

# The Link: Connected in Christ

## July 2024



### Our Mission: “Bring People to Christ”

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### Church Service Times

**Sunday Sanctuary  
Worship 9:30 AM,  
in-person worship**

**Sunday Children's  
Church 10 AM**

**Live Worship  
Streamed Online  
Sunday 9:30 AM via  
YouTube and KNIA**

**Radio Worship  
Worship with us via  
the radio at 1320 AM,  
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at  
9:30 AM on Sundays**



### Greetings in Christ!

Watch out! There's a new face in town! Hello, everyone. I am Pastor Jaeseong Lee, newly appointed as the senior pastor at Knoxville First United Methodist Church. You may call me Pastor Jae. I am an ordained Elder in the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am deeply honored to be one of your pastors, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for welcoming my family and me into this faith community.

Allow me to introduce my family: I am here with my wife, Eunju (EJ), and our three daughters, Chloe, Claire, and Lois. Chloe, 12 years old, will enter 7th grade this fall; she enjoys playing the violin and dancing, particularly ballet and modern dance. Claire, who will turn 10 next month, is 9 years old and will be in 4th grade. She loves playing the viola, ballet, and tap dancing. Our youngest, 7-year-old Lois, will be in 2nd grade and delights in gymnastics, singing, dancing, and occasionally playing the piano at home. Eunju (EJ) loves music and teaches piano to our three children at home. She used to teach Korean to children at one of the Korean Cultural Schools in the Chicago area and enjoys baking cakes.

I completed my first M.Div. at Methodist Theological University in Seoul, Korea, in 2010. Soon after, we moved to the United States. I pursued my second M.Div. at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, I studied Pastoral Care and Counseling at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, specializing in the Clinical Track of Pastoral Care and Counseling. My CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL, was a significant part of this journey, teaching me invaluable lessons about God's expansive work beyond human understanding and plans. Life in the Chicago area was deeply meaningful, particularly in Evanston, which became our third home. Following my studies, I served as an Associate Pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Davenport, Iowa, for seven years. Despite challenges posed by Covid and church disaffiliation, I cherished the opportunity to serve God's people at St. John's.

By God's grace, I have been appointed to Knoxville First United Methodist Church and recently moved here at the end of June. God has led me to a new community where I am eager to serve, love, laugh, cry, and work alongside you all for God's purpose. In my brief time in the church office, I am already grateful to Pastor Brent, the staff, and members of SPPRC and the Trustee Committee, who have warmly prepared for my family and me. Thank you all. I am confident we can build strong relationships, foster trust, and form a great team dedicated to serving the Knoxville community.

May God bless you abundantly as we embark on this journey together.  
In Christ, Pastor Jaeseong Lee

## **Welcoming Our New Pastor, Pastor Jaeseong Lee & His Family**

We welcome Pastor Jaeseong Lee and his family on **their first Sunday, July 14**. The Iowa UMC Conference is holding a cultural symposium on **Sunday evening, July 14, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in our church's West Fellowship Hall**. This time will help us grow in a better understanding of Korean culture. Presenters will include Rev. Dr. Eric Sayonkon from the Iowa Conference. Everyone is invited to attend, especially Administrative Council members and committee members. Remember, all are invited, and all are welcome.

# WHAT'S NEW?

## Fruit Pies Needed!

Please consider donating a fruit pie (or two!) to help reach the goal. We are very close! Your generosity will make a difference! Remember to drop off your pies at the church basement kitchen in Fellowship Hall by noon on Tuesday, July 23rd. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office with your name and number of pies you will bring.

## Blessing Box Needs

The KFUMC Community Blessing Boxes are a vital resource for those in need, and your contributions make a significant difference.

Currently, the Blessing Boxes are in need of the following items:

- Canned/pouched meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Mac and cheese
- Ramen noodles
- Shelf-sustainable meal boxes
- Bottled water.
- Deodorant.
- Underwear.
- Gently worn summer clothes and shoes.

You can drop off these items at the church office during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm or Friday 9:00a-Noon) or bring them to church on Saturdays or Sundays during worship times. There are collection bins inside any of the entrances where you can place your donations or they can be brought to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and for being a blessing to the community!

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor Will Be Closed July 24<sup>th</sup>

Neighbor Helping Neighbor will now be closed July 24 – the date of the ride's overnight stop in Knoxville.

## Meeting Date Changes for July to July 29<sup>th</sup>

Due to VBS dates and RAGBRAI preparations, the following meetings for July have had date scheduling changes to July 29<sup>th</sup>: Finance, Trustees, F.U.N. & Board.

## United Women in Faith Library Has Moved

The United Women in Faith library has moved and is now located along the East wall in the church's library on the main floor. Anyone from KFUMC can from the United Women in Fath's library.

KNOXVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Pickleball Court Rental



**Call 641-842-3712**

**MUST PREPAY - CALL FOR  
AVAILABLE TIMES  
20.00/COURT/HOUR**

Refreshments available

NO BATHROOM FACILITIES

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Summer is in full swing and we have already had some activities including the Youth Zoo Trip and Pathfinders Family BBQ. We have a few more summer fun events scheduled, so be sure to mark your calendars. VBS registration is open on our website. You can also find the link on our Facebook page.

Beginning this month, I will be the pastor for the Attica and Pershing Zion United Methodist Churches. I am very excited about this opportunity. What does this mean for the CYF programs here at Knoxville? I will still be here in Knoxville doing what I love with the Children and Youth 20 hours a week. I do not foresee much change in our children and youth programming, but I will need more volunteers to help lead our ministries. I will be sending out volunteer sign ups for Children's Church and other ministries later this summer. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. Also, if you have a ministry or event you would like to see here at KFUMC, reach out to me and I will help you bring it to life! I could not do what I do without all our amazing volunteers and families. Thank you!

If you have any questions or event ideas, please contact me at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com).

## **Living Way Youth Meetings Summer 2024** – grades 6-12

- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Adventureland, Time TBA, cost \$20, RSVP by June 24th
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – End of Summer BBQ at Lauren's house, 6-9pm

## **Summer Fun at KFUMC**

### Family Events:

- **August 20<sup>th</sup> – Congregation Wide Back to School Night, 6-8pm at Auld Park.** Join us for a fun night with your KFUMC family. We will celebrate the end of summer with a potluck dinner, games, friendly contests, and more! All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Pop Up Events:

- Be on the lookout for some fun Pop Up Summer Events such as a water day to beat the heat and an indoor game & puzzle day for those dreary rainy days. Watch our Facebook page and your emails for when we schedule these events!

## **Vacation Bible School 2024 – Camp Firelight**

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-8:15pm

Light supper will be served from 5:15-5:50pm, VBS will begin at 6pm

Kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend!

FREE for all kids, invite your friends!

Watch our Facebook and website for registration and details.

Register on our website at <https://kfumc.com/programs/vbs/>

Blessings,  
Lauren

# PRESCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

## Preschool registration is open!

We have just a few openings available in each room so reach out today to get enrolled for fall!



## Montgomery Street Preschool

Enrollment for the  
2024/2025 school year  
opens March 1, 2024

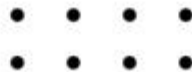
Classes available for 2 year  
olds, 3 year olds, and PreK for  
4 and 5 year olds

Enroll today!

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Phone: 641-842-2193

Website: [www.kfumc.com](http://www.kfumc.com)



## Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone that supported the MSPS Chicken Fundraiser. The love and support from our church is greatly appreciated!

## Save the date!

MSPS will be hosting another chicken fundraiser on September 19. 🗓️ Watch for ticket information in August!

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR JAESEONG LEE!



*There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under heaven: a time for planting, a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing. A time for embracing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking, a time for loving, a time for war and a time for peace."*

--Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Our church family is excited to welcome Pastor Jaeseong, his lovely wife Eunju, and his three lovely daughters, Chloe, Claire, and Lois to Knoxville First United Methodist Church! We will build new and lasting friendships with Pastor Jae and his family. We are excited that he has finally arrived and will be leading us in worship, mission, and all that entails bringing people to Christ. Pastor Jae brings with him new and fresh ideas and creative ways to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will experience additional ways to become engaged in God's work, and to view Jesus' teachings.

Pastor Jae, along with the rest of us, will quickly discover that the town of Knoxville doesn't sleep or slow down during August, when our town triples in size during the Nationals. But first, we have to get through the remainder of July, with VBS July 21, 22, and 23, and then we welcome RAGBRAI into town the next day, July 24. We hope to feed 800 RAGBRAI guests our delicious chicken and dumplings, green beans, and homemade pie and ice cream. We will begin serving around 4 pm. Have you signed up to bring a couple of pies? Also, we have a signup sheet for a shift of volunteering during our serving hours.

Everyone's invited to greet Pastor Jae and his family following church service on Sunday, July 14 during a reception in West Fellowship Hall, and plan to return to church that same evening from 6 to 7 pm. for a cultural symposium in West Fellowship Hall.

When you are able, please "up" your giving of tithes and offerings during the summer Sundays. Seriously, we are struggling to make ends meet, and your financial gifts are greatly needed and will be greatly appreciated. Giving to your church is yet another form of worship.

And now, Pastor Jae, Eunju, Chloe, Claire, and Lois, as we welcome you, may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace; through Jesus the Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We welcome you, Pastor Jae, and your family into our church family with our love,  
--Pastor Brent and Mary and your new church family

# July 2024



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