Beloved Community of First Baptist Kansas City, MO

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Around & About - NOVEMBER 2026

Pastors
Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner
Rev. Dr. Megan Bedford-Strohm

Giving Our Best

In our church, November is a season of thanksgiving, stewardship, and commitment. It is a time to remember God's faithfulness, give thanks for the blessings we have received, and prayerfully consider how we will share those blessings in the year ahead.

As I grow older, I realize that generosity and commitment are more than practice for one season of the year. They are ways of life. They shape how we love, how we serve, and how we care for one another. When we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, we make room for God to work in and through us.

Growing up in Haiti, one of the traditions I used to look forward to each year was our church's harvest service. Not because I would usually receive a new dress for the occasion, but because I loved how excited everyone used to be as they would bring their best fruit to church. Families would bring the finest produce from their gardens, and their healthiest livestock to the house of God. These gifts represented the fruits of their labor, but they were also expressions of gratitude for God's provision. We brought our best because we recognized that all we had was a gift from God.

As I reflect on generosity and commitment this month, I am also mindful of a special milestone in our life together. November 1, 2026 marks nine years of my service here at our Beloved Community. I still remember the day the congregation voted to call me. I was sitting in the commons when I heard cheering, clapping, and celebration coming from inside. Then a member stepped out, smiled, and said, "Come on in."

I will never forget walking into the sanctuary and being welcomed with such joy. We were beginning a journey together, stepping forward in faith without knowing all that the years ahead would hold.

Nine years later, my heart is filled with gratitude. We worshiped and prayed together, celebrated and grieved together, and walked alongside one another through both joys and challenges. Through it all, you have shared your time, your gifts, your prayers, and your love. It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor, and I give thanks to God for each of you.

Our journey together is part of a much larger story. For 171 years, generations of faithful people have sustained the ministry of this church. They gave, served, prayed, and trusted God through seasons of joy and seasons of uncertainty. Because of their faithfulness, we have inherited a church with a rich history and a continuing calling to share the love of Christ.

Now it is our turn to carry that legacy forward. The gifts we offer now help sustain worship, care for our neighbors, support our ministries, and make room for future generations to experience God's love. Our prayer, our acts of service, and our financial gifts have a part in the story God is still writing among us.

As we prepare for Stewardship Commitment Sunday on November 15, I invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year. Proverbs 3:9 calls us to honor God with the first fruits of our harvest. With that in mind, I invite you to ask yourself: What does my best fruit or first fruit look like?

The answer will be different for each of us. Our circumstances and gifts are not all the same, but each of us has something meaningful to offer. As you consider your financial pledge and the ways you might serve, I encourage you to give thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with a grateful heart.

Church family, thank you for your generosity, your commitment, and the love you continue to share. I am grateful for these nine years together and hopeful for all that God will continue to do through us. May we honor the legacy we have received and faithfully carry it forward, trusting that God will guide us in the years to come.

Pastor Dezo Schreiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS





Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with kind words and kept me in your prayers. My surgery on Tuesday, October 27, went well, and I am now recovering at home.

Pastor Megan will be covering for me during my leave. While I will not be in the church office or preaching in person for the next few weeks, I am still working and remain available by email and phone as my recovery allows.

We will keep you updated on my progress and plans to return in the office. Thank you again for your continued prayers, care, and support. I am deeply grateful for our loving church family.
God bless you!

Pastor Dezo



Art Night went well! Children and adults alike enjoyed a variety of creative activities, including pumpkin patch prints made with tempera paint and cut apples, caramel apple decorating, weaving with yarn and fabric strips, and watercolor painting. Several boxes of pizza and other tasty treats were enjoyed, too! Outside, chalk drawings, hopscotch, and pick-up soccer were also big hits.

It was especially lovely to welcome new faces from the surrounding community who discovered the event through our signs and online posts, as well as to spend time with children and families from and connected to our church community.
A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make the evening possible! It was a joy to see the creativity flowing and connections being formed or strengthened.

Please be on the look out for future Art Nights. We plan to host the next one in January, and our Advent family luncheon in December will include some Christmas crafts.

Photos from the MORE2 Banquet!



















