



**SERVING THE CARDONDELET NEIGHBOHOOD FOR 140 YEARS**

**PASTOR: Rev. Mark Harvey**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

## *Pastor's Page*

November is a time of gratitude and remembrance. On Sunday November 5th we celebrate All Saints Sunday. Our tradition is to lift up again all those dear ones we have lost in the previous twelve months. This year we will remember Eugene Tanner, Trena Styles, Bus Styles, Thomas Sheets, and Ann Shirley Koch. Every time a door lock breaks or a light fixture fails, or a thermostat doesn't function as it should, I am reminded that Gene was quietly here ahead of us all, checking in, watching it all, for so many years. For s many years Bus did the painting and led others in completing other repairs. He also directed lay speaking for our District, even pastored Memorial Church for awhile. Trena taught Sunday School and was a fixture in the kitchen for so long. I will never forget Shirley Koch's smile and wit. They all remind us that Saints are US: we give ourselves to Christ in faithful service. Their deaths leave us grieving, as we continue to grieve others we have lost. But our memories of them also remind us of what the purpose of our lives is: to Love God and Serve Christ and His Church.

Then on the second Sunday in November each year— this year on November 12— we remember our veterans. We recognize those who still are with us. We honor them for their service. We know many of them risked their lives, some in war, for our cherished freedoms. We also recognize that some are serving now. We pray for them each week, listing their names on the back of our worship bulletins: Matthew Aubuchon, Sam Decker, Douglass Hawkins, Timothy Land, Keith Mitchell, Jennifer and Landon Dinkler, Tony Carlson. A couple of them are enlisted but with us still, preparing for their service: Luke Hemmerla, Nelson Voss.

On Thursday, November 23, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Mary and I are excited that both of our daughters and their significant others will be with us for the holiday. It's been awhile! It will be a challenging day for me. I've lost forty pounds in the past six months, and I don't want to put a fourth of it back on in a single day! So, I plan to enjoy the holiday in other ways: watching Bridget cook the turkey, sharing the parade with Evangeline and Alex, then watching everyone enjoy dessert at Alex's parents home in the evening. Thanksgiving is about being grateful for what we have, knowing so many in the world do not. Maybe you will use Thanksgiving time to give a little more to the local food pantry.

On Sunday, November 26, we will begin Advent a week early. We'll again remember loved ones and those we honor and appreciate by placing bells on our Celebration Tree. Christmas Eve falls this year on a Sunday. Your Church Council will decide on November 13 what our worship schedule will be, so let them know what you want. We will at the very least have Sunday worship that morning. It will be a Christmas Eve service, candles and all, acknowledging that many may not want to return in the evening. Can you believe Advent and Christmas are right around the corner? Thanks be to God for Christ, God's Holy Spirit, and our Church.

*Rev. Mark Harvey*

## Epworth Women's Auxiliary Group – Fundraising Efforts

The Women's Auxiliary (Auxiliary) Group will be selling holiday cards and nuts as their 2017 fundraising effort. The Christmas card details have not been finalized. Shontia Howard, our representative on the Auxiliary, will post to the NCUMC Facebook page and website when ready.

The Auxiliary will also sell packaged nuts this year. A one pound bag is priced at \$12. The Auxiliary will do pre-orders for this fundraiser. Due date for orders is November 5<sup>th</sup> with expected delivery mid-December. Below is the order form which can be completed and turned in to Shontia Howard this upcoming Sunday.

Epworth, which has deep United Methodist connections, is a not-for-profit agency serving stressed children and families.

	<b>Epworth Women's Auxiliary Group</b>  <b>2017 Fundraiser</b>  <b>NUT ORDER</b>	
Quantity	Type	x \$12 = Total
_____	Pecans	_____
_____	Chocolate Covered Pecans	_____
_____	Whole Almonds	_____
_____	Salted Cashews	_____
Total # of Bags ordered _____		Amount Due _____
Please make check payable to Epworth Auxiliary and turn in by November 5 <sup>th</sup> .		
Name _____		Phone # _____
Ordered from: _____		

### UPCOMING WORSHIP

October 29	Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4; 1 Peter 2:5; Matthew 11:29-30	Reformation Sunday
November 5	Matthew 5:1-12	All Saints Sunday
November 12	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Saints & Soldiers
November 19	Joshua 14:9-14	Rev. Mary Harvey preaching
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Celebration Tree Service

