



First United Methodist Church

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Happenings

May 2022



Pastor's Paragraphs

When I was a US-2 Young Adult Missionary, I co-led a small group discussion based on the book *Transitions*, by William Bridges. That book has come to mind these last few weeks as I find myself smack dab in the middle of multiple transitions. Our only child is graduating from high school and will begin college in the fall. I am leaving parish ministry and entering into full-time retreat ministry. And I, along with everyone else, am trying to figure out life post-pandemic.

As we experience transition as pastor and congregation, we are entering a time of letting go in order to begin anew. Bridges writes:

Transition is not just a nice way to say change. It is the inner process through which people come to terms with a change, as they let go of how things used to be and reorient themselves to the way that things are now.¹

Change refers to what's going on outside, but transition is what is going on inside. For example, I will be packing up my office and moving boxes of books and files to my house. I will no longer be driving to Kirkland multiple times a week. That is a physical and outward change. But inside, I am transitioning from being a parish pastor whose identity is centered around leading a congregation, preaching and leading worship every Sunday morning, presiding over funerals and other important life events—to offering hospitality, one-on-one spiritual support and small group facilitation full-time.

During this time as pastor and parishioner, we begin to let go and perhaps distance ourselves just a bit. We think about saying “goodbye” and what we want to say or do as our time together in ministry comes to a close. For what do we give thanks? For what do we grieve? For what do we need forgiveness? What will we miss? At the same time, you begin to envision the future. What will the new pastor be like? What new ideas will she bring? What will it be like to have the pastor and her husband living in the parsonage? This can bring some anxiety. But also excitement.

Yet there is time (about eight weeks) before we will truly experience a new beginning. We are in what Bridges calls “The Neutral Zone.” We are living between an ending and a beginning. It is a strange time when we may just feel “off” because things are not quite what they were, but they aren't what they will be either. In some ways, it's a time similar to Jesus's time in the wilderness. We need time to think and assess, be still and re-evaluate. As we walk through these next two months together, may we all be mindful of how we navigate transition so that we end and begin well our pastor-parish relationship.

Peace,

Pastor Jenny

¹<https://wmbridges.com/resources/transition-management-articles/transition-as-the-way-through/>

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
MAY**



LITURGIST

- 1 Bret Collins
- 8 Ron Johnson
- 15 Linda Johnson
- 22 Clare Hay
- 29 Lori Finkle

AUDIO VISUAL

- 1 Zack Harris
- 8 Bret Collins
- 15 Clare Hay
- 22 Lyndsay Myers
- 29 Zack Harris

GREETERS

- 1 Ruth Aves
- 8 Mike Perra
- 15 Sissy Butz
- 22 Sally Bruch
- 29 Vicki Maveus

USHERS

Brian and Lora Stevens



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 — Sharon Butler
- 6 — Diane Carls
- 10 — Jamie Hall
- 10 — Kevin Aves
- 12 — Louise Myelle
- 22 — Lorene Finkle
- 24 — Alisha Taylor
- 26 — Mark Way
- 28 — Emilea Bramm
- 29 — Lilian Robertson

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



MAY CALENDAR

May 1	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
	Trustees Meeting	11:00 am	Meeting Room
May 2	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 3	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
May 5	Ad Council	7 pm	Meeting Room
May 8	Mother's Day / Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 9	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 10	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1-3	Basement
May 15	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
	SPRC	11AM	Meeting Room
May 16	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 17	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
May 22	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 23	AA	8pm	Basement
May 24	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1-3 pm	Basement
May 29	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB LIVE & Zoom
May 30	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 31	Food Pantry	12-2 pm	First Lutheran Church



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Diane Parrish

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Peter Bramm

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**Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
May 2022**

Tues. May 3.....12:00-2:00 pm
 Tues. May 10.....12:00-2:00 pm
 Tues. May 17.....12:00-2:00 pm
 Tues. May 24.....12:00-2:00 pm
 Tues. May 31.....12:00-2:00 pm

[FOOD PANTRY Information ON PG 8](#)

If special help is required, please call
815-885-4035.

Food Pantry Report for the month of

February

71 Families Served

262 Persons served, 103 were Children

Please keep this schedule



Morning Worship

We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live and Zoom,

Sundays at 10 am.

Please contact Pastor Jenny for the zoom link, 630-803-3491

RETIREMENT CENTER AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Beverly Ester.....

