

# THE MESSENGER

A Publication of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church (khpesharon@fuse.net)

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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.*

## NOVEMBER, 2011

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From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

### **“Your Church Is You”**

Pastor Hart Edmonds

Recently, at a meeting of our Vision Panel, where we were discussing our thoughts about a **Guiding Vision** for the future of Kennedy Heights, I shared a statement on the meaning of the church that has guided me for many years. **Members of the Vision Panel** (Jan Goings, Sue Imhausen, Jim Walker, Martha Highsmith, Lydia Morgan, Mary Kamp, Duane Holm, Sue Kitchen, and Janet Langhorst) engaged in a spirited conversation about several aspects of this statement. Below is the text of that brief commentary on **what the “church at its best” might look like**. What do you think? Take a pen as you read the following statement about the church and underline those phrases and sentences that speak to you. Where do you find a shared affirmation? **What causes you to stop and think?**

“You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims. You take the church out of its four walls, and make it live in the everyday affairs of life. In fact, what people think of your church, they think of you.

“Some have the idea that the pastor is the church. It is true that the pastor often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship. It is the pastor’s job to know the church’s life and to act on its behalf. The pastor is your representative, but certainly not your substitute.”

“The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. Christian education is ineffective unless it comes to life in the attitude and behavior of people. Your church is measured not so much by what its leaders say as by what you do. You are the means by which the good life advocated by the church is communicated to people.”

“Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act toward others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your community. Your church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening them to a fuller life; you are the demonstration of that claim.”

“Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building. You are a cell of the living church. Without you, the church has no life.”

I’ll add a few other thoughts about what a “Guiding Vision” seeks to offer. Here is one summary: **“A vision initiates movement. Unlike writing objective mission statements, a vision involves passion, a deep emotional commitment to new possibilities. Vision energizes the church. A compelling vision will challenge modes of worship and practices of ministry; vision will draw the church toward a new future...The vision, like a magnet, draws the church into the future.”** It is important to realize that a Guiding Vision needs to avoid describing the current life of the church. Vision expresses the dynamic potential of the church at its best.

When that Guiding Vision takes shape, at least three broad expressions of our life together will be addressed, as we hear God’s call to be a people of “salt and light”.

1. A church living for the world (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5: 17-18)
2. Jesus’ vision of how we live together in right relationships (Romans 12: 1-21)
3. A model for prayer, spirituality, and servant leadership (I Peter 2:9; James 2: 14-17)

## KHPC SESSION NOTES

October 4, 2011

The Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church met on their regular date.

Reports were presented by Martha Highsmith on the huge success of the Guatemala Café which raised \$1000 to help offset costs for our three members attending the 10 day mission trip. Pastor Hart also reported on the progress of our Extravagant Generosity stewardship campaign. Letters, heart cards and devotional guides have been made available to members. Worship plans have been made; story tellers for each Sunday have been assigned; small study groups led by elders are scheduled; sitting elders have agreed to complete their pledges in advance of the October date; pledges will be received on Sunday, October 30.

The Finance Committee recommended that we engage the expertise of Ray Schulte to help determine how to deal with our negative budget issues. The group was reminded that difficult circumstances can provide rich opportunities. We are looking to reverse the current trend with creativity and new ways of thinking. The current budget is unsustainable. The motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal. There was unanimous agreement.

Other committee reports: Discipleship sought permission to once again have Trick or Treat for UNICEF at the church on October 30 during fellowship hour.

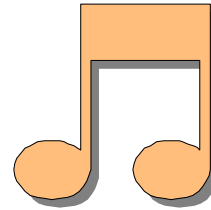
Worship committee reported that plans for dedicating the new paraments on October 23 are set. Advent, Christmas and New Year's celebration are in the works.

The clerk's and pastor's reports we heard and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next meeting is November 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Imhausen, Clerk of Session



# KHPC MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

NOVEMBER 2011

November is a busy month! Thanksgiving and Advent come together as we prepare for the changing of the seasons in worship and in our lives. It's not too late to join the groups as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas music. All groups have room for additional members—please come!!

