



**Kenwood Park UMC August Newsletter**

**Video System**

The projector has been repaired with new direct roof cables. The right front TV will be fixed as soon as the parts come in.

**Dehumidifier**

A new high capacity dehumidifier has been purchased for the basement with a hose running the condensate into the boiler room drain. It has lowered the humidity in the basement dramatically.

**Office**

The church office is being manned with volunteers from 10 – noon Monday through Thursday.

**Visits with the pastor.**

There is a signup sheet at the church to set up appointments to visit with the pastor. An easy way to get to know Dr Melody Williams. You can also sign up using the emails she sent out.

**Volunteers**

We are badly in need of backup help for ushers, greeters, elevator operators, projector operators and liturgists. If you are willing to be backup to help when someone is not available, let Evelyn Suchomel know at 319-365-5103 or [evjsuchomel@gmail.com](mailto:evjsuchomel@gmail.com) .

**Anniversaries**

Michael & Debra Barron	8/17
John and Gloria Bohn	8/16
Nick & Jessica Gabriel	8/03

**Birthdays**

Bill Kreutzer Jr	8/01
Andy Rammelsberg	8/19
Rachel Willis	8/04
Joan Rosche	8/30
Jean Strait	8/24
Lavon Hampton	8/10
Jean Cram	8/15
Kathie Mosley	8/05
Lois Stotler	8/08
Parker Gabriel	8/13
Courtney Sheets	8/07
Ryan Pic	8/18
Geraldine Walder	8/09

Happy Birthday to all.

**Pastor Melody's Report**

- Please see Pastor Melody if you are interested in a discipleship program she is developing.
- We will be having prayer at 9am on Wednesdays starting Aug. 4.
- Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to reopen our physical church and to all who have been working hard on getting the basement ready for fellowship!"
- We were having some issues with our multi-media in worship and most of it is now resolved--thanks to these young men from DB Acoustics.
- 380 companies has been working hard to clean our basement
- AA, Kenwood Park Neighborhood Association, and TOPS are back meeting in our building--let's be Christ's light to them.



DB Acoustics repairing projector

### **Pastor Melody's Congregation Letter**

Greetings Kenwood Park UMC!! am so excited to be here and to work with all of you amazing people of God in the mission that God has prepared for us here in Cedar Rapids! You have impressed me with you hearts and your desire to serve up the love of Christ to this community.

This coming month I want to continue to get to know you, so please take some time to sign up for a time to get together. I love hearing about you and your passions!

I am planning on beginning a discipleship program this month. Through this program I will invite members of the congregation to be with me in different settings and to learn a variety of spiritual disciplines (and work on them together). Those of you who choose to participate are invited to participate in areas you feel God may be calling you to grow in

and/or be a part of here at Kenwood Park. Some of the areas I am currently looking at are prayer, visiting, study, and outreach. If this is of interest to you, please see me.

There will be an increasing focus on prayer with regular prayer times starting this month. If you are already a prayer warrior please let me know (I know you like to do things quietly, but there may be some prayer points I want to pass on to you). If you want to grow in prayer, let me know that as well! We can grow and learn together. This is of central importance as we seek to participate in God's work here! In the Bible we read that Jesus often withdrew to pray. Also, there was a point in which the disciples were attempting to do God's work of healing, but were unable to. Jesus told them, "This kind only comes out by prayer and fasting." (Mark 10:29) Billy Sunday (a baseball player turned influential evangelist) once said, "If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to the greatest source of power known to human beings." Let's pray, pray, pray and see where God leads!

In Christ, Pastor Melody

## **School supplies for Kenwood Leadership Academy**

This year we will be collecting school supplies for Kenwood Leadership Academy on August 8 and August 15. A list of supplies was included in the bulletin on August 1. If you did not get one, you can access it through the Cedar Rapids Community Schools website or there may be extra copies available at the church.

Many of the families at Kenwood are unable to financially afford supplies for their children. Our contributions will be much appreciated. You may choose to purchase supplies for a particular grade level or multiples of one particular item. You do not have to purchase all the supplies on the list. Anything you donate will be given to a child in need. Please follow the guidelines as to particular brands that are requested. Unfortunately, off-brands may not be of adequate quality. Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional needed items such as backpacks

If you have any questions, you may contact Karen White by phone (319-393-9430) or email ([gmakmwhite@gmail.com](mailto:gmakmwhite@gmail.com)).

## **Suggestions**

This is a new format and really a trial run for future newsletters. Let me know what you feel should be in here. Hopefully approved leadership council minutes can start showing up next month. We are looking for volunteers to assemble the newsletter. Let Jerry Bair or Pastor Melody know if interested in helping.