****New Address****

1600 N Morrison

Apt 105

Muncie, IN 47304

Bill Byers.....Wesley Willows



- Jan Thurlby
- Philip Termini
- Donna & Ty Turner
- Connie & Dennis Hood
- Ray Meyer
- Carl Bruch
- Pat Heinsohn
- Madelynn Bramm
- Al Thurlby
- The family of Carole Poplin, on her death

Worshipping Together in May

All worship services will be in person and also live-streamed on our Facebook Page as well as on Zoom. The worship service is then posted to our YouTube channel.

We Are Witnesses



The season after Easter is where we consider what it means to walk with Jesus into eternity. But it is not about life after death, or rather not only about life after death. It is very much about life before death, life in the face of death. It is about life and about bearing witness to a life that resembles a kin-dom existence right here and right now. It is this life, this justice and righteousness, this hope and this glory to which we can say with confidence, “We are witnesses.”

May 1	Who Are you Lord? <i>Holy Communion</i>	Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)
May 8	Get Up! <i>Mother's Day</i>	Acts 9: 36-43
May 15	What God Called Clean	Acts 11: 1-18
May 22	Open the Heart	Acts 16: 9-15
May 29	Disturbing the City	Acts 16: 16-34



Missions for May *Mission Sunday, May 8, 2022*

Local Mission

- Miss Carly's •

Miss Carly's opens their home to those in need in order to connect with people and build relationships. They serve those who have fallen between the cracks and burned all of their bridges. They provide hot meals and unconditional love for as many as 1,000 a day. For more information on this charitable organization, please visit:

misscarlys.org

Broad mission (Conference):

- Justice for Our Neighbors #50000140 •

5th Sunday

- Good Neighbor Fund •

Congratulation to our High School and College Graduates!

Spencer Eaton, Hampshire High School

Son of Pastor Jenny Weber & Matthew Eaton

Spencer plans to attend Elgin Community College in the fall and eventually transfer to a four-year college and get a degree in Special Education



Evan Sarver, Hiawatha High School

Son of Diane Parrish and Steve Sarver

Evan plans to attend Northern Illinois University and study art, graphic design and writing,

Evelyn Burkhardt, Hiawatha High School

Daughter of Jamie and Tom Burkhardt

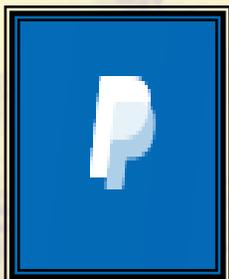
Evelyn plans to attend Kishwaukee Community College in the fall and study business. She has aspirations of becoming an entrepreneur.

Annalee Collins, St Louis University

Daughter of Marian and Bret Collins

Annalee received her B.A. in English with a Social Worker minor, December 2021. She will be doing a City Year with Americorps in Sacramento, California.,

The Kirkland Women's Society would like your comments regarding the rummage sale. Linda Johnson is stepping down as our chair-person. We thank her for her many years of service. We are in need of someone to take over for Linda as chair. It takes several people to make the sale a success. Even though we are only open for sales on Friday from 9-5 and on Saturday 9-11, there is a lot of preparation that goes on the entire week. We are trying to determine if we have the help and support from the congregation to make this event possible. We appreciate any feedback you can give us. Please direct your comments whether for or against, or good or bad to Vicki Maveus @ 815-751-3193 or Clare Hay @ 815-978-2147. You could also put a note in the collection plate at church. Hope to hear from you. Thanks!



Giving

It might be easy to forget our offering during this time of worshipping virtually. Our congregation appreciates all of your financial gifts, especially during this challenging time. Don't forget to either mail your pledge or donation to the church or give on-line via PayPal. You may support the continued ministry of the Kirkland United Methodist Church with a monetary gift using this link :

paypal.me/KirklandUMCOffering

—OR— visit our website at Kirklandumc.org

Meet Our New Pastor, Deanna Mede



Bishop John Hopkins and the NIC Cabinet are pleased to make the appointment of Pastor Deanna Mede to Kirkland: First UMC effective July 1, 2022, for the following reasons:

- **Strong and dynamic preacher and teacher**
 - **Good in pastoral care**
 - **Mission and outreach minded**

Rev. Deanna "Dee" Mede was born in Chicago and raised in the Northwest Suburb of Wheeling. In 1984, She married her High School sweetheart, Eric. In 1984, Dee earned a degree in Physical Therapy Assistant from Oakton Community College working in the field 1984-1987. Dee left Physical Therapy in 1987 to become a full time mom to her daughters Erica and later Jami. It was during this time that Dee and Eric became involved in their local church, Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove, IL. While attending Kingswood Dee became the PADS director and a member of the Food Pantry Staff. In 1999, while participating in Disciple I, Dee was led by the Holy Spirit to accept the call to ministry as a Deacon.

