

Kaneville United Methodist Church

Newsletter September 2024



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September, hopefully this is the month where you feel like you can breathe a bit. August is such a transition month for many. September now feels like the keep going moment. For farmers it might be the time to dig in or you might still be prepping for the upcoming harvest. Whatever 'season' we find ourselves in, I hope you are able to look around and see the goodness of God.

We spent some time in worship talking about hope and then seeing and being able to share Good News. Recently we've been talking about our United Methodist heritage. Heritage that spans generations and different expressions, that has grown over time and given us deep roots. In an effort to understand ourselves as a local church and as a global church, we spent some time talking about God's grace and holiness. On the 1st of September we'll talk about Holy Conferencing. It's going to be a rich lesson.

During the series, I introduced a song called "Grace Alone". It's #2162 in "The Faith We Sing" black hymnal. It's this rich, simple song that has profound meaning. It has been fun hearing people's reactions and learning who already knew the song. I hope a part of the song has pulled at your heartstrings because I hope that the message in it grounds you.

Because what we are called to do as a church, as Kaneville UMC, requires effort. It requires personal and communal efforts. Why? Because Jesus asked us to spread the Good News! To embody in all that we do, Good News! We cannot do that without God's grace. So, as we continue to do new things, revamp old things, discuss, plan, and have fellowship, we are going to need healthy portions of God's grace. We must constantly be reminded to focus our attention on the source. Whatever God calls us to do next, we can trust in God's grace to see us through! Thanks be to God!!

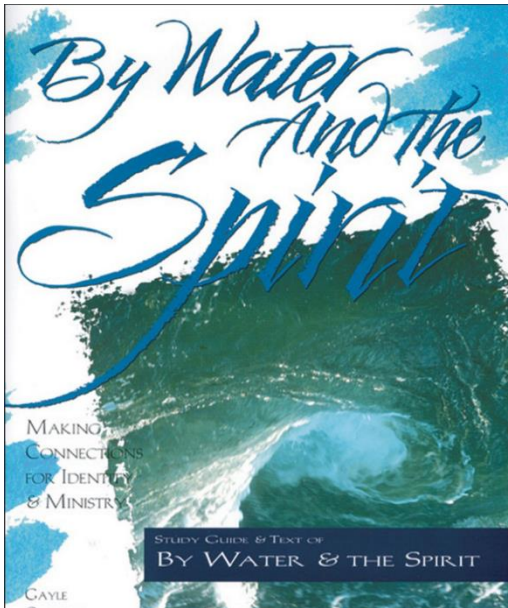
I want to end by thanking everyone for the efforts given in the past weeks. We've been an active church!! Some things worked and some didn't. That's great! We were present and I couldn't be prouder to be in ministry with you all. I want to encourage you to look ahead to upcoming events.

Choir and praise band will be starting on September 4th . After church Bible Studies will have a different start! I am inviting everyone to come to a Bible Study after church starting September 15th . We'll be doing a 4 week session studying Baptism. Baptism is a key part of who we are as Christians and as United Methodists. Everyone is welcome.

As always go forth in grace and peace.

Pastor Kelly

BIBLE STUDY



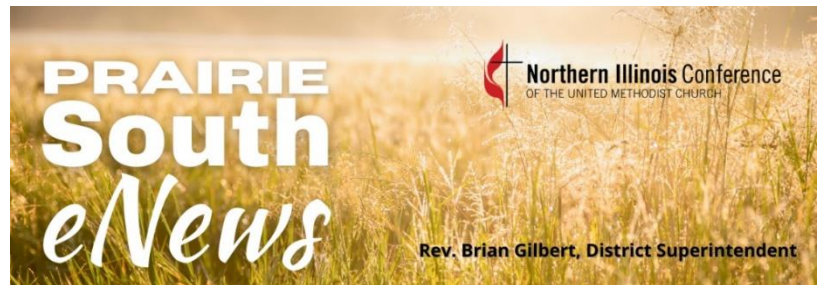
“By Water and the Spirit”

Diving into our understanding of Baptism

On September 15th, everyone is invited to join in an All-Church Bible Study. “By Water and the Spirit” Diving into our understanding of Baptism by Gayle Carlton. We will begin after Sunday Worship Service. You will want to purchase the study book. Please contact Pastor Kelly if you need any help in ordering the book. Feel free to order the Kindle version or hard copy.

Prairie South District News

Celebration of Arlene Christopherson’s Ministry on Sunday, September 8, at Downers Grove First UMC from 4- 6pm. Cards and words of appreciation can also be sent to Rev. Christopherson at the NIC office at: Northern Illinois Conference Office, Attention: Words of Appreciation for Arlene Christopherson 303 E. Wacker Dr, Suite 2020, Chicago, IL 60601



Prairie South Fall 2024 Lay Academy: Saturdays, Oct. 12 & 19. See Pastor Kelly for details. Flyer on Welcome table.

