



South Holland TODAY

NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019





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Winter Wonderland



DECEMBER 7, 2018

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merry christmas

Dear South Holland residents and friends,

Another year has passed, quickly as ever, and once again we come to the glorious season where we celebrate the humble birth of the Christ child. It is with a likewise humble spirit that our entire village board and administration want to express our gratitude for our residents, churches, schools, and businesses.

The Christmas season can be a hectic one, but it is our prayer that you are able to experience the moments of peace and joy that also fill this time of year. We have abundant reasons to be thankful, and in that spirit of gratitude, we long to serve with open hearts. It is in service to others where we can best represent Christ and his ministry here on earth.

We invite you to join us in being intentional this year in seeking to love our families well, giving with a joyful heart, looking for ways to help others, and reflecting on the true meaning of this blessed season.

On behalf of our village board, administration and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Don A. De Graff, Mayor



Left to Right: Trustees John Russell, Vickie Perkins, Larry DeYoung, Clerk Dr. Sallie Penman, Mayor Don De Graff, Trustees Prince Reed, Cynthia Nylen, and Andrew Johnson, Jr.

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

NEW LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOLS BRINGS THE SUPPORT AND RIGOR STUDENTS NEED TO ACHIEVE



SOUTH
SUBURBAN
COLLEGE



This year, several South Holland schools welcomed new leadership, positioning the village and surrounding area for next-generation readiness in education and service.

As the demand and requirements for students to achieve in a competitive workforce becomes more challenging, the educational rigor must match the times. These new leaders are ready for the task.

Meet our new leadership and hear what they have planned for South Holland and area students



MRS. CARLA CUNNINGHAM,
PRINCIPAL,
GREENWOOD
SCHOOL (DISTRICT
150)

I became an educator to empower the minds of both students and parents. Education was a natural extension of my previous experience as a business

consultant for a multi-million dollar enterprise. Through my travels in the business world I gained an awareness of how I could help our children to thrive through education. I want students to excel and parents to be equipped to advocate for their students, and to see that their dreams and wishes for their children can become a reality.

Greenwood is a special place and has a lot to offer students. The stringent academic platform is upheld on the foundation of love and trust, a key element to creating successful life-long learners. Our breakfast gives students a chance to ease into learning and to be prepared to focus on their day. The afterschool program is designed to further support student learning through enrichment that supports Common Core Learning.

My mission is to teach students and parents to take ownership of their learning and my vision is to create a place where students enjoy learning.



DR. LYNETTE STOKES,
PRESIDENT,
SOUTH SUBURBAN
COLLEGE

Education was always an important factor in my own life. I am driven to share what I have learned and inspire success in others through education and training. It is important that students understand that education opens the doors to an unending number of career opportunities.

As educators we not only prepare students academically but also provide a listening ear, mentorship, and emotional support to ensure they achieve their goals. That is exactly what students receive at SSC. Our team of faculty and staff care so much about helping students get to where they want to be in life.

I served as the Vice President of Academic Services at SSC for the past five years and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the outstanding team of people here, as well as our students. I moved my family to South Holland several years ago, so I am very in tune with our community and our local partners.

The mission of SSC is to serve our students and the community through lifelong learning. Going forward, my primary goal as president is to establish SSC as the premier community college in the south suburbs.

Most importantly our strength is in our people—we have award-winning faculty with real world experience, such as practicing attorneys in our Legal Studies Program, RNs in

the Nursing program, and CPAs teaching accounting. Our faculty, staff and administration want to see our students succeed.

I will make sure every student has the opportunity to reach their educational destiny at Thornton Township High Schools District 205.



DR. NATHANIEL CUNNINGHAM JR., SUPERINTENDENT, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 205

I became an educator after serving my country in the Air Force. My teaching career began 24 years ago, teaching eighth grade science and coaching high school football and middle school basketball teams in Danville, Illinois. I have always been aware of the importance of giving back to my community and remembering where I came from.

Our mission is to equip our students with the knowledge needed to become productive and contributing members in society. We will lead by example and improve our system, community, and nation by embracing the notion that service is sovereignty. These foundational principles will enable district 205 to provide a high-quality education to our students along with exceptional service to the community.

