

Koinonia Senior Care encourages home visits that focus on the social, spiritual, and significance support of our homebound seniors and their caregivers, wherever they call home.

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KSC CONNECTION



Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

December 2022

CHRISTmas GRACE Gatherings

This CHRISTmas, let's consider the *gift of grace* for our guests as a fragrant *gift* offering to God who has extended His *grace* to each us through His Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:20-24)

Grace is receiving unmerited favor. Undeserved kindness.

For the guests who show up empty-handed year after year.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

For the habitually late guests.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

For the guests who spend all their time with phones or football.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

For the outspoken, obnoxious, know-it-all with a critical spirit.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

For the uninvolved grandma or the one who spoils the children.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

For the wayward child who doesn't need a lecture or advice today.

Extend the gift of GRACE.

You never know how God is working and the *GRACE* you extend may be the character quality God uses to change a heart.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2 *Christine*



DECEMBER

1 GriefShare Surviving the Holidays 6:15 pm Pathway

2 & 9 Ruby's Open House

6 Lunch & Hymn Sing 12:30 Pathway RSVP

7 KSC Support & Enrichment

8 Empowered Seniors

14 Waxing Wednesday @ OG

28 Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study at Oxford Grand

DID YOU KNOW?

KSC's Enrichment Team make non-medical home visits, specializing in the social, spiritual, and significance support of our homebound senior friends and their caregivers. We enjoy Christian fellowship and activities with our seniors. We also support caregivers by providing respite time for them.

Our **2-4 hr.** services are private pay & **1** of the best investments for families and caregivers that money can buy! **\$20/hr.** week-days and **\$24/hr.** weekends

A Widow's Words

As we age, our perception of our significance seems to take a beating. Recently a widow going through our Grief Share class shared with me the difficult new role she finds herself in as a widow and NOT the planner of the Christmas festivities anymore. Loss of significance hits each of us at some point in our lives.

Passing the baton sometimes just happens before you're really prepared for it. Perhaps the youngers are trying to protect you from the overwhelming task of planning the details and making many of the foods.

Involvement in the Christmas plans are good, meaningful, and bring purpose. Ask if you can bring one of your favorite dishes. Ask if you can read the CHRISTmas story to the children. Find what brings meaning to you and don't hesitate to share!

Caregiver Corner

Caregiver Blessing Ornament

May the God of HOPE
fill you with all JOY and PEACE
as you TRUST IN HIM,
so that you may OVERFLOW with HOPE
by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

BLESSING GIFT

Make-&-Take

Wed. Dec. 28 @ 1:00

ENRICHMENT

December 7 @ 1:00

(Caregiving support & Visiting Resources)

12/6 Lunch & Hymn Sing

Pathway Church

12:30 (\$5) RSVP

12/7 Young at Heart

Riverlawn Church

10:00 (\$5) RSVP

EMPOWERED SENIORS

December 8, 10:00

Holiday Revelations, Stressors...

Watch past seminars on their [YouTube channel](#) or

Fridays @ 8:30 p.m. PBS
Repeats Sat. @ 3 on 8.1 &
Sundays @ 5:30 on 8.2

Thank you!

We are funded by people like you who appreciate & believe in the ministry to homebound seniors and their caregivers.

Are You More Like Charlie Brown, Snoopy, or Linus this Christmas?

I am fond of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” that aired for the first time on December 9, 1965. *Koinonia Senior Care* (KSC) was blessed to have a generous artist create and donate a wood cut-out of the characters for our “Old Fashioned Christmas” in 2017. All Size Sheds made us a Snoopy doghouse to add to our scene. Now KSC uses it for special occasions such as Goddard’s “*Christmas on Main Street*” to share the CHRISTmas story.

In “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” Charlie Brown’s sarcasm and sadness over no cards in his mailbox and the commercialization of even Snoopy decorating his doghouse with lights in celebration of the “modern spirit” puts him in a depressed mood and on a search for purpose and meaning at Christmas time.

At psychiatrist Lucy’s suggestion, he tries “involvement” as the Director of the Christmas play to remedy his sadness. Cooperation is at an all-time low for the cast so Charlie Brown thinks that a Christmas tree will set a better mood for the experience. The gang laugh at his tree, and in frustration and exhaustion, Charlie Brown begs, “Doesn’t anyone know what Christmas is all about?” Then Linus, who can’t memorize even one line of the script, saves the day by reciting the real meaning of Christmas from Luke 2:8-14 on center stage with the lights on him.

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV)

When Linus had finished, Charlie Brown finally had a sense of peace and HOPE in his heart that radiated in his smile as he took his humble tree home and set it in the yard next to Snoopy’s 1st Place commercialized doghouse. Charlie Brown walked into the house, not knowing the gang followed him home. Linus realizes that all this tree needs is a little love as he wraps his security blanket around the base of the tree. The gang proceed to embellish this tree with Snoopy’s decorations, and then start humming “Hark the Herald Angels Sing.” Charlie Brown hears them and comes out of his house to a great celebration of singing around the tree.



