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The Effects of Gun Violence Special Guest Speaker - Rev. Sharon Risher Saturday, April 28th from 3:00-5:00 pm



Rev. Sharon Risher speaks about losing her beloved mother, two cousins, and a childhood friend in the Charleston, South Carolina shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015. Join us as she recounts her personal experience losing loved ones to gun violence, race, racism and hate in America, as well as the path to forgiveness and an offering of hope for tomorrow. Sharon has been outspoken about gun laws and is a nationally recognized speaker for such groups as Everytown and Moms Demand Gun Sense. She is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC and received her Master of Divinity Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

The East Hill Singers Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 pm

The East Hill Singers is a unique organization, founded in 1995, which is an internationally known prison chorus located at the Lansing Correctional Facility in Lansing, KS. Part of Arts in Prison, The East Hill Singers provide an opportunity for inmates to find hope and humanity.

Inmates in the minimum security unit sing alongside volunteers. They learn musical skills and literature, but they also have the opportunity to work as part of a group and are rewarded by audiences for their hard work. When asked what the East Hill Singers meant to him, one inmate replied, "Hope. Hope that I can do something good when I get out. Hope that I can be accepted back into society."



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Jeffrey C. Clayton, Pastor
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Mark Ball,
Director of Music/Organist
Lynn Tolson, Church Secretary

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for **Bob Andersen** who is recuperating from recent surgery.
 Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins, and Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.

New Name for Craft Circle

The Thursday craft circle has a new name! It is **Tabitha Craft Circle**. Members chose the name of a woman in the Bible that enjoyed sewing. A good name for our love of any type of crafts.

Our thanks goes out to all that knitted or crocheted red scarves for our new project. So far we have a total of 20 beautiful warm scarves to give to heart patients when they are dismissed from Overland Park Regional Hospital. We might repeat this project in the Fall. Don't want another meeting, this would be a good home project for those who love to do handwork.

Thanks so much for helping our first project go so well. God Bless!

April Mission Emphasis-Community LINC

Community LINC is an organization working to end family homelessness. They have provided temporary shelter and support services to families for 27 years, and have helped end homelessness for thousands of people. They could use our support with the following donations:
 - queen and twin bedding sets
 - blankets
 - kitchenware
 - towels and wash cloths
 - small appliances
 The Little Red Wagon awaits your generosity. Thank you on behalf of Community LINC.



There's still time to donate to One Great Hour of Sharing Help us reach our \$9,000 goal.

Thank You!

Many thanks for the expressions of sympathy as Harriette moved on, and all of the efforts of our members. and staff, Jeff, Karen, Mark, and Lynn. The reception and meal by the Deacons and Family Life were exceptional. And Mark and the choir helped fill that sound of music. We (and many others) commented on Jeff's masterfully weaving the words to "Sound of Music" into Harriette's story, or was it the other way around. Moreover, Jeff and Mark had double duty again at Lakeview.

Bob Coughenour and Family

Thank you so much for all your care and concern as I recovered from a fall, surgery and rehab. Your prayers, cards, and visits were very uplifting during my recovery. I'm happy to be home.

Marcia Staples



HARVESTERS

Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, May 8.

Meet at church at **9:30 am** to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00. I am going to request a tour of the facility for our May workday, so we will probably not be back at church until 1:00. Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell), pnitsche@kc.rr.com if you would like to join us on May 8.



COMING SOON... Cards created by SPW (photos by Sam Lutz)

SPW is proud to announce we will soon have two beautiful cards created just for you! One is a 4"x 5.5" notecard with a beautiful photo of our hanging cross against the bright skylight, and the second card is a beautiful 5"x 7" Christmas card with our Chrismon tree central. The cards have been created in limited quantities and will be sold in quantities of 10 with envelopes (notecards \$7 and Chrismon cards \$15). Watch for a sales table in the front entry very soon, and begin your holiday shopping before the crowds. All proceeds benefit the mission work of SPW.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Apr. 15 - Endowment
 Apr. 22 - IHN
 Apr. 29 - Evangelism
 May 6 - C.E.

ATTENDANCE

Mar.	25	30 (Morning Light)
		114 (11:00 am)
Apr.	1	80 (Morning Light)
		224 (11:00 am)
Apr.	8	29 (Morning Light)
		99 (11:00 am)



SEEKERS CLASS – Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the NE dining room

April 22 - Screwtape Letters, led by MARK BALL

Professor Ash guides readers how to read and interpret the main themes in The Screwtape Letters' imaginative take on hell, written from the perspective of demons fighting God's work in the world. Sections: Imaginative Depictions of Judgment, Reading The Screwtape Letters, Concluding The Screwtape Letters.

