

# THE MESSENGER

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*Our mission is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all people  
as a racially diverse congregation, through worship, service, education, and fellowship.*

## JANUARY, 2012

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From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

### Welcoming a Guiding Vision in the New Year

*What does God need from us, the people of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church,  
to fulfill God's mission in the world today?*

*"If the Church is to impart to the world a message of hope and love, of faith, justice, and peace,  
Something of this should become visible, audible, and tangible in the church itself."*

During the last several months, the Vision Panel here at KHPC has been wrestling with the question you see posted above. The Vision Panel members (Sue Imhausen, Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith, Duane Holm, Jim Walker, Mary Kamp, Janet Langhorst, Lydia Morgan, Sue Kitchen, and Hart Edmonds) have met regularly for several months to listen to each other, but also to listen to the stirring of God's Spirit in our hearts and minds. **What does God need KHPC to do and to be in response to God's dream for us as a congregation?**

It isn't often the case that we consider God's dreams for us, but the whole story of faith captured in biblical stories from Genesis to Revelation is about God's dream for us and how we are called to be a servant people in the world. In late January, the Vision Panel will present a *Guiding Vision* for KHPC to try on for size, to pray over and discuss, and to respond to as a whole body. The main intent of these efforts is to become a **Future-Oriented Community of Hope and Vision: Outstretched Toward the Future.**

While the Journey of Transformation these last 2 years has involved many experiences and opportunities to learn in bible study, holy conversation, and worship, **remember that the primary purpose of this journey is the cultivation of Christian community as a living witness to the world God loves so passionately!**

As the Season of Advent makes clear, God's people are claimed by hope. I have yet to serve a congregation facing challenges that moved beyond its stuckness without the guidance and support of leaders and members who seek to inspire hope in others. **Hope sees the door is set open by God, and that God does not close the door to those who seek to follow the Living Lord, Jesus Christ.**

In the coming weeks, I invite you to reflect on the difference between **Hopefulness and Hopelessness** as outlined by Dr. Peter Steinke in his timely book "A Door Set Open".

## **HOPEFULNESS**

Stirs imagination  
Has the capacity to wait  
Expands horizons  
Is able to influence events  
Creates a sense of buoyancy

## **HOPELESSNESS**

Shrinks the radius of possibility  
Becomes restless or apathetic  
Minimizes options  
Resigns to existing conditions  
Loses heart, no spirit

## **HOPEFULNESS**

Believes God is present in this moment  
Energizes  
Remembers the future  
Looks for outside help & networks  
Searches for a future benefit

## **HOPELESSNESS**

Believes God's best work is over  
Suspends actions and decisions  
Feels stuck in present circumstances  
Withdraws from interaction  
Lives as if the future is a dead end

The origin of the word *hope* some assert is traced to the German *hop*, which means "leaping expectations." Imagine that! Hope is an exuberant response, particularly when things are in reverse, in decline, and in despair. In the movie *Zorba the Greek*, a wealthy man loses his profitable business and turns to his friend Zorba, and says, "Zorba, teach me to dance." In other words, "Zorba, teach me to leap, to see beyond ground zero- essentially, to hope again." That sums up the work of the Vision Panel and our Journey of Transformation these last 2 years, in effect, to hope again!

May God Speak Clearly To Us All in the Coming New Year!

**Pastor Hart**

Pastor Hart Edmonds

## **NOTES FROM KHPC SESSION MEETING, NOVEMBER**

KHPC Session met at their regular time on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. After a brief discussion of how the study of the Extravagant Generosity guide was meaningful to individual members, the group continued to discuss the future steps in this stewardship program. The objective of Extravagant Generosity is to transform the culture of the church from fundraising to generosity as a cored value of discipleship and as an outcome of our Journey of Transformation. Lyn Battle will give an interim report on the result of the pledge income to the congregation on November 13. The Session approved using this same program for 2012 and will begin planning in late spring.

The Session will be responsible for the budgeting process for 2012. Various committees will work with the treasurer to determine needs. All ministries will meet with Session at their regular meeting on December 6 to establish the budget for 2012. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, which date is yet to be determined. A full financial review of the books and records is needed at the end of the fiscal year.

Two workshops are planned for the near future: one on financial planning and one on the application of the vision, both with Ray Schulte.

