

# Kaneville United Methodist Church

## Newsletter July 2024



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### A word from Pastor Nancy Blade:

“Thank you. Your words, gifts, and celebration for me on June 23rd, were very touching. I will always remember the over and above kindness you showed to me throughout the last 5 years and especially as I go to a new, completely different assignment. One thing I take with me, God's love is all around when you surround yourself with Christian believers.”

Pastor Nancy Blade

A lovely, potluck luncheon was held on Pastor Nancy's last Sunday service. She gave us a wonderful gift of music at her service. Many friends from the church community and surrounding area came to wish her farewell and good luck. She was presented with a special photo album highlighting all the events over the last five years. She will truly be missed but we know she is not far, and we can still check in with her.



### Worship Schedule for July:

July 7: Pastor Kelly McKune (inside worship, communion)

July 14: Outdoor worship

July 21: Indoor worship

July 28: Outdoor Worship

August 4: Indoor Worship

The Summer Outdoor Worship schedule will be the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. The first Sunday will be Holy Communion and indoors. July 7th will be Pastor Kelly McKune's first Sunday with us. The installation service will be decided at a later date.

*Welcome*

to KUMC

**Pastor Kelly McKune, Michael  
and Arzella!!**



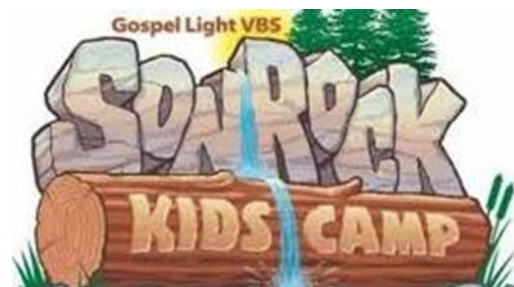
## KIDZONE

**KIDZONE** is on break for the summer, but look for kids' packets, books, and fidgets in the back of the sanctuary and outside worship area to keep your kids occupied during the service. There may be an occasional pop-up lesson around our VBS theme. We will resume after school starts in the fall. Peacemakers will resume in September as well.

### Vacation Bible School SonRock Kids Camp, "Where Kids Build their Lives on the Rock: Jesus July 22-26 9am-noon

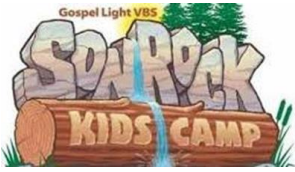
This adventure is based on 1 John 3:1, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." Each day kids will learn from various people in the Bible what it means to be a child of God. The daily sessions are: **Accepted** by Jesus, **Protected** by Jesus, **Saved** by Jesus, **Forgiven** by Jesus, **Living** for Jesus.

Once again, we will host VBS outdoors in the church's beautiful backyard, with crafts in the church basement and our storyteller in the Meyer back porch. Dates are July 22-26, 9am-Noon. The craft list and registration forms are on the fellowship table and our snack supply list will be available soon. Work nights are July 10 and 17 starting at 6:30. Contact Carol Alfrey for more information [calfrey@att.net](mailto:calfrey@att.net).



### VBS Craft Supply List 2024

Air dry clay    toilet paper tubes    Washi tape    smooth rocks    Brown fun foam  
 dried flowers    Paper plates    toy compasses  
 Stickers & foam stickers – forest animals, bugs, etc to go with camping theme  
 little brass bells    Brown, tan cardstock  
 Acrylic paints – all colors    Cotton balls



**Kaneville United Methodist Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 22-26, 2024 9am-Noon**

Children from preschool to sixth grade are invited to join us this year at **SonRock Kids Camp** where kids will learn how their lives can be changed by God's awesome love for them. They will have a great time with the music, games, crafts, snacks, and storytellers that make Vacation Bible School so much fun. A free-will offering will be collected each day. The estimated cost per child for the week is \$15.00, but scholarships are available. **VBS will be held outdoors again this year behind the church. Please dress your children accordingly.**

**TO JOIN THE FUN, FILL OUT, DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 15th TO: CAROL ALFREY, 2s556 DAUBERMAN ROAD, ELBURN, IL 60119 or email to [calfrey@att.net](mailto:calfrey@att.net).**

FAMILY LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BE WILLING TO DONATE A SNACK SUPPLY \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Child's Name	Age	Grade Next Year	Allergies/Special Needs (list)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

KUMC invites all kids living in the community, regardless of church membership or affiliation to our VBS and all our children and youth ministry programs.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN AREA CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If YES, where do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize KUMC VBS staff to secure EMERGENCY medical care for my child if I cannot be immediately reached at the time of the emergency. I understand that I will be responsible for paying the emergency medical charges.

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for KUMC to use my child's photo on the church Facebook page, website, or newsletter. I understand that my child will not be identified by name.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT give permission for KUMC to use my child's photo on the church Facebook page, website, or newsletter.