April 29 - Narnia Part 1, led by RUTH DAVIDSON 4/29

Professor Ash details the background to the Narnia series and discusses in more detail the “big three” Narnia books that correspond to the key biblical stories of creation, Christ's death and resurrection, and the end times. Sections: Background to the Chronicles of Narnia, The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Last Battle.

May 6, 13, 20 May Movie Weeks

Join us as we view the movie “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” during the first three weeks of May. Prepare to enter another world with the C.S. Lewis timeless and beloved adventure.

INQUIRING SPIRITS CLASS – Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the NW dining room

Starting April 15, the Inquiring Spirits will begin a study of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is the fourth Gospel in the New Testament. It contains a variety of statements and information about Jesus not contained in the Synoptic Gospels. While John's content may be unique, he presents a different side of Jesus that is complimentary to the other three Gospels and helps provide its readers with a clearer understanding of his divinity and pre-existence.

Year of the Bible – March questions

1. How does Israel determine when to move to a new location in the wilderness?
2. In what city does Paul find an altar dedicated “to an unknown god”?
3. Why is Miriam struck with leprosy?
4. When a plague of serpents strikes the people as retribution for their sin, what does Moses do to bring them relief?
5. In Israel, could a father's inheritance ever pass to his daughter?
6. Who tips off the Roman authorities about the plot against Paul's life in Jerusalem?
7. What provision was made in the law for a person who killed another person accidentally?
8. Moses is permitted only to observe the Promised Land from a mountaintop. Who will lead the people when they enter it?
9. What situation is Paul in when the book of Acts ends?
10. What basic principle does the psalmist suggest for those who wish to have a long life?
11. According to the Law, in cases where the death penalty is to be assessed, what persons are to take the lead in the execution?
12. Paul writes that Abraham is the ancestor of people who are linked to him not primarily by circumcision, but by what?
13. While “the wages of sin” is death, according to Paul, what does God offer freely because of Christ? (Answers on back page.)



ENDOWMENT FORUM

On Sunday, April 15, the Endowment Committee will host a forum during the Church School hour in Fellowship Hall. They will review the basics of the endowment, some of the projects that earnings from the endowment have paid for, and ways for members to contribute to the endowment. Our Legacy Society is growing due to the generosity of Southminster members like you. With chaos in Washington and volatility on Wall Street, what is our strategy for safeguarding the church's savings? Join us Sunday and find out. Roasterie coffee will be perking as well as your Endowment Committee. And because we are Presbyterian, there will be something to munch on. See you Sunday!



Summer Camps at Heartland Presbyterian Center

Heartland Presbyterian Center, near Parkville, Missouri, offers a wonderful summer camp experience for children who have completed the 2nd grade through senior high youth. Check out the website www.heartlandcamps.org and register online. Your C.E. Committee has scholarships for Southminster members equal to one-half of the registration fee (maximum \$250). They will bill us at the end of the season for this amount for each camper (so make your payments ½ of fee or up to maximum \$250 less than total). Please let the C.E. Committee know of your questions or interest (Madeline Dasch, chair or Pastor Karen).



**SPW "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"
Scheduled JULY 14TH,
8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Remember: SPW fundraisers support mission projects in our community and around the world.

GET ON BOARD TO MAKE SOME ARTS & CRAFTS FOR THE SALE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9-11 A.M. at the church in the fellowship hall and kitchen. Several projects to work on – mixing/rolling/cutting/ baking doggie treats, gift tags for packages, candy cane reindeer, folk art painting (wear paint shirt), and more. Some of these can be done by children.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 4-6 P.M. at the church in the fellowship hall. Several projects planned so far and others to come – felted ornaments, sock snowmen, holiday pins.

Answers – March

1. Israel moves to a new location in the wilderness when the cloud no longer remains over the Tabernacle.
2. Paul finds an altar "to an unknown god" in Athens.
3. Miriam is struck with leprosy because she, in jealousy, speaks against Moses.
4. To save the people from the serpents, Moses sets up a bronze image on a pole.
5. A daughter could receive her father's inheritance if there were no living sons.
6. Paul's nephew hears of a plot against Paul and informs the Roman authorities.
7. To avoid retribution for killing someone accidentally, a person could flee to one of the "cities of refuge" designated by the law.
8. Since Moses may not enter the Promised Land, the people will be led into it by Joshua.
9. When the book of Acts ends, Paul is under house arrest in Rome awaiting trial.
10. The psalmist suggests that a primary way to secure a long life is to live a morally good life.
11. In cases of the death penalty, the Law prescribes that the witnesses against the accused must take the lead in the execution.
12. For Paul, Abraham is ancestor first of all of those who have faith.
13. The wages of sin is death, but God's free gift in Christ is eternal life.



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