



Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

A Christian community where Faith grows, Hope is found and Love is demonstrated.

February 2012

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Monthly Newsletter

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NEW

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am - Noon

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday

Kaller Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am Traditional Worship

Fellowship time follows

10:15 am Sunday School -

for all ages

11:15 am Contemporary -

The Journey with Pathways



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 at 7:30 pm

A service of ashes will be held to observe Ash Wednesday. This is the traditional service to mark the beginning of Lent.

It is a serious, but deeply meaningful time of worship.

Plan to join us.



Lenten Study Group is Coming!

Lent begins **February 22, Ash Wednesday**, and continues for 40 days, symbolizing Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. (Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 days which make up Lent.)

Pastor Michael will lead a Lenten study on the Psalms

Lent is a great time to dig into a Bible study for some extra depth. Our Lenten study will meet at two different times in order to give an option which will fit most schedules. One will meet at **10:00 am on Wednesdays**. Another will meet at **7:30 pm Wednesday**, right after choir practice. Plan to attend the time which works best for you. Both of these sessions will **begin on February 29**. Cost of the book will be \$11. Please sign up at the church in advance so that we may order the number of study books needed.

We will be looking at one of the favorite books in the Bible, the book of Psalms. Lent is also a season for remembering what Christ did for us and for the whole world in his suffering and death on the Cross. This study will focus on the Psalms of trouble, the Psalms which lift up our prayers to God in time of lament. We will use the book by Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, "Psalmist's Cry" to take an in-depth look at these Psalms which express so well the feelings both in Christ's heart on the Cross, as well as in our own hearts when facing life's harder experiences.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

If it is February, then Lent will soon be here.

“Why is Lent such a big deal?” someone might ask. The truth is, no one says you have to participate in Lent by doing something special. However, through the years, many people have found that it does help their faith or their feeling close to God. Some like to give up something during Lent, perhaps a favorite food or television show. Instead of giving something up, others focus on including something extra, like a special time of prayer or scripture reading. Others might like some other spiritual practice. For others, just spending some extra time thinking about God proves valuable. Still others volunteer in a compassionate service project.



Because so many have found doing something special for Lent is valuable, I would encourage you to consider participating in a Lenten practice of some sort. It is a wonderful way to grow in faith and in the sense of connection with God.

Lent begins this month on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and ends 40 days later on the day before Easter. I would say, “Use this time to grow with God!”

Yours in Faith,
Pastor Michael



Church Office Hours

9:00 – 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday

Office hours are now 9:00 – 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday.

Bulletins printed on Thursday morning. We hope this will make it easier to contact the office and Carolyn with information or requests.

✚ PRAYER LIST ✚

✚ Helen Osenbaugh, Jim Rosche, Opal & Ralph Glider (Jean Bisingers parents)

✚ **SERVICE PERSONNEL:** Scott Gray (Grandson of Darwin & Neva Nielsen) to Afghanistan; Scott Barrett (Grandson of Jeanne Neuenswander), Paul Reynolds (Grandson of Lester & Barb Wilson)

(If you know of anyone who should be added to our prayer list or who would appreciate a visit or call, please contact the church office 365-6933 or office@kenwoodparkumc.org)

PRAYERS AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO

Mike Bohannon and family in the death of Mike's father, Charles. Mike plays bass for KPUMC Pathways.

The family of Kathleen A. Young, 70, who passed away on January 4. Kathleen was a KPUMC Stephen Minister and mother of Marv Young, Jr. who plays guitar for Pathways.

To the family of Albert Remington, 97, who passed on January 13 at Keystone Cedars in Cedar Rapids. Al joined Kenwood Park on January 20, 1974.

To Rick Zorn and family on the recent death of Rick's father, Irvin Zorn.

To Jean & Bob Murray and family in the death of Jean's brother, Arlon Nelson of Cedar Rapids.

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our appreciation and thanks for cards, prayers and support from our Church Family during this time of loss of my father, Irvin Zorn. **Sincerely, Rick Zorn and Family**



The *crooked* made straight... **thanks to Carl Ohrt.**

A few years ago the tall oil candle was accidently knocked over and became crooked. The decorating committee sincerely appreciates your help.

