

Blessed NOCC Community I'm going to share in this space some excerpts from an article shared with those who attended an Interfaith Conference at Tall Oaks this week. Thanks to Debbie and Dale Herrick and David Nelson for also participating in this event. The article was written by Vern Barnet, a deeply wise and thoroughly knowledgeable teacher and activist in this field....a Kansas City treasure. "Our desacralized age is not awestruck with a sense of the Whole. Instead, it is fragmented, competitive, mean, and broken... The world's religions offer us healing through awe and wonder.... Secularism is denial or neglect of the whole... Secularism is cured by awe... Another word for awe is authenticity, responding with a sense of wonder. Our culture is distracted and benumbed by particular and competing agendas instead of an authentic sense of reality as whole, Holy." I'm happy to share the entire piece (one page) with you if you are intrigued. What I hear Vern saying in the piece is that the gift of the great religions is to offer healing for humanity at the necessary depth...not surface fluff, but deep healing. It's not easy work. It takes time. But we have SO many teachers, and fellow travelers in the work with us. It's pure joy for me to be in the work with you!

TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY!!! 5-7PM Join us and invite friends to participate in a VERY FUN Halloween Celebration. PLUS-----Chili by some of NOCC's finest Chili Chefs! Click here to let us know you'll be decorating your trunk. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fa9a723aaf85-nocc> Or Contact Sara Woolfolk.

MOVIE GROUP TOMORROW Watch the movie "Wonder" starring Julia Roberts and join us for snacks/drinks Saturday October 27 7PM at the home of Ann and David Nelson.

CHERITH BROOK-----THE LATEST Call 816-241-8047 to volunteer. Volunteer teams are being formed to help at Cherith Brook as they work with KC's homeless. Teams are needed to help take care of shower facilities, do laundry, cook breakfast, tend the garden, food rescue from local grocers and building maintenance. CURRENT WISH LIST: Men's Underwear, women's sports bras, tennis shoes, small men's pants, mugs, cups, forks, dish soap, sugar, butter, bus passes, ibuprofen, reading glasses, bike locks. Call 816.241.8047 to volunteer or contact Dale Herrick or Mike Wilson.

TALL OAKS GALA AT ARROWHEAD The Tall Oaks Masquerade Gala is *Coming Soon!* There are many ways to contribute to this event in support of the Camp and Conference Center. Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated for the ministry and future program development! Contributions of silent/live auction items are usually unique and a lot of fun to BID on! Just another wonderful way to participate by raising funds to offset the daily financial challenges of operations and facility improvements! If you're registered to attend, please have your check to Debbie Herrick by Sunday, October 28. If you've created a themed basket or have an auction item to donate, please bring it Sunday, October 28. Thanks to **North Oak Christian Church** for supporting attendance to this extraordinary event on November 9th! *See you there!*"

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS You are welcome to gather with friends on Sunday November 11 at 5PM for a service of prayer (silent and spoken) and candlelighting as we lovingly hold one another, family and friends and our larger world in the light of God's wise, gracious and healing presence. This service will last 30-40 minutes.

VITAL CONVERSATION IN NOVEMBER David Nelson welcomes our participation in a discussion of the book **Celestial Mechanics: A Tale for a Mid-Winter Night** by William Least Heat-Moon. We will gather Wednesday November 14 1PM at the Look East Building on Brooktree Lane.

ROAD TRIP TO WESTPORT Our favorite UKE BAND, STRUM, has been invited to perform at Westport Presbyterian Church at part of an arts series sponsored by Westport Center for the Arts. www.wcakc.org. Make plans to bring a brownbag lunch (or get food to go in Westport) and join your NOCC friends on Friday November 16 at noon.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect Board members and Elders and to approve a 2019 budget is planned for Sunday December 2 following worship. Please plan to be in attendance. This meeting usually takes 20-30 minutes. Child care will be extended that day.

KEVIN KELLEY NEEDS STUDENTS Rob has been training a cohort of people this year to present workshops on Centering Prayer. Our former beloved seminary intern Kevin Kelly is in the cohort. After several training experiences and lots of reading, Kevin is ready for his final test. He needs to do a three hour presentation on centering prayer to a group of willing folks while Rob observes. Would you be willing to be part of his "test audience?" Saturday February 9 2019 9AM to noon at NOCC. Our centering prayer "veterans" are welcome to attend plus people who have decided it's time to learn what centering prayer is all about. Even if you are not interested in centering prayer but want to be helpful to Kevin-----please come. Contact Rob with your interest. Child care available if needed.

SOWING A SEED--GROWING OUR VISION Thanks to all of you who made a three year pledge to support our efforts to rebuild our parking lot, support youth ministry, and reduce our debt. We are in the final year of our pledge period. Your steadfast faithfulness is appreciated! Our campaign prayer: We want what you want God. Open each heart and mind to Christ, our Light. Guide us together by your Holy Spirit, to trust in your will, amen

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 7PM Movie Group
Sunday 9AM Groups
Sunday 5PM Trunk or Treat

Monday 6PM Troop 900
Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group
Tuesday 6PM Pack 900
Wednesday BOO!
NEXT SUNDAY NOCC KIDS GRADES 2-12 JOIN NORTHLAND KIDS 5PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday November 9 Tall Oaks Gala 6PM

Friday November 16 STRUM at Westport Presbyterian Arts Series 12noon Brownbag Lunch

Sunday November 18 All Church (bring a friend) Thanksgiving Pot Luck 12noon Entertainment!

Sunday December 2 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT LEADERSHIP AND APPROVE 2019 BUDGET

Sunday December 9 Talent Show 5PM

Sunday December 23 1015AM NOCC CHOIR PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA-----INVITE A FRIEND!

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY APRIL 14 3PM NOCC WELCOMES REZOUND BELL CHOIR IN CONCERT

The world today hangs on a single thread, and that thread is the human psyche

C.G. Jung

With you seeking the Whole

Rob