

# The Chimes

As David, Christa and I prepare once again to host the Lakeside for Youth trip at the end of the month, we are finishing our planning. Every year we choose a theme for our group. The theme, along with a theme song, are repeated throughout the week. The theme this year is based on a song by the musical collective Gungor, entitled “Us For Them”. The bridge of that song contains this line: “cause if it’s us or them, it’s us for them”. While the world may try to divide us, we choose to stand together, unified, serving each other and others in Christian love.

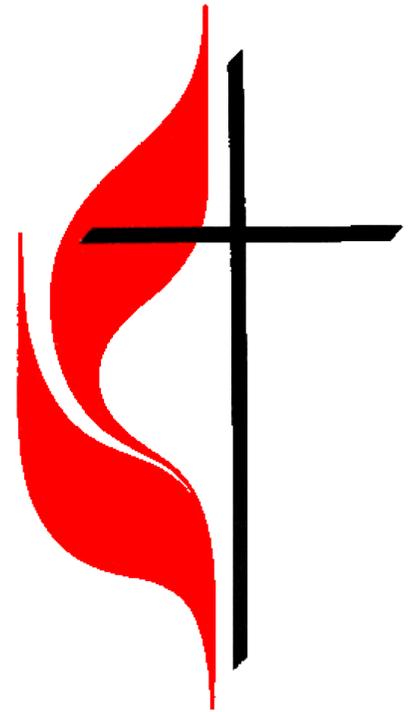
Looking over our church’s schedule for this summer much of what we do follows under this broad category of “us for them”. Again this year we host our school’s summer lunch program. We believe (and studies verify) that holding a family meal together brings a host of benefits to children. So our church will also serve the adults and help facilitate time together as family. A grant from the Hardin County Foundation helps defray some of the costs but does not pay for them all. Why do we do this? Because if it’s us or them, it’s us for them.

Later in the summer we host Vacation Bible School. Several students that come to Vacation Bible School are, quite frankly, difficult. They are not able to attend other churches because of their behavior. But we will take anyone and everyone. Why do we accept sometimes difficult and disruptive children into our Vacation Bible School? Because if it’s us or them, it’s us for them.

Our country seems to become more divided by the day. Unfortunately, our denomination joins that trend. We want to divide ourselves among political, social, theological, and economic lines. Once divided, we quickly adopt an “us vs. them” mentality. In pursuit of this goal there is ugly rhetoric coming from our politicians, from political parties, and sadly, yes, from churches. What is the response of God to these challenges? While we were yet sinners, while we divided ourselves and separated ourselves from God, God sent Jesus down. Because if it’s God vs. us, it’s God for us.

I encourage you to participate this summer with our summer lunch program, Vacation Bible School, Lakeside for Youth, our hospitality ministries, and other ministries in the church. And let us remember that while serving some of these ministries requires time and effort we do not want to give, that if it’s us or them, it’s us for them. It’s us for them.

-Pastor Jonathan



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## Help Wanted

After several years of service, Candy Callinan has decided to step down as our Wedding Coordinator.

We are looking for someone or a team of volunteers willing to learn the responsibilities of this ministry from her.

If you are interested, please notify the church office for more details.

Thank you to Candy for her many years of service in this important ministry.



## Preschool News

Our memory verses for the preschool year were Matthew 6:31-34. Verse 33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and HIS righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." reminded the students that when we seek God HE will provide and take care of all our needs. What an awesome thing for us to be reminded of as well.

It is amazing how quickly another year has flown by. Our 2017-2018 school year is now over and what a great group of students we had. As our preschool closed we were busy with practices and parties and anticipating Miss Lacey's little TJ to arrive at any minute. What a cutie patootie he is and I can't say thank you enough to Lacey for wanting to hang in there until school was out, even joining us for our end of the year program.

Our program this year was based on the Peanuts Gang,

Snoopy and Charlie Brown. It was quite appropriate considering all the "little peanuts" I had this year in my classroom!

Our afternoon class is already getting full for next year; 2018-2019. Spaces are available for the morning class and a few available for the afternoon. Prices have been lowered. The cost for the 4 year old class (Monday-Thursday) will be \$100 monthly. The cost for the 3 year old class (Tuesday & Thursday) will be \$60 monthly.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support this year. I know many of you give financially and even write letters and pray for me and my husband as he was diagnosed with cancer this last year. Thank you for your love and being my brothers and sisters in Christ! I love this church and you all sincerely.

May HE continue to bless.

Lisa Thomsen



## Youth/Children/Family News

Thank you from the Youth, Children and Family Ministry teams! Because of your financial and spiritual support we are able to send three campers and two adults to the One Day Adventure Camp at Camp Wesley on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time in several years we have participated with campers at a Camp Wesley event.

