

The Link: Connected in Christ

MAY 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**

Greetings in the Peace of Christ!



My parents-in-law were with us in Knoxville for two months. It was the first time that we had stayed in one house and spent time together that long. We visited various places in Iowa and other States. I give special thanks to Pastor Brent for giving us a tour of Prairie City and Pella. We saw wild bison, elk, and beautiful tulips, and I cannot forget to include huge tenderloin sandwiches.

In April, the whole family visited Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, and Las Vegas with grandpa and grandma. It was a very memorable trip for my family.

We saw many things and met friends and relatives during the trip, too. Two months have just passed so quickly. Now, the parents-in-law are back in Korea. I appreciate your welcoming and kindness to the parents-in-law, and your prayers for their health.

It has been almost a year. I have nearly completed the major Church Seasons here in Knoxville. I pray for God's continued guidance as the pastor of this church so that I can do my best based on the needs of the church and its community. I also pray for the growth of our church, just like our mission statement, "Bring People to Christ!" I encourage you to invite someone to the church before the end of this year. We are not just inviting people; we need to be good news to them first with our words and actions. We are the witnesses of Christ for those who do not know Christ. Welcoming with a smile and kindness is the core to helping people connect to Christ.

Our church, Knoxville First United Methodist Church, is a good-sized community church. Through our openness and welcoming, we can feel and share the love of Christ. Next month, we will have a church picnic again at the Marion County Park (June 8). This is a great event where we can have a worship service out in nature. It will help us easily mingle together and enjoy fellowship and food. I hope we all come together with our family, friends, and neighbors.

Blessings,
Pastor Jae

CHURCH EVENTS

Knoxville First United Methodist Church

May 7, 2025
5:00 - 6:30p

Free
Meal

Community Event

Please join us
for great food and
fellowship



Serving our neighbors
313 E Montgomery St

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 11 @ 9:30 AM



We will celebrate our KFUMC
2025 graduating high school
seniors this Sunday, with a special
time during the worship service!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anthony Bailey
Kyl Bauer
Gabe Clark
Jensen Finnegan
Joseph Finnegan
Marley Larson
Landen Norris



JOIN US FOR SENIOR SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

Join us on May 11th during our 9:30 AM service for a special celebration of the KFUMC class of 2025 graduating seniors. We will honor each senior by name, pray for them, and seek blessings for their future. This is an opportunity for parents, family members, friends, and our church community to support them as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We hope to see you there!



Sermon Series

THE THIRD DAY

Living the Resurrection

SMALL GROUPS TUESDAYS @ 1:00 PM OR 6:00 PM

(sign up sheets in the Narthex or email first @kfumc.com)

BUY THE BOOK: \$17 @ the Church Office OR on Sundays

CHAPEL WORSHIP IS BACK!

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Join us for a traditional service in a casual, intimate setting! Enjoy hymns, prayers, scriptures, and meaningful messages each week while growing in faith.

Methodist Chapel - 313 E Montgomery



Stories Jesus Told

SUMMER 2025

DAY CAMPS

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WHEN:
JUNE 10TH, JULY 8TH, AUGUST 5TH

TIME:
9AM-NOON

WHO:
KIDS AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE



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
by July 1st to reserve your tickets.





VBS 2025

When: July 20th, 21st, 22nd

Time: Meal 5:30-5:55pm, VBS 6-8:15pm

Who: Kids ages 3 through 5th grade

Registration Now Open!

UPDATES!

Thank You

A huge thank you to Sue Agan for her ongoing care of the flower bed in the front circle drive! Her dedication to pulling weeds, mulching, adding new plantings, and taking care of the current plants makes such a difference and adds to the beauty of our church. We invite you to drive or walk by and enjoy the view!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

It amazes me that this school year is nearly over. We have had a ton of fun things going on and are looking forward to a fun filled summer. 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.

