



Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

A Christian community where Faith grows, Hope is found and Love is demonstrated.

December 2011

KALLER

Monthly Newsletter

Pastor: Rev. Michael Metz

michael.metz@kenwoodparkumc.org

Church Phone: 319-365-6933 ext. 2

Home Phone: 319-826-2052

Administrative Assistant:

Carolyn Johnson

office@kenwoodparkumc.org

Office Phone: 319-365-6933

Kaller Newsletter

Jacqueline Unkrich

jacqueline.unkrich

@kenwoodparkumc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon

Thursday 1:30-4:30 pm

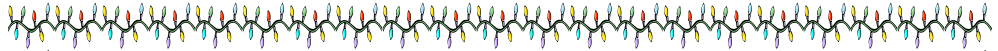
SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am Traditional Worship

Fellowship time follows

10:15 am Sunday School -
for all ages

11:15 am The Journey -
Contemporary Worship



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Sunday, November 20 - Hanging of the Greens. . .

Many thanks to the eleven Elves who helped decorate the church! Enjoyed Christmas music and pizza too.

~ Christmas Baskets ~

Everyone is invited to provide items for Christmas baskets to residents at Hawthorne Hill, Cedar Rapids. Personal products and household paper products are especially needed.

Many of the residents are disabled. Please bring items to church **by Sunday, December 11.**

Could we get several people together to carol as we deliver?

Items needed (size suitable for one person):

Shampoo	Dish Soap	Paper plates
Soap	Dish cloth or sponge	Paper towels
Lotion	Dish Towel	Kleenex
Small laundry basket	Kitchen garbage bags	Toilet Paper

~ Christmas Program, Dec. 11- 10:15 am ~

Children's Program, Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

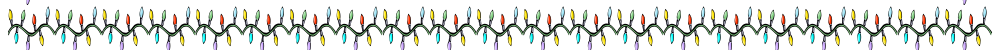
~ CHRISTMAS EVE - 7:00 pm ~

We will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve as we gather to worship and give thanks at 7:00 pm.

This will be a joyful service with candles and carols, as well as some contemporary music too. Join us as we "Discover the Light of Christmas" found in Jesus Christ.

~ CHRISTMAS MORNING - 9:00 am ~

We will continue to lift up Christ's birth as we worship Christmas morning at 9:00. As we celebrate His birth, we will once more lift up the good news of the "Light of Christmas". Join us at 9:00. (Note that on this one Sunday, Sunday School classes and the 11:15 service will not be held)



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

I love the Christmas carols. One of my favorites is “O Little Town of Bethlehem”. We sing, “in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light”. That brief line captures what Christmas is all about. It expresses the longing in all our hearts, the longing for the wonderful goodness of God, the love and peace that comes to the world in Jesus Christ. Christ truly is the light of the world, and every year at Christmas we are reminded of just how important that is.

Every heart seems to open and blossom when touched by the Spirit of Christmas which is the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and brings a renewal of love and goodwill, of genuine concern and compassion. Those are qualities our lives, and our whole world, need so deeply.



Renewal means a rebirth. This, too, is what Christmas means. There is something in the human heart that recognizes we are meant to be people of love and goodwill. One of the miracles of Christmas is that we see this so clearly at this time of year. We are so grateful for the birth of the Christ Child.

Thus, we sing, “. . . descend to us we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today”.

As we move toward Christmas, we will discover the “Light of Christmas” -- the everlasting light. The light of the world is shining bright! May we each let that light shine through our lives.

**Yours for Faith, Hope and Love,
Pastor Michael**



✝ PRAYER LIST ✝

✝ Corrine Smalldridge, Jeff Strait, Jim Rosche, Opal & Ralph Glider (Jean Bisingers parents)

✝ **SERVICE PERSONNEL:** Scott Gray (Grandson of Darwin & Neva Nielsen) to Afghanistan; Scott Barrett (Grandson of Jeanne Neuenswander), Paul Reynolds (Grandson of Lester & Barb Wilson)

(If you know of anyone who should be added to our prayer list or who would appreciate a visit or call, please contact the church office 365-6933 or office@kenwoodparkumc.org)

SYMPATHY and PRAYERS

To Larry and Rosie Franklin and family in the death of their son, Timothy Franklin, 47, Jacksonville, Oregon on October 30, in a motor vehicle accident

To the family of Jane McLeod, 92, who passed away on November 21.

To the family of Maggie Andrews, 74, who passed away on November 23. Former KPUMC member.

CARING RESPONSE GROUP

Caring Response group will not be meeting until January 2012. Please continue to be in touch with the people you have been assigned to.