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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



BELOVED COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you would be interested, or know someone who would be interested, in supporting the Beloved Community Children's Ministry, please let the Pastors or the office know. We are currently seeking:

- Volunteers to occasionally help with Sunday School on Sunday mornings.
- A volunteer or employee to help run a nursery for the youngest members of our church (ages 0-3) on Sunday mornings. (For full job listing, please contact the pastors)
- Ideas for ways to continue to integrate children in the life of the church and serve children and families in the surrounding community.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner & Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Join us on Sunday, November 15, for our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner and Stewardship Commitment Sunday as we celebrate God's faithfulness and the ministry we share.

Sunday, November 15





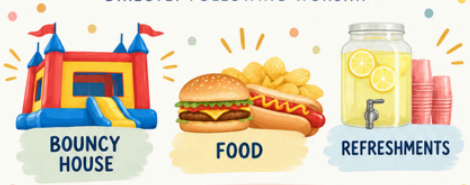
ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. STEPHANIE PARHAM'S

Birthday CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

DIRECTLY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



BOUNCY HOUSE | FOOD | REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is Invited!

Do you have **sensitive documents** *laying around?*

WE HAVE **FREE SHREDDING** FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!

The shredding bin is available to shred all of your important documents in the FBC office.

It is a locked container for safety.



Help protect your information. Take advantage of this free service provided by our church!

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established 1982

Punkin Patch
Child Development Center

We're Hiring!

Punkin Patch is seeking teachers for the daycare.

If you know anyone who would be interested in a part-time or full-time role, please get in touch for more information.

You're Invited!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Faith. Community. Growth.



9:30 AM ON SUNDAYS | IN THE CROSS GENERATIONS CLASSROOM | EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Lively and engaging conversations each week! | *Join us!* See Bill Rinck for more details.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE/BUSINESS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO *Sponsor* US TO GET A NEW PLAYGROUND?

Our playground brings joy, learning, and play to so many children in our care. We're looking for a generous sponsor to help make a brand new playground a reality for our kids!

YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT!



TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER PLACE TO PLAY!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

TWO PROJECTS. BIG IMPACT.

BIGGER SINK *for the Fireside Room*

A larger sink will help us serve our many meals, gatherings and events with ease.



LANDSCAPING *Improvements*

We're looking for someone to sponsor landscaping by paying and/or hiring a company. The work needed is too extensive for an individual.



INTERESTED? | Please reach out to the church office. | *Thank you* FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

Beloved Community Joins the ABHMS Nurturing Children's Initiative

We are joyful to share that Beloved Community has been selected to join the Striving Congregations Cohort of the ABHMS (American Baptist Home Mission Society) Nurturing Children's Initiative.

Children are not simply observers in worship—they are full participants in the life of the faith community.

KEY FACTS

- Supported by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc.
- Research-based, developmentally appropriate practices for nurturing children's faith through worship and prayer.
- Representing Beloved Community: Cherish Sharp, Laurie Tourtellet, and Pastor Megan Bedford-Strohm.
- Training and coaching throughout 2027.

Want to learn more?
Join us for a brief meeting after worship on **Sunday, October 4.**

American Baptist Women's Ministry Circle of Hope

Our ABWM chapter at Beloved Community, Circle of Hope, is dedicated to fellowship, service, and education. The group hosts meals and other opportunities for church members to gather and connect.

Circle of Hope

Fellowship **Service** **Education**

Get involved!

For more information or to share a speaker idea, please contact ABWM Secretary Pat Hester at **pathester507@gmail.com.**

ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

WE PRAY FOR…

- Megan Fugitt passed peacefully into eternal life on October 26 at home. Megan was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year. Please keep Dennis and Sue Fugit in your prayers.
- Dixie and Jim Kelly. They moved into assisted living. Just a few days ago.
- Karen Foster has been moved into assisted living. Please pray for her as she adjusts.
- Laura Martinez moved away to be closer to her grandchildren. Let us keep her in our prayers as she transitions.
- We continue to think of Bob Holloway's family as they grieve the passing of Bob. Bob was 97.
- Daylin and Dalie Rodriguez Ortet and Noah. Daline is grieving the passing of her Dad.
- Sue Hansen's family, grieving the passing of Sue.
- Steve Stuart and the Stuart family following the death of Steve's brother on September 8. Steve's niece Ashley had been caring for both her father and her husband, who died within a month of each other. Please pray especially for Ashley, Steve, and the entire Stuart family.
- Melba McIntosh for strength and for continued healing for Craig.
- Vonda Breedlove continues to struggle with severe arthritis and mobility issues. Pray for her and her sons, especially Eric who is caring for her.
- Christine Garner has been dealing with dizziness, and had to make a few trips to the ER. So far all her test results have been good.
- Geneva Abel dealing with health issues.
- Kerry Triplett's health and his family.
- Lynette Adkins and her family: Briana, TJ, Shianne, Tyler.
- Valerie Carroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, and Mary Ann, granddaughter, courageously facing health issues in Ireland.
- Susan Smith is receiving good care at home. Pray for her and for Sallie's health.
- Toni Page' mother dealing with health issues.
- Tom Ott, Jay Manda's Father-in-law.
- Breeze's Dad–dealing with blood clots in his lung. He is no longer on oxygen.
- Andy and Dezo's grandpa, Paul Wingo, receiving chemo for colon cancer surgery.
- Dezo's friend, Harriet House, is dealing with Stage 4 liver cancer.



