

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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Faith of Our Fathers

“This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.” *John 13:35*

It seems only fitting that since I wrote about all my faith mothers last month, that this newsletter I write the faith of our faith fathers. I acknowledge that I have been blessed by two wonderful biological parents but even for those who have not, many of us have faith fathers or brothers— those men who lead by the example of their faith and are lights to others.

Stereotypically church is more in the female jurisdiction. Churches have a higher percentage of women in attendance and in teaching positions. Some where along the line teaching VBS, children's Sunday school and even attending church became more of women's work. While a majority of ministers are still male, other teaching positions have been viewed firmly as women's work in past decades.

This though was not the case in my home church. Both my older brother and I speak of the example our father set for us. A mechanic by trade, he served as our Sunday School teacher for a year. It was under his guidance that we learned the Lord's Prayer, Bible trivia and the excitement of the Bible stories. Even more, he modeled to us in his everyday life what it meant to be a Christian as he volunteered with Boy Scouts for decades, always helped others often for free, and openly loved all of us.

There was Gary, our youth Sunday school teacher, who spent years in this position and invited teens to ask questions and to discover what God meant in their own lives. There was Ken who taught adult Sunday school for 50 years and who every week called all to love God and to acknowledge who we were and who we should be. There was Mel who faithfully led the choir. There was Rev. Rousch whose quiet, loving nature spoke to my soul as a teenage teaching me many lessons that I find myself preaching to this day. There was my Uncle Bud whose influence I did not know until years later— he was the man who kept our church in excellent condition that I might enjoy all the ministries I did safely.

Since coming to Kilbourne I have heard many stories of faith fathers or brothers who have touched people's lives. Sadly many have passed away. Yet their memory continues to thrive to this day and still touches lives. And there are others, who still living, continue to model their faith for others within KUMC and many other communities. I invite all of us to pray to and praise God for such men in our lives. If your faith father/brother is still alive, tell them what they have meant to you. I also invite all the men in our congregation to consider ways you might serve as a man of faith. Each of us are called to serve the Lord through love. How will you choose to do so?

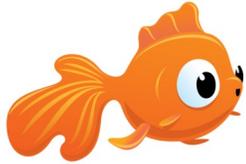
Pastor Beth

Vacation Bible School



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School. Join us from July 12-15th from 9AM-12PM for this exciting week! Our director Melissa Matlack and her amazing team are already working to make this week spectacular for all involved. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, and neighbors to this fun-filled four days of VBS. All children kindergarten through fifth grade (completed) are invited to attend. Registration is free and pre-registration is encouraged. Please pre-register at www.kilbourneumc.com.

Every day we will explore God's Word and see that Jesus looks for what is below the surface. Games, crafts, stories and more will all teach us the lessons of these amazing curriculum.



Vacation Bible School is not possible though without the help of our community.

There are several ways you can help. First— invite a child in your life! Second— consider if you are able to volunteer for the week or even just a day. Volunteers can be used for group leaders/assistants, kitchen help and clean-up. Third— donations are needed. A board of needed craft and decorating supplies can be found at the church.

Items include crepe paper (blue and green), pool noodles (blue, green and red), white boys t-shirts just to name a few. Check the board or email Pastor Beth to see which items are still needed. If you do not have time to shop, cash donations are also accepted. Food donations will be asked for closer to time.

Confirmation

Confirmation for United Methodists is an important step along our faith journeys. In confirmation, youth learn the history of Christianity, Methodism, and other faiths as well as explore their own spirituality.

This summer we will be having confirmation July 11-15th. On July 11th we will meet from 9AM-5PM, and the rest of the week we will meet from noon-5PM (following Bible school so all youth can help if they would like!). All youth 7th grade and up are invited to participate.

If you have a youth in your life that you would like to see partake please talk to Pastor Beth. Youth that have confirmed participation will receive a letter in June with details.

Interesting Facts

Americans reportedly consuming about 155 million of hot dogs on Independence



Day alone.

It's estimated that more than 14,000 professional firework displays light up the skies in the United States each 4th of July.

Facts are from Pioneer Woman website.



Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

JUNE 25

Come and enjoy a fun and delicious family time at the KUMC Ice Cream Social, June 25, 2016, 4:00-7:00. We will offer several flavors of ice cream, desserts, sandwiches, chips and drinks. Bring a neighbor and visit with old friends. The proceeds will benefit the Kilbourne Festival.

We will be sending around a clipboard to help with cost and workers. If you don't see the clipboard and want to help call KUMC at 740-524-6041 or email kumc1@frontier.com.

