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Tuesday-Friday 10:00AM—1:00PM

Office closed on Monday

I'm writing this a full month early because at the time the newsletter has to go out, I will still be on vacation. Sometimes it's important to take a break, and as I told one of our members before I left, I need to go find some new stories.

I hope you enjoyed having Loren Drummond fill in while I was gone. I will only be in the office less than a week before I'll be on the road again, this time going to La Vista, Nebraska (near Omaha) for the Great Plains Annual Conference, June 7-10. Colleen Cook will be going with me as our Lay Delegate. The conference is trying something new this year by having a lot of the routine business items dealt with one week early via Zoom to allow more focused attention to the real ministry of the churches in our Conference.

My travel schedule is also forcing me to do a lot more advance planning. This summer we will launch into a four-part series on "The Path of Discipleship," looking at the Gospel of Matthew. We will begin in June by considering the Weight of the Call. A disciple is a follower. That means there must be someone to follow and that someone wants followers. Considering that, in the gospel accounts, Jesus said "follow me" more often than he said, "believe in me," we can be confident that there is a call to follow laid upon anyone and everyone who seeks to draw closer to Christ. Yet even a cursory reading of the gospels will reveal that Jesus never undersold this call. He never tried to convince us that following was an easy or a simple thing. So, we begin our summer worship contemplation with consideration of the weight of the call. Throughout this four-part series, we listen again to the call of the whole people of faith, when God called Abraham to be the beginning – the genesis – of a new nation. Then we lay this ancient call alongside the words and deeds of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew as he confirms and enhances and redirects the call to be the church at work in the world. But here in part one, we are especially mindful of the radical nature of the call to leave everything behind and to live into a new reality, only then to discover the added responsibility of inviting the whole world to come to know the one we follow. Jump in as we consider the weight of the call.

The series will then continue at the end of June when we switch gears toward "Learning to Grow." Having accepted the call to become a disciple and to help others become disciples, we now begin to understand what we don't know. Or rather we embrace what we have to learn. Sometimes we get the impression that the end of faith is that initial yes to Jesus. As important as that confession is, it is only the beginning of the path to becoming a disciple. So, let us consider together what it means to be a disciple. Let's embrace the truth, even when it is difficult and takes effort, even when we learn of the commitment that is involved in following Jesus. Because we also discover the joy in serving and loving and working for justice. It may be hard, and we may mess up at times, or lose focus, but we're learning and we're growing. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ isn't an instantaneous event, but a lifelong process. Wesley called it sanctification, this process of becoming more like Christ, and acknowledged that it is a journey. But we're on the way, or as Wesley claimed, moving on to perfection in love. There's a lot to learn as we grow.

We have a lot of ground to cover this summer. I hope the season brings each of you many opportunities to follow Christ and to continue to grow in your discipleship. And I hope that Wyandotte Church can be part of that journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

June Sermon Schedule When God Came Down Like Fire June 4 Go Therefore (Matthew 28:16-20) The Path of Discipleship: The Weight of the Call June 11 Trusting the Unknown (Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26) June 18 Is Anything Too Wonderful (Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23) The Path of Discipleship: Learning to Grow

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

June 25

Tell In the Light (Matthew 10: 24-39)

Women's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall.

Ladies Quilting Group

Meets on Mondays, 9:30 AM-Noon New ladies are always welcome!

Friendship Circle

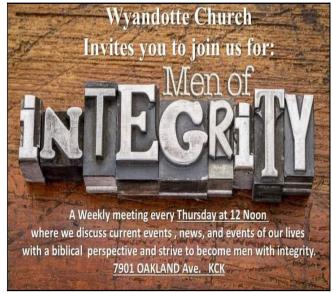
Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM All women of the church & friends are welcome

SUNDAY SCHOOL Two Adult Sunday School Classes are available

Pastor Kim leads a weekly Sunday School class that looks at current events and discuses how the Bible speaks to contemporary life. The lesson is emailed out on Thursday of each week for discussion on Sunday. If you would like to take part, please contact Pastor Kim. This class meets on Sundays at 9:00 am in the library.

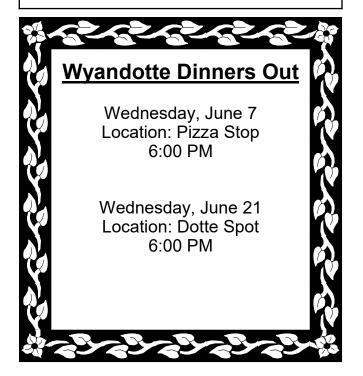
The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall. They participate in a number of different studies. This class also meets at 9:00 am.

