

**Blessed NOCC Community** Greetings! I hope this holiday weekend finds you moving at a slightly slower pace. Many of you have posted wonderful glimpses of your holiday tables and family gatherings on Facebook---thanks for that! The Carr kids and spouses and grandkids are in town for a family wedding, which adds to the festivity of our weekend. Sunday is the final Sunday of the Christian year. Known as "Christ the King Sunday" the cycle of the seasons ends with an exclamation point----- in and through all, the grace of Christ, the light of Christ, the love of Christ is above all and in all and for all. I'll look forward to celebrating with you in reverence and joy and yes, thanksgiving, for the Christ in whom we abide, the Christ who continues to take human form in his people.

**NOCC KIDS AND YOUTH** It's time for our annual Kids Talent Show. It is so much fun! Friends are welcome. Any and all talents are welcome. Helpers and stage crew are welcome. Artists are welcome. Is there someone who wants to be in it, but doesn't know what to do? Let Sara know, we need a super special volunteer. Please fill out the Talent Show Registration form. This helps us plan and organize the acts.

December 2 is the Christmas Party with our Northland Youth Group. We will meet at Park Hill Christian Church from 5 to 7 p.m. Grades 2 through 12 are invited and friends are welcome. Is there a parent that could volunteer to take younger kids to Park Hill this evening? Our older youth will be working on a project this evening, but I don't want any of our younger kids who'd like to attend the Christmas party to miss it.

Please RSVP for this one so we can plan accordingly.

December 2 is also our first rehearsal for the annual Kids Talent Show! The Talent Show is a North Oak tradition and all are invited to come and showcase their talent. We've had dancers, musicians, artists, gymnasts, readers, and just about everything you can imagine including a Michael Jackson impersonator. Rehearsals will be right after worship, we will meet in the childcare room. This is also the timing of the congregational meeting.

December 9 is the Talent Show. The show begins at 6 p.m. Performers and stage hands should arrive at 5 p.m. for a quick run through and pre-show pizza. Refreshments will be served after.

Youth are creating gift bags for all your gift-wrapping needs this holiday. Bags will be on sale following Talent Show. Proceeds go toward our Heifer International Fund.

December 14 is Movie Night from 6 to 8 p.m. We will be watching The Star. All kids age 4 and up are welcome to attend. Drop the kiddos off and have a night out to do some Christmas shopping or a have date night. Donations to help cover the cost of food are welcome (suggested \$5 per child). Surplus will go toward our Heifer International fund.

Please contact Sara with any questions

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

**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. Kids and youth will also have a chance to rehearse Talent Show

**CHERITH BROOK-----THE LATEST** Keep these items in mind as you consider the remarkable ministry happening down on 12th Street. Baking Soda, Sugar, Creamer, Dish Soap, Rice, Salt and Pepper, Tissues, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Razors, Toothbrushes, Feminine Products, Ibuprofen and Tylenol, Shower Gel, Sleeping Bags. Special Need: An Industrial Refrigerator.

**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

Sunday 9AM Groups

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group

Tuesday 6PM Pack 900

Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts

Saturday 745AM Men's Breakfast at Kate's

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

Saturday 10AM Homes Association Meeting

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday December 9 Talent Show 5PM (bring friends)

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

Sunday February 3 SOUPER BOWL ALL CHURCH SOUP FEST

Saturday February 9 Introduction to Centering Prayer--led by Kevin Kelley

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

Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
in suspense and incomplete.

**Pierre Teilhard de Chardin**

In Grace Abounding

Rob