

Kaneville
United Methodist Church
Newsletter

JANUARY/2012

*May you be filled with the
Lord's peace and joy in
2012!*

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

Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Mark Harkness

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& Russ Wendling*

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Office Hours for 2011:

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

Friday Day Off

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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.

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.

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, phone 630 557-2353 or you may leave it on the desk of the secretary.

Thank you

Funeral/Kitchen Duty for January

Mary Niceley Diane Hance

A Word from Pastor Mark

January 2012

(Jesus said,) "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

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

As with the many markers of life, the beginning of a new calendar year brings with it certain hopes and a renewal of intentions to experience those hopes. We call those intentions – resolutions. Each of those specific resolutions are usually tied to a greater hope. For instance, resolutions to lose weight, to exercise more, or to quit smoking are tied to a hope that one will become healthier. Although we may for a time falter in acting on any particular intention, the purpose for those intentions remain.

When any of us became a member of the church, we were asked to state our intention to support the United Methodist Church and this congregation by our prayers, presence, gifts and service (since 2008, the vow includes "witness"). Acting on those intentions is the means by which we claim our place in the church. Yet as intentions go, we often falter. As we engage this new year, I would encourage each of you to renew your commitment to the Kaneville United Methodist Church by resolving to keep those promises that you made when you joined the church. As St. Paul said when speaking about the nature of the church,

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Cor. 12:26-27) When we keep those promises that we made to one another, we build up one another, but more importantly we build up the church and its witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

On January 8, our worship will consist of John Wesley’s covenant service. The covenant service is a means by which we renew our commitment to Christ and his Church. We will also take time in worship that day to thank all of those who have completed their term of leadership service to the congregation. At the 10:30 service we will welcome our new church leaders as we pray for them in the work that lies ahead.

Those leaders who are stepping down, have served faithfully and diligently. Out of their commitment to the mission of this church, some served for longer than was fair to them. Please take time to thank those leaders, and to thank those who are moving into those roles. Pray for them. When they ask you to help with a project say, “Yes,” or offer another means by which you can support that particular ministry.

Also, we are in the process of bringing our membership records up to date. During the past year, that has consisted of gathering information about baptisms, funerals, weddings, confirmation and the reception of new members, so that they can be properly entered in the official record. In the upcoming year, we will be working to “digitize” the information, as well. Then comes the task of following up with those on our rolls whom we don’t see in worship or service to the church. We’ll be asking whether they intend to keep the covenant with Kaneville UMC, whether they’ve moved and need help finding a church in their new locale, or whether they’ve found a new church home, etc. Because we are trying to correct our records, I ask that anyone receiving correspondence regarding membership in error to exercise grace in their replies.

May this new year be one in which each of us renew our commitment to Jesus Christ – the One who committed himself fully to us.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mark Harkness", with a large, decorative flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Mark Harkness

KUMC Children & Youth Ministries

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who helped with the Children's Christmas Program, "**Holy Stable-Celebrate the Miracle**" on December 11th. A special thanks to Carol Flanders (music), Jolene DeWitt (fellowship hour) and Dan Alfrey (accompaniment & sound). Thanks also to the Middle School class narrators, the High School class for leading the service and to Eva Ottoson, Hayden Ragatz, Kaitlyn Wendling and Matt Alfrey for providing our special music. You were fantastic!

Holiday Spirit

Thank you to all who donated gifts and warm hats and gloves to Holiday Spirit. KUMC provided Christmas for two area families this year with a total of four children. It was my great privilege to meet each of the 66 families that received help through Holiday Spirit. The generosity of this church community continues to be truly inspiring. Thank you for putting "feet" on your faith!

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following students who had perfect attendance in October and November:

Alyssa Ryan

Addison Vanatta

Dean Baldrige

Kyla Baldrige

Wyatt Harvell

Mariann O'Connell

Owen Ragatz

Kaitlyn Wendling

Erin Kettelkamp

Matt Alfrey

Congratulations to the Preschool-1st Grade class for the overall highest class attendance in October and November. They received a special treat and possession of the coveted Purple Attendance Gorilla!

Peacemakers

We've been having a great time this year at *Peacemakers*. They met December 13th for their annual Family Caroling Party and blessed Kaneville and beyond with glorious song and treats. The *Peacemakers* meet again on Tuesday, **January 17th from 6-7:30 p.m.** All children in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Bring a friend!

Address Updates

We need to update our address list of our college kids, snow birds and those serving in the Armed Services so we can send Valentines next month. Please drop any new or updated addresses in the office. Thanks!

Acolyte Schedule

- 1/1 Sophie & Eva Ottoson
- 1/8 Hayden & Owen Ragatz
- 1/15 Alyssa Ekstom & Allison Dunlop
- 1/22 Wyatt Harvell & Owen Ragatz
- 1/29 Grant & Kyla Baldrige

Mark Your Calendar!

- January 1 No kids Sunday school
- January 17 Peacemakers



PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer Chains 1 or 2 Please call the names on your list until you find a person to give the prayer request to. If no one answers, leave a message, call the next person and keep doing so until you reach a live person. This way the chain will not be broken.

Prayer Chain 3 (e-mail chain) If you would like to be removed from the phone tree & added to the email list, contact the church office at 630-557-2353 or by email kumcoffice@yahoo.com. You will receive prayer chain information via e-mail. You do not need to respond or forward the email, just pray.

"God answers *knee* mails"

Our promise is a prayer by everyone for anyone needing God's love and help. Again, thank you everyone for care for God's family in their time of need.

Please put this list by your telephone or in your phone book. Make a copy to have at work with you, just in case.

