

# THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2017

## KAIROS

There is a prayer I turn to at the beginning of each new year. It was written by the acclaimed Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, and is included in a book of his collected prayers titled, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

His prayer reflects upon the precious gift of time, namely *kairos*, an ancient Greek word which means, "an appointed time in the purposes of God." My friends, may we occupy our calendars with good things, holy things, eternal things in 2017. I love you all. God bless you and Happy New Year!

Our times are in your hands:

But we count our times for us;

we count our days and fill them with us,

we count our weeks and fill them with our busyness;

we count our years and fill them with our fears.

And then caught up short with your claim,

Our times are in your hands!

Take our times, times of love and times of weariness,

Take them all, bless them and break them,

give them to us again, slow paced and eager,

fixed in your readiness for neighbor.

Occupy our calendars,

Flood us with itsy-bitsy, daily *kairoi*,

in the name of your fleshed *kairos*.

Amen.

## TAKING DOWN THE GREENS

Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 am

On the first Saturday of January, we are in need of volunteers to take down and store our Christmas decorations. Donuts, milk, and juice will be provided beforehand. Please help out if you can!

## INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS

Sunday, January 8th at 10:30 am

All members and friends of Park are encouraged to be in worship on the second Sunday of 2017 as we install our officers, elders, and deacons for the new year. Also, following the worship service, the elders and deacons will have a brief organizational meeting led by Pastor Lee.

## 13TH FILM & DISCUSSION

Wednesday, January 25th at 5:30 pm

We recently received an invitation from Floyds Knobs Christian Church to join them in viewing and discussing a new documentary film, "13th." The film explores issues of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States.

The group will meet at FKCC on three consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on January 25 at 5:30 pm. Sessions will last approximately an hour and a half. Members of our Book Club have agreed to participate, and we would like to have some additional attendees as well. If you are interested, please see Pastor Lee for more details.

## SERVING IN JANUARY

### DEACONS

Charles Jantzen

Ann Jantzen

Warren Nash

Matt Nash

Corey Rattliff

Don Murray

Scotty Lay

Preparing Communion: Becky Wise

### ELDERS

01—Ruth Proctor (B) & Bryan Condra (C)

08—Joe Bradley (B) & Gary Jacobi (C)

15—Karen Crockett (B) & Donna Poe (C)

22—Florence Cotner (B) & Donna Nash (C)

29—Dawn Crawford (B) & Karen Davidenkoff (C)

### YCM LEADERS

Sunday School K-4    N/A

Junior Church Pre-K    Rachel Stephans

Junior Church K-6    Dawn Crawford



## HOPE SOUTHERN INDIANA

January is our month to help replenish the food pantry at Hope Southern Indiana. After the holiday season, they have a great need for non-perishable food items, so please help fill the Hope boxes in the hallway to overflowing! Specific requests include: canned fruit, beans, peas, canned or frozen fruit juice, cereal, rice, pasta, creamy peanut butter, and zip-lock bags.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: 7—Jean Jakob; 11—D.J. Kallbreier; 13—Phillip Haag; 14—Cecilia Nash, Cooper Nash; 15—Bette Lay, Earl Schultz; 16—Chrystal Hatfield; 17—Chad Condra, Raul Rodriguez; 24—Patrick Huckleberry; 30—Warren Nash

ANNIVERSARIES: N/A

# January 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	2 *Church Office Closed	3 6:00 pm Zumba	4 6:00 pm Chimes Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	5 9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack	6 9:00 am Zumba	7 10:00 am Taking Down the Greens
8 Installation of Congregational Leaders	9	10 6:00 pm Zumba	11 6:00 pm Chimes Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	12 9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack	13 9:00 am Zumba	14 9:30 am Prayer Blanket Ministry
15	16 MLK, JR. DAY 5:00 pm Open Table Dinner	17 6:00 pm Zumba	18 6:00 pm Book Club 6:00 pm Chimes Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	19 9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack	20 9:00 am Zumba 12:30 pm Gathering & Sharing at Hope	21
22	23	24 6:00 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Board Meeting	25 5:30 pm 13th Film at FKCC 6:00 pm Chimes Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	26 9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack	27 9:00 am Zumba	28
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## SUPER SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, February 5th at 12:00 pm

On the first Sunday of February, Super Bowl Sunday, you are invited to wear your favorite team jersey to church and stick around for a soup lunch following the morning worship service. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board to bring soup, a side dish, and/or a dessert. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$1 per child to help us wrap up our "25 for 25" Capital Campaign. Hope to see you there!

## MILLERS FOLLY BLUEGRASS BAND

Sunday, February 12th at 10:30 am

On the second Sunday of February, we are in for a real treat! Millers Folly, a local bluegrass band, will be playing during our morning worship service. Pastor Lee is a good friend of the band's leader, Roger Miller, and they are both delighted this opportunity came together.

In the past few years, Millers Folly has performed at a number of local venues, including last year's Harvest Homecoming Festival in New Albany. In lieu of compensation for their appearance, the band has asked that we receive a special offering for Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC). Don't miss what promises to be a unique and inspirational Sunday at Park!

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm

On the last Tuesday of February, come to church and enjoy a deliciously fattening meal of pancakes, bacon, and biscuits before the beginning of Lent. The mighty men of Park will be preparing and serving the food, so mark your calendars and take part in this feast of food and friendship!

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend this mid-week worship service that marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The service will include responsive readings, scripture, a pastoral meditation, and the imposition of ashes on the forehead. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls the Israelites' forty years in the desert and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

To every thing  
there is a  
season and a time  
to every purpose  
under heaven  
Ecclesiastes 3

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