

Kaneville
United Methodist Church
Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2011



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

Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Mark Harkness

Secretary: Rozella DePasquale-Myers

Office Phone: 630-557-2353

Lay Speakers: Jim O'Connell & Russ Wendling

If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please contact the church office.

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KUMC Newsletter

November 2011

Pastor: **Mark Harkness**

Email: **pastor@kanevilleumc.org**

Office Hours for 2011:

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

Friday Day Off

Other times by appointment

Secretary: Rozella Monday, Wednesday,

Friday 9:00am-1pm.

Office: 630-557-2353

Email: **kumcoffice@yahoo.com**

Newsletter Information and Sunday Bulletin Deadlines

Newsletter items are always welcome; we encourage you to submit your news no later than the **19th 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!

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**.

Funeral/Kitchen Duty for November

Julie Kettelkamp and Lisa Vanatta

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

November 2011

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:26-28 (NRSV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

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

With the arrival of November – civil religion tells us that we should look towards Thanksgiving Day. As a Christian – I'm happy for opportunities to thank my Creator openly for his blessings. Usually, I would take this opportunity to ask us each to consider those things for which we are thankful. However, this month there are more pressing needs.

As many of you know, there was a theft at the church in October. Sometime between the evening of Sunday, October 2 and the morning of Monday, October 3 someone entered the church and stole eighteen gift baskets of items that had been donated for the Beef Supper fundraiser. Computers and other electronics were left alone. [As of this writing, the culprit is unknown.] Not only did the theft deprive the church of items that would allow us to raise funds for ministry in Kaneville, but it also took a little bit more from our congregation. Until that theft, our church had been unlocked, so that anyone who needed some time with God could enter any time.

The unlocked church has served as a point of pride (the right sort of pride) for this congregation for some time. Therefore, there is some sadness that the church won't be unlocked 24/7 any longer.

The church building will now be locked at night. It will be locked at 6:00 pm (or after evening activities). On weekdays it will be unlocked around 9:00 am. It will be unlocked earlier on weekends for

weekend activities. Although the church office will be locked whenever no one is working on-site, this means that the church will continue to be accessible for people to pray and for church members to do the works of ministry. The Trustees and church officers have keys so that they can have access to do their work. For others who may have a need to be in the church after 6:00 pm, we ask that they make arrangements (at least 24 hours in advance) with the church office for after-hours access.

Even in the midst of this misfortune, God is working good, as the passage above proclaims. Although God doesn't cause us misfortune, God does work for good in our circumstances, whatever they may be. When some of our church members told friends and business associates about what had happened to the unlocked church, they responded with generosity and the gift basket donations poured in. By our willingness to be open, we witnessed to the grace of Jesus Christ and inspired hope in others. That is something for which we should be thankful as we strive to balance security with vulnerability requisite of sincere love for one another and for all those whom God loves.

Let us allow that sort of spirit to guide us. In fact, let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness, to shape our prayers for the thief, and to give words to those prayers. May our prayer be for redemption and grace, as we strive to be the body of Christ in Kaneville.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mark Harkness", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Mark Harkness

PS: Our annual Church Conference will be at 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 5. I encourage all church members to attend. It is at this meeting when we share together how we've been in ministry during the past year and intend to do so in the upcoming year. It is also when our church leaders are elected. Furthermore, our District Superintendent will preside giving us an opportunity to appreciate the fullness of our ministry through the United Methodist connection.

KUMC Children & Youth Ministries

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

This Christmas we will again sponsor a local family through the Kaneland Area Holiday Spirit Program. Holiday Spirit is a joint program of the Kaneland schools, Conley Outreach and area businesses and civic organizations. KUMC will be matched with one large or two small area families who have asked for assistance this Christmas. Tags will be placed on the tree with clothing and toy requests by November 20. Each child will have multiple tags for clothes and toys. Gift cards for department stores, gas or groceries may also be purchased for the families.

