

2nd Fridays FREE Community Film Series in its 4th Year

The public is invited monthly every 2nd Friday at 7 p.m. to St. Andrew's, located at Wornall Road and Meyer Boulevard in Brookside, KCMO 64113.

Refreshments include Topsy's fresh popcorn, wine and cheese, dessert and coffee. The more the merrier! Bring friends. We are inclusive. The series started in September 2007 chaired by Dr. Sean Kim and Ann Hyde. For more information about the series contact Ann Hyde, ann@annhyde.com

The purposes of 2nd Fridays Films, "Heights of the Human Spirit," are

1. to show films of people overcoming difficulties and transforming the world, and
2. to inspire and renew you to maximize your own potential.

Here is a complete list.

1. **The King's Speech** - December, 2011- The story of King George VI of Britain(Colin Firth), his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it. 4 time Oscar winner! Discussion led by Dr Sean Kim.
2. **Taking Chance** – November - Inspired by the true story of the United States Marine who volunteered to escort the remains of a 19-year-old soldier who was killed in Iraq to his small hometown in remote Wyoming. Discussion led by Don Giffin
3. **Warm Springs** - October - He was the only president to be elected four times and is admired for his leadership during some of this nation's most challenging times - most notably -- World War II and the Great Depression. Despite these historic accomplishments, many Americans have never known Franklin Delano Roosevelt's greatest achievement ...until now. Starring Kenneth Branagh and Cynthia Nixon, this inspiring true story reveals one man's secret quest for hope during his darkest days, in a place that would serve as a source of strength for him the rest of his life: Warm Springs. Post-discussion film conversation will be led by Dr. Sean Kim.
4. **The Social Network** – September - The story of how the social-networking website Facebook was founded. Jesse Eisenberg as Mark Zuckerberg with discussion led by P.J. Moody
5. **The Blind Side** -August - Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) was a homeless teen,living on the streets of Memphis,who knew little about familyand less about football.Well-to-do Leigh Anne Tuohy (Sandra Bullock)knew little about his world.But, when she and the entire Tuohy family took Michael into their family, he found a home and the family found a beloved new son and brother.Discussion led by Dr. Hertha Wong Sept
6. **Founding Brothers led by Dr Jessica Cannon, Professor of History at CMSU.** July - The film is based on Ellis' Pulitzer Prize winning book and the founders of our country with special insights into their character and camaraderie. Stories about them you haven't heard before.
7. **Benjamin Franklin – An Extraordinary Life, An Electric Mind to be led by Dr. Sean Kim, Professor of History at CMSU and Co-Chair of this film series.** June -PBS documentary (abbreviated) filmed along the eastern seaboard for the Boston and Philadelphia scenes and filmed in Lithuania for the London and Paris scenes. 100 characters cast, 30 scholars interviewed, authentic props, original letters and documents to show the person and everyday life in the 18th century. Lots of familiar quotes and inventions impacting us today from Benjamin Franklin. Genius all the way!

8. **Secretariat** - May with appropriate refreshments of Mint Julips. Steve brings his expertise of riding with the hunt in Kansas City and loving horses. Will be exciting to see the horse that really is the fastest ever! Who were the people who understood him? Led by Steve Miller
9. **Les Choristes** – April was nominated for both an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for Best Foreign Picture in 2004. Come see how "the new teacher" at a severely administered boys' boarding school works (i.e. reform school) to positively affect the students' lives through music. He's a composer and one of his students is shown as a famous conductor at the beginning.
10. **Invictus**, - March starring Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman, directed by Clint Eastwood. The film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela convinces the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Come and see leadership at its best - Nelson Mandela's and Rugby Captain François Pienaar's - overcoming racial hatred and divisions and inspiring the fundamental desire and discipline to win and be the BEST IN THE WORLD!
11. **Tuesdays with Morrie, Feb. 11, 2011** to be led by Steve and Melissa Rock, is a film that won 4 Emmy's based on the book but a film as much about Mitch the fast traveling, deadline driven famous sports writer as "Coach" Morrie (played by Jack Lemmon) who was his sociology professor at Brandeis. In the film watch Mitch change his pace, his priorities, pay attention to loving and being loved as Morrie wants to continue teaching in his final days of his disease ALS. "You have to love everybody or die." "Forgive everyone every day." A movie about love for Valentine's Day.
12. **Miracle on Jan. 14, 2011** to be led by John Shelton about the 1980 Olympics and USA winning the Gold over the Soviets, which was called "the biggest upset in sports history" The film shows how the coach worked in 7 months of excruciating training to make the team the most fit and best in the world. New techniques not used before by the Americans were utilized. What does it take to be the best? Come and see!
13. **The Christmas Card, Dec. 10, 2010** Priscilla and Bruce Long will lead the discussion for "The Christmas Card" to be shown the 2nd Friday, December 10. The story: in midst of war in Afganistan, Cody Cullen is touched by a Christmas card sent by Faith Spelman from the small, picturesque town of Nevada City, CA. As months pass, the card never leaves his side, giving him the strength to survive and setting him on a mission to find her. Don't miss the romance that follows. The movie ranked as Hallmark channel's highest-ever-rated telecast to the date of its premiere and there was a 2007 Emmy Nomination for Edward Asner for Outstanding Supporting Actor.
14. **Glory** led by Father Fred Mann who is a Civil War buff and has had personal contact with the director and site of the film. The film is about the first black regimen to fight in the Civil War – the 54th Massachusetts. Subsequently 180,000 black soldiers helped turn the tide of the war.
15. **Pray the Devil Back to Hell** about the Liberian Women's Peace Movement that included Christian and Muslim women together praying and demonstrating for peace. The result? World public opinion brought to bear in 2003 and a peace was negotiated and a bloodbath as in Rwanda was averted. "What could I have said to my son if he said – Mother why didn't you do something?" said one of the leaders. It was a triumph! (Documentary) Nola Adebo who was born in Nigeria and lives in Leawood led the discussion.
16. **Lars and the Real Girl** led by Betsy Hansbrough who has studied film, theology and mimetic theory for 20 years now teaches theology and film at St. Theresa's Academy. This is one of her favorite films showing how a community can come together for someone. She invites people to contact her for further study of mimetic theory. Hansbrough@mac.com.
17. **Pasolini's St. Matthew Part II** led by Father John Spicer. The variety of sacred music from Bach's St. Matthew Passion to Negro Spirituals and a Congolese Mass are the background for a powerful Jesus speaking to us. Father John said to the group, "Is this a Jesus you can follow?"

