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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children and Family Ministry Year in Review: What a joy to share that next week we will once again gather for Children's Day, a beloved tradition at Kenilworth Union Church for more than 70 years where third graders who have learned scripture by heart receive a personalized Bible. Thanks be to God for these young people and a year of growing in God's love and grace this program year.

Perhaps you remember that at the beginning of this school year we were just trying to figure out how to regather with many COVID precautions. Creativity was the key to resuming traditions. We met outside for Sunday School for three months, we wore masks and stayed distanced. Our goal was to register 140 kids.

December arrived with hope that Christmas would be another opportunity to resume normal traditions but the Omicron surge necessitated more pivots. Drawing deep from the wells of creativity we hosted our second live nativity indoors because of the weather...

...We are more grateful than ever to be able to finish the year together on Children's Day and recognize the growth we all experienced. Please join us on Sunday, May 22 at the 10 a.m. worship to help celebrate the third graders and all that God is doing in our midst. [Continue Reading](#)

Notecards: The children created Ukrainian flag themed notecards during Sunday school. Notecards with envelopes will be sold in packages of 8 for \$20. All proceeds will go directly to UNICEF to benefit Ukrainian families. [Purchase here](#) through the Kenilworth Union Church website.

The glass is ¾ full! Sunday School teacher recruitment for fall is well underway! If you are able to commit to Eight Sundays during the school year, we would love to hear from you! Please know that you never have to go it alone—you're always paired with someone and you can create your own schedule. We welcome parents and those whose children have aged out of the program who are still devoted to nurturing the children in our congregation. Please contact our Children and Family Youth Director, [Greta Connor](#) to commit or find out more information.

Join the "Murmuration of Hope!" It was wonderful to see some of you at the Outreach Benefit last Friday. It's not too late to support the Outreach Fund and the 40 outreach agencies it supports—in fact, "Better Media" is now **matching up to \$10,000 in donations**—so any donations received here will be doubled! [Read more about the matching grant challenge here.](#) No gift is too small; together, we can create something significant and transformative.

Care Guild Cooks: This Thursday, May 19 join us from 9 a.m.–noon (or drop in as your schedule permits) in the Kitchen. We will cook to stock the freezer with comfort-meals. If you would like to help please RSVP to [Melanie Earle](#). BYOA—Bring your own apron!

A Collective Murmuration Sermon Series: Spring at Kenilworth Union means a resurgence of communities celebrating. For six consecutive Sundays, we gather with intentionality and purpose: Confirmation, Choral Music Sunday, Mother's Day, Youth Sunday, Children's Day, and Memorial Day all bring us together for their own reasons, but at the core, each unique service offers us a window into what it means to meet God in, with and between us.

Membership: Interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Kenilworth Union Church? Please join an in house meeting about membership at Kenilworth Union on Sunday, June 5. The class will be held 7–8:30 p.m. in the Culbertson Room. New Member Commissioning is the following Sunday, June 12 at the 10 a.m. worship service. Please contact [Bruce Linger](#) or [Katie Snipes Lancaster](#) for more information.

Baptism: We are scheduling baptisms for the summer, please reach out to [Katie Lancaster](#) if you are interested in bringing your child/ren forward for the sacrament of baptism.

Bill Evertsberg is on Sabbatical: As Bill Evertsberg is on his long-planned sabbatical, the rest of the Kenilworth Union staff, and ministry are positioned to help with the congregations' needs in his absence. As the spirit moves them, Bill and Kathy will include periodic posts from their trip, check for a new post weekly.

June Town Hall Meetings, please RSVP: The meetings will update you on our Church facility visioning and planning as well as the early stages of our proposed capital campaign.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Civil Rights Tour: You're Invited...November 3–6 “In recent years Kathy and I have led pilgrimages to sacred sites like Jerusalem and Edinburgh. Please join us for a journey to equally holy shrines on American soil.” —Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg

ADULT EDUCATION

Eastertide Devotional: Last summer, Katie Lancaster undertook a project called 100 Days of Psalms and Prayers, which took us through the first one hundred Psalms. Since there are 50 Psalms yet to consider, we will spend the 50 days called the Season of Easter which stretches from Easter Sunday to the day of Pentecost (pentēkostē meaning the fiftieth day). [Sign up to receive this daily devotional in your email inbox](#) or follow along on social media.

Bible Read Along with Christine Hides Wednesdays, 9:15–10 a.m. through May 25: New participants welcome! Our group will study Paul's letter to the Philippians for six-weeks, using Cynthia Campbell's guide. We will explore the importance of community, Christian joy, unity, and hospitality.

WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary and online at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, May 17 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Linda Flentye, Patty Flentye, Andrew and Katie Florig, Kevin and Melanie Flynn, Mike and Susan Flynn, Christopher and Kristen Folland, William and Sue Folland, Andrew and Lucy Folland, John and Dee Fortson, Mike and Molly Foster, Scott and Maria Fowkes, Margaret Ann Fowler, Sharon Fowler, Todd and Justine Fowler, Larry and Ginny Fox, Betty Fox, Kevin and Amy Fox, Patrick and Debra Fox, Fielden and Susan Fraley, and Ed and Holly Francis.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Volunteer with Care Connection: When circumstances arrive in life that preclude someone from engaging in the life of the church through in-person gatherings or worship and yet the fellowship of the congregation remains vital, we connect members together through cards, phone calls, and visits when possible. One of the easiest and best ways to bring a smile is to send a short note of encouragement, happiness, and love to our members who are homebound. If interested in serving on Care Connections or if you know of a member who would value the outreach, please contact [Dayle Lively](#) or [Katie Lancaster](#).