Carl also makes beautiful roses from plastic spoons... the article from the Gazette is posted on the church bulletin board.

Christmas Poinsettias. . . Would like add **Carole Gaugers** name to the list of those who shared a poinsettia with us for the holiday. All were truly appreciated... thank you Carole.

This past year has been a long hard road for us, but with the love and support of our church family it has made the journey easier. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. **Kenneth and LaDonna Grout**

Thanks to **Jim Rosche** for arranging with **his son, John**, to change the burned out parking lot lights... it required the use of a "bucket truck" to reach the fixtures.

Thanks to **Eldon Mackert** for putting the leaves in the Yardy and placing at the curb for pick up over the last few weeks before winter arrived.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

UMW Circle will meet

Thursday, February 9 at 9:30 am

Room 104

PROGRAM - Pledge Service LEADER - Helen Pratt

Thank you to all who helped with our 1st ever **Soup and Sandwich Supper**. Those who cooked, served, delivered and cleaned up. **We appreciate all of you very much.**

Sew n' So

The **SEWING GROUP** is taking vacation the month of February... plan to be back **Wednesday, March 14 & 28 at 1 pm in room B1.**

Kenwood School Book Bag Project... the school has asked for 40 book bags for preschoolers for next August.



Anyone interested in helping we have instructions as to size on the table in the narthex. Feel free to pick up the instructions. We also could use money for material. Any help would be appreciated. Please give money to the church office.

If anyone has made some school bags at home, you can bring them to room B1 where there will be a box to put them in.

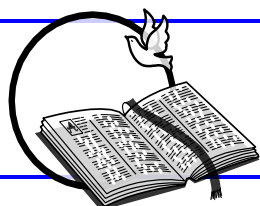
Thank You

2012

Ash Wednesday-Eastertide

- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- February 26 First Sunday of Lent
(This season begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset the day before Easter. It is a period of penitence in preparation for Easter.)
- April 1 Palm Sunday
- April 2 Monday of Holy Week
- April 5 Holy/Maundy Thursday
(The Thursday before Easter, commemorating the Last Supper.)
- April 6 Good Friday
(The Friday before Easter on which the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is observed.)
- April 8 EASTER Sunday
(The resurrection of Christ, the greatest and oldest religious observance of the church.)

Eastertide, or the Easter Season, or Paschal Time, is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday on May 27).



Monday morning BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 at the church

Monday morning Bible Study invites all who would like to study the Bible.

Kenwood Park Neighborhood Association (KPNA)

Monday, February 13 - 7:00 pm

in Fellowship Hall

KPNA Sponsors Tax Talk. . .

For KPNA's February meeting on the 13th the tax professionals from H&R Block will have a presentation on tax tips for filing your taxes this year, what is new at the IRS and pitfalls to avoid.

There will be a brief business meeting before the main presentation.

**Hope to see you there
and please forward the information to
your friends and neighbors.**

FRIDAY DAYTIMERS

Care Group

**Friday, February 17 - 1:00 pm
at the church**

Dessert and games

Hosts: Ken & Helen Pratt

SHARE Iowa

The next food pick-up for SHARE Iowa is

Saturday, February 25 - 11:30 am

in Fellowship Hall.

(see news article about SHARE Iowa on page 8)

KPUMC CARING RESPONSE GROUP

The Response group for KPUMC started a few months ago asking people to care for members of the congregation who have needs by calling, cards and visits - both women and men. If you would like to participate or know of anyone who would like a response from someone, **please let Helen Pratt know, 364-2043**. No meeting in February, but plan to have a meeting in March.

Everyone Welcome and thank you for caring.

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2012 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Lay Leader:	Steve Odegaard	(2014)	Finance Chairperson:	Paul Klesner	(2012)
Chairperson:	Steve Odegaard	(2012)	Finance Vice-Chair:	Pam Landon	(2014)
Treasurer:	Gerald Bair	(2012)	Nurture Coordinator:	Helen Pratt	(2014)
Pastor:	Rev. Michael Metz		Outreach Coordinator:	Jerry Elsea	(2012)
SPRC Chairperson:	Dean Willis	(2012)	Worship Coordinator:	Mary Zorn	(2012)
SPRC Vice-Chair:	Thelma Perry	(2014)	Education:	Jolene Whiting	
Trustee President:	Wes Landon	(2012)	Lay Member to Annual Conference:		
Trustee VP and				Thelma Perry	(2012)
Endowment Chair:	Larry Franklin	(2014)	Recording Secretary:	Jacqueline Unkrich	(2014)

Leadership Council would like to **welcome** two new coordinators for 2012 - -
Jerry Elsea has accepted to fill the position of Outreach Coordinator & Mary Zorn, Worship Coordinator.

