



**KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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February 2026

# Happenings



Pastor's Corner

## LENT & HOLY WEEK 2026 AT KIRKLAND UMC

We hope to see you for our Lenten & Holy Week events:



### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 18

Drive By Ashes and Prayer

7 to 9 am

12 to 1 pm

4:30 to 6:30 pm



### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Children's Palm Parade



### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Lenten Potluck Meal & Communion

6:00 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Cantata

7:00 pm



### EASTER SUNDAY

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am

Worship Service

10:00 am



## February



### Liturgists

- 1 Bret Collins
- 8 Peter Bramm
- 15 Ray Meyer
- 22 Lyndsay Furlough

### Children's Time

- 1 Pastor Dee Mede
- 8 Lyndsay Myers
- 15 Marian Collins
- 22 Clare Hay

### Audio Visual

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

### Greeters

- 1 Sharon Butler & Lora Stevens
- 8 Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner
- 15 Connie & Larry Worden
- 22 David & Lori Finkle

### Ushers

Jack Myers & Sally Bruch

## Trustee's Corner

In January, the Trustees installed 2 inch thick foam insulation on the floor of the bell tower (the attic area above the narthex).



## February Calendar

Feb 1	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Basement
Feb 2	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 3	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Feb 5	One Board Meeting (prev. Ad Council)	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
Feb 8	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Basement
Feb 9	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 10	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	12 to 2 pm	Basement
Feb 15	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Basement
Feb 16	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 17	Food pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday	7 to 9 am	Curbside Ashes & Prayer
	Ash Wednesday	12 to 1 pm	Curbside Ashes & Prayer
	Ash Wednesday	4:30-6:30 pm	Curbside Ashes and Prayer
Feb 21	Women's Society Breakfast	8:30 am	Basement
Feb 22	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Basement
Feb 23	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Feb 24	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Basement

## Birthdays

### February

- 2 — Inez Melton
- 4 — Bonnie Loreneson
- 4 — Devon Turner
- 8 — Ty Turner
- 18 — Larry Worden
- 28 — Chris Bramm

**Church Leadership****One Board Chair**

Diane Parrish

**Secretary**

Clare Hay

**Finance Representatives**

Clare Hay

Jason Hernandez

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Lori Finkle

**Financial Secretary**

Clare Hay

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Bret Collins

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Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

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Bret Collins

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Brian Stevens

**Worship Chair**

Larry Worden

**Education Chair**

Peter Bamm

**Lay Leader**

Diane Parrish

**Lay Leadership****Representatives**

Rev. Deanna Mede

Lora Stevens

**Welcome & Witness**

Lori Finkle

Eric Mede

**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 5 week month of**

**December**

**143 Households Served**

**511 Persons served, 153 were Children**

Have something you'd like to add to March'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, February 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 February**

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
<b>1st Communion Sunday</b>	4th Sunday After the Epiphany "More than a Fish Story"	Jonah (selected verses)
<b>8th</b>	5th Sunday After the Epiphany "To Be the Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"	Matthew 5: 13-16 NLT
<b>15th</b>	Transfiguration Sunday "God's Light"	Exodus 34: 29-32 NRSVUE Matthew 17:1-7 NRSVUE
<b>18th</b>	ASH WEDNESDAY Drive By Ashes and Prayer	7—9 am 12—1 pm 4:30 6:30 pm
<b>22nd</b>	1st Sunday in Lent "Unlikely Offering: Mary of Bethany"	TBD



**Mission Sunday:**  
**February 8**

**Local Mission: The Ruth Project**

**Broad Mission: Midwest Distribution Center**





Thanks to the generosity of our church partners, the First Lutheran Church of Kirkland and the Kirkland UMC, as well as many others, the KFP continued to meet our mission of reducing food insecurity in our local area.

The Northern Illinois Food Bank is our primary source of food. Other items come from Rooted for Good, retailers and several food drives sponsored by schools, community groups and individuals. We received additional financial support from the

Lions Club, South Grove Township, The Red Brick Inn and many other generous people. With help from the Food Bank, we also received grant funding totaling \$7,506.87 for the purchase of food and a freezer.

The KFP had a record high number of visits in 2025 serving 186 different households including 728 individuals of which 235 were children. We helped 67 new households during 2025 and anticipate continued growth into 2026.

Many thanks to our volunteers! They include Jean and Roger Bauer, Elda Bruning, June and Steve May, Lora and Brian Stevens, Chuck Huey, Mike and Sue Sester, David Manzano-Clara, Jenny Haddick, Tracy Bruch, Pam Rhoades, Michelle Crase, Connie Worden, Jo and John Boehmer, Kate Bruch, Scott Brooks, Avis Myelle, Joe Hernandez, Val Norris, Jennifer Panzer, Hannah Strmic, Bev Stark, Peter Bramm and others.

Thank you to the Kirkland Community!  
John Royalty and Clare Hay

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. We can help at other times if there is an emergency need for food, call or text 815-978-2147.

During the month of February, we will collect SHAMPOO for our neighbors who come to the Food Pantry. Any kind you'd like to donate will be appreciated! There will be a box by the front door of the church where you can leave your donations. There will be an envelope for cash donations that will be used to purchase toothpaste. Thank you!



## 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!*



•Ed Davis  
•Alicia Ross  
•Jessica Yeager Stark



## **The Kirkland United Methodist Women's Society**

*Women's Society meets Saturday, Feb 21 @ 8:30 am in the basement.  
We'll start with a light breakfast, then devotions & meeting.  
All ladies of the church are invited to attend.*



## **Methodist Men**

Meet every 3rd Saturday  
@ KFR.

## **Ad Council (Now One Board) Meets February 5**

**Donating is as easy as  
taking a picture:  
Kirkland UMC's QR code for  
donations  
Or visit [www.kirklandumc.org](http://www.kirklandumc.org)**

**SCAN ME**



**Have something you would like added to the newsletter:**

- ∞ **An update**
- ∞ **An announcement**
- ∞ **Something for the calendar**

**Email the office at  
[kfumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kfumcoffice@gmail.com)  
by the deadline**

**(always found on page 3).**

**Include any details needed (dates, times, contact info,  
location, etc...) and any photos you want included,  
and they will be added to the newsletter !**