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## Such Is the Kingdom

*(As we prepare for VBS)*

*[Jesus] said to them, "Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as them. Don't send them away! I tell you as seriously as I know how that anyone who refuses to come to God as a little child will never be allowed into his Kingdom."*

*Then he took the children into his arms and placed his hands on their heads, and he blessed them.*

*Mark 10: 14-16*

Dear Lord Jesus,

Open the eyes of my spirit to see this scene on a Judean hillside: anxious mothers, grumpy disciples, wide-eyed toddlers stumbling around Your feet. And You, Lord, interrupting everything to sweep a child into Your arms.

Today I pray that our children will know that they are treasured by You. Forgive us when we don't want to be bothered, when we inadvertently "send them away" from You.

Help our children—even as they can't wait to grow up—to hang on to the childlike qualities that You celebrate. Teach them how to cling to simplicity, faith, and a trusting heart. And remind them that they are always welcome on Your lap.

Lord, we are in ordinary houses and not on a hillside. But we bring You our children. Please take them in Your arms, put Your gentle hands on their heads, and bless them. Thank You!

Amen.

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

## Check It Out!

Weary travelers. You've seen them — everything they own crammed into their luggage. Staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, trunks, duffels, and backpacks.

Backs ache. Feet burn. Eyelids droop.

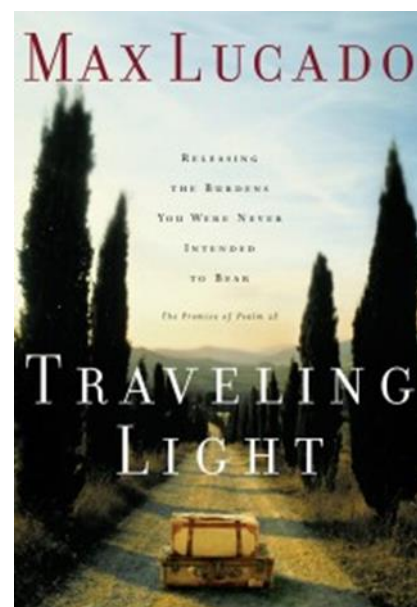
We've all seen people like that.

At times, we are people like that — if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual load.

We all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We're worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn't it be nice to lose some of those bags?

That's the invitation of Max Lucado. With the Twenty-third Psalm as our guide, let's release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear.

Using these verses as a guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens. May God use this Psalm to remind you to release the burdens you were never meant to bear.



Available in the KUMC library! Find these and other parenting resources on the bookshelves in the nursery.

## KUMC June Mission:

### Feed My Starving Children

Their Mission: Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach: Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed, and lives are saved! We will have an FMSC pack event in July TBA.



#### **Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.**

Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of the deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

#### **Plarn**

We are **NOT** collecting any more plastic bags to make plarn mats for Midwest Missions. The loom will stay set up for anyone who would like to work on this special mission. We will also be working on it every Saturday at 1:30pm. This is a recycling initiative to make sleeping mats from plastic bags. We are completing our third mat and are eager to train others in the community how to prepare the bags, create the "plarn" (plastic yarn) and weave the mats on our wooden loom. We will also be demonstrating this process at Kaneville Fest, August 24th. Stop by to watch or participate in prepping the bags for weaving. Our completed mats are donated to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center where they are used in their national and global emergency relief efforts. Starting in September we will have regularly scheduled times for prepping and weaving the mats. More information about workdays and times and where and how to donate plastic bags will be shared in the fall.

## Steeple Fundraiser

The steeple project is underway. The Azemi brothers started last week and hope to finish in another week. Make sure to take care as their scaffolding is all around the front steps of the church. Thank you everyone for donating to this huge undertaking!

Please join us in prayer for the Azemi brothers as they continue this work.



## Celebrations! HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1	Tom Runty
July 2	Ben Turk
July 5	Logan Plumb
July 10	Amanda Peterson
July 11	Dan Schleifer
July 13	Eric Baldrige
July 15	Grace Turk
July 16	Andy Weiland
July 28	Troy Schrader, Max McCoy, McKenzie Meyer
July 29	Lisa Jewitt
July 31	Ron Flint

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



July 5	Andy & Amy Weiland
July 13	Kyle & Sarah Slack
July 15	Anna & Jake Hynes
July 22	Tom & Janet Runty

## Softball Schedule

Come out to Big Rock-Crossroads Christian Youth Center field to see our Kaneville UMC team play competitive softball! Our players work hard and could use your encouragement. Unfortunately, we are still in search of our first competitive win. But we have been getting closer to that goal and having fun along the way! Thanks for all the support! Next game is July 1st crossover tournament. Times TBA.



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	1 Softball	2 Food Pantry 5:30PM	3	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July 	5	6 Men's prayer group 7AM 1:30PM Plarn
7 Worship 9:30AM inside	8	9	10 VBS work night 6:30PM	11	12	13 Men's prayer Group 7AM 1:30PM Plarn
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28 Worship 9:30AM outside	29	30	31			
<b>Save the date July 22 – 26 VBS SonRock Kids Camp!</b>						