

Kilbourne United Methodist Church News

Empowered by God's Spirit, our mission is to invite everyone to join us in following Jesus, as we love, teach and serve.

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A Easter Message from the Bishop

This past January, I led a group of 46 Pilgrims to the Holy Land to visit Christian sights in Israel and Palestine. We stayed in Bethlehem, Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee, and in Jerusalem. We traced the footsteps of Jesus, read the scripture, prayed and lifted songs of praise at places where Jesus appeared after his resurrection.

We shared Holy Communion at the empty tomb in Jerusalem. We walked along the road to Emmaus where two of his disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We sang in the Upper Room in Jerusalem where Jesus appeared to Thomas and the disciples. We shared testimonies on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus appeared to seven disciples who had returned to fishing – and where he asked Peter, “Do you love me?” We prayed on the Mount of Olives where he ascended to heaven.

At each of these places we experienced the presence of Christ and heard testimonies of God's grace over and over again. Not everyone had a holy moment at the same place, but we can testify that, “We have seen Jesus, my Lord!”

These experiences came as gifts in the midst of our journey. They came while we were gathered together remembering God's love for us. They came while we were vulnerable to the realities of our own lives and to the people we visited.

When we finished our worship service in the Garden of Gethsemane and started to leave the Church of All Nations, we saw that gardeners were pruning the ancient olive trees. One member of our group asked if we might have the clippings. And, like an unexpected and undeserved blessing, we were given—at no cost—the best souvenir of the trip, olive branches from the place where Jesus prayed for strength to do the will of God.

This Easter, I give you my blessing as you celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Look for the presence of Jesus and signs of grace in expected places. Share how you have seen our Lord in the midst of your journey, and receive joy and peace.

Bishop John L. Hopkins

Spaghetti Dinner

The Kilbourne Festival Committee is having a spaghetti dinner on April 16th from 3:30-7:30PM. Come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad and visit with family and friends in the warm atmosphere of Kilbourne United Methodist Church. Bring friends and invite new neighbors. Donations accepted and proceeds will help defray the advertising costs of moving the Kilbourne Festival from October to August 20th.

We will need some volunteers to help with this so watch for the clipboard in the coming weeks. If you have questions or want to volunteer see Jean Hightower or Trent Pettit or call the church, 740-524-6041. Check out our website at www.kilbourneumc.com or find us on Facebook.

Spring Craft Show

Our 2016 Spring Craft Show was a fun time! We had over 20 vendors registered and the quality of the vendors items was amazing. The day was full of fellowship, laughter, and good deals.

Our congregation deserves our gratitude. Almost everything was donated again this year. Thank you to all who gave food items and donations for the church table. Many congregation members gave their time and talents all day long. The set-up and clean-up were made simple because everyone pitched in to help. Violet Cummings again contacted many vendors. We cannot thank her enough for all that she brings to our craft shows! What a group of volunteers! We can certainly all pull together for a good cause!

We did not have quite as much traffic as we had at our '15 spring show. Next year, we will see what we can do to improve but the day was still a success for our community.

I just want to thank all of you here at KUMC for supporting this event. God blessed us again this year as we cleared \$ 996 and change. We look forward to our Christmas Craft Show in 2016.

Love in Jesus,

Sarah Collins, director

Easter Egg Hunt

We were small but mighty at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. We had about a dozen children and their families here for the hunt. Each one had a great time and went home with lots of treats.

Thank you to the youth who came to the church to hide the eggs and to all the adults who helped greet and supervise the hunt. Thank you to all who donated eggs, candy and prizes. Finally, thank you to the women and men who took the time to fill all the eggs. We could not have done it without you.



Kilbourne Festival



This year we will celebrate 20 years of the Kilbourne Festival. Mark your calendar for August 20, 2016 and get ready for a great day of family fun for a good cause. We hope the change in date from the first Saturday in October to the third Saturday in August will bring us a change in weather and new opportunities for fun and games in our countryside setting.

We welcome all participants as this is an occasion for you to give back to your community. Our activities are only limited by the number of volunteers we have. If you would like to donate some decorations for the “new” festival, watch for sales on burlap, either fabric or ribbon, straw hats, bandanas or country fabric, artificial fruits and vegetables, sunflowers, watering cans, metal buckets, baskets etc. Anything that reminds you of the country. We lost several tents this year so if you see the 10 x 10 easy up tents on sale or the 10 x 20 tents on sale please let us know.

