



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Next Newsletter: April 9, 2018

MARCH 26, 2018

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**April 8,  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
In Wesley Hall**

Sign up by calling  
Suzy Conaway  
at 816-401-9281  
or the church office  
816-452-3518.

**The Avondale UMC  
Food Pantry  
is collecting boxes of  
Mac & Cheese  
during the month of  
April**



**Easter Is Not A Memorial Day**

There was a world-wide mourning for a great preacher in the week my grandmother passed. I read the newspaper article on Rev. Billy Graham's funeral service when I was on the way to my grandmother's funeral. He was a great evangelist. He preached all over the world. I heard 1.1 million Christians gathered when he held the Billy Graham Crusade in Seoul (June, 1973). My father was one of them who heard his powerful message. I don't mind calling Billy Graham the John Wesley in the 20<sup>th</sup> century even though their theological perspectives are different. Their passion for Christ impacted billions of people in the world. Both of them delivered the message of new hope and transformation of life in Christ. The main theme of their message didn't miss the resurrection of Christ. They believed Easter has the power of transformation.

Jesus called ordinary people and made them as his disciples. Even though Jesus was their teacher and minister, their discipleship was not successful. They were stubborn. They were never changed when he was with them. The dramatic change happened after his resurrection. When the disciples experienced the power and hope of God through his resurrection, they became true disciples. Their lives were transformed. They also changed the world.

Easter is not a memorial day. Church is not a memorial chapel where we remember just what Jesus and his disciples did for us. The church is called to become the body of Christ which continues his ministry of transformation. Easter proclaims that God's love gives us new hope and changes us. Christians who hear that message can experience that his love makes an impact on their lives and God is with them in the darkest valley they walk.

I give thanks to God for another Easter. We'll celebrate this season of hope together this Sunday. I pray Easter becomes a new beginning of transformation for our church as well as our life.

In Christ,  
Choongho Kwon

# Being Faithful

## MARCH 18 2018

### Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 36  
 10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 97

## MARCH 25, 2018

### Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 28  
 10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 112  
 Sunday School ..... 73



### Prayers Requested

Suzy Conaway, surgery March 27  
 Susan Dowden, eye problems

### Memorial Service For Clint Edmonson

A memorial service for Clint Edmonson, Jean Hollaway's son, will be held at Avondale United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Visitation at 1:00 p.m., service at 2:00 p.m. with a light reception following in Wesley Hall.

### Memorial Contributions

A contribution has been given in memory of **Edwin Wright** by Venita Wright.

### Easter Offering Envelopes

There are Easter offering envelopes enclosed in today's newsletter. Donations will be directed toward Conference apportionments.

## April Birthdays

**4:** Shirley Lowrey  
**10:** John Frank, Euna Kimball, Savannah Lindsey  
**14:** Jim Gibson  
**17:** Vern Linscott  
**18:** Bill Stewart  
**19:** Megan Lyon, Debbie Wear  
**21:** Sydney Murphy  
**26:** Bob Everley, Steve Scott  
**30:** Orval Kimball, Virginia Alban, Gladys Ann Todd  
 If your name isn't on the birthday list, or is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office.



### Congratulations to Savannah Lindsey

Savannah Lindsey made the Harmonaires show group at North Kansas City High School. Please congratulate Savannah on this awesome achievement.

### Sign Up For Narthex Treats

So that the same people don't have to keep bringing treats for the Narthex, we've posted a sign-up sheet. Please sign up for the date you'd like to bring treats. We'll contact you the week before to remind you.

Thanks,  
 Outreach Committee



### Silent Auction A Huge Success!

The "Little House" Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the Contemporary Life Palm Sunday Brunch, made \$900 from auctioning some of the Little House treasures. A lot of hard work went in to making the auction a success. Thanks to all of our volunteers for giving of their time and labor.

# OUR SCHEDULE!

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers in Practice Room  
7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29

10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Service in Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 a.m. New Hope Meeting at First Watch  
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at North Cross UMC

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in Wesley Hall

## APRIL 1

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Bethel UCC  
10:50 a.m. Children's Church  
Youth Group will not meet today

## MONDAY, APRIL 2: Office Closed

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life  
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers in Practice Room  
7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

## THURSDAY, APRIL 5

10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel  
1:00 p.m. Threads of Love in Chapel

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 a.m. Girl Scout training in Contemporary Life  
10:00 a.m. Saturday Walk with Judy Everley  
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Clint Edmonson in the Sanctuary; 1:00 p.m. visitation.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive in Wesley Hall

## MONDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline  
6:30 p.m. Church Safety Training in Contemporary Life

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life  
No Staff Meeting

## THRIFT SHOP HOURS

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday  
12 to 3 p.m. Saturdays



## Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

Avondale UMC's annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 31, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall and the Education Wing. We need lots of candy (No candy with nuts, please) to make our Easter bags. You may bring donations to the church office.

## Sunrise Service Contributions

Contributions collected at the Sunrise Worship Service at Bethel United Church of Christ will be given to A Turning Point, located at 5105 NW Waukomis, formerly Northmoor UMC. A Turning Point is a non profit organization, operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

Services offered by A Turning Point include an academy for adults to help them earn a high school diploma, a food pantry, Wardrobe, that provides clothing for all ages, and support groups for Al Anon and Narcotics Anonymous.

A Turning Point also has volunteer opportunities. For more information visit them at [www.aturningpointkc.org](http://www.aturningpointkc.org) or call 816-237-0138.

**The church office will be closed Monday, April 2nd, following Easter Sunday.**

Avondale UMC will have more visitors on Easter Sunday, April 1st, so it is especially important that you wear your name tags next Sunday.

**Current calendar information is always available at [www.avondalemethodist.org](http://www.avondalemethodist.org)**

**Avondale United Methodist Church**  
**3101 NE Winn Road**  
**Kansas City, MO 64117**

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**Early Worship 8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

**Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.**

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"Come to the Avondale UMC  
Easter Egg Hunt! Crafts!  
Eggs! Singing!  
CANDY!  
EASTER BUNNY!!!

All this will be happening on  
March 31st, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
in Wesley Hall.

For pre-school children to age 10.

We'll be taking pictures of kids with the  
Easter Bunny. They'll be available  
for pick-up on April 8th in the Narthex."



**Special Music on  
Easter Sunday  
10:50 a.m.**

The Avondale UMC  
Cathedral Choir will perform  
on Easter Sunday,  
joined by a brass ensemble.  
Don't miss it!



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**March 29, 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the Sanctuary**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 30, 7:00 p.m.**  
**At North Cross UMC**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Easter Sunrise Service  
April 1, 6:45 a.m.**

**At Bethel United Church of Christ  
4900 NE Parvin Road**  
*(Avondale UMC will join Bethel UCC for  
Sunrise Service. Bring lawn chairs.)*

**Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.**  
**At Avondale UMC**