

Koinonia Senior Care is a local ministry, encouraging 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 Monthly Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Invitation

Are you already feeling the pressure, the angst, the rush, the overwhelmingness of the season with the plans, the parties, the presents, the people, the budget, and the Christmas cards that didn't get sent?

TAKE A DEEP BREATH. **B-R-E-A-T-H-E**

I'm saying this for myself. The expectations and demands are often self-imposed. And then I receive that holy nudge to remember Jesus' invitation to "*Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28 NIV) May those 15 words from our Lord whom we celebrate this season bring peace to your soul. God invites us to "*be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.*" (Psalm 46:10). God doesn't need me to do anything but accept His invitation to...

B-E S-T-I-L-L and know that I AM GOD

Be still are words of rebuke I heard a few times growing up. Even Jesus rebuked the busy winds causing chaos with the words, *Be still*. The sounds of silence and stillness are difficult in this day of distractions, but its discipline of turning off the "noise" can bring a calm confidence that fuels our faith-tank to full. Make stillness a daily discipline - and let the family Christmas letter wait until January.

Christine



DECEMBER

- 4 Caroling 6 pm
- 10 Waxing Wednesday - OG
- 17 Make & Take, Newsletters
- 22 Christmas at OG 2pm
- Food sponsored by KSC
- 25 Christmas Day

***We live our lives
between the first
coming of Christ and
the second. We look
back to that first
Christmas and the
life of Jesus on
Earth. At the same
time we look forward
to the return of the
resurrected Christ
when we, His resur-
rected people, will
live with Him forever
on the New Earth.***

Randy Alcorn

RUBY'S OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 5 & 12 from 1:00-5:00

Ruby's will be full of her hand-made tree ornaments, jewelry, watercolor paintings, china/porcelain pieces, poetry and sketches, too!

Watch Ruby's steady hands at work as she personalizes pieces for you!

KSC will be making our [PEPPERNUTS](#) on December 5th

Call Christine at 316-209-9028 for location.

Caregiver's Corner

GIFT: [My Caregiver's Christmas](#)—poem by Christine on KSC website

HOPE WHEN ALL SEEMS HOPELESS

Hope sustains us in the most difficult and trying moments of life. In hopeless situations, hope gives us the strength to keep moving forward, to see beyond our circumstances, and to trust the unchanging promises of God in His Word.

God's Word is filled with promises of hope, even when everything around us seems hopeless. Romans 15:13 reminds us that **God** is the source of our hope, filling us with joy and peace as we trust in Him.

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

¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Ephesians 3:16 (NLT) - *Christine*



Volunteer Opportunities

CAROLING

Thurs. Dec 4th 6 pm

Blessing Gift Make-&-Take & Newsletters

Wed.@ 1:00 Dec. 17th
@Tyler Road Baptist

EMPOWERED SENIORS

Dec. 11th ~ 10-11:30

The Greatest Gift: Aging in Place, Your Way

Botanica Gardens—Click to [RSVP](#) or call 316-686-4500 or watch online. Enjoy a [Friday segment](#) on PBS @ 8:30 p.m.

KSC

Christmas list

Christmas Finger Food for Oxford Grand o 12/22

Stamps

HP 67XL ink

Dollar Tree Gift Cards

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Sam's Club Gift Cards

Large Print Bibles

Volunteer

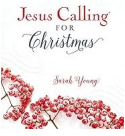
[GIVING](#) isn't only about making a donation; it's about making a difference!

12 Days of Christmas Resources in KSC's LENDING LIBRARY



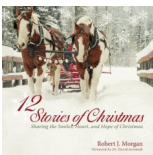
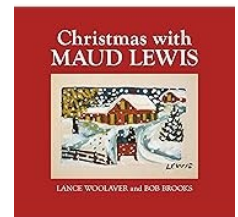
A Cup of Christmas Tea is a sentimental book written by Tom Hegg, first published in 1982, that tells the story of a young man's visit to his elderly aunt during the Christmas season, highlighting themes of love and connection, making it a cherished holiday classic.

O Little Town is a Christmas novel with three stories of a small town Christmas and the enduring love of God. Local author, Amanda Wen, wrote one of the three stories.



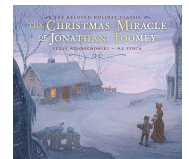
Jesus Calling for Christmas. Savor the joys and peace of the season with this Christmas edition of Jesus Calling® devotions, with 50 seasonally themed selections in Jesus Calling® for Christmas, you'll find devotions that include: The Christmas story, OT prophecies about Jesus' birth, peace for the busy season, joyous reasons to celebrate, and written-out Scriptures.

Christmas with Maud Lewis, one of Canada's favorite folk artists, didn't allow her hands twisted with arthritis to keep her from earning her living by painting Christmas cards and selling them from her one-room house beside the highway near Digby, Nova Scotia. *Maud's vision of Christmas embraces skaters sliding every which way, passengers leaning over the box of a horse-drawn sleigh, smiling oxen in their best harness, and bluebirds beside their snow-covered house. The paintings are from the large collection of the Woolaver family.*



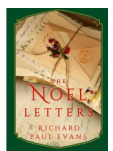
12 Stories of Christmas by Pastor Robert Morgan, writes only one short fiction story each year—an original work he shares with his church on Christmas Eve. You'll meet characters you feel you've known your whole life who'll make you laugh one minute and cry the next. Experience the true spirit of adoration and worship at Christmas through this timeless gift of story.

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey is about a woodcarver's solitary life that transforms when a widow and her son request a carving, leading to a heartwarming Christmas miracle. You can also go on YouTube and have this book read to you!



