



Community Christian Church

December
2011

Christmas Eve Schedule Dec. 24, 2011

Hearthside Service—12 Noon

Celebration Extravaganza Service -4 p.m.

{especially suited for families with young children—
a keepsake gift for every child}

Special Music: Steeple Ringers, Tim Whitmer
& The Journey Band, Lori Tucker

Gospel Music Service—7 p.m.

Special Music: Millie Edwards, Tim Whitmer,
Ah'Lee Robinson, Rick Huyett

Classically Traditional Service—11 p.m.

Special Music: The Chancel Choir

The Christmas Eve Message in all services:
“The First Christmases” by Dr. Bob Hill

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011

One Service at 10:45

On Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25, we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with one service at 10:45 a.m. There will be warm fellowship, heartfelt carols, the light of the Christ Candle, and wonderful music from Tim Whitmer and special guest Millie Edwards. Dr. Hill's Christmas morning meditation will be *CHRISTMASTIME: A Time for Singing!*

Christmas Offering

Our annual Christmas Offering magnifies all of Community's programs, touching the lives of our members and the lives of countless others in the wider community and around the world. The Christmas Offering will be received in each Christmas Eve service and on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25. You may also bring or mail your Christmas Offering to the church office at 4601 Main St., Kansas City MO 64112 before Dec. 31.



**TRAVELER'S
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.**

If you're planning to be out of town on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, the Traveler's Christmas Eve Service (on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, at 6:00 p.m., in the chapel) is just the service for you. Be inspired by the traditional carols of the season, wonderful music by The Chancel Choir under the direction of Kathy Huey, special solos by Tim Whitmer, candle-lighting, communion, and the ever-new, ever-renewing message of the Christmas story. Rev. Michelle Harris-Gloyer, Dr. Tom Haley, Rev. Donna Mueller, and Worship Department members will greet you warmly, and Dr. Hill's message will be *"The Gift of The Christmas Light."* What a wonderful way to participate in our beloved community of faith and launch your journey out of town!

**Service of Turning & Transformation
Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m.**

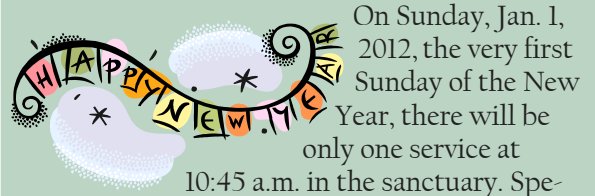
Begin your preparations for saying farewell to the passing year and a turning into the promise of A transformed future in a comfortable and relaxed service of reflection and meditation on Wed., Dec. 28, at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Dr. Hill, Dr. Haley, and Rev. Mueller will lead and Tim Whitmer will provide beautiful music in the service, which will include the burning of past regrets signifying the grace that is possible for one and all.

**New Year's Welcoming Service
Fri, Dec. 30, 2011**

A midday service of prayer and meditation will be offered on Fri., Dec 30th, for the blessing of the passing year 2011 and the welcoming of the New Year 2012. Dr. Hill, Dr. Haley, Rev. Mueller, and Dr. George Flanagan will offer hospitality and host times of communion and Nicholas Simpson will offer stirring music throughout this deeply felt occasion of reflection and anticipation. Brief words of encouragement will be as follows:

- 12:00 - Welcome: The Key to A Fresh Start*
- 12:15 - Hope to Keep You Going*
- 12:30 - Peace, Inward and Outward*
- 12:45 - Love in All of Your Relationships*
- 12:55 - Courage in Troubled Times*

Jan. 1, 2012- One Service at 10:45



On Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, the very first Sunday of the New Year, there will be only one service at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Special music will be provided by Tim Whitmer and The Journey Band and Dr. Hill's morning message will be "New Year's Resolutions That Really Matter."

***"Health, Healing
& The Journey to Wholeness"***

New Sermon Series to Kick Off the New Year 2012
8:30, 9:20, and 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Hill's first sermon series of the new year 2012 will focus on Health, Healing and the Journey to Wholeness. Dr Hill's exploration of health and healing issues will include considerations of the Biblical witness about the importance of the body as "the temple of the Holy Spirit," the possibilities for healing in all aspects of our lives, the significance of financial health in tough times, and the central components for healthy relationships. Be sure to invite your friends to join you for this important series. It will be good for your health, in all ways!

- Jan. 8 The Blessedness of the Body
- Jan. 15 What Do We Do with Our Pain?
- Jan. 22 Pulpit exchange between Community & St. James UMC
- Jan. 29 Everyday Miracles (No Matter What Shape You're In)
- Feb. 5 Achieving Financial Health
- Feb. 12 The Keys to Healthy Relationships
- Feb. 19 Move It!

Wednesday Evening Services

Beginning the New Year 2012 with a focus on
The Greatest Prayer

Journey through the most beloved prayer in the Christian tradition as Community's clergy examine "The Greatest Prayer" during the first series of Wednesday evening services in the new year 2012. Each Wednesday evening in January and February, beginning at 6 p.m. in Community's chapel, you'll enjoy the warm intimacy of a midweek service with times for prayerful reflection, inspirational music, and the sharing of communion.

- Jan. 4 Our Father in Heaven
- Jan. 11 Hallowed Be Thy Name
- Jan. 18 Thy Kingdom Come
- Jan. 25 Thy Will Be Done on Earth
- Feb. 1 Give Us Our Daily Bread
- Feb. 8 Forgive Us Our Debts
- Feb. 15 Lead Us Not into Temptation