The Ambassador

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

— Charles Dickens

Bishop Spencer Place
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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Eric Wesson: "The Call" Newspaper
Friday, December 2, 3:00
Westport Room

Vivant!
Friday, December 16, 2:00
Madison Living Room

Julián Zugazagoitia Returns!
Tuesday, December 6, 3:00
Westport Room

GHT Cathedral Carolers
Monday, December 19, 5:00
Canterbury Dining Room

Armchair Chorderbacks
Friday, December 9, 3:00
Madison Living Room

The Dickens Carolers
Tuesday, December 20, 3:00
Madison Living Room

Lunch & Learn Series
Monday, December 12, 11:30
Westport Room

Movie: "The Bishop's Wife"
Wednesday, December 21, 2:00
Westport Room

Grand Opening of Vern's Pub
Tuesday, December 13, 4:00
The Pub

Lyric Arts Trio
Thursday, December 22, 3:00
Madison Living Room

The Roasterie Coffee Tour
Wednesday, December 14
BSP bus departs at 1:30

"Christmas Eve Eve" Eggnog
Friday, December 23, 3:30
Madison Living Room

Violin & Cello Duo
Wednesday, December 14, 4:00
Madison Living Room

UMKC String Trio
Wednesday, December 28, 3:00
Madison Living Room

Organ Pipes in the Chapel
Thursday, December 15, 3:00
Chapel of the Epiphany

Dr. Sean Kim Lecture
Friday, December 30, 1:30
Westport Room

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT BY BISHOP SPENCER PLACE

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Spencer Place is now finalizing an official agreement with Saint Luke's Health System. As you know, our organizations already work closely together and share a common heritage as ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri. This affiliation will enable us to explore opportunities to expand services and provide more advanced care.

With this agreement, Bishop Spencer Place will become part of Saint Luke's Health System, and our employees, management and board of directors will become part of the Saint Luke's team. As Kansas City's premier health care provider, Saint Luke's shares our dedication to ensuring BSP is always the region's premiere retirement community. We're excited about this unique affiliation and the many benefits it will create for our residents, our staff and our two organizations.

We will continue to share more details as we proceed with the implementation through the coming weeks and months.

THE NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART FUTURE PLANS

The beautiful Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is not only a valued and thriving cultural piece of our community, but a regional, national and international destination, in particular, due to their 2013 Strategic Plan that continues to increase attendance, art lending and exhibition schedules.

This success requires careful planning and an understanding of future needs and opportunities. As part of that effort, the gallery's foundation filed with our City on September 30, 2016, to establish a Master Plan District to use foundation-owned property for museum purposes. The footprint of the plan would include the 45th Street block north of the museum and the five acres referred to as the Kirkwood Property, across Rockhill Road and just east of the museum. The area also would include Theis Park and Southmoreland Park, which are owned by the City. Based on a long-standing agreement, both the museum and the Parks & Recreation Department want to increase public use of the parks through sculpture, programming or arts-related projects.

We are thrilled to welcome Julián Zugazagoitia and Mark Zimmerman as they shed light on how each phase of the proposed plan will commence. We'll see you at **3:00 on Tuesday, December 6, in the Westport Room.**

ORGAN PIPES IN THE CHAPEL SERIES

The popular organ series returns to Bishop Spencer Place, this month featuring the talent of Ms. Beth Elswick. Beth holds a DMA in organ performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a Master of Science in Education (secondary music) and a Bachelor of Science in Education (English and Writing) from Southwest Missouri State University and a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from the University of Arizona. She is Director of Music at Saint Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Overland Park, KS, and also teaches music theory at UMKC.

