

Communiqué

Welcome, Laurel!

Rev. Laurel Cluthe, Pastor of Families, began serving Holmeswood in June 2017, after what can only be described as lots of "God moments". She and her husband, Matt, packed up and moved from Portland, Oregon and are thrilled to put down roots in colorful Kansas City. Six moves in eight years is plenty! Laurel holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Berklee College of Music in Boston, and she earned her Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work degrees from Truett Seminary/Baylor University. She is passionate about learning from locals and being a part of strengthening communities. Families, in all their shapes, sizes and circumstances, are truly the heart of communities, and she is honored to serve them here at Holmeswood and the surrounding area. Laurel also loves baseball (Astros, Red Sox & Royals), cooking, beaches, traveling, Sam (their dog), her 5 nieces & nephews in Kansas, and music, all shared with friends and family.



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.

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Center Impact: Mentors Needed



Could you commit to mentoring a high school student for the 2017-2018 school year?

There are 200 students at Center High School who struggle with chronic absence and tardiness. Center Impact is a collaborative group of South KC organizations committed to recruiting and training 200 mentors by the fall of 2017. These mentors will wrap around high school students and provide them with invaluable access to relationships and resources that will propel them toward success in high school and beyond. Center Impact's goal is to create a network of mentors who empower Center students to thrive and the Center community to flourish.

Please see Anna Holladay if you have any questions!
Anna.holladay@holmeswood.org, 816-942-1729

Food Pantry

Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From June 2nd to June 23rd, 39 bags of food were distributed to 13 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 partnership with Hillcrest Ministries. Please note, we cannot accept "Always Save" or any other kind of labels.



All-church Summer BFG option

Mission in a #Media World

Steve Guinn, Central Baptist Theological Seminary; 10:30-11:10 am; Sanctuary

In a world of media saturation and continual sharing, the message of Christ is still relevant. How does the Church extend the reach of Christ's message? How do we harness the energy and impact of media to spread a message of love and belonging? Join in the conversation as we explore the theology and practicality of being "on mission" in a rapidly changing world.

July 9 – "Who Are They? - Understanding Your #Neighbors"

We have a Christian message to share, but does it make a difference to our neighbors? We will explore the nature of our mission and the data that will help us understand the ways in which our world connects.

July 16 – "Where Are They? - A New Theology of #Space"

Mission assumes a connection between persons, so we must meet somewhere, right? We will explore our foundational understandings of space and the new frontiers that challenge our perceptions of belonging.

July 23 – "Who Are We? - You Are What You #Post"

Have you done a media check lately? Do you know what you sound like to others? How others perceive you is essential to the success of your mission. Time to look in the mirror and discuss more deeply what the church looks like on the outside.

July 30 – "Where Do We Go from Here? – #Flesh and #Bytes"

The church can still be an important presence in our communities. In what form? In what way? Fundamentally, we still must connect with people, but the ways in which this happens might require new methods. Are you ready?

On these Sundays, BFGs will meet from 10:15 to 10:30 am to check in, hear prayer requests, and go over announcements. The all-church session will begin at 10:30 in the sanctuary.



JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - Communion 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship 4:00-9:00 ICC Meal-Gym</p>	<p>3 Deacon on Call: Aubrey Zey</p>	<p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>6 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>7</p>	<p>1 6:00-10:00 ICC Meal Preparation-Gym Kitchen Minister on Call: Allen York</p>
<p>9 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. Youth Trip Commissioning 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check - Galleria 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 10:30-11:15 BFG Summer Series- Steve Guinn: Mission in a #Media World - Sanctuary 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>10 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 5:30 The Seekers BFG (AC-7) to Forest Ave Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Mark Lowry</p>	<p>11 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym Youth Mission Trip - Passport Camp - Memphis, TN</p>	<p>12 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball Youth Mission Trip - Passport Camp - Memphis, TN</p>	<p>13 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>14 Youth Mission Trip - Passport Camp - Memphis, TN</p>	<p>15 Minister on Call: Allen York</p>
<p>16 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 10:30-11:15 BFG Summer Series- Steve Guinn - Sanctuary 11:30 VBS Set-up 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship Youth Return from Mission Trip</p>	<p>17 5:30 Lydia BFG (AL-1) to Forest Ave Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Juanita Springate</p>	<p>18 9:00 - 2:30 VBS 3:00 Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>19 9:00 - 2:30 VBS 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>20 7:00 Women's Prayer Breakfast-Conf. Room #1 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast-Conf. Room #2 9:00 - 2:30 VBS 6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>	<p>21 Youth Mission Trip - Passport Camp - Memphis, TN</p>	<p>22 Minister on Call: Anna Holaday</p>
<p>23 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - Youth Mission Trip Share Svc 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15 Bible Fellowship Groups 10:30-11:15 BFG Summer Series- Steve Guinn - Sanctuary 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>24 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 Deacon on Call: Bonnie Burgdorf</p>	<p>25 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>26 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>27 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>28 NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>	<p>29 Minister on Call: Laurel Cluthe</p>
<p>30 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 10:30-11:15 BFG Summer Series- Steve Guinn - Sanctuary 11:30 Leadership Team Meeting 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>31 9:00-4:00 4D2nd Street Kid's Music Week Deacon on Call: Ted Harrison</p>					

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

Boy, It's Hot Outside!

