

KUMC CONNECTIONS

JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

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

Then Jesus said, "God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time!

- Mark 4:26-29 The Message

I am trying to grow a garden this summer. I am sure all are trying to grow something, but I have tried to do it this summer so that I can learn how to do some gardening and also eat healthy. One of the interesting things is that in my personal devotions I am encountering the scriptures that talk about gardening. One thing that I'm noticing---- Jesus is constantly teaching about gardening.

Two thousand years ago, in ancient Judea people did a lot of gardening and farming. Women would grow small gardens in their homes, and men did a lot of harvesting and planting of large fields. These metaphors were common a well understood- it was the language of everyone's common knowledge.

But that's not the only reason that Jesus talks about gardening and farming so consistently.


Seeds are little rocks that look dead, but are full of potential, and yet ...so unassuming. They are strangely powerful little things and they burst to life within rich soil, poor soil, rocky soil, and a thorny soil. They can grow into moments of great beauty and die suddenly, or they can grow into enormous mustard trees-thousands of times their original size. They can become trees that bear fruits or millions of tiny new seeds that we grind and turn into food.

Jesus talks a lot about seeds, gardening, and farming because these things are expressions of the amazing powers of God. The scientific laws that fervent the biology of these little things is amazing. The creativity of humans, who have cultivated and created agriculture over history, is amazing. The care and wonder that children feel for these seedlings is amazing.

So our outdoor worship is amazing too. There are many women from our church who come and clean, nurture, water and plant flowers so that we may all be surrounded by the power of God.

May this summer you find power to work with God to grow amazing things together. Have a wonderful summer.

Together in Christ,
Rev Avani Christian



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June Mission of the Month



Sending Love through Teddy Bears

"Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, formerly Children's Memorial Hospital, provides superior pediatric care in a setting that offers the latest benefits and innovations in medical technology, research and family-friendly design." We are supporting Lurie Children's Hospital by using all of the money collected for mission of the month to buy teddy bears for the children in the hospital. If you want to donate a bear or other stuffed animal, we will be collecting them too, they just need to be brand new, even if it is not played with, because of all the dust or other things in the air it could have picked up. Before we bring the bears to the hospital, we will have tags for anyone to fill out and tie to a bear with a message and/or picture for the child who receives it. Thank you for all of support.

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Guest Speaker: Michael H. Imhof

Retired U.S. Navy SEAL Michael H. Imhof, who has a ZEAL for Jesus, a love **for** God and our country, and a passion to reclaim America's roots, is coming to speak to us at our 9:30AM Worship Service on **Sunday, May 31st, 2015**. His goal is to speak before congregations where God opens the doors for him. That said, his background is unique versus most. He's a tried U.S. Navy Commander and a former Navy SEAL. He has lived and worked in a multitude of countries in the world, on different continents, including Muslim countries. He, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, uses his unique background and many experiences in encouraging, edifying and inspiring others in the things of God.

Graduation Sunday: June 7th, 2015



KUMC invites all graduates of 2015 to be celebrated at our 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service on June 7th, 2015! Congratulations to Alyssa Ekstrom, Anna Wendling, Megan Bartholet, & Bobby Langeness!

**Kaneville United
Methodist Church
Summer Worship
Schedule
2015 9:30 service**

06/07/15 – Outside
(Graduation)
06/14/15 – Inside
06/21/15 – Outside
06/28/15 – Inside
07/05/15 – Outside
07/12/15 – Inside
07/19/15 – Outside
07/26/15 – Inside
08/02/15 – Outside
08/09/15 – Inside
08/16/15 – Outside
08/23/15 – Inside
(Rally Day, 1st day SS)
08/30/15 – Outside
(Kaneville Fest)
09/06/15 – Inside
09/13/15 – Outside

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Eva Ottoson, Mariann O'Connell, Alyssa Ekstrom and
Micayla Bartholet were confirmed at KUMC on Sunday
May 3rd, 2015!



Stairway to the Stars

There have been some people interested in starting up the “Stairway to the Stars” program again, as we have several areas in which we need some additional funds.

For those not familiar, the program goes like this: A donor would contribute \$100 a year for 10 years. The math says that amounts to \$1000 donation over that period. We originally said that we would spend the interest only which this fund generates. At this time in our economy, there is not enough interest generated, so we would rethink that item. Open to discussion.