Presents must be at the church by Sunday, December 11th. The Holiday Spirit tree will be located in the Fellowship area near the Missions board. As in years past, we will also be collecting new **mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks** for these and other Holiday Spirit families. All leftover outerwear goes to the Kaneland Area Food Pantry for their patrons. Please remember this other Holiday Spirit mission!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Mark your calendars for the annual Hanging of the Greens, scheduled for Sunday, November 27 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. After a light lunch, the children will decorate the Sunday school areas while the adults decorate the sanctuary and vestibule. It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season for the whole family!

ACOLYTES

Thanks to Pastor Mark for getting our new Acolyte vestments. All Acolytes must go through training before they can serve at a worship service. A second training will be offered during Sunday school on November 6 for those who missed the September training.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November 6 Hayden & Owen Ragatz

November 13 Allison Dunlop & Elyssa Ekstrom

November 20 Kyla & Grant Baldrige

November 27 Sophie & Eva Ottoson

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please try to find a substitute or call Carol Alfrey, 630/557-2245.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 13: Fellowship Hour

Middle School class

November 15: Peacemakers 6pm

November 27: Hanging of the Greens

December 11: Christmas Program





CHRISTMAS IN KANEVILLE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd
9AM TO 1PM

Events include:

*Cookie Walk at the Kaneville United Methodist Church -selling cookies by the pound.

*Kaneville Community Childcare Center gift raffle fundraiser - including tickets to Paramount Arts. Items & entry at church.

*Visit with Santa at the Kaneville Fire Department

*Kaneville Township Historical Society Farley house open with special displays.

*Make & take crafts & stories for kids & music at the Kaneville Public Library - also refreshments & basket raffle

*Craft show & bake sale at Community Center Gym 9 to 1

*Belgium Horse hayride around town - donations accepted

*Various businesses open with refreshments including Old Second Bank and Hill's Country Store. The craft show is held in the gym at the Community Center. The spaces are about 8x8, 6x8 and 6' banquet table size. There is a \$5 donation for participating crafters. If interested in participating email kflama64@gmail.com.

Then December 4th, Sunday afternoon a special music presentation by Chris Conley's chorale group. Watch for details.

Kaneville Township Historical Society Christmas Wreath Sale

Sales through November 12, 2011

Payment due at time of order

**Orders will be ready for pickup November 19, 2011
At Dave Werdin Community Center.**

Size & Description	Decorated	Plain
Christmas Wreaths		
20" Balsam	\$15.00	\$14.00
20" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$16.00	\$15.00
24" Balsam	\$17.00	\$15.00
24" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$18.00	\$16.00
30" Balsam	\$22.00	\$20.00
30" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$24.00	\$22.00
36" Balsam	\$27.00	\$25.00
36" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$29.00	\$27.00
42" Balsam	\$33.00	\$30.00
42" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$37.00	\$34.00
48" Balsam	\$36.00	\$33.00
48" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$41.00	\$38.00
60" Balsam	\$51.00	\$47.00
60" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$67.00	\$61.00
72" Balsam	\$82.00	\$78.00
72" Balsam <i>Mix*</i>	\$89.00	\$84.00
ROPING		
25" Roll Balsam	\$26.00	
25" Roll Balsam Mix	\$31.00	
50" Roll Balsam	\$44.00	
SPECIALTIES		
24" Mix Door Swag	\$15.00	
36" Candy Cane	\$21.00	
42" Balsam Cross	\$25.00	
Adult Grave Blanket	\$39.00	
Youth Grave Blanket	\$32.00	
Baby Grave Blanket	\$26.00	



Locally grown and constructed.

Please support and make checks payable to Kaneville Township Historical Society.

Don't miss out on your chance to purchase FRESH CHRISTMAS GREENS!

Mix items include balsam with white pine & cedar accents

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

KUMC November 2011 Mission is... Kaneville Community Childcare Center.

KCCC, a ministry of Kaneville United Methodist Church, is located in the Kaneville Community Center at 2S101 Harter Road in Kaneville. KCCC has been providing quality daycare, preschool, K-Club, and before/after school care for children since 1986.

KCCC is a non-profit, state licensed center that is a mission of the Kaneville United Methodist Church. All staff members are certified and meet or exceed education requirements for early childhood development.

