

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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The childhood chant "Rain, rain go away; come again another day" keeps running through my head this summer. The rain has been coming another day but never seems to go away for very long.

As we, our lawns, our crops and probably far too many basements are saturated with water, I reflect on the positive view of water in scripture. There are many powerful images of water throughout the Bible in both Testaments from gifts of living water to springs in the desert. For me, the most amazing use of water is in baptism. In our baptism, water is the visible sign for all the work that God is already doing and continues to do within us. With just a small amount of water we enter into a covenant relationship with God that can and should sculpt our whole lives.

Methodists are often baptized as infants so it is likely some of us have no recollection of when we were baptized. Yet that does not mean that we should not celebrate this grace-filled gift! This gift from God is a means of new birth in Jesus Christ and is a mark of Christian discipleship. It is through this sacrament that we recognize our incorporation into Christ's church. Now that is an amazing use of water!

So while I still wish for a break in the rain (without a drought), I invite all of us to think for just a minute every time it starts to rain about the marvelous gift we received through baptism and to reflect on how we are living out our lives as Christian disciples.

Pastor Beth Ortiz



Fall Festival

YES WE ARE HAVING FALL FESTIVAL!!!

We are closing in on Kilbourne Fall Festival time and YES, we are having it. Trent Pettit (trentpettit@yahoo.com) has stepped forward to chair it with the help of many of our faithful past leaders. The date is October 3, 2015, with our usual activities, breakfast, lunch, parade, games, vendors and fun displays. There will be more details in the September newsletter. Please consider donating baked goods and silent auction baskets and if we can get a volunteer to manage it we will have a church table too. We can use all kinds of things for the church table such as baked goods, crafts etc. We are collecting baskets to be used for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate some baskets bring them in as soon as you can. If you have stuffed animals to donate for the Festival we would like to have them right away. Time is short.

Keep in mind if you want a vendor spot please see Violet Cummings, vmlc1952@yahoo.com as soon as you can and pay your fee (\$10) to hold your spot. You will not have a spot until Violet has you on her list and you have paid your fee. She already has 12 or 13 vendors signed up. We are putting together a letter to go out to parade participants and the flyers will be complete soon. We are hoping for some activity over at the ball field this year, maybe a cornhole tournament or something that will benefit the Kilbourne Baseball Association but will also draw a bigger crowd for the Festival. Signup sheets will be coming around soon so please participate in this worthy community event.

Our scheduled meeting dates going forward (7:00 at the church) are: Wednesday, August 12, Monday, August 31, Monday, September 14 and Monday, September 28. Please come to the meetings and help us make this community event successful.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the Festival!

Trent Pettit

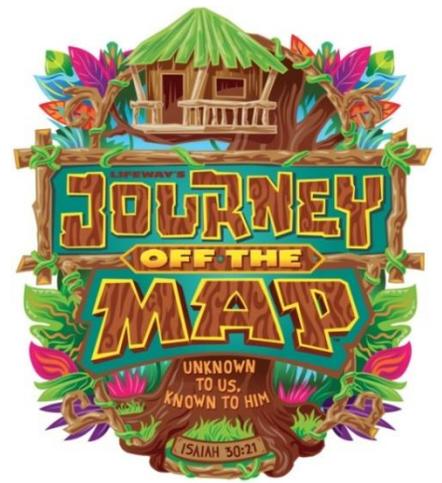
Jean Hightower

2015 GOALS Set by the Administrative Council:

1. Focus on making and nurturing disciples for the Kingdom of God.
2. Explore the possibility of doing the Healthy Church Initiative.
3. Grow the youth group by supporting them with our prayers and encouraging their work and continuing to mentor them.
4. Increase our active average attendance by 10%. The current average is 62.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School was a roaring success! Thank you to all the children who participated, the teachers and helpers, everyone who donated items, all who kept VBS in their prayers and Melissa Matlack and Nancy Bendle, co-directors.