As superintendent, I will work with the Board of Education to establish clear communication and direction and nurture organizational health. I will also build a successful leadership team that communicates and executes on agreed upon directives and objectives.

My wife Carla—who is the principal at Greenwood Elementary—and I believe education is a winning solution for gainful employment.

I look forward to working with our Board of Education and community stakeholders to ensure our parents and students are given the very best the district has to offer.

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A HEALTHY, HAPPY HERITAGE HAUL

More than 200 runners and walkers filled Veterans Memorial Park on September 15 for the 13th annual Heritage Haul, a 5K run/walk, 10K and half marathon. The purpose of this race, which attracts runners from all over the area, is to take participants through the lovely streets of South Holland, while also promoting health and community gathering. Fifty percent of each registration fee was donated to Cure It, a Chicago-based organization whose main focus is to support local children battling cancer. A total of \$2,750 was raised. Plan now for next year's Heritage Haul! Registration details will be available in January at southholland.org.



CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH CELEBRATES 12TH ANNIVERSARY

BY BOB BONG

Twelve years ago, members of Calvary Reformed Church and Bethel Reformed Church came together to form Calvary Community Church in South Holland.

About 100 members and guests gathered at Glenwood Oaks in October to celebrate the anniversary with a gala, which was the brainchild of Senior Pastor Alfonzo Surrett. "We are thanking God for what he's done," said Surrett, who has been pastor at the new church since its beginning and a South Holland resident for about 13 years.

"Calvary was all white and Bethel was a diversified congregation," said Surrett, who had been an assistant pastor at Bethel until moving to Calvary 13 years ago. "Our vision was to be diverse. Everybody is on the same level," said Surrett.

"The merger was initially about survival," said Rev. Dr. Albert Vander Meer, who was the Regional Synod Minister for the Reformed Church of America at the time. "I helped with the merger. The Synod had been funding Bethel and the church was going to close because it no longer had funding.

"Calvary was a small congregation and had been without a pastor for about five years before Rev. Surrett moved over," said Vander Meer. "A merger of the two made the most sense."

On hand for the gala was South Holland Trustee Cindy Nylen. "I have a history with Calvary," she said. "I was a member from 1968 to 1986. I have a vested interest in seeing the church succeed.

"I'm so proud of the church. I still know the value that Calvary brings to the community."

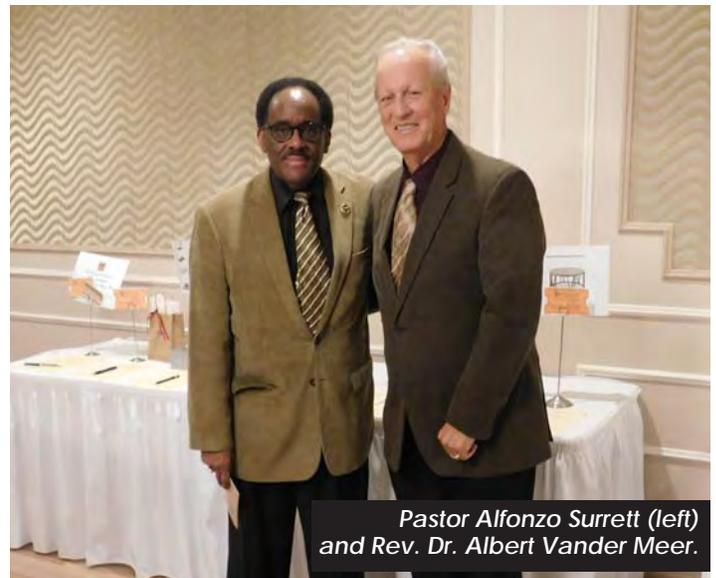
"We will try to do this annually after this year," said Surrett. "The gala dinner is our largest fundraising event for the year and our opportunity to raise money to support our upcoming programs and events within the community."

He said those programs include College Financial Aid Series, Family Dinner Nights, Movie Nights, Calvary Fest as well as Family and Youth Field Trips.

Also scheduled to attend the gala was Loukisha Smart-Pennix, from Unity Christian Academy. The organizing committee for the gala consisted of Stephanie Walters, Bridgett Walters and Shirley Robinson.



