

# 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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## Relationship 101



In September, Felix and I will be celebrating our one year anniversary. Obviously, I am now an expert on marriage and relationship. Hardly! I doubt that will ever occur but I have learned some lessons this year that speak not only to our human relationships but also to our relationship with God.

### **We Have to Make Time**

Time seems to be increasingly short and crammed with obligations. There are always more things to be done than there is time to do them. We have to choose which activities to take part in and hopefully church makes that list for you. We have faith development opportunities for children, youth, and adults. I hope to see many of you in our fall ministries including youth group, junior church and Advent Bible study. The truth is, though, that sometimes your schedule will mean church activities cannot make the list and that is okay (ouch, did I just write that?). What is important is that you make time for God. And the great part is that you can do this amidst your activities by remembering to pray, by modeling Jesus' behavior and by loving each other. I hope to see you all often this fall but remember making time for God is essential to our relationship with God.

### **We Cannot Read Minds**

I keep hoping Felix will develop this skill, but so far no luck. The truth is we are overall pretty poor about reading minds which can lead to lots of trouble and miscommunication when we try. We also cannot read God's mind. We need to spend time in prayer and in study in order to know God's will.

### **Our Anger and Our Joy Have a Place**

Sometime we tend to share either anger or joy but not both. Yet in a relationship one must show a honest range of emotion for a true bond to develop. This goes for God as well. God wants a true relationship with us meaning that we should go to God in anger and joy, sadness and confusion. God wants it all!

### **It is Worth It**

Relationships are hard. They take work. It is easier to allow a relationship to fall into disrepair than to put in the effort, to take the risk of being hurt, or to be open to the change relationship bring. Yet they are worth it. This is even more true of our relationship with God. It does take work to be a disciple of Jesus, it is a risk and it will change us, but it is worth it! I hope this fall we all focus on our relationship with God and others so that there relationships are strengthened and grow.

Pastor Beth

# Fall Festival



Kilbourne United Methodist Church will be hosting the 19th annual Kilbourne Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2015, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM and we need lots of help. This festival benefits the Good Samaritan Fund and also gives us a chance to celebrate our rural way of life. The Good Samaritan Fund supports needs in a 4-township area, Brown, Oxford, Peru and Kingston townships. There is an independent committee of local citizens that administers this fund. In past years the fund has provided assistance with utilities, medicine, gasoline cards, PIN, as well as support to those whose home was damaged by fire. For assistance from this fund contact Kilbourne United Methodist Church at 740-524-6041.

Please let Jean know if you have a sign at home that did not get turned in last year. We want signs up the first week in September and removed immediately after the festival. We can use lots of help so please volunteer some of your time to this worthy cause. If you can give us just two hours of your time that would be great. We have need of volunteers starting the week before the event up through the week after. We need baskets for the Silent Auction and items to go in the baskets (brought in no later than Monday, September 28). Tickets for sporting events are wonderful! We may need to borrow easy-up tents and walkie-talkies. To volunteer or donate please call the church at 740-524-6041 or email Jean at [jean1946@frontier.com](mailto:jean1946@frontier.com). If it is something you want back make sure you put your name on it. Most loaned items need to be at the church by Monday, September 28. Bring non-perishable items for PIN anytime.

Come out and support this fun event, eat breakfast, pork sandwiches and walking tacos for lunch; play games, watch the parade (at 11:00), visit our awesome vendors, pet the animals, listen to stories about the history of our area and sign up for Corn Hole or Horseshoe. It's a great time to catch up with family, friends and neighbors. You can also visit the church website, [www.kilbourneumc.com](http://www.kilbourneumc.com) for additional information on this event.

Trent Pettit and Jean Hightower

## **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.

# Finances at KUMC

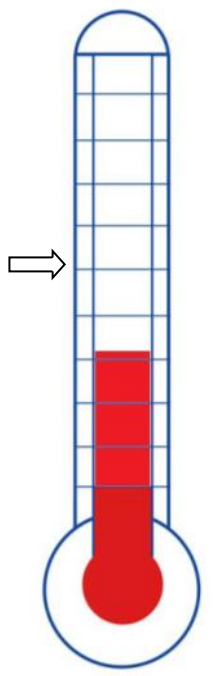
Kilbourne UMC is behind budget for this year and we need everyone's help! We are almost 2 months behind from where we need to be at this time in order to be on track to meet our annual budget.

Why does this really matter? It matters because as a church we are seeking to bring God's light into this world for all of our neighbors. When we lack funds, all of our ministries suffer. This year so far we have paid none of our apportionments. Apportionments are our giving that reaches countless individuals and communities through the global reach of the United Methodist Church. This is just one area that suffers when giving dwindles.

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.

The difference between where we are and where we should be. In dollars this is a difference of over \$16,000.



## Choir is Resuming!!

After a well deserved summer sabbatical, KUMC's choir is back in action. All are welcome to join regardless of skill or experience. Practices are Wednesdays as at 7:00PM.



## Crop Walk at OWU

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

Crop Walks help raise funds to help with food and water stability around the world. Just \$12 can provide 200 micronutrient packets for children and \$30 can drill one meter of a shallow borehole well that provides clean water!

Kilbourne UMC is gathering a team for this event. All ages are welcome! There are two options for the walk of 1 or 3 miles. If you are interested in joining our team please email Pastor Beth at [elizabethmayortiz@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmayortiz@gmail.com).

If you are not able to walk please considering donating to the team! It takes many people with various gifts to fight hunger.



