



# First United Methodist Church

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## Happenings

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### Pastor's Paragraphs

As we enter February we look forward to re-gathering for in-person worship for those who feel safe doing so. And as we re-gather we prepare for the season of Lent. Our series, "Holy Vessels," is about healing and recovery and will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. I have found that Ash Wednesday is not the most popular day among Protestants. It is always a sparsely attended service which is why it will not be an inperson service, but live-streamed only this year for you to watch at your convenience.

The Lenten season was originally a time of preparation for baptism which would take place on Easter. It evolved, however, into a time of repentance and focus on spiritual disciplines. Ash Wednesday, however, specifically reminds us of our need for God's grace, that we are broken, and that we live in human bodies which are mortal. This reality lays the ground work for the Good News of Easter, that even though we die physically, we live eternally through Jesus Christ. But we often want to skip the sin and death and move to the good stuff.

This time of pandemic, however, has shown us quite vividly that our lives, our "holy vessels," are indeed fragile. Seeing the number of COVID deaths at various levels puts our mortality front and center. So our worship series puts us in touch with that fragility, not only as individuals, but as a community. We begin on Ash Wednesday recognizing that we are shattered (broken), but that through the healing of Jesus, we can be made whole again. We will look at stories of Jesus' healing while looking toward our own recovery as individuals, as the Body of Christ the worldwide community.

The image for the series is sea glass, those shards of glass that get washed and worn in the ocean and end up on the shoreline with the sea shells. We will use pieces of sea glass throughout the season as a way to visually see the power of transformation that God offers us. If you have sea glass available from your travels, you can gather that, but those of you who are local will receive some to use during the season. I am looking forward to this focus!

I want to add a word about logistics as we return to the sanctuary. We will do our very best to offer worship in a variety of ways during this time. I ask your patience as we use multiple platforms with the resources we have. Pre-recording works well most of the time; people have the same experience. But when we return to the sanctuary and are live-streaming, using multiple devices in order to film for both Facebook Live and Zoom, it gets more challenging. There are three microphones, the need to move a camera from the lectern to the screen to the piano, and so forth. Lots of logistics and the risk of technology not cooperating (devices, internet, etc.) If I were full-time and we had more staff we could both pre-record and do a livestream, but that just isn't feasible. I know we are all looking forward to the time we can move about freely without the fear of contracting COVID-19. In the meantime, we do the best we can, knowing that God is at work and continually with us. God's grace abounds. You are in my prayers. Stay healthy and safe.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jenny

**Sometimes Love...**

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*Sometimes love can be quiet  
And sometimes love can be still,  
But always love is patient  
And is a choice of our will*

*Sometimes love can be vibrant —  
Sometimes it's not easily felt,  
But always love is eternal  
And is never boastful or proud*

*Sometimes love can be tender  
Then sometimes hard to express,  
But always love is truthful  
And believes in the very best*

*Sometimes love can be exciting  
And love can sometimes be sweet  
For love is always trusting  
And chooses never to envy*

*Sometimes love can be painful  
Then sometimes love's like a song,  
But always love is forgiving  
And keeps no record of wrongs*

*Sometimes love can be gentle  
Then sometimes it's just a word,  
But always love protects and hopes  
And love is always preserved*

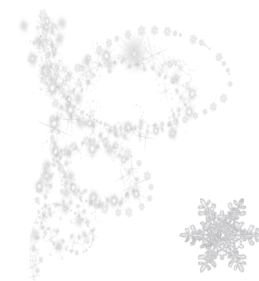
*Love is never self-seeking  
And is never angered or rude  
Love can never fail us,  
For God's love is faithful and true.*

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4 — Bonnie Lorensen  
4 — Devon Turner  
4 — Wanda McMurray  
8 — Ty Turner  
12 — Donna Turner  
18 — Larry Worden  
28 — Chris Bramm

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Feb 4	Ad Council Mtg	7:00 pm	Zoom
Feb 7	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Feb 8	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 9	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	1 to 3 pm	Chrch
Feb 14	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Feb 15	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 16	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday		
Feb 21	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
	Trustes Mtg	11:00am	At Church and Via Zoom
Feb 22	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 23	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	1 to 3 pm	Church
Feb 28	Worship	10:00 am	FB Live & Zoom



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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### Education Chair

