

Communiqué



Thoughts from Pastor David

There is something about a change of scenery that brings about a new perspective and a new energy. This is one of the reasons why taking a vacation is so necessary for rejuvenation and enrichment. Whether it is hearing the crashing of the waves at a beach, getting lost in the clouds on top of a mountain, or slapping your knee

in syncopated rhythm at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede in Branson, intentionally removing yourself from the cycle of normalcy can enliven yourself both physically and spiritually. It can help you see things more clearly. And it can provide a new sense of energy.

On September 26 and 27, the church staff is going to spend intentional time away from the church campus. Now, we won't travel to the beaches of Gulf Shores or the mountains of the Rockies, but we will meet in another part of Kansas City to change the scenery for our conversations. On our retreat, we will pray with one another, grow closer to each other as a team, and creatively begin the implementation of the strategic plan that was ratified by the church. We will work together to discern how to most effectively bring about the Kingdom of God within Holmeswood, Kansas City, and our world.

I would ask that you pray for us during this time. Pray that we are sensitive to the Spirit of God as we work toward the creative future of our church. Pray that we deepen our friendship and collaboration with one another as a team. And pray that our individual souls are enriched so that we can continue to serve and love this church and community.

It is so wonderful being part of a church that works, plays, prays, and serves together. This truly is a special place.

Stewardship Season 2018

Our stewardship theme this year comes from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 in which Paul states, "CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US". In order to continue our ministry of serving Kansas City and our world through the love of Christ, we have to make sure we have the financial resources to support the efforts. **Our goal for 2018 is \$690,000.**



Each week during worship, we will hear from a member as to why they financially support Holmeswood.

- Sunday, August 27 Interview with Laurel Cluthe, Pastor of Families
- Sunday, September 3 Interview with Bruce Tolbert
- Sunday, September 10 Interview with Austin and Marion During
- Sunday, September 17 Interview with Audrey Hartwell
- Sunday, September 24 Commitment Sunday, David McDaniel
- Sunday, October 8 Report of Total Pledge Commitments for 2018

We hope that you will participate by bringing your pledge card on Commitment Sunday, September 24! If you're unable to attend that day, please consider turning in your pledge card early. Giving financially fosters spiritual growth and impacts lives locally, nationally and globally.

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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New Family Ministry Blog:



Holmeswood has a new Family Ministry blog- www.holmeswoodfam.org -a hub for all events and programs related to kids, youth, and their families. ALL churchgoers are encouraged to visit the blog and click the "Follow" button to receive once weekly updates on the happenings in Family Ministry. Join in the fun!

Take note:

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

All church staff will be on retreat on Tuesday, September 26. The church office will be open and staffed by volunteers. The pastoral staff will be on retreat on Wednesday, September 27.

Food Pantry

Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From July 28th to August 25th, 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, 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.



Mission Trip to Slovakia

On Friday, September 8, five members of Holmeswood depart for Vazec, Slovakia on a 10 day mission trip. Pray that we grow in compassion as we experience a new culture and learn what it's like to be a stranger in a foreign land. Pray that our discomfort gives way to empathy, that our anger after witnessing discrimination gives way to a passion for justice, and that our individual experiences deepen our relationship with the Creator of this beautifully diverse world.

-Anna Holladay



The Roma flag



Who are the Roma?

The Roma are among the world's most oppressed ethnic groups. As a people, they have been enslaved and

suffered the horrors of genocide by the Nazis in WWII. They have been driven from their home countries and treated as subhuman. Today, they still face extreme prejudice and discrimination in all sectors of their life- in education, housing, healthcare, and employment.

Who is going on the mission trip on behalf of Holmeswood?

Tim Freeman, Denise Grogan, Anna Holladay, Kathy Lockyer, and Chris Veit

What will Holmeswood's team be doing?

- Serving with CBF Field Personnel Shane and Dianne McNary (pictured on the right) who have served among the Roma for 12 years in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.
- Witnessing how God is already at work in the local community and sharing the love of Christ with all whom we encounter.
- Serving in the city of Vazec at a local community center, presenting health education materials to senior citizens, young mothers, toddlers, and older elementary aged students.
- Doing activities, crafts, and having conversations with older elementary aged students at the community center.
- Teaching lessons on hygiene, healthy eating, exercise, first aid, and emotional health in an English class at a local school. The students will learn English and how to lead healthy lives at the same time!
- After our time in Vazec, we will travel to Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the concentration camps in which hundreds of thousands of Roma were systematically murdered during the Holocaust.



