

# Kaneville United Methodist Church

## Newsletter August 2024



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

It is August! August is such a beautiful time of year. It's a mix of summer ending, school starting, and sometimes a touch of fall starting. There's a lot that happens. For those experiencing a season of change, it can be distressing for some and exciting for others at the same time. Do not be overwhelmed. God can handle both points of view.

We've now had a month together. There's been a lot we've done in just a short time. A week of VBS has happened, we did a meal pack at Feed My Starving Children, the steeple was finished, the carrilon is back on, and now we are making plans for this month and into the future.

This month, my family and I will get to experience Kaneville Fest and the rich tradition that we are all excited about. There will be a tent setup to invite and introduce people to making plarn yarn, as well as plarn mats. Our Christian Education Director will share more about that fun activity. I encourage you stop by and bring a friend along to experience the practical and easy way we can care for our neighbors. I also hope you will help me meet even more people in the community. I'll be praying that we also get to meet new people in the town as well.

August we will continue with two more weeks of our sermon series on Hope Found in Transition. After that we will revisit who we are as United Methodists, our history, our sacraments: baptism and communion. You will also be invited to participate in studies about Communion and Baptism. These studies have a two-fold purpose. It will not only help us grow together, strengthen each of us in our own understanding and knowledge, and it will help me with my own requirement for our District Committee on Ministry (DCoM). As I am still in the process of moving towards ordination, there is still a lot of training I have yet to do. So, I'm grateful for your support as I learn and grow to be better equipped for God's glory and to serve our church of Kaneville.

Finally, I encourage you all to spend time pondering the words of the hymn we sang on Sunday: "And they'll know we are Christians by Our Love". This hymn has a beautiful rhythm that brings the image of gathering a people together. Of this call to come together in unified purpose, in unified love of God and then to make that known to other people. That all we do would reveal to others what God has already been doing and will continue to do. If we ask ourselves, "Is God's grace made known in my actions, words, and deeds today?". How do we answer ourselves? What ways can we pivot? What do we need to stay the course? God is doing good things in the land and I am grateful we are called to be a part of it.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Kelly McKune

Worship series: *Hope found in Transition*

Worship Schedule for August:

August 4: Inside worship, communion

August 11: Outdoor worship

August 18: Indoor worship

August 25: Outdoor Worship

## Prairie South District News

Bishop Dan Schwerin Assigned to Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area as of Sept. 1

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church, meeting July 10-13 in Sioux Falls, S.D., affirmed the assignment of Bishop Dan Schwerin to the Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area, effective Sept. 1, 2024.

The NCJ Committee on Episcopacy, which determines the bishops' assignments, announced them on July 13.

Find more news at: <https://www.umcnic.org/PrairieSouth>

Also <https://www.umcnic.org/> for the Northern Illinois Conference.



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## KIDZONE 2024



Kaneland and other area districts start back on August 14th. We will kick off the new school year on Sunday, August 11 at the 9:30 service with a special backpack blessing, a prayer for all our kids going off to school, from kindergarten to college and for our returning teachers and staff. We'll end the service with our traditional benediction blessing bubbles!

## Vacation Bible School SonRock Kids Camp

Our fourth outdoor VBS was a huge success! Almost 80 kids attended, assisted by about 20 teens and adults in various capacities. Thanks to all who donated food, craft supplies and decorating props! You made the week delicious, fun and authentically Campy. Thanks to our registration ladies, Jody Springsteen and Lois Penninger, for getting the kids to the right class that first day. To our teachers: the KCCC staff, Connie Marquis,