18. **Paolo Pasolini's The Gospel According to St. Matthew, Part I** led by Brian Webster. The 1964 film was radical in its depiction of Jesus although it only used Jesus own words. Jesus had black hair, heavy black eyebrows and wore black robes. It was the era of Vatican II and Martin Luther King's March on Washington. "Woe to you scribes and Pharisees....." is shouted by Jesus over and over again!
19. **How Green Was My Valley** led by Dr. Sean Kim. The 1941 film directed by John Ford won 5 Oscars and is on a list of top ten and top 100 films of all time.
20. **The Power of One** led by Coach Jim Schell. His daughter Jane watched the film over 10x and says it is her very favorite and others said so too.
21. **The Pursuit of Happyness** led by Anne Spicer. Will Smith stars in a true life story of a single dad (Chris Gardner) who went from living on the streets of San Francisco with his son while he tried to get admitted to Dean Witter to eventually owning his own brokerage firm. What kept him going each day?
22. **Silas Marner** starring Ben Kingsley on February 12, 2010. Dr. Sean Kim, history professor at Central Missouri University will discuss George Eliot, the famous 19th century English novelist who wrote Silas Marner, and the heartwarming story of the humble weaver. Film with lots of surprises.
23. **Films of Martin Luther King Jr.** shown in January 8, 2010 near the federal holiday observed the 3rd Monday each January. Ann Hyde presented parts of a few documentaries, told of a film about King's personal life, and led a discussion with references to his Autobiography. Handout included a list of his writings, a sequence of major events in his life from 1955-1968, and short biography of his wife Coretta Scott King who died in 2006.
24. **Joyeux Noel**, about a Christmas Day truce on a World War I battlefield in 1914, led by Dr. Sean Kim. A history professor, Sean discussed new theories of World War I recently presented at a seminar at the World War I Museum in Kansas City.
25. **As We Forgive**, with background and discussion questions at www.asweforgive.com. Story of reconciliation today in Rwanda as 40,000 prisoners made confessions, were sent home, and sought reconciliation with their former neighbors. Building houses is part of the restitution. The process of healing taking place is show in the film. Look at the faces.
26. **Hasten Slowly**. The Journey of Sir Laurens van de Post of South Africa, personal friend of Carl Jung, godfather of Prince William, hero of WWII, author, filmmaker, cultural anthropologist. Discussion led by the Reverend Dr. Susan Smith, Author and former Professor of Worship at St. Paul's School of Theology.
27. **Harvard Beats Yale 29-29**. Legendary game in sports history, Harvard and Yale both undefeated, last game of the season but Yale highly favored. What happened in the last 43 seconds for 16 points to be scored in that 1968 game? Watch original footage of the game and interviews 40 years later of players on both teams. Raymond Backstrom, a Harvard alum, led the discussion.
28. **Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars (narrated by Robert Redford)**. (30 min.) 30 mayors, farmers, environmentalists first time coalition fighting TXU (large energy co) that got Texas Governor's fast tracked permit approved to build 8-11 new coal plants, many near Waco, Texas. First round victory.
29. **Waste Equals Food**. World famous ecological chemist Michael Braungart and American architect Wiliam McDonough partner to create "intelligent product systems" and complete new rural cities where truly waste equals food and everything goes back to the soil safely. Nike, Ford Motor Co., Herman Miller Co., and rural Chinese cities are using their help detailed in their book Cradle to Cradle. Their goals are 1 Eliminate the concept of waste 2. Design everything as a nutrient 3. Generate systems that are beneficial 4. Don't recycle but "up cycle—throw it away and generate life." Tom Duckett, LEED engineer, led the discussion.

