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Upcoming Dates:

October 6 - World
Communion Sunday

October 13 - Bible Study
Starts

October 31- KCCC Trunk
or Treat 11am
4 to 7pm Community
Trick or Treat at the
church

November 3 - All Saints
Sunday & Steeple
dedication

December 1 - Advent,
Charge Conference &
luncheon, Hanging of the
Greens



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A note from the Pastor:

Happy Fall Y'all! October can be such beautiful weather. Everything is changing, the weather is cooling and there are great activities going on. The changing weather also reminds me that no matter what is going on, God is able to care for us. All the vast knowledge and love God uses to care for God's children. So be reminded of that in the world around us. **2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!"** You are new and God is quite capable and willing to care for us.

I want to continue to invite you to attend the last session of Bible Study where we are digging into what our Baptism means and how it affects our lives. If you would like to read the study on your own, you are more than welcome to borrow the book. It is a very accessible reading.

Starting October 13th we will begin studying communion. Everyone is invited to this study after church services. Everyone is invited to come to the communion table, so everyone is invited to come and learn more about it! As always, feel free to come to one or all sessions. I am happy to purchase your book, or you can find it on Amazon or Cokesbury. *"This Holy Mystery"* by Gayle Carlton Felton is what we will be using.

I also want to encourage you to look ahead to our upcoming activities. Choir and Praise Band have begun rehearsing and performing. Feel free to join in! We have a lot of fun together praising God.

On Halloween we will have activities at the church and our childcare center KCCC, will be having a Trunk or Treat! If you can have a vehicle there at the center during the day, please let me know. I know our Director Cheri would love to have us!

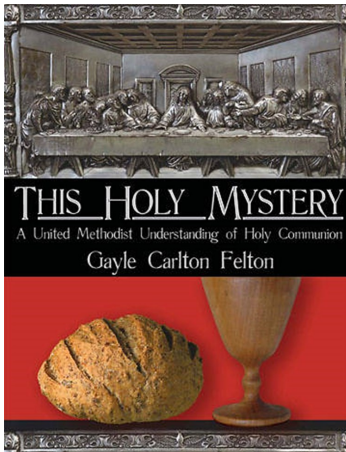
October we will also be preparing to celebrate All Saints Sunday. We celebrate and remember everyone who has entered into the Heavenly Church. Those who have given us the legacy of their faith. Anyone who has passed this year, we will read their names and ring the steeple bell to honor them. We will also be dedicating the newly renovated steeple. So much work and planning has gone into the project, now it is time to celebrate and dedicate it. We will be doing all that on November 3rd during our 9:30am worship service.

Also mark your calendars for Dec. 1st, it is going to be a fun filled morning!! We will be having our yearly Charge Conference, a luncheon, and the Hanging of the Greens! What a great way to enter into the season of Advent, the blessed time we have to prepare for the Christmas Season.

As always, may you be filled with the love and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Kelly McKune

BIBLE STUDY



“This Holy Mystery” Diving into our understanding of communion.

On October 13th, everyone is invited to join in an All-Church Bible Study. We will begin after Sunday Worship Service.

You will need the study book. Pastor Kelly has ordered the books and if you would like a copy, please let her know. The cost is \$9. Feel free to order on your own there is a Kindle version as well.



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

New Dates for 2025 Annual Conference: The Northern Illinois Annual Conference will meet at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center from June 9-11, 2025. This is a change from previously announced dates.



STEWARDSHIP & BUDGETING TRAINING
LEAD BY ELIANE MOY, NIC TREASURER

Saturday, October 19 **Free Training**
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Oregon: First UMC, 200 S 4th Street, Oregon IL
A basic discussion regarding stewardship and budgeting for your local church.

umcnic.org/calendar/stewardship-and-budgeting-training-fall-2024

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

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

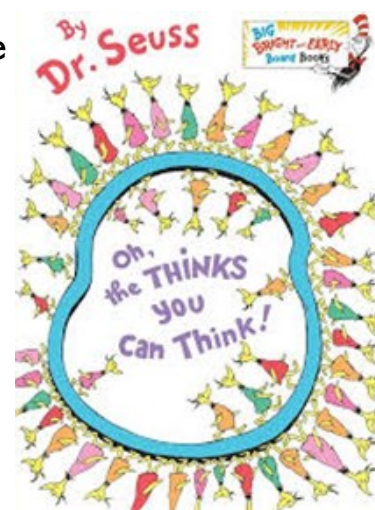
KIDZONE

KIDZONE is back in session! 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. Looking for more adult/teen helpers to help with this ministry. Talk to Carol Alfrey if you can take a Sunday every now and then. Curriculum is provided.



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 being open to the community. **Our first Peacemakers will be Monday, October 14 from 10-11:30am.** We'll be talking about creativity and reading *Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!* Peacemakers is for kids in kindergarten-5th grade.