We generally meet once a month starting in February and through the Festival date so plan to join us in guiding the Festival into a new future. Our April meeting date will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Trent Pettit & Jean Hightower

PIN ‘Can’paign

People in Need is sponsoring their annual food drive from March 1-May 31. Kilbourne UMC will be collecting items during the month of April. Donations can be brought to the church and the missions committee will ensure that the items are transported to PIN. Items listed below are some of the items most needed by PIN:

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| Bar Soap | Jell-O | Laundry Detergent | Deodorant |
| Jam/Jelly | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Soups |
| Peanut Butter | Noodles | Shampoo | Cereal |
| Diapers | Graham Crackers | Feminine hygiene products | Tea bags |

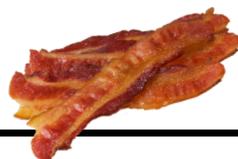


A full list of needs can be found on our community bulletin board.

Men’s Breakfast

Come and enjoy men’s fellowship on Saturday April 16th at 8:00AM. Speaker from the MTSO seminary’s farm will be present. This is a delicious meal and the conversation is good too!

All men are welcome.



Look for Us on Facebook!

Both Kilbourne UMC and Pastor Beth (under Elizabeth Ortiz) are on Facebook.

60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for John & Shirley Humes

Sunday May 1, 2016

2:00PM-4:00PM

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John Newton Humes and Shirley Jean Coen were married in the original Kilbourne Methodist Church on April 22, 1956. Please join their children, April & Jim Squire and Jeff & Elaine Humes to celebrate their marriage 60 years ago.

Please send any pictures or stories you would like to share so that we can put them into a memory book for John and Shirley. No gifts please! You can email them to April at ahumes@roadrunner.com OR send them by mail to April at 2438 Crestview Woods Court, Newark, OH 43055. They can also be given to Jeff and Elaine at church.

Vision

For months we have been seeking to know and understand God's vision for Kilbourne United Methodist Church. Many of you have participated in large and small group discussions on the subject.

At this time, we have a tentative vision statement. The language may still change some but it is believed that this is what God is calling our community towards. During the later part of April we will have a sermon series on the theological understanding for this as well as what it might look like lived out in today's world. Once we spend time processing and discussing this vision, we as a congregation will decide whether or not to adopt this statement and begin living it out.

The working vision statement is: God's vision is for Kilbourne United Methodist Church to feed and to provide physical, social and spiritual nourishment to the people of the surrounding areas. KUMC will strive to feed people physically through ministries including food ministries as well as ministries and missions that offer support in challenging times. KUMC will see to feed people socially through ministries that connect people with one another including small groups, ministries for all ages and through fellowship and community involvement. KUMC will endeavor to feed people spiritually through the invitation to the Lord's Table, worship and ministries that invite a growing relationship with God.





Please remember in your prayers:

The families of Barney Evans and Mary Early, Ann Kortz, Louise Ziegler, Dottie Dawson, Emily Thomas, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, those impacted by terrorism, and God’s children around the world.

Ministry Wrap Up

Just a few notes about ministries that occurred in March:

- International Dinner and offering raised \$307 for UMCOR’s One Great Hour of Sharing
- The Good Samaritan Fund helped one family.
- We helped 2 families with food.
- We provided two meals for Family Promise.
- The church hosted two funeral dinners.

Thank you to all who helped plan the events and who participated.

Save the Date:

All Ladies Luncheon on May 7th at 11:30AM

April Calendar

Worship Weekly at 10:30AM on Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30AM

Apr 6 - Choir	7:00p	Apr 16 –Spaghetti Dinner	3:30p-7:00p
Apr 7 – Bible Study	1:00p	Apr 20 –Choir	7:00p
Apr 11-Trustees	7:00p	Apr 21 –Young @ Heart	11:30a
Apr 12– Festival	7:00p	Apr 21 –Bible Study	1:00p
Apr 13 – Choir	7:00p	Apr 25 –Knit It Together	6:30p
Apr 14 - Bible Study	1:00p	Apr 26 –Education	7:00p
Apr 14 - Missions	7:00p	Apr 27 –Choir	7:00p
Apr 16 –Men’s Breakfast	8:00a	Apr 28 –Bible Study	1:00p

4-Jenna McComis

6-Bekka Matlack

9-Bob Fleming

16-Tammy McComis

19-Fred Wicker

21-Laura Bain

24-Jarrett Hightower

26-Jessica Veppert

27-Diane Lloyd

28-Sarah Parker



8-Adam & Kara Moore

22-John & Shirley Humes

*Happy
Anniversary*

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