

Connections



Worship.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.



Worship.

Worship Fully:

Discovering God daily and responding with awe.

This Week at SHMC

~ Events at Journey @ Yoder in italics ~

Today, December 25

Merry Christmas!

10:00 am Worship Celebrations

9:29 am *Worship Celebration*

Monday, December 26

All Day Office is closed

Tuesday, December 27

All Day Office is closed

Wednesday, December 28

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Thursday, December 29

6:00 pm *Activity Center reserved*

Saturday, December 31

7:00 pm *New Year's Eve Party*

Everyone is invited

Next Sunday, January 1 Happy New Year

8:30 am Prayer gathering in Room 24

9:00 and 10:30 am **NOTE TIME CHANGES**

Worship Celebrations

No Sunday School

Nursery will be provided

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Monday, January 2

All Day Office is closed

Advent Conspiracy 2011 — We have exceeded our goal. Last Sunday, December 18 we reached a total of \$41,949. Our goal was \$40,500. Praise God. Additional funds will be used to support 2 planned mission trips during 2012. Pastor Sheri will lead the first trip this spring. If you have interest in this trip, see the information at the Pinata in the Fellowship Hall.



Office will be closed January 2.

Upcoming Calendar

January 8 Coffee With the Pastors 11:00 am

January 8 Town Hall Meeting with carry-in meal. Childcare will be provided.

January 22 Annual meeting with joint worship service at Journey @ Yoder

Spring—trip to Bolivia (end of April) Information sheet is beside the piñata on the Advent Conspiracy table.



Worship Fully

Discovering God daily and responding with awe.

From the scriptures to sunsets, whether we're together or alone we are relentlessly looking for God's fingerprints in everything. When we discover the breathtaking reality that "God is in this place," it compels us to respond.

Scriptures:

- Genesis 28:16
- 1 Kings 19:11-13
- Matthew 22:37
- Acts 4:42 & 46-47
- Romans 12:1



Connect.

Connect with Others!

Building authentic relationships and experiencing God in community.

A Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped purchase and distribute the Jubilee Boxes this year. We purchased food for **58 adults and children** (22 were associated with the manor), plus 2 gift cards for individuals. Twenty-one families were represented from the church to help shop and/or deliver. Pryme Thyme class filled in with 9 of the 21 helping. Thanks, Randy Ball

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A New Year's Eve Par-tay!

Young and old and everyone in between! A fun, safe party for everyone. Basketball, volleyball, games and music. Bring snacks/drinks to share, games to play and your excitement for the new year!

A Over Christmas Break have a Family

Movie Night! New DVD's in the library: *Your Love Never Fails*; *Truth Be Told*; *The Miracle of the Cards*; *The Fifth Quarter*; *Soul Surfer*; *The Grace Card*; *Hometown Legend* and *What If...*,



A Are you wanting and/or needing exercise? **It's cold outside, so walk inside!** The Activity Center at Yoder campus will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2-4 p.m. for you to walk. Bring a friend—or walk with the other SHMC and community folks that you find there.



A Don't forget to leave your **used quarterlies and devotionals** in our classrooms or at the Connection Center. They will be sent to Edwin L. Hodges ministries in Decatur, AL. Some go overseas where Christian literature is in short supply.



A Would you like to explore what

membership at SHMC is all about? Pastor Howard and Alaina Kaufman will be leading a class January 4, 11 and 19, 2012 (Wednesday), 7 to 9 pm at South Hutchinson. If you want to join this class, please sign up for the class at the Connection Center.

A Join

Pastor Sheri and Pastor Jesse



for **Coffee With the Pastors**. This will be held **Sunday, January 8**, 11:00 am in room # 7 at the east end of the fellowship hall. This is an informal time to visit with the pastors and a great time to ask questions.

Due to the holidays, the **January KIDJam** will be held on January 11. Please note the day change to the 2nd Wednesday for this month only.

Area Connections

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

M **Men's Retreat** March 2-4, 2012. Join other conference men for the weekend in working, playing, singing and worshipping together.

CA **Young Adult Snow Camp** at February 24-26, 2012. Worship times this year will be led by Dwell unit participants, a part of the DOOR Network in Denver. The weekend will also include challenging (yet fun) group games and chances to enjoy the beauty of creation. Cost is \$65.

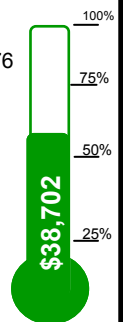
For the Record

December Budget \$61,276

December 18 Attendance: 462
Our Praise Offering: \$10,174.33

SHMC is a loving congregation, joyfully giving God 10% of our income!

Advent Conspiracy Giving: \$41,949



A All

W Women

M Men

S Student

C Children

CA College Age



Grow in Christ:

Knowing Jesus and modeling our lives after Him.

