

KUMC CONNECTIONS

*"Bringing Glory to God, and impacting lives through
Worship, Sharing, Service and Prayer."*

*February
Newsletter
2015*

"I'll call the unloved and make them beloved." Romans 9:25

The Month of LOVE!

Isn't that what we say? I think the Beatles said it best, All We Need is LOVE. So, how do you know you have it? Is it a warm, soft feeling or is it a tingle, a push, an illness (you know, like sharing a cold!)

Or, is love a person, like your spouse, significant other, a child, or maybe a possession. Well, if we can believe scripture, Jesus is love--- love personified, made flesh, one who walks among us! I think our culture makes it difficult for us to really grasp the meaning of love. It is not greed, it is generosity. It is not self-gratifying, it is compassionate. It is not possessive, it is giving.

What do you think love is? Who taught you to love? Who loves you right now and do you cherish that love? So many questions!

By laying his own self he showed what love. Jesus gave himself for us so that we may live. That is love!

During the season of Lent I will be preaching on *24 hours that changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. From the Last Supper to the crucifixion we will follow Christ's last hours and how these events affect us still today. Along with the Sermon Series, there will be Lenten Studies on same topics each week.

Our Lenten studies will meet from **Sunday, February 15 – March 29th, at 8:30am. And** **or weekly Lenten studies will be on Thursdays, February 12-March 26th, at 7:00pm.**

There will be a service of Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 18th, at 7pm at Sugar Grove UMC.

Lent is a time for us to ponder our relationship with Christ and repent of our sins. We are called to use this time wisely.

God's Amazing Presence,

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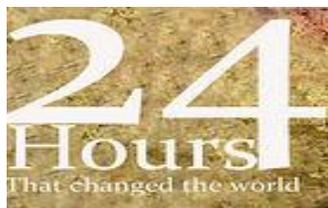
March & April Lenten Mission Project

KUMC is partnering with World Vision to assemble and provide **50 Hygiene Kits** to be delivered within the United States. Each kit costs **\$16**. Our **goal**, combined with the Sunday School's goal is to raise enough funds to make a total of **50 kits** and then **assemble the kits on April 19th after church**.



24 hours that changed the World: Lenten Sermon Series

February 15 - April 5, 2015



The last day of Jesus' life is among the most powerful and important 24 hours in human history. Using the resource by Adam Hamilton, "24 Hours That Changed the World," this sermon series explores in depth what happened during these final hours and what the events mean for us today. You will not want to miss a single Sunday of this series - what you learn may forever change how you look at the story of Jesus' final day on earth.

Sermon Title	Date
The Last Supper	Feb 15 th 2015
Gethsemane	Feb 22 nd 2015
Midnight Trial, Midnight Denial	March 1 st 2015
Youth Service	March 8 th 2015
Two Men named Jesus	March 15 th 2015
Trial of the King	March 22 nd 2015
Crucifixion	March 29 th 2015
Maundy Thursday	April 2 nd 2015, 7pm
Easter Sunrise Service	April 5 th 2015 7:30am
Good Friday	April 3 rd , 2015 7:00pm
Christ the Victor	April 5 th 2015

Come join us for a seven-week Bible study retracing all the events of Jesus' last day before his death. Lenten Studies will be on Sunday, **Feb 15-March 29 at 8:30 AM, and weekdays Thursday Feb 12- March 29 at 7 PM**. From the Upper Room to Calvary this study invites us to see the true depth of God's love. Call the church office to sign up. (630)-557-2353

For questions and details please contact pastor@kanevilleumc.com

Peacemakers

Hey Kids! Beat the winter blahs at the February Peacemakers Picnic! Bring a friend and join the fun. We'll eat hotdogs, make a winter craft, and play some awesome games, including "icy marbles", sock snowball wars, and dog sled race! Mark your calendar TODAY for **Wednesday, February 11th 6-7:30 pm. Bring a friend!**



Youth Lock In

All middle and high school youth are invited to the annual KUMC Lock In, **Friday February 13.**

Meet at the church at 7:30 that evening for a night full of games, videos, mission projects and fellowship. Bring a treat to share, sleeping bag, pillow, Bible and wear comfy clothes. The lock in ends Saturday morning at 8:30. Friends are welcome! All participants will need signed permission sheets.

See Pastor Avani for forms.

Youth Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 8 as we celebrate our children and youth at the 9:30 worship service. The service will be a celebration of Jesus through song, dance, artwork, drama and scripture! Kids are invited to bring in their artwork, school projects, awards and photos on Sunday, March 1 to be used in the Youth Sunday display in the Fellowship Area.

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a service of Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 18th at 7pm at Sugar Grove UMC.

18th Annual Chili Supper

Soon it will be time again for a fun evening of Chili and Music by The Good Ol' Boys on Saturday March 7, 2015 from 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Remember all the great Chili, Corn Bread, and Sherbet!

Last year we had 25 different pots of Chili. From mild to wild!

