



The AMBASSADOR

SAINT LUKE'S BISHOP SPENCER PLACE

December 2018

 **Saint Luke's**
BISHOP SPENCER PLACE

ACTIVITY KEY



Celebration



Movie



Theatre



Arts



Music



Nature



Excursion



Speaker



Cocktails



Dining



Coffee & Conversation



Class



Health



Jazz Carol Festival at Community Christian Church

Sunday, December 2 | BSP bus departs at 3:15 p.m.

Sign up for the bus to the annual jazz Christmas celebration at Community Christian Church,

with Tim Whitmer, Millie Edwards, and many other BSP and Kansas City jazz favorites.



Speaker Series | Gen. Michael Symanski

Tuesday, December 4
3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

During his 37-year career, retired Major General Michael W. Symanski commanded the 89th Reserve Readiness Command and USAR theater level logistics command. He served as a Battalion Commander in Desert Storm, Deputy Commanding General for logistics in the Balkans, and on active duty on the Army Staff in the Pentagon as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs. He has represented the Army in the Joint Operations "Tank."



Printmaking Class | Nelson-Atkins Artists

Wednesday, December 5
3:00 p.m. | Activity Center

Christine Boutros and Jackie Niekamp from the Nelson-Atkins Museum will be here to lead a hands-on printmaking workshop. The first 15 residents to sign up will create small gift cards and wrapping paper. Join us! No printmaking experience or creativity needed!

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

The BSP office, Salon, and Bistro will be closed.



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Spirituality & All That Jazz

Wednesday, December 5
BSP bus departs at 6:30 p.m.

This month, jazz group A La Mode, featuring Clayton and Jessica DeLong, will perform with Tim Whitmer and The Consort Band.

Sign up with the concierge.



Speaker Series | Jeffrey Weidman | William Rimmer: A Yankee Michelangelo

Thursday, December 6
3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

Teacher, reviewer, presenter, writer, and BSP resident Jeffrey Weidman's knowledge of art, art history, and library science is exceptional. He has a Ph.D. in art history and a master's degree in library science and was Head of Reference and Collection Development in the Spencer Art Reference Library at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Jeffrey will discuss painter and sculptor William Rimmer, one of the artists who exhibited in the groundbreaking 1913 Armory Show of modern art in New York.



TubaChristmas

Friday, December 7
BSP bus departs at 11:00 a.m.

The first TubaChristmas took place December 22, 1974, at Rockefeller Plaza in New York. Kansas City's first TubaChristmas was in 1979 when the group performed for the lighting of the Crown Center Christmas tree and has happened annually since, often bringing together more than 500 tuba and euphonium players.

The first 12 to sign up will get free tickets. We need to leave a bit early as this is first-come, first-served seating for a popular event!

Sign up with the concierge.



Movie Classic with Robert Butler | Drums Along the Mohawk

Friday, December 7 | 2:00 p.m.
Westport Room

1939's *Drums Along the Mohawk*, directed by John Ford, stars Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda as newlyweds trying to start a farm in the Mohawk Valley on the New York frontier as the American Revolution begins.



Abigail Pabst Student Piano Recital

Saturday, December 8 | 2:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Come listen to holiday music played by Abigail Pabst's piano students! We'll have cookies and plenty of holiday cheer. Abigail is our former BSP Activities Assistant.



Saints & Singers

Sunday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Our own Chaplain Kathy Hall and her friends make up Saints and Singers—a musical group that blends whimsy with folk and Celtic music, with guitars, flute, recorder, keyboard, and hammered dulcimer. The trio loves to play together and hopes you will join them as they perform some of their favorite Christmas carols.

Spa and Salon gift certificates are available for purchase from the concierges. The certificates make perfect gifts for your loved ones.



Lunch & Learn | NEW SERIES: Brain Myths Exploded

Monday, December 10

Lunch | 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon

Program | starts at 12:00 noon

Westport Room

We continue the Great Courses DVD series *Brain Myth's Exploded: Lessons from Neuroscience*. Lunch begins promptly at 11:30. Two talks begin at noon and run until 1:00. Lunch will be provided (10 points). **Sign up with the concierge by Saturday, December 8, to allow PB&J time to prepare lunch.**



Kansas City Symphony Woodwind Duo

Monday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.

Madison Living Room

Join us for the woodwind duo of Rebecca Tobin and Nicole Haywood. Rebecca has served as associate principal clarinet with the Kansas City Symphony since 2017. Nicole is acting second bassoon for the 2018–19 season and was recently appointed assistant principal and second bassoon of the Grant Park Orchestra in Chicago.



Speaker Series | Jermaine Reed

Tuesday, December 11

2:30 p.m. | Westport Room

Kansas City mayoral candidate and Kansas City Councilman Jermaine Reed was reared in Kansas City, and graduated from Northeast High and the University of Missouri, Columbia. He received an Executive Masters in Public Administration from UMKC. He has served two terms representing the Third District on the Kansas City city council.