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**NOVEMBER 6**—Today we welcome Rev. Ruth Dunn to the pulpit since Pastor Hart will be in Guatemala.

**NOVEMBER 13**—Since Pastor Hart will still be in Guatemala, we welcome back Rev. Bob Clary to the pulpit today.

**NOVEMBER 20—Thanksgiving—Christ the King** We will name and celebrate our blessings today as we also celebrate the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The Chancel Choir and Adult Bell Choirs will provide the music and the KHPC Kids will be accompanied by the Adult Bell Choir in a special anthem. .

**NOVEMBER 27—First Sunday of Advent** This year's theme will be "Gifts". We will begin our collection of mittens, hats and scarves for the Mitten Tree on this date, so please begin bringing items on this Sunday. Thanks!!

## REHEARSAL TIMES AND DATES FOR NOVEMBER

<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>	Thursdays 7:30 p.m.	November 3, 10, 17
<b>ADULT BELL CHOIR</b>	Thursdays 6:30 p.m.	November 3, 10, 17

**Bell will play on 11/20.**

<b>KHPC KIDS (K-3)</b>	Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45	November 2, 9, 16
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**NO REHEARSALS FOR ALL GROUPS THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE  
AT 5 P.M. and 10 P.M.**



## 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”:**

- The Women of Kennedy had a very successful Bazaar and Silent Auction on October 8. The net profit is still being figured, but it looks as though it will meet or surpass last year’s figure of \$2600. This will enable to the Women of Kennedy to fulfill mission plans. Thanks to everyone for your support.
- We celebrate that people are still bringing pennies in regularly to Pennies for Peace. We have a new total of \$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 have continued to have a great response to our specific monthly requests from the Caring Place. Keep up the good work and watch for each month’s special requests.
- We have another new member of the KHPC Kids—Aaliyah Carpenter.
- Allison Singleton is starting her political career early as she is now the student body vice-president of Fairview German School.
- Edith Patton was honored by the Mayor of Silverton for her service to the community as the Citizen of the Year.
- The Guatemala Café raised \$1000 for the mission trip on November 4-14. Please keep Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith and Pastor Hart Edmonds in prayer as they prepare for their trip.

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**

## **November 2011**

We enjoyed our first lock-in on October 29. We are still finalizing our mission trip details for this summer. We are possibly having a service project on November 5—see below—but we will confirm that before the date.

November 5     **Rake and Bake—Youth Group members available to rake your leaves for a donation to our mission trip. Others will be at church baking goodies for . . . .**

November 6     **Bake Sale after Worship**

November 18    **Possible Theater Night to see Anthony in his show.**

We will be most likely be assisting with the Advent Decorating Part on November 26.

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

# DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

As our Sunday School program continues this year, we are in need of more teachers (at least one) and more students - as many as we can get! The lessons are Biblically based and have started with Creation. This curriculum is engaging and intelligent, asking students to relate the lessons to their home and school life.

We have also had interest expressed to continue the practice of "Children's Church" during our worship service, beginning after the children's message. We would like to offer this for children who do not attend Sunday School during the 9:15 to 10:15 timeframe, but more adults are required to lead this program. There are lesson plans available, as well as a wealth of craft supplies on hand for this type of use.

Plans are now underway for the Advent Decorating Party. This year, we hope to involve the Women of Kennedy as a co-sponsor with Discipleship. This should spark an explosive partnership of energy and experience and should lead to a great party!!!! Mark your calendars for this church-wide event on November 26. More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Please consider helping with this ministry, as a committee member or advisor, or as a hands-on participant. What could be more important for the body of Christ - than developing disciples? Plan to attend our Trick or Treat for UNICEF and the Advent Decorating Party and see what is happening - and what COULD happen with your help!



