

*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 2023

### Merry CHRISTmas!

A near perfect gift to yourself would be to enjoy some relaxing instrumental Christmas hymns by Ava Lee this season as background music on your computer or on your smart phone. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TdgLS99Nsc>

While listening, I found myself returning to the computer's beautiful background scene of a moonlit evening snowfall. It instills a calm, peaceful, relaxing mood of reflection, where I **feel God's holy nudge, gently and quietly beckoning me to rest in Him and His promises this Christmas season.** He's calling me to bask in the beauty of His promised miracle baby that *grew in favor with God and man*. He's leading me in holy moments of worship to Jesus, the promised Messiah *Emmanuel, God with us*. He's reminding me that Jesus suffered the full range of the hardships of life in this fallen world so you and I could escape suffering for eternity. It's a treasured and intimate encounter for those who have placed their faith in the miracle of this baby Jesus who came from Heaven to earth to restore the Way back to a holy God for unholy sinners such as us. And then the climatic promise of eternal life with God in John 3:16:

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

In a world of empty promises, God is our promise-keeper. Only *He* has a perfect track record. From Genesis to Revelation, we can count on every single one of His hundreds of promises that have been, or are still yet to be, fulfilled. From His promises to His beloved Israel by whom the Messiah came, to His mercies that extend to the Gentiles who know Him and fear Him, to His promises associated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus - not one will go unfulfilled.

Like the magi following the star, wise men still seek Him. May we pursue King Jesus whole-heartedly, daily presenting Him our gifts and our allegiance in anticipation of His return. Merry CHRISTmas!



#### DECEMBER

- 1, 8, 15 Ruby's Open House
- 5 Pathway Hymn Sing 1:00
- 6 Training & Support 1-3pm
- Young at Heart @ Riverlawn Church 11am RSVP
- 13 Waxing Wednesday at Oxford Grand at 10:00
- 14 Empowering Seniors
- 15 Christian Women's Club
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Make & Take, Newsletters

#### Nativity Costumes Available

If your church or group needs some nativity costumes this month, call KSC at 316-209-9028

If you have been impacted by KSC, please [share your story](#) and a picture if you have one! Send to the return address on this newsletter and receive a **free bag of Peppernuts!**

# Ruby's Open House

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec. 1, 8, & 15th from 1:00-4:00 @ Ruby's place

Local artist & author, Ruby Tobey, will be selling her sketches, China paintings, poetry, jewelry, ornaments & original Christmas gift ideas.

Call for directions: (316) 209-9028.

### Special December Treat:

Ruby's 2024 calendar will be part of our December *Blessing Gifts* to homebound seniors. A true treasure! Thank you, Ruby!

**Free PEPPER NUT Smells and Samples!**

**Taking Orders Now! 316-209-9028**

2 oz  
\$3.00



6 oz  
\$8.00

## Caregiver's Corner

### Surviving the Holidays

When attending a "Surviving the Holidays" *GriefShare* group, I heard Paul David Tripp refer to Christmas as "The Sufferer's Holiday." When we remember that Jesus suffered the full range of the hardships of life in this fallen world, this title makes sense. He suffered so you and I could escape suffering for eternity, a world where suffering is no more. Jesus did not come to earth in regal splendor. Although He was the King of Kings, He came as a suffering servant, who, in His suffering, would save us from ourselves and finally from our suffering. His suffering is our salvation and our hope.

**Pathway Church will be starting 2 new 13-week *GriefShare* classes:**

January 16th on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p m—Rachel To register, call  
January 15th on Mondays, 10:00-11:30 am—Christine 316-209-9028



## Volunteer Opportunities

### TRAINING & SUPPORT

**Wed. December 6, 1:00**

Tyler Road Baptist  
571 S. Tyler Road

### Blessing Gift Make-&-Take & Newsletters

**Wed.@ 1:00 Dec. 27th**

Tyler Road Baptist

### *Christian Women's Club*

Rolling Hills Country Club

**December 15th @ 9:15**

Brunch, a special local feature, and a speaker share about her faith-walk to encourage us on our faith journey. Cost is \$13 and RSVP by noon 12/12.  
Call KSC: 316-209-9028

### EMPOWERED SENIORS

**December 14h ~ 10-11:30**

### Season of Joy

Botanica Gardens—Click to [RSVP](#) or call 316-686-4500

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 to those who faithfully support  
*Koinonia Senior Care*

## Senior Christmas Wish List



### Senior Christmas Wish List

Koinonia Senior Care ministers to seniors on a bare-minimum budget. We have heard their needs and want to give you an opportunity to help meet those needs this Christmas season. Christine can pick them up, or they can be dropped off by the 20th at 13676 W. Highland Springs Ct. Wichita, 67235.