Shirley Robinson (left) and South Holland Trustee Cindy Nylen



Pastor Alfonzo Surrett (left) and Rev. Dr. Albert Vander Meer.



Guests at the Gala

ADOPT A HYDRANT



The South Holland Fire Department wishes to remind you about the danger of snow-covered fire hydrants. The fire hydrant is one of the main defenses against fire. If fire hydrants cannot be readily located, precious minutes can be lost in fighting a fire. If a fire hydrant is located on your property, we are requesting you please assume the responsibility of keeping the snow removed from around it.

A little added effort on everyone's part will enable us to do our job more efficiently. More importantly, it could serve to save your home or business.

For additional information, call the South Holland Fire Department at 708.331.3123.

KEEP THE WREATHS RED

The South Holland Fire Department is again participating in the holiday fire safety campaign entitled "Keep the Wreaths Red." Starting December 1 and continuing until December 31, holiday wreaths will be displayed on the exterior of both fire stations in South Holland, with red lights. To help "Keep the Wreaths Red," residents and businesses are asked to take the necessary safety precautions during the holiday season to prevent fires.



If a fire should occur during the month, which was caused by holiday decorations, a red light in the wreaths will be changed to a white light. It is hoped that the display of the Wreaths will be a visual reminder to everyone to have a fire-free holiday season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE

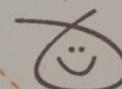
The South Holland Professional Firefighters Association Local 4109, in conjunction with the South Holland Fire Department and Village of South Holland, are spearheading an annual toy drive for those in need.

All toys collected must be new and unwrapped. Everything collected is then donated to Restoration Ministries for their annual toy sale, where parents in need can purchase the toys for pennies on the dollar. The proceeds of the sale go right back to Restoration Ministries. The sale gives these parents a sense of pride because they purchased the presents instead of receiving them as a handout, and their children are blessed with gifts they may not receive otherwise.

**Drop toys off at:
Fire Station 1
16230 Wausau Ave.
Any day of the week through
December 8**

TOY
DRIVE

thank you for helping
make children smile



HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holidays are always exciting with shopping, presents and family. However, thieves love the opportunities this time of year provides. The South Holland Police Department offers these seasonal safety tips.

WHILE SHOPPING

- Be aware of your setting and strangers.
- Trust your instincts. If you are uncomfortable with a person or place, get away.
- Keep your cash in a front pocket and carry your purse close to your body.
- Never leave the building until you believe everything is safe.
- Shop with a friend.
- Never overburden yourself with packages.
- Only use ATMs during daylight hours or in well-lit public places.

AT HOME

- Lock doors and windows with secondary locks.
- Ensure doors and dark areas of the yard are lit.
- Gifts should not be visible through the windows.
- Do not open doors to strangers.
- If traveling, ask a friend to watch your home.
- Schedule an Extra Watch with the South Holland Police Department if you are going away.
- Flatten boxes and conceal product pictures when putting garbage outside.
- Be alert! Criminals will pose as charity workers and couriers.

VEHICLES

- Keep emotions under control and give other drivers space.
- Allocate extra time and prepare for winter conditions.
- Use a designated driver if consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Take frequent breaks during long trips.
- Store valuables (including gifts) in trunk or covered storage area.
- Have keys ready before arriving at your car.
- Do not approach your car if suspicious people are nearby.

CHILDREN

- Keep children close at all times.
- Before shopping, select a meeting spot in case children get separated.
- Always accompany children to the restroom.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number for police officers or store security in case they get lost.
- Never leave children alone in a car.
- Before going to busy shopping centers with children, take a picture of each of them with your cell phone. If they get separated from you, you will have a current picture for police/security personnel.

In case of an emergency, dial 911. For all other incidents, dial 708-331-3131.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF THE CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY 2018!



HOLIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

THE SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS THIS SEASON.

Family Day at the Museum of Science and Industry Chicago Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.

Enjoy a day at the museum! Free transportation will be provided to and from the library, courtesy of the museum. A refundable \$5 cash deposit is required upon registration of each person attending. See the Youth Services desk for more information.

Power Pilates with Coach Robin Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 6:30 p.m.

Get drenched in strength! Complete body conditioning that improves flexibility, balance, and cardiovascular functioning. Bring your mat, water and a towel.

