

THE LINK: CONNECTED IN CHRIST November 2024



OUR MISSION: “BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST”

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Church Service Times

**Saturday Chapel
Worship 5:00 PM,
In-person worship**

**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**

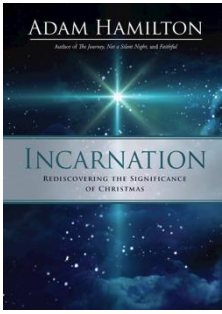
**Radio Worship
Worship with us via
the radio at 1320 AM,
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at
9:30 AM on Sundays**

GREETINGS IN CHRIST!



May God's abundant blessings and mercy be with you all. I can see vast empty fields nowadays. Most farmers have finished their harvest, and it is time to wait and rest until next spring. As human beings, we do not overcome nature but get along with it, live in it, and enjoy it. This is God's creation, and we are one of them. We come as who we are in the middle of all these creations to God with our praise and thanksgiving. This is the harvest time, so think about what we can harvest in our lives, not just crops. I

suggest you think about harvesting your faith with your actions and words. For October, we walked together as a church to pray, study, serve, give, and share. There are essential practices for our faith growth. However, it requires our effort. Nothing comes to us without our effort. God comes closer to us when we try to come closer to God. Therefore I pray that you keep walking with God.



As we enter the winter season, we also enter the Advent and Christmas seasons. I invite you to a new sermon series by Adam Hamilton, ***Incarnation***, and a Small Group Bible Study (three sessions) for Advent. The new sermon series will start on the first Sunday of December.

Chapter 1: Presidents and Kings, Chapter 2: The Savior and Our Need for Saving, Chapter 3: Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic, Chapter 4: The Light of the World.

Bible Study: Tuesdays (December 3, 10, and 17) 1 pm / Thursdays (December 5, 9, and 12) 6:30 pm.
I hope these sermon series and bible study help you understand why Jesus came to us with flesh.

In love,

Pastor Jaeseong Lee.

SAVE THE DATES

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Knoxville First United
Methodist Church
313 East Montgomery Street
Knoxville, IA

11/03

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day remembrance.

11/06
&
11/20

THE GATHERING: 6:30 PM @ CHAPEL

Worship Service.

11/10

KATHARINE YARNELL PREACHING & LUNCH & LEARN

"Five Generations in Your Church" sermon followed by a FREE Lunch and Learn, "Smart Ways to Give" .

11/24

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Immediately following the 9:30 AM church service decorating the church for Advent and Christmas.

11/29

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Community chorus performance @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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CHURCH EVENTS

November Gathering Dates

Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm in the KFUMC Chapel

Come refresh your soul and rest.

NOVEMBER 10TH GUEST PREACHER & LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for a sermon by guest preacher Rev. Dr. Katharine Yarnell on "Five Generations in Your Church" during our 9:30 AM worship service on November 10th. Following the service, there will be a FREE Lunch and Learn session titled "Smart Ways to Give" in Fellowship Hall. A brown bag lunch will be provided during the session, so preregistration is required by November 6th. You can sign up in the Narthex or by emailing hmarconi@kfumc.com.



join us for our
*Christmas Gathering
& Hymn Sing*

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:30 pm

KFUMC Chapel

**Accompanist for the evening:
Kevin Stittsworth**

VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH GROUP PUMPKIN PIE FUNDRAISER

Our Living Way Youth will be baking homemade pumpkin pies fresh for Thanksgiving as a fundraiser to raise money for their upcoming trips and events. Pies are \$15 and need to be ordered by November 20th by emailing Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Pie pickup will be from 3-5pm on November 27th. Please contact Lauren if you need to schedule a different time for pickup.

TIS THE SEASON FOR SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed for the following dates and times:

- Friday, Nov. 22 @ Wal-Mart from 10 AM to 6 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ Fareway from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Friday, Dec. 20 @ Fareway from 2 PM to 6 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ Wal-Mart from 9 AM to 3 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ Fareway from 9 AM to 3 PM

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex, or you can talk to Kitty Shepherd before or after church services to get involved in this important mission to support those in our community.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

We are now entering into one of my favorite times of year. I love the fall weather and all the wonderful gatherings with family and friends. I know this season can be a season of chaos, but it is also a season of peace, of joy, and of thanksgiving. We have some fun events happening here at the church for all to enjoy as well! As always, if you have any questions on any of our upcoming programming, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our Children's Christmas Play will be on Sunday, December 8th during our worship service. Practices will be on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9am in Kids Kingdom (where Children's Church is). Rehearsal dates: Nov 3rd, Nov 10th, Nov 17th, Nov. 24th, and Dec 1st all at 8:30am. We will tentatively have a dress rehearsal on Dec. 7th, time TBA. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. All children are welcome! If you have a child interested in participating or have questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

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LIVING WAY
YOUTH

Pumpkin Pie Fundraiser

\$15 for a 9" Pie
Pickup on Nov. 27th
3-4:30pm
Sign-up by Nov. 20th

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GINGERBREAD BASH: FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Join us for a fun evening where we will walk through the Christmas story in a fun new way while each family enjoys building a gingerbread nativity complete with cutout Bible characters. Families will enjoy fun games, bible story video, and Christmas songs as you discover how you can be a part of the Nativity story as followers of Jesus.