Kilbourne Festival Committee

Kilbourne Festival

August 20, 2016!



It's starting to feel like summer and our Kilbourne Festival is under three months away!

No danger of snow at our "new date" Kilbourne Festival on the third Saturday in August. We hope you plan to come, and bring family and friends for this fun day in the SUMMER! We will have lots of vendors, a parade and good food besides games, a petting zoo, storytelling and local history.

This is a perfect event to invite all your friends and family to attend. We know money can be tight for fun when school starts and our prices make this one of the most affordable family events of the summer. This is a community event that is a safe environment for children and the young at heart.

Later this summer you will see a clipboard for donations and volunteers. Please contact the church at 740-524-6041 or email kumc1@frontier.com if you would like to be in the parade, to volunteer or make donations.



If you would like to participate as a vendor please contact Violet Cummings vmc1952@yahoo.com or 740-524-4590. The Festival supports a Good Samaritan Fund for Brown, Oxford, Peru and Kingston Townships.

Kilbourne Festival Committee



Prayer List: Patsy Tharp, Judy Scowden, Louise Ziegler, Charles Sheets, Ann Kortz, Emily Thomas, Dottie Dawson, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, all those grieving, our church and our community.

The Good Samaritan Fund

Many in our congregation are aware that the upcoming Kilbourne Festival benefits the Good Samaritan Fund. However, the work of the Good Samaritan Fund is often done so quietly that some are not sure what it does and most are not aware of its overall impact.

We have all experienced times in our lives when we need a little bit of help, financial or otherwise. The fund attempts to help in those times. It is set up to help residents of Kingston, Brown, Oxford and Peru townships who need assistance. Dispersal of funds is handled by a small committee which has from time to time made the decision to help others outside these townships. Common requests are for emergencies, utility bills, rent, or unexpected repairs to homes or vehicles. The fund would also help with medical expenses, expenses of needed home updates like ramps, and more. It also buys gas cards that are available.

The goal of the committee is to be very user friendly. There are no forms or long processes. Most initial contacts are made through the pastor who presents it to the committee and a decision is reached within days. The committee does have guidelines that limit the number of times each individual can benefit from the fund and how the funds are dispersed (most often the payment is made to the company to which the money is ultimately owed). The committee makes a decision about the amount to give based on the need and is both generous and pragmatic.

Since we took over the fund in late 2011 we have taken in \$12,368.35 in donations. We have used \$7,953.06 to provide assistance to those in need. Over this period we have assisted 87 individual times (some individuals have been assisted more than once over the years). Over the entire period 49% was used for emergency situations, 25% for fuel and auto repair, 13.5% for utilities, 4.5% medical, 4.5% rent and 3.5% for food.

In the past 12 months we have received \$1,712.92 in donations and used \$1,716.93 in assistance. This assistance helped 17 individual times.

Thank you to all who help this fund, many without realizing it. All the hard work of Kilbourne Festival enables this ministry to continue in a time when many churches have had to cut back. Also, please keep the Good Samaritan Fund in mind and share its information with those who may need assistance.

Interested in going on a summer mission trip or doing mission work in the area?

Contact David Veppert about upcoming opportunities this summer.

Interesting Facts

The first Father's Day celebration was said to be on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

Sonora Smart Dodd, who spearheaded the effort to create this day, celebrated the first Father's Day by delivering gifts to sick fathers all over Spokane. *Facts from Pioneer Woman*

The Financial Health of the Church



“And this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give a tenth.” Gen 28:22

What does it take to operate a church like ours? For the 2016 year we have set a budget of \$121,701.67. This is a smaller budget than previous years. To some this may seem like a lot, to others not so much.

Our budget breaks down as follows:

Apportionments:	14.5 %
SPR (Salary, pension, health, continuing education and taxes):	51%
Trustees (Church and Parsonage utilities, maintenance etc.):	28%

As you can see 93.5% of the budget is used to participate in the larger ministries of the UMC, pay our pastor, maintain the church properties and keep the lights on. That leaves us 6.5% to provide the other ministries of the church. So how are we doing to meet our budget? We are currently at 84.8% of where we need to be to meet our budget. We are 15% behind where we need to be or \$7459.00. This is better than last year but it is equal to the amount of our ministry budget for the whole year.

Overall, our church has started this year financially strong. However, we often see attendance and offering drop in the summer months. Let us remember as we get ready for summer to not forget God’s house and the work he would have us do to spread his word.

