

**Kaneville United  
Methodist Church  
Newsletter**

**OCTOBER 2011**



**Sunday Worship is at 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

**Sunday School 9:15 A.M.**

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# **KUMC Newsletter**

## **OCTOBER 2011**

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**Office Hours for 2011:**

Pastor Mark: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am-12:00 pm.

**Friday Day Off**

Other times by appointment

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### **CHANGES**

Kaneville United Methodist Church will be sending their newsletter out via e-mail. We are also adding the option to pick up your newsletter in the church's narthex. If you prefer to continue to receive your newsletter through the mail please call the church office at **630 557-2353** and leave a message. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please email the church at [kumcoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:kumcoffice@yahoo.com).

### **Holy Communion Invitation**

We celebrate Holy Communion  
the first Sunday of month  
during each worship service.

If you are unable to be present at worship, and would like Communion brought to you, please contact the church.

# A Word from Pastor Mark October 2011

*The law of the Lord is perfect, // reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure, // making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right, // rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, // enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is pure, // enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true // and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, // even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, // and drippings of the honeycomb.*

*Psalm 19:7-10 (NRSV)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!

Having attended Sunday school and church while growing up, I learned that reading the Bible was important. In fact, on several occasions in my youth, I decided to try to read through the whole Bible. My plan was always the same, to start with Genesis and work through one book at a time until I'd read through the end of Revelation. I tried it while I was in grade school. I tried when I was in junior high. I tried when I was in high school.

Each time, however, I didn't even make it through Genesis. As a result, I didn't ever read that much of the Bible. Part of my problem was that – at that time – I knew only of the King James translation. The archaic language confused me. Therefore, I'd give up. But then, in the early 1990's I purchased a New International Version of the Bible. Finally, a language that I could understand!

I'd like to say that served as my inspiration to finally read through the Bible, but it wasn't. Although the more familiar language facilitated that end, the inspiration to read it derived from a less noble pursuit. I will admit that my purpose in reading the Bible was to find loop holes. In other words, I started reading the Bible to find out what sins I could hold onto. I wouldn't say it that way at that time. Instead I would have defended my pursuit by pointing out that I was

trying to avoid those things that were clearly sinful, but to still enjoy life. I'd fallen for one of Satan's great deceptions which made it seem as if joy was contrary to the godly life, rather than a result of it.

Fortuitously – although I didn't recognize it at the time – looking into Scripture for loop holes actually convicted me of sins which I hadn't recognized before. That conviction didn't arise out of a list of "Thou shalt not's", but rather from engaging the lives of biblical figures. For me, it was David, because in considering his failings, the natural consequences became clear. The result was that I finally, began to grasp that God wasn't some control freak placing unreasonable demands upon me to prevent me from enjoying life. Instead, I discovered that God sets limits to protect me from the consequences of my sin.

Therefore, if God did that in those few areas that I'd already identified in my quest to find loop holes in Scripture, maybe God had given commandments not to restrict my enjoyment of life, but to protect me from consequences that I couldn't yet perceive. (Similar to my parent's restrictions on where I could ride a bicycle when I was a child.) Then, if that were the case, it might be wise to just trust God's commands even when I didn't understand the "why", because God is good, and God is smarter than I.

Martin Luther writing to his friend Philip Melanchthon on August 1, 1521, wrote, "Be a sinner and sin boldly," but continued, "but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly." Like others, Luther was accused of giving license to sin in this reference to God's grace to conquer all sin. It's a temptation to which we often succumb in our efforts to maintain our commitment to justification by faith rather than works. Yet to truly love God, is to do good.

Maybe that's the distinction. Faith isn't just about believing. Faith is about trusting God. One way that we show our trust is by acting on God's instructions because we believe God has given us instruction for our own good. The good works themselves won't take away the stain of our sin, but by intentionally attending to God's directions our faith will grow stronger, because it's actually being used. In rediscovering the law of the Lord, our souls will be revived.

Your Brother in Christ,



Rev. Mark Harkness

## **Ongoing Classes**

### **“How to Lead a Person to Christ”**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – September 13 – November 22.**

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands us to go into the world and make disciples. It’s not just a suggestion. Although many of us would like to bring others to Christ, we don’t feel competent.