Committee reports were presented. The Guatemala Café netted nearly \$1000. The Mission Ministry asked permission to ask the congregation to match a \$1000 gift from the ministry for the Caring Place on December 4. The Advent party and sanctuary decorating will take place November 26. Resources reported that the planned painting is finished, the parking lot is repaved and line and a few minor repairs have been made. There will be worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in the Fellowship Hall. A review of our roles to determine the active and inactive members will take place before the New Year. Inactive status simply means the member cannot hold a church office; they are still entitled to all services of the church.

The meeting ended with prayer and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk of Session, Sue Imhausen



# KHPC MUSIC MINISTRY

JANUARY 2012

**HELP WANTED!!** If you made a New Year's Resolution to be more involved with the church, look no further!! We are in **immediate** need of ONE bell choir member as well as a long-term sub for the winter months. We also have an **ongoing** need for more singers in the choir.

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**JANUARY 1—Happy New Year!!**—Today we will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall and having brunch together afterwards, sharing traditional good luck foods from several cultures. Worship will use resources from Joyce Rupp's "Out of the Ordinary" and will also focus on Simeon and Anna. Come and celebrate the New Year!

**JANUARY 8—Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord**—Today we celebrate the Epiphany and remember Jesus' baptism, as well as our own. Communion will be celebrated and the Chancel Choir will sing "Baptism Carol" for the offertory. Today is also Presbyterian Women's Blanket Sunday—please come prepared to give generously.

**JANUARY 15—Martin Luther King Sunday**— The KHPC Kids (of all ages) will be singing their traditional "What Color is God's Skin?" Our guest speaker will be Tiffany Zents, a doctoral student at Hebrew Union College and the Presbyterian representative to MARCC. She is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church. Bring friends and join us for worship!

**JANUARY 22**—Still in the planning stages—see you in church!!

**JANUARY 29—Annual Meeting**—Following worship, we will be receiving the Vision Statement from the Vision Committee, while we look back on the previous year's work and look forward to being Christ's church in the world in the coming year.

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## REHEARSAL TIMES AND DATES FOR JANUARY

<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>	Thursdays 7:30 p.m.	January 12, 19, 26
<b>ADULT BELL CHOIR</b>	Thursdays 6:30 p.m.	January 12, 19, 26
<b>KHPC KIDS</b>	Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45	January 11, 18, 25
		<b>SING JANUARY 15</b>
<b>YOUNG RINGERS (7-12)</b>	Sundays after worship	TBA

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## KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN AT KHPC CELEBRATING THE GOOD STUFF

**“Celebrate God all day, every day.....Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”**

**(The Message Bible--Philippians 4: 4, 8-9)**

### **Recent “good news events”:**

- KHPC is Extravagantly Generous! At our special offering for the Caring Place, which was received in worship on December 4, we raised \$1056. The Mission Committee added an additional \$1000, making the total \$2056, which will make a big difference in their work this season.
- We celebrate that people are still bringing pennies in regularly to Pennies for Peace. Our current documented total stand at \$327.87, (that’s **32,787** pennies!) which puts us close to our next goal of collecting \$365. Thank you for all the donations so far and please keep the pennies coming
- We had a great response to our specific weekly from the Caring Place. Watch the bulletin, web site, and e-news for the requests for January and please continue to give generously!! Thanks to all who contributed to the Mitten Tree.
- We had wonderful Advent and Christmas worships, celebrating the True Gifts of Christmas. Thanks to the Worship Committee and the Dance and Music ensembles for their wonderful contributions to our services.
- We had a wonderful All-Church Carol Sing, followed by caroling to our shut-ins. Both the listeners and the singers were blessed by this special ministry.
- The Visioning Team is moving forward with the Vision Statement for KHPC, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.

Want to help keep the good news coming??? Visit the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall to see how you can help. Also, be sure and share YOUR good news. (or anyone else’s ☺)

# **KHPC YOUTH GROUP**

## **January 2012**

We enjoyed going to GameWorks in December, presenting one of the Advent reflections, caroling for shut-ins, cooking for IHN and leading worship at the Family Christmas Eve Service during December.

