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Cycles of Life



Autumn is officially here! The cooler weather, apple cider, the changing leaves and the end of the fair all confirm that the calendar is right and that season has indeed changed.

For some reason, every fall I think of a stain glass window at a museum in Youngstown that I used to work for. It depicted a woman in the four seasons of her life: in her spring as a child, in the summer as a young lady, in the fall as an established woman, and in the winter as an elderly matron.

I loved the window. It captured the truth of the life cycle in a beautiful way. None of the images were ugly. Rather each were beautiful in their own way and each had benefits.

We often also cycle in our spiritual life. At some point, we are young and excited believers. Then we may be a little more experienced, a little bit more developed, but see endless possibilities and joy as we often do in our summer of life. Fall is next when we are established in our faith and develop deeper relationships. We might not be as excitable but we take pleasure in our faith and in God. Then in the winter of our spiritual life we do experience a peace and understanding that makes us steady believers confident in our God.

Each part of the cycle has benefits just like in the life cycle. However, our faith is different in that these stages do not need to occur linearly. We can pass back and forth between the stages as we study, pray, worship and love. There is no set path for this cycle and in that it is always full of rebirth and new life.

Yet, there is a risk in that we can allow ourselves to grow stagnant in the cycle. We can be content with where we are and stop growing. We cannot stop the cycle of our physical life, but we can stop our spiritual one through lack of attention.

So I encourage each of us to find a way to experience the cycle of life this month. Maybe you will try Sunday school or a Bible study. Maybe you can try choir or being participant in worship. Maybe you will volunteer with a non-profit. Maybe you will strive to open yourself in service to the Spirit. Do not let the most important cycle of life there is to go unattended to. Do something to give new life to your life and you will be amazed by the results.

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October 18th

3:00PM

Blessing of the Animals

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.

Tell your friends!



Youth Group is taking on a new look! This year will kick off on Sunday October 25th at 5:00PM with a bonfire and cookout at the church. All youth are invited and encouraged to bring friends. Parents are invited to a brief meeting at the same time.

For the rest of the year, youth group will meet once a month and do a combination of service and social events. A full schedule of activities will be released soon. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged to attend .

Crop Walk

The Crop Walk is being hosted at OWU on October 11 starting at 2:00PM.

Kilbourne UMC has a team for this event (it's not too late to join!) and they need our support. Please consider donating to the team either by placing money in the box in the sanctuary or by placing a donation stating it is for the Crop Walk in the offering. We all need to work together to combat hunger!



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.

Stewardship and Finances

Stewardship time is upon us. The finance committee is requesting that congregants please fill out a pledge card in the upcoming weeks. While pledging is not required, it helps the church by providing an estimate of tithes in the upcoming year. This in turn allows all committees to better plan their ministries. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give for our ministries

We announced last month that we are behind our budget at Kilbourne UMC and we need everyone's help! While giving has increased on some Sundays, we are still struggling to get on track. We ask everyone to consider whether they are able to give a little bit more financially in upcoming weeks and months. Not all of us are able to give more and that is understandable but we ask that all prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Interesting Fact

According the Washington Post the average American spends about 33 minutes in church on Sunday but about 39 minutes grooming themselves.

Interested in how else we spend our time check it out in the article "Here's how you spend your day America in ten charts"

Advent Bible Study

This year we are doing *Sent* as a Advent Bible Study. Amidst the hectic holiday season it is important to set aside time for God. 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. This short Bible study is perfect for those who cannot participate in longer commitments at this time.

Sign-ups will be available soon. Classes will be offered on Sunday mornings, weekday afternoon, and weekday evening. Consider making this commitment this Advent season.

The Great Can-Off

Wow! The generosity of this congregation is amazing! In just two weeks, KUMC brought in over 900 items for PIN! This is an amazing example of helping our neighbors. Great job everyone!



Men's Breakfast and Family Game

Saturday, October 17th is a busy day for fellowship at the church!

Men's Breakfast is back! The first breakfast will be Saturday October 17th! Stay afterwards for the clean-up day to continue the fun!

At 9:00AM, the trustees are hosting a Clean-Up Day at the parsonage to address overgrowth. Please consider helping as you are able!

Come and join the fun at Family Game Night at 6:00PM! Bring your favorite game or play one already here. This is a fun event for all ages!

Please
Pray
for...



Prayers

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

All Saint's Sunday

November 1st is All Saint's Sunday. On this Sunday we will remember all those who have already entered God's eternal Kingdom. We invite all to attend this service.

If you have someone you would like the community to memorialize,, please bring one or two pictures of each individual. Ed Kern will add these to our memorial slide show. There will also be a time in service for you to add to our wall hanging.

Kilbourne United Methodist Church CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

2nd Annual

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

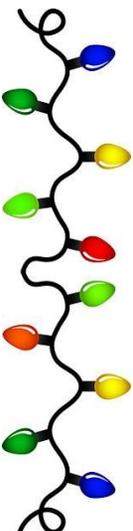
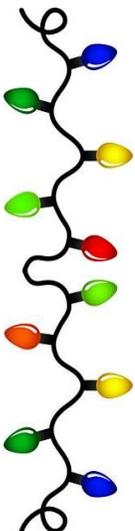
10:00AM – 4:00PM

Vendors- Grab-n-Go Lunch– Raffles- Silent Auction

Free Admission

For Information call 740-524-6041 or email kumcl@frontier.com

Vendor Space still available, contact for information





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| 1-Diana Kiefer | 10-Shari Fridley | 21-Markah Frost |
| 2-Hayden Rice | 11-Ann Kortz | 24-Kelly Armstrong |
| 2-Brandi Maxie | 11-Scott Rice | 25-Michael Fleming |
| | 12-Dorothy Dawson | 25-Paul Parker |
| | 18-Brad Williams | 30-Roberta Humes |
| | 19-Robert McComis | |

Did We Get it Wrong?

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

**Save the Dates and Upcoming
Worship Opportunities**

- October 18– Blessing of the Animals
- Nov 1– All Saints Sunday
- Nov 9– Veteran Recognition Sunday

Happy Anniversary

- 2-Jane & Scott Horn
- 12-Kyle & Jessica Veppert
- 21-Charles & Betty Sheets

October Calendar at a Glance

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

Oct 3rd– Fall Festival	8:00AM-4:00PM	Oct 17– Parsonage Clean-up	9:00AM
Oct 6– Finance	7:00PM	Oct 17-Family Game Night	6:00PM
Oct 7– Choir	7:00PM	Oct 18-Blessing of the Animals	3:00PM
Oct 8-Bible Study	1:00PM	Oct 19-Fall Fest Follow-up	7:00PM
Oct 12 Knit It Together	6:30PM	Oct 21-Choir	7:00PM
Oct 12– Trustees	7:00PM	Oct 22-Bible Study	1:00PM
Oct 13– Admin Council	7:00PM	Oct 25-Youth Bonfire	5:00PM
Oct 14– Choir	7:00PM	Oct 26-Knit It Together	6:30PM
Oct 15– Bible Study	1:00PM	Oct 27-Education	7:00PM
Oct 17-Men’s Breakfast	8:00AM	Oct 28-Choir	7:00PM
		Oct 29-Bible Study	1:00PM

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