Student Ministries

S Sunday mornings:

Student Small Groups meet weekly on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am at South Hutch and at 10:29 am at Journey @ Yoder. Small group time gives students a way to Connect with Others, Grow in Christ, and Serve with Passion. Small groups are based on gender and age to allow students to really connect and share with each other. We are doing some awesome studies and also have opportunities to serve the larger church.

S Student Ministries Sunday evenings:

JHM (Junior High Ministry) 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Journey @ Yoder. Fun and crazy games and a time for worship.

Dec 25 and Jan 1— No Youth Activities

HSM (High School Ministry) meets at 7:00 pm for worship then continues on until 8:30 with games and hanging out.

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Up Coming Events

January 7, High School Students are invited to **Out of the Pew** Event at Journey @ Yoder. Cost \$5.00. Registration deadline is TODAY!



Young Christian's Weekend (March 2012)
Register by Dec. 28
Deposit is \$40, Total \$120.
After December 28 cost is \$135.00



Plan to attend the SHMC Women of Worth, Vessels Overflowing with Living Water Women's Conference, February 3 and 4 at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. Sign up today at the Connection Center.

CA Young Adults—a new Sunday school group will meet January 8, at 9:45 in room #27 across from the office at the South Hutch campus. We will decide together what we're interested in talking about whether it's Bible study or discussing topics. If you would like more Information, please contact Susan Nisly at 620-474-6143 or email snisly@hotmail.com.

Children's Ministry

C December's Virtue:

Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away.



What's one thing we can do as a family in the new year to show generosity toward others?

There will be no Sunday School classes for children today and New Year's day.

On New Year's day, the nursery will be open and staffed.

We've started hearing back from **Operation Christmas Child** about where

some of our Christmas shoeboxes were sent. Remember to let Pastor Sheri know when you are notified about your box. Keep an eye on the world maps located in the So Hutch fellowship hall and Journey @ Yoder foyer to see how our generosity has impacted the world.



A Get Threaded into the Story

You have an epic role to play. Get threaded into the biggest story of all time. Experience God's heart for all peoples and encounter the momentum of the World Christian Movement. Perspectives will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life.

15 instructors in 15 weeks - learn firsthand from the global experiences of pastors, professors, Biblical scholars, mobilizers, theologian, missiologists and missionaries from the field.

Starting January 15 at Crosspoint Church - Westbrook Campus. Earn college credit. Contact Alaina Kaufman for more information.

Get Threaded and Register today at perspectives.org.



Serve.

Serve with Passion:

Joining God's mission to extend love, forgiveness, and compassion to the

A Advent Conspiracy

We are exploring the possibility of a **spring mission trip** to Bolivia. Information is available at the Advent Conspiracy table. If you are interested, contact Pastor Sheri.



The goal of \$40,500 has been exceeded.

- Total Raised as of December 18, 2011 is \$41,949.

If you would like to provide funds for mission trips to Bolivia:

- Check can be placed in the offering at our worship celebrations or submitted to the church office. Please write "Advent Conspiracy" in the memo line.
- Memorial/Gift Certificates can be picked up at the bulletin board north of the kitchen at South Hutch Campus or the Foyer at Yoder Campus.
- Drop cash and change in the piñata

What are you doing to

- [love God]
- [spend less]
- [give more]
- [bless others]



MN Hands and Feet Ministry needs good, clean twin, full and queen mattresses and bed frames. We also need a few strong, young men to occasionally help move a couch or other heavy pieces of furniture. We can normally move these pieces after 5 or 5:30.

Most of the families we serve are single mothers who are having a very difficult time making ends meet. Some are 2 parent families who have suffered from our economic down turn. Please call the church office if you can help occasionally (663-4244).

On behalf of **Mennonite Disaster Service Joplin**, we thank each one who participated in the South Central Conference Mennonite Women Joplin Care Project. The gift cards have been distributed to the most needy and made a significant difference. May the Lord Bless you for your Generosity.

Al and Jan Kroeker, MDS Region 3 Directors
Nancy Peachey, President SCC MW

A A couple of months ago we highlighted the great young people who are a part of the **Hutchinson Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit (MVS)**. Please invite them to your home for a home cooked meal. They would love to learn to know you. Call 663-3701 or send an e-mail to: markrupp@gmail.com.

Share your pics!



If you are at a church event or gathering and you get some great pictures that could be used by the church – you can drop them in our Dropbox on the web. Go to www.dropbox.com, log in with the email address: cindyh@shmcfamily.org and password "dropbox". Then just upload your pics to share!

- A** All
- W** Women
- M** Men
- S** Student
- C** Children
- CA** College Age

Our staff is here to walk with you

Howard Wagler, Lead Pastor
 Eric Miller, Associate Pastor
 Sheri Saner, Children's Outreach Pastor
 Jeremy Patterson, Journey @ Yoder Campus Pastor
 Jesse Blasdel, Student Outreach Pastor
 Cindy Headings, Administrator
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