

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## Wanted: Secret Santas

This year, two neighborhood families suffered the tragic loss of parents, leaving 7 children—all boys—living with extended family. We've been approached about providing Christmas gifts for 7 children - all boys - ranging in age from 1 to 12.

**If you would like to be a Secret Santa** to one or more of these children, please notify Pastor Ray by December 7. We must have the gifts by Tuesday, December 14.

Thanks for sharing the love of Christ this season with these children that need our support in the middle of loss.

## Preparing for 2022

The New Year is just around the corner and we need to take care of some business to make sure that we are ready.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, December 19**, we will hold a brief congregational meeting following the worship service to approve a budget for the coming year, share updates regarding our search for space and care for other church business.

### 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our old directory is obsolete since we've had people move to new locations, change phone numbers, and experience life changes. So, It's time to update the Directory! Expect a phone call in the next several weeks to make sure your information is updated.



## Virtual 'Harvest Home'

### Reviving a Kimball Tradition on December 5

As part of Kimball's 120th Anniversary, we have decided to revive the Harvest Home tradition with a virtual event on **December 5!**

Though Harvest Home was usually held in early Fall, December 5th has historic significance for the church. On the first Sunday of December 1901, the first worship service was held in a small chapel at the corner of Kimball and Medill.

We hope you will join us as we gather online at 5 pm to share memories, rekindle friendships, celebrate Kimball's past and look toward Kimball's future. You will also have the opportunity to make a contribution to the Harvest Home offering. This year, all donations will be doubled thanks to a \$15,000 matching gift.

## 2021 Las Posadas: Giving Shelter to Refugees

For the past 9 years, the congregations of the Logan Square Ecumenical Alliance have used the tradition of Las Posadas to advocate for affordable and secure housing for neighborhood families at risk of displacement. This year, we will focus on the plight of refugee families fleeing from the violence of war in Afghanistan in need of safe shelter in a new land.

In partnership with Refugee One, our congregations will raise funds starting December 1, to cover a month's rent (\$1200) for an Afghan family arriving in the US. Then, on **Saturday, December 11**, we will gather at the **Logan Square Monument** along with Mary and Joseph (and the donkey) to call our community to action on behalf of all refugees. **The Rally will begin at 10:00 am.** We plan to live-stream to Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

The link for on-line giving will be posted on our Facebook page.

Monday, Nov. 29	Tuesday, Nov. 30	Wednesday, Dec. 1	Thursday, Dec. 2	Friday, Dec. 3	Saturday, Dec. 4	Sunday, Dec. 5
	9 am KANSA Staff Mtg		10 am 'Stay Alive'			9:45 am Centering Prayer
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			10:30 am Hybrid Worship
						5 pm Virtual Harvest Home
Monday, Dec. 6	Tuesday, Dec. 7	Wednesday, Dec. 8	Thursday, Dec. 9	Friday, Dec. 10	Saturday, Dec. 11	Sunday, Dec. 12
	9 am KANSA Staff Mtg		10 am 'Stay Alive'		10 am "Las Posadas"	9:45 am Centering Prayer
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			10:30 am Hybrid Worship
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Monday, Dec. 13	Tuesday, Dec. 14	Wednesday, Dec. 15	Thursday, Dec. 16	Friday, Dec. 17	Saturday, Dec. 18	Sunday, Dec. 19
	9 am KANSA Staff Mtg		10 am 'Stay Alive'			9:45 am Centering Prayer
		1:30 pm Grocery Pop-Up *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			10:30 am Hybrid Worship
						11:45 am Church Business Mtg.
Monday, Dec. 20	Tuesday, Dec. 21	Wednesday, Dec. 22	Thursday, Dec. 23	Friday, Dec. 24	Saturday, Dec. 25	Sunday, Dec. 26
CPS Schools closed December 20, 2021 - January 2, 2022				Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	9:45 am Centering Prayer
						10:30 am Hybrid Worship
						<b>Christmas Sunday</b>

\* Monthly Grocery Pop-ups and weekly Lunch "Take-Out" at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.

For more information about upcoming events, go to the church website: <https://kimballavenuechurch.org>

