



KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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June 2025

Happenings



Pastor's Corner

Growing into Summer

As I sit in my office and write this article, I hear shouts of joy and laughter from schoolchildren celebrating the end of the school year floating in from the park across the street. As Psalm 100 tells us, "Shout for joy to the Lord ..." (Psalm 100.1). Taking the Psalmist's recommendation, I am shouting for joy to the Lord! As a congregation, we have much to be joyful about as we grow into summer.

There is beautiful growth in our Memorial Garden and the gardens around the church. Our gardening volunteers continue to expand and nourish new growth in our lovely and recently revamped Memorial Garden. It is growing and blooming in beauty. Sharon (Butler) Herolt has stepped into the role of lead gardener around the church building. Sharon purchased the daisies and other blooming flowers and spent the day with our gardener, Connie Worden, cleaning up the front church garden and planting the new flowers. God's beauty shines in our lovely gardens. Check out the gardens and then thank our talented gardeners.

We continue to grow as God's garden in worship. This Easter Sunday, we had a congregation of 69, 9 of whom were children, and celebrated 3 baptisms! Our 2024 Easter attendance was 43, with 4 children. This is a 60% increase in Easter attendance. What was the difference between the two Easters? It was you! Everyone who invited friends and family to worship with us. By planting the seeds through invitations to join us in worship, we continue to grow. This Easter, we hosted 29 visitors in-house and 1 online. Thirty people worshipped with us that day because someone invited a guest(s) to join them at church.

Our ministry to children and for children also continues to grow and flourish. Kirkland UMC Sunday school will meet throughout the summer. Our lead teacher, Peter Bramm, is working on a schedule for classroom helpers and substitute teachers. Contact Peter Bramm if you would like to be a part of our growing Sunday School program.

This Summer, we continue to grow in the community. Kirkland UMC, along with First Lutheran, is a sponsor church for the Kirkland Community VBS, July 7-10. Pastors Dee and Jeanette will teach the Bible Stories in a fun and engaging way with the help of our sidekick, Luna the wolf pup. All preschool and grade school-aged children are invited to attend this FREE Vacation Bible School. Older children aged 9 and above will be Jr. leaders invited to help the younger children while participating in the VBS activities.

On the Sunday following VBS, July 13th, Kirkland UMC and First Lutheran will "Shout for joy to the Lord" in Franklin Township Park. For the first time in many years, First Lutheran and Kirkland UMC will hold a joint Worship in the Park on July 13th at 9 AM, with a potluck following the service and an Ice Cream social for dessert. The children from VBS will perform the songs they learned that week. Everyone from the community and beyond is invited to attend.

As a church grows, we grow in love, faith, and service to God and neighbors.

Grace & Peace

Pastor Dee



June



Liturgists

- 1 Eric Mede
- 8 Clare Myers
- 15 Mike Pera
- 22 Jack Myers
- 29 Lori Finkle

Audio Visual

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

Greeters

- 1 Mike Pera & David Finkle
- 8 Brian & Lora Stevens
- 15 Eric Mede & Sissy Butz
- 22 Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner
- 29 The Furlough Family

Ushers

Bret Collins & Lou Ferrante

Trustee's Corner

Before July 4th, the church parking lot will be patched, seal coated, and re-striped.

After July 4th, the following work will be performed on the church building using a lift:

- * Caulk and paint wood portion of steeple.
- * On north side: Remove existing plexiglass around large stained glass window, caulk and paint window frame, and install new plexiglass.
Paint gable, soffit, and fascia.
- * On south side: Replace one missing piece of fascia.



June Calendar

June 1	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Ad Council Mtg		Closed Session
June 2	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
June 3	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
June 7	Women's Society Meeting	8:30 am	Basement
June 8	Pentecost Sunday Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
June 9	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
June 10	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
June 15	Father's Day/Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
June 16	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
June 17	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
June 22	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
June 23	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
June 24	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
June 25	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
June 26	AA	8:00 pm	Basement

Birthdays

June

- 9 — Carl Bruch
- 21 — James (Teo) Dale
- 24 — Lyndsay Myers
- 28 — Colton Hall

Church Leadership

Ad. Council Chair

Diane Parrish

Finance Chair

TBD

Secretary

Clare Hay

Treasurer

Lori Finkle

Financial Secretary

Clare Hay

Men's Ministry President

Bret Collins

Women's Society Co-Presidents

Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

SPRC Chair

Bret Collins

Trustee Chair

Peter Bramm

Worship Chair

Larry Worden

Education Chair

Peter Bramm

Lay Leader

Diane Parrish

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
First Lutheran Church
510 South Street, Kirkland IL 60146
815-522-3886

Tuesday's 12-2 pm

If special help is required, please call
815-978-2147.

