

Communiqué

All Church Retreat
Heartland Retreat Center
September 6-8, 2019



Jesus gives us only one command in the Gospel according to John: "To love one another as I have loved you." We can imagine him standing close to us saying, "Just love. It's that simple." To an extent, it is simple. Then the questions start coming: *How do we love others? Do we really have to love everyone? Is love a feeling or an action? How does Jesus love us?* Time after time, we see that Jesus' love is a justice-minded love. It is an active love. He entrusts the good news of God's love with the least likely people in his culture: women, Samaritans, and tax collectors. He highlights and values the people that society often pushes to the margins: children, the poor, the sick, the elderly, and women.

Using our theme verse of John 15:12-13, Just Love: Connecting with God, Self, Church & Community is a retreat where we'll dig into these wonderings, questions, and more. Through breakout sessions, large group gatherings, Worship, and free time, we'll connect more fully with God, ourselves, our church family, and learn how to love our community outside of the church walls. There will be time and space for spiritual formation and to disconnect from technology. We will eat together, go on hikes together, make smores together, and laugh together. You will get to know your church family on a deeper level and leave with ideas of how to love our larger community in Kansas City and beyond. Coming home, you will be refreshed and renewed to simply love and love justly.

Make plans to attend our weekend All Church Retreat! More information and registration forms available in the Front Office. [If reading this online, click here to download the same document.](#)

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Benefiting the Slovakia Mission Trip (May 30-June 8, 2019)

\$5
Cash, check, or card

Sunday, March 17th
8:00-9:00 am
Holmeswood Gym



Handmade jewelry for sale to fund the start of a micro-enterprise jewelry making business for Roma women in Vazec, Slovakia.

Another way to give: "Envelope Fundraiser" with chances to win gift cards to Target, QuikTrip, or Starbucks! Look for the envelope display during breakfast and then afterwards in the Galleria.



Your donations will support the long-term ministry of Shane and Dianne McNary (CBF Field Personnel), fund a micro-enterprise jewelry business for Roma women, and will defray the cost of Holmeswood's mission team as they go to serve among the Roma people in Vazec, Slovakia. Our team: Patty Freeman, Tyler Hicks, Ted Harrison, Gary Miner, Karen Miner, Juanita Springate, Alex Wilcoxon, Sarah Zey, Laurel Cluthe, and Anna Holladay.



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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Save The Dates

- March 2**, Jewelry Making Benefiting Slovakia, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Parlor
- March 16**, Service Saturday at Harvesters, 8:30-10:30 am (RSVP in Galleria)
- March 17**, All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast, Fundraiser for the Slovakia Mission Trip, 8:00 am, Gym
- March 23**, Toddler Camp, 10:00-11:00 am, Holmeswood
- March 30**, Kids & Youth Baking Party, 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Ages 1.5+
- March 31**, Special Worship Service featuring *The Good Shepherd*, 9:00 am, Sanctuary
- April 13**, All Ages Game Night, 5:00-7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. Games include KC Jeopardy, Mingo, and Balloon Volleyball
- April 14**, Palm Sunday Service, 9:00 am, Sanctuary
- April 18**, Joint Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm, United Believers Community Church (5600 E 112th Terrace, KCMO, 64134)
- April 20**, Service Saturday at Hillcrest Thrift Store, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, (RSVP in Galleria)
- April 20**, Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00-2:30 pm, Holmeswood. Ages 0-12. Rain or Shine.
- April 21**, Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 am, Mt. Moriah
Easter Service, 9:00 am, Sanctuary

Meet and Greet: Food Needed in March

Every month, different BFGs provide tasty treats for our Meet and Greet time from 10:00-10:15 am (the time after Worship and before BFG). If you do not usually attend a BFG and have always wanted to contribute to Meet and Greet, this is your chance! On Sundays March 2, 9, 16, and 23 we are in need of food donations. Think finger foods: muffins, cookies, coffee cake, deviled eggs, crackers, cheese, trail mix, etc. Food can be store bought or homemade. There's no need to tell anyone what you plan on bringing, simply bring it to church and place it on the serving tables in the Galleria. Thanks in advance!

