

Communiqué



Thoughts from Pastor Anna

I am lucky enough to have 20/20 vision. I have never had to worry about glasses, contacts, or laser procedures in order to see the world around me. I have come to realize, however, that I do have another kind of glasses through which I experience reality. These glasses are ones I can never

take off no matter how hard I try. I was born with these glasses. They have changed and adapted as I've grown and integrated my experiences into the lenses. No matter how the lenses have adapted, it's true that they make me see and experience things in a particular way. Right now, the prescription for these glasses reads, "White, middle-class, American, female, educated, Baptist, pastor, Millennial..." just to name a few.

Realizing that each of these identities affects the way I experience the world is a very important starting point for an international mission trip. Tim Freeman, Kathy Lockyer, Denise Grogan, Chris Veit, and I recently returned from a mission trip to Vazec, Slovakia. Before the trip, we had monthly meetings where we planned our English lessons and activities for the Roma kids at the community center, Jekh Drom. Just as importantly, we talked about the glasses we all wear. We were aware that we had to take the posture of a learner as we traveled to an unknown culture. We were excited about living into the question of, "What is God up to in Vazec?" instead of thinking that we were bringing God into that town. We prepared ourselves to cross borders, leaving behind our comfort zones and all that was familiar, trusting in the hospitality of strangers.

While we are unable to take our glasses off, being aware that we wear them liberates us from the burden of believing that our particular human experience is representative of the totality of human experience. Being aware of our glasses makes us realize that when we encounter someone who is different than us, we have the opportunity to learn more about God. We are able to see the light of Christ inside of them, the same light that dwells in you and me. I am grateful to Dianne and Shane McNary, CBF Field Personnel, Danka, director of Jekh Drom, and Michaela, the English teacher at the Vazec School for allowing us the opportunity to experience God anew. I am thankful for you, Holmeswood, for your words of encouragement, financial support, and prayers. Hand in hand, we continue this partnership in Vazec, trusting in the One who lovingly connects us across borders, language, culture, and experience.



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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South KC Block Party

Saturday, October 14th from 10 am—3 pm at Red Bridge Shopping Center. Holmeswood is sponsoring a carnival game and we are in need of 5 more volunteers. Contact Anna Holladay if you are interested.

Food Pantry

Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From September 1 to September 22, 24 bags of food were distributed to 8 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, found at Price Chopper or Apple Market. Place them in our "Best Choice" baskets located in the Narthex and Galleria. These labels help support our partnership with Hillcrest Ministries. Hillcrest offers homeless families, singles and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment. Their primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency within 90 days by addressing the total life situation of the homeless families they serve.



OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - World Communion Day - Slovakia Trip Share Service</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check-Narhex</p> <p>10:15-11:15 Bible Fellowship Groups</p> <p>12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p> <p>4:00-9:00 ICC Meal-Gym</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Deacon on Call: John Usseery</p>	<p>3 10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30-9:00 Play & Pray</p> <p>Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>4 4:00-5:00 HBC Community</p> <p>Chorus-Choir Room</p> <p>5:30 Children's Faith & Fun</p> <p>6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 "Connections" for Adults</p> <p>6:30-8:30 ICC Bible Study-S209</p> <p>7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>5 7:00 Women's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conf. Room #1</p> <p>7:00 Men's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conf. Room #2</p> <p>6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>		<p>7</p> <p>Minister on Call: Laurel Cluthe</p>
<p>8 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc.</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check - Galleria</p> <p>10:15-11:15 Bible Fellowship Groups</p> <p>11:30 Talent Council Meeting</p> <p>12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>9 COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204</p> <p>5:30 The Seekers BFG (AC-7) to Forest Avenue Baptist Church</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Wayne Lockyer</p>	<p>10 10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30-9:00 Play & Pray</p> <p>Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>11 4:00-5:00 HBC Community</p> <p>Chorus-Choir Room</p> <p>6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 "Connections" for Adults</p> <p>6:30-8:30 ICC Bible Study-S209</p> <p>7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>12 7:00 Women's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conference Room #1</p> <p>7:00 Men's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conference Room #2</p> <p>6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>		<p>14</p> <p>10:00-3:00 South KC Block Party - Red Bridge Shopping Center</p> <p>Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
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<p>22 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - Children's Sabbath</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community</p> <p>10:15-11:15 Bible Fellowship Groups</p> <p>12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>23 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Lora Lau</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>24 10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30-9:00 Play & Pray</p> <p>Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>25 4:00-5:00 HBC Community</p> <p>Chorus-Choir Room</p> <p>6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 "Connections" for Adults</p> <p>6:30-8:30 ICC Bible Study-S209</p> <p>7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>26 7:00 Women's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conf. Room #1</p> <p>7:00 Men's Prayer</p> <p>Breakfast-Conf. Room #2</p> <p>6:30-8:30 Pickleball - Gym</p>		<p>28</p> <p>Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p>29 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc</p> <p>10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community</p> <p>10:15-11:15 Bible Fellowship Groups</p> <p>11:30 Leadership Team Meeting</p> <p>12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Mike Goff</p>	<p>31 10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30-9:00 Play & Pray</p> <p>Basketball-Gym</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>				

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

It's Time!

The time of year has arrived to once again start thinking about getting your annual flu vaccine!

Flu vaccination is especially important for infants >6 months old, young children, people over the age of 65, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system. Each year the flu vaccine is made to protect against 3 or 4 viruses that are likely to cause the flu in the upcoming season.