KCCC Bible stories

Another KUMC KIDZONE ministry is at The Kaneville Community Child Center. Each month we visit their four classes to share a Bible story with the preschool children. Our September lesson was on Creation. Each child helped tell the story by holding the things created each day. And of course, flat Jesus always comes along too!

KUMC Halloween Trick or Treat Community Event

If you live out in the country, you probably don't see Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween, October 31st. 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, one person/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.

Avoiding Bad Company

(Praying from Proverbs)

"Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined." Proverbs 13:20 (Good News Bible)

Lord,

Your Word is so clear on the dangers of the wrong crowd: "Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company (24:1); "Do not join those who drink too much wine" (23:20); "My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them" (1:10).

I want to teach my children how to choose good friends, but I need Your wisdom, Lord. Show me how to be a fair judge of character. Help me to know when to let my children make their own decisions about their companions and when I should intervene.

Enable my children to see through the surface appeal of all kinds of lazy, dishonest, or dangerous people (1:10-19). So often these "sinners" are portrayed as heroes and winners in sports, music, film and TV.

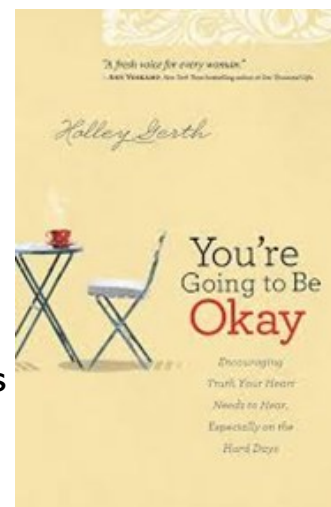
Lord, open my children's eyes to the truth. By Your grace, turn any fascination with the wrong crowd into a holy zeal for loving and obeying You (23:17-18). Amen.

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

Library

You're Going to Be Okay-Encouraging Truth Your Heart Needs to Hear, Especially on Hard Days

If your life isn't perfect, if you've ever been disappointed, if you feel stressed or tired, this book is for you. Author Holley Gerth tells us that we really are going to be okay. And it truly is possible to live with joy, resilience, and strength no matter what life brings. Yes, there will be hurt and hard times. But God wants to help you find ways to survive, grow stronger, and even thrive—no matter what happens. With her trademark positive encouragement and probing questions for self-reflection, Gerth encourages us to spend less of our lives stressing or regretting and more of our lives truly living.



Save the Date: Christmas in Kaneville December 7th



Mark your calendar now for Christmas in Kaneville, Saturday, December 7. We'll be hosting Cooking 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 4th 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.

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 clear shoe 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 will also be suggested donation lists available in the fellowship area at church & below. We will pack the boxes after church on Sunday, November 10 and bless them on Sunday, November 17 before they are shipped off for distribution.

Gift IDEAS--Must fit in a shoe box.

Playing cards, Bar soap (need 24), Combs, Band aids, Hand towels (24), Flip flops, small coloring books, Small Lego sets, Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, Baseball caps, Sunglasses, Balls, Yo-yos, Jump ropes, Headbands/bows, Student scissors, Small sewing kits, Jewelry, Craft kits

NOT ALLOWED: War related items, water or glitter filled items, anything glass, food, gum, candy, lotion, vitamins, or toothpaste.

The shoeboxes and string bags will be purchased so that they are consistent.

CELEBRATIONS

Dave Werdin's 100th Birthday

The Dave Werdin Family would like to thank all who called, sent cards and came out for his 100th Birthday Open House. He loved his surprise Honor Flight parade and enjoyed visiting with the family, friends and neighbors who came from far and wide to celebrate with him that day. What an amazing community we have!



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 22	Russ Wendling
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 21	Jason & Kathryn McCoy
October 23	Ben & Lisa Vanatta
October 27	Kalina & Levi Brundige



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mission this month: Operation Christmas Child	1	2 6:30 & 7:30pm Praise Band & Choir	3 5:30pm Elburn Food Pantry	4	5 7am Men's Prayer Group	
6 9:30am worship World Communion Sunday	7	8	9 6:30 & 7:30pm Praise Band & Choir	10	11	12 7am Men's Prayer Group
13 9:30am worship Bible Study starts	14	15 9:30am Card Ministry	16 6:30 & 7:30pm Praise Band & Choir	17	18	19 7am Men's Prayer Group
20 9:30am worship	21	22	23 6:30 & 7:30pm Praise Band & Choir	24	25	26 7am Men's Prayer Group
27 9:30am worship	28	29	30 6:30 & 7:30pm Praise Band & Choir	31 Halloween KCCC Trunk or Treat 11am Community Trick or Treating at church 4 to 7pm		

Beef Supper: Unfortunately we will not be having our annual Beef Supper this year. The substantially increased cost of beef and a reduced volunteer base has led us to this decision. We hope to re-evaluate the viability of offering it next year or whether there is another fundraising option. If you have donated items to help this fundraiser in the past, we encourage you to take that monetary value and donate it to the church, with Beef Supper in the memo line. Thank-you for your understanding.