Children's Sunday school is available when children are present.





The Outreach Committee has chosen The HUB, a ministry of the UMC in Argentine, to be a recipient of our congregational generosity. They have given us a list of hygiene supplies to be made available in their free community market. There will be a different focus each month. For the month of June, the focus is paper towels, canned goods, and shorts. Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:00 AM | 5 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon | 6 | Talk Books 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM | Outreach Committee 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon | 9 | 10 |
| Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM | 12 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon | 13 | 14 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-7:00 PM | Friendship Circle 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon | 16 Newsletter Deadline Noon | 17 |
| Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! | 19 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon | 20 | S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Dotte Spot 6:00 PM First Day of Summer | Men of Integrity Noon | 23 | Trustees 9:00 AM Game Night 6:00-9:00 PM |
| 25 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM | 26 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon Food Kitchen 9:30 AM | 27 | 28 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-7:00 PM Mailing of the Newsletter | 29 Men of Integrity Noon | 30 | |

Do you recognize this? It's a "quarter tube."

We use it to collect quarters to fund the treats for the staff at Claude Huyck, our neighborhood elementary school.



School's out for the summer, but they'll need us again beginning in August.

Don't forget to save your quarters and bring them to place in the tube to help us support our friends at Claude Huyck.











Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Join us every Wednesday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sites vary, see calendar

> All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

| Preaching Schedule | | |
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| June 4 | Rev. Kim Dominic | |
| June 11 | Rev. Kim Dominic | |
| June 18 | Rev. Kim Dominic | |
| June 25 | Rev. Kim Dominic | |

| Scripture Reader | | |
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| June 4 | Fay Sturm-White | |
| June 11 | Ruth Miller | |
| June 18 | Pat Gates | |
| June 25 | Judi Whiles | |

If you'd like to read scripture on Sunday, get with Pastor Kim or contact the office at 788-5503.

| Nursery at 10:00 am | | |
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| June 4 | Kathy M & Pat Gates | |
| June 11 | TBD | |
| June 18 | Jennifer & Ramona | |
| June 25 | TBD | |

To volunteer in the nursery: You can sign up in the sanctuary or contact Jennifer Beard at: jebeard28@gmail.com

| Chin Service Hosts | | |
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| June 4 | Don & Nancy Bradbury, Donna Lesher, Bob Babbitt | |
| June 11 | Kathy Manherz, Fay Sturm-White | |
| June 18 | Tim & Ramona Stowe | |
| June 25 | Carla & Robert Chadwick | |



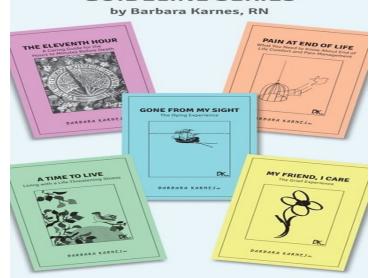
Sundays 10:00 AM

Worship with us ONLINE at www.wyandotteumc.com

or

www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos





The church has a series of booklets written by Barbara Karnes, RN that deal with end of life issues for people going through challenging times for themselves and loved ones. Please feel free to check them out through the office.

> If you're not attending in-person worship, please continue to mail in your offerings. If you need offering envelopes, call the office.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are sent by e-mail.

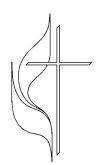
If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the July Newsletter will be Friday, June 16, 2023. (please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the July Newsletter will be Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

If you have an address update or correction, please let the office know by calling: 913-788-5503 or emailing admin@wyandotteumc.com.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

Please save your Best Choice labels for United Women in Faith.

Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.

Would you like to see your name on the front of The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter for \$50 and you will be recognized as the sponsor of the month! Call the church for details.

Our charity quilting group is running low on supplies. If you have unused fabric, batting, fiberfill, or thread you can spare, please consider donating it to this ministry. They will use these materials to make neck pillows, fidget blankets, lap robes, and other items to improve the comfort of many people. Thank you for your help!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/1- Jim Brown 6/16 - Judy Belcher

6/2 - Gerald Ulrich 6/16 - Tim & Ramona Stowe

6/8 - Dale Hacker 6/20 - Tim Stowe

6/9 - Bob Babbitt 6/24 - Bill & Judi Whiles

6/14 - Brendan Kerr 6/25 - Don & Nancy Bradbury

6/15 - Kathy Thomas

If your birthday or anniversary is not shown on the listing that is printed each month, please call the church office so it can be added to our list.

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Project

Maintaining the church building can be costly.

Here's how you can help:

Trustees sell gift cards to raise funds. A listing of the cards

available for purchase is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.