Since there is no live virus in the flu vaccine, the vaccine cannot cause the flu. The flu vaccine can help you keep from getting the flu, make the flu less severe if you do get it and keep you from spreading flu to your family and other people. If you are unsure if you should receive the flu vaccine, or have questions, make sure that you speak with your health professional.

-Kathy Lockyer
Faith Community Health Team

October Birthdays

- 10/01 Debi Weaver, Lyn Zey
- 10/02 Juanita Dyer, Leah Urias
- 10/04 Bruce Allen, Mike Goff, Linda Webb
- 10/06 Rose Mary Bruscato
- 10/07 Thelma Barker, John Bartmess
- 10/08 Greg Hunt, Cora Kost
- 10/09 Pete Fraizer, P. J. Harrison
- 10/11 Clarence Stephenson, Sr.
- 10/12 Bob Landon
- 10/13 Gayle Miller
- 10/14 Mary McDaniel
- 10/16 Thomas Dougherty, Jim Durbin
- 10/18 Samone Johnson
- 10/19 Jerry Kassin
- 10/20 Deborah Craig-Claar, Joel Seidelman
- 10/21 Ella Burnett, Larry Staats
- 10/22 Julie Sherriff, Sara Swezy
- 10/23 Rebecca (Hall) Forrest
- 10/24 Jason Reid
- 10/26 Harriet Bennett, James Elsea, Ruby Elsea
- 10/27 Lannea Allen, Evelyn Batiz, Linda Middleton
- 10/28 Jared Goff
- 10/29 Jeanne McGuire

ANCHORS

October 19, 2017, 10:45 am



Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Trick or Treat

Program: Gary Kirkland

Service Project: Samaritan's Purse

Menu: Spaghetti with Meat sauce

Green beans

Garden salad

Garlic bread

Sheet cake



In appreciation:

Thank you for all the cards. When you get a card in the mail, it makes you feel special. Thank you for all the prayers. I know the good Lord heard them, and believe me, I felt the prayers. Thank you again.

God Bless,
Jim Frey

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, and concern for all of the Hayes family the past two years. Jene loved Holmeswood and always wanted the best for everyone.

We especially want to thank David McDaniel and Greg Hunt.

With Much Love,
Betty Hayes

We extend Christian sympathy to:

The family of Linda Metz upon her death on September 3. Services were held on September 9 at Holmeswood.

Betty Hayes and family upon the death of her husband, Jene Hayes, on September 6. Services were held at Holmeswood on September 11.

Statistics

August 27

Worship Service	154
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	129
Pledge Received	\$5,898

September 3

Worship Service	172
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	137
Pledge Received	\$16,443

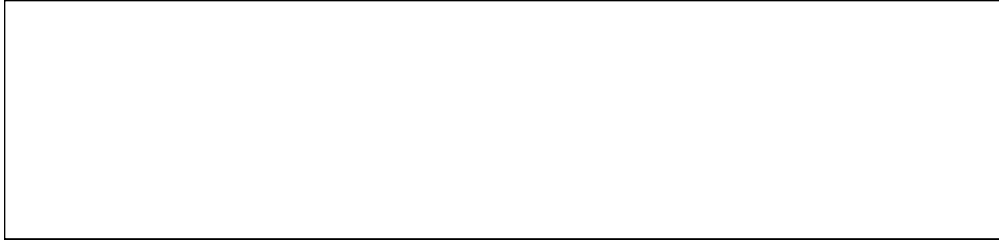
September 10

Worship Service	147
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	116
Pledge Received	\$9,283

September 17

Worship Service	140
Bible Fellowship Groups	129
Pledge Received	\$10,220

Community



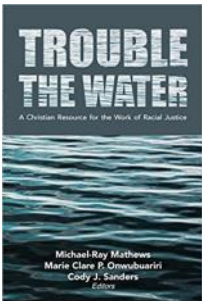
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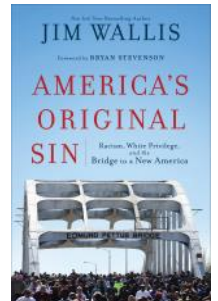
MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

Here are some good books available to you in our Media Library:



Trouble the Water edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Onwubuariri and Cody Sanders, is being discussed in *Connections* on Wednesday evenings. This book is a resource for those who want to do more than talk about racial justice. Judge Wendell Griffin, who has been in our pulpit, says, "The prevailing myth among Baptists is that racial justice matters. The painful reality is that Baptists have seldom behaved as if it does." If you can't attend the discussions, check out the book.

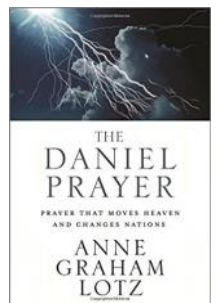
America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis. Wallis says "Racism is America's original sin and must be named as such. He is founder of Sojourners, an organization whose mission is to put faith into action for social justice.



Good news! Check out this book to read about it. *Simply Good News: Why the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good* by N.T. Wright.



The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz. This book is based on Daniel's prayer in the ninth chapter of Daniel. The author answers questions such as: How do I know God cares? Why should I pray, What difference will my prayer make? Lotz is Billy Graham's daughter. Her book will help you to pray for yourself, your family, the church, the community and the nation.



Note to parents of young children: Help your child learn to read....read to and with your child each day. Bring your child to the library, browse the shelves and pick out a book to read. Make reading time special!