

KUMC CONNECTIONS

September Newsletter
2015



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

I am doing extensive readings on Gospel of Mark. As our children start their school year we feel that we all have started a great journey.

In the Gospel of Mark, there's a reoccurring theme: Jesus is always moving, always "on the way". He never stays put. If you've ever tried to sit down and read the Gospel of Mark, you might notice that it is a hurried book, almost anxious, and Jesus is moving to and fro constantly. In fact, one of the most frequently used words in the Gospel of Mark is "Immediately." Everything happens immediately in the Gospel of Mark. Even when Jesus goes to preach, he does it immediately.

It sort of gives a notion of hurriedness in our children life. There's something about being a child that is hurried, in constant motion, and always "on the way" towards this mythic thing called adulthood. And, that lifestyle has something to offer us when we think about who we are as Christians.

Although I don't think we should take on a crazy, hurried life, I do think there's something powerful about Mark's ever-moving, always immediate Jesus—something valuable for Christians of all ages in that rush of the teenage years.

Mark's Jesus was on constant pilgrimage, going from one place to another, always leaving something behind to start something new.

What I think we can learn from his journey, though, is that he always had his end-goal in mind: resurrection. Everywhere he went, every place he entered and left, all of that led to his call: to show God's love through resurrection. He was always moving, but never side-tracked.

The church, too, can be ever-moving, ever changing, always on a journey and always going somewhere. Mark's vision of Jesus can teach us how to accept journeys, change, and movement as a part of our identities as Christians. It reminds us that we must also be in motion as a church, going out from our home and into the wider world to accept our call.

Mark is only one of our four Gospels, so it's not as if we always have to be that kind of Christian, but it is a part of who we are. On some level, part of our identity is a constant pilgrimage, a constant movement towards our call to resurrection. It means that we leave some things behind, but it means mostly that there are always new things ahead, should we accept the journey.

So this in this new school year, may our children find their identity and as they change into fine men and women, let us also as parents and church members accept that change in them and around them.

Together we Serve,

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KUMC CONNECTIONS | Faith in Action

September Mission of the Month

Elburn Food Pantry & Food Pantry Dinner

Help support our community by donating a monetary gift or gifts of food to the Elburn Food Pantry. Food items can be placed in the brown collection box. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. As a reminder, the food pantry cannot accept expired food. The pantry does accept produce from your garden on Thursdays. Also look for sign up sheets to help with the Food Pantry Dinner on **September 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. This is a great way to serve our neighbors!

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September Sermon Series

"CONFESSIONS OF STRUGGLING PARENTS"

Nobody told us it would be like this! We imagine ourselves in picture-perfect families, and then reality sets in. From toddler to teenager and beyond, parenting is frightening, exhilarating, gut-wrenching, life-changing, sorrowful, and joyful all at once. Join us for a light-hearted series of messages that takes a serious look at the reality of parenting. We'll hear from seasoned parents and their children, and we'll learn what the Bible teaches us about parenting. This Fall, grow in your faith as you grow closer to God's perfect picture of parenthood.



Date

September 6th 2015
September 13th 2015
(Grandparents' Day)
September 20th 2015
September 27th 2015

Sermon Title

"What Blessing Bestowed"
"Blessing of Grandparents"
"You Are Not Alone"
"Honoring Our Parents"

Vacation Bible School 2015

A **BIG** thank you to all who helped make this summer's VBS such a success! It takes over 30 staff, storytellers and helpers each year to provide this vital ministry to our community. Over 75 kids participated this year, including our middle school and high school youth. Thanks to teachers Michelle Rissman & the KCCC crew, Anna Wendling, Colleen Landers, Connie Marquis, Manda Davis, Wendy Peck and Anna Dembowski. Special thanks to our center directors: Carol Flanders in music; Karen Flamand, Alana Meyer, Julie Kettelkamp, Brianna Brehm, Cathy Buck and Suzanne Barnhart in crafts; Jack Kettelkamp in recreation; Erica Plumb in the kitchen; Erin Frizzle Kettelkamp for her awesome scientific experiments and teen helpers Natalie Barnhart, Mariann O'Connell, Sarah & Caleb Baerenklau, Jazmyn Scholl, Kate Bumber, Owen & Hayden Ragatz. An extra **BIG THANK YOU** to Jolene DeWitt and Hanson Ragatz & kids and Erin & Jack Kettelkamp for transforming the sanctuary and narthex into an amazing lab. Additional thanks to Diane Hance, Alana Meyer (robot creator), Jody Springsteen, Julie Kettelkamp, the Ottoson & Barnhart families, Mariann O'Connell, Michelle and Cathy Buck (Planetarium) and others who pitched in to make every corner of the church look so authentically scientific.

And finally, thanks to storytellers Jody Springsteen, Diane Hance, Jan Gramley, Mary Robinson and Sandy Gould; registration ladies Marge Miller and Katie Downen, Matt & Dan Alfrey for all their technical assistance, Bob Barnhart for making sure our playground was safe, Pastor Avani for subbing as needed and taking pictures and the whole church community for your donations, prayers and support. You made this special week possible.

