

Blessed NOCC Community Flashes of beauty and soulful depth from Holy Week: REZOUND's musical energy. Striking musical innovation for Good Friday. Perfect conditions and lots of birdsong for our early Easter gathering on the labyrinth. A beautiful redbud branch to "Easter" our table on a joyful resurrection Sunday. What a joy to be together in these sacred days and into the coming season of Eastertide! Many many people offered the gift of time and talent to put all the pieces together. Let us be grateful! I saw NOCC shining with graced love and generosity last week! Alleluia!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON SUNDAY At the conclusion of our Earth Sunday worship celebration we will process outdoors for a blessing of animals and pets. Members and friends of NOCC are encouraged to bring their pets to church that day and keep them safely tethered outdoors or kennel/caged for the better part of the morning until we gather them together for a blessing. If this is not practical, bring a photo! Children and the young at heart are encouraged to bring a favorite toy animal as well. Our prayers and blessings will also embrace all the wildlife that flourishes on our property. Please plan to be present for this rich and celebrative time in communion with our creatures.

WELCOME BILL TAMMEUS SUNDAY MAY 5 Well read and well spoken, Bill is the former FAITH columnist of the KANSAS CITY STAR, a thoughtful writer and speaker. He will gather with our adults at 9AM and YOU are invited to this discussion (facilitated by David Nelson) of current issues related to the church and the wider culture. He will then preach in our 1015AM worship celebration. Please plan to be present to welcome Bill back to NOCC.

NOCC PEOPLE ARE SIGNING UP FOR ENNEAGRAM SESSIONS And a few more from other churches are planning to attend as well. May 11 (930AM) and May 16 and 23 (630PM) Ease session will last about 2.5 hours. Sign up sheet available at church or reply to this email

FLASHING YOUR BEST NOCC SMILES is what we are asking you to do Sunday mornings as our youth take photos of you for our online photo directory. BTW, have you logged in to our website yet? This will give you access to our online directory which will be very useful ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVE OUR PHOTOS INCLUDED. Contact Sara for details

BAPTISM AT SMITHVILLE LAKE If you or someone you love might be ready this summer to celebrate their love of God through Baptism, it's time to make plans for July/August time frame. Be in touch with Rob

REGIONAL DISCIPLES SUMMER CHURCH CAMP DATES are listed on the Tall Oaks Web site.

WELCOME GREATER KANSAS CITY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY TO NOCC on June 27, 2019. Disciples women from our area will be gathering beginning at 6PM (check in) for a dinner and program beginning at 630PM. The keynote speaker is Dawn R Steiner, MD, Medical Director for UHWC (University of Health Womens Care) in

Lee's Summit. Dr. Steiner is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and also certified in daVinci robotic surgery. Sounds like this could be interesting!! All ladies and gents are welcome to attend! Looking for NOCC volunteers to help with hosting the "dining experience" and hope you'll stay for the program too! Great food, music, and wonderful fellowship with our area Disciples!! Contact Debbie Herrick for more information!

WEBSITE DONATION BUTTON IS 'LIVE' Contributions to NOCC (General Fund or Backpacks) can be made via our newly expanded website. Thanks to Howard Dolginoff for his oversight of this expansion.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group

Tuesday 6PM Pack 900

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts

Saturday 745AM Men's Breakfast at Kate's

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

Saturday 7PM Movies and Munchies

SATURDAY IS INTERNATIONAL LABYRINTH DAY

Come walk NOCC's labyrinth or attend a labyrinth event at Precious Blood Center

11AM-2PM pbrenewalcenter.org

SAVE THE DATES

MAY 19 GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 2 NOCC ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

"...we need to find ways of sharing our intimate experiences of the Mystery, for we are one. It is through one another that we will know more of the Life that flows within us all. It is through

sharing our fragments of insight that we will come to a fuller picture of the One who is at the heart of each life.”

John Philip Newell

With you in Easter

Rob