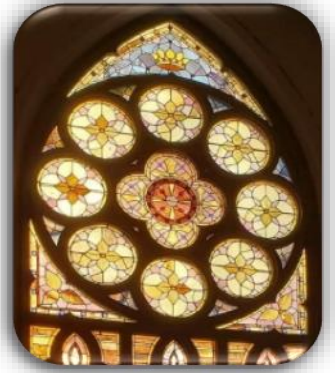


# The Link: Connected in Christ

## JUNE 2025



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

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### Church Service Times

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

**Saturday Chapel  
Worship 5:00 PM  
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**

### Peace Be With You!



Have you imagined encountering the resurrected Jesus? We have been exploring individuals who met the resurrected Jesus through the Third Day sermon series. We have covered Mary, Peter, and Thomas, and next, we will address the two disciples who went to Emmaus and Paul. There is a common thread among them: they did not recognize Jesus right away. There are two possible reasons for this. One is that Jesus's appearance might have been different from before. The second is that, since they did not expect the resurrection of Jesus at all, they could not recognize him at first. Including myself, many people wish to see the resurrected Jesus, even in a dream. I suppose that is what most Christians desire.

We have heard many stories about people who were transformed after encountering Jesus. However, as a pastor, I hope you do not chase that. You may or may not see Jesus in your dreams. Regardless, what we can be sure of is that Jesus is with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. I mean that Jesus is already with us and in us until the end of the age, as Jesus promised in Matthew 28.

Another way we encounter Jesus is through the word of God. As we read Scripture, we meet the resurrected Jesus. The word of God is the living word. As we read, the Holy Spirit guides us to a deeper understanding of Jesus' teachings and helps us apply them to our lives. Thomas needed to meet Jesus and touch his wounds, but as Jesus mentioned, we are blessed to believe in the resurrected Jesus without seeing him or touching him.

As I mentioned in my sermon titled “Thomas,” we need room for doubts in our faith community to move toward a deeper faith in Jesus. Whether we have just begun to believe in Jesus or have been attending church for many years, we all need a space and a faith community that welcomes, cares for, and encourages one another.

What do you expect from the faith community or the church? I suggest that you start by doing the things you expect from the church. Last year, we had the Church at the Park, where we held a potluck for lunch. Everyone brought a dish of their choice, and the result was fantastic. The food was abundant and diverse—everything was delicious. The contributions you can make to this faith community would enrich this body of Christ, fostering a rich and diverse environment. It would serve as fertile ground for us all to grow in faith together.

The people who encountered the resurrected Jesus shared their own stories in their faith communities. Their stories were unique, rich, and diverse. They helped so many people from diverse backgrounds come to Christ. I am telling you that you can be one of them.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jaeseong Lee

**SAVE THE DATE**

# **SAVE THE DATES**

**KNOXVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, 05/28 @ 5:00-6:30 PM**

**Free Community Meal - KFUMC Lower Level**

**Wednesday, 06/04 @ 4:00-6:00 PM**

**MSPS Open House - Preschool Rooms**

**Wednesday, 06/04 @ 5:00-6:30 PM**

**Free Community Meal - KFUMC Lower Level**

**Sunday, 06/08 @ 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Church at the Park with Potluck - Marion Co. Park. Shelter #4**

**Tuesday, 06/10 @ 9:00 AM-Noon**

**Kids' Day Camp - KFUMC Lower Level**

**Wednesday, 06/25 @ 5:00-6:30 PM**

**Free Community Meal - KFUMC Lower Level**

## CHURCH EVENTS

# FREE COMMUNITY MEAL!

**Wednesday, June 4 @ 5:00-6:30PM**

Knoxville First United Methodist Church  
313 East Montgomery Street, Lower Level

**CHICKEN FINGERS, FRIES & DRINK!**



**All are invited!**

## Church At The Park

Please join us for a fun and  
joy filled day at the park!