Betse & Clarke Duo

Wednesday, December 12

3:00 p.m.

Madison Living Room

Betse & Clarke return to BSP. Betse plays the fiddle and sings, and Clarke plays banjo and guitar. Both are classically-trained musicians who became folk music and history scholars. The duo traces songs and fiddle tunes back to their roots. Related stories recall a sense of place and meaning in the music. Betse & Clarke have a lot of fun performing, and it's catching—singing along is encouraged!



Speaker Series | Carter Rostron: Three Mini-Documentaries on KC

Thursday, December 13

3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

Carter Rostron is an eighth grader at St Paul's Episcopal Day School. A budding filmmaker, he has won first place trophies for his submissions to the Kansas City International Film Festival youth competition over the past five years. He completed his first documentary, about a haunted UMKC mansion, was when he was eight years old. Carter will show three five-minute documentary films, *The Epperson House—A Kansas City Ghost Story*, *The Missouri Irish Brigade*, and *A Remarkable Gift—The Linda Hall Library*. He will discuss and answer questions about the films.



Dinnertime Caroling | Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri Youth

Friday, December 14

6:00 p.m. | Madison Living Room & Canterbury Dining Room

The youth choir of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri will entertain us with a few holiday carols during our Friday evening dinner.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10:00 Holy Eucharist CH 2:15 Sunday Movie CD 3:00 Bingo YL	3 Hanukkah 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 Music Therapy RR 3:00 Guitarist Nick Gadbois YL 4:30 Men's Club P	4 10:00 Coffee & Donuts RR 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Manicures RR 3:30 Bingo CD 6:15 Game Night YL	5 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 PFL Jan & Badger RR 1:30 Prayer Group CD 3:00 Pianist Lenn Anderson YL	6 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Needlework Hour CD 3:30 Bingo CD 6:30 Bingo Night YL	7 9:30 Baking Christmas Cookies TR 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 Christmas Cookie Decorating TR 2:30 Movie Matinee CD	8 11:00 Exercise CD 11:00 Rosary CH 1:30 PFL Al & Chuck RR 2:00 Saturday Movie CD 2:00 Abigail Pabst Student Recital MLR
9 10:00 Holy Eucharist CH 1:30 Saints & Singers Dulcimer Trio MLR 3:00 Bingo YL	10 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 Music Therapy RR 3:00 KC Symphony Woodwind Duo MLR 4:30 Ladies' Club P	11 9:30 Catholic Mass CH 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Manicures RR 3:30 Bingo CD 6:15 Game Night YL	12 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 PFL Jan & Badger RR 1:30 Prayer Group CD 3:00 Betse & Clarke Duo MLR	13 11:00 Walking Club 3:30 Bingo CD 6:15 KC Lights Bus Tour bus departs York at 6:30	14 10:30 Resident Council TR 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 Chair Volleyball WR 3:00 Pie of the Month RR	15 10:00 Friendship Baptist Church Choir YD 11:00 Exercise CD 11:00 Rosary CH 1:30 PFL Al & Chuck RR 2:00 Saturday Movie CD
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Metropolitan Opera at the Plaza Cinemark | La Traviata

Saturday, December 15

BSP bus departs at 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy the Met's *Live in HD* movie-theater transmission of one of Verdi's most beloved operas, *La Traviata*.

Sign up with the concierge.



KC Chorale Holiday Music | Unity Church

Sunday, December 16

BSP bus departs at 1:15 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of holiday music, including popular jazzy carols such as *White Christmas*, *The Night Before Christmas*, and *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, performed by the Kansas City Chorale.

The Chorale will be performing at Unity Church on the Plaza. The first 12 residents who sign up will receive a complimentary ticket on a first come, first-served seating arrangement at Unity Church.

Sign up with the concierge by Wednesday, December 12.



ART BLOCKS | Donna Houtteman

Monday, December 17

3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

Donna Houtteman is the leading voice behind the Kansas City Art Institute's Art Sofa Series. This month Donna will discuss art from German Expressionism through Cubism.



Speaker Series | Actor Tuc Watkins

Tuesday, December 18

3:00 p.m.

Westport Room

BSP is delighted to welcome actor, producer, and Kansas City native Tuc Watkins, the grandson of the late BSP resident Margaret Watkins. Tuc is well-known for his roles on television shows, including *One Life to Live* and *Desperate Housewives*, and in movies such as *The Mummy*. Margaret was very proud of his recent performance in the revival of *The Boys in the Band* on Broadway. Please join us as Tuc discusses his work in film and on the stage.



Humberto Sierralta

Wednesday, December 19

3:00 p.m. | Madison Living Room

BSP welcomes back international award-winning pianist and composer Humberto Sierralta for an afternoon of holiday music.



