KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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January 2026

Happenings

Pastor's Corner

A Prayer for Love

O God of steadfast love,
trusting you, we devote our hearts to learning
and our lives to walking.
Teach us truth, that we may walk with courage.
Teach us mercy, that we may walk with humility.
Teach us forgiveness, that we may walk with compassion.
Teach us grace, that we may walk with strength.
Teach us wonder, that we may walk with praise.
Teach us goodness, that we may walk with those in need.
O God of steadfast love, learning from you,
may we walk well.
Amen.
—J. Bradley

www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g45619248/new-years-prayers/

January

Liturgists
4 Weston Bramm
11 Clare Hay
18 Lou Ferrante
25 Terry Medine

Children's Time
4 Pastor Dee Mede
11 Eric Mede
18 Peter Bramm
25 Lyndsay Myers

Audio Visual
4 Clare Hay
11 Bret Collins
18 Lyndsay Myers
25 Clare Hay

Greeters
4 The Hernandez Family
11 Sally Bruch & Vicki Maveus
18 The Furlough Family
25 Eric Mede & Weston Bramm

Ushers
Lora & Brian Stevens

Birthdays

January

4 — Hannah Strmic
8 — Braylen Hall
20 — Gregg McKee

Trustee's Corner

Happy New Year!
Look for more updates
in the coming months.

January Calendar

Jan 1	New Years Day	All Day	Office Closed
Jan 4	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Jan 5	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Jan 6	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Jan 8	One Board Meeting (prev. Ad Council)	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
Jan 11	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Jan 12	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Jan 13	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	12 to 2 pm	Basement
Jan 18	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Meeting Room
Jan 19	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Jan 20	Food pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Jan 25	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
	Paul's Epistles 1 Class	4 to 6:30 pm	Meeting Room
Jan 26	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Jan 27	Food Pantry/ Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Basement

Pastor Dee will be on vacation through January 7.

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

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
October
144 Households Served
566 Persons served, 180 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to February'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, January 23

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

Mission Sunday: January 11

Local Mission:
Rosecrance
Broad Mission:
Wesley Willows

Worship In January

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
4th Communion Sunday	Epiphany Sunday "Path Revealed"	John 1: 1-5 & 14-16 NRSVUE
11th	Baptism of the Lord Sunday "The Lord is Our Savior"	Matthew 3: 13-17 CEB
18th	***JOHN WESLEY'S: RULES FOR MONEY*** 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany "Gain All You Can and Save All You Can"	Philippians 4:10-20 CEB
25th	***JOHN WESLEY'S: RULES FOR MONEY*** 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany "Give All You Can"	Timothy 6: 17-19 CEB

As we close out 2025, the Kirkland Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who has so generously supported us and who continues to support us every day! The pantry is entirely volunteer run. Space for the pantry is provided by the First Lutheran Church who cover the utility costs and building maintenance. So, the money you donate goes directly to purchasing food and other needed items such as diapers. The toiletries you have donated this past year have been a great supplement to our normal food offerings! Our neighbors have been excited to have these available. If you would like additional information about the pantry, please reach out to Clare at 815-978-2147. THANK YOU!

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 January, we will collect TOOTHPASTE for our neighbors who come to the Food Pantry. Any kind of toothpaste 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.

~ SAVE THE DATE! ~

Paul's Epistles 1 Class Resumes — January 18th
We meet from 4 to 6:30 in the meeting room. Looking forward to starting up again.

Something Special

This vintage village scene just inside the church's entrance is half of Jeanne Whitesell's collection which she crafted and painted. Eric Mede purchased the other half at the craft sale. After Jeanne passed away, the entire village adorned Kirkland's library for a while before they gave it to the Methodist church. We have kept this part which includes the church to display each year in memory of Jeanne, a long-time member of our church.

Cookie Extravaganza 2025

The 2025 Cookie Extravaganza was a great success thanks to all the volunteers who set up, baked, worked the event and cleaned up. We garnered $1649.45 for the church's budget. We had 157 dozen cookies as well as a myriad of other goodies including 35 bags of biscotti, 16 cheesecakes, breads, fudge, chex mix...donated. The few dozen cookies that weren't sold were delivered to six of our shut-ins the day after the sale. What a great church community we have that can pull off this event with no cost and what a great town community we have that supports us!

Memorial Garden Update

Some may ask, "Why doesn't Marian cut everything down to the ground in the fall?". The answer to that is multi-fold. Most importantly, many pollinators and other insects need a place to over-winter. Some do this as eggs, pupae or adults. Leaving plants low to the ground and allowing leaf litter will help pollinators and, in turn, help plants. Marian didn't know this a few years ago, but now she does and wants to help the little buggers. Leaf litter also protects plants and small animals from frost. Secondly, leaving different levels in the garden will make it look prettier when the snow falls. Also, Marian hates to cut things down when they still have some color. Lastly, yard waste pickup ends on the last Tuesday in November. After that, there is no disposal other than possibly burning over at the Bramm homestead. It looks messy and wilted come late winter, early spring, but Marian will be on the job to kickstart things again. Well, not until temps reach 50 degrees consistently. That is the recommendation for pollinating insects.

Ad Council (Now One Board) Meets January 8

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

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