**Poise Pads—long #5**

**Systane Eye Drops, preservative free**

**Charmin Toilet Paper**

**Unscented Tissues**

**Laundry soap**

**Biotene products**

**Voltaire Arthritis cream**

**Unscented hand lotion**

**Self-adhesive bandage wrap (not band-aids)**

**Adult unscented wipes XL (for toileting)**

**Ensure and BOOST high protein choc. drinks**

**Disinfectant wipes**

**Wendy's Gift Cards**

**Village Inn Gift Cards**

**Wal-Mart Gift Cards**

**Dollar Tree Gift Cards**

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## Caroling—Caroling—Caroling!

Volunteers will be caroling and giving out Christmas gifts to the residents at a west Wichita assisted living community on Saturday, December 9th at 12:30. Come join us for caroling! Call Christine for location: 316-209-9028



Join Us for  
Caroling



My  
Grown  
up  
Christmas List

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**WHAT'S ON YOUR GROWN-UP CHRISTMAS LIST?** Below is the chorus from the song:

So here's my lifelong wish—[My grown up Christmas list](#)

Not for myself but for a world in need

No more lives torn apart—That wars would never start—And time would heal all hearts

And everyone would have a friend—And right would always win—And love would never end,

oh This is my grown up Christmas list

## Let's Talk Lights!

Wichita Christmas light display listings & information can be found at <https://www.visitwichita.com/blog/post/best-places-to-see-christmas-lights-in-wichita/>

**Surrounding Communities & local churches worth checking out include:**

[Christmas on Main Street](#)—Goddard, KS Saturday, Dec. 2nd 4-7

[Christmas Eve Candlelight Service](#)—Central Community Church 12/23 at 6:30, 12/24 at 10 & 6:30  
or live-streamed at <https://centralcommunity.church/watch/>

[Majesty of Christmas](#)—Central Community Church Fri. Dec. 8 @ 6:30, Sat. 2:30 & 6:30

[Live Nativity](#)—New Spring Church—Outdoor walk thru, Dec. 7-10 between 6-8:30

Lights of Matthew 5:16 - 835 Longbranch Circle, Maize, KS 67101 - Radio Station: 100.5 FM

*In the same way, let your good deeds SHINE out for all to see,  
so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16*

This Maize, KS display caught my eye by the very emphasis of it being on Scripture. The two verses prior explain more:

*You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.  
No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.  
Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.*

Matthew 5:14-15

The verses are in red because they are words straight from Jesus, *the* Light of the World! His light is the unexplainable way we can receive hope over despair, peace over chaos, and joy over sorrow. When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior by faith, the Holy Spirit and His power come to live inside of us. Then we can radiate Christ like a lighthouse, into a broken and hurting world so they, too, can know Jesus and praise our heavenly Father. This miraculous light of God can illuminate even the darkest places and bring hope to the hurting, hungry, and homeless.

***LIGHT—HOPE—PEACE—JOY***



## December's Touch Someone Challenge

*Grab some coffee or hot cocoa and pick up your favorite senior for an early night on the town looking at lights and listening to Christmas music! See link to lights in this newsletter!*

*Oxford Villa Active Senior Living* is hosting this fun event for you and your friends! Enjoy the **Hot Cocoa Bar!** Grab a **picture by the Christmas tree!** Enter for **Door Prizes**, too!

**Monday, Dec. 11th 1-4 pm**



**Oxford Villa Active Senior Living**

**3130 N. Parkdale Circle, Wichita, KS 67205**

Vendors include:

- 🌲 Mary Kay
- 🌲 K Lane's Boutique
- 🌲 Wild Thistle Decor
- 🌲 Christopher Banks
- 🌲 Wyldewood Cellars
- 🌲 Homemade pet treats by Wyn
- 🌲 Tupperware
- 🌲 Chain Chick permanent jewelry
- 🌲 Chante's Accessories
- 🌲 Miller's Meals
- 🌲 Fanci Nanci's Closet
- 🌲 Various baked goods
- 🌲 & more!

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*Koinonia Senior Care* **NEEDS CHRISTMAS GOODIES** as we host Oxford Grand Assisted Living's Christmas Choir during Happy Hour on Wednesday, December 20th, 4:00 pm. Drop them off at Oxford Grand, or call Christine and she will stop by to pick up. You are welcome to stay and join in the singing and fellowship! 316-209-9028 Thank you for your kindness! **3051 N. Parkdale Circle, Wichita, KS 67205**





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*Let time stand still and be  
filled with wonder as you  
gaze upon the Christ-  
child. Let Him capture  
your heart & be blessed!*

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  
Equipping 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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