

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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My Mothers

Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

I have an absolutely wonderful mother. I may not have always thought so and there were years she probably wondered if she was doing it right. There were times where we fought more than we talked. Yet, I always knew she loved me. Today, she is one of my best friends (though she was not until I was fully an adult) and I thank God that I have been so blessed.

Yet the truth is I had more mothers than just my biological one. I consider them my church mothers. These were women who loved me and watched me grow. In my cute years and in my not so cute years, they all loved me unconditionally and I knew it.

There was Aunt Mary Ann who taught Junior Church, Kid's Choir and taught me what it meant to be reverent in church. There was Vada who played our organ for 70 years and taught me about serving the Lord with joy. There were Idabelle and Majorie, two sisters without children of their own, who never failed to greet me and taught me that I was valued in the community. There was Alma whose passion for mission taught me my neighbor could be anywhere. There was Pastor Suzanne who first invited me to consider that women could be clergy. There was Mrs. Powell, whose first name to this day I do not know, who always asked about my week and really listened to the answer. And so many more.

To this very day, any time I visit my home church my church mothers are waiting for me with hugs and caring. I have watched them all age and some return to the Lord. Yet the lessons they taught me will always be with me. These women lived out the vows they made at my baptism to surround me with love and forgiveness and to live a Christian example. For that I owe them a debt that cannot be paid back but can be paid forward.

I hope that we all have church mothers and that our children today will one day look back on all their mothers who loved them without condition and taught them life's lessons with grace and joy.

Pastor Beth

All Ladies Luncheon



Calling all ladies of all ages! Join us for a fellowship opportunity on May 7th at 11:30AM. We will be gathering together to enjoy each other's company, trade stories and laughter and to celebrate our community. Bring a dish to share and come hungry.

Rev. Valerie Stultz will be joining us as our guest speaker. Rev. Valerie is a retired clergy and District Superintendent. Her wonderful ministry touched the lives of many including some right here at KUMC. Kilbourne was her first pastorate and we welcome her back with joy!

Hope to see you there!



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for July 12-15th! 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.

From 9AM to Noon each day our participants 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. Registration is free and pre-registration is encouraged. Check out our website, www.kilbourneumc.com for registration and updates.

And even if you do not have a youngster in your life you can still participate in VBS. Volunteers for the week are always appreciated and we will need donations of food, craft supplies, and more. Look out for sign up soon.

Brown Reunion

KUMC will be again be hosting the Brown Reunion on May 29th.

We excitedly open our doors to Brown Alumni and their families.

Donations and volunteers are both eagerly accepted. Ed Kern is our Kitchen Captain and he is looking for you to do your part!



Confirmation

Confirmation for United Methodist 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.

Following confirmation classes, youth can choose to join the church as full members.

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. More details to come.

Kilbourne Festival

John and Shirley Humes, Grand Marshalls!



The plans for the “new date” Kilbourne Festival are moving along with the help of our awesome volunteers. The new date will be the third Saturday in August which is August 20, 2016. John and Shirley Humes have graciously agreed to be our Grand Marshalls. They have been, and continue to be, a great blessing for our communities and we are so glad to have their knowledge and wisdom on which to draw.

With the change in date for the Festival we have some added expense, mostly in the cost of signs, advertising and tent replacement. I am happy to announce that, because everything was donated, the Spaghetti Dinner on April 16 earned \$765 toward these expenses. We never dreamed we would do this well. Thank you for all your donations and hard work.

What can you do to help ensure a successful Kilbourne Festival? We always need volunteers and donations. This year we especially need someone to organize and supervise the games. This is a fairly high energy job but not a long term commitment. You would help (we usually have several volunteers for this) organize the game pieces in the back hall sometime the week before. Then the day of Kilbourne Festival you would supervise the set up (we usually have lots of volunteers to help) of the game areas and then just float from game to game the day of the festival making sure the volunteers understand how to run the games (we have all instructions written out) and bringing them additional prizes and tickets as needed. I have done it by myself several years and it isn't really hard, just busy. A couple would be ideal to do this job but anyone can do it. Please consider volunteering for this. Trent and I will be there to show you the basics and we usually have everything planned out beforehand.