We look forward to the eclectic music of Ms. Elswick. Come enjoy at **3:00 on Thursday, December 15, in the Chapel of the Epiphany.**

GRAND OPENING OF VERN'S PUB

Thanks to generous gifts from a former resident and his family, the Pub has been remodeled! The remodel includes the addition of a sink and an ice machine, as well as new paint, décor and a few other items Vern thought would enhance his beloved BSP Pub. We are extremely fortunate to have this giving family as part of our community. **Please stop in for The Pub Grand Opening party starting at 4:00 on Tuesday, December 13, and we'll all raise a glass to Vern!**

DR. SEAN KIM: "MONARCHIES OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA"

We are always happy to listen and learn from Dr. Sean Kim — his lectures are very informative and educational and he brings so much to light in his skillful presentations. Dr. Kim is a renowned professor of history with an emphasis on Asian studies, currently at the University of Central Missouri. He has the flair for blending historic fact with storytelling in a way that engages his audience and brings them into that moment in time. He was born in Seoul, South Korea, to parents who emigrated from North Korea when the American army was pulling out of the war. Raised in Independence, MO, after a brief stay in New York, Dr. Kim returned here in 2005 after earning his Ph.D. at Harvard in 2004 and completing post-doctoral work at the Peabody Institute.

The Royal Families of Europe series begins at **1:30 on Friday, December 30, in the Westport Room,** with Sean spotlighting the monarchies of the Iberian Peninsula.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Christmas time is upon us, which means (among other things) that, for a limited time only, we get to enjoy the music of the season. From the ethereal to the corny and funny, Christmas carols tug at our hearts as they jog our memories of choirs, caroling parties and family gatherings. Carols also have a teaching function, if we listen closely. To grandmother's house we go: Christmas is about family, our relatives, friends and neighbors around the globe. Oh, bring us a figgy pudding: we celebrate with our favorite foods, and we share with those who are in need. We might preface our Christmas playlist with an Advent piece, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: the birth of God with us, so long awaited, the reason for all our holiday traditions. And we might conclude it with this one: Dona Nobis Pacem, give us your peace.

So…may our days be merry and bright this Christmas season, and may we do our part, as we follow the Lord of love, to share the "merry and bright" with all God's children.

People look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way (Eleanor Farjeon)
Christmas spirit is not what you drink (Jethro Tull, a very unlikely modern-day John the Baptist)

— Chaplain Kathy Hall

CHAPLAIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roman Catholic Mass: Father Bob Hagan will be here to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Epiphany.

Christmas Eve Service: This special service will be held the day before Christmas on Saturday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Epiphany.

Good Books: We will not meet during the month of December, but will resume on the 4th Monday of January, the 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Epiphany. We will be reading *The Great Spiritual Migration,* by Brian McLaren. Please join us!

Advent Studies: During Advent, we will meet once a week in the Westport Room to continue our discussion of *The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture,* by Matt Rawle. We will discuss the last three chapters and view related scenes from a film version of *A Christmas Carol.* Meetings will be at 3:00 on Monday, December 5th, 12th and 19th, in the Westport Room.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY LYRIC ARTS TRIO

Veterans of the classical scene, the Lyric Arts Trio is a fresh, innovative chamber ensemble that is a unique blend of clarinet, piano and Coloratura soprano. Elena Lence Talley, Sarah Tannehill Anderson and Daniel Velicer will charm us with their Christmas concert during this wonderful season. We will see you at **3:00 on Thursday, December 22, in the Madison Living Room**.

MOVIE CLASSIC "THE BISHOP'S WIFE" WITH ROBERT BUTLER

An angel in human form enters the life of a bishop in order to help him build a new cathedral and repair his fractured marriage in this 1948 film starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven. See this movie classic with Robert Butler and your BSP friends at **2:00 on Wednesday, December 21, in the Westport Room.**