## Youth Group

Youth Group will be resuming this fall and is open for grades 6th-12th. We are excited about beginning this year with lots of energy. Youth are invited to bring their friends. Parents have been emailed a survey to help us assess our ministry. Please fill this out and return it. If you did not receive it contact Pastor Beth for a copy. We are excited to work with the youth this coming year!

## Third Grade Bibles

We are preparing to present our third graders with Bibles. If you have a third grader please contact the church office or email Pastor Beth. We need to know how you would like their named printed in the Bible (full legal name, nickname, etc.)

Please  
Pray  
for...



## Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Sarah Collins, Charles Sheets, Katie and Anthony Wells, Delores Breece, Carlos Dennis, Wayne Jordan, Emily Thomas, Shirley Humes, Nancy Bendle, Violet Cummings, Ann Carper, Joyce Caudill, Barney Evans, teachers and students, our community, and those in the military.

## Look for Us on Facebook!

Both Kilbourne UMC and Pastor Beth (under Elizabeth Ortiz) are on Facebook.

Our Food Pantry is looking a little bare! Please consider donating the below items as you are able.

- Canned Corn
- Canned Soup
- Juice
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner



# FOOD PANTRY



# The Great Can-Off

As most of you know, the annual Kilbourne Fall Festival is fast approaching. This event is a great ministry that benefits both the church and the community. However, there has been one part of this ministry that has not been very successful: the collection of canned goods for PIN.

PIN is a wonderful organization that helps many in our community. In order to increase the number of cans collected, we are starting The Great Can-Off. On August 30, Sept 6, and Sept 13 we will have members sign up for teams. Then it's on! We will have the teams bring in canned goods on Sept 20 and 27th. The team that brings in the most cans will receive a prize from Pastor Beth.

This is a great opportunity to practice giving with all ages in our church and to have a little fun doing it. Please consider signing up!

### Interesting Fact

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*, *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* and *The Church's One Foundation* are named as 3 of the 22 hymns according to *Christianity Today*. What are your favorite hymns? Come and vie to sing your favorites on Sept 6 during worship's hymn sing.



We are embarking on a new ministry opportunity called **Knit It Together**. If you crochet, knit, make fleece blankets or sew this ministry might be for you. We will get together to create blankets in fellowship to then give away to places such as Children's Hospital. All are welcome regardless of skill level (yes even men)! First meeting will be August 31st at 6:30PM at the parsonage. Future meetings will be planned then.

## Community Rewards

Do you shop at Kroger or Meijer? If so please consider adding Kilbourne UMC as your Community Rewards recipient. At Kroger, we currently have 10 households partaking and it can add up to a sizable donation every quarter for the church. Signing up can be done online and takes just minutes (under 5 minutes if you already have your card registered online). The customer service desk should also be able to help. It does not cost you anything but provides the church with extra finances for ministry!



**October 18th**

**3:00PM**

## ***Blessing of the Animals***

Bring your furry, feathered or slimy family member to receive a blessing from the pastor and to partake in 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!

### **Ministry Leadership Opportunities**

There is always opportunities for leadership at Kilbourne UMC

Currently we are looking for people who feel called to:

Lead or assist with Junior Church

Lead a 6-8 week session of Adult Sunday School

Help with pre-teen ministry development.

Please consider where God may be calling you. Contact Pastor Beth to volunteer or  
for more information

## **Kilbourne United Methodist Church** **CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

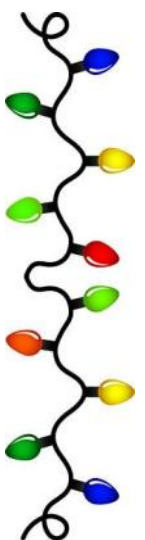
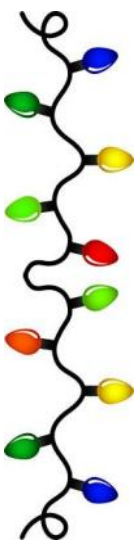
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Vendors- Grab-n-Go Lunch– Raffles- Silent Auction

Free Admission

For Information call 740-524-6041 or email [kumc1@frontier.com](mailto:kumc1@frontier.com)

Vendor Space still available, contact for information





3- Alex Horn	19- Alyssa Cackler
10- Johnny Yarhouse	20- Zachary Lloyd
10- Jean Hightower	20- Bob Lloyd
11- Erin Germann	22- David Veppert
Linda Veppert	26- Jan Walker
15- Audrey Lloyd	26- Peg Hynek

*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

- September 6- Service of Song and Communion (Hymn Sing!)
- October 3- Fall Festival
- October 18- Blessing of the Animals
- Nov 1- All Saints Sunday
- Nov 9- Veteran Recognition Sunday



22- Beth Ortiz & Felix Ortiz Cruzado  
24- Steve & Lori Thomas

## September Calendar at a Glance

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

August 31- Knit It Together @ Parsonage	6:30PM	Sept 14- Fall Festival Meeting	7:00PM
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Sept 2- Choir	7:00PM	Sept 16- Choir	7:00PM
Sept 3- Bible Study	1:00PM	Sept 17- Young @ Heart	11:30AM
Sept 3- Missions	7:00PM	Sept 17- Bible Study	1:00PM
Sept 8- Ad Min	7:00PM	Sept 23- Choir	7:00PM
Sept 9- Choir	7:00PM	Sept 24- Bible Study	1:00PM
Sept 10- Bible Study	1:00PM	Sept 28- Fall Festival Meeting	7:00PM
Sept 10- Missions	7:00PM	Sept 30- Choir	7:00PM

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