

# KUMC CONNECTIONS

March 2015 Newsletter

*"I decided that I would speak only of Jesus Christ and his death on the cross."*

*1 Corinthians 2:2 (TLB)*

Peter wrote the above words to the church in Corinth. Peter, who denied Jesus 3 times now, can't stop talking about this event. As we continue our Journey of Lent we learn many stories of rejuvenation, like Peter in their faith.

Jesus lived for 33 years, but we are going to focus on the final 24 hours of his life because this day has so much meaning. The final day of Jesus' life and the events that unfolded in that 24 hour period, is the most important day in world history: the Last Supper, the betrayals, the crucifixion and resurrection. It is the pinnacle of the Old Testament, the focal point of the New Testament and the completion of God's saving work through Jesus Christ.

Jesus was a devout Jew. He had studied in the temple and learned from the rabbis, and we need to understand our Jewish roots to truly understand the meaning in the events of Jesus' final 24 hours.

Many of us observed Lent for years by simply going through the motions. We may have gone to Holy Day services, studied scripture or given up a vice or bad habit, but not developed an understanding of why we were doing this. God isn't asking us to "give something up" for Lent, He is asking us to die to ourselves so we can more fully realize what He has done for us.

As we continue to examine each event in the 24-hour period in detail, we will be able to learn something or gain a different perspective. We may also be able to imagine our own journey on the way to being Christ like.

Through this series, our hope is that by making the story come alive through sets, historical details and new insights, we may be able to understand the events more clearly. We are able to see the theological significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and reflect on the meaning of these events in our own lives.

We see how we are similar to the people in the story: Peter, Pilate, Judas, and John. We will be using Mark's story line and will look at what the other disciples add to the story. There is a purpose to each gospel, and although they may not match chronologically, they bring meaning to the crucifixion in the way they tell the story.

The greatest lesson in the story is the need for us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Understanding this story is going to cost us something. It is going to cost us time, true introspection and we may have to "give something up." What does it mean to follow the crucified Christ? Find out this Easter.

This campaign is a journey of growth and life change. We invite you to come on this personal Journey of Lent where you are invited to follow Jesus and walk with Him not as an observer - but as a participant, not as one looking at facts – but one looking to understand, not as someone looking to know – but as someone wanting to learn, not as someone who knows the story – but someone who wants to experience the story.

May this Easter you find God that you are looking for.  
Happy Resurrection Day!

*Christian*

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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Two Men named Jesus  
Trial of the King  
Crucifixion  
Maundy Thursday  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Good Friday  
Christ the Victor

### Date

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 2015  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, 7pm  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:30am  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 7:00pm  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## Peacemakers

Hey Kids! Our next Peacemakers meeting are Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm at the church. We'll be talking about being the hands and feet of Jesus and making some cool jelly bean bracelets. As always, friends are always welcome!



## Upcoming KUMC Meetings:

- **Ad Council:** Tuesday, March 17th at 7 PM
- **UMW:** Sunday, March 29th after Worship Service (10:30 AM)

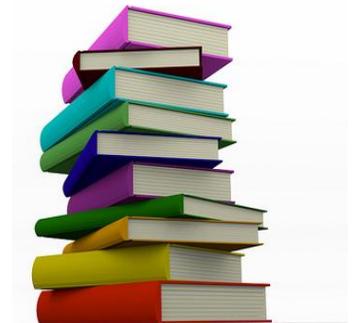
KUMC will be hosting an ecumenical Good Friday Service on April 3rd, 2015 at 7pm!

**Adult Literacy Volunteers Needed**  
To tutor adults in reading or speaking English

Contact the Waubensee Community College  
Adult Literacy Project

(630) 801-7900 ext. 4221

Training: March 14th & 21st (both days  
required) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm





## Check It Out!

This Lent check out ***24 Hours That Changed the World*** by Adam Hamilton. This is the acclaimed companion book to Pastor Avani’s sermon series and the Sunday/Thursday Bible study.

“Adam Hamilton combines biblical story, historical detail, theological analysis, spiritual insight and pastoral warmth to retell the narrative of Jesus’ last and greatest hours”

—Leith Anderson,  
author of *The Jesus Revolution*.

Copies of this short, readable book are available from Pastor Avani.



## I’m First

A Parent’s Prayer for Lent

“An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest.”

--Luke 9:46

Lord,

I know that sound of voices squabbling about who comes first. Oh, do I! First in, first out, first to open, first to take a turn, first to ride, first up front, first for seconds.

“I’m first...” is such an instinctive reflex, Lord. But You want to show my children a better way: “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all” (Mark 9:35).

Teach my children, Lord, to be first to offer, first to step back, first to share, first to speak up for the quiet one, first to serve, first to say, “You first.”

Lord, when You taught Your disciples about who’s first in Your kingdom, You took a little child, put Your arms around him, and looked in his face. Then You said, “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:4).

This is my plea: When You come to our house today, may You find my children second in line—with the first place saved for You.

Amen.

(Taken from [Praying the Bible for your Children](#) by David & Heather Kopp)

## A BIG THANK YOU!

Almost 20 middle and high school youth attended last month’s Lock In at KUMC! Many thanks to Anna Wendling and Jack Kettelkamp for planning the event, Nick Dwyer for his thoughtful lesson and to Pastor Avani and Bob and Suzanne Barnhart for chaperoning ALL NIGHT!

Thank you to all the men and everyone who helped make the Chili Supper another successful evening. A lot of good Chili, visiting with friends and good music. We felt we were down in attendance, but we all still had a fun evening, and that is why we started this 18 years ago to have good time.  
-Steve Downen



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

March 5	Sean Flamand
March 6	Diane Pierson
March 8	Robert Farley
March 9	Sharon Werrline
March 10	Jim Gehringer, Katheryn Donovan
March 12	Kris Frielink
March 13	Don Angell, Karl Kettelkamp
March 14	Eva Ottoson
March 17	Elizabeth Ladford, Carly Niceley Schoonover
March 18	Brittany Bartholet
March 19	Buzz Miller
March 22	Erica Plumb
March 25	Lisa Vanatta
March 26	Ben Flanders
March 27	Lisa Vanatta
March 28	Carol Flanders
March 29	Lynette Werdin, Brynley Schrader
March 31	Karen Flamand



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

March 30 Don & Judy Angell

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

# KUMC CONNECTIONS | March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Sunday School</p> <p>Lenten Study 8:30 AM</p> <p>9:30am Worship Service</p>	2	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Lenten Study 7 PM</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Men's Prayer 7am</p> <p>Chili Supper</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Sunday School</p> <p>Lenten Study 8:30 AM</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Peacemakers 6-7:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lenten Study 7 PM</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Prayer 7am</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Sunday School</p> <p>Lenten Study 8:30 AM</p> <p>9:30am Worship Service</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Ad Council Meeting 7pm</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>Lenten Study 7 PM</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Prayer 7am</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Sunday School</p> <p>Lenten Study 8:30 AM</p> <p>9:30am Worship Service</p>	23	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>Lenten Study 7PM</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>Men's Prayer 7am</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Sunday School</p> <p>Lenten Study 8:30 AM</p> <p>9:30am Worship Service</p> <p><b>UMW Meeting after Worship</b></p>	30	31				

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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, devotionals, 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

This newsletter is created by human hands directing Technology, if you notice any errors kindly let us know. We will be happy to make any corrections!

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