

KUMC CONNECTIONS

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

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Two days before I sat down to write this newsletter article, Muslim Jihadists slit the throat of an elderly Catholic Priest conducting the Mass in France. A week earlier, another Muslim Jihadist mowed down over one hundred people in Nice, France. And before that, there were other attacks done in the name of Allah to people whose worldview did not conform to that of Muhammad. Christians are concerned about being an attacked by Jihadists for their faith in Christ.

Having removed Christianity from a position on of privilege in the public square, many in the church wonder if the government will take a position on hostile to the Gospel. Many are concerned that “freedom of religion” will only apply to worship, and not the exercise of their faith in society. Christians are concerned about being a attacked by a secular state.

And while these threats to the faith should not be casually brushed aside as some are content to do, they do not, in my opinion, constitute a systematic threat to Christianity as an institution on or the personal faith of Christians. They present difficulties that need to be seriously addressed, but not a crisis worthy of panic. One of the things that we really have difficulties is to see God in control. It’s hard to see that God is present in when all this evil happens. And that very reason we lose being Christian.

One of the comforts I got was from VBS theme Expedition Norway. We talked a lot about how God is good in all the time. When life is sad....scary....and good... still God is good. God brings himself to us in midst of all our circumstances. That’s what we are missing in our lives. That in all our situations and events in our life and nation we need to hang on to our promise of God. The promise of God is the peace that passes all understandings.

Hope that you may find in this time of scary and turmoil, God’s peace and justice.

In Christ,

Rev Avani Christian



KUMC Missions for August

The KUMC mission for August is Kaneville Community Child Center. **Kaneville Community Child Center (KCCC)** is a Preschool and Daycare center located in the heart of Kaneville just five minutes west of Route 47 down Harter Road. The children we educate and care for live in Kaneville and the surrounding communities of Sugar Grove, Elburn, Maple Park, Hinckley, Cortland, Batavia, and Waterman to name a few. KCCC is part of a small community where hometown values and family come first. KCCC has been in operation since **1986**.



A Note on our mission projects for the first half of 2016:

As usual, this church has been very generous in supporting the “Missions of the Month”. Thank you to everyone for the continued support. Here is a recap of what we have collected and contributed the first six months of this year.

January: Family of Need; \$250, 275 diapers and 312 diaper wipes.

February: Hessed House; \$250, 200 personal hygiene and basic first items.

March: Elburn Food Pantry; \$95, food and paper items plus served a meal at the pantry.

April: Child Fund; \$396 per year, to sponsor an African Child. This will be a yearly mission.

May: Operation Support Our Troops; \$245 and 225 personal hygiene, first aid, and other packable items.

June: JFON/ Justice for our neighbors; \$95 plus KUMC will supply food in August for a Saturday session .

I think this church has such a big heart. Everyone is always willing to give their time, money and talents, to keep our doors opened. Because of your generosity, we are also able to support not only our church but all of these missions.

Thank You,
The Mission Committee

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Vacation Bible School 2016

A **BIG** thank you to all who helped make this summer's VBS such a success! It takes over 30 staff and other helpers each year to provide this vital ministry to our community. Over 65 kids participated this year, including our middle school and high school youth. Thanks to teachers Michelle Rissman & the KCCC crew, Anna Wendling, Colleen Landers, Bridget McCracken and Michayla Bartholet and crew leaders Connie Marquis, Sarah Baerenklau, Hayden Ragatz, Kyla Baldrige, Pastor Avani, Mariann O'Connell, Natalie Barnhart and Jazmyn Scholl. Special thanks to our center directors: Carol Flanders (assisted by Grace Turk) in music; Karen Flamand, Alana Meyer, Julie Kettelkamp, and Brianna Brehm, in crafts; Jack Kettelkamp and Owen Ragatz in recreation; Erica Plumb in the kitchen. An extra **BIG THANK YOU** to Jolene DeWitt and Hanson Ragatz, Diane Hance, Alana Meyer, Avani Christian, Jody Springsteen, Julie Kettelkamp, Karen Flamand, Mariann O'Connell, Natalie Barnhart and others who pitched in to make every corner of the church look so authentically Norwegian.

