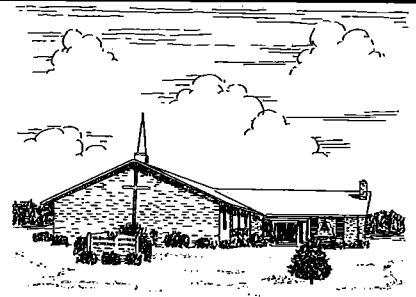




Kilbourne

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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Christmas Message

Dear friends and family of KUMC,

I have experienced 57 Christmases as of today. Some of them I don't remember, and some of them I do. I remember many Christmas Eve nights growing up, waiting expectantly around the tree for dad to come in. He would choose one gift for each of us to open on Christmas Eve. I thought that was the way every family did it. Along with my two brothers and two sisters, I would squirm and wiggle till I almost fell off the couch. It seemed like an eternity while we waited. Finally, dad would come in and sit by the tree and carefully pick through the packages until he chose the one he wanted us to open early.

I often think of those Christmas Eves with fondness. It was the one day of the year that my siblings and I were on our best behavior. We made sure that we didn't fight with each other that day and we did everything that we were told to do. We didn't want to take a chance of not getting to open one present early. It was also the one day that we could be sure all five of us plus mom and dad would be home together. It was a special time for me and our family.

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for the promised Messiah. We wait for the star to

take its place over the manger. We wait for the shepherds to hear the angels' announcement. We wait for the wise men to bring their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. We wait for the cry of a newborn baby to break the stillness of that silent night. We wait. Sometimes it's hard to wait. Even now, we wait for Jesus to come again into our world. We wait for the sound of the trumpet and the shout of the archangel. While we wait, sometimes we get impatient. We squirm and wiggle, we try to be on our best behavior, in case Jesus should come today.

As we wait to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us remember that we also await the day when he will come again. Just as the prophets foretold it, Jesus came into our world as a baby 2000 years ago. And just as the prophets foretold it, Jesus will come again to our world. This time as the King of King and Lord of Lords, who will receive his bride, the Church, unto himself. May God bless us as we wait again for his coming.

Pastor Carol





Every Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm

Every Thursday

Bible Study - 1:00 p.m.

Every Sunday

Youth Group - 6 - 7:30 pm

(Not on Dec 14)

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- Dec 6 - Holiday Craft Show
10 am - 4 pm
 - Dec 7 - Return PIN presents
 - Dec 12 - Young at Heart goes to
Buckeye Valley HS for
Christmas concert - 10 am.
 - Dec 14 - Children's Christmas
Program - 7 pm.
 - Dec 16 - January Newsletter
Deadline - 8 am.
 - Dec 21 - Christmas Cantata 10:30
"Child of Wonder"
 - Dec 24 - Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service - 7:30 pm
 - Dec 28 - Moravian Love Feast at
10:30 am. Bring a
breakfast food to share.
No Sunday School.



PIN Angels

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts or money to the PIN angels. We were able to provide Christmas for a family of six children. Thank you for sharing your abundance with those who have less.

Craft Show



Our first Christmas craft show will be here at the church on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 am to 4 pm. We have thirteen tables of vendors and crafts, and the church table will have items for the raffle and baked goods for sale. So far we have quilted pieces, homemade jams and jellies, embroidery items, tole painting on wood, painting on canvas, handmade wood items, clocks, games, purses, scarves, and decorations. A light lunch will be available all day. Come and do some shopping!



The "Young at Heart" group goes to Buckeye Valley High School on Friday, Dec 12 and will begin at 10 am. Lunch will follow after the concert. You may try and get there earlier to get good seating.



Our children are practicing for their program, *A New King*. They are making decorations and props for the play and learning their lines and the songs. Please come and support our youth on Sunday, Dec 14 at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Many thanks to Heidi Rice and Nancy Bendle for their leadership, and Melissa Matlack for making props.



The Choir will present the Christmas Cantata *Child of Wonder* in the worship service on Dec 21 at 10:30 a.m. You won't want to miss this musical story of the birth of Christ. Mark your calendars now!

There is NO Men's Breakfast or Family Game night this month, due to the holiday season and events. Look for us in January!



We are having one service this year on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends that are visiting and let us worship together. We will be receiving an offering for missions.

Poinsettias - please take them home on Christmas Eve after the service.