Eggnog & Singalong | Bert Bates & Rich Hill

Thursday, December 20

4:30 p.m. | Madison Living Room

Resident Bert Bates will generously provide eggnog (spiked and not) for what has become an annual party, our holiday sing-along with a BSP favorite, pianist Rich Hill.



The Dickens Carolers

Friday, December 21

3:00 p.m. | Madison Living Room

The Dickens Carolers, Kansas City's premiere professional Christmas caroling company, come costumed in beautiful turn-of-the-century attire!

Chaplain's CORNER

In December, we are bombarded with bargains, swamped with seasonal music, and inundated with invitations to this party or that performance. It's a busy, exhausting, delightful time of year for everybody, whatever their reasons for the season.

For Christians and Jews, December is a holy month. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the central figure of Christianity, on December 25. Jews celebrate the feast of Hanukkah, which marks the rededication of the Second Temple after the Maccabean Revolt, lighting candles for eight days beginning on December 2 this year.

In our current divisive climate, may this December remind us of things we do have in common. Families and the joy of gathering together. The desire to give good gifts to our loved ones, including gifts that cannot be purchased: a compliment, a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on. And for people of faith, the love of God, who created and sustains our world and everyone who lives there.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
(Is. 9.2)

—Chaplain Kathy Hall

Roman Catholic Mass

Father Bob | Tuesday, December 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Father Bob | Friday, December 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Advent Studies

Tuesdays | December 4, 11, 18 | 11:00 a.m. | Chapel

A Thrill of Hope: the Christmas Story in Word and Art is a 6-part DVD series that combines commentary and artwork, so we can learn about the Nativity from two perspectives.

Pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 11:00 a.m. | Chapel

Amahl & The Night Visitors

Monday | December 24 | 1:30 p.m. | Westport Room

Please join us for the original 1951 55-minute broadcast.

Christmas Eve Service

Monday | December 24 | 4:00 p.m. | Chapel



The Great Courses | Impressionism

Wednesday, December 26
3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

Join us for the Great Courses series, *From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism*, to learn about the most famous artistic movement in history.



Guitarist Dan Bliss

Thursday, December 27
3:00 p.m. | Madison Living Room

Dan Bliss, inspired by Kansas City's blues and jazz traditions, has played with Kelley Hunt, Ron Fleeman, and his own band, Bluetonium.



New Year Movie | *When Harry Met Sally*

Friday, December 28
2:00 p.m. | Westport Room

New Year's Eve proves pivotal in this 1989 romantic comedy, written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner, and starring Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

Janet Klem, December 3

Helen Stefanov, December 4

Delbert Clevenger, December 5

Pat Smith, December 8

Barbara Weary, December 15

Lu Mitchell, December 18

Louise Wagnon, December 18

Anne Quackenbush, December 21

Marilyn Benson, December 22

Dick Houston, December 22

Ron Spencer, December 24

Cathy Campbell, December 27

Don Carlton, December 28

Linda Talbott, December 29

IN LOVING MEMORY



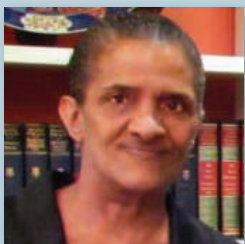
Mary Edith Lillis

Naida Quinlan

Janet Borron

Gloria Henshaw

CONGRATULATIONS!



BPS is pleased to announce that Roberta Butler from the EVS Department is the employee of the quarter for the third quarter. Please congratulate Roberta when you see her!



Garden TIME

Those mid-November snows quickly eliminated nearly all of our flowers. But we have a few surprises ready for next spring!

A Mystery is Alive in Bishop Spencer Place

The Shadow may know, but we do not know from whence came our five Columbines. One of these, a Golden Columbine, appeared first in our Memorial Garden in spring 2017. Vicki Johnson identified it properly. It is one of many variations of Columbines that have grown in North America for 10,000 to 40,000 years.

Spring 2018 surprised us with four other Columbines in four different colors. But some time last summer, three of these disappeared. The work of an overly-ambitious grounds keeper?

We can find no knowledge or record of the purchase of any Columbines, ever, for the Memorial Garden. We have come to the conclusion that the seeds for these beautiful and welcome plants have been deposited by robins or perhaps a fortuitous wind. Can any resident solve this mystery? The Shadow has retired.

Hope all enjoy a happy holiday season and save your spent flower bulbs for the Garden Committee!

—Bobbie Ellis



New Year's Eve Party

WITH THE DON ACCURSO ORCHESTRA

Monday, December 31, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Madison Living Room | Canterbury Dining Room | Pub

We are saddened by the passing of our dear friend Don, but as his lovely wife mentioned in the remembrance of her husband, “the band plays on.” We are privileged to welcome Don’s Orchestra to our New Year’s Eve celebration.