THE  
***PRESBY – WOMAN***



***“2011 WINTER GATHERING”***

**TUESDAY, December 6, 2011**

**Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church**

6312 Kennedy Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

**“Blessings of Faith and Spirituality”**

**Speaker: Rhoda Brumfield**

**Registration: 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship, Speaker, Business meeting: 10:00 a.m.**

**12:00 Luncheon**

Cost of Luncheon: \$6.00

Reservations must be made by

Please call: Ruby Metts (513-631-8118) or

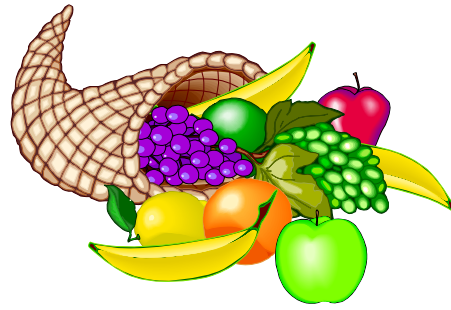
Susan Stebbins (513-531-1788)

Child care will be provided upon advance request only.

**Together in Service:** Gifts cards of \$20.00 or more from K-Mart, Walmart or Target which will be sent to GLAD House.

(children of parents in rehab, for substance abuse.)





**The Caring Place needs your help to provide Thanksgiving food for families in our community.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 will buy chickens for several families
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 will provide a Thanksgiving basket for a family of two
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 will provide a Thanksgiving basket for a family of four
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 will buy 10 cases of canned fruit & vegetables
- \_\_\_\_\_ any amount will help

Donations of canned goods & household items (toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, etc.), are also welcome.

The Baskets will be given out on Saturday, November 19, 2011.



**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:**

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The Penebakers

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Susan Marlette

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Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1460

Don Johnson's email: [donjohnson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:donjohnson@cinci.rr.com)

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**Thank You:**

*To Pastor Hart & Session Members,*

Thank you for sponsoring me allowing me to go to Skyview Ranch in Mallersburg, OH this past Summer. It was a week long Christian camp where I got the opportunity to worship with large and small groups. I participated in paintball, horseback riding, swimming, and I did praise and worship with the Christian music group Heartsong. I had an awesome time and am looking forward to returning next year. *Sincerely, Loren Billingsley*

*Dear Sharon,*

I think of everyone at KHPC and miss them. I am surviving the heat and drought so far, and the wildfires are not in this area. I appreciated the phone message from Bob Kamp, treasurer.

Everyday I realize the blessings and kindness, and how fortunate I am. Please tell Hart and all hello. I am so saddened to hear about Lucille.

Take care. Hope Summer was O.K.

*Prayerfully, Irma Buford*

*To KHPC Family,*

Your loving kindness and expressions of sympathy have been so appreciated as we grieve the loss of my Dad. I have been held up by the strength of all your prayers. *Sue Roerdanz*

*Dear KHPC,*

I want to thank you for all the cards, visits and communion that the church provides. It means a lot to be remembered. *Sincerely, Milly Perkinson*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

**WISE WOMEN BOOK CLUB:**

The Wise Women Book Club will meet on Saturday, November 5, 2011 (place to be determined) at 7:00 p.m.

**Book: Murder on Astor Place**

**Author: Victoria Thompson**

**CARING PLACE WISH LIST:**

Your generous support of the Caring Place is much appreciated. In November, 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 needs cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish & can fruit*). The Food Pantry welcomes any donations of non-perishable food items.

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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.

**Nov. 4: Union Terminal**

**Speaker: Pat Rose**

**Cincinnati Rail Road Club**

**Nov. 18: Alpine Hiking**

**Speaker: Peter Seifert**

**PEANUT BUTTER & JAM**

Coming to KHPC Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** for the start of the new PB&J Fall Concert Season, which begins with **BRASSTACULAR!** The Carillon Brass will introduce you to the members of its family. You may just fall out of your seat from the brassy and bold blare of these shiny instruments. This is a wonderful opportunity to treat children to good music, and to meet the performers. There are 2 concerts 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Tickets are available at the door are call 513-381-6868.