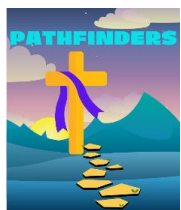
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Children's Easter Play and the parents/grown-ups who helped get kids to our early morning practices. The kids did a great job, and I can't wait for next year! Also, a huge thank you to all our volunteers and donors for Good Friday Day Camp. We had the pleasure of sharing the Easter story with 30 kids and could not have done it without your help. I truly appreciate everyone who lends a hand and donates supplies for all our children and youth events. You are what make these events possible and are making an impact on the next generation. Thank you!

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. Our last day of Children's Church will be May 18th, then we will break for summer.

Pathfinders



It is hard to believe we just completed our third year of Pathfinders. We have had the pleasure of serving so many great kids. This spring our Pathfinders met for 6 weeks and did a community service project picking up trash and yard waste around the church and neighborhood.

We will have a Summer BBQ tentatively on June 18th.

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! Watch your email for Summer 2025 events!



Youth Group Schedule

- May 4th, 5-7pm, dog walk at humane society
- May 18th, 5-7pm end of year celebration
- June 4th, 4:30-7pm, youth serve Free Community Meal at church
- June 8th, 4-5pm Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner
- June 24th-26th, St. Louis Mission Trip
- July 13th, 4-5pm, Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner
- July 29th, 6:30pm I Cubs game
- August 8th, Iowa State Fair Day!
- August 10th, 4-5pm Second Sunday Sundae's at Kone Korner

Summer 2025 Events

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 5th 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 10th, 9am-noon, July 8th, 9am-noon, and August 5th, 9am-noon

VBS 2025

July 20th, 21st, and 22nd; 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 5th grade (grade just completed). This event is free and open to everyone! Registration will open in May.

Church Wide I Cubs Game

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

SUMMER 2025

KFUMC Children, Youth, and Families

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Church @ the Park Sundaes	9	10 Day Camp	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 LWY Mission Trip	25 LWY Mission Trip	26 LWY Mission Trip	27	28
29	30					

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Day Camp	9	10	11	12
13 2nd Sunday Sundaes	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 VBS	21 VBS	22 VBS	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 I CUBS Game	30	31		

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Day Camp	6	7	8 LWY State Fair	9
10 2nd Sunday Sundaes	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 1st Day of School	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Children's Events

Day Camps

Summer of Stories:
The Parables of Jesus

Dates: June 10th, July 8th, and August 5th

Time: 9am to Noon

Who: Kids ages 3 through 5th grade, must be potty trained

Vacation Bible School

Road Trip

Dates: July 20th, 21st, & 22nd

Time: 5:30-8:15pm

Who: Kids ages 3 through 5th grade, must be potty trained

Youth Events

Mission Trip: St Louis, MO

June 24th, 25th, and 26th

I Cubs Game

July 29th - 6:30pm game

Iowa State Fair

August 8th

2nd Sunday Sundaes

June 8, July 13, August 10

4-5pm at Kone Korner

Family Events

Church at the Park

June 8th, 10am, Marion County
Park shelter 4

I Cubs Game

July 29th, 6:30pm game

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

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

Classes available:

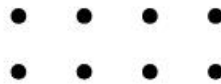
**2 year olds (Totally Twos),
3 year olds (Thrilling Threes)
4 and 5 year olds (Kinder Explorers)**

Enroll today!

Email: mspschool@hotmail.com

Phone: 641-842-2193

Website: www.kfumc.com



ONE, TWO, THREE, GO!



I am from a family farm north of Corning, Iowa. In Washington township, I attended a one-room country school through fourth grade. I wouldn't trade those formative years for anything! My class of four was the largest class, with three boys and one girl. Everyone, all grades Kindergarten through eighth grade, had recess together. We had a recess mid-morning, a nice long recess at noon, and another in the afternoon. At noon recess we played work-up softball, steal sticks, and other really fun, old-fashioned games. During the shorter recesses, we often raced. We were always eager! We could hardly wait to get going. We lined up, and we'd count together, "One, two, three, go!" And then off we would run!

This sense of eagerness has re-surfaced in me, and perhaps you as well, in the things we want to accomplish in life. Everyone is ready—ready to do something, ready to go! Together, as a church family, our mission is to bring people in Christ. Have you identified your part in this very meaningful and purposeful mission? We can all do something, with eagerness. Small things are just as important as big things. We can be welcoming to the people we sit next to in church. We can ask someone to join us at Kone Korner, write a note, send an email, or give a call to someone.