Clipping is Caring

When donating to the Food Pantry or doing your personal shopping, please consider purchasing "Best Choice" products, found at Price Chopper or Apple Market. These labels help support our partnership with Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Best Choice labels can be placed in the baskets located in the Narthex and Galleria.



~ March 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Nantex) 10a-10:15a Meet & Greet 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups 11:30a-1p Slovakia Team Meeting 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Maggie Andrews</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 11:30a-1p Quarterly Staff Lunch (Off Site) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)</p>	<p>6 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:30p-7:30p Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Newsletter Distributed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Minister on Call: Allen York 8:30a-12p AC-7 BFG Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9a-3p Jewelry Making to benefit Slovakia (Parlor) 10:30a-11:30a Kids Rehearsal for Good Shepherd (Choir Room)</p>
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Faith Community Health Team



Come to me with all your weaknesses; physical, emotional and spiritual. Rest in the comfort of my Presence, remember that **nothing is impossible with Me.**

Pry your mind away from your problems so you can focus your attention on Me. Recall the I am **able to do immeasurably more than all you ask or imagine.** Instead of trying to direct Me to do this and that, seek to attune yourself to what I am already doing.

The bottom line is that I am taking care of you: therefore, you needn't be afraid of anything. (Luke 1:37, Ephesians 3:20-21, Psalm 23-1-4)

Excerpts from the devotional *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young

-Kathy Lockyer, FCHT



March Birthdays

- 3/03 Marian McKnight
- 3/05 Sarah Smedley
- 3/06 Kristen Lockyer
- 3/10 Ann Bingham, Matt Sherriff, Michelle Valenzuela
- 3/12 Karen Miner
- 3/15 Beverly Strack
- 3/16 Mindy Lacy
- 3/17 Delaney Burk, Marlene Elder, Pat Morris, Pat Tennison
- 3/18 Scott Bartmess
- 3/19 Rhonda Collins
- 3/20 Ron Middleton, Vanessa Hertenstein
- 3/21 Roger Dougherty
- 3/23 Wayne Sabatka
- 3/26 Emily Daniel, Stephanie Springate
- 3/28 Katie Brown, Joanne Sabatka
- 3/29 Paulette Seidelman

ANCHORS

March 21, 2019 10:45 am



Cost: \$8.00 Theme: Spring Has Sprung Program: Holmeswood Chorus
 Crew: Ann Garrison, Dianne Fowler Service Project: Heartland Day Camp (VBS)
 Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup with Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Garden salad, Brownies



Statistics

Old Costume Jewelry and All Jewelry Makers (Beginner and Advanced) Needed

The mission team going to Slovakia from May 30-June 8, 2019 will teach Roma women how to design and construct necklaces, earrings, and bracelets and provide them with the basic tools and supplies. This will allow them to start their own micro-enterprise to earn income and support their community.



Join us on **Saturday, March 2, 9am-3pm**, in the Parlor as we embark on a jewelry-making extravaganza. Tools, supplies, and lessons will be provided. If you cannot stay the entire time, consider joining for a few hours.

Bring snacks to share, and your own lunch if you desire. Drinks will be provided. Leave jewelry donations in the Work Room, attn: Patty Freeman.

The jewelry made on March 2 will be offered for sale at the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, March 17 and on subsequent Sundays. All proceeds will assist the Roma women in Vazec in starting their own jewelry-making micro-enterprise to earn income and support their community.

News From Our Community

Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards during my rehab. It is greatly appreciated. I now use a wheelchair but I am showing great improvement. Calls and visits are appreciated.

-Margaret Wilcoxon

January 13

Church Canceled - No electricity in the building

January 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	134
Bible Fellowship Groups	107
Pledge Received	\$12,002

January 27

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	140
Bible Fellowship Groups	99
(Scott Taylor spoke during BFG time)	
Pledge Received	\$15,040

February 3

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	155
Bible Fellowship Groups	132
Pledge Received	\$10,193

February 10

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	118
Bible Fellowship Groups	91
Pledge Received	\$4,072

Adult Connections: Spring Offering

The Cross and the Lynching Tree explores the relationship between Jesus' death on the cross and the lynchings of black Americans by white Americans. James H. Cone writes of the paradox of both the cross and of being a black, Christian man. As a Christian, Cone is determined that God's coming salvation is a reality, but as a black man, his painful experiences of segregation and the ever-present possibilities of death lead him to despair. The same is found in the cross. Hope and despair.

