



First United Methodist Church

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Happenings



Pastor's Paragraphs

How is it with your soul? This is a question John Wesley asked his class meetings (small groups) to talk about with one another. It's a good question for us to ask ourselves and those with whom we are in contact during this time. Your soul may be joyous or peaceful; it might be weary or blue. It might flip flop from day to day. I hope you will remember to pay attention to what your soul needs to survive and thrive during this season.

My soul needs plenty of alone time, inspirational reading (whether it's scripture, a devotion, or a great novel), fabulous music of all kinds, and time outdoors. I find and meet God in all of those experiences. When I don't get enough of any of these things I get overwhelmed, irritable and down. Just as we have to pay attention to our body's need for food, water and exercise, just as we pay attention to our mind's need for stimulation, our soul needs to be fed and engaged.

We especially need some soul-tending when we are stressed, in transition or in chaos. We find ourselves in the midst of a world-wide pandemic, an anxiety-filled election, racial strife, just to name a few. And the repercussions of those things trickles down into our daily lives in all sorts of ways. My son is at home doing e-learning due to COVID. This means I'm rarely alone, I need to check-in more often and offer support, and be encouraging when the internet isn't cooperating or we need to problem solve.

We are all dealing with some kind of challenge right now. So we need to be gentle with ourselves as our bodies, minds and spirits try to deal with all of it. We need to take naps and walks, eat nourishing food, drink plenty of water, pray, and get good sleep. For some of us we have to just turn off the TV or radio or stop scrolling the newsfeeds and Facebook and take a break from it all. Others need to keep busy with tasks that are purposeful. Others may have to figure out how to connect in person with a select few folks so they don't feel isolated, alone and disconnected.

In Psalm 42 we read, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." I encourage you to read the rest of the Psalm and ponder what your soul needs in these days. Hope to see on-line or in person soon!

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

Be Still

By Kristene DiMarco

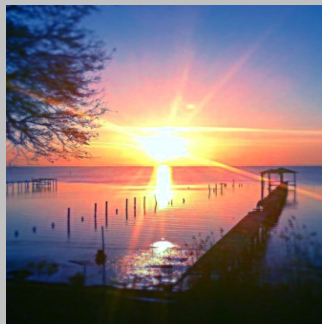
Be still my heart and know
 In letting all my weakness show
 He provides a place for me to go
 He lifts me off the ground
 I quiet down and rest
 He restores my hope again
 I lift my eyes and look to Him
 He lifts me off the ground

So open up my heart and trust
 Open up my eyes to see
 That He who placed
 The sun, the moon, and stars
 Is here with me

Stop your striving now
 Heaven's peace is all around
 I say His name and
 my walls come down
 He lifts me off the ground

So open up my heart and trust
 Open up my eyes to see
 That He who placed
 The sun, the moon, and stars
 Is here with me

I'm not alone
 You're with me every step
 Seasons come and go
 But You have never left

**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

2 — David Sarver
 2 — Ron Johnson
 4 — Megan Exner
 9 — Clare Hay
 15 — Jerry Carls
 20 — Vicki Maveus

A calm and undisturbed
 mind and heart
 are the life and health
 of the body

Proverbs 14:30

**AV Assistants for September 2020**

September 6 Lyndsay Myers
 September 13 Bret Collins
 September 20 Clare Hay

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 1	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Sept. 3	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Zoom
Sept. 6	Worship	10:00 am	Church, FB Live & Zoom
Sept. 7	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sept. 8	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Sept. 9	Virtual Prayer Meeting	6:30pm	Facebook
Sept. 13	Worship	10:00 am	Church, FB Live & Zoom
Sept. 14	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sept. 15	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Sept. 16	Virtual Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm	Facebook
Sept. 20	Worship	10:00 am	Church, FB Live & Zoom
Sept. 21	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sept. 22	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Sept. 23	Virtual Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm	Facebook
Sept. 24	Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom
Sept. 27	Worship	10:00 am	Church, FB Live & Zoom
Sept. 28	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sept. 29	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Sept. 30	Virtual Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Donna Turner

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Bret Collins

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Peter Bramm

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Donna Turner

Food Pantry September 2020

Tues. Sept 1.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Sept 8.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Sept 15.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Sept 22.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Sept 29.....12:00-2:00 pm

*Please see update on guidelines
on page 6 of the newsletter*

If special help is required, please call
815-885-4035.

Food Pantry Report for the month of
July
71 Families served
286 Persons served, 95 were Children

*Please keep this schedule
handy for your convenience.*

PLEASE COME,
& worship
WITH US!

Morning Worship

We are worshipping
in person, and online
via Facebook Live
and Zoom,
Sundays at 10 am.
Please see more
detailed information
included in this
newsletter.

RETIREMENT CENTER AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Beverly Ester.....New Address
5801 W Bethel Ave, Apt 505
Muncie, IN 47304
Bill Byers.....Wesley Willows

Teachers, administrators,
staff and students as the
school year begins

Ty Turner

Bobbie Wallen

Debbie Ehle

Stephanie Hoffman

Kathy and Emma
Johnson, on the death of
their mother

Donna Turner



Worshipping Together

We enter the biblical narrative of God's action in human history "already in progress" and right out of the gate we are plopped down in the middle of major crisis: Noah and the flood. We will spend six weeks witnessing other Hebrew Bible stories of God urging the people forward in times when it seems there's no way out. We will recall our own narratives and affirm the strength God gives us to find a way through. After all, our percentage of actually living through a crisis at this point is 100%!