WE GIVE THANKS TO …

- All the leaders of the Beloved Community for all the work they do behind the scene to keep God's ministry going.
- To Gill Manda for trimming the the bushes near the north entrance by the canopy.
- To Vickie Dawdy for her landscaping and trimming the bushes along the fence line and near the garage.
- To the Bill Humenczuk, Matt Clingan, LaMoine Tatum, Jonas Bedford-Strohm, and Andy Schreiner for all the work on the tech team.

WE REJOICE WITH …

- Members attending the MORE2 Banquet on October 29th.

WE SHARE OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER FOR…

Nancy Bundy (Fighting Cancer) — Leonard Barbee — The Dawdys, Avery & Gregory Family — Rodie (Pat Hester's Friends) — Mia Gunter (Care-Giver for Evelyn Brooks) — Evelyn Brooks (Suffering from severe memory issues) — Tim Link — Vonda Breedlove — The Chandler Family — Justin Prigel (In the Military) — Samuel Okwo (US National Guard) — Valerie Caroll & Mary Ann (Daughters of Bill & Chris Rinck) — Carole Raines

Spotlight on John Fisher

I have always been a fairly quiet person who enjoys keeping life private and simple. I have called Kansas City home all my life, and it is where much of my story began.

I attended Baker University, where I met my wife of 58 years. During that time, I was drafted and chose to join the Navy. My bride and I traveled from Dam Neck and Norfolk, Virginia, to San Diego and Long Beach, California. I served as a radarman aboard the USS Downes, and during those years, we welcomed our two daughters.

After returning to Kansas City, I finished school, graduated from UMKC, and began working in our family business(Charlie Fisher Buick/Chevrolet on Main St). We welcomed two more children, a son and another daughter – making us a family of six.

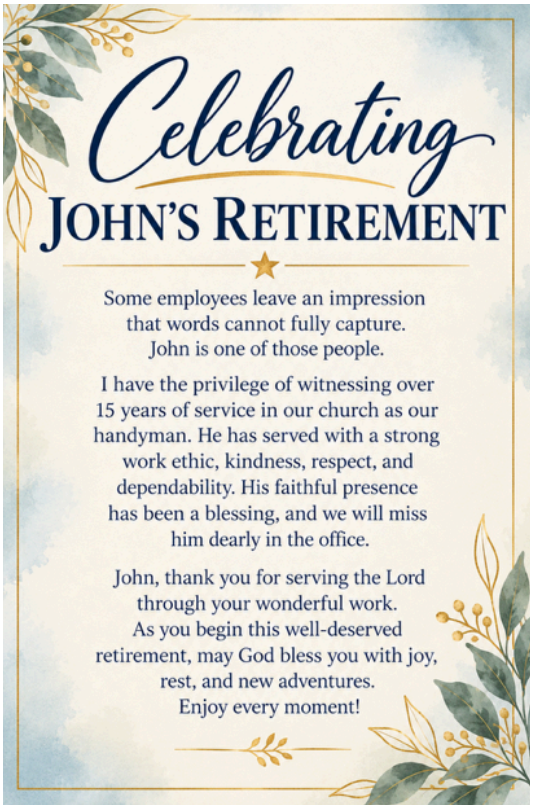
Life with four children kept us constantly on the go with baseball, basketball, soccer, school activities, and church events. Before we knew it, our children had grown up, gone to college, married, and started families of their own. Today, we are blessed with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren!

After we sold the family business, I wanted to stay busy, so I took a part-time position at First Baptist. That was 15 years ago, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served you throughout those years.

