



September 2017

# KENWOOD PARK United Methodist Church

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

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
9:00 am - Noon  
Monday, Tuesday,  
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**September 10  
from 10:15 - 11:00 am**

We are looking forward to seeing our students return to Sunday School.

All Children, Middle School, and High School Students will meet in Room B6.

Parents, please fill out new registration forms for each student.

Looking for people who will help with Sunday School each week. Contact Jolene Whiting 390-4578.

**NOTE: Consecration Sunday – September 24**

We will announce Sunday School plans for Consecration Sunday in upcoming September church bulletins.



**It's Coming. . .  
on September 24**

Leader will be Norma Morrison of Muscatine, former Iowa Conference, Lay Leader. She is returning as our Leader from earlier.

This is when each of us will be challenged to think about our Christian stewardship as a spiritual response to God. For some, this response will be of thankfulness and gratitude. For some, it will be a way of joining together in partnership with God for God's work in the world. For some, it will be a spiritual discipline of trust in God and of growing closer to God because of that trust. For some, it will be something else entirely. But for all of us, it is a time to consider our stewardship in light of God.

**There will be a catered Celebration Brunch in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am Worship Service.**

## PASTOR'S CORNER. . .

I recently was an over night guest at a retreat center which operates with a deep commitment to caring for Creation and living a simple lifestyle. The folks there see this an important part of their faith in God and discipleship as followers of Christ. They also have a deep commitment to the poor and underprivileged people of our nation and our world.

What do I mean when I say "deep commitment" to these ways of living out their faith? Let me put it this way. They raise as much of their own food as is humanly possible: vegetable gardens, fruit trees, honey bees and goats. Chickens of all ages and sizes run all over the grounds. They do not have any electricity. Everyone helps with the cooking and other chores.

No, the folks there are not Amish. In fact, the founders come out of a United Methodist background. Life at the center is different from my usual daily life, for sure! But I was touched by their dedication and commitment to a simple lifestyle (way simple!) and to God (way dedicated!).

Fast forward now to my first morning back here at church after my time there. I was the first one in the building. Guess what I found. The light in the stairwell shining! Electricity burning for hours in an empty building. Maybe even overnight. Let's hope that some of that electricity came from wind generators. If so, it did not result in air pollution pouring into God's blue sky.

I know you have heard it many times from the Church Trustees. The Council. Pastors. But I will say it again: if you are the last person to leave, please make sure the lights are turned off and the thermostat reset! Thank you!

I know God thanks you, too, for taking care of that beautiful blue sky!

Yours in Faith,  
Pastor Michael



Pastor Michael Metz

### August 1 Leadership Council Update

**Our** church bells will be sent in for maintenance and repair at a cost of about \$2000. It will take about a month to repair. Karen White asks that if anyone would like to help in their repair, please make your check out to the church with Bell Repair written in the memo line.

**For** our annual Ingathering donations this year, instead of making kits, it was decided to take up a collection to be used for purchasing a "Personal Energy Transportation Device". This is a hand operated wheel chair for use by handicapped people. Each device costs about \$300. We gave over \$1,000 last year so we are hoping to beat that goal.

**We** changed our endowment management fee from a commission based fee to a flat annual fee to give us more trade options.

**At** the end of June, our endowment net worth was \$1,306,792.

**Pastor** Michael has started his "Garden Bench" ministry again this summer by sitting out on the front sidewalk and greeting neighbors as they walk by. Most walkers are happy to talk to him.

**We** have contracted with the Welcome Wagon to send out booklets which includes a page about our church and an invitation to attend. We also purchased a program on improving the hospitality of our congregation. We reviewed this program and selected many recommendations that we think will help us welcome new

guests. This will change some of the ways we do things with our greeters, ushers and even the church service. A few of the more visible things that will be happening are adding guest parking spots, having our greeters at each door, wearing greeter and usher ribbons, and more signs to direct guests.

**We** are still in need of elevator operators. Let Sue Covington or one of the leadership council know if you are willing to help one Sunday a month.