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

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

NIC 2024 Youth Retreat, Sept. 27-29, Williams Bay, WI. Open to all middle-school and high-school youth (6th through 12th grades) across the conference.

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/nic-2024-youth-retreat>



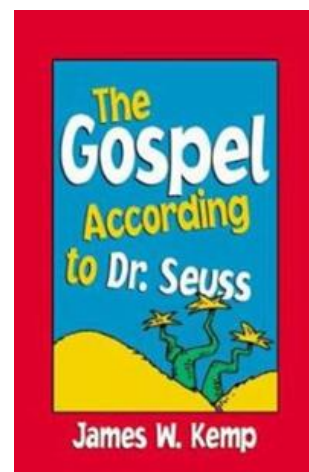
KIDZONE 2024

All kids 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. Our final outside worship service is Sunday, September 8 so we will officially start KIDZONE the following week on September 15.

Peacemakers:

We are continuing our Gospel According to Dr. Seuss theme this year at Peacemakers. Peacemakers meets throughout the year on select weekdays when school is not in session. This program is coordinated with KCCC as well as being open to the community. Our first Peacemakers will be Monday, October 14 from 10-11am. Peacemakers is for kids in kindergarten-5th grade. The first date will be Monday, October 14th. It is open to the community.

Future dates: Monday, November 25, Friday, January 3, 2025, Friday, February 28, 2025, & Monday, April 7, 2025



A Creation Celebration

(Celebrating our Children's Unique Creation)

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." -Ephesians 2:10

Dear Heavenly Father,

My child is Your special creation, anticipated by You from before the beginning of time, now reborn in Jesus to carry out Your perfect will (Ephesians 2:10).

You are the Great Creator God (Genesis 1:1). Everything You imagine and shape is good (1 Timothy 4:4). How grateful I am that Your unchanging goodness will surround my child throughout this life (Psalm 23:6). And when Your personal, loving intentions for my child are realized, You will exclaim, "It is good!" Like the tiniest flower on Creation Day, my child is the skilled, caring work of Your fingers. How excellent is Your name in all the earth (Psalm 8:1)!

That is why I can be confident that what You have started in my child's life You will certainly finish (Philippians 1:6). Regardless of life's troubles, I can rest assured that because of Your loving work in my child, he will shine like the brightness of the stars forever and ever (Daniel 12:3).

Until that celebration day, breathe into my child the will and the power to seek You, to be molded by Your hands, to honor You with a life of goodness (Philippians 2:13).

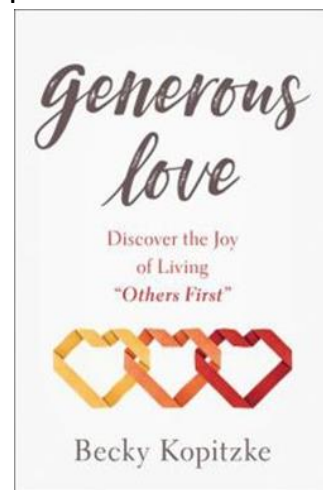
Amen

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

Check It Out!

Generous Love—Discovering the Joy of Living “Others First” by Becky Kopitzke

Most of us want to make a difference, to live and love generously. But we get caught in the crazy rush of household routines, work demands, cranky attitudes, difficult people, exhaustion and me-ism. And once again we fail to love the people around us. Author and speaker Becky Kopitzke has been there, and here she gives you the inspiration, practical tips, and ideas you need to make the most of the opportunities around you and reach out with love. Through her relatable stories, discussion questions, and careful application of God’s Word, you will discover the courage and inspiration to live the joy of Christ every day: loving others bravely and generously.



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

KUMC Recycling Projects

We had a great response to our plarn weaving demonstration at Kaneville Fest! Many thanks to Harry and Alana Meyer for all their work in setting up the display. Many neighbors of all ages stopped by to try their hand at the loom with Alana’s patient instructions.



Thanks to Connie Marquis for prepping multiple bags of pill bottles for the Matthew 25 Ministry center in Ohio. Three large boxes were recently shipped off to be included in their overseas medical mission projects.

And finally, a box full of batteries has been collected from the church and community center and is on its way to a recycling center in Geneva. KUMC is doing its part to help Kaneville Reduce, Re-use and Recycle!

