



The Messenger

message from REVEREND TRISH

Greetings, Friends!

Several questions have been popping in through my office door—some overtly, and a few through the proverbial grapevine. So, I thought I'd take a moment to answer a few of the most common questions and see where we go from there!

1. How are you settling in? Thanks for asking! I am almost 100% settled. It took me 20 of the most nerve-wracking minutes to figure out how to turn the lights off in my office—so anything I accomplished after that debacle, felt like a win! 😊 I am however, still learning your names. I'm trying . . . REALLY, I am! But there's about 120 of you, and one of me, and you all keep changing clothes! Seriously though, it has been a joy to learn parts of your story and begin to see how engaged and in love with this church you are! You inspire me!

2. What are your office hours? First, let me answer this question by saying this: No-body ever spread the gospel by sittin' in their office! So now that I'm getting a bit more settled, you're going to start seeing me away from my office more: visiting our shut-ins, doing hospital visits, making myself available to the community, attending Regional functions, meeting with your ministry chairs, etc.

I will do my best to be in the office for an extended period, Sunday through Wednesday, while Thursday and Saturday will be floating days. Friday will always be my day off.

I know that's a confusing answer. The bottom line is: I like being with you! So if you make an appointment, I will be here!

3. Will you be doing hospital visits? Yes! But, we also *share* the responsibility of caring for the whole body of Christ! So, you can anticipate also receiving a visit from one of your Servants United (our Elder and Deacon ministry team) leaders. And just a reminder: if you are admitted to the hospital, please have a family member, friend, or the hospital chaplain contact the church office. (Because of strict confidentiality laws, hospitals do *not* contact churches with member updates.) We want to be in prayer with you during your time of need.

4. Are you going to share your phone number? Yes! I would always encourage you to call the church office first: 816-842-2341. In an emergency, please don't hesitate to call my cell at: 816-785-4931 (I receive texts as well). If there is a less pressing need after regular office hours, you may email me at revtrish@fccnkc.org. I check my email regularly and will reply as quickly as possible.

One thing I value is transparency! So if you ever have a question, please don't hesitate to come right out and ask me or your dedicated Board Moderator, Kay Lunsford. God is at work in our little corner of the world and I am so thankful. I get to walk with you through this journey!!

Peace, rev trish+

the people come JANUARY

They Came and They Gave

Attendance	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/8</u>	<u>1/15</u>	<u>1/22</u>
Worship	76	81	0	117
Sunday School	15	29	0	34
Tithing	3701	6051	0	5790

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



- Family and friends of Tammy Shaver
- Family and friends of Hilah Allison
- Karen Cason, daughter of Ilene Blogin
- Joann Preston
- Jackie Stewart
- Valerie Lipari
- Bud Mosby
- Hannah Neilson
- John Smith
- Roberta Lowman
- Eddie Davis
- Beverly Sue Ryan
- Jim Holladay
- Darlene Logan
- Sam Lane
- Karen Norton
- Jim Willett
- Betty Sue Cliff
- Maria, Veronica Lara's cousin
- Jeff Tennant
- David, Nancy Tennant's brother
- Nancy Tennant
- David Edds, Veronica Lara's uncle
- Johnny Cliff
- Carl Neilson
- Helen Kerby
- Greg Clapper
- Emmie Stewart

Please notify the office for any updates or corrections regarding prayer requests.

the people serve FEBRUARY

Assistant Tellers

- 5 Dennis Kenslow
- 12 Pat Hodges
- 19 Joann Blackburn
- 26 Marty Burke

to the CONGREGATION

Announcements

Boy Scout News



There will be a Boy Scout Court of Honor at 6:00 pm on Saturday, February 4th. All are welcome to come share in this celebration of achievement.

Scout Sunday is February 5th. Boy Scout Troop 301 will participate in the service with a flag ceremony. If you have scout attire, please consider wearing it in support.

Bible Cafe



Bible Cafe will NOT meet during the month of February, but will resume in March. Make plans now to join the food, fellowship, and study beginning March 5!

Combined Service of Installation



Please join us for the installation of our new minister, Reverend Patricia Winters on February 26th. There will be one service this day at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome for this happy occasion.

Inclement Weather Reminder



If school is cancelled in the NKC School District due to inclement weather, the church office and NAC will also be closed.

Save the Date—Ash Wednesday



Join us at 6:30 pm on March 1st for a contemplative service of worship and imposition of ashes.

Food Label Collection



Please continue to save Best Choice and Campbell's bar codes for Woodhaven. In December, we mailed 419 Best Choice & 150 Campbell's labels.

There has been a change in this program by Campbell's—Campbell's will only count barcodes that have the Labels for Education logo (shown above) on them. This may limit our contributions, but are added to others and help Woodhaven.

Outreach Update

TEAM COMPASSION—On July 25th, 2016, a group of women gathered in Bethany Hall with a vision. Our goal was to construct feminine hygiene kits for young girls in Jamaica. These young girls miss a week of education every month during their menstrual cycle because there is no form of protection available. The kit consists of a bag and three reusable pads that can be laundered.

We announced our project plan and requested the need for bath towels, sheets, absorbent fabric, sewing machines and any supplies related to sewing. The supplies started pouring in, plus individual monetary help.

