

Communiqué

Thoughts from
Pastor David

*School days, school days
Dear old Golden Rule days
'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick*

Well, there will be a load of 'reading and 'riting, but thankfully not so much of the 'rithmetic. You see, while our own students will soon begin their summer breaks, I'll be making sure my shoes are tied, bags are packed, and that my lunch is packed. I'm headed back to school. I was recently accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at San Francisco Theological Seminary in the Executive Leadership cohort. Specifically, I'll focus on the role of the pastor in the community and how the pastor can work alongside other city leaders to affect change, while also respecting the separation of church and state. Classes begin in June.

Now, before you start worrying, or celebrating, I'm not moving to California. This degree is for people who are working fulltime in ministry and will take about 5 years to complete. The program is structured so that I'll have face-to-face classes in San Francisco a week at a time two or three times each year. The rest of the coursework will be completed online.

I am grateful to participate in a faith community that values education. Questions are embraced. A thirst for learning is encouraged. And the continual pursuit of deeper and broader knowledge is expected. For it is when we continue to engage our soul, body, and mind that we broaden our awareness to the movement of God.

So this month, as we celebrate our high school and higher learning graduates, I'll whisper a prayer of thanksgiving for their tenacity on completing their respective degree. I'll pray that they'll use their new knowledge to make the Kingdom of God more fully alive. And I'll pray for my own journey, that by the end of this chapter, Holmeswood will be more equipped to be the church that God continues to call us to be at 97th and Holmes.



HBC at the K!



Friday, June 1st
7:15 pm
Royals host the Oakland A's
\$15



Join your church family for a night of baseball, fireworks, \$1 hot dogs and peanuts, and even a celebrity softball game before the Royals game!

Reserve your ticket with Laurel by May 6.



As a fellowship of Christ's followers, our mission is to journey through life with the inclusive Christ and embrace all with God's transforming love.

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Holmeswood's Got Talent



Sunday, May 6th, 5 pm, Gym (dinner) and Sanctuary (show): "Holmeswood's Got Talent"! Join us for dinner and a talent show. \$5 suggested donation. All money raised will support our mission trip to Slovakia in 2019.

High School/Young Adult Mission Trip to NYC



From June 30-July 7, 13 of our high school youth and young adults are headed to the Big Apple. They will be partnering with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (say that five times fast!) to run a day camp for children living in low-income neighborhoods. Our team will prepare a full week of camp and will get a glimpse of what God is up to in NYC. Please pray for the team as they prepare for this week of immersion and service.

Food Pantry



Thank you, Holmeswood, for helping the Center community by donating items to our food pantry. From March 23 to April 13, 18 bags of food were distributed to 6 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 Transitional Housing.



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Mission Moment

In the next few months, the Mission Council will be featuring our ongoing ministries in the Center community. We have four Center District “closets” utilized by Center social workers and community members. These are the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, School Supply Room, and Furniture Room. Another long-standing and weekly ministry is Pray and Play.

Below is an interview with Greg Smedley, the ministry leader of Pray and Play. The interviewer is Erin McDaniel, Mission Council member.

Erin: I'm here today with Greg Smedley to talk about Pray and Play. So, Greg, tell me a little about Pray and Play and the ministry that you do here.

Greg: Pray and Play is all about basketball, mainly. We usually start about 6:30-7:00pm, and we do a devotion that lasts between 5-10 minutes. Then, we begin playing basketball. They're pretty much pick-up games, and we just fellowship with each other. Sometimes the games get a little intense, but it all works out in good fun.

Erin: How did you get involved in Pray and Play?

Greg: I got involved many years ago; I'm guessing probably 15-17 years ago. Steve Karnes and I had a basketball league here that we used to do, and after the basketball league was over, people were still interested in coming up here and playing. So Steve Karnes started Pray and Play, and I tagged along with him doing it. Then, of course, his family moved away so I just continued doing it.

Erin: What is your favorite part about Pray and Play?