Creating Holiday Cards on a Budget Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

'Tis the season for tinsel and glitter. Learn ways to create holiday decorations on a budget.

Traditional Songs of the Holidays with the South Suburban Dulcimers Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Holland Home, 16300 Louis Ave
Enjoy an evening of traditional holiday music with the South Suburban Dulcimers.

Candy House Creations Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Come to the library to make a spectacular gingerbread candy house. Children, teens, and families are invited to make this fun holiday decoration. Registration is required.

Annual Winter Reading Challenge Experiment with the Library Jan. 7-Feb. 9

In the annual Winter Reading Challenge, participants will earn prizes and chances to be entered into drawings. All children and teens who complete the program will receive a paperback book of their choice to keep. Registration is required.



Family Science Night Thursday, Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of experiments and exploration! Science activities are provided through a partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry Chicago. For children and families.

Annual Angel Tree Giving Program

This year, the Library is again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach, a local charity whose mission includes helping provide a sense of joy and hope to children who will not be able to celebrate the holiday season with their parents.

Look for the tree in the front lobby decorated with the Angel of Hope gift tags. Select the angel you wish to help and sign out your angel with your name and phone number in our guest book. Please return the wrapped gift, tagged with the angel card by December 8.

**South Holland Public Library
16250 Wausau Ave.
708.527.3150**

ON THE STREETS

With winter upon us, the South Holland Public Works department reminds us of the following guidelines in order to ensure safety on the streets.

- When you see larger plows, please leave ample distance behind the trucks. They may slow down at a moment's notice or make wide turns to the right or left, maneuvering into side streets.
- Be aware of Public Works' six pickup trucks whose job it is to clear alleys, courts, and public spaces throughout the village.
- Please be aware of the village's snow ordinance, which states that vehicles shall not be parked on any street if snow exceeds two inches or more (see ordinance Sec. 10-152. Snowstorm).
- Residents shoveling snow should deposit it to the right side of the driveway (when facing the street) to minimize plowed snow from blocking your driveway entrance.

CHIPOTLE TO OPEN IN EARLY DECEMBER

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

South Holland residents have been asking for new dining options, and within a few weeks, the village will welcome a new fast casual eatery, Chipotle Mexican Grill, which specializes in tacos and Mission-style burritos.

Located at 559 E. 162nd St., Chipotle will be the anchor of a newly constructed 5500-square-foot commercial building.

South Holland residents are enthusiastic about this new addition. "It's always exciting when something new comes to South Holland," said 20-year resident Sue Turner. "A place like Chipotle is even more enticing because of its quality food and service. It will be a nice new option for lunch and dinner."

Chipotle already had roots in South Holland prior to its storefront arrival. "A lot of the meat that Chipotle sells in their restaurants around the country is supplied by Miniat Foods, which is located in South Holland," said John Watson, Director of Economic Development. "Therefore, when you are patronizing the South Holland Chipotle location, you are doubly contributing to the economic health of our community."

Check the Village of South Holland Facebook page for updates about Chipotle's upcoming opening.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS NEWS

- Cabo San Lucas Grille, a new authentic Mexican restaurant at 997 E. 162nd St., is expected to be open for business by December of 2018.
- SB Eelite Performing Arts Program is now open at 637 E. 162nd St.
- Divinity Luxe Beauty Bar has relocated their operation to 629 E 162nd St.
- Centurion Container has opened at 15525 LaSalle St. (The company cleans and reconditions industrial containers.)
- Byline Transportation has purchased the building at 16647 Vincennes. (This trucking company contracts with several companies, including The Great Escape, which has a large warehouse in South Holland.)



VILLAGE REGULATIONS PROTECT YOU FROM FLOODING

“Water flows downhill.” This basic truth is the basis for the village’s drainage system, which consists of storm sewers, channels, culverts and storage basins. All of these work to carry water away from buildings, such as your house, that can be damaged if flooded.

However, water can’t flow if there is a dam in the way. South Holland’s drainage system can be blocked or altered when people dump in the channels, plug storm sewer inlets, or build improperly in the floodplain. Therefore, there are Village regulations to prevent these problems.