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*Striving to be the Heart and Hands of Jesus Christ*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8 P.M. AA	3	4
5 8:55 A.M. Worship	6	7	8 Eunice Circle	9 8 P.M. AA	10	11
12 8:55 A.M. Worship	13 Bell Dead- line — Church Council 6 pm	14 Charge Conference 2 pm at Zion UMC	15	16 8 P.M. AA	17	18
19 8:55 A.M. Worship	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving 8 P.M. AA	24	25
26	27 Blood Drive at Zion	28	29	30		

**CHARGE CONFERENCE: November 14, 2 pm, at Zion UMC**

**NOVEMBER 8—Eunice Circle**

**NOVEMBER 23—Thanksgiving**

**November 26—Celebration Bell Sunday**

**November 27 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at Zion UMC. Call church office at 314.631.6504 to register.**



**NOV. BIRTHDAYS**

**Nov. 5— Sharon Allen**

**Nov. 9— Irene Woolverton**

**Nov. 14— Betty Huber**

**Nov. 16— Ken Fox,**

**Tom Howard**

**Nov. 18— Jack Duncan,**

**Linda Pillow**

**Nov. 21 —Selina Smith**

**Nov. 23— Thomas Estopare**

**Nov. 24—Marie Tanner**

**Nov. 25—Eryca DeSmith,**

**Velma Hawkins,**

**Frances Woods**

**Nov. 27—David Hemmerla**

**NOV. ANNIVERSARIES**

**Nov. 25 Kim & Carol Bigham**



## **CELEBRATION TREE SERVICE—NOVEMBER 26**



The fifth annual Celebration Tree service will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The response in the past has exceeded our expectations, and we hope to have even greater participation this year. This is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and is a very meaningful service. As each engraved bell is placed on the tree, the name of the person you are honoring or remembering will be read.

The cost for a new bell is \$6.00 and to renew a previous bell is \$3.00. The names for the bells and a check must be received by

**Monday November 13.** Send to: Jean Dougherty, 715 Southshire, St. Louis, MO. 63125. Phone is 314-805-1563. Include your name, the names of those remembered or honored, your check made out to New Covenant UMC and whether you will be attending the celebration or not.

***STRIVING TO BE THE HEART AND HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST***



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WORSHIP 8:55 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 a.m.

*Reminders:*

*Oct. 29—Reformation Sunday*

*Nov. 8 —Eunice Circle*

*Nov. 23—Thanksgiving*

*Nov. 26—Celebration  
Tree Service*

# OUTREACH

New Covenant makes regular contributions to the neighborhood food pantry.

**ST. TRINITY/ST. STEPHEN CCBF FOOD PANTRY, 517 KOELN AVE. 63116**

The pantry is open 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. There is a breakfast provided on Saturday morning. The pantry has been serving approximately 800 to 900 people per month.

If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, contact Jim Prag at 324.481.9015 or [jp4121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jp4121@sbcglobal.net)



## THANKSGIVING SHARING

There is a special food drive at Thanksgiving. This is a time when we reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed on us. One of these blessings is an abundance of food. New Covenant has had a long tradition of sharing canned goods and staples with those who are less fortunate. In the coming weeks there will be a tub placed under the altar where you can place your items for sharing with others. At the holiday they will be distributed in an appropriate manner. If you choose to give cash it will be used to purchase needed items. For further information or to give a cash donation see Ray Engelhardt.

**NEW DATE: Charge Conference :Tuesday, November 14, at Zion UMC, 2 pm. Members of both CHURCH COUNCILS are expected to attend.**



## NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

The church has a new website

[Www.newcovenantstl.org](http://www.newcovenantstl.org)

Sometime in the next month the church office will be having a new office e-mail using [office@newcovenantstl.org](mailto:office@newcovenantstl.org) Watch for it.

## UMCOR AT WORK



UMCOR is in communication with Bishop Ortiz Vidal and other leaders of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico has invited UMCOR to partner with them in their relief and recovery efforts with training, project development support, and grants. UMCOR is preparing funding support to our partners on the island. New York Annual Conference is exploring ways to support those coming to New York City from Puerto Rico to relocate. Florida Annual Conference will also seek ways to address the needs of survivors coming to Florida from Puerto Rico. UMCOR is in communication with both confer-

# NEW OUTREACH EFFORT

## HOPE FOR TOMORROW STREET MINISTRIES

After observing **Pastor Bobbie Coker Holt** doing street outreach ministry with sex workers, Church Council Chair **Shontia Howard** recommends New Covenant get involved in this community ministry. Shontia Howard observed Pastor Holt doing outreach ministry along a strip of South Broadway. Pastor Holt also does outreach on a strip of South Grand near Meramec. Women are given bags filled



with essentials needed by the women such as hand sanitizer, deodorant, and bottles of water. Many of them are experiencing a drug addiction of some kind and are often homeless. Through Pastor Holt's ministry, rapid STD testing is provided through partnership with the St. Louis Health Department. The ultimate goal of Pastor Holt's ministry to "let them [the women] know somebody loves them and cares". Without judgment, she listens to them, understands the difficulty of breaking the cycle of addiction, and provides words of hope that could eventually lead women to seek treatment. This ministry is not affiliated with any specific church and is funded through small donations and partnerships with others.