My wife and I are looking forward to this next chapter of life together. We remain very involved in our church, and with two of our daughters now living in Alabama and Florida, we look forward to traveling and perhaps spending some of the colder months in warmer places. The best part is that we do not have to decide everything right now. We can simply follow where the Lord leads us, one day at a time.

I wish everyone well, and I thank you for these 15 years at First Baptist. May you find joy in the simple things in life and in the many blessings of our Lord.

John Fisher









Our Church Leaders celebrated Johhn's Retirement

FBC Music

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE *Rehearsals*

ARE STARTING BACK UP!

Music Ministry

Musical Ensemble Rehearsal resumed on October 28.

Devon Turner will be leading this choir and handbell practice every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

If you are interested in contributing musically to the ministry of the church, in any way, please let Devon Turner know, in person or at:

bowling_devon@yahoo.com

Choirfest

AREA V AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

Monday, November 9 | 7:30 PM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Join our Area V American Baptist churches for Choirfest!

The evening will be led by the Concert Choir from Judson University in Elgin, Illinois, along with choirs from our local congregations. Our own organist, Devon, will also offer an organ selection.

All Beloved Community musicians are invited to participate in the mass choir for this meaningful evening of music and worship. Selections will include *"Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way"* and "Total Praise Medley."

Kansas City *Jazz Vespers*

We had wonderful Fall Jazz Vespers.

We started with Charles Williams, the Eboni, and concluded with Pablo.

Be on the lookout for our Spring Jazz Vespers announcement!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR
2027 SPRING JAZZ VESPERS
PERFORMANCES

AS ALWAYS,
THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING US

AND THANK YOU FOR OUR AMAZING FALL SEASON.
SEE YOU IN THE SPRING.

Financials



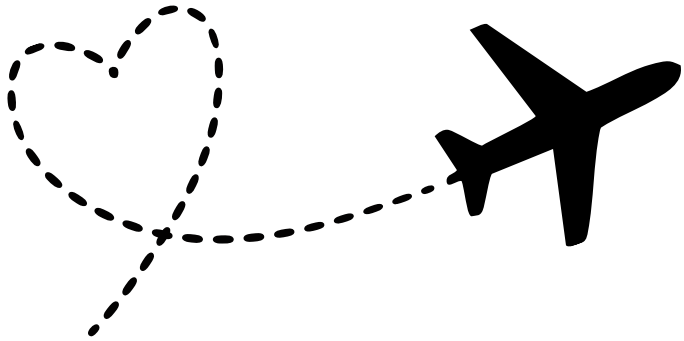
FINANCE
OFFERINGS





Missions


AS THE
Christmas Season
APPROACHES...
Dear Church Family,
It is that time of the year again as the Christmas season approaches, and we are asked once more to open our hearts! We will be partnering with Bethel Neighborhood Center in their Adopt a Family program for the Christmas season, and we will help them during the Christmas holiday.
Our church has been so generous in the past, and I know we will continue this meaningful tradition. We've been advised that the need is greater this year, and families have already reached out to Bethel for assistance.
Beth will notify us soon with details about our adopted family, so let's get ready to show them our love and support!
With a grateful heart,
Diana Parker
MISSION COMMITTEE
Bethel
Neighborhood Center
Kansas City, Kansas




Thank You!
TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED
Jae Stockton
by attending the
MEET & GREET
and thank you for all your
financial donations!


Yay!
WE OFFICIALLY GOT
CONFIRMATION
FROM AMOS
Health & Hope
that we will be doing a
MISSION TRIP
to Nicaragua!
APRIL 23RD – MAY 2ND, 2027
NICARAGUA
Would you like to join us?
Or SPONSOR a VOLUNTEER?
Please get in touch with
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RED BRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

— Neighbors Helping Neighbors



NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY DATES

Monday, November 2nd
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Restock Pantry with Donations

Wednesday, November 18th
6:00 p.m.
Deadline for clients to call the Food Pantry to get their orders in.
This is the last day for clients to call the Food Pantry this month.

Friday, November 20th
1:15 – 3:15 p.m.
Fill Food Pantry Orders

Saturday, November 21st
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Clients Pick Up Orders

In the month of October, the Red Bridge Food Pantry helped **16 families with 45 individuals.**

Thank you!! ♥

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned chilies and stews
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables (carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, mixed vegetables)
- Chicken and beef broth
- Cream of soup
- Small laundry detergent
- Women's deodorant
- Toilet paper



TURKEY DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to provide turkeys for families next month.