This response group for KPUMC started a few months ago asking people to care for the members of the congregation who have needs - both women and men. If you would like to participate please let Helen Pratt know. Everyone welcome.

Thank you for Caring!

Inter-Religious Council of Linn County

Women in Interfaith Dialogue invites all women to gather to find common ground among their traditions and to promote understanding of differences.

Please call Barbara Schlachter 319-351-4380.

Next meeting is

**Saturday, January 7, 2012
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
at Prairiewoods.**

KENWOOD SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE... *thank you note.*

Hi Jean (Strait)! You are a super shopper and kind of a lifesaver to a lot of students and families who have to worry about getting school supplies. We so appreciate your kindness. Several students came to school again this year without supplies and it was wonderful to be able to help them with that. I mailed a thank you card this morning to the church, but put attention to you on it. Please share it with the church and with the Square Dance club too. **(Money for the school supplies was taken from our church Kenwood School account that is funded by the congregation and also a \$25 donation by the Rapid 8's Square Dance Club)**

I hate to ask for anything else... but since you asked... we are in need of white binders, the one inch size and the kind with a clear slipcover on the front of it. Most students are required to have one. **(Kenwood Park UMW purchased the 42 binders for Kenwood School)**

Again, than you so much for everything. It doesn't go unnoticed here. We are all appreciative.

(The signed card by Kenwood School staff and note with pictures of school items posted on the bulletin board)



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

UMW Circle will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 9:30 am

We will be having a **Pot Luck Brunch.**

Bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be furnished.

Michele Gilliam will have the program "Gifts of the Magi"

We will be revealing our secret prayer partners.



~ Please Join Us ~

Ingathering Kits

Joan Rosche, Thelma Perry, Ken and Helen Pratt took 5 health kits, 4 sewing kits, 10 school kits and 1 layette plus 5 baby sweaters and 2 empty school bags to the Thanksgiving Ingathering at Cedar Falls on Saturday, November 5. They were worth \$313.. We also sent \$55 for supplies, postage and toothpaste. Thank you to all who donated supplies and money to this very worthwhile project.

Now we can get started on next years kits. . .



Monday morning Bible Study - 9:30

Monday morning Bible Study invites all who would like to study the Bible. We meet at 9:30 at the church and are in Genesis.

Sew n' SO

KPUMC Sewing
group will meet on
Wednesday, December 14
at 1:00 pm, room B1

Bring any kind of needle work and
join us for fun and fellowship!

BASKET CLASS

JANUARY 2012

Basket Making
class on
Saturday, January 7
1 :00 pm at the church.



No experience needed. Cost to be about \$3.00 for materials. Class size will be limited to the first 8 that reserve.

Contact Gerald Bair for reservations.

PRIMETIMERS CARE GROUP



FESTIVE "FINGER FOOD" FA-LA-LA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall at the Church



Come join us for our annual Christmas gathering as we enjoy some delicious holiday snacks and desserts, festive fun, singing of carols, and a humorous little gift exchange.

Please bring a 'white elephant' gift and a plate of 'finger food' to share.

Beverages will be provided.

Don't miss this fun event and the fellowship we always share.

Guests and new members always are welcome to join us!!!

Cindy Lundine, Hostess

It's that time of the year...



Would you like to share a **poinsettia(s)** with us for worship during the Christmas holiday?

If possible please bring to the church **Thursday by 4:00 pm, December 22**. Please put your name with the plant.

We Thank You,
The Decorating Committee

No Kenwood Park Neighborhood Association (KPNA) meeting in December. We will resume our regular meeting schedule in January.

Happy Holidays to all.



If you, a family member or Kenwood Park United Methodist Church friend are hospitalized, please be sure to let the church know.

**Kenwood Park United Methodist Church Office
Phone number is 319-365-6933**

2011 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF KPUMC

Lay Leader:	Steve Odegaard	(2014)	Finance Chairperson:	Paul Klesner	(2012)
Chairperson:	Steve Odegaard	(2012)	Finance Vice-Chair:	Pam Landon	(2014)
Treasurer:	Gerald Bair	(2011)	Nurture Coordinator:	Helen Pratt	(2014)
Pastor:	Rev. Michael Metz		Education:	Jolene Whiting	
SPRC Chairperson:	Dean Willis	(2012)	Lay Member to Annual Conference:		
SPRC Vice-Chair:	Thelma Perry	(2014)		Thelma Perry	(2011)
Trustee President:	Wes Landon	(2012)	Recording Secretary:	Jacqueline Unkrich	(2014)
Trustee VP and Endowment Chair:	Larry Franklin	(2014)			

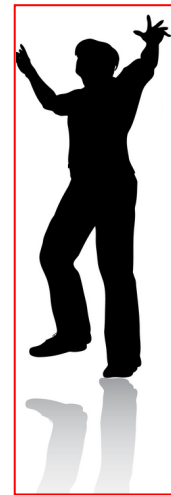
Come to Sunday School!

Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

175 34th St. NE

365-6933

10:15 -11:00 AM



All-In-One Bible Fun Class

Ages 3-11

Room B6

Adult Traditional Bible Studies

Room B1

Middle School/High School Class

Room B5

Reading the Bible Adult Studies

Room B3



Christmas Program-December 11 at 10:15 am

The children have been very busy getting ready for their Christmas Program. If your child, tween or teen, would like to be involved in the program, we have openings for costumed parts and readers. Talk to a Sunday School teacher.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday morning, December 11, 10:15 in the Sanctuary.

(Students will meet in B6 at 10:00 to get into costumes for the program)

Sunday School classes will not be held on December 25, but will resume on January 1.

Merry Christmas Everyone and a Joyous New Year!





Help Needed for Distributing Invitations Again

Christmas! We will be hand delivering invitations to the Kenwood Park neighborhood to join us for Christmas services. This means we need a sizeable crew to make the distribution.

Two work sessions are scheduled:

Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 am and Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm.

There are several hundred to deliver, so we can use all the help we can get! Those who helped deliver invitations a few months ago report what a wonderful experience they had in meeting our church neighbors. Many people sense deep within themselves the need to celebrate Christ's birth by coming to church. We want to help them discover the "Light of Christmas". **Please come help our neighbors know they are welcome at Kenwood Park UMC!**

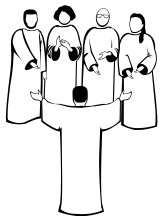
Each work session should last approximately one and one-half hours. (Depending on the number of those who deliver.)

LITURGISTS Needed - If you are interested in serving as liturgist, 9:00 am on Sunday, **December 18** and Sunday, **December 25** please contact Thelma Perry 393-4777.



We are looking for one more person to run the projector at the first service one Sunday a month. Contact Gerald Bair to be trained.

Come and experience joy of serving on a great team!



Join the choir!

If you enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join us in the choir. Reinforcements are needed in all voice ranges.

Rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

The Sunday schedule includes singing at the **9:00 am Traditional Service.**

If you have an interest in serving in band, **PATHWAYS** -
Vocal
Instrumental (need a drummer)
Sound Board/Computer

Practice is Thursday at 6:30 pm.

THE JOURNEY is our Contemporary Worship on Sunday at 11:15 am.

Contact Bruce Western at 363.9798 or bwestern@cedar-rapids.net



NEW items in the Church Library

Children's Board Books

Jesus is My Friend, by Daphna Flegal.

Church is a Special Place, by Daphna Flegal.

Adult Fiction

A Handful of Heaven, by Jillian Hart

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, by Mitch Albom.

Adult Non-Fiction

Introducing the Bible, by William Barclay.

Never Alone: Personal Way to God, by Joseph Girzone.

God'sWord For Simple Abundance, by Dan & Nancy Dick.

The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?, by Rick Warren.



UMW Books

Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2009-2012.

My Sister the Father, by Meri Whitaker.

A Deepening Love Affair: the Gift of God in Later Life, by Jane Marie Thibault.

HOW TO CHECK OUT A LIBRARY BOOK (OR OTHER ITEMS) FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

1. Write your name on the card inside the book pocket and stamp it with the due date stamp.
2. Put the book card in the basket and place a pre-stamped due date card in the pocket.
The book will be due in 4 weeks from today's date.
3. Enjoy the book and please remember to return it so others might enjoy it too.
4. When you return the book, place it on the "Return Books Here" shelf on the library cart in the library.

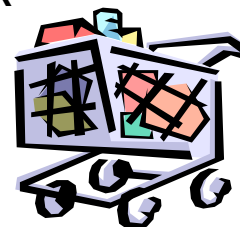
Thank you for borrowing a book from our church library!

FOOD BANK SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Items are taken to the Linn Community Food Bank

Place your donations in the storage cabinet located at the North entrance of the church. Non-perishable food items are badly needed at this time, including canned meat and toilet paper.

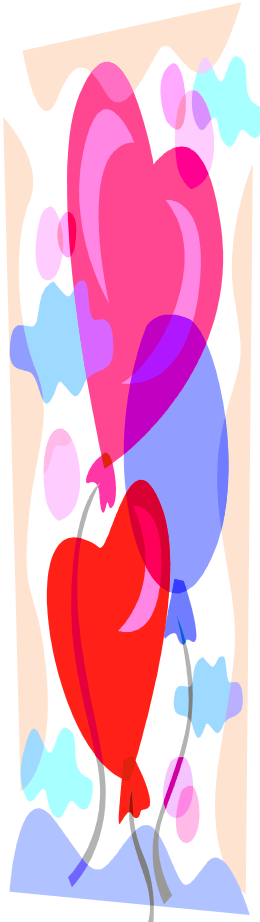
Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry!