Shontia Howard points out how New Covenant has struggled over the past several years to do outreach, specifically grass roots outreach, effectively or at all. "We simply do not have the skill set or knowledge. It is something that we have prayed for seeking guidance and direction; however, it has eluded us for various reasons. Prayers are answered in unexpected ways. It was through new member, **Belinda Brinkmeier**, that Pastor Holt's ministry came to the attention of Eunice Circle. Belinda's passion garnered immediate support from the women at the meeting to

help any way that they could. 'Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus Christ' is the mission of New Covenant."

### You Can help!

#### Hope for Tomorrow Street Ministries

##### Travel Size Items needed

Metal nail files, Magic wash clothes, razors, mouth wash, toothbrushes w/covers, Q-tips, hairbrushes, metal nail files, tweezers, bottled water, 1 gallon Ziploc bags or similar, individual containers of crackers, applesauce.

Items can be place in the plastic containers on the stage in fellowship hall.

#### See box to the left for how you can help.

Pastor Holt does her ministry on Wednesday evenings weather permitting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The exact location, Grand or South Broadway, is provided the day of the ministry.

Link to article from Fox 2 News website about Pastor Holt: <http://fox2now.com/2017/07/13/pastor-hits-the-streets-to-help-prostitutes-in-south-st-louis/>

## PRAYER SHAWLS

In the last month the following people received prayer shawls:

Jack Ross--Born 4 weeks early after suffering a stroke in uterus and is now on a monitor

Tawney Zajkowski--Diagnosed with cancer

Phil Monte and Family--Death of Phil's mother

Kelly Williams--Suffered a broken neck

Brenda DeClud--Amputation of her big toe

Joe Fannagan--Dealing with multiple life issues

Thanks to Lila Brown for her crocheting.



## NEW LOOK FOR THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

When the Children's Sunday School room was originally planned it was designed for infants through preschoolers. Now Sunday School classes are held there during part of the church service, and the children are much older. In order to make the room more appealing to our children **Rachel Hemmerla** is attempting to do some "make over" things. One of the first things was making new curtains for the room which gives it a much brighter appearance.

A big special thanks goes to **Lila Brown** who made and donated all the curtains and rods for the room. Stop by and see her work and ask Rachel if there is something you can do to help.

## VENDOR FAIR REPORT

On Saturday October 14 New Covenant hosted its 8th annual Vendor Fair. We had 19 representatives of interesting crafts and well established products. Thanks to all those who purchased table space. Thanks to those who donated baked items to sell. Thanks to Rachel Hemmerla for handling all the food and to David Hemmerla for setting up and taking down all the tables. A special thank you goes out to all of you who attended, shopped, brought your friends, and helped make the day a huge success. Several vendors are already asking for the date for next year. The fair profit is about \$730, and it goes to the general fund of the church. New Covenant--you are the best!

## EUNICE CIRCLE—Wednesday, Nov. 8

Eunice Circle will meet on Nov, 8 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship, dinner, and a short program. **Rachel Hemmerla, Lila Brown,** and **Dorothy Engelhardt** are the hostesses and will provide the main dish. See them if you wish



to bring a side item, salad, or dessert so we don't have an overabundance. Ladies of all ages are welcome. It is always a pleasant evening

of fellowship and sharing. Jeanne Webdell provides an interesting and thoughtful short program. Last month we had about 20 ladies in attendance, including 2 new ones. Join us in this "girls night out" of the best kind!

## THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED



"We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and thoughts over the past few years, and for all your help and support with Mom and Dad. Mom and Dad are in a much better place with no pain or suffering. We are blessed to have so many caring and loving friends. God Bless each one of you.

The Styles Family & Lynne Crank

# Pictures from Bellerive Day



The Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall

Thanks to all who helped anywhere!!!!



Gathering to eat and talk.



Shontia recruits her family to help.



The Grand Bates neighborhood had a tent to update people on activities and to sell T-shirts.. Their website:

<https://grandbates.org> has pictures from Bellerive Day.

They shared their space with a Cub Scout Pack that sold popcorn.

