

KUMC CONNECTIONS

October Newsletter//2015

*“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it”
Matthew 16:25*

I am reading a book written by John C. Lennox, a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Emeritus Fellow in Mathematics and Philosophy of Science at Green Templeton College. He is author of a number of books on the relations of science, religion, and ethics.

In his commentary on the Book of Daniel, *Against the Flow: The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism* he spoke of how Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar was a place where values were "relativized", but that Daniel and his three friends maintained their distinctiveness in the face of threats. Speaking of Nebuchadnezzar's placing of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the fiery furnace, Lennox said: "Nebuchadnezzar thought there was no one alive who didn't regard their own life as of absolute value. If we can glean anything from this book as to how you can stand like that, we need to hear it."

Under Darius, Daniel faced pressure from the legal system, which resulted in him being thrown into the lions' den. Lennox said: "It was designed to force a clash between the law of God and the law of the state. So the second half of the book is not question of values, but a question of law. Daniel wouldn't be silenced by it."

Lennox' book draws parallels with modern society, in which Christians can feel that their values are threatened or that the legal system is unsympathetic to them. He refers to attacks on religion by 'new atheists' such as AC Grayling and Richard Dawkins, and to attempts to ban expression of religious faith in public. The "genius" of the book of Daniel, Lennox said, was that it showed that the same pressures operated in early culture. "We can take those principles and apply them.

There are many things encroaching on our basic values and we face questions about where and how to protest. But the fact that this occurs, I find immensely encouraging. It didn't start in the 1970s, it was happening in the 6th century BC."

John Lennox describes Nebuchadnezzar's anger, in Daniel 3, over Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's unwillingness to bow down and worship the king's statue:

“Nebuchadnezzar had never in his life before encountered such studied defiance. As it began to dawn upon him that there was a very real sense in which he was powerless against these men, his anger knew no bounds. Of course he could kill them, but that was not the point. What he could not do was to force them to bow. Up to now he had thought that human beings would do anything to save their lives. His whole scheme of getting his nobles to bow depended on the assumption that, for each person, life was of absolute value. To his utter amazement he discovered that this was not always the case. Even in his own very administration there were men, men of proven ability and high office, who regarded their lives as of relative value compared with the absolute value of God. Nebuchadnezzar's reaction was a fury of impotent frustration”. (pg. 144-45)

The most powerful man in the world was powerless over these three men (even before their miraculous rescue), not because he couldn't kill them, but because he couldn't use that prospect alone to bend them to his will. I like that! Their lives were only of relative value compared to the absolute value of God.

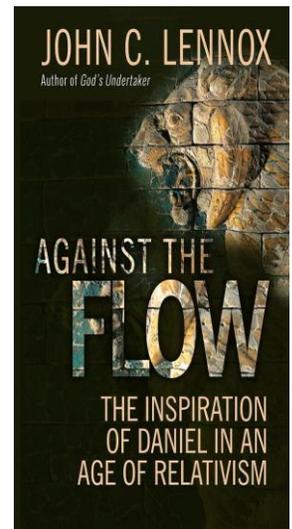
Following Jesus is about learning to relativize our lives. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

But here's what bothers me: While we'll likely never face the kind of life-or-death choice that these three friends faced, we will face daily, hourly, moment-by-moment choices that either prove or disprove our belief in the absolute value we place on God. If we are failing to prove it in the small decisions of our lives, how confident are we that we, like the three friends, would prove it when it comes the ultimate decision—to live or die?

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KUMC September Mission of the Month

BEAUTIFUL U MINISTRIES IS A 501C3 NON-PROFIT CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION SERVING THE NEEDS OF AT-RISK PREGNANT TEENS AND TEEN MOMS.

KUMC will be collecting a monetary donations for Beautiful U. If you would like to donate your time or items, please contact Beautiful U directly at 630-205-9368.

Beautiful U Resale Shop is located in downtown Elburn, Illinois at 112 N. Main Street. They have recently been voted "Best of the Fox 2014" in the Resale/Consignment Store category!

Immediate Volunteer Positions are available at the Resale Shop! Join their team of fabulous volunteers. There are 25 positions open to help with everything such as coordinating special sales and events, sorting donations, cleaning, organizing, running our front desk, and more. You can create your schedule and serve alongside wonderful, welcoming people, make new friends, have fun, learn new skills or put your skills to good use and you'll ALWAYS be the first to see the new inventory. Volunteers can also earn store discounts!

