #Lexgiveback is a weeklong community service initiative, during which organizations and individuals will put compassion into action. Learn more and sign up to serve at:

lexgiveback.org

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
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,
Nancy Smith, 859-223-7246

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

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

Men's Groups:

Tuesday Bible Study, Weekly at 7:30 AM
Michael, 859-223-1433,
Michael@southelkhorncc.org

Men's Breakfast, Meets 4th Saturdays
Dave Johnson, 859-396-4709,
kybammer@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bible Class, Room 108
Reading through the Bible.
Jean Gatewood, 859-351-3965,
jsgatewood@aol.com

About Christianity, Room 211
Topical discussions.
Timothea Branham, 859-351-6860,
timotheabranham@gmail.com

Lectionary Class, Room 110
Discussing scripture used in sermon/worship.
Jack McAllister, 859-806-8096,
mrjackmac@twc.com

Disciples Anonymous, Room 111
Reading Brene Brown's *Gifts of Imperfection*.
Jane Estep, 859-221-0127,
janeestep@gmail.com,
Tara Cox, 859-539-4269, tkcox00@gmail.com

Reflection Guides



Click on the sermon link at southelkhorncc.org

Click on the current sermon series.

Download a reflection guide for the Sunday.

Guides include scripture passage and discussion questions for personal or group study. Series context, big ideas, and other material is included in some guides.

Sunday Bulletins with order of service, announcements, and event information can be downloaded from the sermon series page, too.

From the Cabinet

Cabinet Highlights



By Peter Brackney, Moderator

This year's Cabinet has prioritized among its most important goals a successful sabbatical for both Holly and South Elkhorn. Holly will be taking a well-deserved and important pause from her pastoral duties and demands to refresh her strength, learn more about her calling, regroup her spirit, and strengthen her leadership.

The church can also grow and learn from this time of Sabbatical.

Sabbatical is a wonderful opportunity for congregations to develop and build leadership as many gifted people step up to lead programs, events, and ministries. As a church, we gain fresh experience and perspective apart from Holly that can be shared with her upon her return. Both Holly and her Sabbatical Team will prepare reports reflecting on and generating insight about this time of Sabbatical.

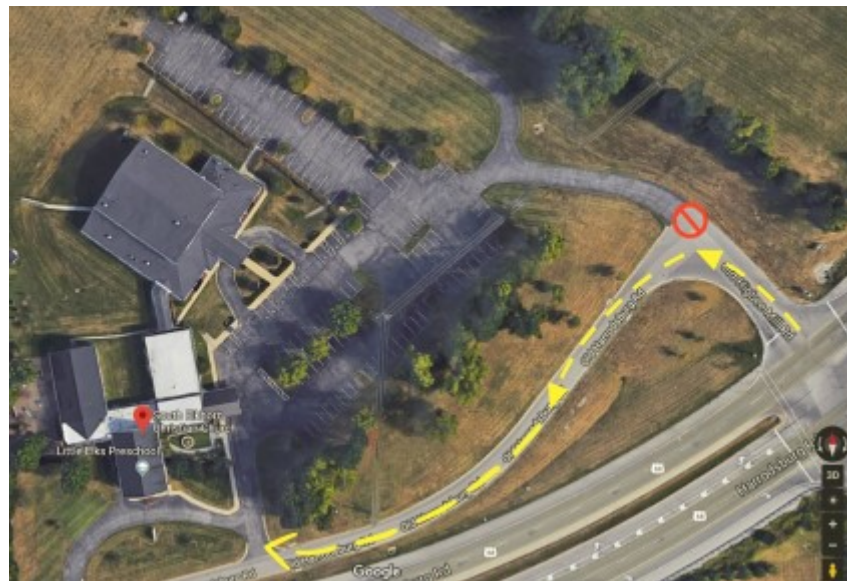
By intentionally hitting the pause button, we (as a church) create the spiritual space for Holly to come back with renewed energy and vigor for ministry. When we reunite with Holly in the fall, we will excitedly meet her with our own new understanding of ministry opportunities and challenges. We can hit pause so that we can start anew.

Look for additional reflections from the Cabinet on what Sabbatical means for us as church on South Elkhorn's blog which can be found at:

Southelkhorncc.org/blog

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The developer has not yet confirmed a timeline regarding the construction and necessary closure to South Elkhorn's main entrance (from the Harrodsburg Road stoplight). This closure will likely occur in the next few weeks as part of the extension of Madrone Way. When this occurs, all traffic for Little Elks and Sunday worship will be routed through the entrance nearest the Historic Sanctuary.



Look for updates in the worship bulletin, emails, Facebook Page, and through South Elkhorn text messaging.

Financial Overview



By Davis Marksbury, Treasurer

South Elkhorn's financial position remains in an excellent condition as 2018 rolls along. As of February, pledged giving was approximately 4% above expectations. Expenses were also approximately 7% under expectations. This led to the Church running above budget. Based on preliminary numbers for March, this trend has continued. The generosity of this Church continues to amaze me.

I would like to take a moment to discuss a giving option that I have received questions about recently. South Elkhorn has recently been equipped to receive contributions of marketable securities such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. These can be transferred over directly from your firm or brokerage. I am happy to provide the details to you if you are interested.

For more information or questions please feel free to contact me: leemarksbury@gmail.com or call at 859-333-2661.

2018 through March Financial Snapshot

	Actual	Expected
Pledged Ministry	\$ 72,524	\$ 71,844
All Other Revenues	\$ 42,745	\$ 38,101
Total Revenues	\$115,269	\$109,945
Operating Expenses	\$105,485	\$109,945
Total Over/(Under)	\$ 9,784	\$ 0

Little Elks Preschool

Wow we are so excited about the growth occurring at Little Elks! We have obtained Cabinet approval to be able to add an additional classroom space. The construction will take place over the summer. We will be walling in the back corner of McMahan Hall to create a classroom that will also act as an additional Sunday School space.



Kim Skidmore
Little Elks Director

We are so thankful for the Cabinet's support in our expansion. I love seeing the growth of South Elkhorn Christian Church as well as Little Elks. I am also looking into bids for new playground equipment. We received state funding when we earned our 5 star rating and we would love to be able to update the playground area. I will be taking the bids and plans to the Cabinet soon!