Send donations to:
First Baptist Church
100 West Red Bridge Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64114
(Attention: Food Pantry)
or use the QR code below.

Thank you for all you do
for our neighbors throughout the year!

SCAN TO DONATE

Upcoming Worship Schedule

— In-person in the Sanctuary and LIVE on Facebook at 10:50 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. on our website & YouTube —

Beloved Community of First Baptist Kansas City, MO

PREACHING SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, November 1st — 10:50am**
  "For Yours is in the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory," based on 1 Chronicles 29:11.
  Pastor Megan, preaching. Communion Sunday.

- **Sunday, November 8th — 10:50am**
  "Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve," based on Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-17, 22.
  Jonas Bedford-Strohm, preaching.

- **Sunday, November 15th — 10:50am**
  "Offer your First Fruits in Faith," based on Deut. 26:1-11. Stewardship Commitment Sunday!
  Pastor Megan, preaching.

- **Sunday, November 22 — 10:50am**
  "Shift My Appetite," based on Matthew 4:1-11.
  LaMoine Tatum, preaching.

- **Sunday, November 29th — 10:50am**
  First Sunday of Advent.
  Advent Series Begins.



Participating in Services Online, or Watching them Afterwards

The livestreams and recordings of our Sunday services are now available on both Facebook and Youtube. You can log on to participate from afar, as the service is happening.

Also, if you miss a service and would like to go back and watch it - or just watch or listen to the sermon - you can find all of these resources at

https://www.youtube.com/@BelovedCommunityKC



Church Calendar

- **November 1st** — Daylight Savings - Fall Back!
- **November 1st** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 1st** — "For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever," based on 1 Chronicles 29:11. Pastor Megan, preaching. Communion Sunday.
- **November 1st** — Sunday, 12:00 p.m. American Baptist Women's Ministry Meeting (Fireside Room)
- November 2nd — Monday, 1:15-3:00 p.m. Food Pantry Restock Day
- November 3rd — Tuesday, 2026 Midterm General Election Day!
- November 4th — Wednesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 4th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- November 7th — Saturday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. KC Bronze Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- **November 8th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 8th** — "Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve," based on Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-17, 22. Jonas Bedford-Strohm, preaching.
- **November 8th** — Sunday, 12:00 p.m. Rev. Stephanie Parham's Birthday Celebration
- November 9th — Monday, 7:30 p.m. Area V American Baptist Churches Choirfest (Second Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO)
- November 11th — Wednesday, Happy Veterans Day!
- November 11th — Wednesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 11th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- **November 15th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 15th** — "Offer your First Fruits in Faith," based on Duet. 26:1-11. Pastor Megan, preaching. Stewardship Commitment Sunday!
- **November 15th** — Sunday, 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner (Fireside Room)
- November 18th — Wednesday, Deadline to Request Food from the Food Pantry
- November 18th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- November 20th — Friday, 1:00-3:15 p.m. Fill Food Pantry Orders
- November 21st — Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Clients Pick Up Food Pantry Orders
- **November 22nd** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 22nd** — "Shift My Appetite," based on Matthew 4:1-11. LaMoine Tatum, preaching.
- **November 22nd** — Sunday, 12:00 p.m. Decorating the Church for Advent
- November 25th — Wednesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- November 26th-27th — Thursday & Friday, FBC Offices Closed for Thanksgiving!
- **November 29th** — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **November 29th** — First Sunday of Advent. Advent Series Begins.

TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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BIBLE STUDY

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,
WE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM

LED BY PASTOR MEGAN

Studying the Holy Spirit

JOIN BY VIDEO
ON SMARTPHONE, TABLET OR PC

1. Go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5558929117pwd=SFNmQUJvT0tRaHlDaYYrN3I5bzJVQT09
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

JOIN BY PHONE
AUDIO ONLY

1. Call 312.626.6799 US (Chicago)
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

To watch our worship service **LIVE** at 10:50 AM on Facebook go to:
www.facebook.com/fbckc

To watch it on YouTube go to:
www.youtube.com/@BelovedCommunityKC

To watch it on our church website go to:
www.belovedkc.org/watch
(The services will be posted on our website at 1:00 PM)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

Josue Aguilar	01
Mai Tadokoro	02
Rebecca Page	06
Stephanie Parham	06
Karen Mathis	06
Patricia Hallquist	15
Sandeep Ravi	15
Brad Law	16
Jim Kelly	25
Jan Jones	26
Joy Goble	28