Pastor Mark will lead this study published by ACTS 29 Ministries.

To sign-up, send an e-mail to [pastor@kanevilleumc.org](mailto:pastor@kanevilleumc.org) with “Lead to Christ” in the subject line.

### **“Christianity and World Religions”**

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm – September 15 – October 20.**

This study introduces the basic tenets of some of the other world religions: Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism. The video based study will explore what insights those religions offer us to understanding their adherents and their practices. We’ll consider what we can learn from those religions, and how the Christian faith offers the more complete insight to who God is and our relationship with the divine.

## **Newsletter Information and Sunday Bulletin Deadlines**

Newsletter items are always welcome; we encourage you to submit your news no later than the **15th of the month**.

Please submit your bulletin items no later than **Wednesday**.

Via, e-mail [kumcoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:kumcoffice@yahoo.com), phone 630 557-2353 or you may leave it on the desk of the secretary.

Thank you.

## **Funeral/Kitchen Duty for October**

Andrea Purcell and Cathy Buck

# *Church Conference*

Kaneville United Methodist Church Conference is November 5th at 4pm and Pastor Parish Relations Committee meets at 3:15pm. The Church is encouraged to attend this important event. Please keep this conference in your prayers.

## ***Announcing KCCC Fall Fundraiser***

We are selling Taffy Apples from Sept. 16th - Oct. 19th.  
Please stop by the school and pick up an order from.  
Please make checks payable to KCCC - Delivery is during  
the week of Oct.-24-28th.

### **POINSETTIAS**

We will again be adorning our sanctuary with poinsettias  
for the Christmas season.  
Look for a sign-up sheet sometime in October or contact  
Anna  
(630-365-2787 or [a.dembowski@mchsi.com](mailto:a.dembowski@mchsi.com))  
I would appreciate payment when you order.





# Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration

Saturday, October 22, 2011

**“Hand in Hand in Mission-hope, love in action.”**

Special Guest Speaker:

**Glory Dharmaraj, PhD.**

Author and Executive Secretary for Justice Education  
Women’s Division

**Location:** New Lenox UMC **Time:** 8:45 a.m. registration and coffee  
339 W. Haven Ave. 3:00 p.m. ending time.

New Lenox, IL 60451

Translation requested: Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Korean \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: \$15 covers morning coffee, lunch and program.**

Singing, worship, election of officers, resources, Holy Communion  
and fellowship. We will be collecting school kits for Church World

Service. For instructions go to their website

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) and look under kits.

**Registration due October 14, 2011**

Names of persons:

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Church and District:

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Contact Information (phone & E-mail)

Child Care: (number and age of children)

\_\_\_\_\_ bring a sack lunch.

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registrations to: Wendy Miller, New Lenox UMC,

P.O. Box 1289,

New Lenox, IL 60451.

# KUMC October 2011 Mission



Clara Mridula Biswas is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a community worker in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Ms. Biswas works with the ‘poorest of the poor’ in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their move to relocation and rehabilitation centers.

’To bring hope to the hopeless, bring light to those who are in the dark, bring Christ to the poor and share the love of God’ (Luke 4:18-19) summarizes Clara understanding of her service. She sees the objectives of her work as **”sharing the love of God, helping children obtain an education by opportunities to study through scholarship, improving living conditions by providing vocational training, providing medical care and financial support to the ill and with education creating awareness on human trafficking, human rights and domestic violence.”**

The program provides for Sunday school and conducts Christmas and Easter programs each year. The education program supports 620 students in public schools by providing classes such as music, computer and art classes. The health program refers patients, as needed, to hospitals and non-government organization health centers. Clara networks with other church and non-government organizations as well as visiting, monitoring and caring for patients. She works closely with a church at one of the dumpsites.

Prior to her commissioning as a GBGM missionary, Clara worked in Bangladesh for the Food for the Hungry International (FHI), a

Christian service group based in the United States. As the Community Development Area Manager, Clara served the poor, lower caste, and the oppressed by supervising, managing and monitoring education and development programs from 1983-98. Clara also served as the Program Director of the Christian student center at Sendai City in Japan. She emphasized issues of justice, development, international understanding, worship and equality from a Christian perspective.