Every lot was built so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and regrading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. All such projects require a permit from the Village.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Floodplain Permit Requirements:** All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Village Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in the floodplain area. Please contact the Planning Development and Code Enforcement Department to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain. You may report any illegal development activities to the department as well.

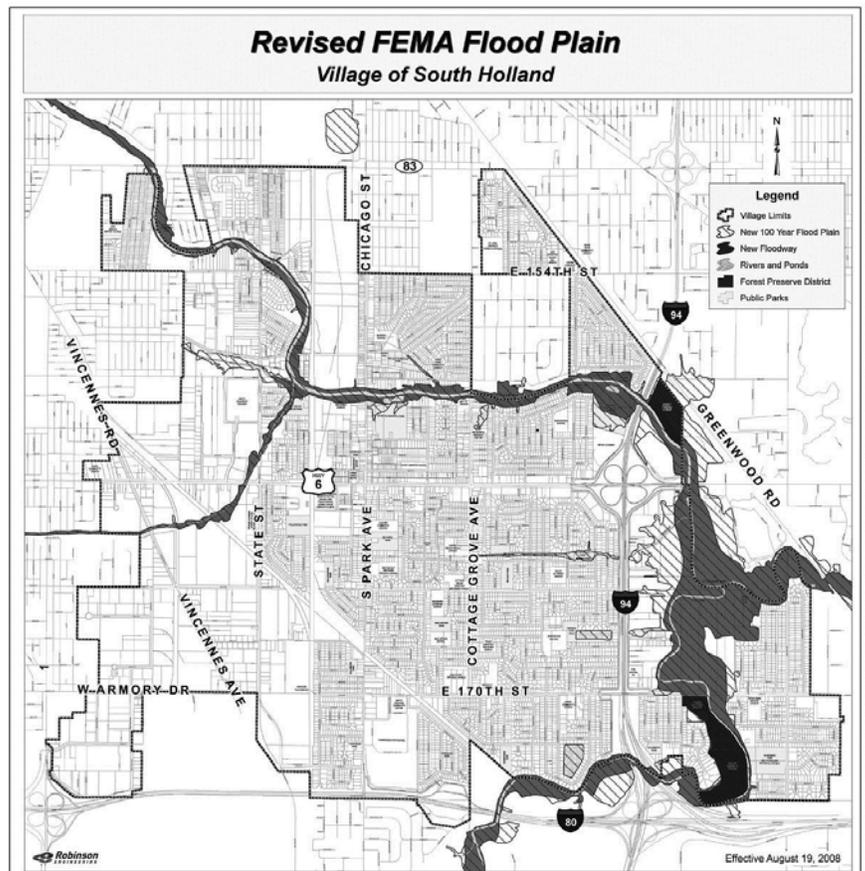
- **Substantial Improvement/Damage:** The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects.

- **Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or basins.** Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Village Code, Sections 14.51 – 14.53. If you see dumping or debris in ditches or basins, contact the Code Enforcement Office. The debris may cause flooding on your property.

- Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.

- Always check with the Code Enforcement Office before you build on, alter, regrade, or put fill on your property. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties. If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact us. The project may increase flooding on your property.

For More Information:
South Holland Code Enforcement and Planning Development
16240 Wausau
708.210.2915



This map indicates which properties in South Holland are located within the so-called “100 year floodplain” and those within the “500-year floodplain.” For most property owners, this means it really has to rain long and hard for flooding to occur. For everyone, it means to be informed and take precautions



[GET FIT] [IN 2019]

South Holland Community Center
501 E. 170th St.

WINTER RECREATIONAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

January 3:

Residents only

January 4-5:

Open Registration

Register at the
Community Center
or online
at southholland.org/recservices.



BY BOB BONG

NEW ERA IN FULL SWING AT SPIRIT OF GOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Spirit of God Fellowship Church in South Holland has entered a new era under the leadership of its new pastor, Brian Kamstra.

Kamstra is only the second pastor in the church's history. He officially took the reins in April 2017, after the church's founder, Dr. John Sullivan, was diagnosed with cancer and stepped down. Dr. Sullivan and his wife, Barbara, founded the church in their basement in 1972 as a non-denominational Bible study.

"We were a 'check your denominational label at the door' kind of church," said Kamstra.