Join Us for Sunday School!

Each Sunday - 10:15 to 11:00 am



All-In-One Bible Fun Class
Ages 3-11 Room B6

Adult Traditional Bible Studies
Room B1

Middle School/High School Class Reading the Bible Adult Studies
Room B5 Room B3



NEW Books in the Church Library

These books are ready for check out and located on the book rack.

Children's Books -

Heaven is for Real for Kids, as told by Colton Burpo to his parents Todd & Sonja Burpo.

The Sunlit Morning, by Peg Augustine – Easter story.

Adult Books -

God Was Here & I Was Out to Lunch, by James W. Moore

God's Word for Growing in Prayer: Devotional Thoughts on Talking with God.

The Useful Proverbs, by Kathy Collard Miller.

Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations, by Robert Schnase.

Be Loyal (Matthew), by Warren W. Wiersbe.

Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: a Primer, by Phyllis Bennis.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent.

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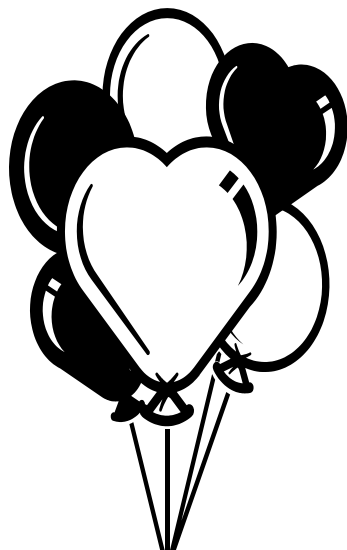
How to check out a Library Book or Other Items from the Church Library:

1. Write your name on the card inside the book pocket and stamp it with the due date stamp.
2. Put the book card in the card basket and place a pre-stamped due date card in the pocket. (due back in 4 weeks).
3. **Enjoy!** When you return the book, place it in the "Return Books Here" basket.

Thank you



- 1 Dorene Dahms
- 1 Marilyn Wilson
- 6 Juanita Norman
- 7 Mary Miller
- 7 Stephanie (Willis) Humphries
- 8 Glen Fries
- 9 LaDonna Grout
- 11 John Young
- 12 Barb Wilson
- 13 Hallie Lint
- 14 Dorothy Becker
- 14 Thomas Landon
- 15 Connie Quee
- 19 Neva Nielsen
- 19 Emily Smith
- 22 Corrine Smalldridge
- 22 Jean Bisinger
- 26 Rev. Martin Miller
- 26 Irene Clark
- 26 Bonnie Murphy
- 26 Seth Schminkey
- 27 Leonard Dahms
- 28 Zachary Thielman



FEBRUARY



Happy Anniversary!

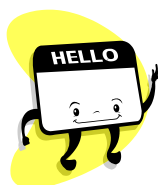
- February 19 Karl & Marlene Sibert
- February 25 Kenneth & Helen Pratt
- February 28 Wes & Pam Landon

Birthday or Anniversary

Please let us know. . .

if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, not correct. Please call the church office, phone **319.365.6933** or send an email to office@KenwoodParkUMC.org

Thank you!



Wear your Lanyard/ Name Tag with Pride!

Do you need a Name Tag or a Personal Mailbox assigned?

