

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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Vision

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ~Jeremiah 29:11

We have all met that young , or maybe not so young, person who does not seem to have a vision for their life. Often it is a stage of discovery and is soon forgotten. However, when a person continues without a lack of vision many times we feel like they are wasting their gifts, or have lost their way, or stuck in one place.

Yet as much as we recognize how difficult it is for a person to be without a vision, we often forget that as a faith community we also need a vision. Without a unified vision we waste our gifts, lose our way or get stuck in place.

A vision is not the same as a mission statement. At Kilbourne we have the mission to invite everybody to join us in following Jesus, as we love, teach and serve. As part of the United Methodist Church we share in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. These are both great missions and important to carry with us in our faith life. Like good mission statements they describe the reason we exist and guide us in our priorities and responsibilities.

A vision statement on the other hand, should be about our clear and long term desired change or state of being. Another, more powerful way to put it, is our vision is the way God sees us. Vision statements should be bold and unique. They should be concise and memorable. Most importantly they should be what we organize our whole ministry around. Our vision is how God sees us and everything should bloom from that. A vision statement is not about just having another catchy line to put on our newsletter but rather about claiming who we are and living that out.

With that in mind I invite all to attend a visioning meeting on Nov. 15th following service. This coincides with our Harvest meal so we will be well fed. What you should expect from this meeting is not a finished, polished vision statement. Rather we will begin the work and see where it leads us. This will be an organic process where each person through different visioning exercises will have a chance to participate and share. This will be a time of community, prayer, and innovation. Yet this meeting is just the first step in a process in which we try to follow God's lead and plan.

Please considering making the time for this meeting.

Pastor Beth

Harvest Meal and Visioning Meeting

On November 15th we will be having our annual Harvest Meal following church. Sign Ups for the potluck will be circulating soon. We are looking for several individuals who may be willing to cook a turkey (turkey is provided).

At the same time, we will be having a meeting to explore our vision for KUMC. All are encouraged to participate. It will begin following lunch at about 12:30PM.

Advent Bible Study

This year we are doing *Awaiting the Already* as a Advent Bible Study. This study looks at the Advent and Christmas from the perspective of all four Gospels and also what it means to us today. Setting aside just a few hours a week for study may be the most powerful thing you can do for yourself and your family this holiday season. We know you are busy which is why we have offered several options for times that you can participate. Class options are Sundays at 9:15AM, Sundays at 6:00PM, Tuesdays at 7:00PM and Thursdays at 1:00PM. Exact starting dates will depend on the class time. This short, 5 week, Bible study is perfect for those who cannot participate in longer commitments at this time. The cost of the book is \$7.00 and Pastor Beth will have these available in church by Nov. 8th. If cost is an issue, let the office know and it will be taken care of. Sign up in church or by emailing Pastor Beth.

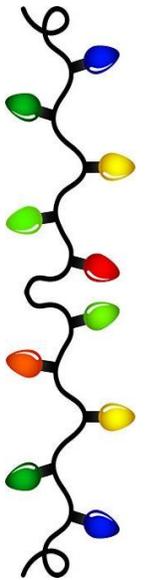
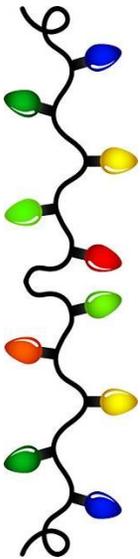
CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 from 10:00AM – 4:00PM

It is hard to believe but the craft show is around the corner. We already have quite a few vendors signed up but there is still space available.

In order to make this day a success, we need some help from the congregation. Soon there will be a sign up for food donations. On December 5th, we could use help in the kitchen or with hospitality. Having someone to greet people can make a big difference in how people perceive us! We also need help getting the word out!

Email the church at kumcl@frontier.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time or if you are interested in other ways you can help.



2015 GOALS Set by the Administrative Council:

Focus on making and nurturing disciples for the Kingdom of God.

Explore the possibility of doing the Healthy Church Initiative.

Grow the youth group by supporting them with our prayers and encouraging their work and continuing to mentor them.

Increase our active average attendance by 10%. The current average is 62.

Youth Group

Thanks to all the youth and their families that participated in our youth group bonfire and kick-off. It was a great evening. Additional thanks to those who provided us fun snacks.

The youth group has other exciting upcoming events. This is a year of action and we invite all youth grades 6th-12th to participate and bring friends! Since we will be traveling a fair amount in addition to the usual activities, we do need waivers signed for all youth. These will be located on our website so they are easy for parents to access.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday Nov 14th starting a 1:00PM.

We will be shopping for items to fill gift boxes for Operation Christmas child and then return to the church to pack the boxes and to watch a movie.

- Saturday Dec 12th

We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army and then head to the Columbus Zoo for Wildlights !

- Saturday Jan 9th

Winter Jam at the Schottenstein Center!