Since summer is here in full swing, just a few reminders on how to stay cool and beat the heat.

- Exercise when it is cooler outside (early morning or late evening)
- Wear loose fitting clothing- light colors are best
- Fans can help circulate air and make you feel cooler even in the air conditioning
- If your home doesn't have air conditioning, try to spend parts of the day where there is air conditioning or a cooling center that is open to the public on sweltering days
- Keep bottles of water in the freezer and take them with you when you are out and about. As the ice melts, you'll have a supply of cold water with you. Avoid drinking caffeine as this can promote dehydration.
- Use common sense. Pay attention to the elderly, infants and anyone you may know with a chronic illness. These people may become dehydrated easily and be more susceptible to heat related illness.

Fauci, Anthony, S., et al. *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*. 17th ed. United States: McGraw-Hill Professional, 2011

-Kathy Lockyer

Fall Music Opportunity

This fall, the sanctuary choir will be presenting one of most beloved choral works, John Rutter's Requiem. We will be singing this work on All Saints' Day, November 5, 2017. The pieces are exquisitely crafted, and the orchestration and solos are some of the most beautiful ever written.

The reason I'm writing this is to encourage those of you who sing and are not regularly in choir to plan to sing with us. We will be having a retreat to help us prepare for the work on Saturday, August 26th, beginning at 9 a.m. I'll provide lunch and we will be done by 3 p.m. Then, we will work on different parts of the Requiem at the beginning of regular Wednesday rehearsals. Of course you would be welcome to stay for our regular Sunday anthem work, but you will also be excused if you only want to sing the Requiem.

If you think you might be interested in participating in this wonderful work, please feel free to talk with me for more details. This will be a memorable musical event, I hope you consider being an integral part!

-Allen

JOHN RUTTER REQUIEM



July Birthdays



7/02	Terry Brown
7/03	Bruce Tolbert
7/04	Rick Andrews
7/05	Sharmon Dougherty
7/06	Matthew Fowler, Michelle Samborski
7/08	Betty Hayes, Rachel Swezy
7/10	Turner Shipman
7/11	Art McCollom, Caleb Rhoads
7/12	Kim Burk
7/16	David McDaniel
7/18	John Musgrave, Pauline Prymus
7/19	Bill Vaught
7/21	Trey Miller, Sheri Mistele
7/23	Travis Daniel
7/28	John Kroner
7/29	Robert Hall, Alyssa Roark
7/30	Wanda Herron
7/31	Carol Bartmess, David Trokey

Statistics

May 21

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	145
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	144
Pledge Received	\$9,610

May 28

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	150
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	129
Pledge Received	\$7,708

June 4

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	174
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	160
Pledge Received	\$9,210

June 11

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	169
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	157
Pledge Received	\$8,828

June 18

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	170
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	142
Pledge Received	\$6,975

What is a Deacon?

One of the teams in the Deacon body is the Worship Support Team. This group of people helps make sure the church is prepared for special elements of worship. In particular, on Communion Sundays, they arrive early to fill the trays with crackers and the little glasses of juice. They also coordinate the servers who pass the elements to us all. When there is a baptism, they are in the back with dry towels and assist those who have been baptized. The Deacon Worship Support Team assists in helping create a sacred environment in the sanctuary.

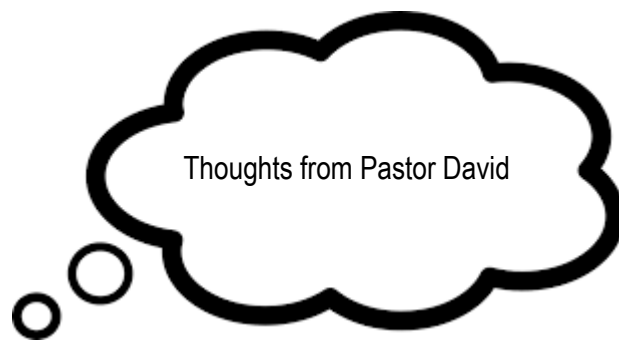
Worship Support Team

We joyfully welcome:

Ellis Finley Scott, born to Thomas & Stephanie Scott on June 8.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

Doug Hartwell and family upon the death of his mother, Loretta Hartwell, on June 1. Services were held June 5 in Marshfield, MO.



