



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Next Newsletter: September 24, 2018

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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**The next newsletter deadline is Sept. 24, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

**See Inside Pages for Upcoming Events ...**

- Cans for Cows
- Knit, Crochet, Fellowship
- Church Picnic a Huge Success
- Treats Needed for Narthex
- Saying Goodbye
- Potluck Brunch
- Children's Church
- Church Council meeting
- Library Reading List
- New Mission Project
- ... and more



**It is so good to be home!**

The last six years have been a whirlwind of incredible experiences in following God's call! Our first 3- year term, as teachers at The English-speaking School of Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, was filled with challenges, but answered the call Kristy first felt as a child when missionaries Ron and Mary Lou Gaddis shared their ministry, Operation Congo, at a pot luck dinner in Wesley Hall. A highlight of those three years was introducing four of our students to our wonderful church family and the amazing hospitality you shared with them.

We were surprised to be invited to serve as Missionaries in Residence; liaisons between the missionaries who serve around the world and the leadership of Global Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia. In this position, we assisted with regional missionary gatherings in Costa Rico, South Africa, Panama, and Cambodia. We traveled to West Virginia and North Carolina to participate in meetings and learning opportunities with US based Church and Community Worker Missionaries and assisted with trainings of Global Mission Fellows (20-30 year-olds) young adult missionaries in Zimbabwe and Atlanta, Georgia. We also had responsibilities in the orientation of global missionaries in Stony Point, New York and Portland, Oregon, and two more trainings in Atlanta, Georgia. In short, it has been amazing what God has chosen to do with a small town Iowa boy and a young lady (well maybe not so young) who was nurtured to ministry by the loving congregation of Avondale United Methodist Church. Your prayers, your emotional support, and your financial gifts have been very important to us throughout these past six years.

We are honored that Rev. Kwon has invited us to share from the pulpit on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and hope you will plan to attend one of the services that day. We will be sharing our experiences and maybe helping discern how God is calling us to continue to serve.

In closing, we'd like to share the words of a hymn and a song whose truths we have come to know through all we have been blessed to do:

**"In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth."**

*(John Oxenham The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 548)*

And from John Howard Payne's poem in the opera of "Clari, the Maid of Milan"

**Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;**

It is SO good to be home!  
Kristy and Larry Schmitz

# Being Faithful

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

**Our Presence**

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....	23
10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship.....	85
Sunday School .....	56

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**Our Presence**

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....	27
10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship.....	60
Sunday School .....	41

**Prayers requested for:**  
Johannah DeSchepper



**Children's Church**

Children's Church is beginning in September. The lessons will be focused on the Ten Commandments and being a part of the church family. Following are the dates for Children's Church: Sept. 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16, Jan. 6 and 20, 2019, Feb. 3 and 17, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21, and May 5 and 19.

**Elizabeth Guild To Meet**

Elizabeth Guild will be meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Contemporary Life room.

**All church members are invited to hear Pat Hart speak about her mission trip to Africa at 10 a.m.**

**Cans 4 Cows**

The Cans 4 Cows Project has slowed down, but is still open and recycling soda cans and other metals. This year we have recycled almost 500 pounds of aluminum cans and a large metal desk and sent \$174 to Heifer International. From the beginning in 2001, the Cans 4 Cows Team has recycled over 24,000 pounds of aluminum cans and other metals and sent over \$13,000 to Heifer International to help families all over our world escape poverty and hunger with a gift of income producing animals.

However, we are taking a break. Please do not bring cans to the green truck on Sunday mornings, 09/16 and 09/23. **The truck will return on Sunday 09/30.**  
Bill Conaway



**Salvation Army Omelet Brunch**  
**Sat., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
5306 N. Oak Trafficway  
\$8 donation per person  
Tickets available at the door

**Sign Up For "Joyful Java" Treats**



Don't forget, there's a sign-up sheet taped to the door of the coffee cabinet in the Narthex where you can sign up to bring treats to go with the coffee.

Please contact Suzy Conaway if you would like to bring treats.



**Moving ...**

Juanita and I will be moving to a 55+ senior living apartment in Olathe, Kansas. We want to thank all of you for the pleasure of being a part of your wonderful church the last few years. We have enjoyed the love and warmth of your hospitality. You made us feel at home on our first visit and continue to do so. We will continue to come to church here some as we look for a new church in Olathe. Thanks again for allowing us to have been a part of your great church.

