



May 2018

KENWOOD PARK United Methodist Church

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER. . .



Pastor Michael Metz

May is a busy month, one of the busiest of the year. I want to think a bit about 3 of the special days that fall during this month: Mother's Day, Graduation Day, and Memorial Day. Different as they are, I do believe they are related.

Mother's Day, tops the list. It is a time for each of us to remember, say thanks to, and honor, our Mother. She deserves every shred of what we bring to her on this day! I think even those mothers who have passed on to the other side, are still spiritually aware of how we remember them here, and it adds to their gladness in the beyond. And God, too, I believe looks upon each mother with a sense, not only of fondness, but also of pride in her.

Memorial Day, too, is an important time. Its original intent, was to remember and say "thank you" to troops who died in the line of duty. Through the years, we have broadened the meaning, but I do believe the original is where we put our focus. As a nation, how can we feel anything but gratitude and respect for those men and women who gave their lives for the sake of all of us. And God too, I believe is proud of each. After all, it was God in Jesus who said, "No greater love has anyone than this: to lay down his life for his friends."

And on Graduation Day, we recognize those who have worked hard and completed their studies in order to grow in knowledge or to move into new job. As parents and family of each, we are proud of their work and accomplishments, and wish them well. Graduation is one of the truly big steps in life. And God, too, I believe looks upon each one with a sense of pride and gladness as seek to grow in knowledge and in abilities. "What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift to God."

In one sense, each of these 3 days is a "secular" day, that is it grew out of a secular, rather than religious, desire to bring honor to those for whom it is set apart. Yet, even so, each day reveals a spiritual dimension, as well. God is with us, every moment, every place!

Yours in Faith,

Pastor Michael



(Thursday, May 3, 1 pm,
UMW Executive meeting)

**UMW Circle
MAY BREAKFAST**
Please bring a dish to share
**Thursday, May 10
9:30 am in FH**

Hostess: Karen White

Program: "Sacred Space of Nurturing"

To discover ways to create a sacred space for nurturing and learning more about our role to advocate for world peace and justice worldwide.

Leader: Joan Rosche

UMW's "Bakeless Bake Sale" held Sunday, April 22 totaled **\$313.00**. **Thank you** for filling our basket so generously, and for helping us help others in our 2018 local missions: Mission of Hope, Willis Dady, and Waypoint, all of Cedar Rapids.

Watch for information in the June Kaller about the **UMW Retreat, Thursday, June 14, 9:30 am at Joan Rosche's home**. Janet Jones will be leader for the event. Bring a sack lunch. Hope you will join us.

Greeting Cards 50¢ in room 104
(Ongoing UMW Mission project.)

Sunday, April 15, we had a program about the local birds, and afterwards enjoyed a potluck in Fellowship Hall...

Jim Durbin, 40 year Rockwell employee, retired in 2006, has been involved with Cedar Rapids Audubon since 1989, and a volunteer for the Linn County Conservation department. Durbin's live in Marion with a front and back yard to attract the birds and insects. Go to their website for interesting pictures and information- insectsofiowa.org.

Sunday Morning Announcements

In order to save time spent on announcements Sunday mornings, the KPUMC Council asks that community announcements be passed to the liturgist in a brief, to-the-point form. Church announcements should be made by an appropriate committee member or given to the liturgist. Thank you.

FRIDAY DAYTIMERS

**Friday, May 18 - 11:30 am
Lunch at Pizza Ranch west
2450 Westdale Dr SW**

Hostess: Jean Strait Ph. 363-1688

***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat***

(go with a church group May 20)

Would you like to join a church group for this TCR production on Sunday, May 20? Please call Karen White, 393-9430, if you would like to attend the event **by Wednesday, May 2**. Discounts for a church group - cost is about \$37 (adults) and \$29 (student).

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat is a musical with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the "coat of many colours" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis.

Sanctuary Projector

We were expecting to replace the failed sanctuary projector with a new TV but the choir felt a new projector would give a much larger view for reading. It is a modern state of the art projector with a 5000 lumen laser rather than a bulb as the old projectors had. It is warranted for 20,000 hours or 5 years whichever comes sooner. Thanks to Dale Bohrer and Joe Fulmer for climbing up there and installing it

"The Upper Room" , a daily devotional guide, is available on the literature rack in the Narthex. It is a gift from a church member.



**PENETCOST
SUNDAY, MAY 20**

**"Save the Date" for Pastor Michael's
Retirement Sunday... June 17.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15-11:00 am

Ages 3 - High School Room B6
Adult Class: Room B1

Thank You to Jerry Bair, Dale Bohrer, Jack Thorpe, Amy Powell, Ethan Winsor, Austin Raue, Trevor Landon for hiding Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt April 1! We had about 20 children and their families join us and it was a great time!

Last Day for Sunday School – May 20

We will be handing out attendance certificates to children and youth and take home their attendance wrist bands. Sunday School classes will start again on September 9!

Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, room B2

Last choir rehearsal will be May 16, with May 20 being the last Sunday for the choir to sing for worship service before summer break.

Thank you Choir and accompanists!

Volunteers

are needed for special music at the Worship Service while the choir is on break. If you would like to offer special music this summer please contact our Music Director, Bruce Western at 363-9798 or email: bwestern@cedar-rapids.net

Bell Choir rehearsal, room B2,
each Wednesday at 5:45 pm.

(Last rehearsal is May 23)

Many thanks to our church **Handbell Choir** volunteers and leader, Karen White, for their presentations throughout the past year.