To schedule a some volunteer time, contact Jamie Scroggs at 630-205-9368 OR jscroggs@beautifulministries.org

Helping Our Neighbors



Christianity is a religion of action and response. Jesus called each one of us to a witness to God's love and mercy. At this time world is facing a great crisis of Syrian refugees. As reports emerge of the tragedies Syrian refugees face in their pursuit of safety.

As of Sept. 6, the UN has registered more than 4 million Syrian refugees. Many have fled to neighboring countries like Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon, and hundreds of thousands more have fled to Europe. I happen to meet a Syrian father who is residing in one of the organization which works with the refugee's family. He was filled with remorse and desolation. He shared with me his story of her daughter. He gave her daughter to someone, a stranger, as a price to let his rest of the family to be in the land. It was very hard to console him, but even harder to see him still in pain. I saw the pain and struggle in their eyes.

It's time to help and participate as Jesus hands and feet for these people. It is not about land it is about humanity. Together, we can do more.

October Sermon Series

Keeping the Promises to Christ Stewardship in Five Acts,

We will embark the stewardship journey by five part sermon series on stewardship, “Keeping the Promise to God: Stewardship in Five Acts.” The series will focus on ways in which the church in Acts lived out its commitment to faithfully support one another and serve Christ through its “prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.”

Dates	Sermon Title
October 18 th 2015	Keeping the Promise, Act 1 : Prayers
October 25 th 2015	Keeping the Promise, Act 2: Presence (All Saints Day)
November 1 st 2015	Keeping the Promise, Act 3: Gifts
November 8 th 2015	Keeping the Promise, Act 4: Service
November 15 th 2015	Keeping the Promise, Act 5: Witness (Commitment Day)

Come and Join in knowing God’s purpose and participate faithfully with God in connecting people to Christ.

Cole Slaw Making

Come help make Cole Slaw for the beef supper on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th** - time to be determined

Save the Date: 2015 KUMC Beef Supper & Bazaar!

Saturday, October 10th, 2015

Bazaar begins at 4:00 p.m. Supper is served from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Dinner Includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw,
Cranberry Relish, Rolls & Homemade Desserts!
Adults \$12, K-6th Grade \$5, Preschool \$1





Peacemakers

Hey kids, **Peacemakers** we've got a lot going on in October! We will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm for a special **Trick or Treat for the Food Pantry** event. Come in costume for the evening as we walk around Kaneville collecting nonperishable food items for the Elburn Food Pantry. We will also start collecting small toys and other items for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox mission. **Peacemakers** is a COMMUNITY program, open to all children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, regardless of whether or where they go to church.

All Church Family Hayride

Join us for our annual hayride at the Werdin/Alfrey farm on Friday, October 23 (tentative date) from 6:30-8:30 for food and fun. Bring a dish to pass, blankets and roasting sticks if you have them. Hot dogs, drinks, paper goods and s'mores will be provided. All ages are welcome; climbing up on the hayrack is optional...



KUMC Annual Charge conference will be on November 17th at 7 p.m. SPRC will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join!



Don't Forget to set clocks **back one hour** on November 1st at 2:00 a.m.!

17th Annual Women's Retreat -

“Lavender Springs Spa”

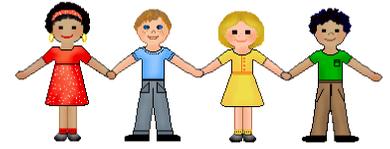
Jan 15-17, 2016 at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, Wi.



Ladies – Mark your calendars for a relaxing and spiritually nourishing spa-themed event where you'll be reminded of God's faithfulness and the power of connecting with other women. Through six refreshing sessions, we will journey through the psalms of the Bible, studying the different kinds of songs, poems, and psalms that have inspired people for centuries. We will learn how the psalms help us share our feelings, disappointments, celebrations, and doubts with a truly great listener: God. And you'll leave with a fresh approach to prayer that will grow your faith throughout the months to come. If you're interested in helping plan this wonderful weekend, please call Diane Hance at 815-991-9488



A Letter from KCCC: Fall Fundraiser



KCCC is pleased to announce our Fall Fundraiser! Starting September 17 we are selling Pastry Puffins. These are freezer to oven ready puff pastries available in eight flavors from sweet to savory. For your convenience, order forms will be available at the church. The sale will go until October 7.

We Currently Have Openings!

