

Parish News

January 2023

Immanuel Lutheran  
Church



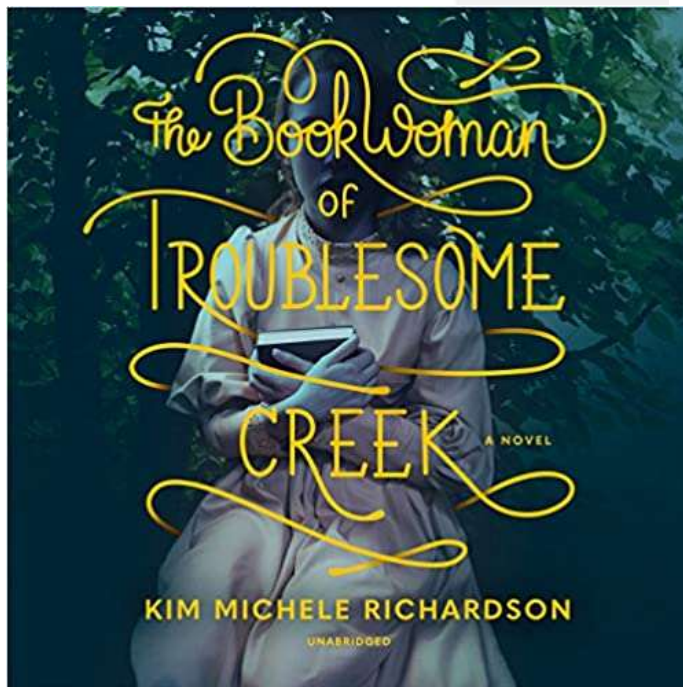
What will the new year bring?

May this new year bring you joy, health, and blessings as you continue to grow in your faith and serve your community.

May you find strength and inspiration in the love and support of your church family, and may you make a positive impact on the world around you.

*Wishing you all the best in the year ahead!*

January 12th, Friends of Literature



In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, lives blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry.

The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky and becomes a librarian, riding across slippery creek

The NEW YORK TIMES, LOS ANGELES TIMES and USA TODAY bestselling author, Kim Michele Richardson is a multiple-award winning author and has written five works of historical fiction, and a bestselling memoir.

Her critically acclaimed novel, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a DOLLY PARTON RECOMMENDED READ, a Goodreads Choice award nominee, and has earned the 2020 PBS Readers Choice, 2019 LibraryReads Best Book, Indie Next, SIBA, Forbes Best Historical Novel, Book-A-Million Best Fiction, and is an Oprah's Buzziest Books pick and a Women's National Book Association Great Group Reads selection. It was inspired by the remarkable "blue people" of Kentucky, and the fierce, brave Packhorse Librarians who used the power of literacy to overcome bigotry, hate and fear during the Great Depression. The novel is



beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

Along her dangerous route, Cussy, known to the mountain folk as Bluet, confronts those suspicious of her damselfly-blue skin and the government's new book program. She befriends hardscrabble and complex fellow Kentuckians, and is fiercely determined to bring comfort and joy, instill literacy, and give to those who have nothing, a bookly respite, a fleeting retreat to faraway lands.

*Friends of Literature will meet in Spong Common Room, January 12th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.*

taught widely in high schools and college classrooms.

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2023 offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

Please take yours home today.

If you don't see a box with your name on it and want one, please contact Linda Fox (816-679-0928) or the Church Office.

