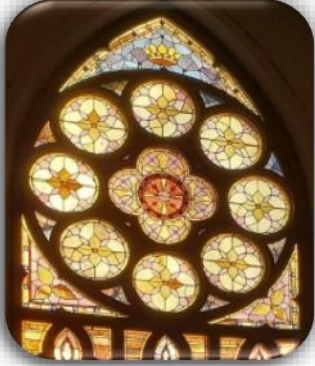


The Link: Connected in Christ

February 2025



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

SAVE THE DATE

Greetings in the peace of Christ!



I’m curious how you’re doing with your New Year’s resolutions. I suppose some of you manage them well, while others might be struggling, and some may not have set any goals for the year at all. Please, do not give up! Every morning, God gives us new mercy and blessings. It’s not too late to plan something for this year and do something for yourself and others. I encourage you to keep trying and not give up on your plans. God gives you strength and wisdom when you need it.

After preaching my first sermon on the Lord’s Prayer by Adam Hamilton, I have reflected more on “Our Father.” As I mentioned in my sermon, this can be a very unfamiliar concept in American Culture, which is often self-centered and, at times selfish. We need to ponder again about God’s will for us. When we pray “Our Father,” instead of “My Father”, we not only include good people but also people who hurt us and hate us or even our enemies. Jesus has taught us to love our enemies; we all know that. This message is also contained in the Lord’s Prayer too. Then, we should ask ourselves whether we can include those people we do not like, as Jesus told us. This can be very hard to do.

Our Identity as Christians means we are followers of Christ, and we are to imitate Him. If we are not willing to do this, we can’t really call ourselves Christians. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we should

pray it sincerely. Since we pray the Lord's prayer a lot, we often say it rather than pray it with sincerity. In other words, we do it without thinking about the meaning.

One of the church members told me this week that the bookmark handed out on the series' first Sunday helped him go through the prayer again and think deeply about its meaning. I encourage you to use it to remind yourself about the meaning behind the prayer and to help you pray daily. God's word has the power to change our lives, and the more you pray the Lord's Prayer regularly, the more you will notice positive changes in your life.

Many Blessings, Pastor Jae

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATES!

HERE ARE SOME
GREAT EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS
MONTH THAT
YOU MIGHT BE
INTERESTED IN:

SUNDAYS

The Lord's Prayer sermon series

02/22/25

Parents' Night Out Youth Group
Babysitting Fundraiser @ 5:00-9:00
PM

THURSDAYS

The Lord's Prayer study group on
Thursdays @ 1:00 PM in Fellowship
Hall

02/23/25

Youth Group to the Iowa Wolves
Game

02/14/25

Church Singles Group Outing
@ 6:00 PM (contact Deb Greiner for
details) TBD

02/26/25

FREE Community Meal (Choice of
Soup & Cornbread) @ 5:00-6:30 PM,
Lower Level @ KFUMC

*I hope this helps you find
something fun to do!*

Knoxville First United Methodist Church
313 E. Montgomery, Knoxville, IA 50138

CHURCH EVENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 22nd
5-9pm**

Kids ages 4 through 5th grade

Drop your kids off with us and enjoy a well deserved night off. We will have games, crafts, dinner, movies, snacks, and lots of FUN!

All proceeds go to the Youth Group.

RSVP BY FEB. 14TH

📞 641-842-3712

✉️ lpetersen@kfumc.com

**Cost:
\$30 for 1st child
\$20 for each
additional
child**



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, February 26th @ 5:00-6:30 PM
313 E Montgomery St., Lower Level

WARM UP WITH Chili, Broccoli-Cheddar
Soup, Cornbread, Cookies & Drinks!

Chili



Cheddar-
Broccoli
Soup



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VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Refrigerator Needed!

The preschool recently lost their very old fridge upstairs that is used to keep juice and snacks for the students. If you have a gently used fridge that is still working and would be willing to donate it to the preschool, please let Katie know.



WANTED!

MSPS IS IN NEED OF A FRIDGE!

- • GENTLY USED
- • TRADITIONAL STYLE
- •
- •
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- • IT WILL BE USED FOR MSPS
- • SNACKS AND JUICE

**LET KATIE KNOW IF YOU
HAVE ONE THAT YOU'D LIKE
TO DONATE**



UPDATES!

Thank You!

The United Women in Faith would like to thank the church family for supporting The Almost Free Shop this past year. Maybe you donated or maybe you shopped. If it wasn't for you, we won't be doing the mission work that we do. We would like to share with you that last year the shop took in 62,785.40. We have in turn disbursed this money to local, state and national missions. Again thank you for all your support.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Well, 2025 is off and running. We have a ton of fun stuff planned for this year. Below are some of our upcoming events for February and March. Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for updates on upcoming events, registration forms, and more. Summer programs will get announcement next month! As always, if you have any questions on any of our upcoming programming, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Parents Night Out

Saturday, February 22nd, 5-9pm

Cost: \$30 for 1st child, \$20 for each additional child

Parents, enjoy a night out and let us watch your kids! Your kids will enjoy a FUN night of games, crafts, movies, dinner and snacks. The Living Way Youth Group is hosting this fundraiser to fund upcoming events and trips for the spring and summer.

