

# KUMC CONNECTIONS

*February 2016 Newsletter*

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

*“My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4 (Common English Bible)*

When growing up I used to collect sea glass from the beach. We used to compare with each other and see the size, shape and color. Finding sea glass often requires a careful eye and quick reflexes to collect from the coastline before a wave washes it away. But the effort is handsomely rewarded. Sea glass is simply beautiful and makes even more beautiful and rather expensive jewelry. During Valentine Day many would give their loved ones a jewelry or some thing that was made of sea glass.

This lent we will see God’s grace, love and mercy through Jesus Christ in learning from Sea glass. Sea glass begins as normal remains of broken glass. Bottles, jars and even fine china, which, in ordinary use become shattered, are discarded into the ocean. Years and years of persistent tumbling in the depths of the sea, often for fifty years or more, results in a smoothing and rounding of the sharp edges. Additionally, this process transforms the once slick surface of the glass to a beautiful frosted appearance. It is this rather turbulent and long process that produces such beauty. Naturally, no two pieces are ever identical, making each one a unique treasure.

James, the brother of Jesus, invites us to re-imagine the various trials and difficulties we encounter in life. Much like sea glass, we often become broken in our common life together. Some may even feel that they have been discarded by the world into the depths of the sea. But the promise of scripture is sure, nothing, not brokenness or being thrown away by others will ever separate us from the love of God. Though God is not the author of hardship and trials, God will remain with us in the deep places of the sea, smoothing our hurts and polishing our frailties until our lives take on the beautiful luster and color of sea glass.

In life we may experience brokenness, but if we trust in God, what we will discover one day is that we have been fashioned into people who are fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing. And the beauty people see in us will be Christ’s glory; glory that resides in One who considered every test of life as an occasion for joy. That beauty is what call Easter.

I hope that you would come and be part of lent journey to become God’s masterpiece.

In His hands,



Rev Avani Chrsitian

## KUMC February Mission of the Month

We are collecting the following items for the Hesed House.

- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Kleenex (travel size)
  - Aspirin
  - Ibuprofen
  - Cough Drops
- Cold Medicine (w/o ibuprofen)
  - Antibiotic Ointment
    - Band-Aids
    - Deodorant
    - Men's Socks
  - Fingernail Clippers
    - Reading Glasses
- Baby Monitors (can be used)
- Warm Hats (washed if not new)
  - Gloves
  - Hand Warmers

### 2016 MISSION PROJECTS

February: Hesed 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 above 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.**

### Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at **Wesley UMC** at 14 N. May Street, Aurora IL. at 7 p.m.

## Peacemakers

Hey Kids! Beat the winter blahs at the February Peacemakers Picnic! Bring a friend and join the fun. We'll eat hotdogs, make a winter craft, and play some awesome games, including "icy marbles", sock snowball wars, and dog sled race!



Mark your calendar TODAY for **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm. Bring a friend!**

## 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! All kids and youth will be meeting upstairs **this Sunday (2/7) at 8:30 a.m** to make Valentines! Also, mark your calendars for **Valentine's Day—the kids will be singing at church** that day and doing a presentation on LOVE.



## Lenten Project

Ash Wednesday is February 10, which signals the beginning of Lent. The Sunday school Lenten Project will be **Child Fund**. The KUMC Sunday School has sponsored Child Fund children for over 24 years. We are currently sponsoring a little boy from Africa. The money we raise will help pay our sponsorship, which is about \$300 per year. Look for information about Child Fund and our child on the bulletin board in the Sunday school area.

## Lenten Devotionals

KUMC will be offering a 40 day Lenten devotional booklet available via email or by mail. If you are interested in receiving a devotional booklet, please contact pastor Avani at [pastor@kanevilleumc.org](mailto:pastor@kanevilleumc.org) or 630-696-7817.

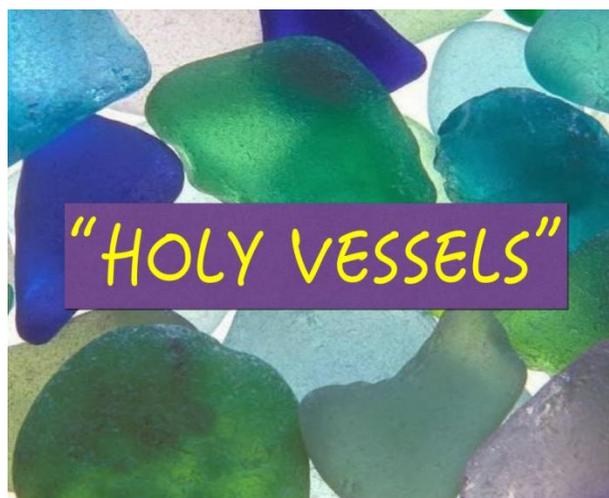
## Messiah Passover Tickets

Messiah Passover tickets are available to sign up for. A signup sheet will be located in the fellowship area. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Langeness at [plangeness@icould.com](mailto:plangeness@icould.com).

