

# Side-by-Side at Roberts Park: Letters of Appreciation

November 11-13, 2016

I want to thank you for opening up the invitation to Spirit and Place ~ Side by Side event to me and the other hosts. I came home that night with such a sense of awe. I have talked about it with so many this week and each time I have had the excitement and appreciation in my voice that I felt last Friday night. The display of all the sculptures was amazing. The way in which each were enclosed with the black curtains and lights was so meaningful as I walked from piece to piece. The brochures gave such an outstanding understanding of not only the sculptures but of Timothy Schmalz him-



*"When I Was a Stranger" sculpture by Timothy Schmalz in Fellowship Hall*

these amazing sculptures and his life. The history was fascinating as he shared his walk with all of us. Thanks to Roberts Park, Pastor Andrew and Pastor Melissa. Thank you to EVERYONE involved in this endeavor. I know it took a lot of manpower and hours to put this on and I know it has touched many lives.

- anonymous

Just a quick note to tell you what a nice evening we had last night. Everything about it was great~ Tim's guided tour of his sculptures & the way it all tied into Soup's On was just so very touching

& meaningful. Please tell the cooks for us that dinner was really delicious! The choir~ and their selections, truly amazing. Loved it! Thank you for thinking of us. We're so happy to have been a part of such a unique & beautiful event!

- Mary Sue McAlister



*Matthew's Voices*

self. I initially sat and read through the entire handout and then went through the exhibit. To see all these sculptures up close and in that setting was one of the most emotional and thought provoking experiences I have ever had. So, so touching to my heart. The dinner was fabulous. I dined with three Roberts Park members and one guest from Soup's On. Mary and Scott did an outstanding job preparing the formal dinner and the servers seemed as if that's what they do every day. Great teamwork for all involved. The music, art décor, and transformation of downstairs was amazing compared to the usual setting on Sundays. All and all, very impressive. The final segment was very touching to me as well.

As Matthew's Voices sang, and I looked from face to face, it was as if seeing the face of a child. The looks of being so proud and happy as they performed. And the sincere smiles when they heard the applause after each song. Those were looks you don't normally see on adults faces as we get older. And to end with Timothy Schmalz telling all about how he started and his faith journey with

## Worship Attendance for December 2016

### Sunday Services

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25	Total
8:30	19	22	17		58
10:00				73	73
10:30	119	120	126		365
Total	138	142	143	73	496

### Special Services

Blue Christmas 12/21	Christmas Eve Family	Christmas Eve Jazz	Christmas Eve Candle Light	Total
53	89	130	113	385

**Grand Total for December 2016 881**



*January Birthdays*

# January 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Jill Smith 1/1						
Anita Fremann 1/6						
Janet Purichia 1/7						
Connie Carlock 1/7						
Jim Hughes 1/15						
Claudia Swhier 1/15						
Helen Smith 1/17						
Jose Alenduff 1/18						
Rob Robinson 1/19						
Dee Dee Witley 1/24						
Bill Glass 1/24						
Slee Smith 1/25						
Patricia Snyder 1/27						
Libby Branam 1/29						
Bob Stubbs 1/29						
<b>1</b> New Years Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> '20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm	<b>5</b> Hook & Needle Club— 1 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Bible Study—9:15 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Book Club— 6:30 pm Shalom Task	<b>11</b> '20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Bible Study—9:15 am	<b>16 Martin Luther King Day</b>	<b>17</b> Governing Board Meeting—6:30 pm	<b>18</b> '20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm	<b>19</b> Hook & Needle Club— 1 pm Staff-Parish—6 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Bible Study—9:15 am "Winter Warm-Up" Pitch In following 10:30 worship ser-	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> '20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm Messy Church— 5:30 to 7:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Bible Study—9:15 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> '20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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