

# Communiqué

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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Thoughts from  
Pastor David

Standing at 8 ft x 5 ft in the Nelson Atkins Art Museum is a portrait by Giovanni Barbieri entitled "Saint Luke Displaying a Painting of the Virgin." This is my favorite portrait in all of the Nelson Atkins.

Painted in 1652 using oil on canvas, Barbieri depicts Luke as an artist seated in front of his own canvas. Luke stares straight out into the gallery and points toward his newly created painting. Over Luke's shoulder hovers an angel, representing divine inspiration in

the artwork. On the canvas, Luke points us toward his recent painted portrait of the Virgin Mary, who is pointing to the Christ Child she holds in her lap.

As an observer in the gallery, I can't help but note the irony that I am studying a painting of Luke who is guiding me to study his painting. And the painting to which he points is a portrait of the Christ. It is very meta.

I regularly think of this portrait when I read through the Gospels. As I study Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, I imagine that I am reflecting on each of their newly painted portraits of the Christ. They are calling me to reflect on their inspired artwork of who Jesus is to them, how they see Jesus, and what it means to them that Jesus is the Christ. They are encouraging me to pay attention to the creativity of God.

This then propels me to ask the questions, "How do I see the Christ? If I were to paint a portrait of the Christ, what would it look like?"

I realize, though, that as followers of Jesus, each of us actually do have an image of what that portrait looks like. We each have an image of the Christ that we have painted with our lives. So, when I point to my portrait, what do those standing in the gallery of life see through my eyes and my interpretation? What lens of Christ is brought to life?

What about you? What is in your portrait of Christ that the world sees? How do you express your experience with Christ? Each of us have a holy and inspired portrait to which our lives point. What is yours?



## Save the Dates:

- ⇒ **Sunday, November 3, 2:00-3:30pm, Day on the Farm.** Families with kids/youth are invited to an afternoon at Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. Free admission; bring money to feed animals, ride a pony, or for human snacks. RSVP to [Laurel.cluthe@holmeswood.org](mailto:Laurel.cluthe@holmeswood.org) or (816) 942-1729.
- ⇒ **Sunday, November 10, 11:30 am—1:30 pm, Inequality Monopoly: A Lesson on the Enduring Effects of Racism.** Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Sunday, November 17, 9:00am, Children's Sabbath** during Worship. Kids will write prayers and lead various parts of Worship today, as we celebrate and advocate for children around the world.
- ⇒ **Thursday, November 21, 10:45 am, Anchors** (monthly senior adult fellowship). Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Saturday, Nov 23, 1—4pm, Crafting Worship.** an afternoon of creating sanctuary décor (paraments) to enhance Worship, as well as a time to learn about the liturgical calendar (seasons of our church year), Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Saturday, December 7, 2:00pm, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!** ALL AGES welcome. Join us for an outing to Union Station's City Stage Theatre to see the Christmas decorations and this humor-filled production of a Christmas classic. Tickets are \$5 each and on a first come, first served basis; contact Laurel to reserve yours.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, December 11, 5:00—7:00pm, Crafting & Cookies.** Help us make a few special ornaments for our neighbors and homebound members (& our own homes) to brighten up their Christmas season. We'll snack on subs and cookies, sing a few carols and have a "merry and bright" time together! Free event; RSVP by Dec 8.



**CRAFTING  
WORSHIP**



**Saturday, November 23, 1-4 pm**

Kids, teens and all ages of adults are invited to a party to learn about the Church Year! Make a Reverse Advent Calendar to benefit Hillcrest Transitional Housing, learn to bake delicious bread, and contribute your art to our worship banner and table runner.

Learn about the church seasons and why Christians around the world celebrate them. Plus, there will be active games!