All programs are available for children ages 2 1/2 (toilet trained) through 5th grade regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The center serves all children in a developmentally appropriate play-based curriculum. Partnered with their families, community, and the Church, our programs provide for the social, intellectual, spiritual, and physical development of each child.

In addition to cash donations, KCCC is always in need of the following items...

Art supplies (glue sticks, markers, construction paper)
Paper products (plates, cups, napkins, paper towels),
100% Juice (large bottles), cereal, Packaged Snacks,
Matchbox cars (used or new), and gently used toys.

If you wish to donate items please place them on the table marked "MISSION KCCC". Thank you!

COOKIE LOVERS UNITE!!!!!

Well, our ovens have cooled off from baking roast beef and pies and its time to think about our annual Cookie Walk and Candy Sale.

The date this year is December 3rd and can you believe it's our twentieth annual Walk??

As you know, we have had several successful sales and we are hoping to continue that trend. There will be sign-up sheets floating around church so please sign up to donate your best cookies. Also, would you please write out your cookie/candy recipes for a collaborative booklet that we would like to put together to sell at next year's Walk?

Any questions please contact Sandy Gould or Kris Frielink.



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.





Kaneville Ladies
13th Annual Women's Retreat
Jan 13-15, 2012 at
Wesley Woods - Williams Bay, WI.
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

God has laid this theme on my heart and it is amazing how many resources have been placed in my path to make it happen. This will truly be a personal weekend with time to spend alone with God and time to share with each other the challenges and joys we face every day.

Join us for 1 night, 2 nights or just for Saturday.

Think of snuggling up by the warm, cozy fireplace with a hot bowl of soup or hot chocolate after enjoying a little time outside on prayer walk. Lots of wonderful activities are being planned, so mark your calendar and plan to come spend some time at the lake (frozen but beautiful) - it is a great way to start the New Year.

Sign up!!! Questions?? Want to help??
Call - Diane Hance at 815-286-7700

Grief Can Be Hard

From the outside looking in, grief is manageable. An outsider believes that a person mourning the loss of someone significant can simply accept the loss and “move on.” But it isn’t at all about “moving on.” For the person experiencing grief, it is often much harder than imagined. Frequently people say “This is harder than I thought.” Physical concerns usually surprise people—with sleeplessness, changes in appetite, and even physical aches and pains. Mentally, people often have trouble focusing and concentrating. Emotionally, the waves of grief are more intense than anticipated. Grieving people often question their spiritual beliefs.

To learn what to do when grief is hard, consider coming to one of Conley Outreach’s Grief Support Groups. **Friendship Night Support Group**, open to all adults grieving the loss of a loved one to death, meets next on October 27 with the topic “*This is harder than I thought—What can I do?*” **Mourning After Support Group**, open to young widows, widowers, and adults whose significant other has died, meets on November 3 with the topic “*Taking risks.*” **Grieving Parent Support Group** meets on November 10 with the topic “*New identity.*” All groups meet Thursday, 7 p.m. at Elburn Community Center, 525 N. Main Street, Elburn, Room 10 (1st floor), and are facilitated by Lora Windsor, LCSW. All groups are free, but the Grieving Parent Support Group requires pre-registration. Please call 630-365-2880 for more information or to register for this month’s Grieving Parent Support Group.

Carol Werdin Alfrey

Carol Werdin Alfrey, PhD

Executive Director

Conley Outreach Community Services

630-365-2880

"Caring for the Heart of Community"

www.conleyoutreach.org



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL THE WORK THAT WAS DONE WITH THE BEEF SUPPER.

Your dedication to this event year after year is a testimony to the love you have for the church's outreach to the community and beyond. Ladies... don't forget the next Kaneville's UMW meeting, 11/6 @ 4pm for raffle drawing, reports, and upcoming planning.

