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SEAN CHEN PIANIST

IN RECITAL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
5:00 P.M.

Mr. Chen is currently living in Kansas City, where he is the Artist-in-Residence at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. His wife, Betty, is a violinist in the Kansas City Symphony.

This concert is free and open to the public.

TRUNK or Treat

**Trunk or Treat and
Chili Cook-off
Sunday, October 28th
5:00-7:00 pm**

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**The MESSENGER**  
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**NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS:  
 SAFEHOME**

**SAFEHOME’S MISSION is to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children by providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education in our community.**

**SAFEHOME provides shelter and community services for over 7000 individuals yearly helping them lead more healthy lives.**

**A list of MOST NEEDED ITEMS will be inserted in the Church Bulletins during November. Please take a copy with you as you do your shopping, and help us help those who are so desperately in need.**

**For more SAFEHOME information go to [safehome-ks.org](http://safehome-ks.org)**



**Pledge Dedication  
 Sunday  
 October 28**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
 SPW HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPTIONS  
 COMING SOON**

- NUTS** - beginning 10/28, bring your checkbook to order yummy nuts and candies for holiday baking and gifting! Deliveries will be 11/4, 11/18 (in time for Thanksgiving), and 12/2 (helpful for Christmas). Over half of the items on our order form will have lower prices this year! Isn't that nutty?
- CHRISTMAS CARDS** - two beautiful cards for sale: 4"x 5.5" notecard (10/\$7) featuring our hanging sanctuary cross; and 5"x 7" Christmas card (10/\$15) with our Chrismon tree.
- HOLIDAY POP-UP STORE** - The Christmas-in-July train is making a second stop on Sunday, November 4th, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will find some lovely holiday gifts, crafts and décor.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**  
 The Christian Sympathy of the church is extended to the family of **Bob Andersen** upon his death. Prayers for **Chris McDonald** who is recovering from recent shoulder surgery. Prayers for **Lloyd Kirk** as he continues his recovery. Prayers for **DeAnn Warner** as she continues her recovery from a recent hospitalization. Prayers for **Carol Turecek** who is recuperating from recent surgery. Continued prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gelbach, Bill Kadyk, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins,** and **Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.



**HARVESTERS**  
 Our next day for working at Harvesters is **Tuesday, November 13.** Meet at church at **9:30 am** to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00. Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell) , [pnitsche@kc.rr.com](mailto:pnitsche@kc.rr.com) if you would like to join us on November 13. Hope you can join us.

**A Thankful Offering**  
 As we enter the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, Presbyterian Women are asked to join together in offering a special gift thru their annual Thank Offering. Beginning November 4<sup>th</sup> the congregation will receive information on how the offering will be used for 16 grants to ministries around the world that serve people in need. We as a church have much to be thankful for and can express our thanks by contributing to the offering our Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring.

*From the Pastor...*

## ***A Great Cloud of Witnesses***

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...*

--Hebrews 12:1

Spiritual writer and teacher, Henri Nouwen wrote of an experience he had in Peru at a cemetery on All Saints' Day. When he entered the cemetery he said that there were literally thousands of people gathered around the graves of their loved ones. They had spread blankets on the ground, covered with bananas and oranges and *urpo*, a special kind of bread baked especially for that day. Walking to and fro through the cemetery were pairs of "praying boys" who would approach and ask if they could be permitted to pray at the grave of the deceased family member. Nouwen said the sound of the earnestly praying boys was "a strangely pleasant rhythm that seemed to unite all that was happening into one great prayer." After the boys finished praying, they would open their sacks to receive their compensation for the prayers—a banana, a few cookies, a piece of cake. This scene was repeated over and over again throughout the cemetery.

Nouwen made this observation about his experience:

*In front of my eyes I saw how prayers became food and food became prayers. I saw how little boys who had to struggle to survive received life from the dead, and how the dead received hope from the little children who prayed for the salvation of their souls. I saw a profound communion between the living and the dead, an intimacy expressed in words and gestures whose significance easily escapes our practical and often skeptical minds.*

The three day celebration encompassing All Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day is one of the feasts of the Christian year. It is marked by a reverence for and remembrance of those who have died in the faith and gone before us into the communion of saints. Every year at this time, we observe this ancient feast of the church by lifting up those from our own community of faith who have died in the Lord since the last feast observance.

