

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

Songs for a New World was the first produced show by Tony Award Winner Jason Robert Brown. It is not really a musical and not really a revue, but lies somewhere in-between. The production is best described as an abstract musical in which there is no direct plot; yet, each of the songs are connected with a theme of "the moment of decision." The cast is comprised of four performers, who even though do not play the same characters throughout the show, still embody developing character arcs. The songs, in their own way, thematically deal with the constant evolution of life and even in the most apparent stable of times, the currents of change are ever-flowing. *Songs for a New World* is one of my favorite musical show albums because some of the songs deal with seismic decisions while others center around seemingly insignificant choices, but in each song the character realizes they are not the same person as when they started.

As you and I turn the calendar to 2020, I suspect the same is true for us as well. We are not the same people that we were one year ago. This past year, some of us have had significant changes in life: marrying, divorcing, having a child, moving, graduating, death, health scares. Others of us, while not having monumental changes, are nevertheless different than what we were: wiser, older, humbler, more committed, more aware, richer, poorer.

And the reality is that one year into the future, the same will be true. You will not be the same. Our church, comprised of each of us, will not be the same. It reminds me of a line in the opening song of *Songs for a New World*, "A new world calls for me to follow. A new world waits for my reply. A new world holds me to a promise."

My friends, as we step into this new world of 2020, may we do so confidently with the One who declares, "Do not fear, for I am with you." Whether we find ourselves amidst seismic shifts or barely felt trimmers, may we hear the voice of the One who calls out, "Do not fear, for I am with you." And as each of us are drawn further this year into the New World of Christ's active realm, may our spirits find united peace in the One whose soothing voice whispers, "Do not fear, for I am with you." For in the midst of our ever-changing lives, our God is here. And because of that, we have nothing to fear.



Save the Date:

⇒ **Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.**

10 am—12 pm: Activities for all ages at church. Sorting Reverse Advent Calendars, making cards/crafts for homebound members, organizing Clothes Closet/Furniture Room, learning about Dr. King's legacy, making blessing bags for those struggling with homelessness

1 pm—3 pm: Volunteer at Harvesters Community Food Network (15 slots)

Angel Tree



This year for Christmas, you generously gave gifts (and a lot of encouragement cards!) to 12 unaccompanied youth from the Center School District. An unaccompanied youth is a student who is not supported by their parents. They are either living doubled up with others, in a shelter, or in a transitional living program. Thank you for making their Christmas a little merrier!

Our 3rd annual Christmas Store for Center families provided parents the opportunity to shop at greatly discounted prices for their children. 35 children received presents from their parents, thanks to your generosity of donations, whether that was gifts, money, or your time. It was wonderful to see you minister to our community through this mission project.

-Anna

Christmas Store



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5</p> <p>9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Narthex) 10a-10:15a Meet & Greet 10:15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Deacon on Call: Shirley Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>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</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>2</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>3</p> <p>Newsletter Distributed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5p-10p AC 5:1 BFG Dinner (Fellowship Hall)</p>
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Faith Community Health Team

There is much discussion currently about how we learn, what we learn, and why we learn information. A thought that might encourage you in the coming year and your learning process:

Retention of Learning

- * 10% of what we read
- * 20% of what we hear
- * 30% of what we see
- * 50% of what we hear and see
- * 70% of what we say
- * 90% of what we say and do



Happy New Year!

-Lora Lau, RN FCN



- 1/02 Kylene Campbell
- 1/03 Brooklyn Burk
- 1/04 Lora Lau
- 1/07 Aimee Hicks
- 1/08 Becky Herrera, Tatyana Horev
- 1/10 Kathy Lockyer
- 1/11 Marilyn Formella
- 1/14 Eliana Scott, Alex Wilcoxon
- 1/15 Denny Fowler, Kaitlin Lyman, Merle Smith
- 1/17 Ernie Berube, Tim Freeman
- 1/18 Kevin Daniel, Amy Jenkins, Kelsey Lockyer
- 1/21 Mitchell Smedley
- 1/22 Daryn Decker, Joanne Sappington
- 1/23 Dan Stephens
- 1/25 Billie Mills
- 1/26 Ben Durbin, Linda Frank
- 1/27 Allison Sanders
- 1/28 Matt Stephens
- 1/29 Danielle Smedley
- 1/30 Kent Wilcoxon
- 1/31 Ebony Johnson