In 2000 she earned her BGS from Roosevelt University Majoring in History and minoring in Community Development. In 2003 she graduated from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Masters in Christian Education. Her Clinical Pastoral Education was at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood.

In June of 2003 Deanna was ordained a Deacon and appointed to Kingswood UMC as the Minister of Youth, Mission and later Adult Education.

In 2008, with the approval of the conference, she returned to Garrett to begin a Master's in Divinity.

2009 Dee served as a Student Pastor to First UMC Neena-Manasha in Neena, WI afterward, she was appointed as a part time Minister of Evangelism and Member Care.

2011 Dee was appointed to Zion UMC in Mendota, IL as a Licensed Local Pastor while in the process of becoming an Elder. While serving at Zion Dee decided to remain a Licensed Local Pastor, in 2015 she relinquished her Deacon credentials and was accepted as a Licensed Local Pastor from the Prairie North District.

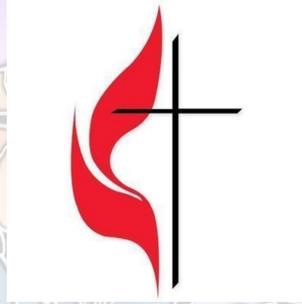
2015 Dee was appointed to Christ UMC as their 2nd Associate Pastor with the responsibilities of the Primary Pastor to Christ's second campus the Our Master's Center. She was also responsible for Pastoral Care, Adult Education, acted as liaison to the Preschool for both campuses.

Dee's pastoral priorities are to: 1. Lead worship and preach in a way that enables the congregation to grow and experience God in meaningful ways. 2. Care for all members and friends of the church, including those unable to attend worship. 3. To develop ministry that reaches outside the church walls and into the community and further. 4. To welcome all who attend with and open heart, and open mind, and a word of grace.

Dee and Eric have been married for 37 years, have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren : Erica (married to Ryan) and Jami (married to Curtis). Erica and Ryan have 4 children and Jami and Curtis have 2 children.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BY PASTOR JENNY WEBER



You may have heard through various news outlets that on May 1st a new denomination, The Global Methodist Church, will be launched. This new denomination was founded by The Wesleyan Covenant Association which has been working over the last several years on this effort. Since General Conference, which was supposed to be held in 2020 but was postponed until 2022, has once again been postponed until 2024, the more conservative churches and leaders who are part of this movement, decided that they needed to act now, rather than wait. (General Conference has been postponed because of COVID and the challenges that delegates from other countries would have to get Visas to attend.)

What this means is that there will be United Methodist congregations as well as United Methodist clergy who may begin disaffiliating from The United Methodist Church. If you would like to learn more about this from our Bishop, John Hopkins, you may read his recent article here:

<https://www.umcnic.org/news/are-united-methodists-going-to-divide>

He does a good job of describing what disaffiliation means and how that might happen. This does not impact me as I plan to remain a United Methodist Elder. And our congregation has not expressed a desire up to this point, to be part of a more conservative arm or branch of United Methodism. However, I wanted you all to be aware of what is going on in the life of the denomination. If you have further questions, please reach out and I will try to answer them.

Updates to the Food Pantry.

Hours will be every Tuesday from 12 to 2 pm,
including last Tuesday of the month.

The Clothing Closet will now be available
during the same hours at the food pantry

Masks are required .

The Food Pantry will now run as normal.

Any questions, please call First Lutheran Church
815-522-3886



Other Ways to Support Kirkland UMC!

Support KUMC When You Shop Amazon!

- *Follow this link to Amazon Smiles:*

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3263652>

- *Do your normal shopping.*
- *A percentage of the total will be donated to KUMC!*



Shop other retailers through the UMC Market. Visit <https://umcmarket.org> and create a login selecting *First UMC of Kirkland* as your designated ministry. Select the retailer of your choice and you will be redirected to their website. It's as simple as that! Donation percentages vary by retailer and there is a wide range of retailers to choose from.



Enroll your Schnucks loyalty card to begin sending donations to the Kirkland UMC when you buy your groceries. Visit <http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/index.jsp> to sign up. You can find the church in the Organization search by zip code or our group id is 500009733.



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