Starting this project from the ground presented us with a few structural and monetary obstacles. Our church came forward with a donation from the Sandra Berger Fund that provided us with mats, snap presses, scissors, required protective fabric, fabric for bags, etc. Structurally, Team Compassion is working on perfecting our product and has come a long way.

We are so very proud of this group of dedicated volunteers—great big thanks to Helen and Eddie Davis, Lois Kuhlman, Sheila Schmidt, Maurine Gardner, Ilene Blogin,

Donna Thompson, Pat Roberts, Nancy Tennant, Karen Kennedy, Nancy Lee, Louise Jones, and Dennis and Edna Kenslow. They gave 545 hours in 2016!

Team Compassion's mission is an ongoing project to build a surplus of kits available when and where needed. We are inviting interested groups to join us in constructing these kits. A group in Iowa will be talking with us in February, and Rev. Trish has a contact/person also interested.

Team Compassion is proud to report that as of January 21st, we turned over 300 Feminine Hygiene Kits to the Jamaica Medical Mission that will depart February 11th, 2017. Thank you for your support in whatever way it may have been.

FCC-NKC was busy in 2016 with a variety of Outreach projects. As outreach projects are developed for 2017 by the incoming committee, let us remember those other, quiet, but always active projects that reach out to our community, like:

Micah Cakes—Quarterly, we bake, deliver and 'plate' up to 50 cakes for the Monday evening meal hosted by Micah Ministry at Independence Boulevard Christian church.

Northland Assistance Center (NAC)—With the NAC located in our building, it is easy to bring food donations anytime we come to church. And don't forget to bring those ever-multiplying plastic shopping bags!

Hospice Snacks—Ellen Fisher and the Lane family have created a simple opportunity to make a difficult time a little easier. There's a basket outside the nursery to collect individually wrapped snacks that are delivered monthly to the Hospice House at NKC Hospital.

Hot Dog Ministry—our 'signature' ministry! Every Wednesday during the school year, a hotdog lunch is prepared and served to anyone who shows up hungry, which, being a block from the high school, is mostly students! And when school is not in session, a hot, nourishing meal is still prepared and served. Talk with Dennis Kenslow or Karen Perryn if you have time to give on Wednesdays.

As Disciples of Christ, we also monetarily support four Special Day Offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) and two Special Mission Fund offerings (Week of Compassion and Reconciliation) each year.

This month, February 19th and 26th, will be the Week of Compassion offering. When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: You are here. For more information, visit weekofcompassion.org.

new this month BOARD NEWS

From the Moderator

*Jesus loves me; this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
We are weak, but He is strong.*

Sunday last brought me the blessing of William and Avery during Sunday School. We made our theme "Jesus Loves Me." We sang it, we played with it in mind, we visited about its meaning, and we simply visited as we played together. These children filled the space and time with fun, laughter, excitement, and wisdom which I breathed in and am still inspired by.

It was William who shared the day's insight with Avery and me: "You know," he said earnestly, flexing his biceps, "'strong' isn't always about muscle power. THIS 'strong' in the song is about Jesus' love power." Do you think this 7-year-old's GOT it?! And that was just the first verse! Can hardly wait for our next visit!

With thanks to William and Avery, I'm wishing each of us the Love Power that makes us Jesus strong.

February BIRTHDAYS

and Anniversaries

- 1 Emillie Boswell
Roojee Seely
- 5 Carl Shearer
Karen Todd
- 7 Jim Holladay
- 11 David Perryn
Monica McCosh
- 14 Deane & Tracy Miser
- 16 Russell Stewart
- 19 Bear Kistler
- 20 Darlene Logan
- 22 Tracy Miser
John & Stacia Perdue
- 23 Helen Davis
Nancy Lee
- 24 Zach Laughery
- 25 Millie Henderson
- 26 Marion McCormack
- 27 Lauren McCosh
- 28 Josh Morrow
Michelle Richardson
- 29 Kathryn Lane

free lunch HOT DOGS

Served in January

- 1/4 464
- 1/11 696
- 1/18 654
- 1/25 629



messages from MINISTRY

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DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Well, Bless His Strong and Wealthy Self! Ruth Gathered Up Her Gleanings! Ruth & the God Who Rocked Her World For our continuing study, *The Girl's Still Got It*, we invite you to join us in the DCC Room, February 6, at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Marty Burke (781-7881).

DEBORAH GROUP MINISTRY

The Deborah Group will meet on February 9th & 23rd, with a Social Sack Supper at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 6:30. We are studying the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life* by Joanna Weaver. Please contact Vicki Kistler (221-4513) if you have questions or would like more information.

TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

Team 1A (8:30)

Elders

Dennis Kenslow
Walt Lane
Chuck Logan
Larry Moss

Deacons

Marty Burke
Edna Kenslow—Communion Cleanup
Loren Kerby
Jana Lane—Communion Prep
Robin Lane
Rita Moss—Communion Cleanup
Ellen Stewart
Donna Thompson

Team 1B (11:00)

Larry Satterly

Dina Barbian
Paul Youtsey

February Care Calls — Vicki Kistler

February Hospital Calls—

Coffee Service for February— DCC's

LAY LEADER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders for February are:

8:30

5 Bob Seely
12 Bob Painter
19 Larry Moss
26 Rick Lunsford

11:00

Mary Hicks
Jeff Tennant
Vicki Kistler
Jason Sharpsteen

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11:00 Praise & Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
8:30 am Traditional Service
Sunday Worship Times

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