

Reaping and Sowing:

A Newsletter of Ashley and Kilbourne

July 2020

Let's Get Together...In the Ways You Are Comfortable!

As we begin to re-open our buildings and resume in person worship and meetings, we want to stress that you should never partake in a ministry or worship in –person if you do not feel comfortable. If you are ready to come out- then come on! If you are staying close to home- we will continue posting worship online.

We are a community regardless of our physical location and so wherever you are, we are one in Spirit. We are together even when we are apart!



Outdoor Worship Service

Outdoor Worship- June 28th and on!

June 28th will be our official first in-person worship! Ideally we will all be worshipping together in Oxford Township Park (5125 Shoemaker Road, Ashley, OH 43003) for 10AM worship. We invite everyone to bring their own chairs and to set up with at least 6' in all directions

between family groups. Masks are encouraged if you are mingling or while you are moving to where you are setting up your chairs, but once you are settled, we invite you to remove them.

If it is inclement weather, we will worship instead at Kilbourne UMC in the fellowship hall. This decision will be made by 8AM on the Sunday morning and emailed out. If you want to receive a text instead of an email please contact Pastor Beth now via text to let her know that.

We will continue to meet at the park every Sunday until a different decision is made. All changes (except weather related) will be made two weeks in advance.

Adult Sunday School

A Sunday school group led by Amy Ruggles will resume on June 28th and be at the township park immediately following worship. All are invited to attend. There will also be a fellowship group that will meet at the park before service at 9AM.

Upcoming Meetings

If you are not comfortable attending an in-person meeting contact the chair or Pastor Beth and they can provide minutes and updates for you.

Monday June 29th at 7PM: Joint Outreach Committee hosted at Kilbourne

Wednesday July 15th at 6:30PM: Ashley Ad Council

Bible Study

We are continuing to meet for Bible study on Wednesdays (except the last Wednesdays of the month) at 7Pm via Zoom. Typically we discuss the scripture that will be preached the following Sunday. There is no prep. Just show up with your Bible.

Meeting login information is shared in the weekly email but if you do not receive that and wish to attend, contact Pastor Beth.



Youth group will be meeting July 1st and August 5th at Kilbourne from 3:30-5PM.

Youth group is a relaxed ministry where we play games, talk and help youth begin to better claim their own relationship with God. In part, we go where the youth lead and talk about what is important to them. All youth are welcome, even if they are not

connected directly with our churches.

Youth group will follow social distancing guidelines and we ask all youth to wash their hands when entering the building. We will not be eating together but youth are invited to bring their own drinks.

Vacation Bible Study

VBS is going to be unusual but amazing! This year it is a take home ministry. We will have packets for children to take home and do with their families. Packets will be ready by Sunday June 28th. Through the Kilbourne website (www.kilbourneumc.com) we will have a daily video that includes songs, the Bible story and more. These will all be available by June 29th.



This is for ages 3- 5th grade. However, younger children may need more help with the crafts and activities. This is a great chance for parents, grandparents or caregivers to spend time with the children they love talking about God. We recommend that an adult is involved throughout the activities for discussion and bonding



Book Club will meet via Zoom on July 27th at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend even if you have never been before. The meeting information will be emailed.

Our first meeting will be slightly different than others. We invite you to be ready to give a 'review' to a book you have recently read and share whether or not you would recommend it. If you have not had the time lately, you can pick a favorite to share about. We will then spend time making selections for future meetings. Book club books will be chosen based on interest in the book, cost of the book and availability through the libraries.

Fellowship Groups

Fellowship groups have started with great success! These laid back groups have a devotion, share joys and concerns and simply catch up with each other.

If you are not currently in a group and are interested, please contact Pastor Beth. All groups require reservations so that we can be prepared for the correct number. Groups will be 10 or less but if a day/time has more than 10 people interested, we will divide the group and form two separate groups at the same time.

June 26th will be the last day for the Friday night fellowship group. However, we are resuming after worship Sunday school, which will fill the need for many of those members.

Current days and times are:

Tuesdays at 9AM at Kilbourne (outside if weather permits, inside if not)

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Sundays at 9AM at Oxford Township Park



The community support of the food pantry at Kilbourne has continued to be amazing! Yet another grant has come in that will help keep the pantry well stocked for the months to come.

The pantry has been moved to the education wing and the new set up with an additional deep freezer is working well.

We have seen a steady decline in use over the last month, as some return to work. Due to this, we are going to reduce our hours to Tuesdays only from 10AM-4PM. Spread the word to any who might need it!

Tithes and Offerings

Thank you to the many of you who have continued to send or deliver your tithes and offerings through this time. We know that you do so out of your faith and commitment to God, and have been blessed by your generosity and dedication.

In worship, offering plates will not be passed but an offering container will be there for you to place your offering in. Otherwise, you can continue to mail or drop off your offering to the churches.

An additional thank you to those who have continued to send in their donations to the Kilbourne Capital Campaign. We now have over \$9,000 of the needed \$60,000 which will pay for new roofs and other needed updates. If you want more information on the capital campaign, contact Pastor Beth.

Food & Fellowship

We know and understand that eating together has long been a part of who we are as communities. From fundraisers to ministries like Meet & Greet and Young @ Heart, eating has been used as a way to spend time together and to show our love.

However, for this season of our church life, all such ministries must be suspended. Communal eating is not recommended by our conference guidelines even after our buildings are more open. Due to the close vicinity between people and no masks, it just cannot be done safely. This applies not only to us, but groups that may want to rent or use our facilities.

Yet, we must all remember that as long as it seems now, that this is but one season in our life. And we look forward to resuming these ministries when it is more safe to do so.

Card Party

Betty Sheets is turning 90years old! The family has requested that we shower her with love through cards and phone calls. Her address is Betty Sheets; Kingston of Marion; 464 James Way- Apt 213; Marion OH 43302. Visitors are not permitted currently, but you could also call her at 740-360-9555.

You are always welcome to include personal notes like card requests, birth announcements, and other notes you wish to share with the whole congregation in the newsletter. Simply email them to Pastor Beth by no later than 7 days before the end of the month and she will include them.

A Note on Health: Listen to the Music!

Music can convey powerful emotion. I've turned to music when I feel down or when I want to "feel the beat". I've even been known to dance around the living room.

Neuroscientist, Charles Limb from the University of California, San Francisco says music allows you to feel the emotion of another person without the need for words and this is why music can influence your mood. So called "relaxation" or "get happy" music, as labeled by someone else, may not be relaxing to you or get you happy. That's because tunes you find relaxing may be aggravating to another person. Finding the right music to change a person's mood is up to the individual. Sometimes when you feel sad, slow music can be soothing.

An Italian study found that listening to a Mozart piano sonata created a cognitive boost that activated memory and problem-solving abilities. And another study found that older people who learned to play the piano over four months benefited from elevated moods and an improved sense of well-being. Charles Limb says "There's always a piece of music that exactly encapsulates what I have felt, whether it's positive or negative". Our choir sets the mood for me and I love it!!

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