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# CHURCH AT THE PARK

**JUNE 8, 2025 @ 10AM**

**MARION COUNTY PARK  
SHELTER HOUSE #4**

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- SERVICE AT 10 AM  
COMBINED SERVICE OF KFUMC, COLUMBIA, ATTICA,  
ZION, & PRESBYTERIAN
- GAMES TO FOLLOW
- POTLUCK LUNCH AT 11 AM  
(BRING A FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE)
- BRING LAWN CHAIRS

NOTE: **NO WORSHIP SERVICES AT THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND.** This is the **ONLY** worship service this weekend and it will be held at **THE MARION COUNTY PARK, SHELTER #4** at a **SPECIAL TIME of 10AM.**



# ***Stories Jesus Told***

**SUMMER 2025**

**DAY CAMPS**

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**WHEN:**

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME:**

**9AM-NOON**

**WHO:**

**KIDS AGES 3 THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**



# **FREE COMMUNITY MEAL!**

**Knoxville First United Methodist Church  
313 E. Montgomery St, Lower Level**

## **MENU:**

Chicken Tetrazzini  
Lettuce Salad  
Rolls  
Cookie  
Drinks

**Wednesday, June 25 @  
5:00-6:30PM**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**





# IOWA CUBS



**JULY 29, 2025 | 6:38 PM**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE  
BALLGAME! THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL  
KFUMC MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS.  
TICKETS ARE ONLY \$9.

Contact Lauren at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com)  
by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your tickets.





# VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Kfumc Meals On Wheels Delivery Volunteers Needed

Join us in delivering nutritious meals and spreading a little joy to those in need with the Meals on Wheels program! KFUMC volunteers are needed to deliver meals from **Monday, July 14, 2025, through Thursday, July 17, 2025**. Each day, we have 4 routes to fill. If you're interested in lending a hand on any of these routes, please reply to this email or sign up in the Narthex. Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a rewarding way to make a meaningful difference in a short amount of time. It's an opportunity open to everyone, making it perfect for both families and individuals of all ages. Sign up today and experience the joy of bringing nourishment and independence to your neighbors!

All meals will be available for pickup between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. in the alley behind the police station. If you're volunteering for several days, signing up for the same route will make things much easier.

<u>DATE &amp; ROUTE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>CELL NUMBER</u>
<b>Monday, July 14, 2025</b>			
Route 1			
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
<b>Tuesday, July 15, 2025</b>			
Route 1			
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
<b>Wednesday, July 16, 2025</b>			
Route 1			
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
<b>Thursday, July 17, 2025</b>			
Route 1			
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Summer is here, and we are ready for a summer of fun. Check out below for our complete list of summer children's, youth, and family events. Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for updates on upcoming events, registration forms, and more. As always, if you have any questions on any of our upcoming programming, please contact me at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com).

## Volunteers Needed ASAP!

We have lots of fun children's events planned for summer, such as our day camps and VBS, but we cannot do these events without volunteers like you! Please check out the information below for the Day Camps and VBS, and let me know if you can volunteer. Without enough volunteers, we will have to cancel the events and turn down the families and children who look forward to attending and growing in their faith. Our biggest need is for our summer Day Camps. I only have 2 volunteers out of a minimum of 10-12. Thank you for considering this opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the next generation. You can email me at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com) or call/text me at 515-201-1082 to sign up as a volunteer or if you have questions.

## Children's Church

Will resume in September.

## Pathfinders

We will have a Summer BBQ on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at Marion County Park. Email Lauren at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com) to RSVP for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Living Way Youth Group

Summer Youth Group events for grades 6-12.

### Youth Group Schedule

- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner
- June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, St. Louis Mission Trip
- July 13<sup>th</sup>. 4-5pm, Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner
- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm I Cubs game
- August 8<sup>th</sup>, Iowa State Fair Day!
- August 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner

## **Summer 2025 Events – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DAY CAMPS AND VBS**

### **Day Camps**

Day Camps are back this summer. We will have three day camps this summer that will be open to kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (must be potty trained). During our day camps, the kids will enjoy a variety of fun activities, bible lessons, crafts, games, and more. These camps are free and open to everyone.

Dates: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon, and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon

Register here: <https://forms.gle/8oM9JzTCPzoEyZmY7>

### **VBS 2025**

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>; Approximate Time 5:30pm-8:15pm

This year's VBS theme is Road Trip: On the Go with God. We will kick each night off with a free light meal followed by loads of fun! VBS is open to kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (grade just completed). This event is free and open to everyone! Registration now open: <https://kfumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

### **Church Wide I Cubs Game**

The whole church is invited to join us on July 29<sup>th</sup> for an outing to an I Cubs game. This is a 6:30 pm game and dollar hot dog night. If you would like to go, please email Lauren at [lpetersen@kfumc.com](mailto:lpetersen@kfumc.com). If we have at least 25 people going tickets are only \$9 per person.