And finally, thanks to Bible Adventure leaders Jody Springsteen, Diane Hance Wendy Peck and Manda Davis; Norway Experience leaders Manda Davis, Pastor Avani and Connie Marquis; registration ladies Marge Miller and Jody Springsteen, Atman Christian & Dan Alfrey for all their technical assistance, Bob Barnhart for making sure our playground was safe, Pastor Avani and Jolene DeWitt for taking pictures and the whole church community for your donations, prayers and support. You made this special week possible.



Rally Day

Join us Sunday at the **9:30 on August 21** for our traditional Rally Day worship service. Children entering 3rd grade will receive Bibles and we will end the service with a balloon launch.

Sunday School

Sunday school resumes August 28 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:

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



Registration forms and Parent Handbooks are available in the Fellowship area.

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 14th. See you there!

Youth Lock-Out

Friday, August 12-13. 8pm (Friday)- 7am (Saturday)

We will be camping out behind the church. Please email Anna Wendling (amwendling1@hotmail.com) if your Middle Schooler or High Schooler will be able to make it or with any questions. Friends are always welcome!

New KUMC Directory

When : August 23rd 2 -8:50pm & August 24th 2-8:50pm

Where: Kaneville United Methodist Church

What: Please bring non-perishable food item to donate.

How: You can signed up at the church. The sign up sheet is located on the information table.



KCCC News



Now Enrolling for Preschool 2016-2017

We have some spots still open for Preschool which runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:45-11:15.

Secure your spot today! Call us at 630-557-2424 or e-mail Miss Carolyn at info@kccc-kids.com to set up a tour or for more information.

"Ef yoo kan rid ths yoo prbli ar a teecha!"

Would you like to work with Preschoolers a few days a week? KCCC is always looking to add talented, energetic, positive, honest, and fun people to our staff. Must be an outstanding communicator and rapport-builder with parents. Prior early teaching experience a must. Send resume, cover letter, and a statement about your availability during the week, if you are looking to just sub now and then, work part-time just to dabble a bit, or if you'd like to work full-time and why you love to teach to:

Kaneville Community Child Center
PO Box 111
Kaneville, IL 60144

We hope you are all enjoying your summer!
The Staff at KCCC

5th Annual JFON Dinner

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016
4:30 p.m. Gathering, 5:00 p.m. Dinner
Elgin Community College Bldg. E
1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin



For more information about sponsorships and tickets,
contact Judy Siaba at jsiaba@umcnic.org or 312-346-9766 ext 724 or visit
www.nijfon.org



KANEVILLE FEST 2016



Friday, August 26th

9am-3pm – Community Garage Sales (Pick up map at Hill’s Country Store)

11am-2pm – Grill Out – Hill’s Country Store

8pm – Movie Night – Hill’s Country store (rain or shine)



Saturday, August 27th

9am-3pm – Community Garage Sales (Pick up map at Hill’s Country Store)

11am-2pm – Grill out Specials at Hill’s Country Store

3pm- Kids Bike Parade led by the Kaneville Fire Department
(Meet in subdivision in Locust Court)

Bike parade map located on the Facebook page – Kaneville Fest 2016.

3:15pm-6pm – Carnival Games & Activities (Located at the pavilion)
Balloon Bob will be there from **4pm-5pm**

3:30pm -Ice Cream Eating Contest (Located at the pavilion)

3:45pm- Watermelon Eating Contest (Located at the pavilion)

5pm-7:30pm- 5 B’S Catering Fundraiser (Located at the pavilion) Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner - Tickets Sold at Hill’s Country Store & Kaneville Public Library

5pm-9pm - \$1.00 Slushies at Hill’s Country Store

5:30pm-6:30pm – Music by DoubleSpeak (Located at the pavilion)

5pm-8pm- 50/50 Raffle drawing

6:30pm –100 fest participants will receive a free novelty treat from Cream King (Located at the pavilion)

7pm-9pm- Music by iPOP (Located at the pavilion)

9pm- Spectacular Fireworks Show



Check It Out at the KUMC Library!