30. **What The Lord Made**, a film about medical research, first surgery for blue babies' hearts, and relationship of white surgeon Dr. Alfred Blaylock and black assistant Vivien Thomas in the 30's and 40's. Insight into where we have come in civil rights and in medical research since then. Mary Kay and Charlie Horner who are civic leaders in the Red Cross. St. Luke's Hospital and more led.
31. **The Power of Song**, a documentary about Pete Seeger who is now 86 years old, his purposeful, focused life and influence on American life each decade through his singing, teaching, performing "as the shepherd of music of peace and justice." Some of his songs, "We Shall Overcome," "Turn, Turn, Turn, To Every Season...," "Where have all the Flowers Gone?" He was an early environmentalist singing on the Hudson River in the 50's working to transform it from being a dumping ground. He did. Recent performances at Carnegie Hall.
32. **Chariots of Fire**—1922 Olympics in Paris, inspiring personal stories of two Gold Medalists, Jewish runner from Oxford and Christian runner Eric Liddle from Scotland, their competition each with strong personal goals for winning.
33. **Grapes of Wrath** starring Henry Fonda— Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck's classic about the depression, the "dust bowl" in Oklahoma and rush to California.
34. **Who's Got the Power?** Environmental films from Earth Cinema Circle about sustainability and answers to the energy crisis.
35. **It's Not Just Empty Space** and
36. **FLOW For the Love of Water**—individuals worldwide speaking up and demonstrating for their right to clean water. Issues of scarcity, privatization, proposed Article 31 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights – a person's right to clean, safe drinking water. W.H. Auden: "Thousands have lived without love but no one has lived without water." www.flowthefilm.com Water, the 21st C. issue!
37. **Places in the Heart**—love & reconciliation triumph over prejudice & betrayal. Oscar winning Sally Field as a 1930's Southern widow fights to save her cotton farm during the depression. Discussion led by UMKC professor Dr. Tom Poe.
38. **Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**—morality and ethics of individual James Stewart and democratic process in 1930's elections and governance
39. **12 Angry Men**—One doubting, reasoning person Henry Fonda standing up to peer pressure and ethnic and racial pressure of 11 in jury deliberation.
40. **Girl in the Café**—the millennium goal of eradicating poverty by 2015 and dynamics of the G8 diplomats' meeting in Iceland with one outspoken guest. (Story written by English comedy writer Richard Curtis who has been responsible for personally raising over \$1 billion for the poor. Bill Hybels honored him.)
41. **Rules of Engagement**—gray areas in ethics in the military and government. Screen play written by Senator Jim Webb, Reagan's Secretary of the Navy.
42. **Gandhi**—Parts I and II, showing Ben Kingsley (Oscar) as Mahatma Gandhi in nonviolent resistance to racism, colonialism and caste resulting in the 1947 independence and democracy in India and lasting moral influence worldwide. Discussion was led by Dr. Betty Bashaw, psychiatrist, professor, and chaplain.
43. **Emanuel's Gift**—hero for the handicapped in Ghana and the United States, and Emanuel's work to establish laws to protect the handicapped in Ghana. None yet.
44. **The Power of Forgiveness**—filming stories from all over the world stretching the imagination with individuals' and countries' decisions and actions of forgiveness. Transformative film useful for personal and group study. Shown at the United Nations and won many awards. Ex. 9-11, L.A. honor student murder, Quaker school massacre, Lebanon peace garden, psychological studies.
45. **End of the Spear**—Ecuador Stone age tribe murdering missionaries and then widows returning with message of forgiveness and setting up schools & clinics.

46. **Joyeux Noel**—During WWI a 24hour Christmas truce between Germans and English/Belgian/French out of their trenches celebrating together. Father Frederick Mann led the discussion.
47. **Amazing Grace**—William Wilburforce tirelessly working to transform public opinion until English Parliament voted in 1807 for the abolition of slavery, over half a century before the U.S.
48. **Romero**—the Salvadoran martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero championing the rights of the poor and oppressed as described in liberation theology. Dr. Sean Kim led the discussion.
49. **Hotel Rwanda**— hotel manager courageously saving the lives of 900 people during the 1994 Tutsi & Hutu genocide while the world was idle. Dr. Sean Kim led the discussion.
50. **Weapons of the Spirit** —(holocaust) 5000 French Huguenot Protestants sheltering 5000 Jews in Charbon, France during the WWII German occupation. Directed by Pierre Savage born there in 1944. Bill Moyers' commentary. Dr. Sean Kim, history professor at Central Missouri University led the discussion.

Films that don't list a leader were led by Ann Hyde. Contact us for a copy of this list and coming film information: www.standrewkc.org & ann@annhyde.com. **The public is invited every 2nd Friday at 7 p.m.** **Film ideas and volunteers are welcome.**