If you know of anyone looking for Beginning Learners Daycare, Preschool, PreKindergarten, or Before/After School Care please have them call the center. Our Kindergarten preparedness programs are top notch and focus on the necessary skills to enter Kindergarten with confidence.. Please call 630- 557-2424 or check us out on Facebook. Please don't forget to "like" and "share" us if you already attend and know about our wonderful learning environment or have done so in the past.

Thank you for always keeping us in your hearts and prayers!
Carolynn Abruzzo and the KCCC Staff

Announcing the 2015 U.M. Aurora Cluster Mission Trip!



Wednesday, January 27 – Saturday, January 30, 2016

The United Methodist Churches of the Aurora Cluster (including Aurora, Kaneville and Sugar Grove) are together planning a road trip to our regional UMCOR warehouse, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois (Springfield). We can accommodate 32 people for this annual outreach effort. The MMDC is the regional receiving and shipping site for United Methodist efforts to reach people in need with disaster relief and development supplies. Possible projects include assembling school kit supplies, “cleaning bucket” supplies, and infant layette kits. Some may also be asked to: help with sewing projects, create school desks in the woodshop, or repair bicycles. Supplies are sent to people in need in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa.

Must be age 11 or older. **A deposit of \$50 (check payable to MMDS) must be sent to Fourth Street UMC to reserve your place by October 1.** **The balance of \$65 per person will be due November 1, 2015, plus costs associated with travel and groceries.**

We will plan to meet as a group the third week of September to schedule our time together and plan for meals, etc. A list of items to take will be provided at that time.

Our lodging is on-site in a comfortable dormitory with bedrooms that accommodate two bunk-beds. We share a common kitchen to make our own meals and a lounge area for group gatherings. Men's and Women's restrooms and showers are in the same building. The facilities are handicapped-accessible. For more information, contact Rev. Deborah Tinsley Taylor of Fourth Street UMC (630) 897-5257 or see the website www.midwestmissiondc.org

Check It Out!

The KUMC library is full of a variety of books for all ages and tastes. This month's feature is New York Times Best Seller, *The Harbinger* by Jonathan Cahn.

Is it possible that there exists an ancient mystery that holds the secret of America's future? That this mystery is behind everything from 9/11 to the collapse of the global economy? That God is now sending a prophetic message on which America's future hangs?

Hidden in an ancient biblical verse from the Book of Isaiah, the mysteries revealed in *The Harbinger* are so precise that they foretell recent American events down to the exact days. Written in fictional, narrative style, the book opens with the appearance of a man burdened with a series of messages he has received in the form of nine seals. Each seal unveils a prophetic mystery concerning America and its future that takes readers on an amazing journey that will change the way you view the world and current events



Prepared for His Presence

(A Prayer for our Children from Psalm 15)

“LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?” Psalm 15:1

Dear Lord,

Today I claim with David the high goals for living that will prepare my children to enjoy Your presence and people:

- that my children will be blameless, that they will obey You and be known as kids who really care about doing the right thing (v. 2);
- that my children's words will be truthful and caring that that they'll resist cutting remarks, sarcasm, or gossip. Help them to do good to others and think well of them (v. 3);
- that my children will avoid those who choose to be rude or obscene but will honor those who choose to revere You. Give them strength to keep their daily promises and their lifetime vows, even when keeping them is costly (v.4);
- that my children will give to others generously, never with selfish motives and never accepting money to betray the truth or an innocent person (v. 5).

Then I know my children will be well-established in their lives and welcome in Your presence (vv. 1,5).
Amen.

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

Happy Birthday!

October 1 Robert Ladford, Charles Flint

October 2 Lois Penninger

October 4 Scott Long

October 6 Matt Alfrey

October 8 Dan Purcell

October 9 Becky Frielink

October 11 Cindy Hiltenbrand, Marilyn Hohmann

October 22 Tom Flanders, Russ Wendling

October 23 Addison Vanatta

October 26 Sara Gramley

October 27 Lindsey Mack Govea

October 31 James Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

October 1 Dennis & Mary Nicely

October 9 Ed & Anna Dembowski

October 11 Sachin and Avani Christian

October 23 Ben & Lisa Vanatta

October 25 Bill & Pam Long

October 29 Chuck & Nadine Flint



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Cole-slaw making for Beef Supper	10 KUMC Beef Supper
11 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	12	13	14 Peacemakers 6 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23 Family Hayride 6:30-8:30 p.m.	24
25 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29	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 towards 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

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