Seven Solutions for Burned-Out Parents by Dr. James Dobson is one of this month's featured KUMC book selections. Dr. Dobson examines 7 strategies for helping families find balance in this warp-speed world:

- Renew the Sabbath
- Just Say "No" to Over-Commitment
- Let Go of the Desire to Acquire
- Seek Balance for Your Life and Family
- Turn Off Distractions and Tune In to Your Loved Ones
- Lift Up One Another
- Find Peace Through Prayer

Simple and easy-to-read, this little book is a gentle reminder to us all of what is really important and how to slow down enough to recapture it.

Shaping the Man Inside-Teenage Boys! Surviving & Enjoying These Extraordinary Years by Bill Beausay helps parents of teen boys develop your own real-world parenting plan by giving you the tools you need to improve your parenting style. You'll be encouraged to bring out the best in your teenage son and actually enjoy the process! You'll be empowered to overcome your fears and unleash the potential of the godly young man inside your teen. With refreshing honesty and plenty of personal examples, Christian clinical psychotherapist, Beausay illustrates six principles for provocative parenting that can revolutionize your relationship with your teen son, addressing everything from sexuality to friends and rebellion.

Another Kind of Parent

(As we prepare to send our children back to school)

"[Mordecai] had a beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadessah (also called Esther), whose father and mother were dead, and whom he had adopted into his family and raised as his own daughter." -Esther 2:17

Heavenly Father,

Today I pray about the other parent figures who will affect my child's life for the better. I know that my loving arms won't always reach far enough. How I thank You that You will use specially chosen relatives, stepparents, teachers and pastors to hug my children for me—to be Your face and hands and voice in times of need.

Some of these people I may already know. Some I'll never meet. Thank You, Lord, that You can call on other adults who love You to carry out Your good purposes for each one of my children (Isa. 49:22-23). Through her cousin Mordecai's pure motives and wise advice, You took care of Esther, and You blessed Your people. Do the same kind of miracles for my kids!

Bless these "other parents" who can encourage and love my kids in ways I can't. When the call to parent comes, may they treasure my child as much as You do. Also prepare me to be that "other parent" to children in my world.

But please, Lord, protect my kids from adults who would misuse or abuse their influence.

Heavenly Father, You have a special heart for children in need (Ps. 146:9). How I thank You for Your amazing family on earth I will rest in Your wide, fatherly embrace today.

Amen.

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

KUMC CONNECTIONS | Celebrations!

August Birthdays!

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| August 5 | Savannah Plumb |
| August 6 | Brianna Brehm |
| August 8 | Colette Lee |
| August 9 | Erik Thorsten Ottoson |
| August 11 | Megan Long |
| August 14 | Owen Ragatz |
| August 15 | Hayden Ragatz |
| August 16 | Myra Ottoson |
| August 21 | Roger Souders |
| August 24 | Kent (Rocky) Robinson |
| August 25 | Judy Angell |
| August 26 | Jennifer Flint |
| August 28 | Betty Anderson |
| August 30 | Christopher Flamand, James Liedberg, Lois Long |



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| August 9 | Tom & Carol Flanders |
| August 24 | Eldon & Sandy Gould |
| August 30 | Al & Karon Miller |

Happy Anniversary!



KUMC CONNECTIONS | AUGUST CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Indoor Worship 9:30 a.m. | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Youth Lock- Out Starts 8pm | 13 Youth Lock-Out ends 7am |
| 14 Outdoor Worship 9:30 a.m. | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Indoor Worship 9:30 a.m. RALLY DAY | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Sunday School Resumes 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship 9:30 a.m. | 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

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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