2012 is going to be an exciting year for us—we are going on a mission trip to Pennsylvania in July! We will be going to Blue Knob, PA, to work in rural ministry. This trip will be through TeamEffort and we will be gone from July 22–28. We have a lot of the money earned at this point, but will need to do some more fundraisers in order to be completely ready to go. At this point, we are taking 10 people, but there may be a few more. Your prayers for our efforts are welcome!!

January 8 Meeting and lunch after church. We will be planning our calendar for 2012, including fundraising efforts. Other dates are TBA based on this meeting.

Please mark your calendars now for the Souper Bowl which will be on February 6. Our monies collected will be divided between The Caring Place and IHN.

Youth Group is open to ALL KHPC youth--and their friends--in grades 7–12.

**REMEMBER OUR  
SHUT-INS**

**WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS,  
CARDS, CALLS, AND VISITS**

Fay Bach, Priscilla Burroughs, Lena  
Freudenberg, Eleanor Kirby, Arcenia Mason,  
Lorene Robbins, Beulah Wepler.

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**Directory Changes:**

NO DIRECTORY CHANGES THIS MONTH.

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**Thank You:**

*To Pastor Hart & my Wonderful Church Family,*  
for the visits, calls and cards, during and following  
my recent hospitalization.

*Peace and Joy,  
Sue Ann Spears*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**HOW CAN YOU HELP THE KHPC  
BUDGET FOR 2012:**

**“By paying your personal Per Capital  
Dues of \$27.00”**

Each year as members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), congregations must pay Per Capita dues on each active member of the congregation to help fund shared ministry at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels of the church. We do this because we are a connectional church. **For the year 2012, our Per Capita dues payment is set at \$27.00 (rounded number). If you are able to pay all or even a portion of that amount, it would help the budget of KHPC.** Otherwise, we will need to pay approximately \$6,000 out of our regular pledges and offerings to cover this commitment to the wider church. Each adult and confirmed youth member counts as a per capita unit. If you are able to pay the entire cost or even budget payment of a portion of the cost over a few months, this will help the budget in 2012. Beginning in January, we will post a per capita report in Fellowship Hall to chart our progress toward our goal of approximately \$6,000 in per capita payments. Prayerfully consider how you can help KHPC meet its goal in 2012.

**WISE WOMEN BOOK CLUB:**

The Wise Women Book Club will meet on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Marilyn Hedges (793-6232). Please R.S.V.P. to the Host.

**Book: The Physick Book of Deliverance - Dane**

**Author: Katherine Howe**

**WOK & Naomi Circle**

The W. O. K. and Naomi Circle will have their business meeting on Monday, January 23 at 12 noon in Room C.

**CARING PLACE WISH LIST:**

Your generous support of the Caring Place is much appreciated. In December, you may continue your support through contributions of: *(personal toiletry items for both men and women, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant. Also, the clothing closet is in great need of men's shirts and pants still, and new underwear & socks for men, women and children in all sizes. The Food Pantry welcomes any donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts. We gave 538 Christmas Baskets to families in need. Our cupboards and funds could use a helping hand. Thanks for all you do, the Caring Place!!!*

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**COMMUNITY ITEMS :**

**METALLIC MEN:**

The Metallic Men meet here at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**January 6: TBA**

**Speaker: TBA**

**January 20: TBA**

**Speaker: TBA**

**BIM BAM BOOM!**

**PB & J WINTER CONCERTS:**

What's that sound? A percussion ensemble is in town! Be prepared to be part of the action in this hands-on-concert.

**January 14 @ Wyoming Center for the Arts  
322 Wyoming Ave., (45215) 10:00 & 11:30 am**

**January 21 @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
7701 Kenwood Rd. (45236) 10 & 11:30 am**

**January 28, Mt. Washington Presbyterian  
6546 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd. (Mason, 45040)  
Special Concert Presentation at 2 pm @ Heritage  
(Tune In! for kids ages 6-12) Call: 513-381-6868.**



### **BIRTHDAYS IN january**

- 1 Mary Kamp  
Mary Lee Maier
- 5 Katlyn Mare Heath
- 13 Steven S. Kirby
- 14 Abigail "Abby" Langhorst
- 18 Gustalvia "Gus" Heath
- 22 Linda Sue Walters
- 27 Brittany Conner
- 28 Edith Patton

### **CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in january**

- 8 Isabella Battle
- 14 Allison Singleton
- 27 Ngonue Masango-Dibo
- 30 Uke Masango-Dibo



