

# ~ The Bridge ~

September 2020

United Methodist Church of Kimberling City

Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Hello!



Today I witnessed something truly beautiful. It was the first day for our Quest Preschool. Now, the first day of preschool isn't necessarily that unique, but let me describe what I observed. As parents arrived with their children, the Quest board members greeted them and guided them to the preschool area. And I mean the board members were all there and they were all involved directly in welcoming the parents and children!

Becky Stacy, our Quest director, had everything ready. The preschool area was immaculate. Tables were ready for the new students. Colors were bright and the adults were cheerful. What young child wouldn't feel great about entering that environment?

After the children were comfortable in the room, the parents were invited into an orientation time where the program, payments, and schedule were all carefully reviewed, and their questions were welcomed. I was even given a moment to welcome the parents and thank them for trusting us with their children.

This is just another example of the deeply committed, caring people of our church. I know you must feel good about being part of this church! I certainly do!

After two months, I am even more convinced that the staff, leaders, and ministry teams here are the finest anywhere. I am blessed to be here! Here is a brief update on our shared ministry.

I am getting better acquainted with everyone. I am also learning the personal stories and individual challenges of our members. You can help me with this by taking a moment to say hello. You can also help by contacting the church office when you or a family member are hospitalized, or in need of prayer, or if you would like a visit from your pastor. Just let me know and I'll do everything I can!

Our Church Council will be discussing goals for 2021 when we meet in September. We will be focusing carefully on those goals as we plan our calendar and budget for next year. As I mentioned before, the plans we discuss will involve the entire congregation. You will have ownership in everything we plan and do!

I am working with our PPRC Committee to search for a director of our children's ministries. This will be a challenging, and yet deeply

rewarding ministry. Please pray with us. The current precautions that are necessary because of Covid-19 make it difficult to have gatherings in closed spaces, but we are making plans for how we can do in person ministry as the situation improves.

I am glad to be part of Kimberling City United Methodist Church and I am glad that you have made it your church.

We have some exciting times ahead and I am looking forward to sharing those times with you.

Tony



## Student Life Ministries

Student Life - Wednesdays at 6:00 - 7:30 pm (In Student Life Lounge)

Come early for Food at 5:30 pm!

September 13th - Campfire Cookout 5:00—8:00 pm



Be sure to collect these labels and help up raise funds for special projects

- Best Choice UPC Bar Codes for the WebKids Backpack Program
- School Box Tops for our local schools
- Harter House Register Receipts

Please place your items in the bins provided by the coat rack area by the sanctuary.

Best Choice



## Women's Gatherings to Check out

Page Turners once a month - contact Robin Kays church office

Friday Fillies—Lunch Friday's at Donnie's Diner. You can just show up or call the church office for more information.

**Fill A Baby Bottle** with change—pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, paper money...



**All Proceeds go to Pregnancy Life Line (PLL).**

The baby bottles will be collected the last Sunday — September 27th. Pick up your baby bottle to fill in the foyer and return at the end of September.

Since 2004, Pregnancy Life Line has helped over 1050 individuals with prenatal and parenting education. Our mission is to serve women and men during an unplanned pregnancy. They are dedicated to empowering individuals to make healthy life choices through education, mentoring and other resources.

**PLL** Providing Hope, Education and Resources

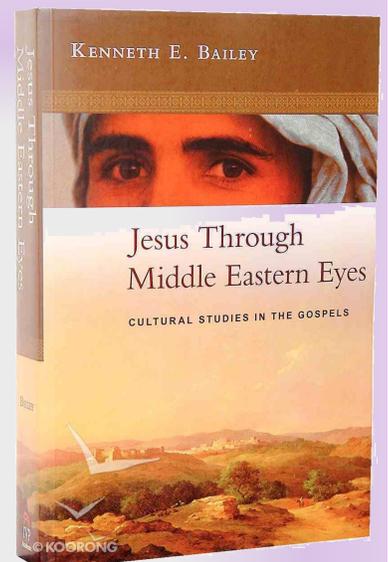
## Salt and Light begins September 9th

Join us for dinner at 5:15. Study is at 5:45 pm

Beginning with Jesus' birth, Ken Bailey will lead you on a kaleidoscopic study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels. Bailey examines the life and ministry of Jesus with attention to the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, Jesus' relationship to women and especially Jesus' parables.

Through it all, Bailey employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead us into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context.

With a sure but gentle hand, Bailey lifts away the obscuring layers of modern Western interpretation to reveal Jesus in the light of his actual historical and cultural setting.



**SALT & LIGHT**

Matthew 5:13-16

## Adult Sunday School Classes



### REVELATION Thursday Afternoon Study

In the Book of Revelation, the apocalyptic hopes of the early Christian community for the ultimate destiny of the world find their clearest and most complete expression. In his commentary on Revelation, Don Koening says, "The first Chapter of Revelation is so profound it supports many of the foundational truths of Christian theology..." Join Harold Barnette and the Amazing Grace Adult Study on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



### THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS PAUL PROCLAIMS JESUS AS LORD Pairs & Spares Adult Sunday Morning Study

Follow along with Paul on his second teaching tour to Greece. Discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi and surrounding cities. Experience the Bible in historical context through videos filmed on location. Join Pairs & Spares Sunday mornings at 10:15 on the lower level next to the zone.