Greg: Honestly, my favorite part is playing basketball. I really do enjoy playing basketball. It's a sport I've enjoyed since I was little, and I always thought that I was good at it. I don't know if I'm that good at it or not, but it's almost a time of fellowship for myself. In a way, it's a devotional time for myself. When we're supposed to be quiet with God in our lives, sometimes I'll come in here (the gym) and shoot baskets by myself. It's kind of my quiet time. So in a way, this gymnasium that you see back here, that I've been associated with pretty much my entire time at Holmeswood, is kind of my worship center. I get a lot out of it through that worship and through playing basketball.

Erin: What can the church do to help support this ministry?

Greg: Well, this facility is extremely important to myself and this ministry. And keeping this facility up and running has been helping out a lot- the new basketball goals we've got on the sides, keeping our gym floor nice, this new carpet that we got, the tile upstairs, this whole building and the way we're taking care of it. So I would have to say just keeping our facility up is the most important. And, if someone would like to come up and introduce themselves to some of the guys, if they're comfortable with that, they're more than welcome to come join us.



~ May 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	2 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 5:30p-7:30p Children's Faith & Fun (Fellowship Hall) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-8:30p ICC Bible Study 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	3 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	4	5 Minister on Call: David McDaniel
6 9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Nartheex) 10a-10:15a Coffee & Community 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship	7 Deacon on Call: Stephanie Scott	8 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6p-7p Mission Council Meeting (Conference Rm 1) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	9 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-7:30p "Connections" for Adults (Parlor) 6:30p-8:30p ICC Bible Study 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	10 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	11	12 Minister on Call: Anna Holladay 6p-10p ICC Meal Prep (Gym - Kitchen)
13 Mother's Day 9a-10a Worship Service - Baptism & Baby Dedication (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Galleria) 10a-10:15a Coffee & Community 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship 4p-9p ICC Meal (Gym)	14 Deacon on Call: Barbara Cates 9a-12p Prayers & Squares (S204)	15 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-8p Pub Theology (The Well) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	16 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 5:30p-6:15p Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-7:30p Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30p-8:30p ICC Bible Study 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	17 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 10:45a-11:15p Anchors Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	18 6:30p-8:30p Game Night (Fellowship Hall)	19 Minister on Call: Allen York
20 9a-10a Worship Service - Senior Recognition Sunday (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Coffee & Community 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 11:30a-12:30p Deacons Meeting (Parlor) 11:30a-1:30p NYC Mission Trip Meeting (Youth Room) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship	21 Deacon on Call: Kyrene Campbell	22 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	23 Newsleter Deadline 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-8:30p ICC Bible Study 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	24 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	25	26 Minister on Call: Laurel Cluthe
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Faith Community Health Team

Yelling at God?

When things sometimes don't go as we would like to in our life, we may feel like we can't share our true feelings with God for fear of what God might think of us.

We worship an emotion-knowing, emotion-loving, and emotion-honoring God. God wants us to bring our whole person. When we bring our difficult emotions, God responds with two very powerful gifts. Rest & Peace.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus offers "Come to me all of you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

- Kathy Lockyer, FCHT

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May Birthdays

- 5/01 Jeff Swezy, Logan Urias
- 5/02 Charles Conard, Jr.
- 5/03 Rachel (Smedley) Soliday
- 5/04 Paul Hartwell
- 5/06 John Brown
- 5/08 Steve Lau, Jan Reid, Amanda Sanders, Tim Ussery
- 5/09 Michelle (Farber) Robertson
- 5/11 Sara Decker, Mary Fulk
- 5/13 Jesse Johnson, Miriam McDaniel
- 5/17 Ellen Duffield, Mark Lowry
- 5/19 Don Dyer
- 5/20 Shirley Hall, Phines Sanders
- 5/21 Austin During, Cindy Lessenden, Jackie Seidelman
- 5/22 Matthew Harrison, Thomas Scott
- 5/23 Jo Dickerson
- 5/25 Tammi Sabatka
- 5/26 Janet Durbin
- 5/27 Tammie Kresse-Lowry, Michelle Smedley
- 5/29 Ben Harrison
- 5/30 Mickey Anderson, Kelli (Farber) DeWitt, Carol Myers
- 5/31 Barbara Fountain

ANCHORS

May 17, 2018 10:45 am

Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Flower Garden

Program: Rob McHenry- Guitarist

Service Project: HBC Youth Mission Trip

Menu:

Chicken alfredo with penne pasta

Roasted veggies

Garlic bread

Carrot cake



HEARTLAND CAMPS ♥

Registration for Holmeswood's Heartland VBS (an exciting partnership between our Mission Council, Family Ministry, and Heartland Traveling Camps) is now open!



