

KUMC CONNECTIONS

January 2016 Newsletter

BRINGING GLORY TO GOD, AND IMPACTING LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP, SHARING, SERVICE AND PRAYER.

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

Luke 13:18-19 NRSV

As 2016 begins this passage brings me hope. Jesus speaks these words when he is preaching one day on the Sabbath. He has just healed a woman who has been crippled for many years, and as usual he has been criticized for doing it. Then he seems to change the topic and speak about the Kingdom of God, which is planted almost invisibly but grows to be a great tree. I think that perhaps he hasn't changed the subject at all; in fact what he is saying is that the healing they have just witnessed is just the beginning sign of the great things to come. God's big works often begin as local miracles that multiply and grow.

This passage brings me hope as I think about the many seeds we have planted in 2015 as a congregation. We've started to work on the capital campaign for upgrading pews and sanctuary, we've defined our mission and vision, we've started to lay out a discipleship growth path that helps people Meet, Know, Grow and Go in Christ. We have planted a lot of seeds. All of them are so small right now that they may be invisible to many people in the congregation. But all of them are seeds sown in faith, all are being steadily watered, and with God's continued blessing all have potential to grow into great trees that build our congregation, as we seek to be workers for God's Kingdom.

As you look back at 2015, I hope you feel blessed by the distance we have come. As we look forward to 2016, I hope you can feel the excitement that comes with seeing the seeds we have planted sprout and begin to grow. Personally, I can't wait to see what God will produce from our labors!

Happy New year to all!!

Your Laborers in Christ,



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KUMC January Mission of the Month

Missions will be collecting diapers this month for a mother and her two small children in Aurora. We are collecting size 5 and size 6 diapers. Any contributions are greatly appreciated! Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase diapers. There is also an ongoing collection of canned goods for Elburn Food Pantry and Band-Aids and antibiotic cream for Hessed House!



2016 MISSION PROJECTS

January: Family of Need – Collecting Diapers, sizes 6 & 7, and Baby Wipes

February: Hessed House – Shelter for the homeless in Aurora

March: Elburn Food Pantry – Provides grocery items for area families in need

April: Child Fund – Adopt a Child

May: Care Packages for currently serving Service Men/Women

June: JFON –Justice for our Neighbors – Immigration legal services

July: Feed My Starving Children – Providing nutritious meals for starving children in over 70 countries.

August: KCCC – Childcare Center Scholarships

September: Operation Christmas Child

October: Conley Outreach – Good Samaritan Fund

November: Blanket Sunday – Church World Services and African Wells

December: Gifts of Love & Holiday Spirit – Families of need in our church or community

The Mission committee has chosen the following missions to support for 2016.

Information regarding these missions is on the bulletin board in the fellowship area of the church. Thank you, in advance, for supporting the missions.

Peacemakers

Peacemakers will meet on **Wednesday, January 13**. Come find out why Christians are a lot like M&Ms! We will meet at the church from 6-7:30.

Friends are always welcome!

Valentines

It's almost that time again! If you know someone who would like to receive a special handmade Valentine from KUMC, please let Carol Alfrey know. College kids, military personnel, members who have moved from the area, shut-ins or anyone who needs a smile (and perhaps a floor covered with glitter)—we'd love to bless them!

**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
Please see page 8 for sign up form!

**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.
Must be age 11 or older.

2015 Poinsettias

NameIn Memory of

Mary Robinson

Kent Robinson

Anna Dembowski

Gus and Bonnie DePasquale

Marge Miller

Don Miller

Sue Ladford

Grandma and Grandpa**Anderson**

Jan and Elmer Gramley

Our Parents

Dave and Lynette Werdin

Our Parents

Tom and Carol Flanders

Our Parents

Katie and Steve Downen

Keith, Dean and our parents

Marilyn Hohmann

Tom Hohmann

Dawn Schleifer

Mother

Erica and Colton Plumb

Grandparents

Brianna & Josh Brehm and Marianne O'Connell

Grandparents

Robert & Suzanne Barnhart

Richard Barnhart

Susan Long

Denny Long

Vanatta Family

Grandparents

Nadine Flint

Brothers-Burt-Warren-Ogden

Sandy Gould

Parents

Andrea Purcell

Parents

Norma Farley

Francis Farley

Carol and Dan Alfrey

Loren Alfrey**Save the Date:****19th Annual Chili Supper!**

KUMC Men's Club annual chili
supper will be on February 20, 2016!