Bishop Spencer Place LIFE ENRICHMENT

INDEPENDENT LIVING DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Program Directory: **ART— Art Gallery** **A — Abbey** **AC — Activity Center (above Bistro)** **B — Bistro** **CDR — Canterbury Dining Room** **CH — Chapel** **JLR — Jefferson Living Room** **MLR — Madison Living Room** **P — Pub** **WR — Westport Room** **109 — Apt. 109 in Madison** ***Sign up at reception desk**			**1** 10:30 Chair Yoga—AC 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC 2-4:00 CC Bank—MLR 3:00 Life Enrichment Comm—A 4:00 Dining Comm—A **6:30 Bus Departs for Holiday Lights Tour***	**2** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Balance Boost—AC **3:00 Speaker Series | Eric Wesson, *The Call*—WR**	**3** 9:30 Grocery Store Trip* 7:00 Movie—JLR
4 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 11-1:00 Brunch—CDR 3:00 Movie—JLR **3:15 Bus Departs to Community Christian Church for *Jazz Carol Fest****| **5** 10:00 Stretch—AC 11:00 Welcome Comm—A **12:00 Lunch & Bridge Mixer—CDR** 1:00 Art Class—AC 1:30 Dollar Tree Trip* **2:00 Garden Committee (Rescheduled)—A** **3:00 Advent Studies | *The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ & Culture*—WR** 4:30 Men's Club—A	**6** 10:00 Wellness Workout—AC 1:00 Blood Press Ck—109 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC **3:00 Julian Zugazagoitia and Mark Zimmerman | Nelson-Atkins Master Plan District—WR**	**7** **9:30 Catholic Mass—CH** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Grocery Store Trip* 1:00 Gathering for Games—AC **6:30 Bus Departs to Spirituality & All That Jazz***	**8** 10:30 Chair Yoga—A **11:15 Lunch Out to Classic Cup*** 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC 2-4:00 CC Bank—MLR 2:45 Bus Departs to Plaza Library/Pick up at 4:00* **6:30 Bus Departs for Holiday Lights Tour***	**9** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Balance Boost—AC **3:00 Country Club Bank Presents *The Armchair Chorderbacks*—MLR**	**10** 9:30 Grocery Store Trip* **5:30 BSP's Lauren Buser & Co. Lead in a Holiday Sing-a-Long—MLR** 7:00 Movie—JLR
11 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 11-1:00 Brunch 3:00 Movie—JLR	**12** 10:00 Stretch—AC **11:30 Lunch & Learn | The Great Courses: Turning Points in Modern History—WR** 1:00 Art Class—AC **3:00 Advent Studies | The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ & Culture—WR** 4:30 Ladies' Club—P	**13** 10:00 Wellness Workout—AC **11:00 Resident Council Christmas Luncheon—WR** 1:00 Blood Press Ck—109 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC **4:00 Vern's Pub | Grand Opening—P**	**14** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Grocery Store Trip* 1:00 Gathering for Games—AC **1:30 Bus Departs for Tour and Tasting at the Roasterie*** **4:00 Violinist Sunho Kim and Cellist Maria Crosby—MLR**	**15** 10:30 Chair Yoga—AC 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC 2-4:00 CC Bank—MLR **3:00 *Organ Pipes in the Chapel* Features Beth Elswick—CH**	**16** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Balance Boost—AC **2:00 *Vivant!* Sponsored by Larry McMullen in Memory of His Wife Marilyn—MLR**	**17** 9:30 Grocery Store Trip* 7:00 Movie—JLR
18 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 11-1:00 Brunch—CDR **3:00 Saints & Singers—CH**	**19** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Women's Coffee—B 1:00 Art Class—AC 1:30 Walmart Trip* **3:00 Advent Studies | *The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ & Culture* —WR** **5:00 Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Carolers—CDR**	**20** 10:00 Wellness Workout—AC 1:00 Blood Press Ck—109 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC **3:00 The Dickens Carolers—MLR**	**21** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Grocery Store Trip* 1:00 Gathering for Games—AC **2:00 Christmas Movie Classic *The Bishop's Wife* with Robert Butler—WR**	**22** 10:30 Chair Yoga—AC 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC 2-4:00 CC Bank—MLR 2:45 Bus Departs to Plaza Library/Pick up at 4:00* **3:00 Lyric Arts Trio | Christmas Concert—MLR**	**23** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Balance Boost—AC **3:30 Christmas Eve Eve Eggnog and Caroling—MLR**	**24 HANUKKAH BEGINS** 9:30 Grocery Store Trip* **3:00 Bistro Closed** **7:00 Christmas Eve Service—CH**
25 CHRISTMAS DAY BISTRO CLOSED 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH **11-1:00 Christmas Brunch—CDR** 3:00 Movie—JLR	**26** **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED** **BISTRO & SALON OPEN** **OFFICE CLOSED** **NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**	**27** 10:00 Wellness Workout—AC 1:00 Blood Press Ck—109 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC	**28** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Grocery Store Trip* 1:00 Gathering for Games—AC **3:00 UMKC String Trio | Bach: The Goldberg Variations for String Trio—MLR**	**29** 10:30 Chair Yoga—AC 1:30 Arthritis Exercise—AC 2-4:00 CC Bank—MLR	**30** 10:00 Stretch—AC 10:30 Balance Boost—AC **1:30 Sean Kim | The Royal Families of Europe: *Monarchies of the Iberian Peninsula*—WR**	**31 NEW YEAR'S EVE** 9:30 Grocery Store Trip* **3:00 Bistro Closed** **5:00 New Year's Eve Party with The Don Accurso Orchestra—MLR**

