

# The Current Weekly

October 19-24, 2025



Dear Church,

You might notice a new face around the church on Sunday. Tyrell Childress is our new AV Operator. We are excited to welcome him to our staff! He will run the AV system upstairs during worship - microphones, cameras and slides. He will also help us stream to more formats than just Facebook. We hope to add YouTube and even our website soon. In addition, he will help us create an edited version of the worship service recording that's just the sermon. We can post this on YouTube and our website as well so if someone just wants to hear the sermon, they can find it easily. Please welcome Tyrell on Sunday and let him know we're glad he's here.

You have likely heard me speak about our upcoming Bicentennial. As I mentioned in worship last week, and in the Board meeting, I feel a little silly changing up the math the church has been using to determine how old we are. Previously, the start date had been the official founding of the congregation in 1843. But I found information about the opening of the "new" sanctuary in 1927 that said the congregation also celebrated their 100th anniversary at that time. They considered the initial gathering of families in 1827 to worship and pray together as the start of the church. So, we're going with that! We need a Bicentennial Committee to start planning events that will happen throughout 2027 so that we can celebrate our history but also so we can welcome the community to become a part of our future. If you're interested in serving on that committee, please let me know!



I hope to see many of you - and your friends! - at BINGO on Sunday night at 6 pm. We'll provide snacks and drinks. We have several prizes already donated, including quite a few fair trade items I picked up at a clearance sale. Please bring your donated prizes by Sunday morning. And wear a silly costume or hat to play BINGO and have lots of fun!

We have one more week of REVIVAL! See you in worship on Sunday!

*Pastor Laura*

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# announcements & EVENTS



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## 5th Quarter

5th Quarter is this Friday! We need volunteers from 8 pm to 11 pm at Smithville Downtown Heritage Park for the 5th Quarter after the home football game. Community in Action provides a drug and alcohol free activity after the games. We are cosponsoring with Smithville UMC. We are committed to providing 12 volunteers that evening. Contact Angie Viebrock at 816-805-8501 or viebroca@gmail.com to help out.

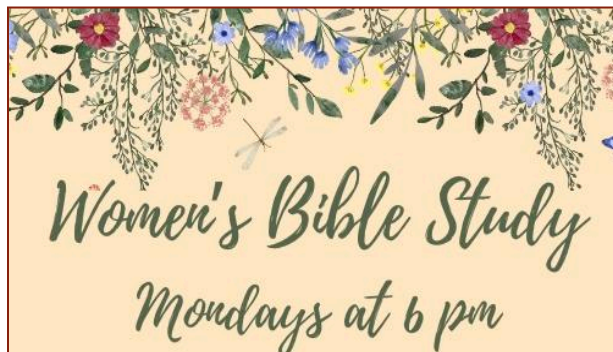
## Costume Bingo Night: Sunday, October 26 at 6 pm

It's time for BINGO again! Join us on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 6 pm. We'll combine snacks, (non-scary) costumes and prizes for a fun all-ages Halloween event. Bring a friend and wear a costume - or just a silly hat. We'll provide all the snacks, BINGO cards and prizes. If you have any new or gently used items that someone might like for a prize, donate now through the day of the event.



## Women's Bible Study: October 27th

Our Women's Bible Study continues **on Monday nights at 6 pm**. Sheila Gerling and Jonica Merritt are the facilitators. We will be reading together "Trustworthy" by Lysa Terkeurs. The book and CD are based on 1 & 2 Kings (available to purchase online). Our next meeting is **Monday, Oct 27th**. The group meets through Nov. 10, then starts again in 2026, so come on out and help us choose the study for January as well!



# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Time



Talent



Treasure

## Coffee & Donut Fellowship Every Sunday at 10 AM

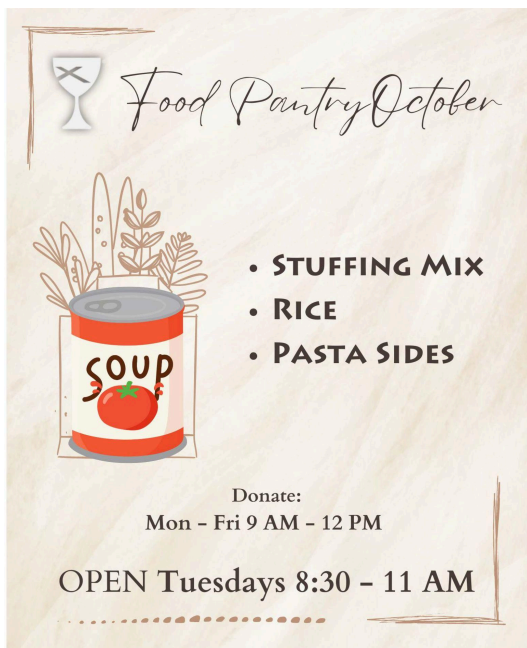
Hungry for some time chatting with old and new friends? Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! We are thankful for these sweet treats each week, and even more, the sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.



