

Communiqué

Mission moment

Clothes Closet Update

Our Clothes Closet here at Holmeswood got a makeover thanks to you! The Center District social workers all expressed their appreciation for this resource housed at our church and shared with me some of their greatest, consistent needs. Now, instead of operating as a "catch-all" Clothes Closet, we will only be stocking specific items that meet the needs of the Center District social workers. A list of accepted items can be found in your BFG rooms. There are also copies of this list in the Galleria, above the donation basket. Thank you for loving our community and for listening to their expressed needs. In you, I see the compassion of Jesus.

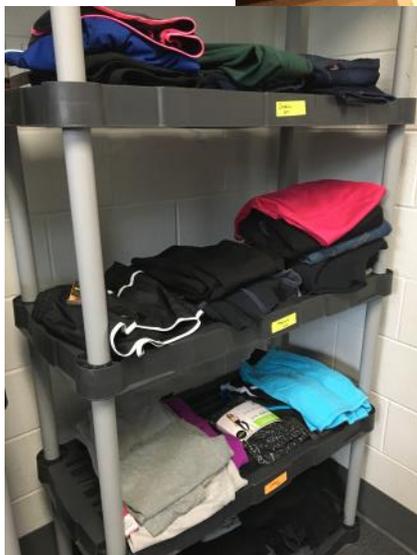
-Anna



Left: Clothes no longer needed were bagged (thank you Jan Reid!) and then picked up by Hillcrest Ministries. The clothes will be sold in their thrift store to support families in their transitional housing program.



Above: New or gently used items from the updated donation list were offered during our "Stock the Clothes Closet" Sunday. Items were brought forward during our time of response in worship on April 2nd.



Left: Just one of the many well-organized shelves in our Clothes Closet.

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.

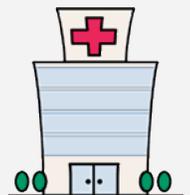
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All you can eat Pancake Breakfast

Set your alarms a tad bit early on Sunday, May 7th to be at church at 8 am for an all you can eat pancake breakfast! The cost is \$5. We will gather in the gym where bacon, fruit, coffee, and juice will also be served. In addition, there will be a special envelope fundraiser. You will have your pick of 100 envelopes, each labeled with numbers 1-100. Inside you will find a prayer card for one of the Slovakia team members (and maybe one of the hidden gift cards!) By enclosing a donation that matches the number of the envelope you picked, you will have supported Holmeswood's Slovakian mission and the long-term ministry of CBF Field Personnel Shane and Dianne McNary.

What is the Deacon Hospital Team?

Deacons at Holmeswood partner alongside the staff to serve the family of HBC. One sub-group of the Deacon Body is the Hospital Team. This group visits people who are part of Holmeswood who are in the hospital. By providing a comforting presence or a word of prayer, this is one way that we journey together as a church community throughout life. The Hospital Team respects your space and will only communicate to the larger group what you want communicated about your health. And if you do not want visitors, they will respect that as well. But, if you want someone from the church to be with you while you are in the hospital, notify the church and the Deacon Hospital Team and the staff will be with you.



Food Pantry

Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From March 31st to April 21st, 30 bags of food were distributed to 10 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.



Thoughts from Pastor David



Asphalt Cocktail. What an unusual name for an orchestral piece. You can understand how my curiosity was piqued as I sat in my seat at the Robinson Music Hall in Little Rock, flipping through the program, and saw that the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band would perform this work. *Asphalt Cocktail*. When I think of the word ‘asphalt’, my mind does not immediately go to ‘cocktail’ and vice versa. Before the band played the piece, GySgt Kevin Benear, the MC for the night, quoted the composer John Mackey when asked to describe the work, “*Asphalt Cocktail* is a five-minute opener, designed to shout, from the opening measure, ‘We’re here.’ With biting trombones, blaring trumpets, and percussion dominated by cross-rhythms and back beats, it aims to capture the grit and aggression that I associate with the time I lived in New York. Picture the scariest NYC taxi ride you can

imagine, with the cab skidding around turns as trucks bear down from all sides. Served on the rocks.”

Let’s just say that the composer’s description of the work was right on target. For 5 minutes and 34 seconds, the Marines transformed the classy Music Hall into a swerving, diving, and adrenaline-gushing New York street. The mismatched and syncopated rhythms of the percussion section were combined with the raucous and ear-piercing blazes of the trombones and trumpets that sounded eerily similar to car horns. I was thankful to come out alive!

But what surprised me the most was not the crispness and musical intricacies of the musician. No, what I was taken aback with was the audience, including myself, who was simply mesmerized and engaged by the music. Now this might not seem like a big deal, since the Marine Band did simply an incredible job with the music. But, this is the same audience that coughed and shifted in their seats all through Paul Hindemith’s *Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*. In Hindemith’s work, as the music grew softer in the decrescendos and pianissimos, the audience grew louder in their rumblings and sniffings. Hindemith’s work was one of serenity that the audience seemed disconnected from, while Mackey’s piece painted a picture of constant activity and movement. Why did the audience disengage itself from the stillness of Hindemith but was connected with Mackey?