Bishop Spencer Place LIFE ENRICHMENT ASSISTED LIVING DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Program Directory **CD — Coventry Dining Room** **CDR—Canterbury Dining Room** **CH — Chapel** **CL—Coventry Living Room** **MLR — Madison Living Room** **RR — Room to Room** **YD — York Dining Room** **YG—York Garden** **YL — York Lounge**				**1** 10:30 Coffee Klatch—CL 1:30 Himalayan Eugene—RR 2:00 Word Game—CD 6:15 Bingo—YD	**2** 11:00 Stretch—CD 2:00 Friday Afternoon at the Movies Features *A Christmas Carol*—CD 3:00 Guitarist/Fiddler Rob Nold—YL	**3** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL
4 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD	**5** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Art Class—AC 3:00 Cocoa, Candy Canes & Christmas Carols—CD	**6** 9:30 Devotions—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD 5:30 Music Magic—YL	**7** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Pets for Life—RR 1:30 Bible Study—CD 3:00 Lenn Anderson—UL	**8** 11:30 Out to Lunch at the Bistro 3:00 Group Crossword—CD 6:15 Bingo—YD	**9** 11:00 Stretch—CD 3:00 CC Bank Presents *The Armchair Chorderbacks—MLR*	**10** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL
11 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD	**12** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Art Class—AC 3:00 Donna Maddox—YL	**13** 9:30 Devotions—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD 6:00 Holiday Lights Bus Tour*	**14** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Pets for Life—RR 1:30 Bible Study with Chaplain Kathy—CD 3:00 Lenn Anderson—YL 4:00 KC Symphony String Duo—MLR	**15** 10:30 Coffee Klatch—CL 3:00 Organ Recital—CH 6:15 Bingo—YD	**16** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:30 Resident Council—CD 2:00 *Vivant!*—MLR	**17** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL
18 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD 3:00 Saints & Singers—MLR	**19** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Art Class—AC 3:00 Scrabble—YL 3:00 Donna Maddox—YL	**20** 9:30 Devotions—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD 3:00 Dickens Carolers—MLR 5:30 Music Magic—YL	**21** 11000 Stretch—CD 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 1:30 Bible Study with Chaplain Kathy—CD\ 3:00 Christmas Party—CDR	**22** 10:30 Coffee Klatch—CL 3:00 Lyric Arts Trio Christmas Concert—MLR 6:15 Bingo—YD	**23** 11:00 Stretch—CD 3:30 Christmas Eve Eve Eggnog and Caroling—MLR	**24** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL 7:00 Christmas Eve Service—CH
25 CHRISTMAS DAY BISTRO CLOSED 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD	**26** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED BISTRO OPEN	**27** 9:30 Devotions—YD 3:00 Bingo—YD 5:30 Music Magic—YL	**28** 11:00 Stretch—CD 1:00 Pets for Life—RR 1:30 Bible Study with Chaplain Kathy—CD 3:00 Lenn Anderson—YL 3:00 UMKC String Trio—MLR	**29** 10:30 Coffee Klatch—CL 3:00 Group Crossword—CD 3:00 Jeannie Russel | Holidays on Broadway—YL 6:15 Bingo—YD	**30** 11:00 Stretch—CD 3:00 New Year Happy Hour | Rosé, Roquefort & Resolutions—*CD*	**31** NEW YEAR'S EVE 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets for Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL 5:00 New Year's Eve Party—MLR