The Bible study proved so successful that the South Holland Fire Department had to step in because of the number of people visiting the Sullivans. "The Sullivans lived in a cul-de-sac and the Fire Department was concerned because of the number of cars that would park in the area," said village Trustee John Russell, a longtime member of the church.

"The village offered us the use of the Legion Hall for our meetings, but the only night that was available was Wednesdays," Russell said. "So, we started having our meetings and later our services on Wednesdays."

"It wasn't until September 2017 that we switched our services to Sundays," said Kamstra.

That's not the only thing that has changed since he took over as pastor. In August, the congregation held its first service in its newly remodeled church at 16350 S. State St.

"The church had been the same since it opened in 1991," said Russell, who was appointed a village trustee to replace Dr. Sullivan after he passed away in June 2017. "It was time to redo the church."

The remodeling included a new meeting room as well as a coffee shop. "The Great Awakening Café is open at 9 a.m. on Sundays before the service and then again after the service," said Kamstra. "We have the best coffee in town."

As for his leadership of the church, Kamstra said he has a three-pronged approach. "First is our adult worship service, which is for anyone and everyone. Second is our kids' ministry. Our first service of the month is always a kids' service. Third, small groups. Our 'Connect' groups have groups of eight to ten people meeting in homes, sharing their lives, encouraging each other, and building the kingdom of God on a more personal level."

Kamstra and Russell said they both owe a lot to Dr. Sullivan.



Dr. Sullivan



Pastor, Brian Kamstra

"I joined the church as a teenager," said Russell. "Dr. Sullivan had been a mentor to me. He had such a huge influence in my life. When he counseled me, it was truly like the voice of God. I'm where I am today because of him."

"He was a giant of a man. Not a day goes by that I don't think about him."

Kamstra said he worked with Dr. Sullivan as worship director for 40 years. "Neither of us started out to be pastors," he said. "Dr. Sullivan was a dentist for 50 years here in town. He heard the calling and spent more than 40 years running the church."

"John became my mentor and very close friend," said

Kamstra, whose path to the church was a little unusual. He was not an original member of the congregation.

He said his life changed for the better in 1975 when he picked up a hitchhiker who happened to be a member of Spirit of God Fellowship. As a result of that encounter, he was radically saved in 1976 and he, along with his wife Patrice, have been members of Spirit of God Fellowship for 42 years. He took on the role of worship leader in 1977 and became an elder of the church in 1986.

Spirit of God Fellowship has been a multicultural church

since its inception, and Kamstra said it continues to be a grace-filled place for people and families from all walks of life.

SPIRIT OF GOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
16350 S State St
708.331-1234
sogfchurch.com



Submit your nomination for the *Mayor's Leadership Awards*

These awards are presented to South Holland residents who reflect our values of Faith, Family and Future and who have demonstrated:

FAITH: outstanding service to advance the heritage of Faith.

FAMILY: outstanding service as a role model to married couples, families, children, and students.

FUTURE: outstanding service to the Village of South Holland to ensure its continued vitality.

Nomination forms are available at southholland.org and at Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Ave. The nomination deadline is December 31, 2018. Winners will be announced at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in February.

Win a South Holland Experience!

Everyone who submits a complete nomination will be entered into a drawing for a basket of goods and gift cards from local shops and restaurants!



RESIDENT YOU SHOULD KNOW CREATIVE COUPLE HAS CALLED SOUTH HOLLAND HOME FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES

BY CARRIE STEINWEG

Dr. Michael Burnside released his second book, "From My Seat," this past summer and it was a process he said went quite quickly.

"It's a different twist on an autobiography. I used various positions and aspects of positions I found myself in as I lived my life and I discussed them as chairs," he said. "I kind of had it laid out and once God gave me the direction concerning the chairs, then it was a matter of filling in the blanks."

Michael began writing the book in February and it was available in June. In the book, he discusses seven different "chairs"—spiritual, family, educational, service, community, occupational/vocational and the legacy chair. The book is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble's website as a paperback or e-book for \$12.

Pulling from his experience as a pastor, he also published a book previously that was a step-by-step guide to starting a counseling ministry in churches. This upcoming winter will mark his 32nd year as pastor at New Name Missionary Baptist Church in Riverdale. He also worked for Allstate Insurance in various roles during his 38-year career.