Monday Faith Walk: A chance to meet, pray, and talk. We gather at the Church Cloisters on Mondays at 10 a.m. We share a devotional, then walk and talk at a good pace for all, arriving back to church by 11 a.m. Please contact [Nancy Johnson](#) to join this group or for more information.

Depression Support Group: The group is a chapter of the National Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-North Shore. Persons under treatment, family members, and friends are welcome to attend. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library. Please contact [Beth Palzet](#), the facilitator of the group for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

Childcare: During 10 a.m. worship, childcare is available in classroom 12 for children ages six months through age three. There is no charge for this service but please let [Greta Connor](#) know you are coming.

Faith234 for Second–Fourth Graders meets on Wednesdays from 4–4:45 p.m. Reconnect with your friends with games, creative activities, and prayer! Last class of this season, May 18!

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) for Fifth–Sixth Graders meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Reconnect with your friends with games, creative activities, and prayer! We will meet in the Warwick Manse. Last class of this season, May 18!

Children's Day Worship, Sunday, May 22: All are invited to attend this annual celebration during 10 a.m. worship which concludes our Sunday school program year. Third graders who reached their memory milestone will be presented with their Bibles and 5–6 graders who reached their service milestone will be presented with their awards. No Sunday school May 22. Childcare will be available.

Registration for Family Camping weekend is open! July 22–24 at Bong State Park. Just an hour's drive to Wisconsin means hours of fun with campfires, nature walks, and family time.

*contact [Greta Connor](#) for more information on Children and Family Ministry, by the way [Greta](#) is now full-time

MUSIC

Sponsor Help Needed in Music Ministry: Please contact Lisa Bond with interest or question for the sponsorship of Gospel Sunday Worship featuring Vernon Clark and the Heirs of Joy scheduled for Sunday, June 5. Our Chancel Choir and Youth Choir will also be singing with Vernon. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY*

Junior High Youth Group year end party will be Wednesday, May 18. Join us from 6:30–8 p.m. All 7th and 8th graders are invited!

IMPACT Meeting Team Night 2: Meetings are open to all high school youth, regardless of church affiliation or mission trip participation. Hawaii participants are expected to attend and are welcome to bring friends.

*contact director [Squire Prince](#) for more information on Youth Ministry

FELLOWSHIP

Mah Jongg: The basics for this popular Asian tile game are easy to learn. Meet for lessons and play on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Warwick Manse. Due to street parking on Warwick and Kenilworth Avenues, please plan accordingly. Contact [Martha Hoza](#) for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Worship Flower Sponsors Needed: Several dates are available to decorate our altar throughout the year on Sundays during 2022. The flowers will be recognized in the Sunday bulletin in honor or memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, in thanksgiving of friends, or all for the glory of God! Please contact Sandy Wells to be part of this important ministry.

Find us in your inbox! All email addresses in the Kenilworth Union directory now receive a weekly Sunday worship email and the eNews on Thursdays. If you are not receiving these but would like to, you may subscribe at kuc.org. To unsubscribe click the link at the bottom of the email. Contact [Christine Adams](#) if you would like us to change your email address or help with anything else.

Connect with Kenilworth Union via podcast: The 10–15 minute sermon messages are inspiring, thoughtful companions for walks and commutes.

Reminders for Livestream Worship: Two ways to view worship from home and away! We now have options for ad-free viewing: please use the livestream link at kuc.org/ or the kuc.org/watch tab at the top of the page. The [youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch) channel is still also available with ads. A recording of 10 a.m. Worship or 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer is available starting about an hour after the service.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you would like to learn more, please contact

Reverend Dr. Katie Lancaster or a Stephen Leader as listed in the Church Directory

Care Guild Leader for May is [Melanie Earle](#).

To let us know where help is needed, call the church at (847)251-4272

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide—Youth Sunday

May 15, 2022

Sun., May 15	8:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary with Confirmation—In Person
	9:45 a.m.	Last Sunday School with doughnuts during fellowship!—Schmidt Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Childcare—Room 12
	10 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary with Baptisms—In Person and Livestream
	12:50 a.m.	KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
	2 p.m.	Youth Sunday Worship—Sanctuary and Livestream
Mon., May 16	10 a.m.	Faith Walk—Off Site
	7 p.m.	Skeptics and Believers Group—Culbertson Room
Tues., May 17	9:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg—Warwick Manse
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary and Livestream
Wed., May 18	9:15 a.m.	Hybrid Bible Read Along—Centennial Room and Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library and Online
	2 p.m.	Knitting Ministry—Library
	4 p.m.	Last Faith234—Manse sign in and Church
	4:45 p.m.	Cherub and Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
	5 p.m.	Last Middle School Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
	6:30 p.m.	Last Junior High Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
7 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir—Music Room	
Thur., May 19	11 a.m.	Care Guild Cooks—Kitchen
	7 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
Fri., May 20	9:15 a.m.	AJN Preschool Birthday Blessing's Chapel—Sanctuary
Sat., May 21	1 p.m.	A Memorial for David Honoré—Sanctuary and Livestream
	2 p.m.	A Reception for David Honoré—Culbertson Room