Bishop Spencer Place LIFE ENRICHMENT

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Program Directory **CD — Coventry Dining Room** **CH — Chapel** **MLR — Madison Living Room** **RR — Room to Room** **WR — Westport Room** **YD — York Dining Room** **YL — York Lounge**			**1** 10:00 Exercise—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:30 Himalayan Eugene-RR 2:30 Holiday Cart—RR 6:15 Bingo Night—YL	**2** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:30 Deck the Halls—YL **3:00 Guitar Fiddler Rob Nold—YD**	**3** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets For Life Molly & Charlie—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL
4 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD 3:00 Bingo—YL	**5** **10:00 Lean on Me Singers—YL** 1:30 Manicures—RR 2:15 Card Crafting —YL 3:15 Fireside Singalong—YL	**6** 9:30 Devotions—YD 1:15 Bowling—YL 3:00 Bingo—YD 5:30 Music Magic —YL 6:15 Movie Night—YL	**7** 9:30 Catholic Mass—CH 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:00 Pets For Life—RR 3:00 Lenn Anderson on Piano—YL	**8** 10:00 Exercise—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 2:00 Holiday Cart—RR 3:00 Music Therapist Shelly Suwareh—YL 6:15 Bingo Night—YL	**9** **10:00 Norte Dame Intergenerational Program—YD** 1:30 Wood Crafting– YL **3:00 The Armchair Chorderbacks—MLR**	**10** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets For Life Molly & Charlie—RR 2:00 Afternoon Adventure— **5:30 Lauren's Pianist—MLR**
11 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD **2:30 Grace & Holy Trinity Caroling & Crafts—YL** 3:00 Bingo—YL	**12** 10:00 Coffee Klatch—YL 1:30 Manicures—RR 2:00 Dominoes—YL 3:00 Pianist Donna Maddox—YL	**13** 9:30 Devotions—YD 1:15 Golf—YL 3:00 Bingo—YD **3:45 Daisy Scouts Program—YL** **6:00 Holiday Light Tour**	**14** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:00 Pets For Life—RR 2:30 Candy Making—YD **4:00 KC String Duo—MLR**	**15** 10:00 Exercise—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:30 Himalayan Eugene-RR 2:30 Holiday Cart—RR **3:00 Organ Recital—CH** 6:15 Bingo Night—YL	**16** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News —YL 2:00 Resident Council—YD **2:00 *Vivant!*—MLR** 3:00 Santa's Workshop—YL	**17** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets For Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL
18 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH **1:30 Christmas Fellowship by Reverend Stephen Boyd—YD** 3:00 Bingo—YL **3:00 Saints & Singers**—CH	**19** 10:00 Coffee Klatch—YL 1:30 Manicures—RR 2:00 Dominoes—YL 3:00 Pianist Donna Maddox—YL	**20** 9:30 Devotions—YD 1:15 Bowling—YL **3:00 The Dickens Carolers—MLR** 3:00 Bingo—YD 5:30 Music Magic —YL 6:15 Movie Night—YL	**21** 10:00 Hot Chocolate & Holiday Stories—YL **1:30 Christmas Party with Holiday Entertainment—CDR**	**22** 10:00 Exercise—YL 10:30 Current News—YL **3:00 Lyric Arts Trio—MLR** **5:30 Trimona Ray Carolers-YL** 6:15 Bingo Night—YL	**23** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News —YL 1:30 Holiday Cart—RR **3:30 Christmas Eve Eggnog and Caroling — MLR**	**24** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 1:30 Pets For Life—RR 2:00 Saturday Afternoon Adventure—YL **7:00 Christmas Eve Service—CH**
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 Holy Eucharist—CH 1:30 Praise & Worship—YD	**26** **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED**	**27** 9:30 Devotions—YD 1:15 Golf—YL 3:00 Bingo—YD 5:30 Music Magic –YL 6:15 Movie Night—YL	**28** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 Current News—YL 1:00 Pets For Life—RR **3:00 UMKC String Trio-MLR**	**29** 10:00 Exercise—YL 10:30 Current News—YL **3:00 Jennie Russel Holidays on Broadway-YD** 6:15 Bingo Night—YL	**30** 10:00 Music Moves—YL 10:30 New Year Resolutions—YL 1:30 Whos Who—YL **3:00 New Year Happy Hour—YL**	**31 NEW YEAR'S EVE** 10:30 Music Moves—YL 2:00 Afternoon Adventure **5:00 New Year's Eve Party Don Accurso Orchestra —MLR**