A festive banner for the Gingerbread Bash Family Christmas Event. The background is teal with stylized green mountains and yellow string lights. The title 'Gingerbread BASH' is written in large, brown, gingerbread-style letters with a star on the 'G'. Below it, 'Family Christmas Event' is written in a smaller, orange font. The banner features illustrations of the Nativity scene on the left (Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, and a donkey) and the Three Kings on the right. In the center, the event details are listed: 'December 20th', '5:30-7pm', 'RSVP by Dec. 13th', 'FREE and Open to Everyone', and 'Pizza and drinks will be provided.' A QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button is located in the bottom left corner. The Knoxville First United Methodist Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

December 20th
5:30-7pm
RSVP by Dec. 13th
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is on Sundays from 10-10:30am (right after Children's Time). Our curriculum is designed for preschool and early elementary kids. In November we will be continuing our journey through the life of Moses and the Israelites, ending with the 10 commandments. Reminder – No Children's Church the first Sunday of each month and Dec. 29th

PATHFINDERS

Our 3rd-5th graders are off to a great start. We are enjoying getting back together and learning about our Identity and how our Identity comes from God through fun interactive activities and games. Pathfinders meetings for 2024: No. 5th, Nov. 12th, and Dec. 3rd from 3:30-5pm

LIVING WAY YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group is comprised of youth grades 6-12. They will meet on the first and third Sunday of the month from 5-7pm. Our Living Way Youth will enjoy team building, games, devotions, and more! In December and January, we will be kicking off an Advent series based on Dr. Seuss's 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.'

- November 3rd, 5-7pm – Dog Walking at the Humane Society
- November 17th, 5-7pm – lesson and cards for nursing home
- November 27th – Pumpkin Pie Baking, Time TBD
- December 1st, 5-7pm – visit nursing home or assisted living
- December 15th, 5-7pm – Christmas Party

For a complete listing of program dates and details, follow us on Facebook and visit our website at <https://kfumc.com/childrens-youth-and-families/>.

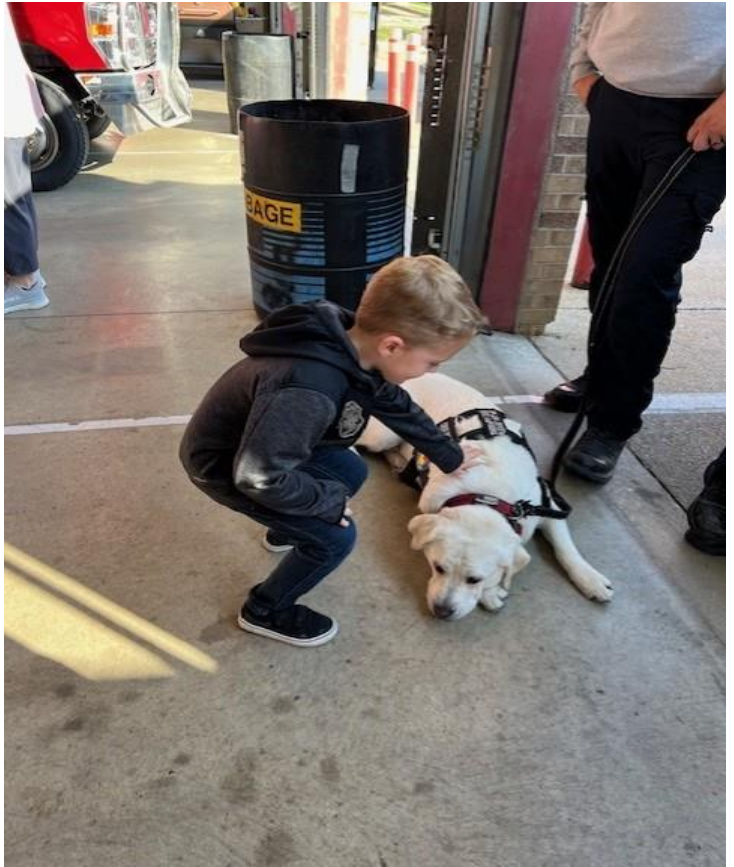
Blessings,
Lauren

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Montgomery Street Preschool (MSPS) students have had a busy October. Our classes had a lot of fun visiting the fire station for Fire Prevention Week. One of our Favorite things was getting to see Max, the therapy dog. Some students also visited the pumpkin patch and had a great time. Halloween fun was had by all students as we trick or treated through the church office.