David Veppert, Finance Chairman

General Conference 2016

General Conference of the UMC was held in May in Portland Oregon. This conference occurs every four years gathering delegates from around the world and makes many of the decisions that sculpt the UMC as well as celebrates our past, our present and our future. Below is an extremely brief summary of several key points but no article could adequately cover GC concisely. More information can be found through www.umc.org.

- The budget of \$604 million was accepted, which is a slight increase
- A resolution passed that called Methodists to oppose mascots that demean Native Americans
- Votes on the issues surrounding sexuality and the UMC were delayed and a commission was formed to review our regulations. A special conference may be called to discuss the findings.
- We celebrated 60th anniversary of full clergy rights for females within the UMC and recognized the UMW which will soon be 150 years old and going strong.



No-Dinner Dinner



Do you want steak, shrimp, pork or chicken? It makes no difference at the Trustees No-Dinner Dinner! You can eat whatever you like, whenever you like and still help out. The theory behind no-dinner dinners is that we ask you to consider what you might donate in food, what you would donate to eat the dinner and how much time you might volunteer. Then put a price tag on all of that and simply donate directly to the building fund that

provides the trustees the money they need to their expenses.

The building fund has been running low this year and the trustees determine their upcoming expenses would out strip what was in the fund. These expenses include necessary outside work on the parsonage land including fallen limb removal, poison ivy removal and general cleanup of areas long-neglected, parts for the heater, repair to the lighting of the church sign and repair costs as they arise. Given the high number of dinners the church is already hosting this spring/summer the trustees decided it would be more feasible to host a No-Dinner Dinner than a traditional fundraiser.

Please consider what you can give to this fund. Also, if you do not have much extra money, consider volunteering a little time to help the trustees mow lawn or do small projects around the church.

Ministry Wrap Up

Just a few notes about ministries that occurred in May:

- We helped 2 families with food.
- The ladies enjoyed fellowship and a message from Rev. Valarie Stultz at our All Ladies Luncheon.
- The Good Samaritan Fund helped 1 individual.
- The church hosted the Brown Reunion.
- We enjoyed guest speaker Bobbie Strum on Peace with Justice Sunday. The congregation donated \$130 to the Delaware County Against Human Trafficking Coalition.

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

Men's Breakfast on Break

Men's breakfast will be taking a break for the summer. Breakfasts will resume in October.





June

- 01-Samantha Frost
- 05-Jeff Humes
- 08-Dwayne Maxie
- 15-Kirsten Fridley
- 16-Aiden Moore
- 16-Stephen Bain
- 23-Dorothy Fuller
- 25-Cindy Parker
- 27-Kara Moore
- 27-April Squire
- 28-Delores Breece
- 29-Amanda Thomas
- 30-Jen Fuller

July

- 01-Sharon Shively
- 02-Natalie Horn
- 02-Grace Horn
- 03-Patsy Tharp
- 03-Steve Thomas
- 09-Garrett Humes
- 16-Emily Thomas
- 16-Wayne Lockhart
- 21-Wilma Frost
- 22-Shirley Humes
- 23-Betty Sheets
- 23-Hayley Bridge
- 25-Lori Thomas
- 25-Adam Fridley
- 30-Jim Hynek
- 31-Mary Fleming
- 31-Mike Sheets



June

- 25-Johnny & Marlene Yarhouse
- 26-Sid & Jean Hightower

July

- 23-Steve & Shari Fridley
- 27-Chuck & Ann Kortz



June 13-16th is East Ohio Annual Conference. Pastor Beth will be in Lakeside for the entire week. Dorothy Fuller will be attending as KUMC Lay Delegate.

June/July Calendar

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

June 2– Bible Study	1:00p	July 7– Bible Study	1:00p
June 7– VBS Meeting	7:00p	July 11– Trustees	7:00p
June 9– Bible Study	1:00p	July 11-15– Confirmation	
June 13– Trustees	7:00p	July 12-15– VBS	9:00a-12:00p
June 16- Young @ Heart	11:30a	July 14– Bible Study	1:00p
June 16-Bible Study	1:00p	July 18– Festival Meeting	7:00p
June 19– Father’s Day		July 19– Ad Min	7:00p
June 20– Festival Meeting	7:00p	July 21– Young @ Heart	11:30a
June 23-Bible Study	1:00p	July 21– Bible Study	1:00p
June 25– Ice Cream Social	4:00-7:00p	July 25– Knit It Together	6:30p
June 27– Knit It Together	6:30p	July 28- Bible Study	1:00p
June 30– Bible Study	1:00p		

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