ERIC WESSON WITH "THE CALL"

Eric Wesson's civic engagement is impressive as staff writer/columnist of *The Call*, as well as executive director of 1 Goal [a 501(c)(3) for at-risk youth] and a contributor to BlackAmericaWeb.com. Kansas City's *The Call* is considered one of the top six African-American weekly newspapers in the nation.

We are fortunate to meet Mr. Wesson, an award-winning journalist, at **3:00 on Friday, December 2, in the Westport Room.** See you there!

A TOUR OF THE ROASTERIE

Our popular hometown coffee brew masters at The Roasterie are hosting a tour to learn all about their brewing, cupping and blending processes. You'll learn about the history of the company, get a behind-the-scenes look at the factory and experience a manual coffee brewing demonstration along with a brief Q & A session.

Come enjoy coffee and a tasty pastry! **The BSP bus leaves at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 14.** The tour is walker and wheelchair accessible**.** Please sign up with a concierge — this should be a popular trip!

VIVANT!

Vivant! will be here to entertain us this month, sponsored by our friend, Larry McMullen, in memory of his wife, Marilyn. Bishop Spencer Place and The Fremar Foundation will be the fortunate beneficiaries of Mr. McMullen's generosity. This engaging group of professional musicians received their college musical training from the UMKC Conservatory of Music.

The group's sound combines acoustic accordion with synthesizers, trombone and percussion instruments, and often includes flute or cello. Don't miss out on this lively performance at **2:00 on Friday, December 16, in the Madison Living Room.**

"LUNCH & LEARN"

Our popular Lunch & Learn series, *Turning Points in Modern History*, sheds light on how top discoveries and ideas since the year 1400 have shaped the modern world. Two 30-minute talks on DVD are followed by a group discussion. This session is at **11:30 on Monday, December 12, in the Westport Room. Lunch will be provided (for ten points), so please sign up with the concierge no later than Saturday, December 10, to reserve a delicious PB&J Restaurants meal.**

VIOLIN & CELLO DUET

Violinist Sunho Kim joined the Kansas City Symphony in 2008 and holds the position of assistant concertmaster. Originally from South Korea, she moved to Germany at age 16 to study with Mi-Kyung Lee at the University of Arts, Berlin, and continued her studies beginning at the Royal Danish Academy of Music and finishing at the Oberlin Conservatory. Ms. Kim received her master's degree from the New England Conservatory.

Cellist Maria Crosby was raised with four string-playing siblings and by musical parents. She started the cello at age 6, then studied in prestigious schools from Boston and Chicago, to Los Angeles and finally in Kansas City, where she joined the Kansas City Symphony in 2012. The duo will play for us at **4:00 on Wednesday, December 14, in the Madison Living Room.**

UMKC STRING TRIO

The accomplishments of these three artists are stellar: Zsolt Eder on violin, Gloria Britez Scolari on viola and Eman Gallehdari-Chalshotori on cello. Zsolt was born in Budapest, Hungary, and is on the faculty at the UMKC Conservatory with Eman and Gloria winning awards in their respective positions, also at UMKC.

This talented trio will play *Bach: The Goldberg Variations for String Trio*. We hope you come enjoy them at **3:00 on Wednesday, December 28, in the Madison Living Room.**

LUNCH AT CLASSIC CUP

Another chance for a lunch with friends, this month at Classic Cup on the Country Club Plaza. The **BSP bus will depart at 11:15 on Thursday, December 8**. It should be warm and cozy inside! Remember to sign up with a Jefferson or Madison concierge.

