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- * encouragement for widows & caregivers;
- * awareness & action opportunities for the community.

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Pumpkin pie...

I can almost inhale its aroma and taste its mouth-watering, savory spices now!

Do you remember wondering what plain pumpkin tastes like? I thought it would be a sweet heavenly mouthful of golden goodness, but it was bitter!

How can something so incredibly delicious in baked goods tastes so bitter on its own?

As I consider the other ingredients in the pumpkin pie, I realize they, too, are bitter or no better on their own: vanilla, cloves, ginger, and nutmeg. Even the eggs, sugar, and salt are a bit blah without other ingredients. They are better together!

The mystery of how every ingredient is needed to make a mouth-watering tasty treat reminds me of the fact that WE are better together too! We can be bitter alone, or we can be better together and reflect a fragrant offering to God and to the world with unity in our gifted diversity. (Just ponder the diversity of the 12 disciples!) The *belonging* activities of worship, study, celebration, and service sustain our life together and enlarge our capacity to experience more of God. And for those things, I am thankful. *Christine*

A Tax Deductible OPPORTUNITY for SOME of YOU

KSC is still looking to purchase a tailgate entry used wheelchair accessible van to transport seniors to appointments. One van we are looking at has 139,000 miles for \$20,000. The other van has 32,000 miles for \$35,500. If you have been blessed financially and would like to contribute to this purchase, KSC would be humbly appreciative. KSC will move forward as God provides through His people. For more information, contact Christine at 316-209-9028.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration!



November

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6-15 Festival of Wreaths fundraiser (see p.3-4)

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& Take

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Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study at
Oxford Grand when reopened.

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"Aunt Babe" is our guest columnist, writing about her reflections on life. She is 97 years young and using her gifts to bless our readers. She is an inspiration to me because she lives in a land of silence since her hearing loss six years ago, yet she so wisely encourages others to "Keep a song in your heart." See her article on page 2.



# Aunt Babe's Reflections

## Masks

A mask is used for many a thing

As a rule, for fun or a jolly fling.

It can change the character there outside

From Queen Victoria, to a Dr. Hyde.

But, the masks we often fail to see

Come in sizes: Large, Medium, and Wee.

The eyes may be dull, or filled with pain

The face may be wrinkled, the voice wane.

The cares may be many that take from this face

The blossom of youth, or the living of grace.

The skin might be dark, yellow, or white.

These lives may be void of things of delight.

Then, let us be responsive to an urgent task

For a trembling human heart beats, beneath each mask.

NOTE: This poem was written before 1970. Who would have thought how relevant it is to our circumstances today.

*Thought for the day: Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (NLT)*

## Caregiver's Corner

### November is National Family Caregiver's Month

YOU and nearly 44 million caregivers lovingly, selflessly, and sacrificially assist with a vast array of essential tasks many of us take for granted: eating, bathing, dressing, transportation, coordinating appointments, medications, finances, and home modifications so your loved one can stay safe and independent at home. Your patience and compassion do not go unnoticed. Give yourself affirmation for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is! To make caregiving more efficient consider the following:

Take care of your own health and seek respite breaks often.

Be aware of technology, equipment, and other helpful services.

Coordinate and organize legal documents, medical records and daily records to take to appointments and/or emergency personnel

Go to our KSC toolbox full of caregiver helps, resources, videos, and encouragement on [our website](https://kscares.org/toolbox/): at <https://kscares.org/toolbox/>



## Opportunities

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Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

**November TRAINING**

**November 4, 1:00**

**BLESSING GIFT**

**Make-&-Take**

**Wed. Nov 18 1:00**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**SNEAK PEAK**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**See the 15 wreaths,  
make bids, vote on  
your favorite, enjoy  
some holiday foods  
and fellowship.**