Peggy Langness, and Pastor Kelly, a big thank you for not only running your classes to all the stations, hither and yon, but for demonstrating the love of Jesus in your words and actions. Our wonderful storytellers (Diane Hance, Jody Springsteen, and Jan Gramley) helped connect our Daily Truth with Bible stories, doing a great job of bringing these stories to an understandable level. Thanks to our crafters—Karen Flamand and Alana Meyer who magically turn odds and ends into adorable creations. A special thanks to Karen and all those work night helpers, who behind the scenes plan and prep the crafts. Our new recreation leaders, Kaitlynn and Abby kept the kids running, jumping, and basically burning off all that excess energy while relating the activities to the Bible stories. Carol Flanders and Addison Vanatta got the kids singing, signing and able to perform at our Friday noon program. And who could forget snack? A big thanks to Savannah Plumb and Sandy Gould for our delicious snacks each day. Our teen helpers were invaluable—Sam Vanatta, Jake

Maier, and Courtney Jansons-- and were awesome examples to our VBS kids. A HUGE shout out to Joleen DeWitt for decorating help and covering bell duties on Thursday, and Alana and Harry Meyer for providing our storyteller space on their beautifully decorated back porch. And finally, for all those men, women and youth who hustled the tents, tables and chairs—you absolutely Rock! Thank you all!



### Watch Over My Child

(A Prayer for our children returning to school)

*"...when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile."*

-Exodus 2:2-3

Heavenly Father,

How great and mysterious are Your ways! You ask us to trust You with that which we love most. How did Moses' mother do it? How did she let her baby go, knowing so many things could go wrong?

The dangers my children face today are different, Lord, and yet just as real. Drugs, strangers, household accidents, bullies, gangs—even bad babysitters!

Thank You that even when my children are out of my sight, they are never out of Your sight. Please watch over them in all they do and through every encounter they have with the world.

Thank You that I can surrender my child and place him in the dangerous river of life, knowing that You will be watching over him, not from far off, but from very nearby. Amen

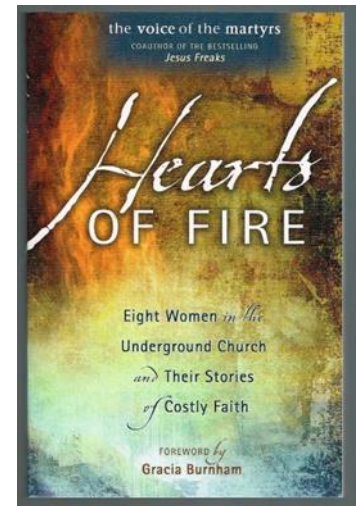
(Taken from Praying the Bible for your Children by David & Heather Kopp)

## Check It Out!

### **Hearts of Fire: *Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith***

Kidnapped. Beaten. Imprisoned.

*Hearts of Fire* introduces you to the stories of eight courageous women who have shown incredible conviction and commitment to Jesus Christ in the face of severe opposition for their faith in Him. You'll meet women who demonstrated extraordinary boldness and tenacity, refusing to cower from advancing the kingdom in nations hostile to Christ.



These true stories of heroines of the faith – women who represent countless others facing similar situations around the world today—are inspiring role models of faith and courage. Even in the depths of their pain and suffering as Christ’s witnesses, His hope strengthens them, and His love compels them to reach out to those around them. Their stories can’t help but inspire us to deepen our faith and remain steadfast despite life’s difficulties.

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

### **Elburn Days and Kaneville Fest**

KUMC is hoping to have a presence at both Elburn Days and Kaneville Fest this year. Pastor Kelly has a fantastic, fun and easy float for the Elburn Days Parade—her Jeep! Take off the top and sides, slap on a KUMC sign, post a couple of kids in the back to run the bubble machine and it’s a float! We will need 2-4 people walking to hand out candy and treats as well. If you’re interested in riding or walking, please sign up on the fellowship table.

We are considering doing a plarn prep and weaving demonstration at Kaneville Fest. This would be between 4-6pm that day. We would have a table for the weaving and one for people to help cut and connect the bags. If you are one of our “plarners” and would be willing to work an hour or two that day, please Carol Alfrey know.



## **KUMC August Mission:**

# Beautiful U MINISTRIES

### **Our Mission**

Beautiful U is passionately committed to serving our community and the surrounding Chicagoland area as a Christ-centered, "family-style" intervention program for single mothers. It is our desire to share the good news of God's unconditional love with each mom as we provide the individualized physical, emotional and spiritual care and support that she needs in order to help her move into the next stage of her life while feeling loved, supported, confident and independent.

