

**Blessed NOCC Community** It has been said with respect to church history, that in the Wisdom and Providence of the Spirit, the right teachers tend to show up when needed, appropriate to the times or the era. Two examples. in the 500's when the church was becoming self-righteous and arrogant with "worldly power," the monastic movement came along, led by Saint Benedict, to re-affirm humility and hospitality as core values of the Gospel. In the 1500's, during the extremely hateful dysfunction of the Inquisition, the most sublime teacher of mystical love to ever appear in the church, Saint John of the Cross, came along. The Gospel is difficult. But the right teachers tend to show up, by God's grace, to remind us that truly living the Gospel is possible, worth it, and necessary. In the past 100 years, we can see how the Spirit has continued this pattern, and into our own day. People who have re-expressed and re-infleshed the Gospel for humanity have been plentiful. PLUS some marvelous teachings from the East, both ancient and modern, have become accessible to us. Not to mention the artists, the poets, the film-makers, who summon a troubled and wounded humanity into the light. Thank you beloved community, for your willingness to be summoned into the way that leads to life. One of those teachers is Howard Thurman-----see below.

**HOWARD THURMAN FILM---SHOWING AT CHERITH BROOK** On Wednesday May 22 at 630PM. Entitled "Backs Against The Wall" this film honors the life of a 20th century teacher and writer who inspired a young Martin Luther King Jr.

**NOCC YOUTH AND FAMILIES OUT TO LUNCH MAY 19-----CONTACT SARA FOR DETAILS**

**SEEKING PAINTERS** Plans are being made to do some painting in our entryway and annex. Early summer time frame. Your sign up opportunity is coming soon!

**TROOP 900 FUNDRAISER AT NOCC JUNE 1** Your donations of used clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, and accessories, like purses etc will be collected by the Scouts at NOCC and then taken to SAVERS. Savers will donate funds to the Troop for this effort. Bring your items to the church on June 1 10-noon and 1PM to 3PM.

**CHERITH BROOK SEEKING ITEMS** such as small men's and women's undies, sugar, razors, bike locks, gauze pads and medical tape, for their friends experiencing homelessness.

**NOCC CELEBRATING 44TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 2!!!**

**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**

Saturday 930AM Enneagram Workshop

SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group

Tuesday 1230PM Women's Bible Group

Tuesday 6PM Pack 900

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts

Thursday 630PM Enneagram Workshop

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

## **SAVE THE DATES**

MAY 19 GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 2 NOCC ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

"I am a Christian," I concluded, "because the story of Jesus is still the story I'm willing to risk being wrong about."

Rachel Held Evans

With you in Easter

Rob