

Reaping and Sowing:

A Newsletter of Ashley and Kilbourne

Sept and Oct 2019

Communion and Community

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:5

The first Sunday of October is always Worldwide Communion Sunday. Like many traditions, we get in the habit of doing it but not actually thinking about why we do it.

Worldwide Communion Sunday was started in 1933 by a Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, PA. The Reverend Thompson Kerr and the congregation of Shadyside Presbyterian wanted to highlight the interconnectedness of Christian churches regardless of denomination. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches in America formerly adopted the practice.

Holy Communion reminds us both of our connectedness with God and with all other Christians, in all places and even all times. Part of the liturgy itself asks God to “make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.”

There is certainly much that separates us as Christians around the world. We are separated by location. We are separated by our socioeconomic standing. By our heritage and race. By our education and jobs. By our politics, in and out of the church. By our passions and our social understandings. We are even separated by our exact understanding of God and of how to read scripture. We are separated by so much.

Yet, we are one in a way that means more than all of these differences. We are one as children of God and as disciples of Christ. We are one in our knowledge that we have been saved by Jesus Christ. And we are one in our pursuit of living in response to God’s salvation and grace.

There will always be plenty to separate us but let us focus instead on the power connections that unite us. We can disagree in love on much as long as we remember that all of us are united through Christ and being Christ’s is the highest calling any of us can serve.

Let us always remember that we are called to be one with each other and Christ. The Worldwide Community Sunday we celebrate our unity without uniformity with Christians around the world and our communities.

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Beth

Information shared from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* and
www.umc.org/whatwebelieve

Joint Worship

Sept 15 10:00AM at Ashley UMC

Join together for Sunday worship on September 15th. We know this is fair Sunday and many of you are eager to get out to see the sights, eat too much and support all the local family and friends who have entries. So get the day started off right with church and then head out to the fairgrounds.

Service will be at 10:00AM and hosted at Ashley UMC.

Women's Retreat

Kilbourne is hosting its third annual Women's Retreat on Saturday October 12th from 9:00AM-3:30PM. The year's theme, 'Armored Up,' looks at the armor Christian women wear in order to live good lives with a grounding in Christ.



This year we will have two clergy speakers as well as a crafting seminar and a cookie decorating seminar. That's right- sweets and faith! It does not get much better.

Registration cost is \$25 which includes lunch, all needed supplies and some pretty nice swag.

Registration forms can be found at both Kilbourne and Ashley churches or online at www.kilbourneumc.com as of Sept 15.

Choosing the Faithful Path

There are times in the life of all churches that it is wise to take the time to prayerfully reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. Often referred to as visioning this is the process, that when done correctly, sets a faith community up for the what's next in their path of following Christ.

In order to discern where we are and where we should go, Kilbourne will be engaging with the curriculum "Choosing the Faithful Path." All congregants who care about the future of KUMC and serving God as a community are strongly invited to participate. We will meet on the first Tuesdays of the month at 6:30PM.

Our first meeting will be facilitated by Rev. Donna Van Trees. So come out on October 1st to learn about the curriculum and process as well as to begin to hear God's call for us for the future.

Blessing Bags

Blessing bags are a small gesture to help our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. To date we have provided over 150 bags to local agencies to give to those in need. A blessing bag is a one gallon ziplock bag filled with items that might help a person including personal care items, food, and clothing like hats and socks.

In November, a team will be assembling the next round of bags and donations are needed to fill them. Please bring in items by Oct 27th. Donations of cash are also welcome.

Items needed: Gloves (men's, women's and children's)	Band-Aids	Combs
Socks (men's, women's and children's)	Emery boards	Toothbrushes
Stretchy knit hats (adult and children's)	Deodorant	Pudding cups
Wet wipes – small packs	Cheese crackers	Small packs of tissues
Toothpaste, small sized	Razors	Breakfast bars
Feminine products, any type	Hand sanitizers, small trial size	

Sweat shirts & sweat pants- mostly, small, medium and large with elastic waists

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 3rd during worship. It will be honored at both Ashley and Kilbourne though in different ways. Kilbourne members who want to add pictures to the memorial slide show should submit them by Sept 15 to the church office or Ed Kern

Charge Conference

Ashley and Kilbourne Charge Conference will be on Thursday Oct 17 at 6PM at Rural Chapel.

This is the formal meeting that orders the life of the church for 2020. All are encouraged to attend.

Pub Theology

Pub theology had its second meeting in August and was a great success! Come out and discuss faith and life questions with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. Due to its success, Pub Theology will have two more meetings this year. We will meet on October 2nd and Dec 4th. Both times the group will meet at 8:30PM at Kilbourne Market. Felix Ortiz will be the facilitator of both meetings.