Food Pantry Report for the 4 week month of
March
186 Families Served
664 Persons served, 220 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to July's Newsletter? It can be news you have to give, or maybe there's something you'd like to know more about... email the church office and we'll work on getting it added.

Deadline for submissions is
Friday, June 20



We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live & Zoom, Sundays @ 10am. Please contact Pastor Dee for the zoom link, 224-805-9513

Worship In June



Mission Sunday:
June 8

Local Mission:
 Barn on Baseline

Broad Mission:
 Northern IL. Justice for Our Neighbors

5th Sunday:
 Good Neighbor Fund

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
June 1	Ascension Sunday/Communion Sunday "After the Ascension"	Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 NLT
June 8	Pentecost Sunday "The Flame of Faith"	Acts 2: 1-21 CEB
June 15	Father's Day HIDDEN PERSONS OF THE BIBLE "Gideon: Questioning Yet Faithful"	Judges 6: 12-21 CEB
June 22	2nd Sunday After Pentecost HIDDEN PERSONS OF THE BIBLE "Pilate's Wife: The Dreamer"	Matthew 27: 17-26
June 29	3rd Sunday After Pentecost HIDDEN PERSONS OF THE BIBLE "Huldah: Prophetess of Truth"	2 Chronicles 34: 1-3, 7-8, 14-16a, 18-19, 21a, 22a, 23-28 NRSVue



Kirkland Food Pantry

The pantry continues to be busy! As summer approaches we will be helping families keep their children fed while they are home from school. Your support is vital to our work. Thank you for your donations of both cash and products! As things start to grow this summer, remember we can always use your extra produce. We've already had some rhubarb donated!

Also, shopping bags (paper, clean plastic or cloth) are appreciated. Please consider supporting us by volunteering. Volunteers help on our distribution day, Tuesday, from 12:00-2:00 PM, and on our delivery days, the first Thursday and third Monday of the month at 9:00 AM. If you'd like to help or just come and see how things work, talk to Clare 815-978-2147.

If you or someone you know needs assistance providing food for their household, the pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Just come, fill out a little paperwork and you can shop for groceries. We can help at other times if there is an emergency need for food, call Clare 815-978-2147.

JUNE ITEM OF THE MONTH

The June Item of the Month is Shaving Products such as Shaving Cream and Disposable Razors. Any kind you would like to donate will be appreciated! There will be a box by the front door of the church for your donations. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there will be an envelope in the box and Clare will do the shopping for you!



THANK YOU to everyone who donated Feminine Hygiene products during our May collection! We had 40 items collected.

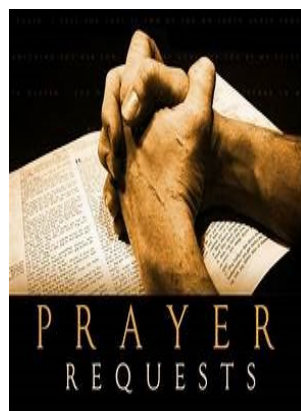
It was very much appreciated!
Look for a report on totals next month.

Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation.

It's a great option to ensure that we receive your entire donation.

*However, unless you **check the box next to** "Share my name and email with this charity." PayPal does not tell us who made the donation. Please **always check that box** so that we can acknowledge your gift and say thank you!*



- Andy Morrell
- Mike Roach
- Ron Taylor
- The family of Ron Boyer
- Ron Johnson
- Jen Roach
- Stephanie Hoffman
- Ed Davis



4TH OF JULY AT KIRKLAND UMC

PARADE

We are excited to have a float in the Kirkland 4th of July parade again!
Make sure to wave high and grab some candy!!
Parade starts at 11 am

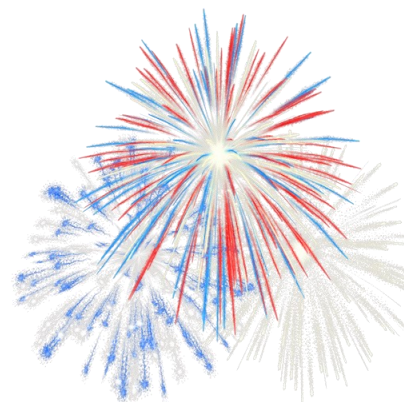
ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 5
7 to 10 AM

First United Methodist Church
300 W. South Street
Kirkland



Pancakes
Biscuits and Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Applesauce
Coffee and Juice



****All You Can Eat****
****Free will offering****

WELL OF LIVING WATER AND CHILDREN'S STATION

July 3-5

Come say hello, rehydrate, cool off and relax.