**The** next Church in the back yard is expected to be in Sept..

**The** trustees are investigating LED lights to be used around the church. They are going to install them in the basement fellowship hall to see how well they do. After the rebate, it is expected to cost around \$230 which should reduce our energy bill. They also plan on installing one in the parking lot to see if we like it. We have memorial money designated to help the fellowship hall cost. If we were to do the entire church, the cost would be about \$5,000 with about a 4 year payback.

**Consecration** Sunday will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to get the congregation more informed on all our church finances.

**Dean** Willis has agreed to be vice chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Steve Odegaard has agreed to continue as Chairman.



United  
Methodist  
Women

UMW Executive Board meeting-  
Tuesday, September 12, 1:00 pm

## UMW Circle

Thursday, September 14  
9:30 am, Room 104

Hostess: Mary Etta Zorn  
Program: *Call to Prayer & Self-Denial*  
Leader: Evelyn Suchomel

### EVENTS:

**Friday, Sept. 1:** Human Relations Day  
**Saturday, Sept. 23,** East Central District Annual Meeting, and Local Officer's Training Event (LOTE) at Clinton UMC.

~ **Greeting Cards 50¢** ~  
in room 104,  
An ongoing UMW Mission Project

### KPUMC Caring Response and Shoe Box Ministry

**Shoe Box** volunteer:  
September is Carole Gauger

### Listen to Sunday Worship Messages

At the church website- [kenwoodparkumc.org](http://kenwoodparkumc.org).  
Go to **Pastor's Weekly Messages**. Click on the date/message you would like to hear.

## SHARE Iowa

food pick up is **11:30 am**,  
**Saturday, September 23**  
in Fellowship Hall

## KPNA

KENWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
President, Erica Yoder

### Regular KPNA Meeting

at Kenwood Park UMC Fellowship Hall  
**Monday, September 11 - 7:00 pm**



**Many Thanks to Volunteers**  
for **SPECIAL MUSIC**  
at Worship Service this summer.  
**Chancel Choir is returning**  
**Sunday, September 17**

Choir rehearsal starts  
**Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 6:30 pm**  
(Also Sunday, 8:30 am before service.)

Please contact Music Director, Bruce Western  
at 363-9798 or [bwestern@cedar-rapids.net](mailto:bwestern@cedar-rapids.net)



Handbells have been sent in for restoration, rehearsal will be scheduled when returned.

Anyone interested in playing, both past & new, please contact Karen White 393-9430 or [gmakmwhite@gmail.com](mailto:gmakmwhite@gmail.com).

**Handbell Restoration:** to help recover a portion of the \$2,000 cost including shipping, Leadership Council asked the help of the congregation. As of August 22, **\$1,667** donated.

*Thank you for your generous donations for handbell repair and service. We are well on the way to our goal. We look forward to the bells being easier to play and sounding even better when they are returned.*

*Karen White & Members of the Bell Choir*

The handbells are in memory of former KPUMC's Rev. Leroy Bauman's wife, Loyce M, who passed away in 1984.



Thank you for all the cards, also the prayers. Hopefully I'm on the mend and will be glad to resume my life!

**Pat Grimm**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who participated in the Ruth Bible study. It has been an honor and a privilege to teach, guide, and instill in all of you the word of God. While I am sad to see this study come to a conclusion please remember that God is continuing to write each of your stories.

**God Bless,  
Andria Pic**

**Monday Morning  
Weekly Bible Discussion  
September 11 9:30 am  
with Leader, Rick Zorn**



Meet in the church lounge. Bring your own Bible or use one at church. Each take turn reading a chapter, followed with open discussion.

### Ingathering for 2017

Something different for this year. Main focus, instead of kits, Leadership Council approved Karen White's recommendation to collect donations for the purchase of 1 or more Personal Energy Transportation wheelchairs for those unable to walk in the developing world at \$300 each.

We will collect starting in October for the Ingathering which will be held November 4 in Cedar Falls. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Karen White, Ingathering Coordinator.

NOTE: If you have already begun assembling a kit, do bring it.