## Our Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditions Worship Service  
10:30 am Connect Service  
Adult Sunday School Class 10:30



# Message Series

## What's Next?

1. **September 13 - Time to Move Joshua 1:1-5**
2. **September 20 - Are You Afraid? Joshua 1:6-9**
3. **September 27 - Living the Dream Joshua 2:1-24**
4. **October 4 - God Can Do It Again Joshua 3:1-17**



### What is Labor Day?

This day constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

### The Gathering Place

#### Sharing a Caregiver's Journey

Join us on Thursday, September 17th from 10:00 until 11:30 am. This group is a faith-based caregiver support group for men and women caring for family and friends. Kris and Ed Turney are the facilitators - bringing years of experience to this ministry. To learn more call (417)320-2060.



### Quest Preschool News

Quest has had a great beginning this year. We are so blessed to have this program as part of our outreach. Happy students come to have fun and learn in a beautiful, bright classroom with caring adults guide them.

Thank you Church for your support your generosity is heartwarming and much appreciated. Please continue to support this program with your gifts and prayers.



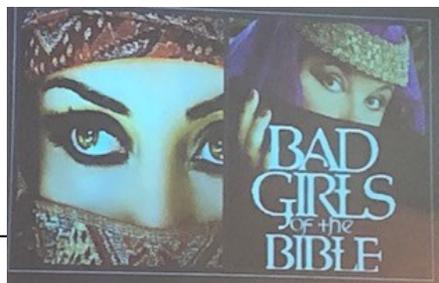
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## UMW IS BACK! Things to know about the United Methodist Women (UMW)

Hello Ladies, We're back!! Our next UMW luncheon and meeting will be **Thursday, Sept 17th** at noon. Instead of a large meal being served, we are asking all the ladies this time to bring a sack lunch. Coffee & tea will be provided, but you can bring your own drink if desired.

The program will be given by Marjorie Peterson & is entitled "24 Hours". There will be no charge for the luncheon, however, donations will be accepted for local missions. There will be social distancing & please wear a mask. Come hear an interesting program along with the fun, laughter, & fellowship!!

- \* We are known as the "Go To Girls!" Anytime something is needed around the church, the UMW steps up and makes sure it gets done, whether it is painting, hosting, cooking, serving, praying or supporting!
- \* We meet monthly from September through May. Meetings are typically at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and include brown bag lunch, prayer, conversation and a guest presenter. All are invited.
- \* We spearhead the Super Sale that happens in the spring each year where the bulk of our income is made. All of this money goes to Missions!
- \* We serve funeral dinners for anyone in our church that desires it, whether it is a full fledged dinner or sandwiches or desserts.
- \* We have ladies in our unit that are officers in the District UMW.
- \* Please let us know if you have any needs, wants or desires.



## BadGirls of the Bible



Jezabel

Rahab

Eve

Deliah

Potipher's Wife



## September 2020 EVENTS

- 9/1 10:00 Staff Meeting  
5:15 Bell Choir Practice
- 9/2
- 9/3
- 9/4
- 9/5
- 9/6 Communion Sunday  
Food Pantry Sunday  
PLL Fill the Baby Bottle Campaign
- 9/7 **Church Offices Closed for Labor Day**
- 9/8 10:00 am United Methodist Women's Admin Team  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:30 pm Quest Board Meeting  
4:30 pm Finance Meeting
- 9/9 5:15 pm Salt & Light Meal  
5:30 pm Student Life  
5:45 pm alt & Light Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/10 2:00 pm Amazing Grace Adult Bible Study  
5:00 pm Nominating Team Meeting
- 9/11
- 9/12 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- 9/13 Bell Choir Playing  
Message—"Time to Move"  
5:00—8:00 pm Student Life Campfire Cookout
- 9/14 2:00 pm Caring Team  
6:30 pm Trustee's Meeting
- 9/15 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:30 pm Worship Team Meeting  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 9/16 5:15 pm Salt & Light Meal  
5:30 pm Student Life  
5:45 pm alt & Light Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/17 10:00 am The Gathering Place  
12:00 pm UMW Luncheon
- 9/18
- 9/19
- 9/20
- 9/21 6:30 pm Church Admin Council Meeting
- 9/22 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 9/23 First Day of Autumn  
5:15 pm Salt & Light Meal  
5:30 pm Student Life  
5:45 pm alt & Light Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/24 1:00 pm OJ of Hope Meeting  
2:00 pm Amazing Grace Adult Bible Study
- 9/25
- 9/26
- 9/27 **Last Sunday to Bring your Full Baby Bottles**  
Blood Pressure Sunday
- 9/28
- 9/29 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 9/30 5:15 pm Salt & Light Meal  
5:30 pm Student Life  
5:45 pm alt & Light Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Regular Sunday UMCKC meetings:

- 9:00 am Traditions Worship Sundays  
10:30 am Connect Worship Sundays  
Adult Sunday School Offerings 10:30 am

## Christian Associates Food Pantry Sunday on September 6th



Please help Christian Associates in providing food for those in need. If you wish to contribute a financial donation in place of food, please make checks payable to Christian Associates. We will make sure your donation goes to Christian Associates. For September, the food needs are:

*Please no glass containers.*

- Oatmeal
- Dry Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Pasta Noodles/Spaghetti & Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Chili
- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, ect.
- Canned Meal Soups
- Bagged Oyster Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Potatoes
- Instant Potatoes
- Gravy Mixes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Instant Rice

### United Methodist Church Food Pantry Donations

Month	Pounds	Cash
January	226	\$70.00
February	50	\$135.00
March	60	\$110.00
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	0
July	18	0

## Member's Birthdays

Name	Date
Elaine Constance	3
Arlene Hoffman	5
Nancy Hudson	5
Lucile Ingalsbe	5
Diana Doke	8
Lizzie Murray	8
June Trimble	8
Donna Compton	9
Nancy White	9
Jane Shurtz	10
Barb Hansen	11
Jesse Compton	13
Jack Henderson	17
Susan Sattler	18
Tyler McLain	19
Randy Johns	20
Linda Rann	20
Dorothy Greenwald	22
Doug Weydert	22
Lois Estes	23
Audrey Richards	24
Jacque Williams	24
Joy Flaugh	26
Clyde Langenbeck	26
Jeanan Willers	27
Dick Peterson	28

## Member's Anniversaries

Name	Date
Don and Cheryl Liles	2
Harold and Charolette Barnette	3
Pat and Marcia Dial	4
Dick and Gloria Haan	4
Harlin and Arlene Huskey	5
Lon and Glenda McLaughlin	6
Clyde and Jean Langenbeck	9
Don and Wilda Jean Schwenn	12
Ronald and Rosita Van Fosson	13
Greg and Jeri Manthei	18
Duane and Louise Yohe	21
Norm and Judy Driska	23
Chuck and Bert Couch	25
Sam and Lily Hastings	28
Rod and Sandra Sagehorn	29



### United Methodist Men's Breakfast (UMM) All Men are Welcome

Join us for a breakfast fellowship time on  
**Saturday, September 12th at 8:00 am.**

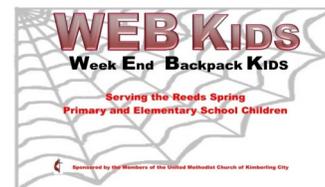
There will be a program and of course, breakfast. It is in the Fellowship Hall.



**Celebrate with us** with our 13th year for the WebKids Backpack program.

THANKS for your continued support!

WEB KIDS: We are beginning our 13<sup>th</sup> year preparing weekend bags of food for the under-nourished children of RS K thru 4<sup>th</sup> grades. School began Aug 25<sup>th</sup> with a 4-day classroom study and 3-day weekends. We will be packing additional food for that 3<sup>rd</sup> day. We will receive the request for number of bags of food needed around the 6<sup>th</sup> and begin packing the 10<sup>th</sup>. We continue to be flexible and answer God's calling to care for his children.



LEND-A-HAND: We support the Stone County Child Protection Agency who came to us explaining just what happens when a child is removed from the home. Many times, they not only are removed from their family, but their school and their friends. While these family members open their hearts and homes, they often don't have monies for the additional expenses that come along with the kids. In those first few days there is a critical need for food, clothing, head and bed bug kits, and a gas card so appointments required by state and/or county authorities can be met. We are supplying those items when SCCPA feels it is needed.



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**Sunday Worship**  
**Traditional service**  
**9:00 am**  
**Connect service**  
**10:30 am**

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Tony Blevins

Associate Pastor  
Wes Larson

Chancel & Bell Choir  
Director  
Lydia Rodgers

Youth Ministries  
Director  
Kaci Larson

Children's Ministries  
Director  
TBD

Pianist  
Danielle Hardin

Organist  
Lois Estes

Recording Engineer  
Jim Potter

Office Manager  
Mary Lou Luther

Secretary  
Robin Kays

Custodian  
TBD



**Writings from Wes**

Miracles start with problems... Think about it..

Every Miracle God has performed started out with a problem. Jesus didn't do miracles to make bad things better, He did miracles to make bad things good! He righted wrongs and fixed broken things.

Problems are opportunities for God to show himself strong.

So what problems are you facing today?

You need a miracle... Acts 10:38

Blessings,

Wes



You can reach our Worship Services via, in person, on Facebook or by listening to a recorded video or audio file. Call the church office to be added to the email list or text list for recorded Traditional Service.