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Cherie Wallace
- 3 Nathan Cook
- 4 Cheryl Sheets
- 4 Sarah (Young) Glew
- 6 Peter Andersen
- 6 Karsten Cook
- 6 Sean Bohannon
- 7 Linda Andersen
- 7 Sheryl Nemec
- 8 Michael Flynn
- 9 Carolyn Oliver
- 13 Shirley Zaiger
- 14 Douglas Mackert
- 14 Kristin Turner
- 14 Alan Strait
- 15 Tim Grout
- 16 Brett Gire
- 17 Lila Sabin
- 17 Lester Wilson
- 17 Dale Bohrer
- 17 Jamie Postel
- 18 Amy Brinkmeyer
- 19 Carolyn Blair (96 today)
- 19 Jane Fisher
- 20 Betty DeSotel
- 20 Penny Freeman
- 20 Devin Rammelsberg
- 23 Carol Brown
- 26 Bev Shaffer
- 27 Jim Cook
- 27 Brenden Grout
- 28 Marlene Stutzman
- 29 Susan Harapat

DECEMBER



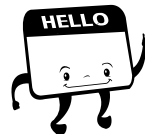
Happy Anniversary!

- Dec. 17 Darrell & Joyce Ulch
- Dec. 18 Jack & Alice Rector
- Dec. 21 Jim & Joan Rosche
- Dec. 27 Bob & Bobbi Jo Smiley

Birthdays or Anniversaries

Please let us know. . .

if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the church office, phone **319.365.6933** or send an email to office@KenwoodParkUMC.org



Wear your Lanyard/ Name Tag with Pride!

Don't have one?

Please contact the church office.

Church Floor - basement

Our church basement fellowship hall floor has some raised places where the old floor heating water pipes have leaked in the past. It presents a tripping hazard, so on **Saturday, January 14 at 9 AM** we need **YOUR** help to do some minor chiseling and repair. We will be taking up some of the matching floor tile under the curtains and use them to repair the center part of the floor.

If you can help, please let Gerald Bair know at either 319-393-8661 or

grandpabair@msn.com. **Hope to see you there.**

KENWOOD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We want to thank everyone for their generous indication of giving for 2012.

We expect our consecration giving for our church operating budget to be about **\$143,409** compared to about \$117,000 for year 2010. We have 91 giving families of which 79 families filled out an indication of giving card. Fifty families increased their giving, 47 families are giving the same as last year and 9 families had to decrease their planned giving.

With the stock market down, the endowment will not be able to help as much so we are still in a budget crunch. This means we will still may not be able to pay all of our apportionments. **Thanks for your help in both financial and volunteer activities.**

Gerald Bair

Christmas Eve Refreshments...

Need cookies, bars or whatever you feel like baking for refreshments following the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

Also need helpers to make punch, set up the table and help serve.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are willing to bring goodies or help.

Thank you

SHARE Iowa

The next food pick-up for Kenwood Park SHARE Iowa is Saturday, December 17 --
just in time for Christmas!

Please take a look at the December flyer! There is a Christmas package for \$28 with a 6 lb honey ham and all the fixings for a holiday meal for six! There are so many choices this month!



The orders are due Friday, December 2, but will be accepted through Monday, December 5.

We had a good number of volunteers for the Thanksgiving pick-up, and we needed all of them! Our church ordered 15 Thanksgiving boxes for Kenwood Elementary School families. One of the teachers collected money for four more and ordered those through her father. He is the Share Iowa Host Site coordinator in her home town. So, in the end, there were 19 boxes and many thanks given by those families. And more orders for the Thanksgiving boxes came in from regular customers and new customers.



DECEMBER 2011 Newsletter

Kenwood Park United Methodist Church
175 34th Street N.E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-6017

Rev. Michael Metz, Pastor
Church Office (319) 365-6933
Website: www.kenwoodparkumc.org
Email: office@kenwoodparkumc.org
Kaller News: jacqueline.unkrich@kenwoodparkumc.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Cedar Rapids, IA
Permit No. 179

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, December 11

10:15 am Christmas Program
(between services)

Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service -
Refreshments after service.

Sunday, December 25

9:00 am Traditional Worship
No Sunday School
No 11:15 am service

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
(all ages)
11:15 am Contemporary Worship
The Journey