

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

There was a practice in the time of the Old Testament that when God did something significant, the people would stack stones on top of each other on that site as a reminder of the movement of God.

As time would go by, and the next generation of children would come along and see the stones, they would ask their parents, "Why are the stones stacked like that?" The parents would then tell the story of what God did in that space. It was a way to keep the faith

alive and remind each generation that the God who acted in the past continues to act in the present.

The staff recently went off together for our annual staff retreat. We spent time in spiritual practices, growing together as a team, and planning for



2020. We also intentionally reflected on where we noticed the movement of God in the past year at Holmeswood. Like our faithful ancestors, we metaphorically stacked stones, one on top of the other, as we retold the stories again of where we saw God act. We filled four pages of holy memories. Here is merely a sampling of what was a much longer list:

Serving in community and mission partners, Baptisms, Babies, Deepened partnership in Slovakia with the McNarys, Diversity of new members joining HBC, The Cross and the Lynching Tree discussions, More embracing of infants in worship, New people in positions of leadership, College students participating more, Homebound connections by more and more people, Emphasis on Mission Statement and common direction, Bridging of all ages in life of congregation, Monthly family newsletter with age-appropriate spiritual guidance, Maundy Thursday service with United Believer's Community Church, Monthly community service projects, Church retreat, Center Impact, Deep spiritual conversations at coffee shops, Slovakia trip, Heartland camp, Family materials for worship, Lenten playlist, Centering prayer group, Financial stability, Different "groups" of people getting to know each other at the retreat, Variety of opportunities to serve, Beginning of serious renovation of worship space, 4D2nd St, Lots of "aha" moments among congregants...

As you reflect on the past 12 months, where would you stack stones as holy moments in which you noticed the movement of God both in your life and at Holmeswood?

When each of the other pastors were reflecting where they saw God, I was reminded how much I love this church...how much I love each of you. God is active in this place. Christ is alive in you. I give thanks that through you, the people of Kansas City and beyond are hearing and experiencing the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!

Save the Dates:

- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 2, 5—7pm**, Pizza & Pumpkins, \$3 per person, all ages, come eat pizza and decorate a pumpkin (provided), Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 5, 10 am—3 pm**, 3rd annual South KC Block Party at Red Bridge Shopping Center
- ⇒ **Thursday, October 10, 9:30—2:30 pm**, Senior Adult Field Trip to Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 12, 11 am—2 pm**, Holmeswood Fall Festival, Parking Lot
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 12, 6—10pm**, Youth visit a Night Corn Maze (\$10 per person, dinner included, meet at church)
- ⇒ **Thursday, October 17, 10:45 am**, Anchors (monthly senior adult fellowship), Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Sunday, November 10, 11:30 am—1:30 pm**, Inequality Monopoly: A Lesson on the Enduring Effects of Racism, 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

Fall 2019 Festival

Free All Are Invited

October 12 (Rain or Shine)
11-2 pm @ Holmeswood Baptist Church
9700 Holmes Rd, KCMO 64131

Inflatable Slide, Moonwalk & Basketball Pop-A-Shot
Games & Prizes • Face Painting
Burgers & Hot Dogs • Popcorn • Snow Cones • Donuts

Sign up to volunteer in the Galleria. This event takes over 100 volunteers, we need you there!

Socks, Underwear, and Packages of Plain T-Shirts Needed



Holmeswood is engaged in the Impact Center initiative to end homelessness in the Center School District. We are providing clothes to families who come to twice-monthly "Impact Days", hosted at Colonial Presbyterian Church. An Impact Day is where a family can visit with many resource providers in a span of hours. Please bring in donations and place them in the wicker basket in the church office.



Please donate the following:
(most pressing needs are highlighted)

- Men's underwear and socks
- Women's underwear and socks
- Packages of adult t-shirts
- Girls' underwear and socks
- Boys' underwear and socks
- Packages of kids' t-shirts



~ October 2019 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-9p Pray & Play Basketball (Gym) 8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group | 2 2:45p-3:45p Adult Connections (Parlor) 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 5p-7p Pizza & Pumpkins (Fellowship Hall) 5:45p-7p Adult Connections (Blue Moose), 11134 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Pray & Play Basketball (Gym) | 3 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6p-6:30p Centering Prayer Group (Prayer Garden) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym) | 4 | 5 Minister on Call: Allen York 10a-3p South KC Block Party (Red Bridge Shopping Center, 11212 Holmes Rd) |
| 6 9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Narimex) 10a-10:15a Meet & Greet 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship | 7 Deacon on Call: John Ussey | 8 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 Pray & Play Basketball (Gym) 8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group | 9 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Pray & Play Basketball (Gym) | 10 Senior Adult Field Trip (Nelson-Atkins Art Museum) 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: David McDaniel 11a-2p HBC Fall Festival (HBC Parking Lot) 6p-10p ICC Meal Prep (Gym - Kitchen) 6p-10p Youth Group Activity - Corn Maze |
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Faith Community Health Team



Last month we talked about the importance of movement and exercise for our bodies. This month the emphasis is on nutrition.

There are so many aspects of our lives that affect our nutrition. What are your food likes and dislikes? How much time in your day do you have for cooking and eating as you attempt to have good nutrition? What is your knowledge about nutrition since most of us do not have a nutritionist available for consultation? Do we think ahead 10 years to what the effects of what we eat or do not eat will have on our bodies over time?