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Donna Turner

## Food Pantry February 2021

Tues. Jan 5.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Jan 12.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Jan 19.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. Jan 26.....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  
November

**57 Families served**

**199 Persons served, 66 were Children**

*Please keep this schedule  
handy for your convenience.*



### Morning Worship

We are worshipping  
online via Facebook  
Live and Zoom,  
Sundays at 10 am.  
Please contact  
Pastor Jenny for  
the zoom link,  
630-803-3491

## RETIREMENT CENTER AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Beverly Ester.....New Address  
**10000 W. Gallagher Way Yorktown, IN**  
**47396**

Bill Byers.....Wesley Willows

Ty Turner

Troy Poplin

Greg McKee

Larry Worden





## Worshipping Together in February



Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten “season of recovery” for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Beach glass offers us a multifaceted symbol of this transformative process.

\*\*\* We return to in-person worship on the first Sunday of February , with a limit of 25 people.\*\*\*

Feb 7	God is Holding Your Life	"We Wait, We Hope, We Stay"	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
Feb 14	God Is Holding Your Life	"The One is Shining Forth"	Psalms 50:1-6

*As we begin a new series for Lent, packets will be available for each household beginning February 7th. They will be distributed in worship on February 7th, and then mailed or delivered to those who haven't collected them. They will include something for Ash Wednesday, reflection sheets for the season and several items related to the series that will be used in worship.*

Feb 17	Ash Wednesday	"Shattered"	Matthew 11:28-30
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\*\*\*\*Ash Wednesday-our worship service will be on-line only.  
You may view it on Facebook or YouTube at 9 am or after.\*\*\*\*

Feb 21	1st Sunday of Lent	"Treasure"	Matthew 8:1-4 Matthew 8:16-17
Feb 28	2nd Sunday of Lent	"Safe Keeping "	Matthew 8: 5-13

Missions for January

Mission Sunday, February 14, 2021

Our local mission is:

***Knitting Ministry***

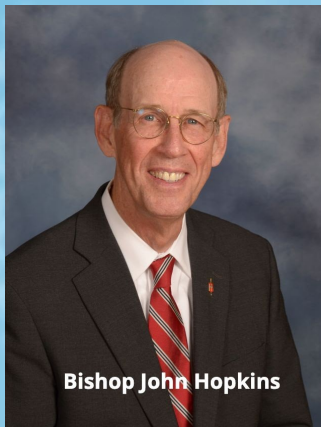
We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month in the church basement as we have thankfully returned to tier 1 mitigation set forth by the State of Illinois Coronavirus Task Force.

5th Sunday—Good Neighbor Fund

Our World Wide Mission:

Missionaries ***Dr. Jin Yang Kim***, Geneva, Switzerland and ***Adam Shaw***, Seoul, Korea of Missionaries Promote Peace for the Korean Peninsula which is a part of Missionaries Around the World #00779Z.

You might remember Dr. Jin Kim is married to our former Pastor Kyeong-Ah Woo.

***Get to Know Interim Bishop John Hopkins***

Bishop John Hopkins

With the new year, we welcome retired Bishop John L. Hopkins, who is serving as the interim bishop for the Northern Illinois Conference through 2021. Typically we would host a meet-and-greet event or a formal welcome, but because COVID-19 prevents us from gathering we are introducing him through a Zoom interview. Did you know Bishop Hopkins served in campus ministries? NIC Dir. of Communications Anne Marie Gerhardt "sat down" with Bishop Hopkins to ask a few questions about his background and ministry to help all of us get to know him a little better.

Visit <https://vimeo.com/499833083> to see the video

**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](https://paypal.me/KirklandUMCOffering)**

—OR— visit our website at **[kirklandumc.org](https://kirklandumc.org)**



## *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>*

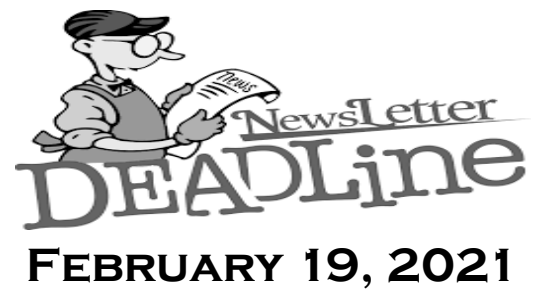
- *Do your normal shopping.*
- *A percentage of the total will be donated to KUMC!*



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.



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