Moravian Love Feast

As is our tradition, we will celebrate the Moravian Love Feast on Dec 28. We will have the worship service that morning in the fellowship hall. There will be singing of all the carols and Christmas hymns and breakfast food. There will be **NO** Sunday School that day.



A blue poinsettia will be placed on the altar on the first Sunday of Advent in memory of Molly Humes' birthday.



Thanks to everyone who served in leadership or as a volunteer this past year. The work of the church goes forward because of your dedication and support.

Kilbourne UMC Newsletter

In January there will be a change in our monthly newsletter distribution. Due to rising costs of mailing 200 newsletters a month, we will be sending the newsletter out to the church membership and friends by email. **If we have your email address, you will get the newsletter online.** It will also be on the church website at kilbourneumc.com. Once on the site, click on the INFO CENTER bar at the top of the page and then click on the current newsletter. We will also be making 20 paper copies that will be in the sanctuary for the month for those of you who do not have email. **Most importantly, our shut-ins will continue to receive their paper copy in the mail.** Please let us know if you are not included somewhere in this list and we will make sure that you still get your monthly newsletter.

Please note that if we are under a Level 2 snow emergency, worship service will be canceled.






2015 Goals

The Ad Council set forth the following goals for 2015:

1. Focus on making and nurturing disciples for the Kingdom of God.
2. Explore Healthy Church Initiatives or similar program for the church.
3. Grow the youth group by our prayers, support and mentoring.
4. Increase our active attendance by 10%. Current attendance is 62.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>Dec. 2014</h1>						9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
	1	2 Michelle Leasure	3 6:00 p.m. Advent Bible St. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 1 pm Advent Bible St.	5	6  10 am - 4 pm
7 6 - 7:30 pm Youth Group PIN presents need to be here today	8 Xander Donaldson 7:00 pm Trustee meeting	9	10 6:00 p.m. Advent Bible St. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 1 pm Advent Bible St.	12 Sid Hightower 10:00 am Young at Heart goes to Buckeye Valley High Sch for Christmas Concert	13 Katie Schiller Dick & Dottie Dawson - anniv
14  7:00 p.m.	15	16 David Sheets 8:00 a.m. January Newsletter Deadline	17 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 Kathy Caudill	19	20
21 10:30 am  6 - 7:30 pm Youth Group	22	23 Fred & Sandy Wicker - anniv	24  7:30 p.m.	25  JESUS CHRIST Is Born	26	27
28 10:30 a.m. Moravian Love Feast Breakfast provided NO Sunday School	29	30	31 Christian Shaw 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal			

Kilbourne UM Church Proposed Leadership 2015

Administrative Council

Pastor – Carol McCartney
Lay Leader – *David Veppert*
Lay Leader Emeritus – Bob Fuller
Lay Delegate Annual Conference- Sandy Kizer
Alternate to Annual Conference – David Veppert
Admin Council Chair – David Veppert
Treasurer – Elaine Humes
Financial Secretary – Jane Horn
Memorial Treasurer – Sandy Kizer
Finance Chair – David Veppert
Trustee Chair – Wayne Lockhart
SPRC Chair – Dorothy Fuller
Health Ministries – Mary Fleming
Family Life Chair – Jan Walker
Mission Chair – Elaine Germann
Stewardship Chair – Dick Dawson
Education Chair – *Sandy Wicker **
Youth Director – David Veppert Youth Rep – *Tammy McComis*
UMW President – Elaine Germann
Membership Secretary - Linda Veppert
Members-at-large - *Bob Fuller, Kyle Veppert, Nancy Bendle, Sharon Walker*
Recording Secretary - *Shirley Humes*
Historian- John Humes

Finance Ministry

Chair – David Veppert
Treas – Elaine Humes
Fin Sec – Jane Horn
Pastor – Carol McCartney
Council Rep – David Veppert
SPRC Chair – Dorothy Fuller Co-chair – John Humes *
Trustee Rep – Sandy Kizer
Stewardship – Dick Dawson
Others: Donna Cackler / Diana Kiefer

Memorial Fund Ministry

Steve Sheets	Dorothy Fuller	John Humes
Sandy Kizer	Linda Veppert	Virginia Sheets

Senior Youth Ministry

<i>Kyle Veppert</i>	<i>Jessica Veppert</i>
<i>Jen Fuller</i>	<i>Stephen Bain</i>

David Veppert