Chili from Mild to Wild!

Come enjoy and evening of fun!

**THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all who helped with the Children's Christmas Program, "**Glory to God in the Highest**", especially Carol Flanders (music and costumes) and Dan Alfrey (accompaniment & sound). Thanks also to the Youth class narrators and all the kids who performed special music.
You were fantastic!

Thank you to all who donated gifts and warm hats, scarves, socks and gloves to Holiday Spirit. KUMC provided Christmas gifts for an area family with 4 children this year. It was my great privilege to meet each of the 41 families that received help through Holiday Spirit. The generosity of this church community continues to be truly inspiring. Thank you for putting "feet" on your faith!

Check It Out!

It's a New Year and for many that means resolutions to eat better, simplify our lives, or get serious about our walk with God. No matter what you resolve to do in 2016, there is a book for you in the KUMC library! For those who are looking to **lose weight or just get healthy**, check out Gwen Shamblin's book, The Weigh Down Diet. Also on our shelves are The Maker's Diet (The 40-day Heath Experience that will Change your Life Forever) by Jordan S. Rubin and Faithfully Fit (A 40-day Devotional Plan to End the Yo-Yo Lifestyle of Chronic Dieting) by Claire Cloninger and Laura Barr.

Hoping to **slow down and simplify** in the New Year? Read A Place Called Simplicity, the Quiet Beauty of Simple Living, also by Claire Cloninger. Filled with inspirational as well as practical ideas for uncluttering your life, this book provides the encouragement and directions you need to begin to carve out a road through your complicated circumstances to a place of quiet beauty and simplicity.

Finally, the library is filled with many **daily devotionals**, perhaps the most well-known and well-read is Oswald Chamber's My Utmost for His Highest. Here is an excerpt:

"Many of us have a mental picture of what a Christian should be, and looking at this image in other Christians' lives becomes a hindrance to our focusing on God. This is not salvation—it is not simple enough...." Chamber exhorts, teaches and preaches in this timeless classic.



Starbucks Cranberry Bliss Bars

Recipe submitted by Erica Plumb
Recipe from: http://www.melecotte.com/2010/12/starbucks_cranberry_bliss_bars/

Cake Base:

1 cup butter, room temperature
1 ¼ cups brown sugar
3 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 ½ cups flour
1 tsp. ground ginger
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup minced dried cranberries
¼ cup Lindt or Perugina or other quality white chocolate — coarsely chopped
¼ cup minced candied ginger

Preheat oven to 350 and lightly grease a 9×13 pan.

Beat butter and sugar together, and add eggs/vanilla beating until fluffy. Sift together flour, ginger, baking powder and salt. Add to the butter mixture, beating well. Fold in the cranberries, chocolate and candied ginger. Spread thick batter in pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until light golden. Cool completely.

Frosting:

4 oz. cream cheese — softened
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. butter, room temperature
1 tsp. vanilla

Garnish:

2 Tbsp. minced dried cranberries
1/3 cup white chocolate chips (e.g. Ghiradelli or Guittard) — melted

Cream the butter and cream cheese together until smooth. Add sugar and vanilla and mix until tell incorporated, smooth, and spreadable. Transfer to the cake base and spread a thin layer over the cake. Cut into preferred sizes. Sprinkle with the minced cranberries. Using cake decorating bag, baggie, or fork, drizzle the melted white chocolate over the cake.

Happy Birthday!

