

# Communiqué

As a fellowship of Christ's followers, our mission is to fashion our lives after Christ's and to embrace our world with God's transforming love.

Thoughts from Pastor David

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41. As I write this, there are presently 41 candles on the altar in our sanctuary. During this season of Lent, each Sunday we have lit a candle for each person who has died so far this year within the Kansas City metro area as a result of homicide. And as I scroll through the descriptions of the murdered victims, I see that some were in their 20s, while some people were almost 60 years old. Some people were male, while some were female. Some were White, some were Black, and some were Hispanic. Some we know the names of the victims, such as Lonnie Montgomery and Elizabeth Brown and Shaymaa Saudi. Other people we do not know their names, but we mourn their death. Some died because of a handgun, some with a knife, and some died due to a shotgun. All died, though, because others were convinced that a clinched fist was a better option than an open, upward facing palm.



Why are we at Holmeswood forcing ourselves to look at these dark and nasty realities in our community? We do this because these are our own brothers and sisters who have died. Each one of the candles represents a person. They each had a mother and a father. They each had goals and dreams in their life. They each had a go-to joke they told and a favorite meal they ate. They had value and worth. They each were a child of God.

But we also light these candles because with each flame we are reminded that there are people in our city who lean into the narrative that revenge is the way to live life. That hate is stronger than love. That a gun is stronger than an embrace. That power is gained through domination. And so we pray, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

During the season of Lent, we are reminded that we still have work to do. We still must co-create with our God in cultivating the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom in which we turn the other cheek. We walk the extra mile. We give. We serve. We love and love and love and love...

In the upcoming weeks, we will continue the journey that leads to a Crucified Christ. We will stand at the base of a cross and witness yet another homicide. We will mourn another death and witness another clinched fist. We will light another candle. But it is in this newly lit candle that we light all of the other candles. Because no matter how dark it is, the light of the Christ candle overpowers the apparent strength of the darkness. And at the end of the day, resurrection takes place. And love wins.

## Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure!



Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at **Holmeswood Baptist Church from July 18 through July 20, 2017**. At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in every-

day life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Maker Fun Factory is for kids who have completed grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> and will run from 9:00am – 2:30pm each day. For more information call 816-942-1729 or go to <http://www.holmeswood.org/#ministries> to register now!

If you would like to volunteer, please see Kris Collins or Nola Kroner. If you have volunteered in the past, Kris or Nola will be contacting you to see if you would like to volunteer again this year.

### VBS Need

Large appliance boxes are needed for VBS. Please contact Kris Collins or Nola Kroner if you have one sitting in your garage or basement!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th, 11 am here at Holmeswood. Rain or shine. To donate candy or help stuff the eggs, contact Kris Collins.

### Food Pantry

Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From February 24th to March 24th, 36 bags of food were distributed to 12 people. Thank you for continuing to help keep our Food Pantry well stocked.

### Best Choice Labels

When donating to the Food Pantry or doing your personal shopping, please consider purchasing "Best Choice" products. These help support our Mission partners.

\*\*We cannot accept "Always Save" or any other kind of labels.



## APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc 10:00-10:15 Coffee &amp; Community 10:00-10:15-Blood Pressure Check-Narthen 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 11:00-2:00 Amigos Mexican Fiesta - Gym 11:30 New Member's Luncheon 12:00-3:30 I.C. Bible Study &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>3</b> Deacon on Call: Denny Fowler</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30-9:00 Pray &amp; Play Basketball-Gym</p>	<p><b>5</b> 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 5:30-7:30 Children's Faith &amp; Fun 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 "Connections" for Adults 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play &amp; Pray Basketball</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00 Women's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #1 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #2 6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>		<p><b>1</b> Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p><b>9</b> PALM SUNDAY 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check-Galleria 10:00-10:15 Coffee &amp; Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 I.C. Bible Study &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00-12:00 Prayers &amp; Squares-S204 5:30 The Seekers BFG (AC-7) to Forest Avenue Baptist Church</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Mike Goff</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30-9:00 Pray &amp; Play Basketball-Gym</p>	<p><b>12</b> 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 5:30-6:30 Mission Committee Mtg 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 "Connections" for Adults 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play &amp; Pray Basketball</p>	<p><b>13</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 Women's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #1 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #2 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p><b>14</b> GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p><b>16</b> EASTER 7:00 Sunrise Svc-Mt. Moriah 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. 10:00-10:15 Coffee &amp; Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups</p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:30 Lydia BFG (AL-1) to Forest Avenue Baptist Church</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Dawn Payne</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30-9:00 Pray &amp; Play Basketball-Gym</p>	<p><b>19</b> 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 "Connections" for Adults 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play &amp; Pray Basketball</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 Women's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #1 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #2 10:45 Anchors Luncheon 6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - 10:00-10:15 Coffee &amp; Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 11:30 Deacons Meeting 12:00-3:30 I.C. Bible Study &amp; Worship 1:30-5:00 Amigos - FH</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00-12:00 Prayers &amp; Squares-S204</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Nancy Campbell</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:30-9:00 Pray &amp; Play Basketball-Gym</p>	<p><b>26</b> 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 "Connections" for Adults 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play &amp; Pray Basketball</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:00 Women's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #1 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast+Conf. Room #2 6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>	<p><b>28</b> NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>	<p><b>29</b> 11:00-1:00 "Celebrating Friendship" Spring Event</p> <p>Minister on Call: Anna Holladay</p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - A Musical Festival of Praise - Sanctuary Choir 10:00-10:15 Coffee &amp; Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 11:30 Leadership Team Meeting 12:00-3:30 I.C. Bible Study &amp; Worship</p>	<p>Deacon on Call: Carole Zahnd</p>					

## FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

How important is being active?