ANCHORS

Monthly Senior Adult Fellowship

January 16, 2020 10:45 am

Cost: \$8.00

Theme: Winter Wonderland

Program: Winn Jennings, Violinist

Service Project: Center Social Workers' and Counselors' Appreciation

Menu: Lasagna, Green Bean Almondine, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies

Crew: Bonnie Burgdorf & Cheryl Powell



Each year during Advent and Christmas, we join alongside other Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches in collecting a special offering called the

Offering for Global Missions. This offering supports the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world as they share the good news of God's transforming love. This year, you have heard stories of the work of Lynn and Michael Hutchinson serving in Togo, West Africa and Karen Morrow serving in Ft. Worth, TX.



This year our goal is \$5,000. You may contribute to this offering anytime until January 12, 2020. Extra offering envelopes are available in the Front Office, or simply place your offering in any envelope and write "Offering for Global Missions" on it. You can also give online at

www.shelbygiving.com/App/Giving/holmeswood. Your gift to the

Offering for Global Missions will help a person live more abundantly.



"I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Statistics

November 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (Church wide BFG)	171
Pledge Received	\$15,423

November 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	143
Bible Fellowship Groups	115
Pledge Received	\$18,580

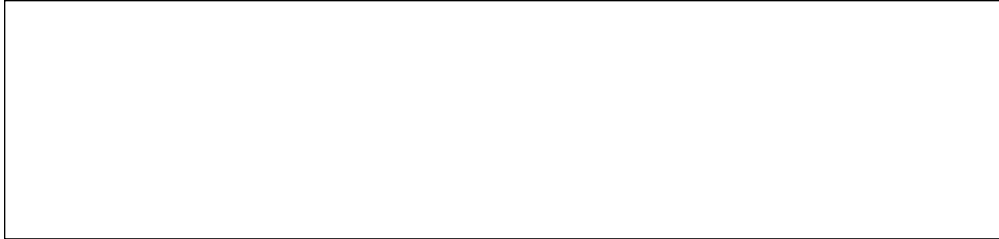
December 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	151
Bible Fellowship Groups	103
Pledge Received	\$5,645

December 8

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	154
Bible Fellowship Groups	110
Pledge Received	\$6,502

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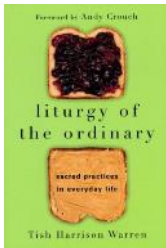
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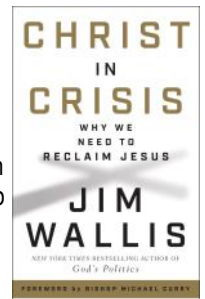


Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren

This is the book that Adult Connections has recently studied. The book explores daily life. Each chapter looks at an ordinary daily happening, such as bed-making, and relates it to a spiritual practice. You will discover how we discover the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Christ in Crisis by Jim Wallis. The author is the founder of Sojourners, a global faith and justice network. Wallis believes that we are in a religious, moral and political crisis and that the Church has become disconnected from the teachings of Jesus Christ. He says, "we are not standing and acting in Jesus' name with his values, action and inspirations". He believes that we and the Church should reclaim Jesus. The book includes eight questions which Jesus asked or raised central to his teaching. One of them is "Who is my neighbor?", another is "What does it mean to be a peacemaker?". The author's discussion of each question will help the reader reconnect with Jesus and determine if she/he is aligned with the spiritual and moral foundations of the Christian faith. The author also describes seven spiritual practices which will help us find our way back to Jesus....to reclaim Jesus.



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT JESUS IN THE LIBRARY

The Challenge Of Jesus by N.T. Wright
The Meaning Of Jesus by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright
Everything Must Change by Brian McLaren