I sure love being your pastor.

This past month, you have opened your church doors to Kansas City residents and hosted the KC Raw series. You created a safe space for dialogue around some difficult conversations. You listened to speakers tell their stories and provide the most up to date data on some controversial topics. The topics included LGBTQ lives, White Privilege, and the Muslim community in KC. You then asked some wonderful and thoughtful questions. Finally, in a small group, you shared your own thoughts on the issues. And you listened to one another.

Not every church could do this.

I want you to hear me say how much I have loved the KC Raw series! I love how much you are integrating your personal theology into everyday issues. Theology can be really messy. It is hard to listen to the voices of Scripture, and history, and other people's stories, and somehow fit your own life stories and experiences into it all. It is so much easier to remain static on theology and to continue believing the same things without any refinement over the course of a life. That's the easy way. It is also the stunted way.

But you resisted this temptation. You did such a wonderful job listening to the presentations and deeply listening to one another. My favorite times on the Wednesday nights were watching you in small groups leaning into one another, hearing what the other person said, and then responding. You had conversations with each other. I love that!

This is how theology is best done. It is listening to the voices of Scripture. It is listening to the voices that came before us. It is listening to each other. It is listening to our own lives. And it is allowing that sacred humbleness in ourselves to allow the Spirit to deepen our souls and refine us to more clearly envision the Kingdom of God.

Now, to paraphrase my friend James, may we all not be just hearers, but also doers.

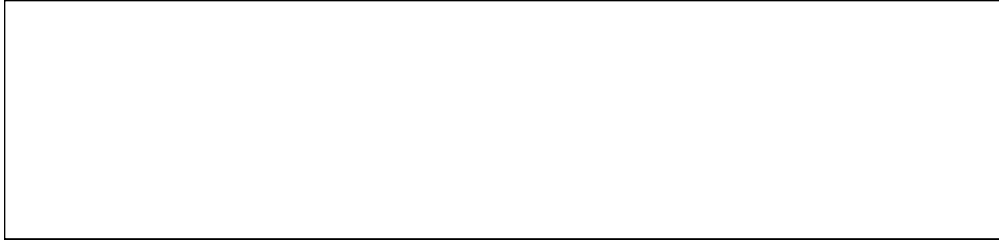
Be on the lookout for School Supply sales

The school year will be starting before we know it, which means it's time to start watching for sales on school supplies so that we can stock our School Supply Closet. This closet is available year-round to all of the Center School District social workers and counselors who have students in need of these items.

Center has not yet released the list of supplies required for the 2017-2018 school year. When they do, we will get that information out to you.



Community



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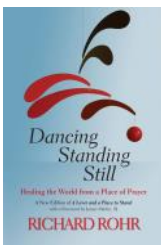
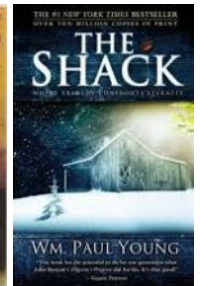
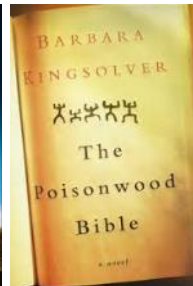
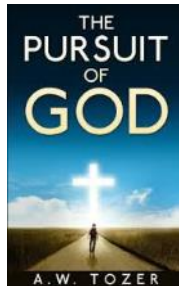
Laurel Cluthe: *Sons of Fortune* by Jeffrey Archer and *The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer

Anna Holladay: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. A timeless message about how we should engage (and not engage) in missions.

David McDaniel: *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King and Robert Frost's poems*

Allen York: *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett and *The Shack* by William Paul Young

Pat Tennison (librarian) is reading *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy* by Anne Lamott



THE LIBRARY IS A "COOL" PLACE... COME IN AND CHECK OUT A BOOK TO READ...

Dancing Standing Still: Healing the World From a Place of Prayer by Richard Rohr. In this book, Rohr examines the challenges, rewards and possibilities of integrating the contemplative life with an active and engaged life.

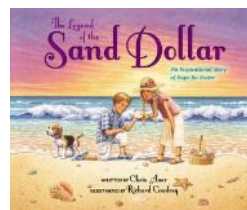
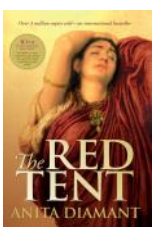
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff

The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief by Frances Collins, MD

Road to Character by David Brooks

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant



FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

The Legend of the Sand Dollar by Chris Auer

Miss Fannie's Hat by Jan Karon