The donation period would be in the spring, generally during lent. That way, it is not confused with our annual Church Financial drive, which is in the fall. This would be an additional program.

If you have already completed one step (given \$1000 in our original program) you know how this works and could begin another step!

This year, because we are a little late getting started, we would like all donations for 2015 to be completed by the end of June. Please put your donation in the collection plate, clearly marked to be applied to Stairway to the Stars.

If there are any questions, Al Miller or myself would be happy to answer them. Let’s see how many “stairs” we can get started in 2015.

Thank you for helping to keep Kaneville United Methodist Church updated and current in today’s world.

Sandy Gould 630-557-2205

Kaneville United Methodist Women Fundraiser

The KUMW is selling RADA Cutlery as a fund raiser to help with the expenses of our Sanctuary renovation. The knives and other items are all reasonably priced. There are catalogs in the fellowship area at church and are available from many of the KUMC women. Please help us make this a profitable program for our church.
Thanks for your support.



Vacation Bible School 2015

Mark your calendars today--VBS will be August 3-7, 9am-noon. We'll be discovering **God's Plan 4 U = Jesus** at Son Spark Labs. Think science experiments and crazy creations! Spread the word! We are looking for teachers, helpers and decorators. Contact Carol Alfrey (calfrey@att.net) for more information. The craft supplies will be listed down below. You can find the registration form on page _____ of this newsletter

VBS Craft Supplies 2015

Items to save:

Plastic peanut butter jars with lids

plastic single serve yogurt cups

Colorful pop or water bottle lids (only, no bottles)

Please make sure all recyclables are clean of food & labels removed, if possible.

Newspapers (no inserts)

old nylons

mesh vegetable or fruit bags

bright colored yarn

metallic confetti

9" white, fluted paper plates – 60

3" rubber bands - 30

colorful small socks – kid's size, qty.30

Acrylic paints-assorted bright colors

Colored Sharpie markers

marbles - 30

wax paper

Blue, green, yellow & orange tissue paper

pink & green felt

spring type clothespins - 30

miniature clothespins - 15

clear plastic flower pot liners about 10" to 12"

Yellow construction paper

large size blue & green construction paper

colored cardstock

white cardstock

poster putty

glitter glue

colorful, patterned scrapbook paper

large googly eyes

hot glue sticks

6# white rice

grass seed & potting soil



CELEBRATING A DECADE OF
WALTER & CONNIE PAYTON FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL



RUN FOR PAT HILL!

Sweetness

RUN OR WALK IN HONOR OF PAT HILL

PAT HILL IS A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER FOR WCPF THAT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER LAST YEAR. SHE IS AN AMAZING WOMAN WITH A HEART OF GOLD, WHO OWNS A LOCAL STORE CALLED HILL'S COUNTRY STORE, BUT BETTER KNOWN AS "THE PURPLE STORE".

EVERY PERSON WHO REGISTERS FOR THE SWEETNESS RUN IN HONOR OF PAT, PART OF THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE DONATED BACK TO PAT TO ASSIST WITH HER COURAGEOUS FIGHT!

SATURDAY
6
JUNE
2015

\$40 ON SALE NOW!
\$45 RACE DAY

8K START TIME 8 AM
5K START TIME 8:15 AM
NEW 5K - 8K COURSE!
(DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE ORIGINAL COURSE)
YORKVILLE GRADE SCHOOL
201 W SOMONAUK STREET · YORKVILLE, IL 60560
(ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ORIGINAL LOCATION)

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TEAM PAT:

- PICK UP A FORM AT HILL'S COUNTRY STORE, 25133 HARTER RD, KANEVILLE, IL
- REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PAYTON34.COM AND ENTER TEAM NAME: PAT HILL

COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE RETURNED BACK TO HILL'S COUNTRY STORE OR MAILED TO WCPF BY MAY 15TH!

DROP OFF COMPLETED FORMS AT:
HILL'S COUNTRY STORE
25133 HARTER ROAD
KANEVILLE, IL

MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO WCPF:
WCPF
1905 MARKETVIEW DRIVE #234
YORKVILLE, IL 60560



Please keep in your prayers the Northern Illinois Annual Conference June 14-16, 2015 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL and our representatives:
Rev Avani Christian and Sandy Gould, Lay Person.