"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark the herald angels sing - Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild - God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations rise - Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim - Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing - Glory to the newborn King!

Do you know who wrote this song? _____ How many verses can be found to this song? ____

Why is this newborn King so important? _____

Who are you more like this Christmas season: Charlie Brown, Snoopy, or Linus? _____

Answers: 1) Charles Wesley in 1739 & revised by George Whitefield in 1754 and 1782. The tune we sing today was written by Felix Mendelssohn, 2) 5, 3) The newborn King tells us in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me." and John 3:16

KSC FUNDRAISER GIFT IDEAS:

Acorn Ornaments \$7 & Peppernuts \$3 & \$8



CHOICE OF SAYINGS ON THE ORNAMENTS:

The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground.

May this ACORN be a reminder to you that MIGHTY things can come from small beginnings.

An ACORN knows that the keys to the MIGHTY OAK's strength are not only the sunshine, but the rains, high winds, and storms that enable them to grow deep roots, in the dark, where no one else sees.

It might be ACORN-y way to say
There's NUTtin' like you to brighten my day. You're
CRACKin' me up in a fun kind of way From one
NUT to another, have an OAK-ay day!



2 oz. \$3 6 oz \$8

All orders need to be made by December 10

Are CARDINALS Mentioned in the Bible?



My mother-in-law passed this summer and as a tribute to her remembrance, I have purchased resin cardinals with a place for a picture of her on them for each family member. On rare occasions, I have spotted a red bird and think the male cardinal is a beautiful sight to behold! [Their song](#) is relaxing, poetic, and even worshipful as I ponder in wonderment and thank God for His creativity on day five of creation!

I started thinking about the significance, tradition, and Biblical views of the cardinal that are held by many. In my search, I found that Scripture does NOT say anything about any bird representing a loved one who has passed on and is flying near to let us know they are thinking of us. In fact, redbirds are not even mentioned by name in the Bible!

What I *do* know is that the red cardinal is a beautiful creature that God has created. I am also reminded about a bird story in Matthew 6 where Jesus tells us not to worry and brings attention to the birds of the air and says, "Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" So when you take a moment to watch the beauty of any bird, take in the *value* God has placed on *you* and His gentle reminder that there's no need to worry! God's got this!

Just for fun, how many birds can you find mentioned by name in the Bible?

December's Touch Someone Challenge

Cards are expensive to buy and mail, but PLEASE DON'T STOP SENDING CARDS TO THE ELDERLY. Mail is their daily JOY, especially when there is a family photo sent or a Christmas letter about what is going on in your family. Many elderly are the best prayer warriors who will take your letter and turn it into a prayer!

Connie's Story & Monthly Art Classes for KSC Readers

Connie, a retired teacher, lovingly cared for her aging mother and then had her move in with her for the last three years of her life, making those very memorable years for them both. Now Connie cares for her husband in their home. Connie enjoys crafts but it is difficult for her to get out so she has invited KSC crafters to her west Wichita home to make a Gingerbread Man Bell and a Sock Snowman. Due to room, we must limit the participants to five. Cost is \$3/project. We will look at future projects if interested. Come relax and have fun! Call Christine to RSVP or for more details: (316) 209-9028. **Dec. 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

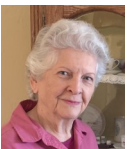


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**STOP** by our booth at Goddard's *CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET* Sunday, December 4th from 3-7 pm to see our 'Charlie Brown Christmas' theme and to connect this CHRISTmas season! Come early before the cookies are gone and stay late for the fireworks! **Our awareness dollars are much better spent by personally connecting with people in our community.** Stop by and say hello!

**CHRISTMAS ON  
MAIN STREET**

**DEC. 4TH, 3-7 PM  
GODDARD, KS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Dec. 2 & 9 for Ruby's Open House: 1:00-4:00**



KSC will be baking & selling PEPPERNUTS at artist, Ruby Tobey's Open House where she is selling her drawings, China paintings & original gift ideas. Call for directions to Ruby's place: (316) 209-9028. Ruby's calendars will be part of our December Blessing Gifts to homebound seniors

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GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" will be held DECEMBER 1st at 6:15 pm at Pathway Church in room B002. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filed with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season. The guide will be provided at the session for \$5. For questions and to reserve your spot, contact Rachel at 316-249-2313. For additional times or needs, contact Christine at 316-209-9028



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*Well here comes Christmas!  
That astonishing thing that no  
'commercialism' can defile-  
unless we let it.—JRR Tolkien*

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  
Activities  
Respite  
Equip Volunteers

**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 com-  
munity of churches,  
neighbors and  
businesses who  
bring moments of  
joy, honor, help and  
hope to widows, the  
aging and their care-  
givers through per-  
sonally providing  
**CARE** for those God  
puts in their path.

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