

# 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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## *Everything Has a Season*

*There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing.*

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4*

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. I love the changing of the leaves, the cooler weather, the sight of the harvest and the smell in the air. In some ways though, autumn is a time of endings. It is the end of the fertile ground, the long days of sunlight and vacations.

As much as we understand and even rely on the changing of the physical seasons, it is harder to accept the seasons of our lives and of the church life. There are times when it seems everything around us is dying, that the harvest is no longer plentiful and what we have known is passing on. Everything around us is changing and sometimes it seems changing beyond our control. The truth is we would love to live in an eternal summer of life.

Yet, the scripture from Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is no promise of forever sunshine as Christians. In fact, we are promised that there will be times of hardship, of dying, of tearing down and of mourning. Grief is normal when we reach a transition in our personal and communal lives. It can be healthy to express what we miss and to lament what we have lost.

However, we must remember that we are called to be people of more than one season. Our lives may be different but that does not mean a new spring is not coming. Yes, there is change— change that we do not always understand or desire— but there is also new life and the budding of new hope that comes with laughter, building up and dancing. We can grieve what has been but we are called to move beyond that and to embrace what is coming. God is alive and active in our lives and we must find what new season the Lord of All Seasons is calling us towards.

*Pastor Beth*

# Committee Restructuring

As many of you are already aware, we have decided to restructure our committees at Kilbourne UMC. While this was discussed at Ad Council and announced in church, it is important to share some more details about why the change was made and how it will work in the coming year.

It was apparent that our previous committee structure had some issues. These include:

- A high number of members serving on 3 or more committees
- Chronically low committee meeting attendance
- Frustration and servant-fatigue by the committee members
- Committees were not empowered to explore new ministry avenues because of their narrow focus and low attendance.
- A focus on status quo rather than the future

Our committee structure did not enable us to be flexible enough in light of the changing culture of our church and community. Rather than add more committees, which would exasperate some of the issues, it was determined that a new model would better meet our needs now and in the future.

The new model simplifies our committees. Instead of having many committees with narrow focus, we have fewer committees with broad focus. By having fewer committees and hence fewer meetings, we are hopeful that these committees' attendance will improve and relieve some of the servant-fatigue. Their broader scope will also enable them to begin to explore and develop new ministries.

The two new committees are Nurture/Worship and Outreach. Nurture/Worship's focus is on ministries within our congregation. It will absorb the previous committees of education, worship, family life and health. Besides continuing what the existing committees were doing, Nurture/Worship will look for new ministries that help us grow as Christians and help for us to better meet the needs of our church. Outreach's focus is on ministries outside our congregation and with the community. While it only absorbs the current committee of mission, Outreach will have a broad scope of responsibilities including new ways to reach out into the community and how to be a presence in our community.

With this new committee structure, we will increasingly be using team ministry models. A team is not a committee. Teams have a narrow focus, few meetings, and are activated when they are needed. We already have several great examples of team ministry although we have not called it that previously. VBS led by Melissa Matlack, Bereavement Dinner led by Jan Walker and Ruth Milstead, Junior Church led by Sandy Wicker, and Men's Breakfast led by Ed Kern are all examples of team ministries that are excelling and who will continue doing their ministries. Their leader brings them together when necessary, the team meets a need, and each does their ministry job well. We will be embracing the opportunities to use more teams and to follow the examples of these teams. New teams could include Welcoming, Prayer, or others that have not even been thought of yet.

Change is difficult and no doubt we will have snags in the coming year. However, change is also necessary for growth and life. We need to face the future with committees that help us do God's work. We ask for an openness to this change, a continued dedication to the ministries of KUMC and prayer that we are able to live into God's vision for us.



**October 16th**

**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.

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!



**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 at 7:00PM beginning August 31st and choir will resume singing in service on September 11th.

**GOOD LUCK**  
to all of our congregants who are participating in the Delaware County Fair Saturday, September 17-Saturday, September 24!!!