FREE activities for the kids

300 W South Street

(Located at the corner of South and 3rd St, across from the War Memorial)



Grace is Sufficient



186th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Monday, June 9 -
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

June 9-11 in Schaumburg, IL

This is the 186th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

There will be votes on the budget and legislation destined for the General Conference, and to complete administrative tasks within the Northern Illinois conference. At this annual conference, however, we will vote on four amendments to the United Methodist Constitution this year. These amendments were approved by the General Conference delegates in 2024. They must be supported by two-thirds of the voting members of all the Annual Conferences to be ratified. These amendments have been given a time limit of 2 years to reach every annual conference and receive a vote.

Amendment Ballot #1: Regionalization

This amendment would organize the United Methodist Church into geographic bodies. Currently, the United States is not an independent Region/Conference; all decisions are made by the General Conference, with input from all delegates from every country. As of now, the US has no autonomy over its geographic region. The other countries that comprise the UMC are divided into eight geographically based Central Conferences. Central Conferences have autonomy over issues specific to the churches in their country/region. They do not have to have localized decisions voted on by the General Conference. The US has no vote over Central Conferences. Every Central Conference has a voice and a vote over all US church issues.

This amendment would reorganize the UMC so that the US would become a regional conference (retaining all jurisdictions). The regional conferences may make rules for themselves that do not bind other regional conferences. Parts of the Discipline would be the same for all the regional conferences. This amendment would put all conferences on an equal footing and enable them to pass rules relevant to their own contexts.

Amendment Ballot #2: Inclusion in Membership

This amendment is a fix for the oversight of not including “gender” and “ability” in the previous language. If approved, Paragraph 4, Article IV in the UM constitution would read, “All persons, without regard to race, gender, ability, color, national origin, status, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in connection.”

Amendment Ballot #3: Racial Justice

The complete revision of Paragraph 5, Article V of the UM constitution aims to strengthen the denomination’s longtime support for racial justice. Amendment Ballot #4: Educational Requirements for Voting Rights Local Pastors (who are not ordained) are not eligible to vote for either lay or clergy delegates, or legislation, concerning General and Jurisdictional Conferences. According to the UM constitution, only laity may vote for laity and clergy for clergy. Currently, the Local Pastor clergy have no vote in their clergy representation for the General and Jurisdictional church.

The amendment allows clergy (ordained or licensed) who meet specific educational requirements to qualify to vote for clergy delegates.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND CHURCH??



Thank you Eric Mede for cutting circular pieces of wood for our front urns. Connie was then able to drill them, anchor them with a brick underneath and fill them with flowers. Storms will no longer carry our flowers across town.



The week before Mother's Day Sharon Butler masterminded a new landscaping look for the front of the church. She and Connie Worden split the hostas by the front door and added some flowers in front for color. The bushes were trimmed and surrounded by irises from Sharon's yard and hostas from the front. Now the pavers are lined with hostas so there is a double barrier to keep mud from flying at the church siding during storms. They also worked the rocks in front of the sign to the center so perennial daisies and other annuals could add a dash of color.

Sharon, who used to run her own landscaping business, has graciously agreed to let the area be her new hobby. Let her know what you think of the new look.



As the ad council brainstormed a more useful mission statement, several slogans were generated. Eric's made the front sign. Feel free to submit your slogan for use on the sign.

Did you know the British spelling is 2 p's--worshipping,
but Americans use only 1--worshiping.





The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society

Please join us at 8:30 am, Saturday, June 7 in the church basement. All the ladies of the church are invited to join us for breakfast, devotions and a short meeting.



Methodist Men

Meet every 3rd Saturday @ KFR.

KIRKLAND'S VBS TRUE NORTH: POINTING THE WAY TO FUN

Kirkland UMC and First Lutheran church sponsor Kirkland's VBS (Vacation Bible School).
July 7-10, 9 AM – Noon at First Lutheran Church, Kirkland.

Ages: 3-11

Cost: FREE



It's time for kids to hit the trail...for adventure!

At True North, kids discover they can trust Jesus in a wild world! True North is filled with fantastic Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project through Operation Kid-to-Kid™, which will provide kids in North America with new warm clothes and blankets.

Questions? kirklandvbs@gmail.com or contact Pastor Dee
Register: vbspro.events/p/kirklandvbs

Ad Council Meets June 1

THIS IS A CLOSED SESSION



Volunteer cleaning of the church is going well. We have honed the schedule and spread out the tasks so no one is overwhelmed. Some jobs are only semi-annual. In May Connie's niece Payton volunteered to clean the pews with Murphy's Oil and hit the dust out of the cushions outside on a large tarp. It was a great bonding day and won't have to be repeated until fall.

Donating is as easy as
taking a picture:
Kirkland UMC's QR code
for
donations Or visit
www.kirklandumc.org

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