**Come & Go**

**571 S. Tyler Rd.**

**Wed. Nov. 11th**

**9:00 am—7:00 pm**



**ZOOM—ONLINE**

**Monday, Nov. 16**

**9:30—11:30**

**RSVP for your book to  
316-209-9028**

**Information at <https://www.griefshare.org/>**





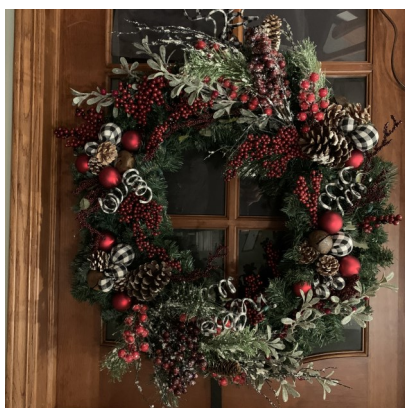
Heaven and Nature Sing



Cardinal Christmas



White as Snow



Berry Delightful



A Merry Little Christmas



Chrysanthemums and Bird Houses



Christmas Eve with Jesus



Christmas JOY Bells



Tribute to Parents



I've Got Your Mittens!



Names of the Messiah



Woodland NOEL



koinonia senior care  
presents



our holiday fundraiser

## Festival of Wreaths ONLINE Fundraiser Nov. 6-15

**15-Wreath SNEAK PEAK @ KSC's OPEN HOUSE**  
**Tyler Road Southern Baptist Church at 571 S. Tyler Road**  
**Wednesday, November 11th from 9:00 am—7:00 pm**

**KOINONIA SENIOR CARE** is hosting an ONLINE *Festival of Wreaths Fundraiser*. Bid on wreaths designed by artists in our community ONLINE or at our November 11th OPEN HOUSE

**VIEW** the 25" wreaths at our OPEN HOUSE, our website ([kscare.org](http://kscare.org)), or our Facebook page ([kscare.org/festival-of-wreaths/](http://kscare.org/festival-of-wreaths/)). Each wreath has a video with it on the website and Facebook. All wreaths have lights except *White as Snow*. Twelve of the fifteen wreaths are pictured on the opposite side of this page.

**BIDDING** opens Nov. 6 and will close at 7:30 pm Central time on Nov. 15. If you don't have internet or computer and want to bid on a particular wreath, call or text 316-209-9028 or come to the OPEN HOUSE on November 11th. Closing bids over \$250 will also receive a Large Print hardcover David Jeremiah study Bible NKJV- a perfect gift this Christmas!

**VOTE** for your favorite wreath on Facebook or on the Open House day. The designer with the most likes and shares wins notoriety for a job well done and a Gift Certificate to Hobby Lobby!

**FOR FUN** find baby Jesus hidden in each wreath, and remember the **reason for the season!**

**TUNE IN TO FACEBOOK LIVE** on November 15 at 7:30 pm

- \* to learn whose bid won each wreath
- \* to celebrate the winning designer
- \* to see if your *Voter's Choice* entry wins the drawing for a \$25 mystery gift card

**EVENT PROCEEDS** go to support our *Driving Miss Martha* transportation ministry.

**DELIVERY** in the Wichita area is FREE. Packing and shipping outside of Wichita will be an additional \$25.00/wreath due to size, weight, and packing expenses.

## November's Touch Someone Challenge

**What a great time of year to write, call, and visit a senior loved one, thanking them for their influence, love, and legacy. And what a great time for our seniors to write or call the younger generation and speak influence and love into their lives, letting them know how proud you are of them and that you are praying for them. You might offer a delicious piece of pumpkin pie if they will stop by for a short visit!**

### Celebrating Thanksgiving in America

Taken from [Wallbuilder's](https://wallbuilders.com/celebrating-thanksgiving-america/), dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built. To read the full article with quotes and documents for validation, go to <https://wallbuilders.com/celebrating-thanksgiving-america/>

The tradition introduced by European Americans of Thanksgiving as a time to focus on God and His blessings dates back well over four centuries in America...But it is primarily from the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving celebration of 1621 that we derive the current tradition of Thanksgiving Day.