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## JANUARY ADULT FORUM

**JANUARY 8TH**

TBD

**JANUARY 29TH -**

The Gospel of Matthew,  
Led by Don Arney and Pastor Micah

**JANUARY 15TH -**

Letter from the Birmingham Jail by  
Martin Luther King,  
Led by Don Arney

**JANUARY 22ND -**

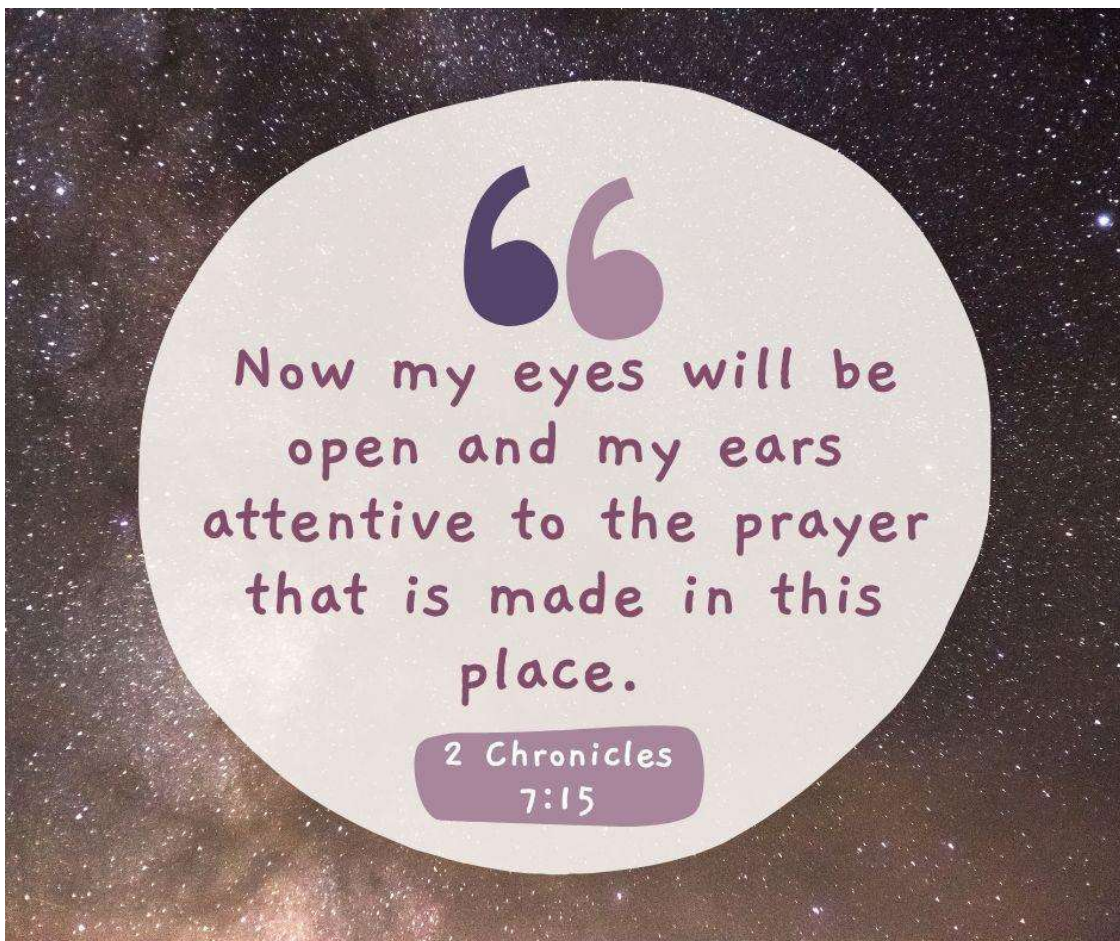
History of KC Habitat for Humanity,  
Led by Pam Edvalds



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Elin Myers 1/4  
Margaret Park 1/4  
Karen Bame 1/6  
Alex Peters 1/8  
Kenny Ross 1/8  
Brian Thomas 1/9  
Joseph Noernberg 1/11  
Graham Carey 1/12  
Colin Fewell 1/12  
B.J. Laven 1/12  
Stacia Peters 1/14

Nancy Beckmann 1/15  
Dan Kumm 1/17  
Beth Callstrom 1/18  
Cody Tomlin 1/21  
Melodee Blobaum 1/22  
Larry Benolkin 1/24  
Rick Sundell 1/25  
Doug Gossick 1/26  
Jay Browning 1/27  
Audrey Parson 1/29  
Steven Swanson 1/31



**Members of  
Immanuel**  
Rick Crawford,

**Friends of Immanuel**  
Cheri Hernandez, niece of Carmen Norris  
Karen Brooks, sister of Beth Callstrom

Andree  
Cuthbertson,  
Pat Durie,  
Kevin Fewell,  
Peg Himebaugh,  
Naomi Karmeier,  
Family and Friends  
of Lila Aamodt,  
Family and Friends  
of Dottie Keough,  
Family and Friends  
of Jack Landes,  
Terry Kueker,  
Carmen Norris,  
Ellen Parson,  
Carol Powers,  
Deanne  
Schlehuber,  
EB Walker &  
Carolyn Wilson

**Baby Cruz and the Brown Family**, family of  
Jean Nuernberger  
**James, Jim and Ethel Clanin**, family of Lori  
Clanin  
**Darlene Henninger**, aunt of Catie Tomlin  
**Normajean Holtje**, cousin of Mike Ortmann  
**Betty Ladwig**, mother of Kate Hauber and Cece  
Atherton  
**Angela Lingle**, aunt of Tori Friedrich  
**Steve Lucht**, friend of Bill and Mary Jo Moore  
**Cindy Kempcke**, sister in law of Melodee  
Blobaum  
**Dale & Kay Mowbray**, friends of Deanne  
Schlehuber  
**Patrick**, friend of Melodee Blobaum's family  
**Beth Shepard**, sister of Patti Winkler  
**Janet & Randy Spicer**, friends of Mary Lynn  
Coleman–Renoe  
**Family and Friends of Alice Caspers**  
**Family & Friends of Pam Staggs**, sister of  
Connie Ross  
**Family & Friends of Donald Vought**, father  
of Donna Roth  
**Family & Friends of Ted Werbin**, friend of  
Linda Fewell  
**Women of Westport Oxford House**, friends  
of Immanuel