Could it be that we as an audience resonated with the idea of activity and productivity? Do we struggle with the notion of stillness? Similar to 1 Kings 19 when it is in the *sheer silence* that Elijah heard God’s voice, it is by living a life in the stillness that one can connect and listen to the voice of YHWH. What would it look like to read a Psalm each morning and reflect on the passage throughout the day? Instead of automatically turning on the radio in the car to numbingly pass the time in traffic, is it possible to drive in silence and commune with God? How about physically walking slower and intentionally taking note of the environment around us? As we go throughout the day, may we take a breath, intentionally take note of the environment, and learn to appreciate the stillness we can find in our daily lives. How will you live in God’s spoken silence?



Merry Christmas!

For years Holmeswood has spread the joy of the Christmas season through our “Adopt-a-Family” program. BFG classes or individuals willingly adopted a family or an unaccompanied youth from the Center School District to ensure they received gifts for Christmas. This year, Holmeswood will try something a little different. We will be hosting a Christmas Store right here at church and invite the families who would have been adopted to shop at our store. We will still need your donations of gifts, but instead of wrapping them and delivering them, parents will be able to purchase gifts for their children at significantly discounted rates. The model of a Christmas Store will still allow us to reach out to our community during the season in which we celebrate Emmanuel, God With Us. By affording parents the opportunity to choose gifts for their children and pay for them, their dignity and sense of worth remains intact. We will feel that God is indeed with us as we recognize the divine spark in our sisters and brothers who come to our Christmas Store.



If you are interested in assisting the Missions Committee prepare for this mission project, call the church office (816-942-1729) or email Anna at anna.holladay@holmeswood.org.

Let there be light! A note from Kathy Corrigan:



Thank you to the **26** individuals who were able to give a total of **402 hours** completing the work across just 11 days, and to the dozens more who supported this project in prayer and of course with your offerings.

The numbers:

- ⇒ 0 falls from ladders, 0 stitches.
- ⇒ In total, we ate 3 dozen donuts, 7 sub sandwiches, (and a LOT of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and corn donated from Anchors luncheon).
- ⇒ 1 broken bulb (as it was being removed from on high)
- ⇒ We removed-and-installed **1,230** bulbs (officially called lamps) or fixtures, including the exterior security fixtures on the building and in the parking lot. (Some evening, take a book out to the parking lot, and sit and read!)
- ⇒ We also removed and *did not replace* (**de-lamped**) **615** fluorescent tubes, for which we will be credited \$10 each.
- ⇒ All mercury and waste was disposed of safely and appropriately.
- ⇒ The full cost of the project—including labor, disposal fees and contractors—is around **\$42,350**, and HBC's cost is around **\$12,751**. In other words, the KCPL **rebate will be \$29,599** which means they paid **69.8914%** of the total project cost. (We got VERY near the KCPL cap of 70% per project.)

The KCPL inspector and our vendor were so impressed with our work, they asked if HBC could be featured as a case study.

I love this faith family! By conservative estimates, this project will soon pay for itself entirely, and begin to directly stretch our offering to further enable building of the Kingdom of God in this city.



MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 8:00-9:00 Pancake Breakfast - Gym 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc - Communion 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check-Natthex 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship 1:30-5:00 Amigos - FH 4:00-9:00 ICC Meal-Gym</p>	<p>8 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 5:30 The Seekers BFG (AC-7) to Forest Avenue Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Juanita Springate</p>	<p>9 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>10 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 & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>11 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>12</p>	<p>13 Minister on Call: Anna Holladay</p>
<p>14 MOTHERS DAY 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc - Senior Recognition Sunday 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check-Galeria 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>15 5:30 Lydia BFG (AL-1) to Forest Avenue Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Barbara Gates</p>	<p>16 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>17 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 5:30-6:15 Dinner-Fell. Hall 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 Business Meeting 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>18 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>19</p>	<p>20 Minister on Call: Allen York</p>
<p>21 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>22 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 Deacon on Call: Phil Daniel</p>	<p>23 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>24 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal NO Adult Connections 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>25 ASCENSION DAY 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>26</p>	<p>27 Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p>28 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>29 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED OFFICE CLOSED Deacon on Call: Sarah Zey</p>	<p>30 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>31 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus-Choir Room 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal NO Adult Connections 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>			

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

Let's talk about Emotional Health. Those that are emotionally healthy often times have the tools to have a positive outlook. Some of these characteristics include:

- A sense of contentment
- The ability to laugh and have fun!
- Being able to deal with stress and bounce back from adversity
- A sense of meaning and purpose in activities and relationships
- Flexibility to adapt to change and learn new things
- Being able to have a balance between work, play, rest and activity
- Having the ability to build and maintain fulfilling relationships
- Having self confidence

Just as physical health is important in being able to bounce back from illness and injury, people who are mentally healthy are better able to bounce back from adversity and stress.