Thank you to everyone that supported the wrapping paper fundraiser this fall! All of us at MSPS love and appreciate our church family!!





THANK YOU

REMEMBER RAGBRAI?

Well, this event was coordinated by the missions, F.U.N. and Cooking for a Cause. We planned to feed 800 people because that was the number last time RAGBRAI was in town. We served 452 people. The menu was a delicious chicken, noodles and dumplings! Yum!! We had wonderful volunteers and great fellowship! We had a couple of prep days before the event. Thanks to all!

We want to give a special thank you to Mike Kramer's mom who was our inspiration in the meal planning and preparation! She is an amazing women!

Profit after expenses was \$4438.74, which was shared by the Missions, F.U.N. and Cooking for a Cause. Thanks to everyone!!!

HARVEST DINNER

The harvest dinner was a spectacular event as always! Held on the second Saturday of October each year, we hosted 314 people between eat in and take out meals. On the menu was delicious homemade ham balls, MSPS special cheesy potatoes, green beans, a variety of amazing salads, rolls and mouthwatering pies. We were so busy we had to run to the store a couple times because we nearly ran out of food!! Thanks to Kyle Kincaid! The free will donation was designated for Montgomery Street Preschool and the F.U.N. group for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. Each organization received \$1543.46. Thanks for supporting this event!

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that the Presbyterian congregation and the KFUMC F.U.N. Group partnered together to gift Every Teacher, Associate and Bus driver in the Knoxville School System this year? We know that these heroes often spend their own money for different things for their students and we just wanted to lighten their burden in some way. The Back-to-School mission was able to bless 214 folks (teachers, Associates and Bus Drivers) in the Knoxville Schools this year. That is in addition to the Backpack program that blessed around 200 students! Way to go F.U.N. and Presbyterian Congregation!!! We are so proud of this mission! We will be awarding the gift in November. Thank you to everyone who made this happen!

GREAT NEWS!

KFUMC has been awarded the 2024 Carma Mohler Grant by the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. "This is awarded to the Blessing Boxes at Knoxville UMC for outstanding dedication to combating hunger within their community"

We applied for the grant with the blessing boxes in mind. We are only able to put shelf stable foods in the boxes. This grant allows us to give non shelf stable foods to families in need. This grant will be used to purchase an upright freezer that will be used for perishable items that are not sustainable outside in the Blessing Boxes.

These items will be distributed at the meal at the end of the month. These items might be meat or entrees that must stay frozen until use.

The freezer will be purchased locally.

IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION 2024 CARMA MOHLER GRANT

This certificate awards **\$1,500** to

**Blessing Boxes at
Knoxville First UMC**

for outstanding dedication to combating hunger
within their community.



"...For I was hungry and you gave me food."
Matthew 25:55

THANKSGIVING



As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well."
--Luke 17:12-19

In our study of The Walk, Pastor Jae reminded us that Jesus taught us to give. Indeed, in this passage of Luke, Jesus gave the gift of ten people returning to their families and enjoying a sense of normalcy within their lives. November ushers in the reminder of our Thanksgiving heritage. We have even set aside a day we call Thanksgiving, to gather with family and friends, share a meal, converse, play some family games, enjoy fellowship, and perhaps watch some football.

Luke reminds us that Jesus can and does heal us. Ten lepers called out to Jesus, praying that He would have mercy upon them and heal them. We learn that all ten were healed, but that only one returned thanks. I believe that Jesus is modeling to us that we don't have to be thanked for helping others. Yes, a simple thank-you would be nice. But Jesus didn't stop his healing nor his ministry because nine out of ten didn't bother to thank Him for his healing. A person this week told me that they were not giving a specific annual gift because last year, they weren't thanked. Jesus might tell that person, "Hey, just because you didn't receive a thank-you doesn't mean you have to stop giving. Why don't you continue with your kindness of helping others." Really, let's not wait for a thank you. Perhaps the other nine lepers that were healed were so happy to be restored that they couldn't wait to get to their loved ones and pick up where they had left off.

In this season of Thanksgiving, and yes, throughout the year, Jesus urges us to continue to give, to heal, and to love. If we receive a thank-you, that's great, but that isn't the reason that we give in the first place.

We will continue to share the message to lovingly give, and to share the message of God's plan of salvation. May God bless each of your activities and may we continue to reach out and bring people to Christ. God bless you, and see you Sunday!

---Pastor Brent

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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