Aug. 30	Saving	Genesis 6:16-22, 9:8-15
Sept. 6	Blessing	Genesis 12:1-9
Sept. 13	Protecting	Genesis 39:1-23
Sept. 20	Delivering	Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29
Sept. 27	Consecrating	Exodus 9:3-7, 20:1-17
Oct. 4	Serving	Joshua 24:1-15

"Taken literally, 'making a way out of no way' suggests that a path forward appears out of nowhere, out of nothing. We should not understand it this way. Instead, 'making a way out of no way' means that the way forward was not contained in the past alone, the only way that was known. A way forward, a way toward life, comes from another source. It comes from unforeseen possibilities. These possibilities come from God."

- Monica A. Coleman, *Making A Way Out of No Way: A Womanist Theology*

First UMC of Kirkland is Still in Ministry, With Some Adjustments.

- If you need to contact the Pastor Jenny Weber, please call or text her cell phone at 630-803-3491.
- We are worshipping in person, and on line via Facebook Live (Kirkland IL United Methodist Church page) and Zoom on Sundays at 10 am. If you would like the Zoom access information, please contact the pastor. Email her at pastorjennyrweber@gmail.com.
- If you are entering the building for any reason, please use hand sanitizer before you enter (or immediately after you enter) and use the sign-in sheet located in the meeting room. Sign out when you leave, make sure the door is locked and use hand sanitizer upon leaving.
- Please wear a mask or keep a social distance of 6 feet if there is more than one person in the building at a time.



Giving



It might be easy to forget our offering during this time of worshipping virtually. Our congregation appreciates all of your financial gifts, especially during this challenging time. Don't forget to either mail your pledge or donation to the church or give on-line via PayPal. You may support the continued ministry of the Kirkland United Methodist Church with a monetary gift using this link : -
paypal.me/KirklandUMCOffering
 —OR— visit our website at kirklandumc.org

Virtual Prayer Group

Beginning Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm I will be hosting a virtual prayer time on Facebook. I will read scripture and lead us in prayer. You will be able to participate via chat. This is an experiment. We'll see how it works and I'll re-evaluate for October.

~Pastor Jenny

Updates to the Food Pantry.

**Hours will be every Tuesday from 12 to 2 pm,
including last Tuesday of the month.**

Please read updated guidelines below.

**Please call First Lutheran Church regarding
information about the clothing closet**

Kirkland Food Pantry

We plan to allow clients to go inside beginning June 16, 2020 so people can make their own choices of available products.

Our guidelines will be as follows:

- One person per household allowed
- Limit of 3 clients at a time allowed inside
- Everyone entering will need to wear a mask at all times
- Practice social distancing of 6 ft. as much as possible
- You may bring your own bags to use as you pack them yourself
- Please point to the meat product you select. Try to pre-select other items before removing them from shelves
- We have a limited supply of many items. **Please follow the limit signs!**
- If you do not feel comfortable coming inside and would like food brought to your car, let us know. We will have prepackaged food available

We want to serve everyone. If you have special needs, please call 815-522-3886.

Other Ways to Support Kirkland UMC!

Support KUMC When You Shop Amazon!

- *Follow this link to Amazon Smiles:*

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3263652>

- *Do your normal shopping.*
- *A percentage of the total will be donated to KUMC!*



Shop other retailers through the UMC Market. Visit <https://umcmarket.org> and create a login selecting *First UMC of Kirkland* as your designated ministry. Select the retailer of your choice and you will be redirected to their website. It's as simple as that! Donation percentages vary by retailer and there is a wide range of retailers to choose from.



Enroll your Schnucks loyalty card to begin sending donations to the Kirkland UMC when you buy your groceries. Visit <http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/index.jsp> to sign up. You can find the church in the Organization search by zip code or our group id is 500009733.



Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc.
*"Serving the homeless & the community
for over 30 years"*

August 3, 2020

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for supporting Hope Haven and valuing the homeless that we serve. Your donation of \$95.00 (check #1887) will provide food, shelter, services, and positive changes for the homeless living in our community.

The hopes of the homeless are to move to safe, stable, and affordable housing and to live as independently as possible. As an agency, we have established outcomes that we measure so we can help our clients reach their goals. They are:

- Transition the homeless to permanent housing
- Reduce the days the homeless spend in shelter
- Increase the income of the homeless
- Help the homeless obtain eligible mainstream resources
- Reduce the recidivism of homelessness

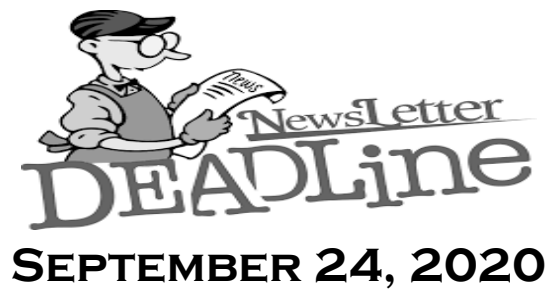
Just as we expect our clients to create a "plan of action" with goals and objectives to hold them accountable and foster self-determination, the staff at Hope Haven must also hold ourselves accountable to assist and empower this vulnerable population in reaching their fullest potential.

None of this work, for the client or staff, would be possible without the kindness and gifts from donors like you. Pulling someone from the deprivation of homelessness and poverty requires a team of people who embrace the same mission. Thank you for joining us; we are all full of gratitude for your compassion and commitment to the homeless, and our work.

With much gratitude,


Lesly D. Wicks, LCSW
Executive Director

P.S. We hereby certify that we did not provide any goods or services in return for any part of your gift. Please use this letter as a receipt of your 2020 tax-deductible contribution.



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