The Pilgrims set sail for America on September 6, 1620, and for two months braved the harsh elements of a storm-tossed sea. Upon disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they held a prayer service and then hastily began building shelters; however, unprepared for such a harsh New England winter, nearly half of them died before spring.<sup>6</sup> Emerging from that grueling winter, the Pilgrims were surprised when an Indian named Samoset approached them and greeted them in their own language, explaining to them that he had learned English from fishermen and traders. A week later, Samoset returned with a friend named Squanto, who lived with the Pilgrims and accepted their Christian faith. Squanto taught the Pilgrims much about how to live in the New World, and he and Samoset helped forge a long-lasting peace treaty between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians. Pilgrim Governor William Bradford described Squanto as "a special instrument sent of God for [our] good . . . and never left [us] till he died."<sup>7</sup>

That summer, the Pilgrims, still persevering in prayer and assisted by helpful Indians,<sup>8</sup> reaped a bountiful harvest.<sup>9</sup> As Pilgrim Edward Winslow (later to become the Governor) affirmed, "God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn"; "by the goodness of God, we are...far from want."<sup>10</sup> The grateful Pilgrims therefore declared a three-day feast in December 1621 to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends<sup>11</sup> – America's first Thanksgiving Festival. Ninety Wampanoag Indians joined the fifty Pilgrims for three days of feasting (which included shellfish, lobsters, turkey, corn bread, berries, deer, and other foods), of play (the young Pilgrim and Wampanoag men engaged in races, wrestling matches, and athletic events), and of prayer. This celebration and its accompanying activities were the origin of the holiday that Americans now celebrate each November.

However, while the Pilgrims enjoyed times of prosperity for which they thanked God, they also suffered extreme hardships. In fact, in 1623 they experienced an extended and prolonged drought. Knowing that without a change in the weather there would be no harvest and the winter would be filled with death and starvation, Governor Bradford called the Pilgrims to a time of prayer and fasting to seek God's direct intervention. Significantly, shortly after that time of prayer – and to the great amazement of the Indian who witnessed the scene – clouds appeared in the sky and a gentle and steady rain began to fall... The drought had been broken; the fall therefore produced an abundant harvest; there was cause for another thanksgiving. The Pilgrim practice of designating an official time of Thanksgiving spread into neighboring colonies and became an annual tradition.<sup>13</sup> And just as those neighboring colonies followed the Pilgrims' example of calling for days of thanksgiving, so, too, did they adopt their practice of calling for a time of prayer and fasting. The New England Colonies therefore developed a practice of calling for a day of prayer and fasting in the spring, and a day of prayer and thanksgiving in the fall.

America's first national Thanksgiving occurred in 1789 with the commencement of the federal government...That congressional resolution was delivered to President George Washington, who heartily concurred with the request and issued the first federal Thanksgiving proclamation.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember to retain the original gratefulness to God that has always been the spirit of this – the oldest of all American holidays.



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Our best days are  
not behind us,  
they're before us!

**Wreath Fundraiser inside!**

More inspiration @ [www.kscare.org](http://www.kscare.org)

 [www.facebook.com/kscare](https://www.facebook.com/kscare)

***This newsletter has articles of encouragement for widows, homebound seniors, caregivers, and the local church/community who reach out to the needs of widows, caregivers & homebound seniors, wherever they call home.***

#### OUR MISSION

Christian Fellowship  
Assistance  
Respite  
Errands & transportation

**Enriching the lives of  
homebound seniors and  
their caregivers, and  
inviting our community to  
join us.**

Community Projects  
Action Opportunities  
Resources  
Education & awareness

#### OUR MOTTO

To captivate our community  
with the character of Christ  
through compassionate  
**CARE**

**KSC is a 501c3**

#### OUR VISION

To be a model community of churches, neighbors and businesses who bring moments of joy, honor, help and hope to widows, the aging and their caregivers through personally providing **CARE** for those God puts in their path.

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