January 3	Carol Alfrey
January 4	Carol Miller
January 5	Len Heinberg
January 5	Julie Kettelkamp, Mary Niceley
January 10	Pat Purcell
January 11	Dan Kahl, Troy Langeness, Ben Ratliff
January 14	David Sigmund, Michael Sigmund
January 16	Mariann O'Connell, Katee Werrline
January 20	Suzanne Barnhart
January 21	Ken Andersen, Sam Vanatta
January 26	Andrea Purcell
January 27	Janet Runty

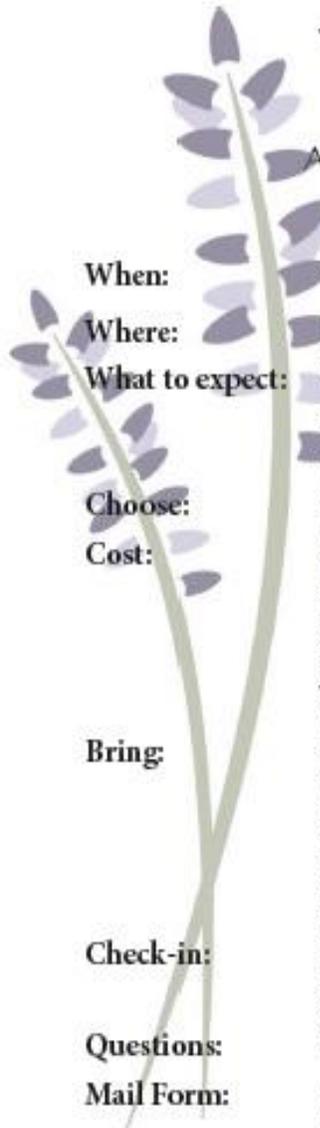
KUMC Connections | January 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13 Peacemakers 6pm	14	15 Women's Retreat	16 Women's Retreat
17 Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Women's Retreat	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 8:30 am Worship 9:30 a.m. 31 Sunday School 8:30 am Worship 9:30 a.m.	25	26	27 Aurora Cluster Mission Trip	28 Aurora Cluster Mission Trip	29 Aurora Cluster Mission Trip	30 Aurora Cluster Mission Trip



Kaneville United Methodist Church 17th Annual Women's Retreat

Looking for time away from the busyness of life?
Time to "stop and smell the lavender" as you relax with friends,
share laughter and stories and spend time with God?
Then, please join us at our Annual Women's Retreat.
At "Lavender Springs Spa", you'll find a lovely spot to slow down
and walk with God at a leisurely pace.



- When:** January 15-17, 2016
- Where:** Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, WI.
- What to expect:** Friendship – good memories - fun – laughter - encouragement & hope
spiritual growth - good food - meaningful moments - meditation & quiet time.
- Choose:** Between a one or two night stay. Or join us only on Saturday.
- Cost:** One night = \$65.00, Two nights = \$85.00, Saturday during the day only = \$25.00
(We will have all meals at our home on the lake and participants will be asked to furnish an item for snacking, Friday supper, Saturday breakfast or Saturday lunch.)
- Bring:** Bibles
Winter clothes & boots for walking outside – as we spend quiet time in God's glorious winter wonderland.
Bedding/sleeping bags, pillow, towels & toiletries
Food item *Note: Coffee, tea, lemonade and water are provided.*
- Check-in:** begins at 3:00 pm. Friday with supper at 6:30 pm. Saturday morning's program begins at 9 am with breakfast starting at 7am.
- Questions:** Call: Diane Hance 815-991-9488
- Mail Form:** Diane Hance – Women's Retreat
320 Somonauk St., Apt A - Sycamore, IL 60178

KUMC Women's Retreat - "Lavender Springs Spa" – January 15-17, 2016

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to: Kaneville U.M. Women

Registration form due by January 8, 2016 *Registration fee is transferable but not refundable
Scholarships are available, please speak with Carol Flanders at 630-557-2766

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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

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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