Strong emotional health can help us to stay focused, flexible, and productive in good times as well as those challenging times.

Next month we will learn more about things that we can do to help our emotional health.

-Kathy Lockyer

May Birthdays



5/01	Jeff Swezy, Logan Urias
5/02	Charles Conard, Jr.
5/03	Rachel Smedley
5/04	Paul Hartwell
5/06	John Brown, Kaye Nickell
5/08	Steve Lau, Jan Reid, Amanda Sanders, Tim Ussery
5/09	Michelle (Farber) Robertson
5/11	Sara Decker
5/15	Cynthia Hartwell
5/17	Ellen Duffield, Janice Frank, Mark Lowry
5/19	Don Dyer
5/20	Shirley Hall, Phines Sanders
5/21	Austin During, Cindy Lessenden, Jackie Seideman
5/22	Matthew Harrison, Thomas Scott
5/23	Jo Dickerson
5/25	Tammi Sabatka
5/26	Janet Durbin
5/27	Tammie Kresse-Lowry, Darlene Russell, Michelle Smedley
5/29	Ben Harrison
5/30	Mickey Anderson, Kelli (Farber) DeWitt, Carol Myers
5/31	Barbara Fountain

ANCHORS

May 18, 2017

10:45 am



Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Flower Garden

Program: Actor's Choice,
"The Oxford Fraud": Dramatic
Storytelling

Service Project: HBC Youth

Mission Trip

Menu: Chicken Alfredo with penne
pasta, Roasted veggies, Garlic bread,
Carrot cake

IN SYMPATHY

Holmeswood Baptist Church extends Christian sympathy to:

Austin During and family upon the death of his grandfather, Billy Hinds, on April 26.

Miranda Lyman-Hager and family upon the death of her mother, Terry Hardesty, on April 26.

Friends of Rebecca Appelman. Rebecca died on April 12.

Mark Garrett and family upon the death of his father, John Garrett, on April 10.

Linda Berube and family upon the death of her mother, Dorothy Smith, on April 6.

Statistics

March 19

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	155
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	138
Pledge Received	\$6,103

March 26

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	170
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	151
Pledge Received	\$19,668

April 2

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	173
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	150
Pledge Received	\$17,068

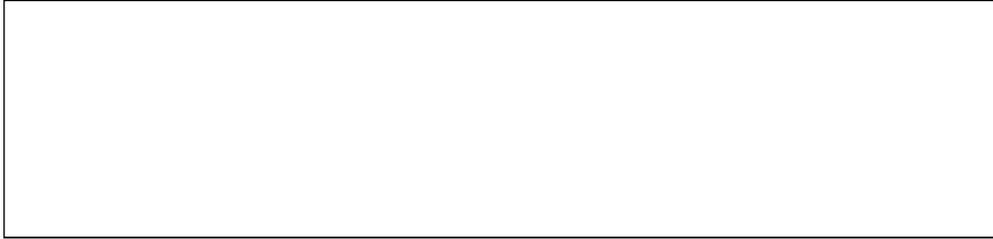
April 9

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	189
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	157
Pledge Received	\$9,390

April 16

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	245
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	156
Pledge Received	\$9,483

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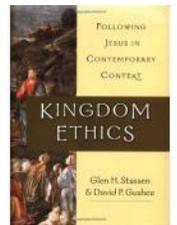
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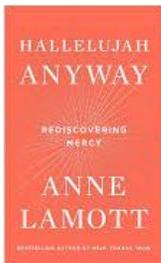
MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

In memory of Larry Zahnd

In memory and honor of Larry Zahnd, *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context* by David Gushee and Glen Stassen has been given to the library. This book treats all major contemporary ethical issues. It is based on Scripture, especially the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

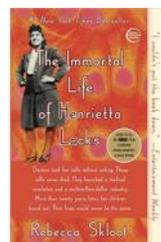
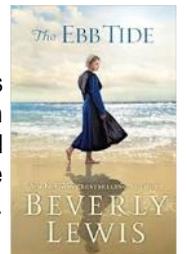


New in the Library



Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy by Anne Lamott
Lamott says in this new book that "Mercy is radical kindness". She says "it is up to each of us to recognize the presence and importance of mercy everywhere----within us and outside us, all around us". She suggests that we use this insight to create a deeper understanding of ourselves and more honest connections with each other.

The Ebbtide by Beverly Lewis
Fans of Amish stories by Beverly Lewis will enjoy this new book about a young Amish girl, Sallie, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania who wants to see the world. It is a story of self-discovery, friendship, and the search for God's will. Sallie accepts a summer job in Cape May on the ocean. While there, she meets a young man who is Mennonite, not Amish. Check it out.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Perhaps you saw the film adaptation of this book on HBO on April 22nd. This remarkable award winning book is in the library.