Coffee  
Time

Weekly Fellowship

Sundays 10 am



Food Pantry October

- STUFFING MIX
- RICE
- PASTA SIDES

Donate:  
Mon - Fri 9 AM - 12 PM

OPEN Tuesdays 8:30 - 11 AM

## October Food Pantry

Donations of Stuffing Mix, Rice and Pasta would be appreciated in October. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM in the food cart located inside the parking lot entrance. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM. We are the only food pantry in Smithville. The outdoor Give-and-Take mini food pantry is always open. It is the 30th anniversary of our food pantry this year.

## The Tall Oaks Gala

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.

<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>



ONCE UPON A TIME  
at the  
Tall Oaks  
Gala

at Tall Oaks Manor

12778 189<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
LINWOOD, KS 66052

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

14  
2025

5:00 PM

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## Thanksgiving Potluck: November 16th

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner in November is one you won't wanna miss. Join us for turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes. Bring along some trimmings. Everyone can bring a side dish or dessert to share for this community time after worship on Nov. 16th.



## Hanging of the Greens: November 23rd

Sunday November 23rd, 8:30 am before the service, join us for the annual Hanging of the Greens (decorating for Christmas). Hot breakfast will be provided by the Worship Committee.

## Women Together Event: Saturday December 13th

We will go out for lunch and then go hear a Christmas concert by Steven's choir, Central Standard, at the Folly. Tickets are \$25 each for balcony seats. **Sign up and pay by Nov. 9** to be seated together, or purchase tickets on your own for Dec. 13th, 2:30 pm show. Meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool.



## Justice Summit

If you'd like to attend the Greater KC Region's Racial Justice Summit on Nov. 1 at Independence Blvd Christian Church, you can find out more and sign up [at this link](#).



Health Forward FOUNDATION

NTDF

KC Disciples Becoming Beloved Community Team's

# RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

Guest Speaker Rev. William Lamar IV

### WORKSHOPS LED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- CHALLENGING POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS
- SELF-CARE IN THE TRENCHES
- HOUSING JUSTICE
- REPARATIONS
- ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- GOOD TROUBLE
- PROPHETIC WITNESS
- LITERACY JUSTICE
- IMMIGRATION JUSTICE
- WORKERS RIGHTS

# NOV 1ST 2025

🕒 12:30PM - 5:30PM

📍 INTERSECT KC/IBCC  
606 GLADSTONE AVE  
KCMO 64124

✉️ OFFICE@INTERSECTKC.ORG

## ABOUT THE EVENT

Get involved by choosing two workshops (1 of the first 2, and 1 of the last 8) with local organizations who leverage racial justice in our community.

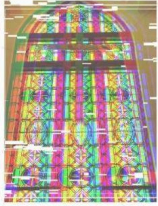
Orientation and closing worship feature Rev. William Lamar IV, a dynamic preacher, scholar, and social justice advocate from Washington, DC

**\$15 SUGGESTED  
DONATION**

**FREE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

SCAN ME!





# WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

## Watch the October 19 Service

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16SrKf4zzq/> *Click here for website* -> ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE



We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box made by our very own woodworker Argel Merideth! You can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online. If you'd like a public prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by Wednesday before. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community!

*"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."* John 4:24:, NIV  
To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

*\*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*



### Worship Service Schedule for October 26, 2025

<b>Pulpit:</b> Laura Guy	& Kathy Hamilton
<b>Elder:</b> Jennifer Schoonover	<b>Cash Counter:</b> Greg Atkins
<b>Lay Leader:</b> Susie Clower	<b>Acolyte(s):</b> Keaton & Case Crosby
<b>Greeters:</b> Glenda Cantwell & Carol Summers	<b>Nursery:</b> Janice Roberts
<b>Prep &amp; Serve:</b> Linda Neer & Belinda Miller	<b>Laptop:</b> John Merritt
<b>Serve &amp; Clean-up:</b> Linda Prout	

### Worship Service Schedule for Nov 2, 2025

<b>Pulpit: Rev.</b> Laura Guy	<b>Prep &amp; Serve:</b> Amy Heath & Danny Heath
<b>Elder:</b> Angie Viebrock	<b>Serve &amp; Clean-up:</b> Barbara Millard & Coen Hickman
<b>Lay Leader:</b> Gerry Carson	<b>Nursery:</b> Joyce French
<b>Cash Counter:</b> Susie Clower	<b>Laptop:</b> Tom Massie
<b>Acolyte(s):</b> Clay Hickman & Lincoln Viebrock	
<b>Greeters:</b> Marilyn Simrall & Sue Lake	

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