**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

As we end another school year, on behalf of the staff, students, and families of MSPS, THANK YOU to our church family! Without the support of KFUMC, Montgomery Street Preschool would not be possible. So thank you for your donations both monetary and supplies to the program. May we continue to bless small hearts and families for another 50 + years!!

Concert Pictures of Thrilling Threes



The livestream recording of the MSPS program can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jmxL8W4pmI>

### Preschool Open House

As summer approaches we will be having another preschool open house on Wednesday, June 4 from 4 to 6 pm. Invite friends and families that may be interested in preschool. This is a great time to meet the staff, see the classrooms, and ask questions. We will be having an afternoon 4 year old class next year! Enroll now to guarantee a place in the class of your choice. Spots are filling quickly!



# Montgomery Street Preschool

**Open House**  
**Wednesday, June 4th**  
**4-6 pm**

**313 E. Montgomery St. Knoxville**

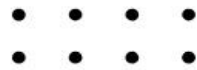
**Classes available:**  
**2 year olds (Totally Twos),**  
**3 year olds (Thrilling Threes)**  
**4 and 5 year olds (Kinder Explorers)**

**Enroll today!**

**Email: [msspschool@hotmail.com](mailto:msspschool@hotmail.com)**

**Phone: 641-842-2193**

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



## Special Moments



"Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, away from the others. And Jesus was transfigured before them, his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

--Mark 9:2-5

Remember those special moments that you just don't want to end? Like Peter, we want to savor the moment. We want time to stand still because everything seems just perfect. It has been that way with the Senior Class of 2025. We have special moments at the church with the seniors that are worth "building a dwelling" to make the experience seem more permanent. But, as we know, nothing on this earth is permanent. Time doesn't stand still, but rather, marches on, for each of us. We have memories of these seniors, ten years ago, in 2015, way before COVID, coming up for children's time—such delightful memories.

Those special moments with these young people have left us with great memories that uplift our hearts and bring smiles to our faces. We thank them for their love and service to our church family on Montgomery Street. We are all better people, and a better church because of their participations as liturgist, in plays, in VBS, and all the other activities they participated in. "It is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings." May each graduate, Anthony, Kyl, Gabe, Jensen, Joe, Marley, and Landen, have a long, productive, and enjoyable life as they discover their place in this world that God has created.

Bob Hope made the song *Thanks for the Memories* a popular trade mark during his performances. Part of the lyrics are "Thanks for the memory of sentimental verse, nothing in my purse, and chuckles when the preacher said for better or for worse." Pastor Jae and I wish you well, Class of 2025, and thanks for the memories.

See you Sunday! Be blessed!

--Pastor Brent Hanna



# CALENDAR

REMINDER – The most current calendar information can be found at [www.kfumc.com/calendar/](http://www.kfumc.com/calendar/)

June 2025

KFUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Sunday/For	Deb Off		12 PM WINGS	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	7:30 AM Dobson Pipe Orga	
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	9:30 AM Staff Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	1 PM Neighbor Helping	7:30 PM NA Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping	1 PM The 3rd Day Bib	4 PM MSPS Open House		12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9:30 AM Worship Serv	2 PM Almost Free Shop	6 PM The 3rd Day Bib	5 PM Free Meal (Cookin		6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor	6:30 PM Contemporary P			
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
1 PM Sorority Meeting						
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	9:30 AM Staff Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	Lauren Off	5 PM Chapel Worship Se	
10 AM Church @ The Mari	1 PM Neighbor Helping	9 AM Kid's Day Camp (a	1 PM Neighbor Helping	9 AM Rachel Circle	Annual Conference	
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	2 PM Almost Free Shop	1 PM The 3rd Day Bib	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	7:30 PM NA Meeting	IA Conference of UMW at WDM RecPlex	
4 PM Youth Group (Seco	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi	5 PM Garden Club			Brent's Birthday	
7:30 PM NA Meeting		6 PM The 3rd Day Bib			9 AM Almost Free Shop	
		7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor			12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
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7:30 PM NA Meeting						
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