It has been in the news that having a sedentary lifestyle can increase a person's risk of heart disease as well as other diseases.

With the increased amount of time that people spend on computers, watching television, using other devices as well as longer commutes to work, school, and church it is easy for time to pass us by and before we know it, hours have gone by.

Research has shown that it is beneficial to break up periods of being inactive by getting up and taking a walk from time to time. Even a little activity is beneficial for your health.

So take a walk, clear your head, and stretch your legs! It's not only good for your health, it is also good for your spirit!

Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

-Kathy Lockyer

## April Birthdays



- 4/02 Scott Younger, Sarah Zey
- 4/03 Bobbi Goff
- 4/04 Leigh Ann Friggeri
- 4/05 Teresa Miller
- 4/06 Shelmedria Johnson
- 4/12 Harry Duvall, Nancy Duvall
- 4/14 Clara Youngblood
- 4/15 Tyler Hicks
- 4/16 Rolan Duffield, Lauren Franco
- 4/17 Sharon Blancett
- 4/18 Carol Swezy
- 4/20 Freda Durbin
- 4/21 Alex Brown, Gabrielle Butler, Allison Hager
- 4/22 Kevin Wilcoxon
- 4/25 Anna Holladay, Bruce Sisk
- 4/26 Charline Whitsitt
- 4/28 Eric Lau

# ANCHORS

April 20, 2017

10:45 am

Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Spring/Renewal/Easter

Program: Gino Bueno, Vocalist

Sing along to the Oldies

Service Project: HBC Food  
Pantry

Menu: Glazed ham

Sweet potatoes

Green bean casserole

Salad/rolls/butter

Sheet cake



## IN SYMPATHY

Holmeswood Baptist Church extends Christian sympathy to:

Carole Zahnd and family upon the death of her husband, Larry Zahnd, on March 28. Visitation will be Friday, March 31 from 6-8 pm at Holmeswood. The funeral service will be on Saturday, April 1 at 10:30 am at Holmeswood.

Tanya Salyer and family upon the death of her brother, Derace Martin, on February 23. Services were held at Holmeswood on February 28.

Julie Sherriff and family upon the death of her 104 year old grandmother, Ellen Posivak, on March 7. A memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania this summer.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the expressions of love, support, cards and prayers shown to our family following the recent, unexpected death of my brother Derace. Your caring concern means so much and help make a very hard situation tolerable.

-Tanya and Larry Salyer

# Statistics

## February 19

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	190
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	158
Pledge Received	\$15,567

## February 26

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	172
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	157
Pledge Received	\$15,911

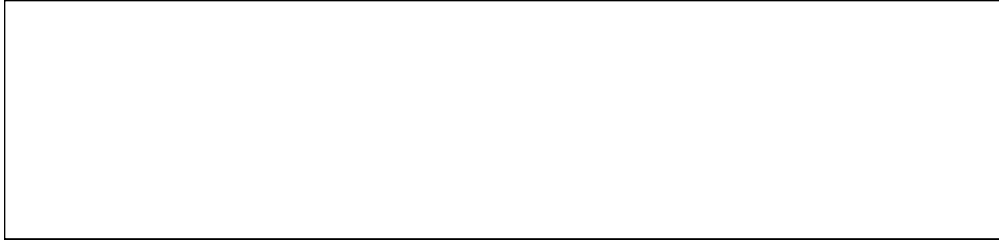
## March 5

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	182
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	150
Pledge Received	\$36,423

## March 12

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	126
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	113
Pledge Received	\$30,268

# Community



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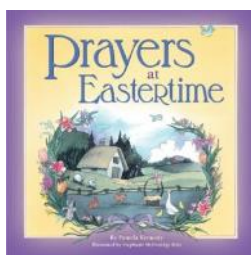
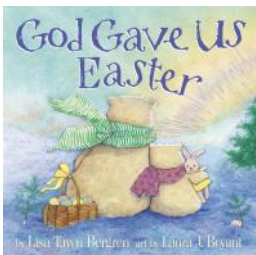
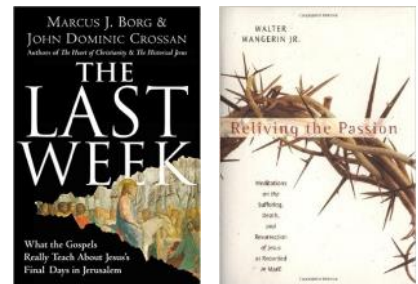
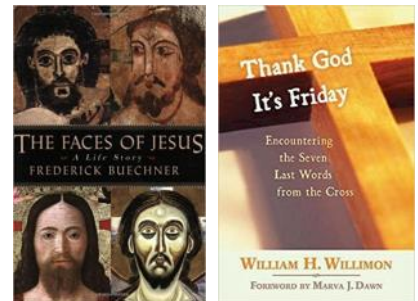
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## MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

On your journey toward Easter, consider reading one of the following books from the church library:

- *Reliving the Passion* by Walter Wagnerin
- *The Last Week* by Borg and Crossan
- *The Carpenter's Cloth* by Sigmund Brower
- *The Final Week of Jesus* by Max Lucado
- *Living the Resurrection* by Eugene Petersen
- *The Faces of Jesus* by Frederick Buechner
- *Meditations of the Cross* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- *The Passion.....*Photographs from The Passion of Christ accompanied by the biblical narrative of the last twelve hours in the life of Christ, by Ken Duncan and Phillippe Antonello
- *Thank God it's Friday: Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross* by William Willimon
- *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* by Richard Rohr



Easter books to read to your children:  
*The Parable of the Lily* by Liz Higgs  
*The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado  
*God Gave Us Easter* by Lisa Bergam  
*Prayers at Easter Time* by Pamela Kennedy

Please return overdue books to the library.