BUS TO THE JAZZ CAROL FEST

It's an annual holiday tradition! The magic of the holiday season kicks off each year with a notable lineup of talent performing their favorite Christmas tunes at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Community Christian Church. Hosted by Tim Whitmer, this year's concert features an incredibly talented group of musicians.

Sign up for the Jazz Carol Fest with one of our concierges, **but tickets are required and can be purchased from the church**. **The BSP bus leaves at 3:15 on Sunday, December 4.**

HERE THEY COME A'CAROLING!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and what better way to spread cheer than by caroling? This month we are fortunate to have so many wonderful groups singing for and with us!

Lauren Buser & Co.: Music therapy graduate student, music teacher and our own Lauren Buser, along with her students and friends, will lead a holiday sing-a-long at **5:30 on Saturday, December 10, in the Madison Living Room.**

The Armchair Chorderbacks barbershop quartet will be singing and harmonizing Christmas favorites at a special performance starting at **3:00 on Friday, December 9, in the Madison Living Room**, thanks to our friends at Country Club Bank.

Saints & Singers Trio includes two teachers and a priest (Chaplain Kathy!), plus guitar, flute, recorder, hammered dulcimers and other assorted instruments. They will present some of their favorite carols at **3:00 on Sunday, December 18, in the Chapel of the Epiphany.**

The Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Carolers will perform some beautiful and moving Christmas music to accompany dinner at **5:00 on Monday, December 19, in the Canterbury Dining Room.**

The Dickens Carolers, Kansas City's premiere professional Christmas caroling company come costumed in beautiful turn-of-the-century attire to add authenticity to their dulcet singing! Enjoy traditional caroling at **3:00 on Tuesday, December 20, in the Madison Living Room**.

"The BSP-ers!": To round out the holiday, Bert Bates will generously provide eggnog (spiked and not) for a "Christmas Eve Eve" Celebration at **3:30 on Friday, December 23, in the Madison Living Room.** Spontaneous caroling is encouraged!

GARDEN TIME

I spent a bittersweet afternoon recently, watching the vines on the memorial wall be cut and torn off, which revealed the wall as it was originally. Five akebia vines, with their unique leaf clusters and delicate lavender flowers, were part of the original Tom's Garden planting before the memorial plaques were conceived. They outgrew their space; their removal opens up space to resume adding plaques. (Funds from the donations for the plaques are used to maintain the Memorial Garden.)

— Article written by Barbara Lee

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FUND

The annual **BSP Employee Holiday Fund** mailboxes remain out around the community, and the money will be given to employees in all departments at the staff holiday party. Thank you for your support in providing a cheery holiday for BSP staff and their families!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
BISTRO CLOSES AT 3:00
FESTAL EUCHARIST AT 7:00 IN THE CHAPEL

HANUKKAH BEGINS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
BISTRO CLOSED
Christmas Feast in the
Canterbury Dining Room 11:00-1:00
If you wish to order Christmas brunch for your apartment, please order from Sarah by Friday, December 23. All meals will be delivered before 11:00 on December 25.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
BISTRO & SALON OPEN
BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
BISTRO CLOSES AT 3:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
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Brunch in the
Canterbury Dining Room 11:00-1:00

HANUKKAH ENDS
2017 BEGINS!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MILESTONES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Klem	03	Anne Quackenbush	21
Delbert Clevenger	05	Marilyn Benson	22
Pat Smith	08	Dick Houston	22
Bob Atkin	12	Janet Borron	22
Molly Bean	12	Ron Spencer	24
Josephine Foster	13	Bill Neaves	25
Barbara Weary	15	Don Carlton	28
Lu Mitchell	18	Bob Edwards	28
Louise Wagnon	18	Anne Zachry	30

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Cremer
Margaret Carrington
Donald Kerr

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH THE DON ACCURSO ORCHESTRA

Saturday, December 31, starting at 5:00 p.m.
with Champagne toast at 6:30 p.m.
Madison Living Room/Canterbury Dining Room

The Don Accurso Orchestra will perform starting at 5:00 on New Year's Eve. You may choose to listen while you sit in the Pub, dine in the Canterbury Dining Room or enjoy wine & cocktails in the Madison Living Room! Come join in on the fun!

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RECENT EVENTS