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October 1 - 5:30pm Elburn Food pantry

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

October 20 - 9:30am Card Ministry

October 31 - Trick or Treat at KUMC 4 to 7pm

A note from the Pastor:

Blessed Fall to you all. October is upon us and change is settling in. Fall is wonderful and always reminds us that there's beauty in every season.

I encourage you to look to the coming days with hope. Towards the end of the month, we will open the church up and welcome Trick or Treaters to enjoy treats and fellowship. Invite friends to visit. Invite our neighbors to take part in handing out candy if they would like too.

The beginning of a November will lead us into All Saints Sunday, when we will honor those who have gone before us. The saints who planted seeds of faith for us. The saints who embodied God's grace for us. I encourage you to invite others to experience this blessed day. It may be that someone who has no connection to church, but might benefit from honoring their loved one. As always please email the names to our amazing Office Administrator, Karen, so the names can be added to the list and read on the first Sunday in November.

Finally, I encourage you to remember where our help comes from; like the psalmist says it is from the Lord.
"I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1-2

Let's seek to embody that in our actions as we strive to live into what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kelly

Prairie South Lay Academy Fall 2026

Saturdays, Oct. 10 and 17
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.
Mt. Morris: Disciples UMC
102 North Maple Avenue, Mt. Morris
Cost: $40
Cost includes light lunch
Youth may register at no cost if they have an adult accompanying them
All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
Classes:

1. **Basic Course:** Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future lay leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being a part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. Instructor: Kevin Mason. Book: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Guide by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson.
2. **Called to Preach:** This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training and for those who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Learn basics of pulpit supply speaking as well as "diving in" to get "hands on" practice. Book: From Pew to Pulpit by Clifton F. Guthrie. Instructor: Marcia and Clifford Peddicord
3. **Opening Ourselves to Grace (Video Series):** This video-based course helps lay servant leaders embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as means of grace. Book: Opening Ourselves to Grace: The Means of Grace and Disciples by Steven W. Manskar (download the pdf here) Instructor: Janet Becker

For information, contact Pastor Marcia Peddicord, Director, via email or call 815-579-5938.

KIDZONE 2026

KIDZONE is back in session, and we just performed our first skit of the season to rave reviews! Kids in kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome downstairs at KIDZONE as part of our 9:30 Service. Kids are typically excused after the special music or children's time. We'll be learning more about Moses this fall and looking for some new skit material.

PEACEMAKERS

Our new year of Peacemakers begins November 6th and will meet on a total of 5 days over the year when school is not in session. We will continue our VBS Hero theme with a Veggie Tales twist! Lessons, crafts, snacks and games, just like VBS! Peacemakers is for kids in kindergarten-5th grade and is provided in conjunction with KCCC.

Youth Group

The youth from Malta UMC, Maple Park UMC, and Kaneville UMC have all been coming together for activities and meetings. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm. 6th through 12th graders from the community are welcome. Contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

KUMC Halloween Trick or Treat Community Event—October 31

If you live out in the country, you probably don't see Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween. If you miss seeing all the costumes and re-living your childhood, join us at the church on Halloween when we open our doors to all the community kids strolling past that night. We will set up in the fellowship area, 2-3 people/family per table, with treats for all who come through. This is a great way to invite the community into our church and the perfect place to warm up (we'll have hot chocolate) or use the washroom! Please let Carol Alfrey know if you would like to host a table that evening. Plan for 40 children. KUMC Trick or Treating hours are 4-7pm.

Save the Date: Christmas in Kaneville

Mark your calendar now for Christmas in Kaneville, Saturday, December 5. We'll be hosting Cookie Decorating from 10 - Noon that morning, with loads of sugar cookies, frosting and sprinkles for the kids to create their own unique Christmas cookie.

At 1:30 pm, join us for our 6th Annual Community Christmas Program. This program will feature the musical and theatrical talents of our community and beyond. We invite children, teens and adults of all ages and talents to share their gifts. Soloists, small groups, singers, dancers, pianists, instrumentalists, ventriloquists are all welcome to perform! Both secular and sacred pieces are welcome as we celebrate God's love and the joy of Jesus' birth this season. Contact Dan Alfrey if you are interested in performing.