*If you would like to add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, contact the church office. Names will remain on the list for three months unless you indicate otherwise.*

*Email [ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:ImmanuelKCPrayerTeam@gmail.com) to request prayer for someone who does not wish to appear on the public list.*

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*Worship Leaders  
&  
Scripture Readings*

January 1st

Presiding Minister – Rev.  
Micah Sievenpiper

Assisting Minister – Vicki  
Swanson

Lay Reader – Linda Taylor  
Communion Steward – Karen  
Bame

Acolyte – Ciara Boyd

Crucifer – Ingrid Peterson  
Ushers – Pam Edvalds, Mike  
Ortmann, Jean Nuernberger,  
Del Karneier

Altar –

Media – Rick Wilcox

First Reading – Numbers 6:22–  
27

Second Reading – Galatians  
4:4–7

Psalmody – Psalm 8

Gospel – Luke 2:15–21

January 8th

Presiding Minister – Rev.  
Micah Sievenpiper

Assisting Minister – Tori  
Frierich

Lay Reader – Cece Atherton  
Communion Steward –  
Melodee Blobaum

Acolyte – Alex Hastings

Crucifer – BJ Laven  
Ushers – Kate Hauber, Tracy  
Atherton, Cece Atherton

Altar – Milan Hanson, Karen  
Bame

Media – Jack and Tori Friedrich

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1–9  
Second Reading – Acts 10:34–  
43

Psalmody – Psalm 29

Gospel – Matthew 3:13–17



## January 15th

Presiding Minister – Rev.  
Micah Sievenpiper

Assisting Minister – John  
Anderson

Lay Reader – Melodee Blobaum

Communion Steward – Linda  
Taylor

Acolyte – Josh Friedrich

Crucifer – Milan Hanson

Ushers – Chris Roth, Milan  
Hanson, Bob Hyland

Altar – Milan Hanson

Media – Linda Fox

First Reading – Isaiah 49:1–7

Second Reading – 1

Corinthians 1:1–9

Psalmody – Psalm 40:1–11

Gospel – John 1:29–42

## January 22nd

Presiding Minister – Rev.  
Micah Sievenpiper

Assisting Minister – Beth  
Callstrom

Lay Reader – Linda Fox

Communion Steward – Kathy  
Linder

Acolyte – Ben Hastings

Crucifer – Ingrid Peterson

Ushers – Marc Winkler, Patti  
Winkler, Randy Callstrom

Altar – Suzanne Steffen,  
Heather Winker

Media – Milan Hanson

First Reading – Isaiah 9:1–4

Second Reading – 1

Corinthians 1:10–18

Psalmody – Psalm 27:1, 4–9

Gospel – Matthew 4:12–23

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## January 29th

Presiding Minister – Rev. Micah Sievenpiper

Assisting Minister – Connie Benolkin

Lay Reader – Connie Ross

Communion Steward – Rick Sundell

Acolyte – Charlie Friedrich

Crucifer – Milan Hanson

Ushers – Scott Thompson

Altar – Milan Hanson, Bonnie Thomas

Media – Milan Hanson

First Reading – Micah 6:1–8

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Psalmody – Psalm 15

Gospel – Matthew 5:1–12



## Friday, December 30th

3:30 pm World Folk Dancers, Luther Hall

## Saturday, December 31st

9:30 am Shin Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

## Sunday, January 1st

8:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Luther Hall

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 am Coffee Hour, Luther Hall

3 pm OA-KC, Gathering Space

## Monday, January 2nd

12 pm Trumpet Practice, Sanctuary

## Tuesday, January 3rd

5 pm Youth Chorus, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, January 4th

5 pm Youth Chorus, Sanctuary

6 pm Shin Ryu Karate, Luther Hall

## Thursday, January 5th

5 pm Youth Chorus, Sanctuary

7 pm OA-KC, Gathering Space

7 pm Social Ministries Committee, Zoom

## Friday, January 6th



None

Join An Event Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5143355703>

Meeting ID: 514 335 5703

One tap mobile: +13017158592, 5143355703# US

Visit <https://immanuelkc.org/calendar> to view the full calendar of upcoming events at Immanuel. If you have questions or would like to add an event to the calendar, contact the church office, [816-931-8483](tel:816-931-8483) or [office@immanuelkc.org](mailto:office@immanuelkc.org).



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Randy Callstrom  
Mason Carey  
Elizabeth Hastings  
Lynden Peters  
Sara Prem  
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