KUMC September Mission:

Elburn-Countryside Food Pantry:

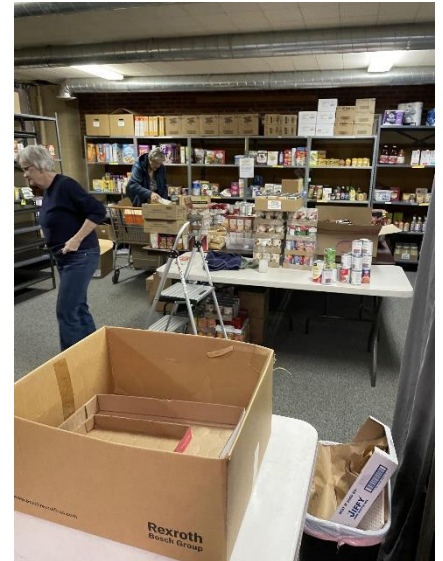
The Elburn-Countryside Food Pantry serves the Kaneland community. They provide food supplies for those in need without requiring approval. They are open every Thursday from 6pm to 7pm. Every first Thursday of each month KUMC staff the pantry. Monetary donations go farther to buy those items much in demand. We also collect food items in the box by the back door to take at other times throughout the year.

Twice a year (March and September) we provide meals for Elburn Food Pantry patrons. We will be doing a carry-out supper consisting of sandwiches, chips, and cookies on Thursday, September 12. There is a sign-up sheet for supplies and helpers at the Welcome Table.

In addition to the meal, we will also be collecting non-perishables to restock their shelves this month as well as collecting monetary donations. The food pantry buys milk to distribute each week, and the Elburn Jewel donates perishables, including meat, bakery items and produce. The pantry also purchases canned goods at a great discount through the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Donations that are always needed, include: flour, sugar, cooking oil, chocolate cake mixes, frosting, cookies, coffee (regular & decaf), juice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat (especially Spam), cereal, canned pasta (with meat), canned soup, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.

KUMC is also one of several local churches that staff the food pantry. Three volunteers are needed on the first Thursday of the month to fill our slot. Volunteers must be at the Community Center at 5:30pm to prepare for the clients. Talk to Carol Alfrey if you can help.





Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1 Kalina (Flamand) Brundige
 September 2 Cynthia Flanders
 September 3 Dennis Niceley, Carol Harvell, Joleen Dewitt
 September 5 Shari Schrader, Lynda Shingledecker
 September 8 Amanda Fouts
 September 11 Nicholas Dwyer
 September 12 Heather Purcell, Kaitlyn White
 September 17 Jack Paustian, Cathy Buck
 September 22 David Werdin
 September 23 Linda Turk
 September 27 Diane Farley
 September 29 Katie Downen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 6 Dave & Pat Sigmund
 September 19 Stu & Cathy Buck
 September 21 Poul & Karen Flamand
 September 28 Pat & Andrea Purcell

This year we had a float in the Elburn Days parade. All the support with candy was most appreciated!!! Thank you to those who were able to help decorate the Jeep and participate. Yes, we got rained out. It felt like a flood at the time. 😊 Still, I was immensely grateful for the support and the effort put forth!! Great job church!

Also thank you for all who participated in the KUMC Rummage Sale!!! So many helped and donated items. We raised over \$600 in the fundraiser. Great job! Thank you, Carol Flanders, for setting it up. Thank you again to all who helped in setting up, being present during the sale and for clean-up. Your efforts did not go unnoticed!!!!- Pastor Kelly

Dave Werdin's 100th Birthday Open House

Join us on Saturday, September 21 as we celebrate longtime KUMC member and friend, Dave Werdin's 100th birthday. A community open house will be held at the church that afternoon from 2-4pm. Stop by to greet our village's newest centenarian. The family has requested no gifts please. The house is full enough!

SEPTEMBER 2024

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| 1 Worship 9:30AM | 2 Labor Day | 3 | 4 6:30 & 7:30PM Praise Band & Choir | 5 5:30PM Food Pantry | 6 | 7 Men's prayer group 7AM |
| 8 Worship 9:30AM Outside | 9 | 10 | 11 6:30 & 7:30PM Praise Band & Choir | 12 3PM-5:30PM Food Pantry Meal | 13 | 14 Men's prayer Group 7AM |
| 15 Worship 9:30AM All Church Bible study begins | 16 | 17 Card Ministry 9:30AM Sandy Gould's | 18 6:30 & 7:30PM Praise Band & Choir | 19 7PM Ad Council | 20 | 21 Men's prayer Group 7AM Dave Werdin's 100 th B-day 2 to 4PM |
| 22 Worship 9:30AM | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Men's Prayer Group 7AM |
| 29 Worship 9:30AM | 30 | | | | | |
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