

**Blessed NOCC Community** It has been true for decades and still is---about 80 percent of people who become active in faith communities were first invited to connect with that community by a friend or family member. Who in your circle of relationship might be open to an invitation to connect with NOCC via the following upcoming events? November 16 STRUM playing in Westport. November 18 All Church Thanksgiving Potluck following worship. December 9 Talent Show 6PM. December 23 Christmas Cantata with Choir and Musicians 1015AM. Christmas Eve Communion by Candlelight 7PM and 11PM. REZOUND Bell Choir in Concert April 14 3PM. And of course----Sunday Worship too!

**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!"*

**CHURCH CAMP 2019** Dates and fees for another great summer of church camp are posted at [talloaks.org](http://talloaks.org)

**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](http://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 745AM Men's Breakfast at Kate's  
Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer  
Sunday 9AM Groups  
Sunday 1130AM Community Life Ministry Team  
Sunday 5PM Northland Kids and Youth

Monday 6PM Troop 900  
Monday 630PM NOCC Elders  
Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group  
Tuesday 6PM Pack 900  
Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry  
Thursday 6PM NOCC Board  
Friday 6PM Tall Oaks Gala  
Saturday 10AM Music Ministry

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday November 11 5PM Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness  
Friday November 16 STRUM at Westport Presbyterian Arts Series 12noon Brownbag Lunch (bring friends)  
Sunday November 18 All Church (bring friends) Thanksgiving Pot Luck 12noon Entertainment!  
Sunday December 2 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT LEADERSHIP AND APPROVE 2019 BUDGET  
Sunday December 9 Talent Show 5PM (bring friends)

Sunday December 23 1015AM NOCC CHOIR PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA (bring friends)

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY APRIL 14 3PM NOCC WELCOMES REZOUND BELL CHOIR IN CONCERT (bring friends)

**I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.**

**Abraham Lincoln**

In Grace Abounding

Rob