Hot Dogs for the kids, something for every one's taste bud's.

Free will offering. Come and enjoy a fun evening!



Check It Out!

If your prayer life could use a little work, check out *RED MOON RISING*. Even with the world getting darker, a new generation is learning to pray and obey like never before. This is their extraordinary story, an honest account of pain and perseverance alongside a pioneering mission and miraculous answers to prayer. It's the story of the 24-7 Prayer movement, which started in 1999 in England and has since exploded to more than 50 countries. An army of normal individuals are now simultaneously praying night and day around the world. "*RED MOON RISING* is provocative, prophetic and powerful—proof, if you need it, that God is on the move in our time."—Mike Bickle (Founder, International House of Prayer).



A **BIG thank you** from Milan Christian for the wonderful Happy Birthday song! He was very excited!

Love Is...

A Parent's Prayer for Valentine's Day From 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

"If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1

Heavenly Father,

How easy it is for parents to become clanging cymbals in the ears of their kids! I feel that I love my children so much it breaks my heart some days. But You remind me that love is more than emotion. It's possible to discipline, to teach, and even to provide—all without love.

Today I pray that none of my efforts will be wasted because every aspect of my parenting is backed up by the true qualities of love: When I feel tense and short-tempered, help me to take a deep breath and remember that love is patient (v. 4). When I am wrapped up in my own to-do-lists, remind me to take time to pay attention and be kind to my children (v. 4)

When I am tempted to compare my kids with other people's kids, help me to remember that genuine love doesn't express itself through envying—or boasting either (v. 4). When I discipline or reprimand my kids, help me to check my tone of voice and my expression, remembering that love is not rude (v. 5). When my kids argue, beg, or whine, remind me that love is always slow to anger (v. 5). When I'm at my wit's end and tempted to give my kids a quick rundown of all the things they've done wrong the past few days to bring me to this point, remind me that love doesn't keep a record of wrongs (v.5). When I feel twinges of smugness about another parent's failure, remind me that love does not rejoice over bad news but when good news happens (v. 6). When I'm ready to take a foolish risk with my child's safety because I'm too distracted or too tired to insist on precautions, remind me that love always protects (v. 7). When I am reluctant to let my child take on challenges he seems ready for, remind me to trust You and what You're doing in my child (v. 7). When I'm discouraged about my child's progress in a certain area, remind me that love always hopes, even in the face of setbacks (v. 7). When I'm tired and feeling like I just can't parent well, remind me that love never gives up (v. 7). How I thank You, Lord, for the power of love in action. Thank You that if I parent with love and by the power of Your Spirit, I cannot fail (v. 8).

Amen.

Hey Retreat Gals!

The name of the seasoning for the snack crackers is **SAVORY SALTINE SEASONING**. The web site is www.SavoryFineFoods.com. I'm sure you can purchase this locally at "gift" places (Little Traveler?), as I bought mine at Kuipers Apple Barn. The instructions are on the package. However, when using the mini saltines, one should use 3 whole boxes. I used 2 whole boxes for the Retreat, and I thought they were a little greasy.

Happy snacking!

Sandy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- February 1 Elizabeth Besco
- February 8 Milan Christian, Ed Baldrige
- February 12 Tiffany Ratliff
- February 14 Tim Werrline
- February 15 Marge Miller
- February 16 Erin Kettelkamp
- February 16 Ruth Lawson
- February 17 Susan Long
- February 18 Diane Hance
- February 23 Stu Buck
- February 25 Corrine Kainz
- February 28 Jack Kettelkamp



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- February 7 Dave & Lynette Werdin
- February 10 Jim & Sue O'Connell
- February 23 Tim & Sharon Werrline
- February 26 Dave & Peggy Vaughn

**Contact Katee (office@kanevilleumc.org)
with any corrections/additions to the list!**

KUMC CONNECTIONS February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service Pulpit Exchange	9	10	11 Peacemakers 6-7:30 PM	12 Lenten Study 7 PM	13 Youth Lock-In	14 Men's Prayer 7am
15 8:30am Sunday School Lenten Study 8:30 AM 9:30am Worship Service	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday Service at Sugar Grove UMC 7PM	19 Lenten Study 7 PM	20	21 Men's Prayer 7am
22 8:30am Sunday School Lenten Study 8:30 AM 9:30am Worship Service Women's Retreat	23	24	25	26 Lenten Study 7PM	27	28 Men's Prayer 7am

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Note from the Secretary:

Please contact the secretary with any events going on in the church. She will let you know if the space is available on that date to avoid conflicts and record it on the calendar. Thank you!

Newsletter items are always welcome; anything geared to-wards spirituality, thank you's, important events, devotion-als, etc. We encourage you to submit your news no later than the **15th of the month**. The newsletter will be sent out near the first of each month.

Please submit your bulletin items for Sundays, via email, no later than **Wednesday**.

E-mail: office@kanevilleumc.org
Hours: Tuesdays 9am-2pm
Thursdays 3pm-5pm

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