During the season of Lent, we will read and discuss Cone's foundational book on black theology. There will be two offerings for discussions on this text: 1) Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 at the church and 2), 5:45-7:00 at Blue Moose in the Red Bridge Shopping Center. It is important that participants read the assigned chapters prior to discussions. If you choose to attend the Blue Moose gathering, please notify the church so that we can make appropriate reservations (816-942-1729 or Terry.Brown@holmeswood.org). The church has ordered 20 copies of the book. You can purchase a copy for \$10 in the church office on a first come, first serve basis (no reservations). Please provide exact change.

Our reading and discussion schedule is as follows:

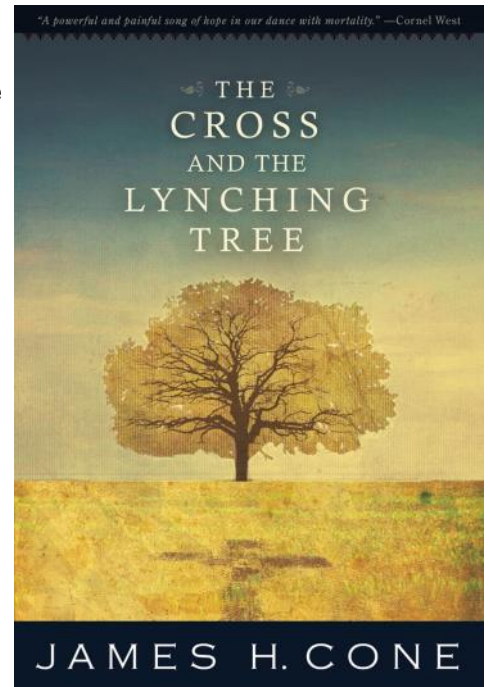
March 13-Chapter 1

March 20-Chapter 2

March 27-Chapter 3

April 3-Chapter 4

April 10-Chapter 5



The Good Shepherd Presented March 31



The Sanctuary Choir, children's choir, soloist and chamber orchestra will be presenting Robert Hobby's *The Good Shepherd* on Sunday morning, March 31st, at 9 a.m. This work was written by Mr. Hobby in response to his mother's long battle with cancer. After her death he wanted to write a work that expressed his view of God as One who stands with us during difficult times. This is not a requiem, but a work of hope and honesty about the struggles of life but also about the God who goes with us through those struggles.

We presented this work several years ago and it was a wonderful time of worship and comfort. The beauty of the choir's singing, the angelic voices of children, the beautiful tenor soloist and the wonderful accompaniment promises to connect with our Creator and Sustainer during this time of worship again.

I would encourage you to invite friends and family, along with people who may need the assurance of God's presence in their lives during difficult times. Whether those times are happening now or in the future, all of us need this kind of affirmation of our faith in the Holy Presence. I hope all of you can attend!

-Allen York



Are you looking for a way to serve our city with your church family?

Every third Saturday of the month, you have the chance to volunteer with one of our mission partners and get to know Holmeswoodians with whom you don't often interact.

Our first Service Saturday will be March 16 from 8:30-10:30 am at Harvesters. You must be 8 years or older to volunteer at Harvesters. There is room for 15 people total. Sign up in the Galleria or by emailing [Anna Holladay](mailto:Anna.Holladay@holmeswood.org) at anna.holladay@holmeswood.org.

Save the date for April 20th. Service Saturday will have room for 15 people to volunteer at Hillcrest Thrift Store from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. You must be at least 7 years old to volunteer at Hillcrest.

Service Saturday will take place at various mission partners in Kansas City, including but not limited to Harvesters, Hillcrest Thrift Store, and Community Assistance Council. The organization and number of spots available will be communicated prior to the Service Saturday.



