

*Program*  
by  
**Conley Henderson**

SNU President Keith Newman will be our speaker at the December ASP luncheon.

Dr. Newman was elected as the fifteenth president of Southern Nazarene University in 2017. With 17 years of pastoral ministry in the Church of the Nazarene and 15 years of service as an administrator in Christian higher education, Dr. Newman seems a good fit for SNU as it seeks to fulfill its stated mission of “making Christlike disciples through higher education.”



Before entering the ministry, Keith served nine years on the Houston Police Department. During his law enforcement career, he served in the radio patrol, juvenile and homicide divisions.

Keith met his wife Carolyn at the Houston Police Department where both sergeants were assigned to the Homicide Division. Their second date was to a middle school youth group event where Keith was serving as a volunteer youth pastor. Married for 34 years, they have two children: Andy and Alana who both live in Texas. Keith and Carolyn have two granddaughters, Avery and Baylin. They call Keith “Pop,” a title which has become his favorite.

A graduate of SNU’s Master of Ministry program, Keith did his undergraduate studies at Houston Baptist University where he majored in history and Christianity. His Doctor of Education with a concentration in leadership is from Spalding University (Louisville, KY). His dissertation was an examination of the leadership qualities and char-

acteristics of J.B. Chapman, Nazarene leader in the first half of the twentieth century.

Keith loves to read stories, hear stories, and tell stories, and he believes God is in the middle of all our stories. Spending time with students each week is at the top of his list of favorite moments.



LUNCHEON December 13, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, December 9, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlincarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlincarley@prodigy.net).

*Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.*



***President's Column***  
**by**  
**Emmalyn German**

In the bleak midwinter  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
On that not so silent night  
Joy to the world

In the bleak midwinter  
Shepherds shake off your drowsy sleep  
O come, let us adore Him  
Mary's boychild Jesus Christ

In the bleak midwinter  
The light of the world is Jesus  
Angels we have heard on high  
O holy night

In the bleak midwinter  
Wisemen still adore Him  
Follow the star of Bethlehem  
Worship Christ the newborn king

And the angel said to them,  
"Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11



***Obituaries***  
**by**  
**Marla Mercer Cole**

Kathleen was born to George W. and Lena (Cartwright) O'Hara in Sherman, Texas on January 17, 1919. Kathleen graduated from Sherman high school and then enrolled in Bethany Penial College in the fall of 1936. Just a few weeks later, she met Paul Milford Sodowsky, and they were married September 2, 1938. They have two children: Linda and Paula.



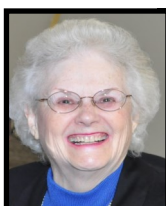
Kathleen served with Paul for 20 years as Pastor and wife in churches of the Nazarene in Texas, Kansas, and Missouri. She enjoyed working with children and making home and hospital calls as part of their ministry. Later, Paul took a position in Pensions and Benefits at Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and Kathleen as a secretary in the Department of World Missions. Kathleen then worked as a secretary in the office of General Superintendent for seven years. She attended Avila College in Kansas City where she obtained her B.A. degree. Her last 10 years in Kansas City were spent as private secretary to the Dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Paul and Kathleen moved in the fall of 1982 to Oklahoma City to be closer to their daughter Paula. They soon traveled to Brazil to spend time with their daughter Linda and her family who were missionaries there.

Kathleen loved people and was very involved with many groups. She was a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, the Academy of Senior Professionals, and the Association of Retired Ministers and Missionaries. She spent as much time as possible with her grandchildren, and later her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Anderson and husband Don; seven grandchildren, Toby Stamps and wife Ruby, Todd Stamps and wife Leslie, Tiffany Stamps and husband Stephen, Traci Ayers and husband Rob, Matt Anderson and wife Joanna, and Chris Anderson and wife Lana, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were November 10 at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, with interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Paul Milford Sodowsky Memorial Pastoral Ministry Scholarship at Southern Nazarene University



## Meet Our Members by LaNell Stahl

Trudy Capraro, a new member of the Academy of Senior Professionals, is a native Oklahoman. She has spent most of her life in Bethany. "I've lived in the same house most of that time. I was in eighth grade when we moved here. Following graduation from Bethany High School, I attended Bethany Nazarene College, now SNU."



During her college years, Trudy was an excellent student, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education, as well as having four minors -- business administration, psychology, English and history. She stated, "Those varied minors helped me secure teaching positions that I might not have had otherwise."