**The Great Can Off**

For the second year in a row, the response to the Great Can Off was amazing! This year we brought in over 1300 items that benefit our Christian neighbors. The PIN director informed us that this came at a perfect time as some of their normal avenues to receive items was delayed. PIN estimates that our donation will provide 1054 meals for the residents of Delaware County. Thank you to all who participated.



## Crop Walk 2016

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

Crop Walks help raise funds to help with food and water stability around the world. 795 million people worldwide do not have enough food to live an active, healthy life. Just \$20 can provide a year supply of micronutrient packets and \$100 trains 25 farmers! Also, 25% of the

proceeds go to People in Need in Delaware County which means this event impacts both our global and local neighbors.

Kilbourne UMC is gathering a team for this event. All ages are welcome! Last year we had seven human walkers, two dog walkers and raised as a community almost \$300! 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.

Pastor Beth will be on vacation from Sept 4th-10th.

Emails and non-essential business will not be answered. Please call her cell phone in case of emergency.



## Ministry Wrap Up

Just a few notes about ministries that occurred in August:

- 4 Youth were confirmed as Professing Members of KUMC.
- We donated 1265 lbs of items to PIN which provides 1054 meals.
- The Good Samaritan Fund helped one family and donated items on behalf of KUMC to the elementary school in Ashley.
- We brightened up the sanctuary with a little dry wall and paint.
- Kilbourne Festival was a success and our property was filled with families having fun!

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



## Kilbourne Festival

August 20th was a bright and shiny day at Kilbourne UMC. Kilbourne Festival was a success and it seemed all who came had a great time. The rain even held off until clean up!

In addition to our normal games, the parade and wonderful food, we added a dunk tank that led to lots of laughs and fun. Vendors filled the yard and we enjoyed having various Scouting groups also selling items or helping with games.

Thank you to all who participated in this great day. Whether you helped with the planning, the set-up, by bringing food items, by volunteering that day or by attending, this day could not be successful without such a strong group behind it.

This year proceeds totaled over \$3900 (final number after expenses is coming). This is divided between the Good Samaritan Fund and KUMC's general fund. The Good Samaritan Fund helps those in our community by providing financial assistance.



## Confirmation

On August 21st, four youth became our newest professing members. Rachel Bendle, Emma Clark, Jordan Clark and Kirsten Fridley completed their confirmation class in July. They led worship on Confirmation Sunday with poise and humor. Surrounded by their families and in front of the whole congregation, the youth professed their faith and joined the church with full membership.

Thank you to the youth who dedicated themselves to completing confirmation and leading a wonderful worship experience and thank you to their families for supporting them throughout this process. Their faith and dedication is a reminder to all that the Christian journey is ongoing and we are all called to always search to know the Lord better and to live our lives as God would have us.



Please pray for...



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



**September**

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| 03-Alex Horn       | 15-Audra Lloyd    |
| 20-Bob Lloyd       | 20-Zachary Lloyd  |
| 09-Jeremy Lewis    | 19-Alyssa Cackler |
| 10-Johnny Yarhouse | 20-Bob Lloyd      |
| 10-Jean Hightower  | 22-David Veppert  |
| 11-Linda Veppert   | 26-Jan Walker     |
| 11-Erin Germann    | 26-Peg Hynek      |



**September**

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



Congratulations to Fred and Sandy Wicker on the occasion of their granddaughter's birth on August 25th.

Teagan Rhys Wicker made them wait an extra ten days but she was well worth the wait!

Prayers for the whole family as they begin this new and exciting chapter.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday October 1st , 10AM-Noon

Charge Conference at Delaware Asbury UMC

**September Calendar 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

September 05-Happy Labor Day!

September 06- Finance meeting 7:00p

September 12-Trustees 7:00p

September 13-AdMin 7:00p

September 15-Young @ Heart 11:30a

September 26- Knit It Together 6:30p