Family Movie Night

Friday, March 7th, 6-8pm

Come get out of the cold and join us for a fun family movie night! Feature Film: The Secret Life of Pets 2. We will have popcorn, snacks, and drinks! All are welcome! Children must be supervised by an adult.

Children's Easter Play

This year we are going to have a children's Easter play on Palm Sunday, April 13th during service. We will begin rehearsing on March 9th and will rehearse on Sundays from 8:30-9am. All children and youth are welcome to participate. If your child is interested in participating, please email Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Winter Jam Christian Concert

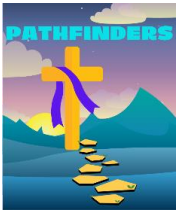
Friday, March 21st, Wells Fargo Arena, doors open at 6pm, concert at 7pm

We would love to have a group of KFUMC families join us for the Winter Jam concert on March 21st. This is a great concert featuring lots of artists in many genres. Cost: \$15 per person, cash at the door. Contact Lauren if your family is interested in attending with the church group! <https://jamtour.com/des-moines-ia/>



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, but all elementary aged kids are welcome to join us.



Pathfinders

Pathfinders will kick off again in March. Spring session dates: March 25th, April 1st, 9th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. These are all Tuesdays from 3:30-5pm. We will have more information as we get closer.

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!



Youth Group December Schedule

- February 2nd, 5-7pm – Youth group
- February 16th, 5-7pm - Youth Group
- February 22nd, 4:30-9:15pm – Parent's Night Out Fundraiser
- February 23rd, Iowa Wolves Game, leave 1:30ish
- Winter Jam Christian Concert – March 21st, doors open at 6pm

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

Start Spreading The News...

Preschool enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year will open on March 1st. The annual MSPS Registration Open House will be on Thursday, March 6 from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Watch for more details in the March newsletter.



Montgomery Street Preschool

**Enrollment opens March 1st
for the
2025/2026 school year**

Classes available:

2 year olds (Totally Twos),

3 year olds (Thrilling Threes)

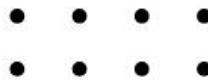
4 and 5 year olds (Kinder Explorers)

Enroll today!

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PASTOR BRENT

Your Quiet Time



“And when you fast, don’t make it obvious, like the hypocrites do, for they try to look pale so as to show others that they are fasting. I assure you, that’s the only reward they will ever get. But when you fast, comb your hair, and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others, but by your Father who knows what you do in secret, and your God who knows all secrets will reward you.”

--Matthew 6:16-218

When you have successfully accomplished something, you have to tell someone—or do you really? Maybe you want to, but be sure that you share for the right reasons. For example, you had a personal goal to read a best seller book, or you have walked and logged a certain number of miles. You might want to celebrate your achievement with others, or, just maybe, you can celebrate it privately. This month of February ushers in a month of love, with Valentine’s Day, and also the special presidents’ birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Perhaps you can quietly perform some neighborly acts of love without letting others know. We see in the scripture passage above how Jesus reacts to people who make their spiritual actions a matter of public record. Jesus is doing more than relating to the topic of fasting. Jesus is hinting toward all hypocrisy among the people trying to look so religious, trying to make some type of impression upon others.

So Jesus, what’s your point? God doesn’t play pretend. God is genuine. God loves us and is truly concerned about what is upon our hearts and what our motives are. God cares about us in our quiet time. Jesus blesses those who quietly attend to helping others, loving our neighbors as ourselves, praying, quietly giving, living in God’s Holy Word. We don’t need to impress others around us, in fact, many times, it can be a real turn off. So, in this month of February love, let’s continue to grow in Christ, to develop a deeper relationship with God. Grow in your quiet time with God.

In anything you do, it is important for you and Jesus to know, and many times, that’s just the right amount. Treasure your quiet time with God and Jesus. See you Sunday!

—With God’s love, Pastor Brent

CALENDAR

February 2025

KFUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	Return Statistical Reports t	9 AM Almost Free Shop	Fire Inspection - Late Morr	1 PM The Lord's Prayer	9 AM Almost Free Shop	4 PM Clean & Sober Soc
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	1 PM Grief Share Sma	Heather Off @ Noon	5 PM Family Game Nigh	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9:30 AM Worship Service	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor	12 PM WINGS	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	5:45 PM Chrisman/Derby R	
10 AM Education Room	1 PM Neighbor Helping		1 PM Neighbor Helping	7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Children's Church	2 PM Almost Free Shop		5 PM Free Meal (Cook)			
11 AM Chapel Reserved	5 PM Beginners Adult P		6 PM Wednesday Pickle			
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	5 PM Girl Scouts		7 PM Chancel Choir Prac			
7:30 PM NA Meeting	6:30 PM Trustee Meeting					
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11 AM Chapel Reserved	6:30 PM SPRC Meeting					
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5 PM Youth Group						
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