We will also be sending 20 youth and six adults from our church to Lakeside July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>! We have worked with three other churches to organize a Hardin County Collective Lakeside group that will take a total of 31 youth and 10 adults to Lakeside! If you are willing to devote a little time to intentionally pray, write notes or even send a package to a Prayer Partner before, during and possibly after Lakeside, please pick up a Lakeside Prayer Partner tag from the board in the cookie room. Your encouragement before and during camp is greatly appreciated and it would be great if you could follow up with your partner after Lakeside to see how their week went. Thank you again for all of your support! Our church is blessed to have such a wonderful congregation behind our youth, children and family ministry programs!

### Important Dates

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - SCHOOL'S OUT Bowling Party-For all ages at Hillcrest Lanes, 3:00-5:00 pm, Enjoy 2 games of bowling, shoes, a pop and pizza from the church!

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - ONE FUND Bake Sale/Student Auction in the sanctuary following 11:00 am worship. Students and baked goods here by 10:00 am.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - VBS/Safe Sanctuary Training- 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 -11:00 am, 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 pm. This training is for any adults or teens helping with VBS and other children/youth programs. Please plan to attend!

June 27<sup>th</sup> Kids' Club-6:00-7:30 pm. Kids' Club is designed to help children ages 4-12 begin to build a foundation for their relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, a Bible lesson, snack and a fun game.



June 4th– **Velma Kraft**

5803 CR 115, Kenton

June 6th– **Carter Cavalier**

122 Oak Lane, Kenton

June 9th-**Patricia Brehm**

N. Cherry St. Kenton

June 23rd– **Adeline Terry**

16450 Maureen Dr.

Kenton

June 24th–

**Everett Clinger**

344 Stonehedge Ln.

Kenton

June 28th-

**Howard Jones**

618 Decatur St. Kenton



Karl McNeal  
John Wicherson  
Marilyn Arn  
Bud Winzenried  
Erma Boysel  
Zoey Turner  
Linda Mabrey  
Sharon Heilman  
Jane McGee  
Karen Yankee  
Laura Hamilton  
Reba Coats  
Jim Pruden

*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*  
Romans 12:12

## Thank You

Another successful Mother-Daughter brunch! There were approximately 124 who were served by six of the finest gentlemen in our church. We wish to thank Julie Stous for catering, the Kenton HS Top 20 for a very nice program, and members of Sarah and Elizabeth Circles for set-up and decorating the tables. Most of all, thank you to all who participated in the brunch.

-The UMW

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served this church as the bell choir director, but director is only one part of the choir. I am very thankful for the faithful members of the choir over the years starting with Debbie Davis and Norma Frederick who are original members from 1981. Others who have been with the choir for a long time are Lynn Boyle, Martha Furbush, Candy Callinan, and Gayle Dulin. In most recent years we were joined by Janet Jones, Cathy Guinn, Marlene Jolliff, Patty Garmon, and Brenda Jennings. Christa Quail holds the distinction of being the only Joy Ringer who became a Chancel Bell Ringer. Some of our ringers also brought along their families as we have had some children and parents ring with us. In addition, we have

had two remarkable subs in Scott Barrett and Susan Headings. Bill Davis has served as bell manager for a number of years, helping us set up and put the bells away. There are many other people who have been with the bell choir throughout the years and I thank them for the service they gave to our ministry.

It is humbling to be recognized for something I did out of love for the church and music. Little did I know when Jacqueline Loeffert asked me to take over for her that I would be in the position for 34 years. I want to thank the church (SPR) for the generous gift certificate for Tons of Fun Travel. It will be put to good use for our vacation this summer. Thanks to each of you who sent a card or spoke to me personally to thank me. I'm the one to say thank you for allowing me to serve for so long.

-Jan Aller

Thank you so much for blessing us with your shoe fund. We can't thank you enough for your generosity. Through your gift, we've been able to help so many and so many more to come. Thanks again.

-Susie Thrush, KES Staff and students

## Attendance and Offering

**First United  
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 Rev. Jonathan  
 Hanover

	9:00	11:00	Offering
May 6	61	75	\$5952.00
May 13	76	100	\$6540.00
May 20	86	139	\$7542.00
May 27	63	94	\$4983.00

# June 2018

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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3 9 Worship 10 SS 11 Worship	4 Annual Conf. 7:30 AA	5 Annual Conf. 9:30 Knitters 6:30 Boy Scouts	6 Annual Conf.	7 Annual Conf. 7:30 AA	8 Office closed	9 11 AA
10 9 Worship 10 SS 11 Worship	11 6:30 Trustees	12 6:30 Boy Scouts	13	14 7:30 AA	15 Office closed	16 11 AA
17 9 Worship 10 SS 11 Worship	18 6:30 Children's ministry	19 9:30 Knitters 4:00 NOC 6:30 Boy Scouts	20	21 7:30 AA	22 Office closed	23 10VBS training 11AA
24 9 Worship 10 SS 11 Worship 6 VBS training	25 6:30 Lead Team	26 6:30 Boy Scouts	27	28 7:30 AA	29 Office closed	30 11AA