There are two opportunities for you to participate in this meaningful Christian spiritual practice. On Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints' Day, we will have a quiet meditative vespers service in the chapel at 6:00 pm. This service has been especially meaningful for family members who have lost someone in the last year. It is open to all who wish to participate. On Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather to worship God with beautiful worship that focuses on the meaning of All Saints' Day in the Christian year. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction. As you come forward to receive the gifts of bread and cup from Christ, you will have an opportunity, if you wish, to light a memorial votive candle for someone special to you who has died and joined the communion of saints. In this way, we connect the communion we share with Christ in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints that surrounds and inspires us to dedication and perseverance in our faith day by day. Please plan to join us for this meaningful time.



# November



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|                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                         |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                        | <b>1</b><br>6:00 pm All Saints' Vespers<br>6:30 pm Family Life Christian Ed.<br>7:00 pm B & G Evangelism<br>Heartland Ringers                   | <b>2</b>                                                                                                          | <b>3</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>4</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Sean Chen Piano Recital<br>6:00 pm Youth Group | <b>5</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace<br><br><b>Messenger Items Due</b>    | <b>6</b><br>9:00 am SPW Board Meeting<br>6:15 pm Sing & Shout<br><br><b>Election Day</b>                                    | <b>7</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir  | <b>8</b><br>1:00 pm Tabitha Craft Circle<br>7:00 pm Worship<br>Heartland Ringers                                                                | <b>9</b>                                                                                                          | <b>10</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>11</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Club 4-5-6, Youth Choir                       | <b>12</b><br>6:00 pm Personnel<br>7:00 pm Stewardship<br>Bells of Peace | <b>13</b><br>9:30 am Harvesters<br>6:15 pm Sing & Shout<br>7:00 pm Deacons                                                  | <b>14</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm Administration<br>7:00 pm Session<br>Heartland Ringers                                                                     | <b>16</b>                                                                                                         | <b>17</b><br>9:00 am <b>PRESBYTERY</b><br>(Interserv Agency, St. Joseph, MO)                                           |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>11:00 am Worship                                                          | <b>19</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace                                     | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am Lakeview<br>6:15 pm Sing & Shout<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir                                              | <b>21</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers                          | <b>22</b><br><br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br>11/22-11/23 | <b>23</b>                                                                                                         | <b>24</b><br>9:00 am Journey Set-up                                                                                    |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>11:00 am Worship                                                          | <b>26</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace<br><br><b>Messenger Items Due</b>   | <b>27</b><br>6:30 am Rachel Circle<br>9:30 am Esther Circle<br>7:00 pm Evening Circle<br>Journey Rehearsal (Scene Specific) | <b>28</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | <b>29</b><br>6:30 pm Journey Dress Rehearsal                                                                                                    | <b>30</b><br>4:30 pm Arrive-get in costume<br>5:45 pm Cast Meeting (Nazareth)<br>6:00-8:00 pm Journey Performance | <b>12/1</b><br>4:00 pm Arrive-get in costume<br>5:00 - 8:00 pm Journey Performance<br>8:00 pm Strike sets and clean up |



# Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, November 30, 2018 -- 6-8 pm  
 Saturday, December 1, 2018 -- 5-8 pm

Many folks have graciously and enthusiastically accepted a role in Southminster's 34<sup>th</sup> production of Journey to Bethlehem. Unbelievably it is just 6 weeks away! If you have a desire to be involved in some way, please contact Ruth Ann Unruh, (913) 486-5294, [merriamunruh@aol.com](mailto:merriamunruh@aol.com), Tammie Calkins, (913) 441-0525, [ctcalkins2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ctcalkins2001@yahoo.com), or Pam Nitsche, (913) 831-2262, [pnitsche@kc.rr.com](mailto:pnitsche@kc.rr.com). There is a place for everyone who wants to be involved. **AND WE NEED YOU!**

As many of us focus on the details of the production let us also aspire to our larger goal: to bring a message of hope to a fearful world just as it was over 2000 years ago. *Journey to Bethlehem* is a mission project, a gift we give to our community. Producing it means committing time and energy, sometimes giving up other events and agendas. Reward comes in the doing and the enrichment through giving.

Please make sure you mark the following dates on your calendar.

|          |             |      |                                                         |
|----------|-------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | November 24 | 9:00 | Setup. Light lunch will be served.                      |
| Tuesday  | November 27 | 7:00 | Scene-Specific Rehearsal.                               |
| Thursday | November 29 | 6:30 | Dress rehearsal. Dressed and in narthex by 7:00.        |
| Friday   | November 30 | 4:30 | Arrive at church.                                       |
|          |             | 5:45 | Meet in Nazareth for cast meeting prior to performance. |
|          |             | 6:00 | Performance.                                            |
| Saturday | December 1  | 4:00 | Arrive at church.                                       |
|          |             | 5:00 | Performance.                                            |
|          |             | 8:00 | Strike sets and clean up.                               |

When Journey to Bethlehem was getting started, the Southminster Session approved this mission statement and, in 2018, it is helpful to reflect upon it once again.