Fools to the Bone – A Parent's Prayer

"Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities."

Psalm 107:17

Lord,
I prove to myself on a daily basis how talented I am at being a fool in one way or another. Through silly pride and conceit, I try to live independently of You and Your strength. And unfortunately, I see that human tendency in my children as well.

But Your Word teaches that a food is more than a person who behaves foolishly once in a while. These "fools to the bone" think they're so cool, so trendy, so much smarter than the ones who work hard and take responsibility. But these fools are headed for a hard life of disillusionment and suffering.

Spare my children, Lord, from becoming or being influenced by fools—movie screens and businesses and school hallways are packed with them. Especially today protect my kids from those who say---and act as--there is no God (Ps. 14:1); those who are enslaved and deceived "by all kinds of passions and pleasures" (Titus 3:3); those who don't take the good advice of others (Prov. 26:11) and never seem to learn from their mistakes (Prov. 26:11).

By Your heavenly wisdom, show my children the disastrous consequences of a fool's life so they can see past the appeal of the moment.

And kindly forgive us of all our silly foolishness today.
Amen.

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

Missions

October Mission: Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has touched countless lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ--made known around the world through simple shoebox gifts.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered 157 million shoeboxes to boys and girls in 160 countries around the world. Each one—packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual—is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. Through these gifts children across the globe learn about God's love and the love and generosity of His people.

We will be collecting small items throughout the month to pack into pre-printed boxes for this mission. Our goal is to pack 24 boxes and raise $240, the amount it costs to ship our boxes overseas. Suggested donations can be found at https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/. There are also suggested donation lists available in the fellowship area at church. We will pack the boxes after church on Sunday, November 8 and bless them on Sunday, November 15 before they are shipped off for distribution.

Library

Check It Out!

Vicious Cycle

When 15-year-old Lance Covington finds an abandoned baby in the backseat of a car, he knows where she came from—she's the newborn daughter of a meth addict he's been trying to help. But when the police arrest him for kidnapping, Lance is thrust into a criminal world of baby trafficking and drug abuse.

His mother, Barbara, looks for help from Kent Harlan—the man whom she secretly, reluctantly loves and who once helped rescue her daughter from a mess of her own. Kent flies to her aid and begins the impossible task of getting Lance out of trouble, protecting a baby who has no home, and finding help for a teenage mother hiding behind her lies.

In this novel of suspense and family loyalty, bestselling author Terri Blackstock offers a harrowing look at drug addiction, human trafficking and the choices that can change lives forever.

Borrow these and all books in the KUMC library by simply signing the checkout sheets found on the bookcases.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

October 1	Robert Ladford
October 2	Lois Penninger
October 6	Matthew Alfrey
October 8	Dan Purcell
October 9	Austin Shingledecker
October 11	Cindy Hiltenbrand
October 20	Michael Schoonover
October 23	Addison Vanatta
October 26	Sara Gramley
October 27	Lindsey (Mack) Dunham

Anniversaries

October 1	Dennis & Mary Niceley
October 9	Ed & Anna Dembowski
October 23	Ben & Lisa Vanatta
October 27	Kalina & Levi Brundige

Capital Improvement Fund: Remember this special fund is to be used for any maintenance on our church & whatever project is the top priority. We still need to keep up our regular tithing for our regular budget items. Whatever extra you can give is greatly appreciated. Mark your checks with Capital Fund so our financial officers can put it in the appropriate account. If you have any questions about this project, please talk to Karl Kettelkamp.
Thank you for your help!

Mission of the Month:
Operation Christmas Child

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm Elburn food pantry	2	3
4 9:30am worship World Communion Sunday	5	6	7 6:30/7:30pm Praise band/choir practice	8	9	10
11 9:30am worship Sunday	12	13	14 6:30/7:30pm Praise band/ choir practice	15	16	17
18 9:30am worship	19	20 9:30am Card ministry	21 6:30/7:30 pm Praise band/ choir practice	22	23	24
25 9:30am worship	26	27	28 6:30/7:30pm Praise band/ choir practice	29	30	31 Halloween Trick or Treat 4 to 7pm