On October 1, Tim, Denise, Anna, Kathy, and Chris will be leading in worship at Holmeswood. This is also World Communion Sunday, when sisters and brothers around the world intentionally observe the Lord's Supper in an act of unity. The team will share some their experiences in Slovakia and how they saw God at work across the world.



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - Communion 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check - Narthex 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 11:15 BFG/Faith & Fun Prep Mtg 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship 4:00-9:00 ICC Meal-Gym Kitchen</p>	<p>4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED Deacon on Call: Barbara Cates</p>	<p>5 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>6 4:00-5:00 HBC Community Chorus- Resumes 5:30-7:30 Children's Faith & Fun 6:10-7:20 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 "Connections" for Adults 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Play & Pray Basketball</p>	<p>7 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 style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Slovakia Mission Team Leaves</p>	<p>2 6:00-10:00 ICC Meal Preparation-Gym Kitchen Minister on Call: Anna Holladay</p>
<p>10 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc 10:00-10:15 Coffee & Community 10:00-10:15 Blood Pressure Check - Galleria 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>11 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 5:30 The Seekers BFG (AC-7) to Forest Ave Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Kyleene Campbell</p>	<p>12 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>13 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>14 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 style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>16 Minister on Call: Allen York</p>
<p>17 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc. - Children's BFG Promotion Sunday 10:15-11:15 Bible Friends/ Bible Fellowship Groups 11:30 Deacons Meeting 12:00-3:30 ICC Bible Study & Worship Slovakia Mission Team Returns</p>	<p>18 5:30 Lydia (AL-1) BFG to Forest Ave Baptist Church Deacon on Call: Nancy Campbell</p>	<p>19 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>20 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 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 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 style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p>23 Minister on Call: David McDaniel</p>
<p>24 9:00-10:00 Worship Svc - Stewardship Commitment Day 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>25 9:00-12:00 Prayers & Squares-S204 Deacon on Call: Evelyn Batiz</p>	<p>26 9:00-4:00 Staff Retreat (Office will be open) 6:30-9:00 Play & Pray Basketball-Gym</p>	<p>27 9:00-4:00 Pastoral Staff Retreat 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>28 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 style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>	<p>30 6:00-10:00 ICC Meal Preparation-Gym Kitchen Minister on Call: Allen York</p>

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

The Stranger In Our Midst

Love is not a feeling. It is a way of living that requires daily acts of service and compassion. Caring for the stranger in our midst is at the heart of the gospel.

The writer of 3 John in the New Testament said, "Beloved you do faithfully whatever you do for friends, even though they are strangers to you they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God." (3 John 1: 5-6)

Having a stranger in our midst can be good only if I am working to make that person no longer a stranger. Everyone will not become my best friend. I just need to do the best I am capable of doing with what I have to offer. I need to love them and see what happens next.

(excerpt from *Church Reader* article by Scott Morris, June 2017)

-Kathy Lockyer

September Birthdays

- 9/01 Lorraine Gengere, Dennis Younger
- 9/02 Hal Burdick, Bonnie Burgdorf, Mary Wood
- 9/03 Lucas Urias
- 9/04 Lindsey Weaver
- 9/06 Jene Hayes, Victor Smedley
- 9/08 Dianne Fowler, Nadine Purnell
- 9/09 Linda Berube, Priscilla Hunt
- 9/10 Nancy Campbell
- 9/13 Virginia Dean, Levon Musgrave, Laquita Schaeffer, Pam Ussery
- 9/15 Robert Wood
- 9/16 Mike Fraizer
- 9/19 Patty Frank, Grace Smedley
- 9/20 Solomon Franco
- 9/21 Maggie Andrews, Lauren Butler
- 9/22 Gary Card, Sharon Coleman, Denise Grogan
- 9/23 Ralph Osborn, Danny Weaver, Pamela Williams
- 9/24 Annetta Johnson, Garrett Jordan
- 9/26 Rob Durbin, Bob Wilcox
- 9/27 Philip Daniel, Charlotte Frey
- 9/28 Jo Anne Beasley
- 9/29 Pavel Horev
- 9/30 Harold Burnett, Barbette Sanders

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September 21, 2017, 10:45 am