United Methodist Scholarships Program

If you have a family member who is currently a college/ graduate student and s/he is a member of the United Methodist Church, encourage them to apply for one of the many scholarships offered by our larger denomination. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) offers more than 50 scholarship programs funded through special Sunday offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts. For detailed scholarship/loan information, go to the web site: www.gbhem.org



Check It Out!

Just in time for Father's Day—***The Sound of My Daughter's Voice, Parenting from Birth to the Empty Nest***. In this book, Wayne Hastings urges parents to actively listen to their children and commit fully to the task of nurturing their unique talents and abilities. He identifies the specific stages children go through on their journey to adulthood, as well as adjustments moms and dads must make along the way. Hastings examines 9 seasons of a child's/parent's life:

- Birth—A Time for Joy
- Toddler—A Time to Join
- Elementary—A Time to Play
- Middle School—A Time to Listen
- High School—A Time to Teach
- College—A Time to Coach
- Engagement—A Time to Welcome
- Wedding—A Time to Let Go
- Empty Nest—A Time to Remember

The Sound of My Daughter's Voice offers sage advice on how to make your children's growing up years the best time of all your lives.

Find this and other parenting resources on the bookshelves in the nursery.



A Father's Prayer

"Fathers, don't over-correct your children, or you will take all the heart out of them."

--Colossians 3:21(New Testament in Modern English)

Heavenly Father,

Today I feel clunky, clumsy, and not very efficient—like a truck tire out of balance. I say things I shouldn't (usually at high volume), and don't say things I should. When I try to bend something, it just breaks. Please help me, Father of fathers, not to take the heart out of my kids!

Tie down my tongue when something shouldn't be said or when You know I'll say it all wrong. Turn my words from bullying to encouraging. Help me to listen long instead of trying to fix things fast.

Show me how to make a point without yelling, to restrain without squashing. Erase from my mind, at least for a while, all the sentences that begin with "Kids these days..." and "When I was a boy...."

Hear my prayer, Abba, Father. Every day I want to walk into my house with a blameless heart (Psalm 101:2). I want to be quick to say, "I do this because of what the LORD did for me" (Exodus 13:8). I want to be "above reproach"—managing my family well and raising children -who obey me with respect and affection (1 Timothy 3:2-4).

By Your mercies, help me be merciful. By Your grace, give me graces. Because what I want to hear today is Your voice all through the house saying "This is my much loved son in whom I am well pleased."

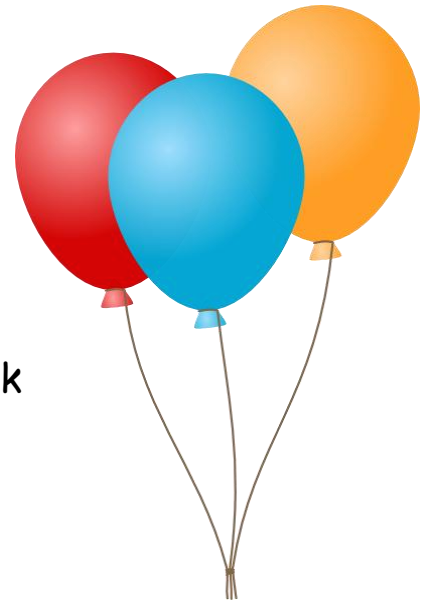
Amen.

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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 2 Stuart Lee Sachin Christian
- June 3 Joshua Angell
- June 4 Kimberly Flint
- June 7 Alyssa Ekstrom
- June 9 Hansen Ragatz, Steven Lawson
- June 11 Jan Gramley
- June 18 Darlyne Dwyer, Colton Werrline
- June 19 Mike Ladford
- June 21 Amy Weiland, Sue O'Connell
- June 24 Kim Wendling, Caroline Deborah Frielink
- June 27 Sue Andersen
- June 28 Debby Long



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- June 3 Dan & Sheri Kahl
- June 11 Michael & Carly Niceley Schoonover
- June 14 Troy & Shari Schrader
- June 26 Andy & Becky Frielink
- June 28 Ken & Sue Anderson

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

KUMC CONNECTIONS | May 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Graduation Sunday 9:30 Outside Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Inside Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Outside Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Inside Service	29	30				

Contact Us!

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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

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