Rally Day

On August 23 at the 9:30 service, we celebrated our Rally Day with the traditional balloon release, attendance pins and Bible presentation. Ethan Ryan, our incoming 3rd grader received his Bible that morning. Congratulations to the following kids who received attendance awards:

Morgan Davis	1 st year pin	Mariann O'Connell	5 th year bar
Milan Christian	2 nd year bar	Addison Vanatta	6 th year bar
Logan Plumb	2 nd year bar	Ethan Ryan	6 th year bar
Savannah Plumb	2 nd year bar	Alyssa Ryan	7 th year bar
Sam Vanatta	3 rd year bar	Eva Ottoson	7 th year bar
Addison Ryan	3 rd year bar	Jack Kettelkamp	13 th year bar
Thor Ottoson	5 th year bar	Anna Wendling	15 th year bar



Sunday School

Sunday school resumes August 30 at **8:30 a.m.** We have classes for preschool through high school age kids, as well as adult classes. Many thanks to our dedicated staff:

Carol Alfrey	Superintendent
Kim Wendling	Treasurer
Carol Flanders	Music
	Co-teacher Primary
Ben Vanatta	Co-teacher Primary
Carol Alfrey	Middle School
Russ Wendling	High School



Peacemakers

Hey kids, **Peacemakers** starts in September! We will meet again this year on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month from 6-7:30 pm at the church. **Peacemakers** is like a mini-VBS with music, games, crafts, a lesson and treats. This is a COMMUNITY program, open to all children, regardless of whether or where they go to church. **Peacemakers** is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our first meeting is **September 9th**. See you there!

KUMC Women

Work Night and Fellowship - **Sunday, September 20th - 4:00 p.m.**

All ladies are encouraged to attend our annual work night at the church on Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m. This is an evening of preparation for the October 10th Beef Supper and Bazaar. We will be making cranberry relish, packing and wrapping raffle baskets, putting up fall bulletin boards, talking, sharing & eating. Please put this date on your calendar and come enjoy working with the other ladies of the church!

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



Kitchen Cleaning

There is a list in the kitchen of areas and items that need to be cleaned prior to the Beef Supper. Any time you are available to spend some time cleaning would be greatly appreciated. The final date for cleaning will be **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th**. If you haven't been able to help before then, come on up and we'll tackle whatever is left.

Cole Slaw Making

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

A Note from KCCC:



"Thank You So Much!!!

We were so elated to receive all the donated items for our school this year. Because of your generosity we have been able to stock each room and still have some to tuck away for later.

Thank you for your kindness!!!"



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Adult Literacy Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed to tutor adults in reading or speaking English. Contact Waubonsee Community College Adult Literacy Project (630)801-7900 ext. 4221

Online, Self-paced training September/October or classroom training September 12 & 19 from 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. Both days are required.



Check It Out!

The KUMC library is full of a variety of books for all ages and tastes. Christian romance, non-fiction, Biblical analysis—we have it all! This month’s feature is: Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (*Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life*) by Joanna Weaver.

Like Mary at Bethany, Christian women of today love Jesus and long to sit at his feet....but the demands of a busy world just won’t leave them alone. And like Martha, they love Jesus and want to serve Him...but they struggle with weariness, resentment and feelings of inadequacy.

Jesus is present today, right in the midst of your busy Mary/Martha life--and He extends the same invitation He issued long ago to the two sisters. Tenderly He invites you to choose the “better part”, a joyful life of intimacy with Him that flows naturally into service for Him.

How can a busy Christian woman of today make that choice? This unique and insightful book shows you how. Its fresh approach and creative, practical strategies show the Mary and Martha of today how to draw closer to Jesus. You’ll deepen your devotion, strengthen your service—and do both with less stress and greater joy.

You can find this month’s selection and all of our parenting and women’s resources in the nursery/meeting area.



A Creation Celebration

(Celebrating our Children’s Unique Creation)

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

-Ephesians 2:10

Dear Heavenly Father,

My child, _____ is Your special creation, anticipated by You from before the beginning of time, now reborn in Jesus to carry out Your perfect will (Ephesians 2:10).

You are the Great Creator God (Genesis 1:1). Everything You imagine and shape is good (1Timothy 4:4). How grateful I am that Your unchanging goodness will surround my child throughout this life (Psalm 23:6). And when Your personal, loving intentions for my child are realized, You will exclaim, “It is good!” Like the tiniest flower on Creation Day, my child is the skilled, caring work of Your fingers. How excellent is Your name in all the earth (Psalm 8:1)!