## 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.



# A Note of Appreciation

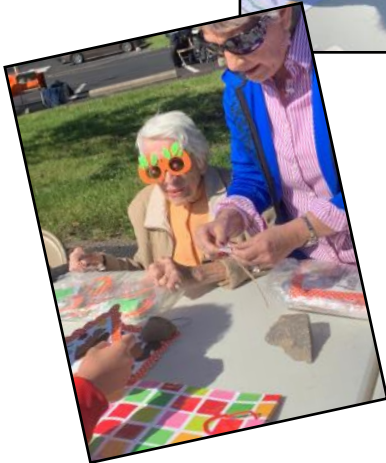
from Lorie Skoog

I can't find the words to adequately thank all of you volunteers and staff that contributed to make the Fall Festival such a success. There were approximately 100 of you who worked at the Festival, not counting all of you who prayed, baked or purchased cakes (about 60) for it. I am again SO overwhelmed by your generosity of time, talent, and resources. Most of all, you made EVERYONE there feel so welcome as we as a church represented the presence of Christ in our community. It was a blessed day!



Following is a list of those who offered extra service in some form with a willing heart:

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| Congregation          | Volunteering to show God's love to the Community; working booths & crafts, donating many cakes, pop, AND children's books for Granny's Attic  |
| Mike Wilson           | Donated hamburgers and hot dogs from Smithfield Foods   |
| Price Chopper         | Donated hot dog and hamburger buns  |
| Victor Smedley        | Grill and tents   |
| Anna Holladay         | Layout of the Festival; church information cards; procured inflatable games, a donut machine, AND invested many hours of work and support! Beautiful posters and flyers; Registration sheets and treat sacks! |
| Terry Brown           | Maps  |
| Steve Lau             | Golf Game   |
| Cheryl Powell         | Carnival Games: Horse shoe, bottle toss, balloon dart game and lots of help   |
| Gary & Karen Miner    | Carnival Games: Pumpkin bag toss, Lucky duck pond & Granny's Attic, etc. plus lots of help  |
| Gary Youngblood       | Grilled delicious hamburgers and hot dogs   |
| Wayne Lockyer         | Grilled delicious hamburgers and hot dogs and provided a grill  |
| Jack & Carol Bartmess | Food Table and holding down the food in all the wind!   |
| Wayne Sabatka         | Special Balloons  |
| Laurel Cluthe         | Support   |



# Holmeswood Christmas Store

It's almost Christmas time! (Yes, I hear those grumbles from those of you who prefer to think about Christmas AFTER Thanksgiving.) For years, Holmeswood has spread the joy of the Christmas season through various Christmas mission projects. For the third year in a row, we will host a Christmas Store in our gym. The Center Social Workers are identifying families to shop at our store at discounted rates. The model of a Christmas Store allows us to reach out to our community during the season in which we celebrate Emmanuel, God With Us. By giving 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. A total of 40 children will receive gifts from the parents/guardians because of your donations of gifts and time. The shopping times and clientele have been adjusted this year based on feedback from the Center Social Workers.

-Anna

## How do I volunteer?

Volunteer positions at the store:

- Set up and decorate the store on the morning of Thurs, Dec 12
- Registration table
- Personal shoppers
- Restockers/Floaters, able to fill in wherever needed
- Cashier
- Gift wrappers
- Childcare
- Tear down the store on Sat, Dec 14 at 11am
- Late night shoppers- those who are willing to go out on Thursday and/or Friday night to buy more gifts if needed. You, of course, will not have to personally pay for the gifts.

There will be 5 volunteer shifts. We need your help!

- Thursday, Dec. 12 at 10 am to set up and decorate the store
- Thursday, Dec. 12 from 5:45-8 pm
- Friday, Dec. 13 from 5:45-8 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8:45-11 am
- Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 am to tear down the store

Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Galleria to claim your spot!

## How do we give gifts?

On November 24, your BFG will receive a list of gifts you are asked to donate in order to stock our store. Your class can also decide to donate money instead of gifts and someone will do the shopping for you. Instructions on when and where to bring the gifts will be on your gift list.

If you want more information or have any questions, contact Anna Holladay: [anna.holladay@holmeswood.org](mailto:anna.holladay@holmeswood.org), 816-942-1729 (church office)

The store will be open for referred families on:

- ⇒ Thursday, December 12: 6-8 pm
- ⇒ Friday, December 13: 6-8 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, December 14: 9-11 am

**\* new this year \*** On Saturday, Dec 14 from 10 am– 11 am our store will be open to more families than just those referred by Center Social Workers. This time is intended for friends or family of referred families and Center families who missed the deadline of signing up for the Christmas Store.