Preliminary Accounting for Beef Supper

MEALS SERVED 498

INCOME MEAL TICKETS & LEFTOVERS \$5083.75

BAZAAR 933.75

RAFFLE (to date) 1100.00

DONATIONS 228.75

START UP CASH 680.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$8026.25

CASH ON HAND FOR RAFFLE 111.00

TOTAL \$8137.25

EXPENSES (to date) \$2687.94

Profit \$5449.31





Think not the bigotry of another is any excuse for your own. John Wesley

*John Wesley's Sermons on Several Occasions (1771)
Sermon 37 "The Nature of Enthusiasm"*

Beware you are not a fiery, persecuting enthusiast. Do not imagine that God has called you (just contrary to the spirit of Him you style your Master) to destroy men's lives, and not to save them. **Never dream of forcing men into the ways of God. Think yourself, and let think.** Use no constraint in matters of religion. Even those who are farthest out of the way never compel to come in by any other means than reason, truth, and love.

Beware, lastly, of imagining you shall obtain the end without using the means conducive to it. God can give the end without any means at all; but you have no reason to think He will. Therefore constantly and carefully use all those means which He has appointed to be the ordinary channels of His grace. Use every means which either reason or Scripture recommends, as conducive (through the free love of God in Christ) either to the obtaining or increasing any of the gifts of God. Thus expect a daily growth in that pure and holy religion which the world always did, and always will, call "enthusiasm;" but which, to all who are saved from real enthusiasm, from merely nominal Christianity, is "the wisdom of God, and the power of God;" the glorious image of the Most High; "righteousness and peace;" a "fountain of living water, springing up into everlasting life!"



May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men, please plan to attend the AURORA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST MEN Advent Communion Service and meeting, Saturday, December 3, FROM 8-11AM. The meeting place will be FAITH UMC, 9955 w. 144TH STREET, ORLAND PARK 60462. Easy to get to, Please mark your calendars. More information will follow... Thanks, Herb John



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)

I would appreciate payment when you order.

**This Year's Thanksgiving Service will be
held at Community Congregational
Church in Elburn on November 23rd at
7pm.**



AURORA DISTRICT FALL LAY ACADEMY

DATES: Saturday, November 5 and November 12
LOCATION: Plainfield UMC, 15114 S. Illinois Street,
Plainfield.

Phone # 815-436-9651

TIMES: Saturday, November 5, 8 AM – 3 PM (a light breakfast at 8 AM and worship at 8:30)

Saturday, November 13, 8:30 – 3 PM (a light breakfast)

Closing worship when class ends

Lunch will be served both days

CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS:

UM Heritage Rev. Jonathan Dean

Media in the Church: Rev. Beth Galbreath This class will include information on resources and how to use them plus information on electronic media.

Stewardship: Peggy Hansen This class will guide you to live your life as a steward of God. Discussion will be on Spiritual gifts, faith journey, and focus on your 12-month stewardship goals.

Fees: \$35 Includes breakfast, lunch and material

Please return this form by Monday, October 31

Registration Form

Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

CLASS CHOICE: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Aurora/Elgin Regional Office. Mail to: 217
Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!



November 1 Stan Dembowski
November 3 Laura Ryan
November 4 Morgan Miller
November 7 Lisa Liedberg
November 8 Laura Rudow
November 8 Scott Pisarski
November 8 Martha Baldridge
November 8 Anna Dembowski
November 8 Thomas Liedberg
November 9 Vicki Frew
November 9 Melinda Ratliff
November 11 Korey Maercker
November 14 Myrna Stouffer
November 15 Steve Gramley
November 16 Karen Heinberg
November 17 Susan Henne
November 17 Kellie Hess
November 17 Donn Miller
November 19 Steve Downen
November 19 Allison Dunlop
November 22 Clayton Hannula
November 23 Bart Needham
November 24 Dan Alfrey
November 24 Ashley Urdaneta
November 25 David Kahl
November 25 Kathrine Zimmer
November 30 Jessica Angell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



November 4 Craig & Nanette Maecker
November 12 Rick & Cindy Flanders
November 16 Wayne & Karen Sanchez
November 22 Dave & Carol Bateman

Contact Rozella: kumcoffice@yahoo.com with changes/additions to this list.