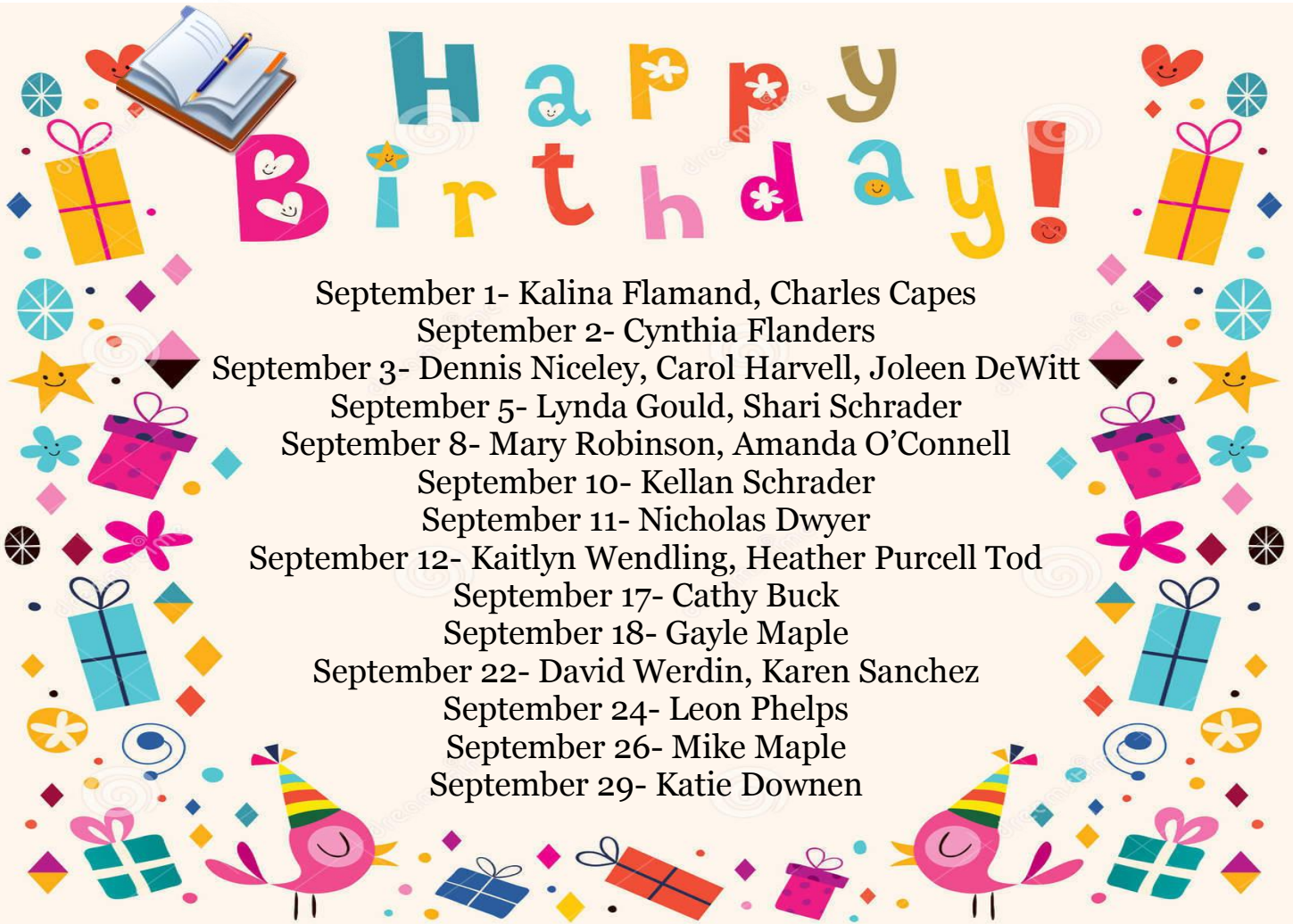
That is why I can be confident that what You have started in my child’s life You will certainly finish (Philippians 1:6). Regardless of life’s troubles, I can rest assured that because of Your loving work in my child, he will shine like the brightness of the stars forever and ever (Daniel 12:3).

Until that celebration day, breathe into my child the will and the power to seek You, to be molded by Your hands, to honor You with a life of goodness (Philippians 2:13).

Amen.

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

KUMC CONNECTIONS | Celebrations!



September 1- Kalina Flamand, Charles Capes

September 2- Cynthia Flanders

September 3- Dennis Niceley, Carol Harvell, Joleen DeWitt

September 5- Lynda Gould, Shari Schrader

September 8- Mary Robinson, Amanda O'Connell

September 10- Kellan Schrader

September 11- Nicholas Dwyer

September 12- Kaitlyn Wendling, Heather Purcell Tod

September 17- Cathy Buck

September 18- Gayle Maple

September 22- David Werdin, Karen Sanchez

September 24- Leon Phelps

September 26- Mike Maple

September 29- Katie Downen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

September 6- Dave & Pat Sigmund

September 19- Stu & Cathy Buck

September 21- Poul & Karen Flamand

September 28- Joe & Melinda Ratliff

September 28- Pat & Andrea Purcell



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

KUMC Connections | September 2015 Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Inside Service	7	8	9 Peacemakers @ 6 p.m.	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Last Outdoor Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 a.m. Service Women's Work Night & Fellowship 4 p.m.	21	22	23 <i>First Day of Fall!</i>	24	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Service	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 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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