## Angel Tree

In addition to the Christmas Store where Center parents can shop for their children, another opportunity to share the joy of Christmas is through our Angel Tree for unaccompanied youth. There are about a dozen students at Center who are not supported by their parents physically, financially, or emotionally. They are living doubled up with others, in a shelter, or in a transitional living program. **Look for the Angel Tree in the Galleria on November 24.** You can pick an angel card from the tree, buy a gift for an unaccompanied youth, and return it wrapped to church. All instructions will be on the angel card.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>3 Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>                      9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary)                      10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Narthex)                      10a-10:15a Meet &amp; Greet                      10:15a- 11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms)                      11:30a-12:30p Personal Committee Meeting (Conf Room 2)                      12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study &amp; Worship                      2p-3:30p Day at the Farm (Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, 13800 Switzer Rd, Overland Park)</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      Deacon on Call: Kris Collins</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2)                      11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office)                      6:30p-9p Play &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)                      8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      5p-6p Church App 101 (Conf Room 1)                      7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)                      8:30p-10p Pray &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2)                      7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1)                      6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      Newsletter Distributed</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Minister on Call: Anna Holaday                      6p-10p ICC Meal Prep (Gym - Kitchen)</p>
<p><b>10</b>                      9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary)                      10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Galleria)                      10a-10:15a Meet &amp; Greet                      10:15a- 11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms)                      11:30a-2p Social Justice Game - Inequality Monopoly (Fellowship Hall)                      12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study &amp; Worship                      12p-9p ICC Meal (Gym)</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      Deacon on Call: Mike Goff                      12:30p-3:30p Prayers &amp; Squares (S204)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2)                      11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office)                      6p-7p Mission Council Meeting (Conf Rm 1)                      6:30p-9p Play &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)                      8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)                      8:30p-10p Pray &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2)                      7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1)                      6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>                      Minister on Call: Allen York                      7:30a-10a HBC Service Saturday - Harvesters Mobile Distribution (Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd)</p>
<p><b>17</b>                      9a-10a Worship Service - Children's Sabbath (Sanctuary)                      10a-10:15a Meet &amp; Greet                      10:15a- 11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms)                      11:30a-12:30p Deacons Meeting (Parlor)                      12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Deacon on Call: Maggie Andrews                      Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2)                      11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office)                      6p-7:30p Social Justice Team Meeting (S201)                      6:30p-9p Play &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)                      8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      5:30p-6:15p Dinner (Fellowship Hall)                      6:30p-7:30p Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)                      7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)                      8:30p-10p Pray &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2)                      7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1)                      10:45a-1:15p Anchors Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)                      6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>                      Minister on Call: Laurel Cluthe                      1p-4p Crafting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>24</b>                      9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary)                      10a-10:15a Meet &amp; Greet                      10:15a- 11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms)                      12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Deacon on Call: John Brown                      12:30p-3:30p Prayers &amp; Squares (S204)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2)                      11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office)                      6:30p-9p Play &amp; Play Basketball (Gym)                      8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Newsletter Distributed                      No Wednesday Evening Activities</p>	<p><b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed</p>	<p><b>29</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      Minister on Call: Allen York</p>

# Faith Community Health Team

A balance in our daily life can be a challenge unless we consider it in a very intentional manner. But a balance each day helps our bodies to be strong and healthy. It is our responsibility to find that balance. No one else can do it for you.

Think about the following areas in which it is helpful for you to find balance every day.

1. Exercise-rest.
2. Work-play.
3. Being alone-being with others.
4. Living by love-living by fear/hate.
5. Caring for self-caring for others.
6. Calories in-calories burned.
7. Being positive-being negative.
8. Sleep and rest-being awake and active.



How would you rate yourself in each of these areas? If you note that you are out of balance in some of these areas, what steps can you take in the coming weeks to bring back the balance? Good wishes to you as you endeavor to care for the body and life that God created for you.