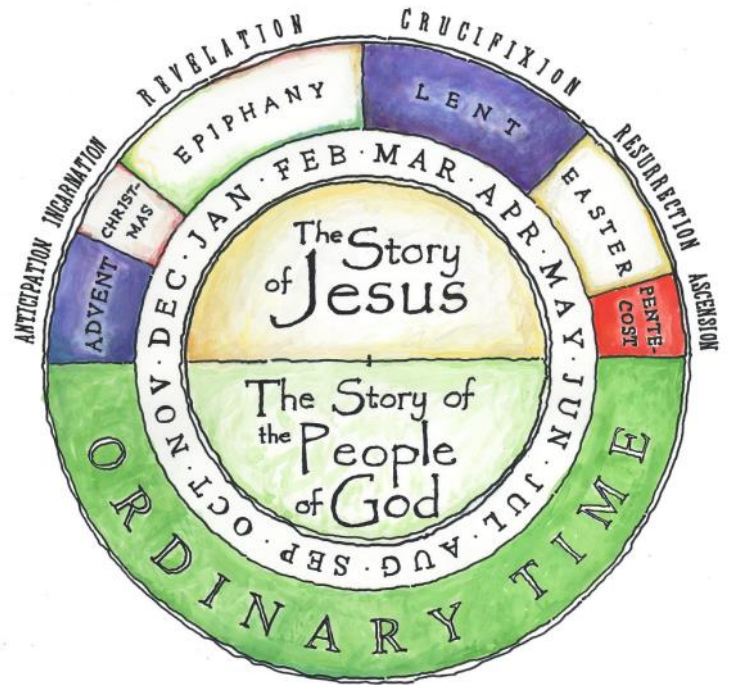
Thoughts from Pastor David

Sometimes I am asked, "Pastor David, I know that both in worship and in your preaching, we follow the lectionary. But, what is the lectionary and why do we follow it?" Great questions. I invite you to grab a nice cup of coffee and pull up a chair. Let's have a quick overview of what the lectionary is and why at Holmeswood we follow it....except for the times we don't.

What is the lectionary? The lectionary is a way of journeying through most of the Bible in an intentional, organized manner over the span of three years. The three years are named Year A, Year B, and Year C. Each week in worship there are readings from each of the following four sections of the Bible: Old Testament, Psalm, Gospel, and either an Epistle or other New Testament book. For the Gospel readings, Year A focuses on Matthew, Year B on Mark, Year C on Luke, and John is interspersed into each of the three years. After a church has traveled through all three years, the cycle is repeated. And one of the wonderful aspects of this cycle is that if you are at church every Sunday for three years, you will hear most of the Bible read.

The lectionary is also used across denominations. There are Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Episcopalian, Baptist, and many other denominations who follow it. This means, that the readings we hear on a Sunday in Holmeswood are also read or preached in other churches across the globe. I find comfort knowing that what we are doing on a Sunday, we do alongside so many other followers of Christ.

What does the lectionary have to do with Advent, Lent, and other seasons of the church? There are five seasons of the lectionary that also flow in an annual cycle. The lectionary begins every year with Advent, the time we prepare for the birth of the Christ. Next is Christmas and Epiphany where we celebrate the birth of Jesus and inbreaking of God into creation. Then there is Lent, a time of somber reflection as we prepare for the death of Jesus. We then travel through Easter and celebrate Christ's resurrection and the new church at Pentecost. Between these main seasons is Ordinary Time where we hear lessons of discipleship and the need to deepen our daily commitment to following The Way. Similar to the cycle of Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, the seasons of the lectionary provide a sense of faith orientation and focus.



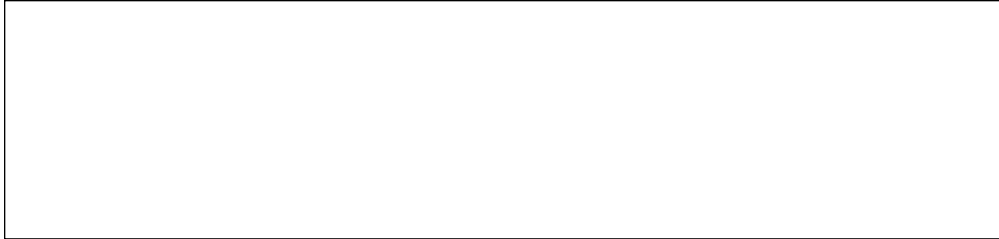
How do you pick your sermon text? I first begin with prayer. As I prepare sermons for the upcoming months, I pray for the Spirit to guide what message Holmeswood needs to hear at that time. After this, I choose one of the four lectionary readings for that Sunday to use as the sermon text. Sometimes I intentionally pick a text that I am unfamiliar with or is a challenging passage. Other times, I form a sermon series by choosing texts for a few weeks in a row that come from the same book. This helps emphasize a theme the biblical author or storyteller is communicating. Finally, even though I select a text many months prior to preaching it, I do not write the sermon until the week it is presented. And, I am regularly amazed that each Sunday, the selected passage for that week fits so neatly into what is happening in the world at the time I write the sermon. This, I attribute to the active work of the Spirit.