1. Carefully write down the prayer request message.
2. PRAY earnestly for the need during your personal prayer time and during the day whenever you think of it. GOD IS ALWAYS LISTENING.
3. Pray for each need as long as you feel you should. This is an individual decision.
4. **Please be considerate of others privacy and get permission before calling prayer chain.**

Again, thank you each and every one of you.
-Lynette Werdin 630-557-2202

Can't sleep?
Count your blessings.

Kaneville United Methodist Church
2012 Church Leadership

Administrative Council

Chair	Steve Downen
Lay Leader	Jim O'Connell
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Sandy Gould
Treasurer	Andrea Purcell
Financial Secretary	Kim Wendling
Recording Secretary	Rozella DePasquale-Myers
Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee	Eric Ryan
Trustees Chair	(elected by Trustees)
Finance Chair	Ben Vanatta
Membership & Evangelism Chair	Rozella DePasquale-Myers
Missions Chair	Karen Flammand
Worship Chair	Diane Hance
Children and Youth Chair	Carol Alfrey
Sunday School Superintendent	Carol Alfrey
Memorials Chair	Karon Miller
Hospitality Chair	Mary Nicely
UMW President	Julie Kettelkamp
Historian	Lynette Werdin

Staff-Parish Committee

Eric Ryan (Chair), Elmer Gramley, Jim O'Connell, Lisa Vanatta, Al Miller, Myra Ottoson

Trustees

Pat Purcell, Rob Ottoson, Cathy Buck, Alana Meyer, Dave Sigmund, Harry Meyer

Finance Committee

Ben Vanatta (Chair), Andrea Purcell (Treasurer), Kim Wendling (Financial Secretary), Marge Miller, Al Miller (SPRC), Cathy Buck (Trustee), Ben Vanatta, Tom Flanders

Nominations Committee

Rev. Mark Harkness (Chair), Carol Alfrey, Carol Flanders, Jody Springsteen, Andrea Purcell, Tom Runty, Cindy Hiltenbrand

Membership and Evangelism Committee

Rozella DePasquale-Myers (Chair), Jim O'Connell,
Russ Wendling

Missions Committee

Karen Flammand (Chair), Myra Ottoson, Kim Wendling,
Elizabeth Besco

Worship Committee

Diane Hance (Chair), Steve Downen, Carol Flanders, Dan Alfrey,
Kaitlyn Wendling, Karl Kettelkamp, Anna Dembowski

Children and Youth Council

Carol Alfrey (Chair), Jody Springsteen (KCCC rep),
Kim Wendling, Laura Ryan, Joleen DeWitt, Steve Neely,
Lisa Vanatta (Nursery Coord.), Lynette Werdin (Child Advocate)

Memorials Committee

Karon Miller (Chair), Amy Weiland, Kris Frielink, Tom Flanders,
Julie Kettelkamp

Hospitality Committee

Mary Nicely (Chair), Jan Gramley, Katie Downen,
Elizabeth Besco, Manda Davis

Certified Lay Speakers

Jim O'Connell and Russ Wendling



THANK YOU!

We would like to "Thank" everyone for their love & support given to us, recently, on the death of our son Keith.

The calls from Pastor Mark, Pastor Jason, family & friends, cards, food, visits, memorial gifts and many acts of kindness.

We were so surprised and appreciative for all our church friends that came 125 miles to Keith's funeral. Our hearts are broken with the death of both of our sons, but we know, that God is taking care of them, and us all.

Your love and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. God Bless You !

Love,
Steve & Katie Downen

FYI

Pastor Mark will be out of the office and at school from 1/9-1/13.

Rev. Steve Good from Sugar Grove UMC will be available for emergencies. You may leave a message at KUMC (630) 557-2353 or SGUMC (630) 466-4501

John Wesley On Prayer

God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of his grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air.

Whether we think of; or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.

All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by his own choice.

Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things.

In souls filled with love, the desire to please God is a continual prayer.

As the furious hate which the devil bears us is termed the roaring of a lion, so our vehement love may be termed crying after God.

God only requires of his adult children, that their hearts be truly purified, and that they offer him continually the wishes and vows that naturally spring from perfect love. For these desires, being the genuine fruits of love, are the most perfect prayers that can spring from it.

From A Plain Account of Christian Perfection, as believed and taught by the Reverend Mr. John Wesley, from the year 1725, to the year 1777.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!



January 1	Ed Dembowski
January 3	Carol Alfrey
January 4	Eric Voytas
January 4	Carol Miller
January 5	Len Heinberg
January 5	Mary Niceley
January 5	Julie Kettelkamp
January 10	Colleen Christensen
January 10	Pat Purcell
January 11	Dan Kahl
January 11	Ben Ratliff
January 13	Luanne Ferguson
January 14	David Sigmund
January 14	Michael Sigmund
January 16	Katee Werline
January 21	Ken Andersen
January 22	Dana Gould
January 24	Nanette Maecker
January 26	Andrea Purcell
January 27	Dave Ferguson
January 27	Janet Runty
January 27	Susan Harkness

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

January 11	Chris & Dana Gould
January 23	Clarence & Lois Penninger



Contact: Rozella 630 557-2353 with changes.

Bible Wordsearch

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Famous Men of the Old Testament

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AARON JACOB
ABEL JEREMIAH
ABNER JOB
ABRAHAM JONAH
ADAM JOSEPH
BAALAM JOSHUA
CAIN JUDAH
CALEB LEVI
CYRUS LOT
DANIEL MORDECAI
DARIUS MOSES
DAVID NATHAN
ELIJAH NEHEMIAH
ELISHA NOAH
ENOCH SAMSON
EZEKIEL SAMUEL
GIDEON SAUL
GOLIATH SHADRACH
ISAAC SHEM
ISAIAH SOLOMON
ISHMAEL SIMEON

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 35

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