God bless you and keep you,

Juanita and Buster West

**Knit, Crochet, and Fellowship**

Do you knit, crochet, and would you like to learn how? Come the first Thursday of the month to the chapel to join our prayer shawl/scarf/ lap robe group as we share prayers of concern, support and unknown needs for recipients of our efforts. We gather at 1 p.m. and usually stay for an hour or so. To date, between 300 and 400 persons have been blessed by efforts of our caring volunteers ... and strength gained from the prayers offered. Hope to see you October 4 at 1 p.m. Questions—contact Judy Frame or Jean Hollaway.

**Save the Date ...**

**Potluck Brunch in Wesley Hall**  
**12:00 p.m., Oct. 21**

Hot dogs, pulled pork, and buns will be furnished.



Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, September 20**  
**7:00 p.m. in Contemporary Life**

## OUR SCHEDULE!

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 p.m. Trustees' meeting in Contemporary Life

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Soccer tournament at Cooley Park

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Children's Church

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:30 a.m. Prayer Tea in Chapel  
6:00 p.m. PPRC meeting in Contemporary Life  
7:00 p.m. Finance meeting in Contemporary Life

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life  
1:30 p.m. Staff meeting in Pastor's Office  
7:00 p.m. Education meeting in Contemporary Life

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Guild in Contemporary Life  
6:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers in Practice Room  
7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 p.m. Church Council in Contemporary Life

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Girl Scout Event in Wesley Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life  
1:30 p.m. Staff meeting in Pastor's office

### THRIFT SHOP HOURS

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

### Fellowship and Fun at the Church Picnic

Nearly 70 people attended the annual church picnic! The weather was perfect, the fellowship was wonderful, and the food was plentiful and delicious. Perhaps next year we'll bring more paper plates!! This event is sponsored by the AUMC Mission Committee, in part, to thank everyone for their continued generosity throughout the year as AUMC members participate in so many wonderful mission projects. THANKS! A special thanks to Valerie and Bob Goodman and Committee members!

### Baby Kit Project Sponsored by Mission Committee

Elizabeth McCormick is a missionary at Chicupe Rural Hospital in Mozambique with her husband, David. They are inviting us, via Rev. Kristy Schmitz, to come along side them in their mission at Chicupe Rural Hospital and do something to help babies and mothers in their community. They have developed a Baby Kit project that AUMC's Mission Committee is going to sponsor in September and October.

Baby Kits are given to mothers who deliver at their hospital. The kit includes some basic items to help a new mom and baby. Cloth diapers, socks, and a hat are tucked inside a onesie, placed in a "saco de peso" (a hanging bag used to weigh babies as they grow) and covered with a prayer. They also include reusable sanitary pads when available.

The Baby Kits help more than just new moms and babies. Onesies are screen printed with "Jesus Loves Me" by local artists from an income generating mission project (Creator's Co-op.) Saco de pesos are made by a group of sewing ladies from a different mission project (Cambine Arts.) Hopefully, another group of young ladies will provide the reusable pads and diaper covers. All other items are purchased at local businesses. For around \$10 per kit, incomes are generated for local families and new mothers' lives are made a little easier.

This project has been very popular with maternity staff and patients. The McCormicks hope to raise awareness and support for babies and mothers at Chicupe Rural Hospital. The hospital delivers between 7 and 14 babies each day. That is a bunch of baby kits!

You will soon learn more about this exciting project during Sunday morning Worship.

Blessings from your AUMC Missions Committee

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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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### **Avondale Book Club - New Reading List**

Hot off the presses, here's the Avondale Book Club reading list for the next 12 months:

West with the Night	Beryl Markham	11/10/2018
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeline L'Engle	12/8/2018
The Man Who Invented Christmas: How Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol Rescued His Career and Revived Our Holiday Spirits	Les Standiford	1/12/2019
The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession	Mark Obmascik	2/9/2019
The Country Club District of Kansas City	LaDene Morton	3/9/2019
The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland	Jim DeFede	4/13/2019
Devil in the White City	Erik Larson	5/11/2019
The Women in the Castle	Jessica Shattuck	6/8/2019
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	7/13/2019
A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles	8/10/2019
Flat Broke with Two Goats	Jennifer McGaha	9/14/2019
The 100-Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared	Jonas Jonasson	10/12/2019

We meet every second Saturday at 10:00 AM in the church library. We'd love to have you join us!