

# Connection Card

Please place card in offering plate or hand to church leader  
OR  
scan QR code and fill out electronically



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### Stay informed:

- Text Messages & Alerts
- Michael's Musings Friday Email
- E-News (Bi-weekly)
- Children & Youth Weekly Email

### I am a:

- First-time Guest
- Frequent Visitor
- Regular Attender

### Next Steps:

- Attend Explore South Elkhorn
- Find a Group & Join Community

# Order of Worship

<b>Prelude</b>	
<b>Song</b>	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>
<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Swartzentruber
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>	Caleb & Kate Joy
<b>Song</b>	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>
<b>Centering &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>	Holly Fuqua
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Holly Fuqua
<b>Sermon</b>	Luke 1:1-23 <i>How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Acknowledge Our Weariness</i> Michael Swartzentruber
<b>Song</b>	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>
<b>Communion</b>	Dain Smith Elders: Dick & Pat Murphy
	<i>Open Table: All are welcome. You are invited to partake of the bread as it is passed, and drink from the cup as you are ready. Gluten-free wafers are in a paper cup on each tray.</i>
<b>Generosity</b>	<i>Deacons collect tithes and offerings. You can also give on your mobile device with Venmo (@southelkhorncc) or online by credit/debit card (visit southelkhorncc.org/give)</i>
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (arr. Paul Curnow)</i> Jeffery Barrington Justin Bowman Robbie Collins Bailey Hardy-Price
<b>Call to Discipleship</b>	Michael Swartzentruber
<b>Song</b>	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>
<b>Announcements</b>	Michael Swartzentruber
<b>Benediction</b>	Diana Vetter Moore
	<b>Serving</b> <b>Deacons (Prepare &amp; Serve):</b> Phyl Wigglesworth, Jane Phillips, Neva Graves <b>Deacons (Serve &amp; Clean):</b> Nike Garlin, Matt & Katie Hoehne (Alt. Norah Hoehne, Abby Aasbo)

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# SOUTH ELKHORN

CHRISTIAN CHURCH



INSPIRING CHRIST'S DEEPER WAY OF *love*



## WELCOME

We are an open table people. That means all are welcome here. No matter your past dilemmas or present challenges, no matter your age or race, no matter your gender or sexual orientation, or political party: we want you to be creative, bold, generous, and make a difference. We hope God unleashes your passion and gifts because the world sorely needs them. We are eager for you to wonder, question, explore and grow. Most of all, we want to journey with you in the adventure of Christ's love. We are glad you're here!

Michael

## WORSHIP STAFF

**Michael Swartzentruber**  
*Senior Minister*

**Holly Fuqua**  
*Associate Minister*

**Chris Weiss**  
*Music Minister*

**Dain Smith**  
*Interim Discipleship Minister*

**Diana Vetter Moore**  
*Music Associate*

**Allison Colvin**  
*Pianist*

December 3, 2023



## IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY

We want you to feel at home here, so relax and be yourself. We would love to follow up with you. Please complete and tear off the Connection Card to your right. You can place it in the box on the table in the foyer or hand it to a minister, deacon, or other church leader. Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

## EXPLORE SOUTH ELKHORN

**January 21, 5:00 PM, Room 211**

Gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet the team, engage in conversation, and find your place in the church spiritual community. For more information or to RSVP, please fill out the connection card or contact the church office: [admin@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhorncc.org).

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, and gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209). Visitors, please accompany your child to sign-in.

## NURSERY

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).

## LIVE STREAMING BROADCAST

The stage is video recorded and broadcast through social media and the website. The first three rows may be on camera. Visit [southelkhorncc.org/online](http://southelkhorncc.org/online) (or scan the QR code) to watch the service each week.



*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*

# LIFE TOGETHER

## SIGN-UP TO PARTICIPATE IN DRIVE THRU BETHLEHEM (DTB) Saturday, December 9

Your help is needed to tell the Christmas Story as we invite the community to join us for Drive Through Bethlehem with live sets, actors and animals. Find out more information and please sign up in the foyer, with our roaming sign up volunteers after church, or online using the QR code!



## ADVENT AT SOUTH ELKHORN

### Advent Calendars & Devotional

Practice daily acts of joy and reflection this December by using one or more Advent Calendar (made for children, adults, and families) and devotional found in the church foyer, at [southelkhorncc.org/advent](http://southelkhorncc.org/advent), or follow the QR code.



Use QR code to learn more about events and resources for Advent.

### Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM

Experience the meaning, mystery and beauty of this holy night filled with the warmth of scripture, song and candlelight. Nursery available for children 6 weeks to two years.

## ANGEL TREE NEEDS GIFTS

Adopt an angel to shop for by selecting an individual (such as a child or veteran) from the foyer Christmas tree on Sunday morning. Please email Amber Greathouse at [ambertgreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:ambertgreathouse@gmail.com) with any questions.

## COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CANDLE LIGHTING

**Sunday, December 10, 6:00 PM Historic Sanctuary**

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. All family and friends are welcome.

# Sermon Series



### THIS SUNDAY

Michael Swartzentruber  
*How Does a Weary World Rejoice?*  
*We Acknowledge Our Weariness*  
Luke 1:1-23

### NEXT SUNDAY

Michael Swartzentruber  
*How Does a Weary World Rejoice?*  
*We Find Joy In Connection*  
Luke 1:24-45

Worship service and messages available online & on your favorite podcast site.

# PRAYER LIST

## NEW THIS WEEK

Teresa Fee

Prayer list available online at [southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list](http://southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list)

## Notes

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## ONLINE GIVING

Make a one time gift or set up recurring gifts

## DONATE ON VENMO

@southelkhorncc  
Description: Offering

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tiny Tots (Age 3-Pre K)/Children (Grades K-5)/Youth (Grades 6-12)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Children ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to meet after worship for a meal and activities.