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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CHILD(REN) with Birthdate & Grade					
STREET ADDRESS					
CITY/STATE/ZIP					
CELL PHONE					

STAY INFORMED

EMAIL

Subscribe to one or more email lists by using the QR code or selecting from the list below.



- O *Michael's Musings* Friday Email
- O The Current E-News
- O Children & Youth Weekly Email
- O Community Care Alert

TEXT MESSAGES

Sign up to receive text messages from South Elkhorn Christian Church by texting "start" to 888-413-9540. Occasional texts will include worship weather updates and event information.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome Michael Swartzentruber

Special Music Wexford Carol Chris Weiss

Advent Candle Lighting

Michael Swartzentruber, Holly Fuqua,
Dain Smith & Jen Brown-Murphy

Song O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3)

The Story of Jesus

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 Jen Brown-Murphy

Song Oh Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1-4)

Scripture Luke 2:8-14 Holly Fuqua

Song It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs. 1-3)
Song Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1&2)

Scripture Luke 2:15-20 Dain Smith

Song

Away in a Manger (vs. 1&2)

Song

What Child Is This? (vs. 1&3)

Communion Michael Swartzentruber

4:00 Elders: Anna James & Mike Chesnut 8:00 Elders: Jim Price & Stephanie Reedy

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.

Communion Music A Breton Carol Band

Generosity Holly Fugua

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 Don Oíche Úd i mBeithil Dory McDonald

Lighting of the CandlesMichael Swartzentruber

Song Silent Night, Holy Night

Benediction Michael Swartzentruber

Musicians

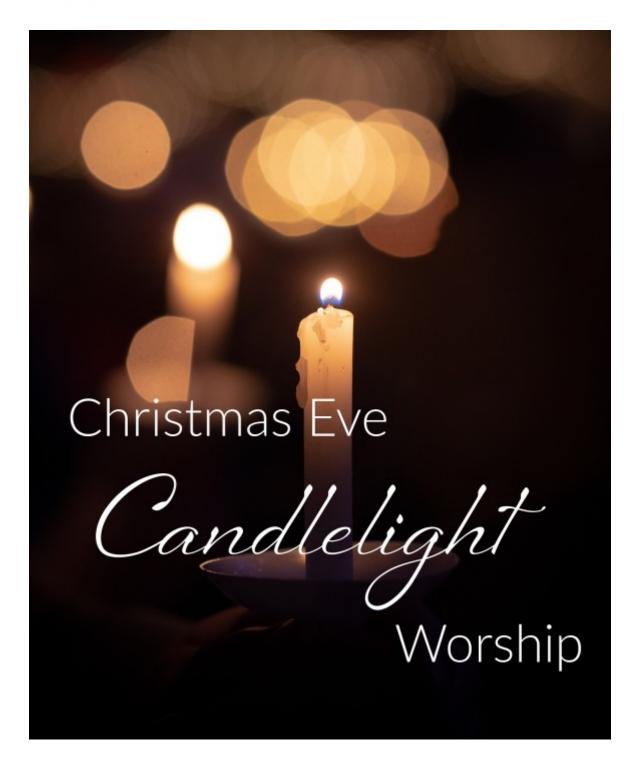
Allison Colvin (piano), Spencer Fuqua (percussion), Tim Fowler (mandolin), Dory McDonald (voice), Ben McWhorter (bass), Diana Vetter Moore (flute/voice), Aaron Smith (fiddle), Amanda Walbourn (recorder), Chris Weiss (guitar/voice)

Servers

4:00 Greeters: Susan Simpson, Amy Colvin, Mary Colvin 4:00 Deacons: Kathryn & Brian Perry, Mike & Tina Shanks 8:00 Greeters: Teresa Brown, Mike Benton, Jack Dunn 8:00 Deacons: Lanny Adkins, Matt & Norah Hoehne

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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

Dain Smith *Discipleship Minister*

Jen Brown-Murphy Student Minister

Chris Weiss Music Minister

Diana Vetter Moore Music Associate

Allison Colvin
Pianist

LIFE TOGETHER

JOIN A CLASS OR GROUP

Beginning in January

Whether you're looking for study, support, or community, there's a group for you. Explore the variety of opportunities to learn, share, and grow together. Use the QR code to learn more and express interest in a group.



FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

Beginning January 11, 6:00-7:00 PM

All are invited to a monthly gathering focused on fellowship, connection, and community, with a different activity each month. January's gathering will feature vision board creation. Use the QR code to learn more and RSVP.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 18, 6:00 PM: MLK Community Worship Service

A service to celebrate and remember the important legacy, ministry, and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. alongside other Disciples churches at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Sunday, February 15, 5:00 PM: Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of delicious chili and great entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

New Sermon Series Begins in January



Begin the new year with the slow pace love takes. Slow down for a unique, contemplative, and creative worship service on January 4. Then anchor yourself in God's love by exploring an ancient spiritual practice each Sunday in January.

January 4: Another Way Matthew 2:1-12

January 11: Listening Lectio Divina

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

GET CONNECTED

You can get connected and receive any of the following communications. Please use the QR codes on right to sign up for the email lists or to participate in the ministries below.

The Current, South Elkhorn News

Receive an email of church events, updates, and information to stay plugged in to the ministry and mission of South Elkhorn.

Michael's Musings

Receive a regular reflection email from Senior Minister, Michael Swartzentruber.

Children & Youth News

Notes and news on programming, schedules, and special events.

Community Care Alerts

Notices of births, weddings, deaths, and emergencies.

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

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ONLINE GIVING

Make a one time gift or set up recurring gifts

DONATE ON VENMO

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IF YOU ARE A GUEST TONIGHT

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

February 1, 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 use the QR code or contact the church office: 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. All adults in Worship & Wonder rooms must complete a background check through the church office.

NURSERY

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years of age 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 (or scan the QR code) to watch the service each week.





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