\$5.00 for an individual ticket (child or adult)

\$15.00 for a Flexible Ticket Book (4 tickets, good at any PB&J concert) Under 2 are free!

**FREE COOKIES AT EACH CONCERT**

graciously donated by **Graeter's!**



**BIRTHDAYS IN november**

- 3 Arthur "Art" Schiltz
- 4 Phyllis Leatherwood  
Helen Ormston
- 6 D. Maurice Faison, III
- 7 Randall M. Billingsley  
Carolyn Miller
- 9 Barbara J. Smith
- 10 Anita McCoy  
David Walters
- 11 Jack E. Drake
- 16 Evelyn Manggrum
- 17 Charles S. Andrew
- 21 Rose N. Che
- 22 Gary Langhorst
- 26 Ruby Metts

**CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in november**

- 13 Tommy Kishida



**Parking Lot in november:**

- 6 Mike Hedges
- 13 Ted Ziedses des Plantes
- 20 John Lane
- 27 Paul Davis

**USHERS & Greeters  
FOR THE MONTH OF November:**

- 6 Bill Brown, Captain, Bob, Emma & Diane Rankin
  - 13 Mary Shea, Captain, Paul Davis, Sue Kitchen, Bob Young
  - 20 Tracy Sheridan, Captain, Bea Conner, Loren Billingsley, Rachel Smith
  - 27 Kirsten Holm, Captain, Hope Johnston-Holm, Edith Patton, Bob Kamp
- (please call Bob Kamp, 631-4924 if unable to Usher or Greet)

**Liturgist for november**

- 6 Don Lane
- 13 Carmen Hull
- 20 Bob Young
- 27 Kristen Scott

**Communion servers**

- 20 Bob Young (liturgist)  
Gary Langhorst  
Melba Morgan  
Susan Stebbins

**BEADLES FOR OCTOBER**

- 6 Tyler Davis
- 13 Joey Furlong
- 20 Hope Johnston-Holm
- 27 Bobby Rankin

**COFFEE HOUR**

- 6 *Volunteer(s) needed*
- 13 *Volunteer(s) needed*
- 20 *Volunteer(s) needed*
- 27 *Volunteer (s) needed*

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in October, please call Kristen Scott 351-3806)





## "Dinner at K. H. Presbyterian Church"

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church (6312 Kennedy Ave.), invites you & your family to a traditional Thanksgiving Feast.

The sit-down dinner will be served "family style" on Thanksgiving Day (11/24).

**Seating starts at: 11:30 a.m.**

**Dinner served from: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

There is no charge and kids (with adults) are welcome. Please reserve a place at the Thanksgiving table by (11/18).

Volunteers and donations welcome!!!

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6 "32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time" (Daylight Saving Time ends) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship – Speaker: Rev. Ruth Dunn  <i>Lectionary Text: Josh. 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78: 1-7; I Thess. 4: 13-18; Matt. 25: 1-13</i>	7 5:30 W. H. W.- Room 7 7:00 Board of Election set-up	8 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Voting in F. H. 7:30 AA in A	9 5:00 KHPC Kids (K-6) 5:45 All Dancers	10 6:30 Adult Bells 7:00 Geier Bible Study @ Geier 7:30 Chancel Choir	11	12
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20 "Christ the King / Reign of Christ" 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship - Communion  <i>Lectionary Text: Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1: 15-23; Matt. 25: 31-46</i>	21 12:00 W. O. K. & Naomi Circle Business meeting brown bag lunch 5:30 W. H. W. in 7	22 7:30 AA in A	23 NO KHPC KIDS OR DANCE REHEARSALS	24  12:00 -1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner (seating begins @ 11:30 a.m.) (office closed)	25 (office closed)	26 4:00 Advent Decorating Party
27 "1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent" 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship - Children's Church  <i>Lectionary Text: Isa. 64: 1-9; Ps. 80: 1-7, 17-19; I Cor. 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37</i>	28 5:30 W.H.W. in 7	29 7:30 AA in A	30 NO KHPC KIDS OR DANCE REHEARSAL			