

# Connection Card

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



NAME(S)

CHILD(REN) with Age & Grade

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

CELL PHONE

HOME PHONE

EMAIL

### 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

**Prelude**

**Welcome** Michael Swartzentruber

**Call To Worship**  
Leader: Every year we celebrate Christmas.  
**All: Every season we read the stories of God.**  
Leader: Every week we gather for worship  
**All: Every Sunday we break bread.**  
Leader: Every minute God is near.  
**All: Every moment can be a prayer.**  
Leader: Faith is formed in rituals and rhythms.  
**All: Renew us again in each and every one.**

**Song** *The First Noel*

**Centering & Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Moment** Michael Swartzentruber

**Sermon** Luke 2:21-24  
*How Does a Weary World Rejoice?*  
*We Root Ourselves in Ritual*

**Song** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**Communion** Elders: Jane Phillips, Rebecca Burklow  
  
*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.*

**Generosity** Michael Swartzentruber  
  
*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)*

**Special Music** Diana Vetter Moore & Doug Schultz

**Call to Discipleship** Michael Swartzentruber

**Song** *We Three Kings*

**Announcements** Michael Swartzentruber

**Benediction**

**Serving**  
**Greeter:** Lynn Purdom  
**Deacon:** Katie Havelda

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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 31, 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.



# LIFE TOGETHER

## NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER

Today, December 31

There will be no Children's Worship & Wonder on Sunday, December 31. Children will be invited to remain in worship after the children's moment.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME IN JANUARY

January 7, 9:30 AM

Sunday School will resume January 7 at 9:30 AM.

## MAKING DISCIPLES

Baptism Class starting in February

Adults or children learn the basics of Christianity, read the Bible, grow in faith, explore the meaning of Baptism, and develop a mentor relationship with a caring Christian adult leader. If you or your child is interested, please email Holly at [holly@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:holly@southelkhorncc.org).

## STAY INFORMED

Stay Up to Date on Church News Events & Opportunities

Subscribe to one or more email lists, which include: The Current Weekly E-news, Michael's Friday Musings, Children & Youth News, and Community Care Alerts. You can also subscribe to church text messages.



# PRAYER LIST

Share a prayer request.

If you have a prayer request, you can reach out to the church office or submit your prayer on this card in the notes section. Place in the offering basket when passed.

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

## Notes

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## Sermon Series



### THIS SUNDAY

Michael Swartzentruber  
*How Does a Weary World Rejoice?*  
*We Root Ourselves in Ritual*  
Luke 2:21-38

### NEXT SUNDAY

Michael Swartzentruber  
*Drawn In: Dreaming*  
Luke 4:1-14

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

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

## CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

No afternoon programs today. Programs will resume on January 7.

## REGIONAL MLK JR YOUTH (GRADES 6-12) EVENT

Sunday, January 14, 3:00-5:00 PM, Transylvania University Campus Center

Youth Grades 6-12 are invited to join youth from the region for dinner and a Game of Life Experience at Transylvania University. Followed by worship at Central Christian Church from 6:00-8:00 PM. RSVP by emailing Holly at [holly@southelkhorn.org](mailto:holly@southelkhorn.org).



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