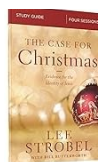
Watch the classics of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *White Christmas* on DVD this season. We also have *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Holiday Inn is another classic in our library. Bing Crosby plays a song and dance man who leaves behind showbiz to run an inn that is open only on holidays. Fred Astaire plays his former partner and rival in love. Follow the two talented pals as they find themselves competing for the affections of the same lovely lady (Marjorie Reynolds).



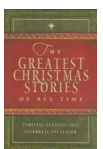
The Noel Letters by Richard Paul Evans is a tale of love, belonging, and family, following a trail of letters that leads to a Christmas revelation about the healing miracle of hope and forgiveness. We also have *Christmas List* and *The Christmas Box*, both written by Richard Paul Evans.

The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel, invites the reader to consider why Christmas matters in the first place. Somewhere beyond the traditions of the holiday lies the truth. It may be more compelling than you've realized. Weigh the facts ...and decide for yourself.



The Christmas Letters by Bret Nicholaus tells the story of a Grandpa who pens a personal letter to each family member, along with a life-changing lesson that will stay with them forever. The letters will move us to reflect on the ways our lives have been touched by loved ones.

The Greatest Christmas Stories of All Times contains 46 timeless classics, some to tickle your funny bone, others to tug at your heart strings, and the amazing story of Bethlehem's Child who's given us reason for celebration.



Call 316-209-9028 to have them delivered to your Wichita doorstep!

12 Days of Christmas

[The Smithsonian Magazine](#) has the history of this “12 Days of Christmas” poem/rhyme on their website, but according to the Catholic News Agency [CNA](#), this song was written during extreme religious persecution and used as a catechism song that has two levels of meaning. Each verse starts with “my true love gave to me.” “**My true love**” is a reference to God and the “**me**” is in reference to anyone baptized.

- 1 **Partridge in a pear tree**—represents the crucified Christ.
- 2 **Two turtle doves** represent the Old Testament and the New Testament or Jesus’ human and divine nature
- 3 **Three French hens** symbolize the trinity: Father/Son/Spirit or faith/hope/love
- 4 **Four calling birds** represent the 4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- 5 **Five golden rings** represent the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 6 **Six geese a-laying** represents the six days of creation
- 7 **Seven swans a-swimming** represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, generosity, leading, mercy/compassion)
- 8 **Eight maids a-milking** represent the 8 Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-10 and the resurrection
- 9 **Nine ladies dancing** represent the nine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control or 9 choirs of angels
- 10 **Ten lords a-leaping** are the 10 commandments
- 11 **Eleven pipers piping** represent the eleven faithful apostles Luke 6:14-16
- 12 **Twelve drummers drumming** symbolize the 12 points of the Apostle’s Creed

The twelve points of the Apostles creed are as follows: 1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. : 2. I believe in [Jesus Christ](#), his only Son, our Lord. 3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. 4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. 5. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. 6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. 7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, 10. the forgiveness of sins, 11. the resurrection of the body, 12. and the life everlasting.

December's Touch Someone Challenge

Christmas caroling brings joy to the singers and their recipients! Download some [Christmas Carols from the KSC website](#) and take a Christmas goody for them to enjoy after you leave!

6 Suggestions for Senior Enrichment this CHRISTmas Season

CHRISTmas expectations and schedules are being planned. Excitement and anticipation fill the minds of many while anxious homebound seniors feel increasingly isolated, lonely, and forgotten during this season. Below are six suggestions of ways to include and bring value to this season for them.

1. **Remember their past role.** When these great-grandparents were grandparents, their homes were the place where extended family gathered. Grandma decorated, wrapped gifts, and made a large portion of the meal. Now, as they've aged and become less mobile, their home and cooking are no longer the focus. Include them in making meals, using their recipes, or inviting them to make those special dishes together.
2. **Listen to their concerns.** They are facing new challenges with mobility, hearing, incontinence, frequent urination, and even dementia, which makes being with crowds difficult. Prepare a room that they can quietly retreat to if need be.
3. **Lift their spirits with month-long celebration opportunities.** Have grandchildren write and mail them a note of how much they are looking forward to seeing them. Mail advent Scripture, large print words to their favorite Christmas songs, and family pictures. Plan outings to look at lights. Invite them to holiday services or get services online for them and you to watch together.
4. **Purchase and help address their Christmas cards and Christmas letters to their friends.** Seniors enjoy mail. Ask family members and friends to mail your loved one a Christmas card, photograph or drawing to keep their joy alive and looking forward to going to the mailbox!
5. **Give the gift of time.** It's the best gift they will receive. Look at family photos, watch home videos or holiday movies, listen to seasonal music, or do crafts together. If in a community, make cards/gifts for staff.
6. **Prioritize Jesus.** Ask them to share the Christmas story with the family, or hold up the various pieces to the nativity as someone else tells the story. Teach the younger generation a song about Jesus. "Jesus is all the world to me; my hope, my joy, my all..." is a great hymn to learn & sing!

Koinonia Senior Care is not affiliated with any particular church, but partners with many churches to provide resources and monthly support for those congregations serving the senior homebound in their church and community.





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May the true gift of
Christmas (John 3:16)
 bring you peace & joy

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OUR MISSION

Christian Fellowship
 Activities
 Respite
 Equipping Volunteers

A faith-based ministry enriching the lives of homebound seniors, caregivers, widows, and our community who reach out to them.

Community Projects
 Action Opportunities
 Resources
 Education & awareness

OUR MOTTO

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

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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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