



# Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

A Christian community where faith grows,  
Hope is found and love is demonstrated

September 2021  
Newsletter

To the People of the Church of Kenwood Park,

It has only been two months, and I am yet to get to visit with you, but, I want to tell you, I do praise God for you! Your welcoming attitude, your love for one another, and your desire to grow into the people God has created you to be is such a gift. I am so pleased to be here as your pastor, especially at this time in history—for you have a wonderful opportunity to shine the light of Christ and the hope which is offered through his life to so many.

Just think of what Christ came to offer. In Isaiah it was prophesied that, **"the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."** (Isaiah 9:2, *ESV*) This prophecy was about the coming Messiah, the Christ, the One who had come to offer true light in a world that seemed full of darkness. In John 1:4-5 we read that "in him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and **the darkness has not overcome it.**" Christ called himself the Light of the World and told his followers that they (us) have the "light of life." (John 8:12). In Ephesians 5:8 we read, "For at one time you were darkness, but **now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.**"

I know many of you have felt the oppression of darkness. The stress and of the pandemic, the pain of the derecho, the heartbreak of loneliness and loss has been substantial. Yet, you also have the light of Christ within you—even if it only feels like a bit a spark or a dying ember sometimes. You have something to offer! You have that light that many are searching for!

We have several things happening in September which will be offering that light of hope to all who need it—so please read the newsletter to see what is happening. One of the offerings of light and hope I want to lift up now is "Back to Church Sunday," which is Sunday, September 19—the theme of Back to Church Sunday is "Hope is Here." We will continue on with the theme of hope for four Sundays. So, if you need hope, if you know someone who needs hope, if you want to offer hope to others (even when you may need it yourself) please invite, come, and invite some more. Let's be the light God calls us to be!

*Pastor Melody*



## **Sunday School**



It's coming! Sunday School for Preschool-High School will start September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the Nursery. Your teachers, Amy and Jolene, are excited to see you and welcome you to a new year of Sunday School!

We ask all students to please wear a mask while attending Sunday School. Our meeting space of the Nursery is temporary until carpeting is completed in B6.

We will also need registration forms for all Sunday School students for the year. See Jolene Whiting to get registration forms, fill them in, and turn them in early before the first day of Sunday School.

## **New Church Library Location Room #106!**

Our church library has moved, is open, and ready for you to use! The entrance to the library is now between the treasurer's office and the Nursery, across from the pastor's office on the second floor. Everyone is welcome to come in and check out items from the church library.



### **Friday Daytimers**

We will be meeting at Olive Garden  
September 17 11:30am  
Contact Kathie Mosley 319-693-3688

### **Resources for devotions**

The Seedbed Daily Text is a daily devotional to help connect with the word of God  
<https://www.seedbed.com/daily-text/>  
You Version Bible is there to encourage you to seek God throughout each day.  
<https://youversion.com/the-bible-app/>  
Both are available on smartphones, tablets, and online.

The September meeting of Charity Circle of Kenwood Park United Methodist Women will be held, Thursday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 104. Michele Gilliam will be hostess and Gloria Bohn will lead the program. All women in the church are invited to attend.

The UMW Executive Board will meet on Thursday, September 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge. If you have any questions, contact Karen White at 393-9430 or [gmakmwhite@gmail.com](mailto:gmakmwhite@gmail.com).

**Are you interested in joining a genealogy interest group within our church?**

If you are a beginner interested in your family history but don't know how to start,

**or** if you are a seasoned researcher who has lots of knowledge to share,

**or** if you are anything in between those two extremes:

**then** this might be for you.

We had just a few meetings before the pandemic, meeting one or two Monday afternoons per month. (Meeting day and time is negotiable!) Activities included presentations as well as visits to local sources of genealogical information.

If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, or have any questions please contact Jon White ( [jonrwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:jonrwhite@hotmail.com) or 393-9430 ).



Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the children at Kenwood Leadership Academy. Thanks to your support, we delivered 12 backpacks with supplies, plus two more totes of extra items. Your generosity will give these children a better chance at a good education.

Kenwood Park United Methodist Church Parishioners-

Thank you so very much for the many school supplies that were sent over. Many of our students benefited greatly from your generosity.

Thank you again-  
Friends and Staff-  
Kenwood Leadership Academy



A birthday list is available in the church office

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 a.m. Prayer	2 9:00 a.m. TOPS 1:00p.m. UMW Executive board meeting	3	4
5 Photos of grand- children due	6	7 8:00 p.m. AA	8 9:00 a.m. Prayer	9 9:00 a.m. TOPS 9:30a.m. KPUM Women	10	11
12 Grandparents day	13 7:00 p.m. KPNA	14 8:00 p.m. AA	15 9:00 a.m. Prayer	16 9:00 a.m. TOPS	17 11:30 a.m. Friday Daytimers Olive Garden	18
19 Back to Church Sunday 10:15 Sunday School begins	20 Newsletter articles due	21 8:00 p.m. AA	22 9:00 a.m. Prayer	23 9:00 a.m. TOPS	24	25
26	27	28 8:00 p.m. AA	29 9:00 a.m. Prayer	30 9:00 a.m. TOPS		

Please have all articles for the newsletter into the office by the 20th of the month. Thank you