Since all of these events require transporting youth and many involve food, it is extremely helpful for youth to let the counselors know when they are participating. Please contact Jessica Veppert at 740-815-5444 or jtolliver61@gmail.com to let her know if your youth is coming and if they are bringing a friend.

Whether or not you have a youth, we will need some help throughout the year with transportation. If you are willing to transport youth on occasion, please email the church.



Men's Breakfast

Come and enjoy men's fellowship on Saturday November 21st at 8:00AM. This is a delicious meal and the conversation is not horrible either! All men are welcome.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Louise Ziegler, Sarah Collins, Charles Sheets, Delores Breece, Emily Thomas, Shirley Humes, Seth Bendle, Violet Cummings, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, Barney Evans, our community, and all those affected by war.

Kilbourne Fall Festival

The Fall Festival persevered in spite of the ugly weather. Even with the bad weather we were able to raise \$1,719.52 for the Good Samaritan Fund and \$1,146.34 for the church, for a total net profit of \$2,865.86. We used our church facility to the max and it is a blessing to be able to serve the community in this way! We can't thank all of our helpers enough for all of your hard work. It takes a lot of people to put on an event such as this and everyone was very generous with their times and donations.

We would love to have more people participate in our planning sessions. Our first organizational meeting will be February 22, 2016.

Big Announcement

Since the weather has been less than optimal for five of the last seven years, we have decided to move the Festival to the third Saturday in August. **In 2016, our festival will be on August 20, 2016.**

In addition to the potential better weather this will also give us the option to add summer events and foods. We hope you will continue to support this wonderful community event. If you would like to donate some decorations for the 'new' festival, watch for sales on burlap (fabric or ribbon), straw hats, bandanas, country-themed fabric, artificial fruits and vegetables, sunflowers, watering cans, metal buckets, baskets or anything that reminds you of the country. We lost several tents this year so if you see 10' x 10' easy-up tents or 10' x 20' tents on sale please let us know.

If you have suggestions to make the festival better, please email Jean at jean1946@frontier.com. We haven't decided on a name yet but it will probably be something around 'Kilbourne Festival,' 'Kilbourne Country Festival,' or 'Kilbournefest.' Watch for updates!

Jean Hightower and Trent Pettit

If you have a yard sign from the festival please return it as soon as possible.

Interesting Facts

****In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.***

**** The heaviest turkey raised was 86lbs.***

****TV dinners were created when a company misjudged how many turkeys they needed and had to come up with a way to repackage them.***

Ministry Wrap Up

Just a few notes about ministries that occurred in October in addition for Fall Festival.

- We donated over 900 lbs of food to PIN
- We raised almost \$300 and had 7 walkers in the Crop Hunger Walk
- We blessed 13 dogs at Blessing of the Animals and 1 horse and 2 cats received a blessing while remaining in their homes.

This was a great month in ministry. Thank you to all who helped plan the events and who participated.



1-Marlene Yarhouse

2-Steve Sheets

2-Mark Fleming

2- Robert Hite

6- Ruth Milstead

10- Chuck Kortz

11- Sandy Kizer

16- Violet Cummings

17- Wayne Jordan

21- Joan Lockhart

21- Vickie Sheets

Happy Anniversary

7- Diane & Todd Millhoan

13- Randy & Jen Fuller

18- Charles & Nancy Bendle

20- Chris & Michelle Leasure

21- Bill & Donna Cackler

26- Bob & Mary Fleming

30 Dan & Joyce Clark

Birth Announcement

Chuck and Diana Kiefer would like to announce that their daughter and son-in-law, Michelle & Chris Leasure, welcomed Adam Leland on September 28th. Adam's 21 month old brother, Henry is staying quite busy making sure mom & dad are taking good care of brother.

Save The Dates!

Dec 5th Christmas Craft Show

Dec. 13th Christmas Play

Dec 20th Christmas Cantata

If we have missed your or someone else's birthday or anniversary please let us know so that we can correct it!

Birth, engagement or other announcements are welcomed. Please submit by the third Wednesday of the month to the church email.

November Calendar

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

Nov 1- All Saints Sunday	10:30AM	Nov 12- Bible Study	1:00PM
Nov 3- Election Day		Nov 12- Mission	7:00PM
Nov 4- Choir	7:00PM	Nov 14- Youth Activity	1:00PM
Nov 5- Bible Study	1:00PM	Nov 15- Harvest Meal and Visioning Meeting	
Nov 5- Charge Conference at Marengo UMC		Following service	
	7:00PM	Nov 18- Choir	7:00PM
Nov 8- Veteran's Recognition	10:30AM	Nov 19- Young at Heart	11:30AM
Nov 9- Trustees	7:00PM	Nov 19 -Bible Study	1:00PM
Nov 11- Choir	7:00PM	Nov 21- Men's Breakfast	8:00AM

Remember **Charge Conference is November 5th** at Marengo United Methodist Church at 7:00PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

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