Lora Lau RN FCN

# ★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

## November Birthdays

- 11/01 Don Coleman, Otis Miller
- 11/02 Sarah Roark
- 11/03 Janette Crites, Sandra Franco, Ted Harrison, Colin Payne, Lorie Skoog, Gary Youngblood
- 11/04 Lisa Stephenson
- 11/05 Tim Burk, Jan McMein
- 11/06 David Cantrell
- 11/10 Patty Freeman
- 11/11 Emily Seidelman
- 11/13 Tanya Salyer
- 11/14 Jim Frey, Dona Stephenson
- 11/15 Margaret Wilcoxon
- 11/16 Margaret Younger
- 11/17 Linda Morris
- 11/19 Kathy Corrigan
- 11/23 Judy Anderson, Leslie Reed
- 11/24 Peggy Hunter, Brian Smedley
- 11/25 Mandy Johnson, Alinane Malere, Twila Samborski
- 11/27 Dudley Barker, Marion During, Hannah Hendrix, Ajainiece Johnson, Billie King, Teri Smedley
- 11/28 Dick Purnell
- 11/29 Caden Johnson, Ethan Payne
- 11/30 Jim Campbell, Tim Hager, Jayd Williams, Michael York

# ANCHORS

**November 21, 2019 10:45 am**



**Cost:** \$8.00

**Theme:** Thankfulness

**Program:** Gino Bueno, Vocalist

**Service Project:** HBC Christmas Store

**Menu:** Roast Turkey Breast with Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie

**Crew:** Ann Garrison & Jan Reid

## Inequality Monopoly: A Lesson on the Enduring Effects of Racism

Sunday, November 10  
11:30-1:30 pm  
Lunch provided  
Fellowship Hall

RSVP in BFGs or at the Information Station. The Social Justice Team of the Mission Council hopes you join them in this interactive learning experience of racial injustice in our country. Yes, we'll be playing Monopoly and learning!



# Statistics

### September 22

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	142
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	98
Pledge Received	\$5,895

### September 29

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	154
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	93
Pledge Received	\$25,849

### October 6

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	150
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	113
Pledge Received	\$14,808

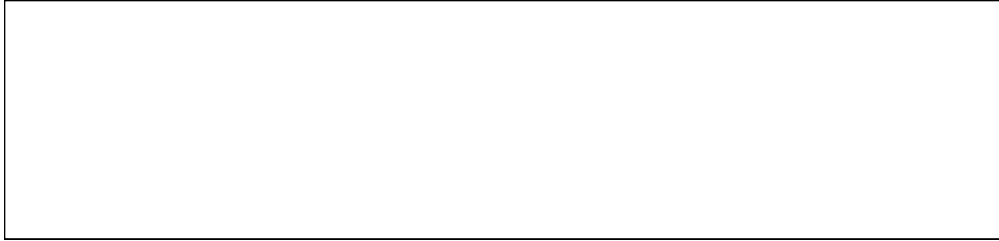
### October 13

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	170
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	105
Pledge Received	\$10,147

### October 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	158
Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship	109
Pledge Received	\$6,790

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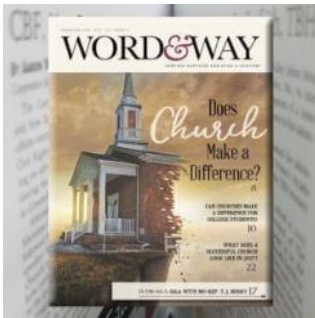


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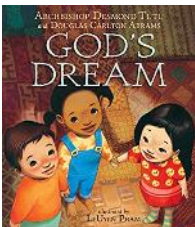
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Our new rate for group subscriptions is \$11.95. Make your check payable to HBC and give to Terry in the office, Carole Zahnd or Pat Tennison.

**The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 3. We will have a subscription table in the Galleria on Nov. 3.**



## Parents of Preschoolers

Bring your child to the Library any weekday morning or afternoon (Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm) to browse the Children's section.

Read a book together and check out one to take home!

Be a reading role model for your child. Learning to read begins at home.

