

Blessed NOCC Community I hope you are making plans to join the NOCC Community for a Thanksgiving-themed pot luck meal following worship on November 18, planned by our Community Life Ministry Team. Turkey and mashed potatoes/gravy provided. What's your favorite Thanksgiving side dish? Will you share it with us? I'm thinking of bringing "Aunt Marge's Strawberry Jello Extravaganza." As if this delicacy (and the dishes you bring) were not enough, some holiday-themed entertainment is being planned by Ron Rommel, Sarah Reynolds and Lee-Ann Semsch. Invite a friend! It's going to be a wonderful time! May we all prayerfully recall in this season of gratitude the grace, wisdom and love that abounds to our lives from the life we are sharing together in Christ.

TALL OAKS GALA AT ARROWHEAD... tonight! There are 19 folks registered to attend from N. Oak Christian Church! The stadium tours begin at 5:45 pm. For \$10.00, you can wander with a guide through the stadium, seeing the Hall of Honor presented by Time Warner Cable, walk on the field and take a look at the Chiefs locker room. It is a neat experience to go places other people don't normally get to go! Remember parking is in Lot M, at the entrance of Founders Plaza. Auctions begin at 6:00 p.m, dinner at 7:30 pm. Thanks to North Oak Christian Church for supporting attendance to this extraordinary event and for the generous donations (retail \$1850.00) to share in the silent auction! *Looking forward to a fun evening!* Thanks to Debbie Herrick for getting us involved.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS SUNDAY SO many folks make good things happen at NOCC. Join us for a few moments of loving and grateful affirmation! Thanks to our Community Life Ministry Team for pulling this together.

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.

CHURCH CAMP 2019 Dates and fees for another great summer of church camp are posted at talloaks.org

VITAL CONVERSATION WEDNESDAY 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.

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.

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 10AM Music Ministry at Jeff Nunn's House
Sunday 9AM Groups
Sunday 5PM Northland Kids and Youth Grades 2-12 at First Christian North Kansas City.
Sunday 5PM Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Monday 6PM Troop 900
Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group
Tuesday 1230PM Women's Bible Group
Tuesday 6PM Pack 900
Wednesday 1PM Vital Conversation at Look East Building
Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry
Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts
Friday 12PM STRUM at Westport Presbyterian Church. Bring a lunch and a friend!
Saturday 10AM Music Ministry

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Sunday February 3 2019 Souper Bowl follows worship
Sunday February 10 2019 Youth Sunday
Sunday March 30 All Church Pot Luck

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

If you send out goodness from yourself, or if you share that which is happy or good within you, it will all come back to you multiplied ten thousand times. In the kingdom of love there is no competition; there is no possessiveness or control. The more love you give away, the more love you will have.

John O'Donohue

In Grace Abounding

Rob