**Watch for more details on  
38th Annual Thanksgiving Ingathering.**

**BRING YOUR** pop can tabs, and Hy-Vee receipts for Kenwood Leadership Academy. Old eye glasses & hearing aids for the Lions Club. Put on long table behind the name tag cabinet.

**NOTICE:** Campbell's labels program has been discontinued, labels no longer accepted as of July 31. Thank you for your help through the years of collecting the labels.

**Still collecting the Betty Crocker Box Top points for Education, please put them in the Campbell's can!**

**Coupon Exchange-** On the cabinet in the lounge

### KPUMC FOOD BANK Sunday

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH or *at ANY TIME!*

**Donations are welcome at all times.** Place the non-perishable food items in cabinet at 34<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. Soap, toilet paper, welcome too! Go to [linncommunityfoodbank.org](http://linncommunityfoodbank.org) for details.

**Cash or check** is truly welcomed. Be sure and mark for Food Bank. Make check to KPUMC. Place in offering tray.

## FRIDAY DAYTIMERS

Friday, September 15

TBA. Check Sunday bulletins.

**Hostess:** Thelma. Phone: 393-4777



### KPUMC Sewing Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
1:00 pm - in room B1

Quilting, knitting, crocheting, etc. your choice!

The group has made over 60 quilts and smaller items the last 8 years or so, but could use more help, because we have a lot of donated fabric on hand. If you can iron, cut, or tie a square knot, we could use you!



YOU are invited to have lunch with the Lunch Bunch, Noon, 2nd Thursday of each month at

### The Longbranch

Buffett: good ribs, plus other meat choice, or if prefer, go with the Salad Bar only.

Have our own reserved seating area.

Questions: please contact Gerald Bair, he will put you on the monthly email reminder list!

### CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 8

45th annual walk starting at Thomas Park 1:30 pm. 25% money raised stays here. Jean Murray is KPUMC coordinator. We raised \$1,067,67 in 2016.

### A note from Leadership Council Worship Coordinator, Sue Covington. . .

Starting Sunday, September 3, we will be making some changes in the Worship teams.

- We will no longer have rotating personnel in Ushers, Greeters, and Visitors Desk.
- We will have permanent personnel for the next 3 months.

A big **Thank You** goes out to all of you who have helped in the past.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Julie Garland  
 3 Nancy Stevens  
 10 Ashley Raue  
 11 Kathy Ulch  
 11 Jeff Bair  
 11 Vicki Comer  
 11 Justin Comer  
 14 DeWayne Schminkey  
 14 Julie (Bohn) Parker  
 14 Dustin Glew  
 15 Ian Petersen  
 16 Shannon Rammelsberg  
 18 Helen Pratt  
 19 Katie Cook  
 19 Angie Derflinger  
 20 Nancy Poppe  
 20 Robert Zaiger  
 20 Gary Fries  
 21 Rebecca Groff  
 22 Ben Klesner  
 24 Jack Thorpe  
 26 Marjorie Wolverton

27 Susan Manhart  
 29 Cathy Barth  
 29 Stuart Hill  
 29 Bradley Brown

## ANNIVERSARY

3 David & Kathy Gire  
 13 Paul & Stacy Klesner  
 22 Jerry & Lavon Hampton



Rebecca Groff asks your prayers for her brother, Roger Zobel in his continuing fight with cancer.

Janet Jones asks we continue to pray for her daughter, Anita of Boulder, CO. Anita's partner of 32 years, Lars, died from injuries suffered in a fall.



To Jeff and Lois Stotler & family in the death of Jeff's mother, **Dorothy Jones**, 85, on August 6.

**Bill Brakesbill** & family following his death in Texas, Carolyn Oliver's brother-in-law.



Contact Pastor Michael or Carole Gauger, 362-1006, for information on Stephen Ministry.



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**Sunday,  
September 10  
at 5 pm**

## Church in the Backyard at Groff's

5750 Michael Dr. NE  
 Ph. 378-8469

Hot sandwiches, beverage, and tableware will be provided. *Please bring a dish to share with the gathering.*

Bring a lawn chair.

If inclement weather, will hold at church in Fellowship Hall.



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