VBS Report

Thanks go out to Melissa Matlack for her direction of the July '15 Vacation Bible School. Her vision of the crafts and decorations were great, especially the waterfall and the walking sticks! The teacher in Melissa put her foot down about hitting with the sticks. After that...all went well.

All the snack food was donated by the members of the church, saving a great deal of money. Sharon Walker and I were excited to do the ice cream cones filled with fruit. The kids, on the other hand, would probably have preferred ice cream. They did not get the concept. Patsy Tharp and Elaine Germann were asked to put together some creative snacks and, as usual, they did an excellent job.

Our teacher's helpers were several young ladies from our congregation and they really kept busy with the kids, filling in where needed. Tammy McComis had to work to find rainy day games...not so easy. Georgia McComis, Rachel Bendle and Kirsten Fridley were goodwill ambassadors as they were usually smiling with the children. Thanks, girls!

The teachers that taught the lessons were busy teaching bible stories. Thanks to Ann Kortz, Violet Cummings, Cindy Parker and Joyce Clark. The kids paid close attention and my grandsons repeated the stories to their dad, especially the fact that God is within us. Their daddy said they took all the lessons very seriously. BIBLE SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT!

The numbers were down this year due to summer vacationing but Sandy Wicker did an excellent job handling our registrations. To me, though, it is not important how many kids were there, just that we touched children with love and conversation and focused on the Bible. There was a peaceful feeling all about the church and the children were just great!

Sarah Collins taught the children music. They really could belt out the songs, although it seemed they were a little shy during the VBS Program. My grandsons acted like they had tape over their mouths; however, they did do the motions.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make VBS a success!!

Nancy Bendle

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

August 30th will be a Homecoming Sunday at KBUMC. Please make an effort to invite former members that you know and potential new members to this celebration. Worship will be followed by an extended Meet and Greet so everyone has time to mingle!



Prayer



Please remember in your prayers; Emily Thomas, Shirley Humes, Violet Cummings, Justin Deckling, Dave Sipe, Ann Carper, Melody Yates, George Dapice, Barney Evans, Joyce Caudill, Nancy Bendle, Bill Kizer, Sid Hightower, and our church in transition.

Visitation

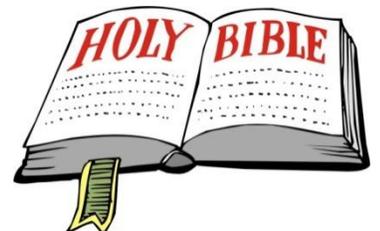
Are you or do you know any church member or attender who is in the hospital, preparing for a procedure, or unable to attend church for health reasons? If so, please let Pastor Beth know so that she can visit them if they desire.



***YOUNG @ HEART** is August 20. (Location TBA)

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY every week @1:00p.

All are welcome. *Please, join us!*



***NO** Men's breakfast or Family Game Night for August

BIRTHDAYS:

8-Will Matlack
10-Bill Kizer
10-Heidi Rice
11-Donna Cackler
18-Kyle Veppert

21-Sharon Walker
25-Jeff Walker
25-Skylar Rice
26-Steve Fridley
31-Lee Zimmer



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ANNIVERSARIES:

2-Jim & Carol McCartney
14-Scott & Heidi Rice
24-Wayne & Joan Lockhart

25-Jim & April Squire
25-Dwayne & Brandi Maxie
30-Jeff & Elaine Humes

Save the Dates and Upcoming Worship Opportunities

- August 30- Homecoming Sunday
- September 6- Service of Song and Communion (Hymn Sing!)
- October 3- Fall Festival

SCHEDULE at a GLANCE for AUGUST

02-Worship	10:30a	16-Worship	10:30a
06-Bible Study	1:00p	20-Young @ Heart	11:30a
09-Worship	10:30a	20-Bible Study	1:00p
10-Trustees	7:00p	23-Worship	10:30a
11-Education	7:00p	26-SPR	7:00p
12-Finance	7:00p	27-Bible Study	1:00p
12- Fall Fest Meeting	7:00p	30-Worship (Homecoming)	10:30a
13-Bible Study	1:00p	31-Fall Fest Meeting	7:00p

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