## “Holy Vessels: Healing and Wholeness”

*The journey to Easter is more about learning and preparing to “live the Easter life” – living as if death has no hold on us. Each of us is created a precious vessel of God’s love. Each of us has experienced hurt in some way, bringing a sense of brokenness. To move toward healing is to offer the gift of live and wholeness (or wholi-ness), not only for ourselves but also for others as we come to see each person as a Holy Vessel and as we come to desire that wholeness for all of creation. This Easter experience the wholeness.*

- FEB 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 Treasure
- FEB 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 Safekeeping
- FEB 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 Stories
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 Different Pictures & Restoration
- March 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 KUMC Youth service
- March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 Holy Holy Holy (Palm Sunday)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 Maundy Thursday 7pm
- March 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 Good Friday 7pm
- March 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 Easter SonRise Service 7:30am
- Easter Service 9:30am (Easter Cantata)



## Youth Lock In

The Lock-In was a great success!! The “Chopped” cooking competition was the highlight of the evening with groups of kids competing to make appetizer and dessert selections that were judged by a panel of “experts”. Thanks to Anna Wendling for planning the event and to the Barnharts, the Wendlings and Pastor Avani for chaperoning this all-night KUMC tradition.

## Youth Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13 as we celebrate our children and youth at the 9:30 worship service. The service will be a celebration of Jesus through song, dance, artwork, drama and scripture! Kids are invited to bring in their artwork, school projects, awards and photos on Sunday, March 6 to be used in the Youth Sunday display in the Fellowship Area.

## KUMC Movie Night

*Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m.*

From the award-winning creators of **Fireproof** and **Courageous** comes **WAR ROOM**, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.



Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan’s world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth’s bitterness only increases.

But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth’s newest client, Miss Clara, challenges Elizabeth to establish a prayer “war room” and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth begins to fight for her family, Tony must decide if he will make amends.

As Miss Clara wisely says, “Victories don’t come by accident!”

## Men's Club 19th Annual Chili Supper!

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

5:00-7:30 p.m.

*Chili from Mild to Wild!*

Live Country Blue Grass Music by

**The Good Ole' Boys Gospel Singers!**

Come enjoy a fun evening!



## Check It Out!

The KUMC library has added 2 new DVDs this month in honor of the big events in February: the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day.

**The Blind Side** (PG-13) is based on the true life story of Michael Oher, currently playing with the Super Bowl bound Carolina Panthers. Oher (Quinton Aaron) knew little about family and less about football as a homeless teen living on the streets of Memphis. Well-to-do Leigh Ann Tuohy (Sandra Bullock) knew little about his world, but when they meet Michael finds the home he never had. This inspirational tale of unconditional love and commitment is a must-see.

**Fireproof** (PG) is the story of firefighter Caleb Holt's battle to rescue his marriage from the ashes. Holt (Kirk Cameron) lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. But at home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now he must face his toughest challenge ever...rescuing his wife's heart.

## To Love Your Word

### *Praying from Psalm 119*

*"My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end." Psalm 119:112*

Lord,

Today I pray that you will open my children's eyes to the truths of the Bible; may they find and experience the wonders of your Word (vs. 18). I pray this for myself and especially for my children.

Teach my children to follow Your rules for living throughout their whole lives (vs. 33). Give them a spiritual understanding of the Bible—deeper than awareness or knowledge or even memory—that will help them wholeheartedly obey it (vs. 34).

Lead them clearly and firmly in the path of your teachings (vs. 35). Use Your Word to show them what to do in small and large decisions. Let Bible truths help them find the way home when problems are too big for them (vs. 130).

Draw my children into a sincere love for Your Word; deliver them from shortsighted, selfish living (v. 36). Please, Lord, let the blazing wonder of Your truths turn my children's eyes from wanting what is worthless in the long run. And keep renewing their passion for You (vs. 37).

Amen.

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

## KCCC News

- A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to KUMC for your generous mission of the month donation of **\$335!** We will be using the donation to purchase **supplies and groceries for our classroom.**
- KCCC has **adopted a platoon** that has been deployed to Iraq. We sent them **Valentine's Day cards** with a heart shaped sucker to let them know our KCCC family supports them and that we are proud of all that they do for us. We will be participating in more campaigns and would love to have your help to support our soldiers.

The next campaign will be in April. It is called "**Operation Foot Care Patrol**". In high desert temperatures and cold, wet environments, our troops must constantly take care of their feet guarding against sores, blisters, fungus, bacteria and keeping their feet dry. We will be accepting donations of **new socks, foot powder, anti-fungal cream, cooling cream, nail clippers, and /or athlete's foot lotion or cream.** We will send the to help our Troops serving our Nation know that YOU are helping i their mission as they serve far from home on our behalf.

- Our **Spring Fundraiser** will begin **February 8** and run for two weeks. We will be offering **Gourmet Coffee, Cookie Dough Mixes, and Gourmet Fudge.**
- Summer Employment: We are looking for teacher qualified candidates for our Summer programs and camps. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them email us at [info@kccc-kids.com](mailto:info@kccc-kids.com) or call us at 630-557-2424.



# KUMC CONNECTIONS | Celebrations!

## Happy Birthday!

February 1	Elizabeth Besco
February 8	Milan Christian, Ed Baldrige
February 12	Tiffany Ratliff
February 14	Tim Werrline
February 15	Marge Miller
February 16	Erin Kettelkamp
February 16	Ruth Lawson
February 17	Susan Long
February 18	Diane Hance
February 23	Stu Buck
February 25	Corrine Kainz
February 28	Jack Kettelkamp

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

February 7	Dave & Lynette Werdin
February 10	Jim & Sue O'Connell
February 23	Tim & Sharon Werrline
February 26	Dave & Peggy Vaughn



# KUMC Connections | February 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Ash Wednesday Service @ Wesley UMC 7 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Peacemakers 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Chili Supper 5-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday School 8:30 am Worship 9:30 a.m.  Movie Night 4 p.m.	<b>29</b>					

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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**.

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