

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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Conversations with God

Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—you who are the offspring of Israel, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones. The Lord—he is our God. His justice is everywhere throughout the whole world.
1 Chronicles 16:11-14

Every where I look people seem to be stressed, busy and in a hurry. School has restarted and honestly the holidays are just around the corner. There are jobs, responsibilities, activities and more to tend to, and it seems that many people cannot get ahead of a list of things to do. The truth is I am no different. Between prepping our houses and lives for a new baby (7 weeks to go!), finalizing plans for my maternity leave from the church, handling the church's annual business, and attending the trainings that I am required to, I feel like my list of to-do's never ends.

While seasons of more busyness and stress are inevitable in life, when we start letting the to-do list drive our life, then we are really missing out. We miss the quiet moments, the sunrises or sunsets, the time for family with no agenda, and we can miss God. During these times, too often God becomes one more thing on the to-do list (church on Sunday-check!) or becomes something we say we will make time for another time. When we do this, we are neglecting a part of our well-being that needs to be fed as much as our physical body. We deprive ourselves of food for our spirit and before long we are running on empty.

Regardless of the season of our lives, we need to be making time for regular conversations with the Lord. This goes beyond church on Sunday morning. This is about putting God in your schedule before it fills up and finding a way to look for God's face at all times. These conversations could come from scripture reading and Bible studies, personal or group. They could come from stopping to admire the work of God in some way. They could come from worshipping the Lord not just on Sunday mornings but throughout our daily lives. This could mean finding extra time to pray and to focus on God rather than our to-do list.

No matter what way works for you, though, we all need to pause long enough for it to be an actual conversation. God is talking to each one of us but if we are too busy or stressed we may miss it. This is not so much about carving out extra time in your packed schedule but learning how to open yourself up to hear God's voice throughout your entire day. We should seek God's face not just in the big moments or in the 'church' moments but as the thread that is woven through our entire lives.

So take a breath and open your eyes and ears. I know God is talking to each of us and wants us to join in the conversation. When we take part in this conversation, we will again find something better than our to-do list driving our lives—our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Beth



Baby Shower

On Saturday October 8th, the church is hosting a baby shower for Pastor Beth and Felix. From 1PM-3PM, all the women of the church community are welcome to attend and to enjoy fellowship together. A tea-style lunch will be provided.

Men's Breakfast

Come and enjoy men's fellowship on Saturday October 15 at 8:00AM. Pastor Don Lockwood will be speaking. Women are invited to join in for October! This is a delicious meal and the conversation is good too!

All are welcome.



Pastor Beth and Felix are registered at both Target and Amazon (the Amazon registry is connected to Beth's maiden last name-Clark). They are using cloth diapers so please limit the number of disposable diapers purchased as these will be used only rarely. Due to the generosity of others, they also do not need clothes 0-6months. Please remember though that your presence is more important than your presents, so please attend even if you do not have a gift.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP to either Kathy Caudill or Jan Walker.

You are invited...

Party at the Parsonage

Being in community as a congregation means many things. One thing that it means is enjoying each other's company and spending time in fellowship.

Some of you may remember the parties hosted last year at the parsonage. This year, all are invited to pre-Advent parties in order to enjoy each other's company before Pastor Beth and Felix focus for a while on Baby Ortiz. There will be three dates to choose from since the parsonage cannot hold everyone at once (and there are only so many places to sit!) On Tuesday Nov 1st and Thursday Nov 3rd dinner will be served at 6:00PM-ish. On Wednesday Nov 2, for those who do not like to travel at night, lunch will be served around noon.

Sign up's will be available in church or you can email Pastor Beth. Sign up with your friends and family or pick a random one and see who shows up! Each time will include at least one gluten-free and one vegetarian option. If you have dietary needs besides those, just let Pastor Beth know. There is no set agenda unless you count a Christmas game! You will also have time to view the new baby's nursery if you desire.

Let's take time as we move into the busy holiday season to take a breathe and enjoy time together.



October 16th

3:00PM

Bring your furry, feathered or slimy family member to receive a blessing from the pastor and a brief service! All pets are welcome but please restrain them appropriately (remembering all are not as friendly as yours!) and clean up after them. This service will take place in the KUMC pavilion, weather permitting. If you are unable to bring your pet, feel free to bring a photo instead. Memorial prayers can also be received for pets that have passed away. Tell your friends!

Kilbourne Festival

We are so glad we moved the Kilbourne Festival to August. After all the rain we have had this week and the cool rainy weather called for on Saturday, October 1, we feel it was the right move. Financially it was the right move also. After bills were paid we banked \$3,900. The best year ever! There has been some small amounts come in after the initial deposit was split between KUMC and the Good Samaritan Fund. All of this extra money has gone directly into the Good Samaritan Fund. The Good Samaritan Fund is how the church and the greater community help to fulfill our call to serve our neighbors. We are so pleased to support this worthwhile fund and we are so thankful for all the volunteers that help us support this cause. Next year the Festival date is Saturday, August 19 so mark your calendars now! We are planning one fund raiser before the Festival to help with some expenses so watch for that announcement later this year. Thank you so much for your support and hard work. We hope you had as much fun as we did.



Jean Hightower and Trent Pettit

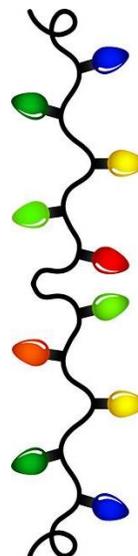
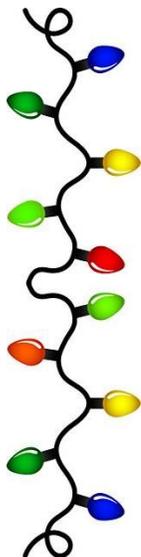
CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 from 9:00AM-2:00PM

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 3th, we could use help in the kitchen or with hospitality. We also need help getting the word out– if you know a place that will hang a flier please contact the church office.

Email the church at kumc1@frontier.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time or if you are interested in other ways you can help.





October

- 01-Diana Kiefer
- 02-Brandi Maxie
- 03-Charles Bendle
- 10-Shari Fridley
- 11-Ann Kortz
- 12-Dottie Dawson
- 18-Brad Williams
- 19-Robert McComis
- 21-Markah Frost
- 24-Kelly Armstrong
- 25-Michael Fleming
- 26-Paul Parker
- 30-Roberta Humes



October

- 02-Scott & Jane Horn
- 04-Trent & Bridgett Pettit
- 12-Kyle & Jess Veppert
- 21-Charles & Betty Sheets

REMEMBER!!!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is November 6th. Please give your photos to Ed Kern ASAP for your loved ones to be included in the video tribute.



Please pray for...

Shirley Humes, Marlene Yarhouse, Diana Kiefer, Patsy Tharp, Louise Ziegler, Charles Sheets, Ann Kortz, Emily Thomas, Dottie Dawson, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, our church and community.

October 2016

Worship weekly @ 10:30AM on Sunday with Sunday School @ 9:30AM
Choir weekly @ 7:00PM on Wednesday Bible Study weekly @ 1:00P on Thursday

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| October 01-Charge Conference | 10a-2p | October 10-Columbus Day | |
| October 08-Mens' Breakfast | 8:00a | October 16-Blessing of the Animals | 3:00p |
| October 08-Baby Shower for Pastor Beth & Felix | | October 20-Young @ Heart | 11:30a |
| October 10-Trustees | 7:00p | October 24- Knit It Together | 6:30p |