A good place to start is to learn some fundamentals. There are a lot of resources on healthy eating without going into one specific type of diet. Our church can lead through our Sunday morning Meet and Greet snacks and the other gatherings that offer food. You are encouraged to start your healthy eating journey knowing that the results can only be positive.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Lora Lau RN FCN

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

October Birthdays

- 10/01 Debi Weaver, Lyn Zey
- 10/02 Juanita Dyer, Leah Urias
- 10/03 Kay Gleason
- 10/04 Bruce Allen, Mike Goff, Linda Webb
- 10/06 Rose Mary Bruscato
- 10/07 Thelma Barker, John Bartmess
- 10/08 Greg Hunt
- 10/09 Pete Fraizer, P. J. Harrison
- 10/11 Clarence Stephenson, Sr., Michael Wilson
- 10/12 Bob Landon
- 10/13 Gayle Miller
- 10/14 Mary McDaniel
- 10/15 Jason Jamison
- 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 17, 2019 10:45 am

Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Trick or Treat

Program: Cool Breeze, Husband and Wife Duo

Service Project: Community Assistance Council

Menu: Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta, Buttered Corn, Garlic Bread, Garden Salad, Sheet Cake

Crew: Ann Garrison & Cheryl Powell



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

August 18

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| 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | 155 |
| Bible Fellowship Groups | 112 |
| Pledge Received | \$7,532 |

August 25

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| 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | 156 |
| Optional BFG with Keith Herron | |
| Pledge Received | \$20,784 |

September 1

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| 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | 150 |
| Bible Fellowship Groups | 109 |
| Pledge Received | \$11,475 |

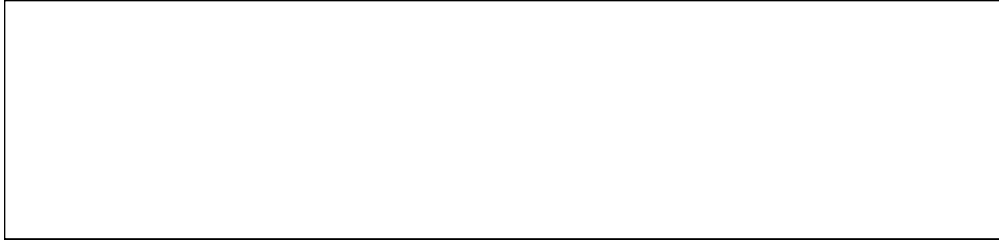
September 8

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| All Church Retreat - Parkville, MO | |
| Pledge Received | \$4,198 |

September 15

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| 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | 154 |
| Bible Friends/Bible Fellowship | 121 |
| Pledge Received | \$13,692 |

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MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

The Saint John's Bible: Wisdom Books—NEW in the Library



IN THE BEGINNING, WAS THE WORD WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, BEING WITH HIM, AND WITH HIM HE WAS. HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS CAME TO BE. WITHOUT HIM, NOTHING WAS MADE THAT HAD BEEN MADE. IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL MEN. WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THE LIGHT, REMAINED IN DARKNESS. WHO RECEIVED THE LIGHT, GAVE TO OTHERS THE LIGHT OF HIS KNOWLEDGE. WHO RECEIVED HIS LIGHT, DID NOT ACCEPT HIM, BUT TO THOSE WHO DID, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. WHO RECEIVED HIM, HE GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. WHO RECEIVED HIM, HE GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. WHO RECEIVED HIM, HE GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.

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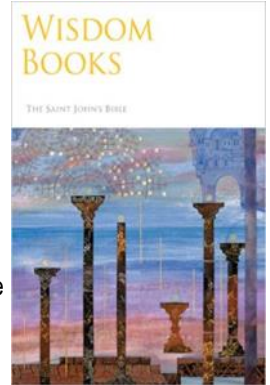
11 John accepted John and believed. "Who was he? I don't know," he said. "He said he was the Son of God." John said to the other disciples, "I don't know who he is, but he said he was the Son of God." John said to the other disciples, "I don't know who he is, but he said he was the Son of God." John said to the other disciples, "I don't know who he is, but he said he was the Son of God."

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The Saint John's Bible was issued in seven volumes. *Wisdom Books* is the fifth volume, completed in 2005. The Bible was commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University, a Benedictine monastic community located in Central Minnesota. The illuminator and artistic director of the Saint John's Bible is Donald Jackson, one of the world's leading calligraphers. The Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned since the printing press was invented five centuries ago. The pages are filled with wisdom on how to live a godly life.



A Biblical illumination takes the word of God and glorifies it by transforming the Word into a complimentary art form employing illustration, color and design.

A copy of the first volume of *The Saint John's Bible*, Gospels and Acts, is also in the Church Library. Both will be on display in the Galleria the first Sunday in October. Please view them.

Notorious Voices by Marla Selvidge. If you are interested in the history of women, especially as it relates to Biblical history, you will want to read this book by Marla Selvidge. It reviews feminist Biblical interpretation from 1500 to 1920. The author, in the introduction, says "the NOTORIOUS VOICES" believed in a just God who ordered a universe for all people, not just a select few.

Thanks to Tammie and Tim for gifts of new books in September.