**"When people are able to get jobs and when they get assurance they can continue to study in higher levels of education that gives them hope for a better future. It is joyful to watch the faces of happy children as they go to places they had never gone before. Although we bring the Gospel informally, we see the joy of the children singing Gospel songs and performing in dramas depicting Christmas and Easter."**

Clara has extensive experience as a volunteer in the Student Christian Movement. Her training in international, cross-cultural and women's empowerment meetings is vast. She speaks English, Bengali, Hindi and Japanese.

Born in Barisal, Bangladesh, Clara holds a BA degree in Social Science and a diploma in Rural Leadership and Development from the Asian Rural Institute in Tochigi-Ken, Japan. She is a member of the Church of Bangladesh.



*Kaneville*  
*United Methodist Church*  
invites you to our annual  
*Beef Supper and Bazaar*  
*October 15, 2011*

Bazaar begins at 4:00 p.m.

Carry-outs begin at 4:30 p.m.

Supper is served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Dinner includes:** Roast Beef; Mashed  
Potatoes  
and Gravy; Corn; Coleslaw; Cranberry  
Relish; Rolls and Homemade desserts

**Adults \$10.00, K-6th Grade \$5.00,  
Preschool \$1.00**





## **Kaneville Ladies 13th Annual Women's Retreat**

It will be held Jan 13-15, 2012 at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, Wi.

If you're interested in helping plan this wonderful weekend then Please call Diane Hance at 815-286-7700.

We'd love to have you join us for 1 night, 2 nights or just for Saturday. It is a great way to refresh yourself after a busy Christmas season. There is the peace and quiet of staying in a home on beautiful Lake Geneva, fellowship with God and friends, laughter, sharing, an enriching message by our facilitator (please call me know if you know of anyone who I could contact to facilitate the retreat), rest and time to "Be Still". There are a few squeaky stairs but lots of charm with a cozy fireplace to warm us after enjoying a little time outside. Mark your calendar and plan to come spend some time at the lake - it is a great way to start the New Year.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We had our first meeting and what a joy it was to be back in a circle of love! Our next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> @7pm, the 2nd Tuesday in October. It was moved so it would not conflict with Peacemakers. We will be in the room behind the chancel.

To learn more about this ministry, check it out at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com) or [www.lionbrand.com/shawlstories/html](http://www.lionbrand.com/shawlstories/html)

All people who knit or crochet, or would like to learn are invited to come to our monthly prayer shawl ministry. We have all levels of experience from beginners to years of experience. You don't need to be an expert - the patterns are very simple. Maybe you've always wanted to learn to knit or crochet - this would be a great opportunity. We will be happy to help you learn.

Please contact Susan Harkness at [susanharkness1987@gmail.com](mailto:susanharkness1987@gmail.com) or 630-557-0018 if you do not have email for any questions. Invite friends too!!! Let me know if there are any new people you are inviting and I will make up a welcome packet.

# KUMC Children & Youth Ministries

## Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received attendance pins for the 2010-11 school year:

<b>Matt Alfrey</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> year bar
<b>Nick Dwyer</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> year bar
<b>Wyatt Harvell</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year bar
<b>Erin Kettelkamp</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> year bar
<b>Jack Kettelkamp</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> year bar
<b>Mariann O'Connell</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year pin
<b>Alyssa Ryan</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> year bar
<b>Ethan Ryan</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year bar
<b>Addison Vanatta</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year bar

<b>Anna Wendling</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> year bar
<b>Kaitlyn Wendling</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> year bar

This year we will again be awarding the purple attendance gorilla to the class with the highest monthly attendance.

## Sunday School Staff

Thank you to the dedicated members serving as our Sunday school staff:

PreK-1<sup>st</sup>: Myra Ottoson/Ben Vanatta  
2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>: Carol Alfrey  
Middle School: Steve Neely  
High School: Russ Wendling  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Wendling  
Music: Carol Flanders  
Superintendent: Carol Alfrey

## 2010-11 Parent Handbooks

KUMC Parent Handbooks were distributed during Rally Day this year. This booklet outlines all of our children and youth ministries, contact names and numbers and how children can participate in our worship services. If you did not get a copy, there are extras on the table in the foyer.