We also need a car/truck for the Smash It. This is a very popular event and we would like to keep it going. If you know of someone who has a vehicle they are willing to donate (please note, it will not return in the same condition it came in) please contact the church at 740-524-6041 or Trent at 740-816-0879.

Also, we are looking for summer decorations that are country/farm related. Please bring those in as soon as you can so that we know what we have to work with. We are still collecting plastic containers for baked goods and baskets for the Silent Auction. Consider putting together a basket for the Silent Auction.

We are looking forward to an amazing Kilbourne Festival this year and we know with your help it will be the best ever.

Jean Hightower



Peace with Justice Guest Speaker

On May 22nd, we will be recognizing Peace with Justice Sunday in worship. Peace with Justice Sunday is a special Sunday in the United Methodist Church that gives a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs .

For this special Sunday we will be welcoming Roberta (Bobbi) Sturm as our guest speaker. Bobbi is with the Delaware County Against Human Trafficking Coalition, Faith Based Committee. Her topic will be the Guest House, what the "Committee" does to help the women that stay there, what is needed for the house itself, and how we at KUMC and the greater Church can help.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

June 25, 2016 - 4:00PM-7:00PM



The Kilbourne Festival Committee is sponsoring an old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

This would be a great time to invite your neighbors to share some delicious ice cream with homemade desserts.

If you are one of those "eat your dinner before dessert" people, we will have great chicken sandwiches as well as Sloppy Joes and hotdogs with chips and drinks too. We will again be asking for donations and workers to help offset the expenses.

In the past year, many people have mentioned how they would like an ice cream social and the Committee heard your voice! This is a time to show your children what life in a small community is all about.

Proceeds will be used to help offset expenses of the Festival. Hope to see you there.

Interesting Facts

One quarter of all flowers purchased throughout the year are bought for Mother's Day.

In the former Yugoslavia, children tied up their mother on Mother's Day. To be freed she paid her children with treats.

Facts are from Online Star Register website.

Men's Breakfast

Come and enjoy men's fellowship on Saturday May 21st at 8:00AM. This is a delicious meal and the conversation is good too!

All men are welcome.





Please remember in your prayers:

Prayer List: Nancy Bendle, Bridget Pettit, Wayne Lockhart, Charles Sheets, Violet Cummings, Diana Kiefer, Ann Kortz, Louise Ziegler, Dottie Dawson, Emily Thomas, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, all those grieving, our church and our community.

Ministry Wrap Up



Just a few notes about ministries that occurred in April:

- We helped 3 families with food.
- The Festival Committee raised over \$750 to defray upfront costs of Kilbourne Festival.
- The church hosted two funeral dinners.

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

Save the Date: Ice Cream Social June 25th, 2016

May Calendar

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

May 1-John & Shirley's Celebration	2p-4p	May 12-Bible Study	1:00p
May 3-Finance	7:00p	May 16-Kilbourne Fest Meeting	7:00p
May 4-Choir	7:00p	May 17-AdMin	7:00p
May 5-Bible Study	1:00p	May 18-Choir	7:00p
May 5-Missions	7:00p	May 19-Young @ Heart	11:30a
May 7-All Ladies Luncheon	11:30a	May 19-Bible Study	1:00p
May 8-HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!		May 21-Mens' Breakfast	8:00a
May 9-Trustees	7:00p	May 23-Knit It Together	6:30p
May 11-Choir	7:00p	May 25-Choir	7:00p
		May 26-Bible Study	1:00p

01-Allison Bunting

20-Lula Mae Sheets

01-Chayla Pettit

21-Georgia McComis

04-Nathan Hightower

21-Curtis Pettit

08-Neil Hightower

23-Charles Sheets

10-Seth Bendle

10-Levi Bendle

10-Matthew Lewis

12-Bill Cackler

13-Pastor Beth

18-Randy Fuller

18-Hannah Hough



Happy Anniversary



7-Mark & Wilma Frost

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