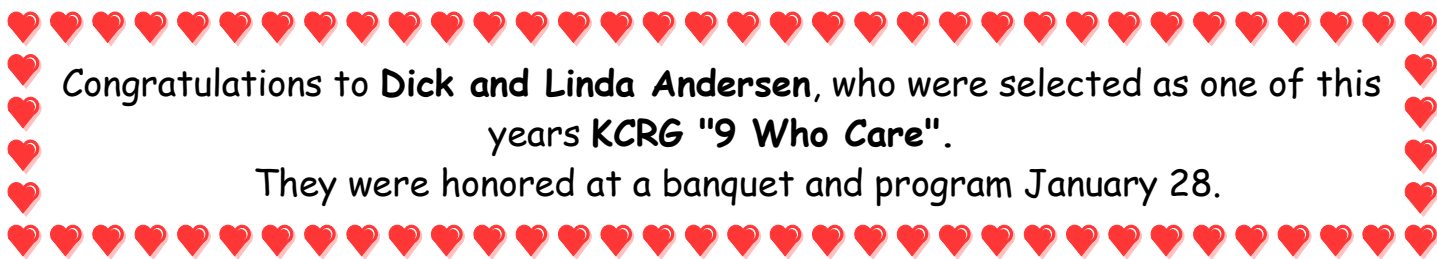
Please contact the church office.

CHURCH CANCELLATION INFORMATION - Bad Weather!



Kenwood Park UMC church office will go by the "school schedule for bad weather", if they close, church office will close.

Sunday Worship & Sunday School cancellations: each active member should receive a personal phone call if cancelled. Other options - you may call the church office phone 365-6933 for a message or check the church website www.kenwoodparkumc.org



 Congratulations to **Dick and Linda Andersen**, who were selected as one of this years **KCRG "9 Who Care"**.

 They were honored at a banquet and program January 28.

SHARE Iowa . . . News!

Off we went! On Saturday, January 21, Thelma Perry, Amy Powell, Bruce Western and I (Nancy) set out in the wee hours of the morning for Oskaloosa. Ice and snow was a concern and the folks in Share Iowa were worried about us but we arrived just 15 minutes late.

It was a chance for our local volunteers to meet others from around the state, see the center of Share Iowa and learn how to bag onions! As we entered the building, we saw a team of volunteers busily making mesh bags for onions and potatoes.

Hot coffee, sweets and fruit are always out in the morning with tables out for volunteers. After a short training (we missed that) off to the back for onion bagging and information.

It is volunteers that make Share Iowa and Kenwood Park Share a success.

Volunteers unload and load trucks. Volunteers pull our site orders and pallet them. And it is your own volunteers that unload the truck when it gets here and carefully counts every item and puts together each order. And we treasure every single volunteer each month! Just to name a few: Bruce Western, Rich Freeman, Marv Young, Jean Strait, Jacque Collett and Erica Yoder are regular volunteers who set up the site, move tables and help label the tables and boxes. Some other volunteers include: Cameron Ogreen, Mary, Steve and James Odegaard, Michele Gilliam, Mike Bohannon, Loraine, Leif and Samantha Bennett, Sue Poyner, Pastor Mike Metz and lots of others who have come from the Kenwood Elementary when they can and others from the church and neighborhood group who have pitched in.

Amy Powell serves as our accountant and also works with the set-up and order crew. RJ Powell helps when he can. Donna Postel is our main order taker, with help from Thelma Perry and Amy.

Once the truck is unloaded, everyone works getting orders out.

We welcome volunteers. You don't have to be strong, just enthusiastic!

Nancy Stevens
Kenwood Park Shares
Hose Site Coordinator.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY **2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** *or any Sunday!*



Place your donations in the storage cabinet located at the North church entrance.

(The Food Bank is housed at First Presbyterian Church, 310 Fifth Street SE, Cedar Rapids)

Through a minimal registration process conducted at the Food Bank, clients receive a free, balanced three day supply of canned and packaged food. When funding permits, clients also receive a cash voucher for fresh food items. Clients can tap Food Bank resources six times a year. In 2010, the Food Bank served nearly 3600 family units (close to 9600 individuals). In total, over \$117,000 worth of food and over \$36,000 in cash vouchers were given to those in need.

Through relationships with area food suppliers, the Food Bank can stretch cash donations to benefit the most people. For example: \$4.00 spent on one box of cereal at the local grocery store could buy 22 boxes through the Food Banks resources.

KPUMC has a Linn Community Food Bank fund. If you would like to make a financial donation in cash or check, please mark your envelope special offering for food bank *or* make out the check to KPUMC and put Food Bank on check memo line.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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