In addition, Michael has worked for the betterment of his community in numerous volunteer roles, including as founding president of New Cities Community Development Corporation, which was located in Harvey, and Ginger Ridge Mutual Housing in Calumet City. He's been involved with Neighborhood Housing Service for more than 20 years and Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago for 15 years.

Michael's wife, Teddy, has been a partner in marriage and also in work as a musician, choir director and teacher in the church. Her musical training began at age 8 under a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. She later was part of the Pittsburgh All-City Chorus and Chicago All-City Chorus, performing at venues such as the Chicago Civic Opera House and the Arie Crown Theatre. She attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music and worked as a voice and piano instructor.

"I was called to the music ministry in 1977 and played 10 years at our former church before coming to New Name Missionary Baptist Church," she said.

The couple has three children and six grandchildren with another on the way. The Burnside's could not be more pleased with their South Holland neighborhood and neighbors. Both are especially appreciative of their village officials and public employees. Michael noted that after they experienced a fire at their home they were very impressed by the job that was done.

"The fire department was outstanding and in doing their job were considerate of us and our precious personal belongings," he said. "Neighbors took us in and helped us. We really, really appreciate the home spirit that we have found here in South Holland. People don't just talk about it, but really put love into action."



Dr. Michael and Teddy Burnside

TIME IS ON THE MOVE!

BY BETTY WILSON

The earth is traveling around the sun at the speed of 67,000 miles per hour; the clock is ticking from hours to minutes and from minutes to seconds; and the seasons are changing from spring to summer to fall and then to winter. People are "ripping and running," taking care of their daily routine activities, with no thoughts of the fact that time is on the move. Because of their busy schedules, at times, we forget that God is in control of it all. The Bible says, "Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." (Psalm 90:2b)

What we may not realize is that time cannot be reclaimed. God has order in the heavens and on the earth. He allows us to make decisions with the time that He has afforded to each of us within the 24-hour period of the day. So we must be lucid in our thinking and be intentional in executing our plans for the day and not put off for tomorrow what we can do today. Time is of the essence and time is on the move. I heard a pastor say that we are to "plan like we will live forever but live each day as if it's our last." Yes, my sisters and brothers, time is on the move and we don't know if the next 24-hour period will be afforded to us. Jesus told His disciples, "I must work the works of Him who sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (St. John 9:4)

Christmas is approaching quickly. We ask, "Where has the time gone?" Some of us have had challenges this year. I know that I have, but God in His faithfulness and love has blessed us with healing, of which we are grateful. During our challenges this year, time was moving and with each move, God was doing His perfect work in our lives. We don't pay attention to its movement, but time is moving! We're all growing older, the world is changing, and God is making shifts in the atmosphere, as He is calling for unity in our thoughts, in our actions, and in the government.

However, those of us who know our God will not fret, worry, become fearful or afraid, because God is in control. His Hand is upon us, and at His appointed time He will bring it all together in divine order.

So let's meditate and apply Ephesians 5:15-20 to our hearts and actions as we realize that time is moving: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is, and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Evangelist Betty Wilson
Breaking of Bread
Fellowship Ministries*



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HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Most South Holland municipal buildings and administrative offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas, Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day, and Monday, Jan. 21, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Police and fire services will still be available 24 hours a day.



WINTER WONDERLAND

The 4th annual holiday extravaganza is one night only this year, on Friday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park. Activities will

include: tree lighting ceremony; trolley rides; visits with Santa (registration required; register at the Community Center, 501 E. 170th St); kids train rides; face painting and balloons in the heated tent; live music; holiday light display; refreshments and more.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

The December Coffee with the Mayor is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the South Holland Community Center.

COFFEE WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Residents can meet and talk with members of the South Holland Fire Department from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave. The upcoming events take place Dec. 1 and Jan. 5.



SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The 18th annual Christmas Concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at

St. Victor Catholic Church, 553 Hirsch Ave. in Calumet City and a second performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the sanctuary of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Parish in Dyer, Ind.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE



The annual South Holland Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at First Reformed Church, 15924 South Park Ave. Dr. King's legacy will be honored in song and scripture.



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