*Journey to Bethlehem* was conceived and created as a gift from the people of Southminster Presbyterian Church to all who enter. As a gift, it arrives with no strings attached. We of Southminster, the givers, make this pledge:

*We gather to make the best gift possible, setting aside personal agendas in the process. Recognizing that we each have a talent to share, we each and all agree to make the best and most needed contribution we can; we recognize that in the giving comes the receiving. We, the givers of Journey to Bethlehem, agree to build the best possible gift we can and, with joy and gratitude, present it to all who enter to receive.*



## SPW News...

- The next board meeting will be **November 6** at 9:00 am
- **Tabitha Craft Circle**- November 8 at 1:00 pm
- **2nd Saturday Breakfast**- November 10 at 9:00 am at Eggtc, 7182 Renner Rd., Lenexa, KS
- **October 28-Nut Sale Begins**
- **October 30-Black Cat Auction**, 5:30 pm at Mary Jorgenson's



## SPIRITS AND GHOSTS

### BLACK CAT AUCTION/ WOMEN OF CANA

TUESDAY OCT. 30, 5-8 PM

JORGENSON'S HOUSE

1213 WEST 58<sup>TH</sup> STREET, KCMO

- Drinks and hors d'oeuvres followed by a chance to bid on a package that catches your eye.
- Come with a wrapped gift(s) (approximately \$5 or something handmade)
- All proceeds to support Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

## November Birthdays

- 1 - Bob Lake, Gretta Ross,
- 3 - Bob Coughenour,
- 5 - Kristen Thorpe
- 6 - Anne Marie Kauffman
- 7 - Nick Treaster,
- 8 - Bob Andersen  
Julie Potter  
Marilyn Wheeler
- 11 - Jean Kimmel,
- 12 - Michael Cunningham
- 13 - Logan Mitts,  
Andrew Moran,
- 14 - Emma Potter,
- 15 - Melinda Lewis,  
Jennifer Stathas
- 16 - Hugh Smith
- 17 - Liz Birch,  
Melissa Winters,
- 18 - Marge Reid
- 20 - Al Ross,  
Hallie Amstein
- 22 - Lisle Kauffman,  
Michelle Frost
- 23 - Benjamin Ellis
- 24 - Hannah Newkirk
- 26 - Lucy Dozier
- 27 - Bryan Johnson,
- 30 - Virginia Lewis



## Adult Classes

### SEEKERS CLASS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the east dining rooms

- 10/28 – Come hear an important message for us about the **New Poor People’s Campaign**, guest leader Eric Garbison. The NEW Poor People’s Campaign has started again 50 years after the first campaign with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The campaign draws attention to the myriad causes that affect America’s poor. Garbison will discuss issues such as poverty, racism and voter suppression.
- 11/4 – **Living into Belhar Confession** with Ruth Davidson. The Belhar Confession is the newest addition to our Book of Confessions, and calls us to act according to the gospel of Jesus Christ and a vision of unity, justice and reconciliation, especially in light of racial prejudice and injustices.
- 11/11 – Come look at the work of the **General Assembly (PCUSA)** and welcome commissioner Jo Randolph. Jo represented Heartland Presbytery at the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, this past June. Learn what important work is happening in our church.
- 11/18 – **Spreading Christianity: In the Footsteps of Columba and Cuthbert**, with leadership from the Rev. Edward Thompson. Join us as we trace the influence of two early Christian disciples – Irish Saints Saint Columba and Saint Cuthbert. Hear about the early roots of mission – Who? Where? What?
- 11/25 – You are invited to attend an all-church-school forum on “Journey Sunday” in the sanctuary north transept as we welcome Tucker Poling, co-sponsor (with Rev. Chad Herring) of the new NDO (**Non Discrimination Ordinance for Prairie Village, Kansas**). This is an important ordinance to bring about inclusion in our city.



### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- Oct. 28 - Stewardship
- Nov. 4 - Mexico Mission
- Nov. 11 - Deacons
- Nov. 18 - IHN

### ATTENDANCE

|      |    |                    |
|------|----|--------------------|
| Oct. | 14 | 19 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 119 (11:00 am)     |
| Oct. | 21 | 19 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 161 (11:00 am)     |



RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

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