It seems rather limiting only having four passages of Scripture from which to choose for the basis of your sermon. Other preachers I know use a series style of preaching and select whatever passages they want for the series. One of the aspects I love about preaching through the lectionary is that it forces me to start with the biblical text and then through prayer and work, figure out how that passage speaks into the 21st-century. Candidly, most preachers that use the series method of organizing their sermons fall into a temptation of staying only in passages they know or like. Rarely do they venture into the breadth of Scripture that is challenging or does not lineup with their theology. In addition, when preaching a series, the preacher typically first has a point that he or she wants to make and then goes to the Bible to find a text that supports their pre-determined thesis. By preaching through the lectionary, the sermon is more likely grounded in the perspective of the biblical author or storyteller and not the preacher's personal wants.

Each year, though, about three or four times, I do leave the lectionary and preach a series of sermons, such as KC Raw, or when we traveled through the book of Lamentations, or recently we focused on Small Groups. So, while we generally follow the lectionary at Holmeswood, we also give ourselves freedom to come and go from it as we see fit to do so.

Final Thoughts. Firstly, by following the lectionary, I am able to more clearly hear the various voices and perspectives within the Bible. It forces me to refine my theology by seeing through each of the unique lenses of the storytellers, instead of only reinforcing my limited theologies with texts that support my perspectives. Secondly, following the lectionary helps me recognize the main themes that flow through the differing voices and theologies of the Bible. Finally, knowing that there are churches around the world who are reading or hearing the same texts that I am on any given Sunday, it reminds me that I am part of a much wider family. This reinforces my understanding of the great breadth of God's love for everyone.

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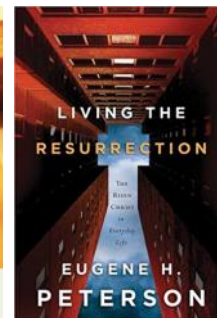
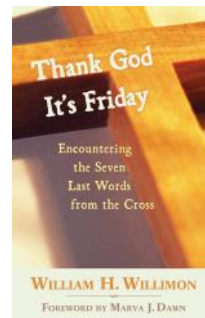
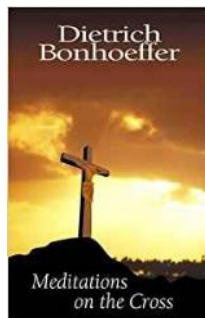
Ash Wednesday is March 6, which begins our 40 day journey toward Easter. To prepare for Easter read one of these books from the Church Library.

Meditations On The Cross by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Thank God It's Friday: Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross by William Willimon

The Final Week of Jesus by Max Lucado

Living The Resurrection by Eugene Peterson



New In The Library



Thanks to Patty Freeman for bringing us this book from the Holocaust Museum.

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation by Anne Frank. Ari Folman is the adaptor and David Polonsky is the illustrator. Anne Frank was born in 1929 in Germany, lived in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945. Her diary documents her life from June 1942 to August 1944 in hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands during World War II. In August 1944 her family was betrayed and she and her sister were transported to the concentration camp. Otto, her father, survived and returned to Amsterdam where he found her diary and got it published in 1947. The illustrations in this adaptation interpret her classic book about the Holocaust.

Grit and Grace by Caryn Rivadeneira. This book connects preteen girls with 17 women of grit and grace in the Bible. It shows girls that they are created in the image of God to do great things in the world. (recommended by Pastor of Families, Laurel.)