### **Parking Lot in january:**

- 1 Henry Morgan
- 8 Bob Young
- 15 Mike Hedges
- 22 Bill Brown
- 29 Clarence Herring

### **USHERS & Greeters**

#### **FOR THE MONTH OF january:**

- 1 Karen Thomas, Captain, Sue Roerdanz,  
Clarence Leatherwood, Bob Young
- 8 Jeanne Goings, Captain; Carolyn Miller,  
Mike Hedges, Janet Berger
- 15 Henry Morgan, Captain, Loren  
Billingsley, Cassey Simmons,  
David Walters
- 22 Karen Brown, Captain, Bob Kamp,  
Win and Dave Swormstedt
- 29 Jim Walker, Captain, Joey and Kate  
Furlong, Don Lane

(please call Bob Kamp, 631-4924 if unable to Usher or Greet)

### **Liturgist for january**

- 8 Mary Kamp
- 15 Jim Walker
- 22 Tracy Sheridan-Bebeau
- 29 John Lane

### **Communion servers**

- 8 Mary Kamp (liturgist)  
Don Johnson  
Sue Kitchen  
John Lane

### **BEADLES FOR JANUARY**

- 1 Rachel Smith
- 8 Anthony Wallace
- 15 Carrie Wallace
- 22 Loren Billingsley
- 29 Tyler Davis

### **COFFEE HOUR**

- 1 Hospitality Ministry
- 8 Win & Dave Swormsedt
- 15 Shirley Hoffeld & Wanda Smith
- 22 *Volunteer needed*
- 29 Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in January ,  
please call Wanda Smith @ 531-4137)



# Annual Congregational Meeting

And Luncheon:

Sunday, January 29, 2012

After Morning Worship:

We are asking that you  
bring one of the

following


Main Dish

Vegetable

Salad

Dessert

(If you are bringing a Main Dish, please call the church office, so that we can keep an accurate count. Thank you.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>"Happy New Year"</b></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship in F. H.</b></p> <p><i>Lectionary Text: Isa. 61: 10 - 62: 3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40</i></p>	2 (office closed)	3 7:30 AA in Room 7	4	5 6:00 Alabama Connection – F. H.	6 "Epiphany of the Lord" 10:00 Metallic Men – F. H.  <i>Isa. 60: 1-6; Ps. 72: 1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3: 1-12; Matt. 2: 1-12</i>	7
8 "Baptism of the Lord" 9:15 Sunday School <b>10:30 Worship – "W. O. K. Blanket Sunday"</b>  <i>Lectionary Text: Gen. 1: 1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11</i>	9 5:30 W.H.W. in 7 7:15 Caring Place Board meeting in C. P.	10 6:30 K.H.C.C. – F. H. <b>7:00 SESSION – F. H.</b> 7:30 AA in Room A	11 5:00 KHPC Kids 5:45 All Dancers	12 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 <b>Deadline for Annual Reports</b>	14 7:00 Wise Women Book Club @ Marilyn Hedges
15 "2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany" 9:15 Sunday School <b>10:30 Worship - Guest Speaker</b>  <i>Lectionary Text: I Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18; I Cor. 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51</i>	16 <b>Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.</b> (office closed)  5:30 W. H. W. in 7	17 7:30 KHCC in F.H.	18 5:00 KHPC Kids 5:45 All Dancers	19 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	20 10:00 Metallic Men – F. H.  <b>Messenger Deadline</b>	21
22 "3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany" 9:15 Sunday School <b>10:30 Worship</b>  <i>Lectionary Text: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62: 5-12; I Cor. 7: 29-31; Mark 1:14-20</i>	23 12:00 W.O.K. & Naomi Circle Business meeting in Room A brown bag lunch 5:30 W.H.W. in 7	24 7:30 AA in Room A	25 5:00 KHPC Kids 5:45 All Dancers	26 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	27	28
29 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter" 9:15 Sunday School <b>10:30 Worship – Annual Congregational Meeting &amp; Luncheon</b>  <i>Lectionary Text: Acts 17: 22-31; Ps. 66: 8-20; I Pet. 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21</i>	30 5:30 W. H. W. in 7	31 7:30 AA in Room A	<h1>JANUARY, 2012</h1> 