### **Our Method**

Beautiful U works together with various social work organizations. Our referrals come from a large matrix made-up of crisis centers, hospitals, health departments, school districts, shelters, and churches . Upon acceptance into our voluntary program, each applicant is prayerfully placed in either a Beautiful U Satellite-Home (under age 18) or in the Transitional Living Center (TLC). Based on our experience, a safe, secure, Christ-Centered family environment is an essential part of our process which is why we operate a "family-style" program where healthy, biblical, parenting and life skills are taught and modeled so that our applicants can move toward a more positive and independent future.

### **Our Statement of Faith**

We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

### **Beautiful U Resale Shop is located in the heart of historic downtown Elburn**

#### **112 N. Main Street, Elburn IL 60119**

Beautiful U Resale Shop was founded to provide on-site job skill training for our moms, increase public awareness, provide a resource for community outreach and as an additional way to help fund & support our ministry. We resell donated items and are run by a team of dedicated volunteers.

We sell: Clothing, Shoes and Accessories for the entire family, Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage Items, Furniture, Home Decor, Housewares, Books, Toys, Seasonal Decor and almost EVERYTHING in between!

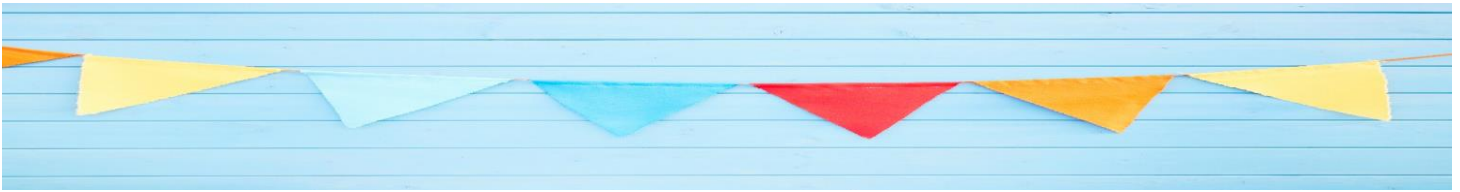
## Plarn

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. 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 Project completed!

The steeple project has been completed. The Azemi brothers finished up in just over 2 weeks. There were many repairs done on rotted wood, plus animals chewing through and making homes. They resingled it and repaired molding on the outside. Everything is caulked and painted too! Since the repairs are finished, we have begun to ring our bell on Sunday mornings and the carillon plays at noon and 6pm every day and 9:15am on Sundays! Thank you to all who contributed funds to this capital project. And thank you to Jason McCoy and Karl Kettelkamp for helping oversee this project.





## **Celebrations!**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

August 2	Kathryn McCoy
August 5	Savannah Plumb
August 6	Brianna Brehm
August 8	Collette Lee
August 9	Thor Ottoson, Susan Paustian
August 14	Owen Ragatz
August 15	Hayden Ragatz
August 21	Roger Souders
August 26	Jennifer Flint, Pastor Nancy Blade
August 28	Betty Anderson
August 30	Chris Flamand

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

August 1	Michael & Kelly McKune
August 24	Eldon & Sandy Gould
August 30	Al & Karon Miller
August 31	Austin & Lynda Shingledecker



### AUGUST 2024

				1 5:30PM Food Pantry	2	3 Men's prayer group 7AM
4 Worship 9:30AM inside	5	6	7	8	9	10 Men's prayer Group 7AM
11 Worship 9:30AM Outside Backpack blessing	12	13	14	15	16 Elburn Days parade	17 Men's prayer Group 7AM
18 Worship 9:30AM inside	19	20 Card Ministry 9:30AM Sandy Gould's	21	22	23	24 Men's Prayer Group 7AM  Kaneville Fest
25 Worship 9:30AM outside	26	27	28	29	30	31 Men's Prayer Group 7AM