Medicare ID scam targets seniors receiving new cards.

Millions of people 65 or older will soon get new Medicare cards to prevent identity theft but fraudsters are exploiting the nationwide rollout to try and fleece seniors into revealing personal information, according to reports.

But now con artists are cold calling seniors around the U.S. about the new cards, the Coalition Against

Kenwood Park SHARE

Food pick up is 11:30 am, in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 19

KPNA

KENWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

KPNA Executive Committee meeting

at Kenwood Park UMC in the Lounge.

Monday, May 7 - 7:00 pm

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 12

Serving 7:00 to around 10:30 am

in KPUMC Fellowship Hall

Regular KPNA Meeting

at Kenwood Park UMC Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 14 - 7:00 pm

KPUMC Special Offerings for

UMCOR

(One Great Hour of Sharing)

March 11 - Your gifts totaled **\$415.00** and contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis. It helps to restore and rebuild lives in the United States and around the world.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

April 15 - Your gifts of **\$297.00** educates Native American seminarians and empowers Native American outreach.

THANK YOU

Insurance Fraud reported. They're trying to steal seniors' Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and credit card information.

Medicare.gov reported- Your **New Medicare Card** will automatically come to you. You don't need to do anything as long as your address is up-to-date. If you need to update your address, log in to your my Social Security account or visit your local **Social Security** office. <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>

The Way Forward

(For the United Methodist Church)

Pastor Michael, Thelma Perry, Warren Western, Sue Covington, Jerry Bair, and Jack Thorpe attended a meeting on The Way Forward, Saturday April 7 at St Marks United Methodist Church in Iowa City.

At about every United Methodist annual conference around the world, a petition comes up asking that LGBTQ members get equal rights in our Methodist discipline. (LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Queer.) Since 1972 our United Methodist Discipline has stated: "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." The clamor was getting so loud the United Methodist Council of Bishops set up a commission of 34 individuals called the "Commission on a Way Forward" to look into a way that we could compromise and move forward as one church.

This commission's proposals are still a work in progress and will be voted on by a special session of the General Conference in 2019. This special conference is made up of equal numbers of Laity and Clergy. Iowa annual conference will be sending 22 of our annual conference members for this special session. The Way Forward Commission has come up with two models that are not finalized but are getting input from meetings such as the one we just attended.

(Remember, we are not just talking about Methodist churches in Iowa or even United States. We are talking about worldwide. The Methodist Church in Africa is growing faster than anywhere else in the world.)

The first model is basically taking the sentence "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching" out of our discipline and is called the One Church Model and is worded as such:

The One Church Model

"The One Church Model gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. The One Church Model provides a generous unity that give conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church."

(Basically it says each church/pastor can decide to do whatever they want to.)

The second model is as follows:

The Multi-Branch Church Model

"This model is grounded in a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops, while also creating different branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization and justice. The five US Jurisdictions would be replaced by three connectional conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry conference to affiliate with; only local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference would vote to join another conference. "

(In this one, they are basically saying they would set up three distinct branches under the Methodist name. One would be very conservative with almost no additional rights for LGBTQ members. One would be very liberal with almost equal rights for LGBTQ members. And the third would be moderate with compromises for both. Each annual conference would choose which branch to join. If your church didn't like the conference's choice, your church could vote to join one of the other branches. Each pastor would have to make known which branch(es) they could be assigned to.)

If neither of these models is approved by the worldwide General Conference, it would stay the same as it is and let the chips fall where they may.

Listen to Sunday Worship Messages

At the church website: kenwoodparkumc.org.

Go to **Pastor's Weekly Messages**. Click on the date/message you would like to hear.

(Check out the newsletter(s) on this website too.)

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary Thank you to all who provided a lily or potted flower for our Easter Service. *"Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these."* —Matthew 6:28-29

All of God's creations are beautiful, and flowers particularly show the imaginative beauty... since the white, trumpet-shaped blooms represent purity, newness, and virtue – the same characteristics that come to mind when many think about Easter.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kacey Jones
2 Amanda Everman
3 Ryan Zorn
4 Jamie Fenoglio
4 Jason Fenoglio
6 Rosalee Franklin
13 Joe Fulmer
19 Hugh Fries
19 Judith Towell
19 Wes Landon
19 Samantha Bennett
20 Gerald Bair
22 Pastor Michael Metz
24 Bruce Western
26 Bonnie Hansen
26 Bennett Harapat
28 Abigail Derflinger
30 Glenn Wallace

ANNIVERSARY

4 Troy & Sara (Landon) Jennings
8 Robert & Shirley Zaiger
11 Larry & Kathy Young
15 Max & Bonnie Hansen
16 Rick & Mary Etta Zorn
29 Steve & Jeanne Cram
31 Ben & Sarah Young

Birthday or Anniversary...

Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, not correct. Call the church office, phone **319-65-6933** or email: **office@kenwoodparkumc.org**

Thank You,

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers and cards. The healing process is rather slow, but I am confident it will occur. Sincerely,

Carol Brown

Carol is now living at Arbor Place in the Meth-Wick Community.

Thank you to all the women who participated in the women's Bible study, "Finding I AM". We had a total of 12 women participate in this wonderful study. It has been a joy and privilege to lead and facilitate this study. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication.

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Elevator available on Sunday at 34th St. entrance. Staffed Nursery provided.

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Time downstairs
10:15 am Sunday School