"Upon graduation, I moved to Colorado and began a teaching career. The first half was spent teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grades while the second half was spent teaching middle school. My all-time favorite group of students was a group of fourth graders."

Trudy has one son and a stepdaughter, along with three grandsons. She shared, "I enjoy retirement and having time to follow my grandson's sprint car racing. My other hobbies include antiques, history, cooking and travel. I've been to forty-five of our fifty states and to Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas."

"During my years in Colorado, I enjoyed riding a motorcycle on private property, mostly in the high desert. I also enjoy pistols and rifles."



## SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

Our "SNU Connections" interviewee for the December ASP meeting will be Danny Thomason, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for Southern Nazarene University.



He assumed that position three years ago after being with Merck Pharmaceutical where he worked as a customer representative. At Merck he was known for his high energy level and for being highly motivational. He received several awards from the company, including being inducted into the Merck Hall of Fame.

Danny is no stranger to SNU. A Marshall, TX native, he came to Bethany to study business. He was a key member on the School of Business Gaming Team. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in management/marketing and immediately was hired by the Federal Reserve Bank here in Oklahoma City.

Through the years, Danny has stayed very connected to his alma mater. He has served on the Alumni Board, the EXCEL auction committee, the annual SNU Invitational Golf Tournament Committee, and the SNU Foundation Board. He has been president of the Storm Chasers. Preparing him for the current positions were six years on the SNU Athletic Advisory Council and participation in several head coach search committees.

As Danny reflects on his position at SNU, he says, "When I first came to Bethany as a 16-year-old to play SNU Extravaganza basketball, I never dreamed I would be back later to help lead the Athletic Department. God's plans are often unexpected and exhilarating at the same time!"

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*November Re-Views  
by  
Hal Swinhart*



Special Speaker James Wall



Tollya Spindle, Executive Assistant to the SNU President



SNU Student musicians, Coby Health & Jada Nichols



Carolyn Jagers—SNU News



Karrie Littrell from Floral 23



Ed Williams offered prayer for the meal



**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

The days right after Thanksgiving are the traditional “start getting ready to celebrate Christmas” with about 60 boxes of decorations coming down from the attic at the Culbertson house. To help us get into that spirit, our ASP Book Discussion group, will be reading Jan Karon’s *Shepherds Abiding*.

This is the eighth volume in Karon’s “Mitford” series. Amazon says *Shepherds Abiding* “is a meditation on the best of all presents - the gift of one’s heart. Lovingly written and beautifully illustrated, it seeks to restore the true Christmas spirit and give everyone a seat at Mitford’s holiday table.”

Maybe your New Year’s resolution list could include becoming a Tsundokuist \* (you may already be one but didn’t realize it). Why not join us in reading the delightful non-fiction volume *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot, January reading choice.

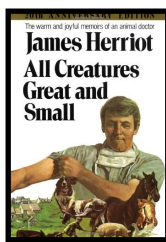
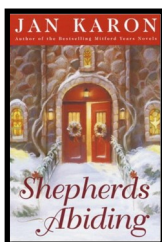
Metro Library system gives this review,

“For over thirty years, generations of readers have thrilled to James Herriot’s marvelous tales, deep love of life, and extraordinary storytelling. In *All Creatures Great and Small*, we meet the young Herriot as he takes up his calling and discovers the realities of daily life in a veterinary practice in rural Yorkshire. He recounts the wondrous variety and never-ending challenges as his humor, compassion, and love of the animal world shine through” (<https://tinyurl.com/d7yesaj8>).

Although copies are limited, both these books are available in multiple formats through the Metropolitan Library System.

The book club meets via Zoom at 2:00 pm the first Monday of each month. For more information contact Barbara at [barbjc91247@gmail.com](mailto:barbjc91247@gmail.com).

\*buying reading material and piling it up.



**Music Notes**  
By  
**Renda Brumbelee**

November 4, there was a wonderful program at Cantrell Music Hall on the SNU campus. Ten talented vocal music students presented a variety of comic opera scenes. It was a wonderful presentation amazingly prepared only two months into the school year. Some of you were there and gave a standing ovation to our SNU School of Music and faculty demonstrating the value of education and skill in the arts of music.

We will continue to list performances of our SNU faculty and students in 2022.





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Continuous  
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**ASP Calendar**

Monday December 13, 2021

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the  
Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the  
Webster Commons.

[10:15 Southern Plaza]

11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the  
Heritage Room of Webster Commons

1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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