Not sure what Pub Theology is? Pub Theology is a growing ministry across the county. People have gathered in pubs and public spaces for ages, talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. You do not have to consume alcohol, but you can. We do ask you purchase something from the Market whether it's food or a soda.

Beans for Benevolence

We have reached our annual goal of \$4500 for this ministry! Thank you to all who gave. This is the earliest we have met our goals in a few years and we are grateful to all who generously gave.

Recent uses for the fund have been to provide Buckeye Valley Food Pantry with funds and to purchase the food for a meal served to the hungry in Columbus.

Beans for Benevolence is an annual ministry of Ashley UMC. The church raises money to purchase the supplies to plant a field of beans. After the harvest (the labor is graciously donated), the proceeds fund the benevolence fund. The fund has been used to sponsor honor flights (sending veterans to DC), send children to a science competition, provide turkeys to Buckeye Valley Food pantry and so much more.



Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study will resume meeting on Sept 12 at 1PM. All who are interested in studying God's word are invited to attend. This fall, the class will be studying Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. These books are ones that are rarely studied or preached on. Diving into them will lead to new insights and a deeper understanding of faith, God and ourselves.

Choir

Kilbourne's choir is restarting for the year. All are welcome! Practice is on Wednesdays at 7PM.

This is a ministry of music, laughter, and love. If you enjoy singing regardless of your skill, this is for you.



Kilbourne Food Pantry

Kilbourne's Food Pantry is officially open on Tuesdays from 9AM-6PM. We are pleased to stand in the gap for people who are struggling to put food on the table. Each month we will share 1 food item and 1 other item that we are specifically needing or requesting. All donations are always welcome.

September: Pancake mix (add water only type)/syrup and Paper goods (paper towels/toilet paper)

October: Canned Fruit and Laundry Detergent

A Note on Health: “Hints from Eloise”

I love Heloise's articles, they're so practical. Her recent one was “right on”. Hearing loss is the second most widespread health issue in the world.

I know it's pretty common. My brother-in-law has that tv blaring so loud, my sister can't stand it. He refuses to get his hearing tested or the thought of wearing hearing aids is out of the question. So, I jumped in with a solution that satisfied both.....wireless headphones for the tv. He loves them!

There is an organization called The National Campaign for Better Hearing (www.campaignforbetterhearing.us) that is recommending “Test Your Ears at 60 Years”. Good advice. I had mine tested last spring and guess what?.....yours truly now has bilateral hearing aids. If you would like more information on obtaining a free hearing test, see me after the Sunday service.

Ann Sanderson, RN

Knit It Together

Come out for this new/old ministry and crochet or knit some items for our littlest neighbors.

Meet together at Panera on 36/37 at 6:30PM Monday October 7th. We will be making items for an organization called Touching Little Lives which donates handmade items to facilities around the state for preemies and infants in need. Patterns will be provided if desired as well as baby yarn in small amounts for making booties and such. Bring your needles and hooks and any yarn you have!



Young At Heart

Young at Heart is a fellowship ministry in which we meet once a month to eat good food and enjoy great company. While this is a long time ministry of Kilbourne, participants would love to have Ashley members join together with them. We meet every month on the third Thursday at 11:30AM (except in Sept due to the fair) at a local restaurant. Hope to see you there!

Sept 12th- Corner Cafe October 17th - El Vaquero

Nov 21st – Kilbourne Market



An exciting new community fundraiser is coming to Kilbourne this November! On November 9th from 9AM-3PM, we will join with other community leaders to have the Kilbourne Bazaar, hosting at the township hall. This will have vendors selling amazing products either for yourself or as a gift. We will also have a gingerbread decorating contest and plenty of good food. The best part is all funds raised will go to support the Good Samaritan Fund!

We need help to get this off the ground. We need help spreading the word to reach potential vendors and people to attend. Please consider who you know who might be a good fit and reach out to them. We are looking for vendors selling homemade or unique items and cottage industry commercial items. No secondhand items or rummage sale type.

More information will be coming soon so stay tuned!

Book Club



Book Club is a great fellowship ministry which is open to all. This is an open group that would love more participation for conversation. Just a reminder- Book Clubs are not just for females! Pick any month the book interests you and join in. Forgot to read the book, but are interested? Come any how! We meet on 4th Mondays at 6:30PM

Sept 23rd: *Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

October 28th: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Is an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

Nov 25th: *Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff

Vividly rendered and inspired by true events, this tells of incredible heroics of the brave women of the WWII and weaves a mesmerizing tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances.

Dec 16th: *The Christmas Candle* by Max Lucado

From New York Times best-selling author Max Lucado comes a timeless message that will warm your heart.