After you've decided your part in bringing people to Christ, you can line up and to shout with your church family, "One, two, three, go!"

We are eager to see and join one another, to worship together, and to fellowship with one another in Christ. To help in our mission, we can bring an item for the blessing boxes or provide something on the pop-up pantry list. There are tons of ways to help bring people to Christ.

As little school kids in the country, our eagerness never hurt anything. We need to remember that bringing people to Christ can take time, so don't let your eagerness wane. The Lord taught us in the Bible, in the Book of Job, to be patient. Peter's eagerness in the Garden proved his poor judgment, and Jesus had to heal the ear of a soldier severed by Peter. So we need to balance our eagerness with our patience. God remains our guiding light as we bring people to Christ.

A lot can be said for the one room school house from by-gone years. But even more is said and written in the thousands of years of the Holy Bible. God always has the final word; let's read, study, and listen and follow God's light as we help to bring people to Christ. See you Sunday!

---With God's love, Pastor Brent

CALENDAR

May 2025

KFUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
Jae Off	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	9 AM Almost Free Shop	5 PM Chapel Worship Se
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	3:30 PM Pathfinders	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM UWF Executive Me	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor	5 PM Free Meal (Cookin	6 PM UWF General Meet	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
9:30 AM Worship Service	2 PM Almost Free Shop		7 PM Chancel Choir Pra	7:30 PM NA Meeting		
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi					
10 AM Children's Church	5 PM Girl Scouts					
10 AM MSPS Celebration						
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
2 PM Baccalaureate						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion Sunday/For	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	9 AM Rachel Circle	Heather Off	8 AM Reserved - Finneg
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	9 AM Fellowship Hall Rese	5 PM Chapel Worship Se
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping		5 PM Free Meal (Cookin	6:30 PM Preschool Boar	9 AM Almost Free Shop	
9:30 AM Worship Service	2 PM Almost Free Shop		6:30 PM Contemporary M	7:30 PM NA Meeting	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi				6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Children's Church	5 PM Girl Scouts					
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
1 PM Sorority Meeting						
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	Heather off at 1:15	Heather Off	12 PM Clean and Sober
New Sermon Series - The T	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	1 PM The 3rd Day Bib	1 PM Neighbor Helping	11 AM Adult Bible Study	9 AM Almost Free Shop	5 PM Chapel Worship Se
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Garden Club		5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	2 PM Almost Free Shop	6 PM The 3rd Day Bib		7 PM Rebecca Circle	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
9:30 AM Contemporary	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor		7:30 PM NA Meeting		
9:30 AM High School Se	5 PM Girl Scouts					
10 AM Education Room	5:30 PM Finance Commi					
11 AM Chapel Reserved	6:30 PM SPRC					
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	MSPS Last Day	12 PM WINGS	11:30 AM Helmets & Hotd	9 AM Almost Free Shop	5 PM Chapel Worship Se
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	1 PM Neighbor Helping	1:30 PM Sarah Circle Me	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9:30 AM Worship Service	1 PM Neighbor Helping	1 PM The 3rd Day Bib		5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Education Room	2 PM Almost Free Shop	6 PM The 3rd Day Bib		7:30 PM NA Meeting		
10 AM Children's Church	5 PM Beginners Adult Pi	6:30 PM MSPS Spring C				
11 AM Chapel Reserved	5 PM Girl Scouts	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor				
2 PM Graduation - Knox	6:30 PM Trustee Meeting					
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	7:30 PM Board Meeting					
5 PM Youth Group						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	12:15 PM Staff Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	9 AM Almost Free Shop	5 PM Chapel Worship Se
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping	1 PM The 3rd Day Bib	1 PM Neighbor Helping	7:30 PM NA Meeting	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9:30 AM Worship Service	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 VBS Team Lead			
11 AM Chapel Reserved	5 PM Girl Scouts					
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						