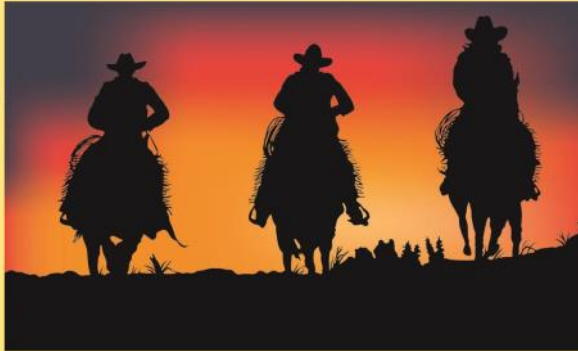
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Theme: Western

Program: MoKan Reunion Band

Service Project: Hillcrest Transitional Housing Ministry

Menu: Herb roasted chicken, rosemary potatoes, oven roasted veggies, mixed green salad, rolls, assorted cookies



Promotion Sunday is September 17!

We have exciting plans in the works for this school year's kids and youth BFG classes. All children and youth will be promoted to fit the grade they are currently in, with a new option this year for older kids asking big faith questions. Parents, check the front table with balloons in the church narthex for more information. Blessings for a great school year!
- Laurel



We joyfully welcome:

Lana Lynn Hall, born to Robert and Bekah Hall on August 29, 2017. Proud grandparents are Larry and Shirley Hall.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

Jan Durbin and family upon the death of her mother, Joyce Bailey, on August 21. Services were held August 25 in Sedalia, MO.

Statistics

July 23

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	175
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	138
Pledge Received	\$14,718

July 30

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	186
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	146
Pledge Received	\$13,621

August 6

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	165
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	153
Pledge Received	\$16,142

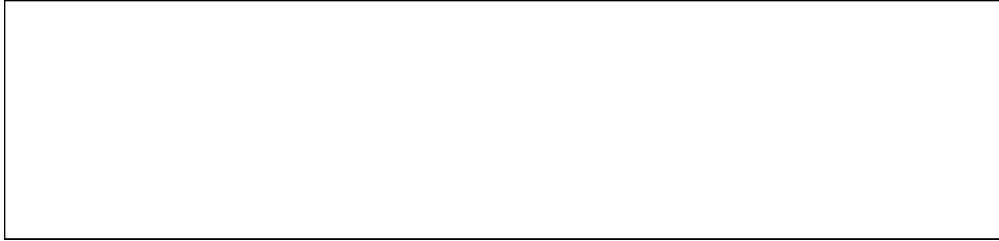
August 13

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	177
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	139
Pledge Received	\$11,710

August 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	185
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	156
Pledge Received	\$12,590

Community



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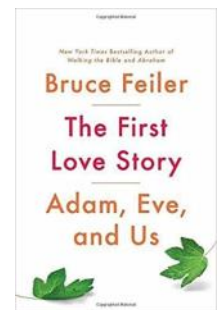
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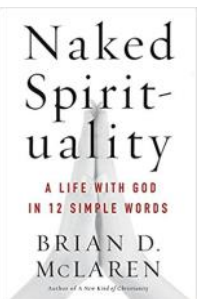
MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

New in the Church Library:

The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us by Bruce Feiler. This is a new book by Feiler, the best seller author of *Abraham* and *Walking the Bible*. Both are in the HBC library. Feiler's new look at Adam and Eve takes a journey across four continents and over 4,000 years of history. He makes the case that the story of Adam and Eve impacts how we live and develop relationships with others today. He says "their story is a story that we need to reclaim". He begins the book with the two stories about Adam and Eve found in Genesis 1 and 2. They invented what it means to be in a relationship. He says that Adam and Eve provide role models for humans today for unity, reconciliation, and love. *The First Love Story* is a history of love. In the final chapter, the author presents six elements of love that he learned from Adam and Eve.



Searching For Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church by Rachel Held Evans. Evans says, "As the shape of Christianity changes and our churches adapt to a new world, we have a choice: we can choose to trust that God who raised Jesus from the dead is busy making something new. As long as Christians are breaking the bread and pouring the wine, as long as we are anointing the sick and baptizing sinners, as long as we are preaching the Word and paying attention, the church lives and Jesus says the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. We might as well trust him."



Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott. Lamott 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.

Naked Spirituality by Brian D. McLaren. This book identifies the various stages of our growth in spirituality on our Christian journey. McLaren compares developing spirituality to learning language---it requires individual, personal practice. He presents twelve practices arranged in four stages in our spiritual journey.