## Bibles

New Living Translation Bibles were presented to all third graders as part of our Rally Day celebration. Congratulations to Grant Baldrige and Wyatt Harvell for this important next step in their Sunday school experience.

## Trick or Treat Through the Bible

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> the preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade class will trick or treat through the Bible during Sunday school. The older classes (2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Adult) will share a Bible story with the children and provide a related treat. The younger children may dress in costume, **but should avoid occult or violent themes.** Older children may dress for their roles in the Bible story they are presenting.

## Sunday School Rules

Each year we review the following rules with the Sunday school kids. Please take some time to talk to your child about appropriate church behavior. It really helps!

### 1. **Loving God**

- I will learn all I can about God when I am in church.
- I will talk in ways that honor God.

### 2. **Respecting teachers**

- I will stay with my teacher.
- I will listen to my teacher and other Sunday school staff and do what I'm asked to do.
- I will do my best to complete my lesson.

### 3. **Respecting other kids**

- I will be friendly to all kids.
- I will not make fun of other kids.
- I will keep my hands and feet to myself.

### 4. **Respecting church property**

- I will take care of the church building, furniture and supplies.
- I will walk inside the church unless playing a game with my class.

Calling All College  
Students and Armed  
Forces Personnel!

If you know a student away at college or a friend serving in the Armed Forces who would like getting a care

package from the Sunday school this winter, please leave their name and college address in the office in the Sunday school box or see Carol Alfrey.

Peacemakers

Hey Kids! The October Peacemakers meeting will be Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. We will be continuing on our quest toward becoming Kings and Queens for Christ as we put on the full armor of God. Contact Laura Ryan with questions ([laurac.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:laurac.ryan@gmail.com)). Bring a friend!

Family Hayride



The traditional family hayride at the Werdin Farm will once again be an **all church hayride**. It will be held on **Saturday, October 22**. All adults, youth and kids are invited! Dress warmly and bring a blanket and lawn chairs. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows, play in the leaves and bump along on a hay rack over the fields. We will meet at 6:00 pm at the farm (2s540 Dauberman Road just west of Kaneville). The hayride will last until about 8:30 that evening. Bring a friend or two and a dish to pass.

## Nursery

We are still looking for volunteers to cover the nursery during the 10:30 worship service each week. Our nursery is for infants through kindergarten age children. **This is a critical ministry to our young families, both those currently attending KUMC and those who visit our worship service.** Please sign up in the fellowship area if you are able to help out.

Many thanks to **Lisa Vanatta** for serving as our Nursery Coordinator!

## Youth Group

After a very successful Youth Lock Out this summer, we are busy planning our Youth Group schedule for the fall and winter. **Steve Neely** will be providing leadership for this group of Middle and High School kids. THANKS STEVE!!

## Child Fund

Check out the bulletin board in the basement for the latest letter from our sponsored child Christavao, from Mozambique. The KUMC Sunday School has been sponsoring a child through

Christian Children's Fund (now called ChildFund International) for over 19 years. We currently donate \$25 each month from our Sunday school offering to ChildFund to support the educational, medical and nutritional needs of Christavao.

Sunday school hosts fellowship hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from October through April. Any money donated for these treats will help pay our monthly ChildFund obligation. Please give generously!



## ***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!***

October 1	Melissa Flanders
October 1	Robby Ladford
October 1	Charles Flint
October 2	Lois Penninger
October 4	Scott Long
October 5	Carol Schleifer
October 6	Matthew Alfrey
October 8	Dan Purcell
October 9	Becky Frielink
October 11	Cindy Hiltenbrand
October 13	Wendy Jager
October 17	Susan Estes
October 17	Denny Long
October 21	Lynette Flint
October 22	Tom Flanders
October 22	Russ Wendling
October 23	Chris Hess
October 23	Addison Vanatta
October 25	Eldon Gould
October 26	Sara Gramley
October 27	Lindsey Govea
October 30	Connie Hylland

## ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!***

October 1	Dennis & Mary Nicely
October 9	Ed & Anna Dembowski
October 23	Ben & Lisa Vanatta
October 25	Bill & Pam Long





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*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is  
not your own doing, it is the gift of God-not the results of  
works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:-9-8(NRSV)*