

# Communiqué

AUGUST 2021

## Our Mission:

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

The year was 2018. It was a simple answer to a real need. Participants of the Young Professionals group enjoyed gathering together with each other, but Sunday mornings proved to be a difficult time to have a consistent critical mass of gatherers and during the week some people traveled for work. How could we find a way to gather on a regular basis in the midst of busy schedules? One person suggested, "We use this platform known as 'Zoom' for work meetings. I bet we could use that for our gatherings. We could meet on a weeknight and it does not matter if you are in KC or if you are traveling for work, you can jump on your computer and we can have our small group." And that is exactly what happened.



Before Zoom entered into common day vocabulary or we had any idea that a virus known as COVID-19 would turn the world upside down, the Young Professionals of Holmeswood were adapting the ways of doing church and faith development into the rhythms of life that include traveling for work, dating, parenting, and recognizing that community can look differently than what was presently experienced.

The group gathers on Tuesday evenings with an average of about 10 people each week and about 15 people who connect throughout the month. In addition, the group meets in-person for a monthly brunch where partners, children, and colleagues are encouraged to join. These times of fellowship have about 20-25 people in attendance.

There are regular Holmeswood participants and there are friends and colleagues who engage. Denny and Dianne Fowler serve as mentors of sorts for the group, providing relationship and wisdom from the perspective of a few years down the road from the group.

Sometimes the group reads books together and other times articles are considered. Topics range from biblical study, to theological reflection, and real-world happenings. Every now and then, there is a time of pure fellowship by playing games or trivia on Zoom. A different person facilitates the conversation each week as they guide the group to dig deeper in what all of this means both as a collective community and as an individual who is in the community. Life is deepened with one another through the medium of technology, guided by the Spirit.

Each of these people are part of the next generation of the church. Each of these participants are part of what makes Holmeswood such a gem in Kansas City. Each of these individuals are Christ to me. And for that, I give thanks.

## FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

The National Wellness Health Institute has a Wellness Focus Survey Tool.

The categories are:

**Occupational** – the personal satisfaction and enrichment in one's life through work

**Intellectual** – the creative, stimulating activities that lead to learning, personal growth, and sharing of one's unique gifts with others

**Emotional** – the awareness and acceptance of one's feelings and capacity to manage behaviors related to one's emotional state

**Social** – the contribution to one's environment and community

**Spiritual** – the search for meaning and purpose in human existence

**Physical** – physical self-care and health-enhancing behaviors

I encourage you to pick one of these areas and consider what you are doing in your life currently to enhance your general health and wellness. Which area or areas may be the most important to your general health at this time?

National Wellness Institute, Inc.; NationalWellness.org

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you: he will never let the righteous fall.”

Psalm 55:22 NIV

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

#### June 27

In Person: 117  
Online: 20 x 1.8 = 36  
Total: 153

#### July 4

In Person: 81  
Online: 25 x 1.8 = 45  
Total: 126

#### July 11

In Person: 85  
Online: 26 x 1.8 = 46.8  
Total: 132

#### July 18

In Person: 89  
Online: 30 x 1.8 = 54  
Total: 143

### BUSINESS MEETING August 18th

Our quarterly church Business Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30pm**. The Business Meeting will be conducted on Zoom. You can participate in this meeting on your computer or by telephone. So that we can begin at 6:30, please logon to Zoom a few minutes prior to that time.

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81658943371?pwd=Sk9VSndkUHZIN1RSTTVCS0N3Y0IQUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 5894 3371

Passcode: 590106

If using your telephone, dial:  
(312) 626-6799

## AUGUST LIBRARY NEWS

**HOURS FOR LIBRARY:** Whenever the Church Office is open, the Library is open. If you have a question, call Pat Tennison, 816-941-3755 or call the church office.

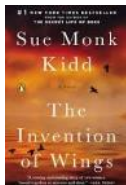
**Here are some great books to add to your summer reading list.....**



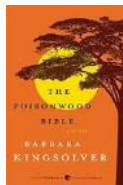
**THE HELP**  
by Kathryn Stockett



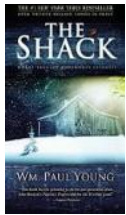
**JACK**  
by Marilynne Robinson



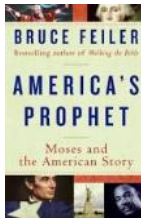
**THE INVENTION OF WINGS**  
by Sue Monk Kidd



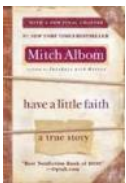
**POISONWOOD BIBLE**  
by Barbara Kingsolver



**THE SHACK**  
by William Young



**AMERICA'S PROPHET**  
by Bruce Feiler



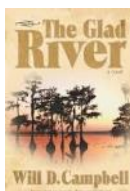
**HAVE A LITTLE FAITH**  
by Mitch Albom



**HOME TO HOLLY SPRINGS**  
by Jan Karon



**SLIGHTLY BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE**  
by Liz Higgs



**GLAD RIVER**  
by Will Campbell



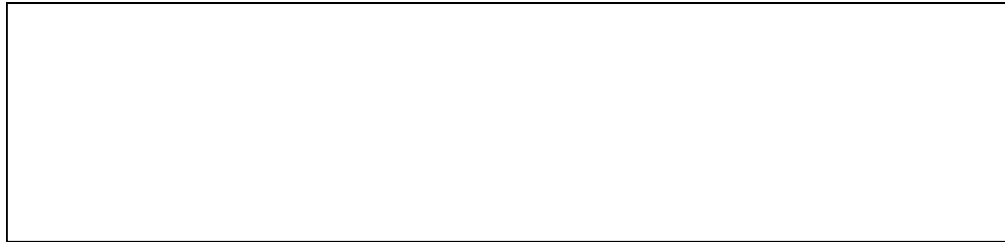
## August Birthdays

- 8/03 Lina Smith
- 8/11 Audrey During
- 8/12 Gary Miner
- 8/13 Nicky Staats
- 8/14 Shirley Foster
- 8/16 Phyllis Saulsbury
- 8/18 Chris Veit
- 8/19 LaDonna Campbell
- 8/21 Betty Stephens
- 8/22 Lori Daniel
- 8/24 Nola Kroner
- 8/25 Herb Carpenter
- 8/26 John Hunter, Cheryl Powell
- 8/27 Brian Farber, Cheryl Terry
- 8/30 Keith Dougherty, Mark Trokey
- 8/31 Kayla Lessenden

Be sure and send Happy Birthday greetings to this month's birthday friends. A card, text, or a phone call mean so much!



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9700 Holmes Road  
Kansas City, MO 64131-3215  
WWW.HOLMESWOOD.ORG

HOLMESWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

## SUMMER FUN!

Holmeswood Student  
Mission Week  
(Youth & College)

Heartland Camp  
at Holmeswood  
(K-6th)



Friendships formed - Time spent together with God and each other - Learning through play and pray  
Delivering cookies to neighbors - Holy giggles! - Making dog toys for KC Pet Project - KC Audio Tour