June 18 - 22, 2018

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Current K - 6th Graders

\$50 (scholarships available)

For more information about this camp and to register, go to www.holmeswoodfam.org/vbs

We need volunteers to make this camp a reality!

Contact Erin McDaniel, Laurel Cluthe, or Anna Holladay if you are interested in volunteering.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Statistics

March 25

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	178
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	141
Pledge Received	\$63,413

April 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	220
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	115
Pledge Received	\$11,865

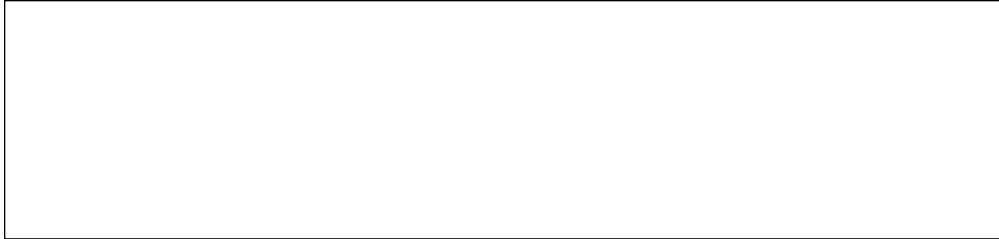
April 8

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	154
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	129
Pledge Received	\$7,638

April 15

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	140
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	118
Pledge Received	\$15,897

Community



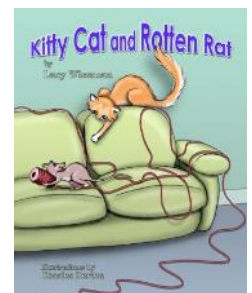
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MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

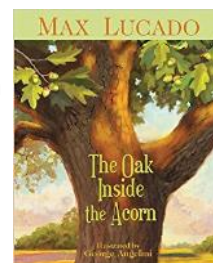
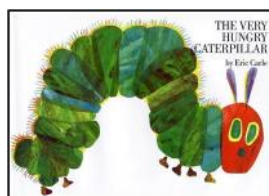
Margaret Wilcoxon has presented the library with a new book for preschool children written by Lacy Wiseman. Lacy is a member of Margaret's family. This is her first book for children. The book, *Kitty Cat and the Rotten Rat*, tells the story of the power of friendships. Imagine a cat and a rat developing a friendship. The author includes a list of questions that the parent and child can discuss after reading the book. Thanks, Margaret, for this gift.



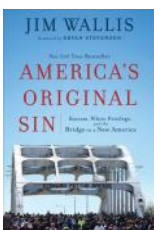
OTHER BOOKS YOUR PRESCHOOLER WILL ENJOY

(NOTE TO PARENTS: Learning to read starts at home! Be a reading role model for your child every day. Less than half of Missouri parents read to their children. Visit the Church Library with your child and check out some books.)

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
The Legend of the Sand Dollar by Chris Auer
The Oak Inside the Acorn by Max Lucado
Miss Fannie's Hat by Jan Karon



BOOKS ON RACIAL JUSTICE



America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis. In the foreword, a young black Christian lawyer (Harvard Law School graduate) says, "this is a critically important time when leaders of faith need to address issues of race more thoughtfully, prayerfully and courageously". We are blessed as a Church that our staff has recently led us in this direction.

Reflections by Rosa Parks: The Quiet Strength and Faith of a Woman Who Changed a Nation by Rosa Parks with Gregory J. Reed. This book is a collection of her reflections on facing racial injustice.

