

# Events and Activities

## Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

August 18, 2019

### Thoughts from our Pastor

As we continue to get know each other, I would like to give you my contact information. My e-mail address is [donna@kernumc.org](mailto:donna@kernumc.org). My phone number is 423-967-5365. Most weeks I will be in the office Monday through Thursday. Please be aware there are those days when I have meetings or calls and I will not be in the office. I will be happy to accommodate drop in visits between 10:00 AM and noon. Please make an appointment if you need to speak with me after noon. These are the ways you can reach me. I look forward to learning more about you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Donna

### Thank You from CITC

I would like to thank ALL the groups and individuals who gave money, supplies, service and prayers to our ministry of CITC. We were blessed to serve 62 children/youth (up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and help foster responsibility in the 14 youth volunteers (9-12 grades). It was an amazing week with lots of fun and worship!

Hugs,  
Alisha Balcom

### Tuesday Bible Study

How can we re-read Jesus' provocative parables? Life in the first century was very different from our world today. In this Bible study based on *Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how the original Jewish audience heard the stories. She interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us and that they still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

The Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Notes will be provided for this study and books are also available. If you have questions, contact Judy Smith at [yahyahjude@yahoo.com](mailto:yahyahjude@yahoo.com) or 483-3684. All are welcome!

### Potluck Dinners

Emmily Bennett is hosting the final potluck dinner of the summer on August 21.

### Wednesday Niters Start August 28!

Wednesday niters resume on August 28. You may sign up for a permanent or weekly reservation in several ways: email [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org), enter your reservation information on the sign-up sheets in either the Sanctuary, Narthex or Family Life Center or call the church office before noon on Monday morning each week.

The meal price is \$7.00 per individual or \$25 per household, including up to two adults plus school aged children.

### Volunteers Needed for Wednesday Night Kitchen Team

Volunteers are needed to assist with kitchen cleanup on Wednesday nights. If you are interested and can help, contact Jeanetta Nutter, 865-567-8946.

### Register Now! Camp Faith Fall Session

Camp Faith for preschoolers meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to noon during the school year. Spaces are limited. The nursery class is full, and there are a few slots left in the Pre-K class. Children will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. Dates: Classes through December 19  
Cost: \$180.00

For registration forms and additional information, contact Chanda Knight, 865-455-4769 [chandak@kernumc.org](mailto:chandak@kernumc.org)



### Seeking Congregational Input on the

### Compassionate Gift Fair

For the past 15 years, the Gift Fair has joined the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale to provide Kern Church and the Oak Ridge area with a different kind of Christmas shopping experience. Several of the Kern folks who historically have helped to organize the Gift Fair need a well-earned break this year. Consequently, it is time to:

- 1.) Determine interest in continuing the Christmas Compassionate Gift Fair.
- 2.) Enlist new persons to participate in organizing the event.

Do you usually shop at the Compassionate Gift Fair? Do you try to shop Fair Trade whenever possible? Are you interested in helping to continue this Kern tradition? Please give this event your serious consideration, and then contact church at [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org), Cathy Cary at [cathycary@comcast.net](mailto:cathycary@comcast.net) or Marcia Walker at 865-414-7321 with your questions, thoughts, and expressions of interest.

### Interment Service For Barbara Walter

An interment service will be held for Barbara Walter on August 31, at 1:00 PM, in the Memorial Garden. You are invited to join Barbara's family and friends in this celebration of Barbara's life.

## PK Hope Is Alive

The Parkinson's Support Group invites you to join them Tuesday, August 20 at 11:30 in the FLC for an inspirational message from Matt Hinkin, Meteorologist for WATE TV. Matt delivers an inspirational message of his personal battle with Parkinson's disease. Caris Healthcare of Knoxville will be providing a light lunch. For more information: [www.pkhopeisalive.org](http://www.pkhopeisalive.org).

## District Conference

The district conference will be held September 29 at Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive, Knoxville, TN. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM. All Church Leaders and Church Council members are invited to attend.

## Kern Charge Conference

The charge conference for Kern will be held November 3 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 252 North Main Street, Clinton, TN. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM. All Church Leaders and Church Council members are invited to attend.



## Leaders Needed for Small Groups

Do you have a hobby or strong interest you would like to share with a small group? Is there a Bible Study you would like to lead? **WE NEED YOU** to lead a small group!!! If interested, please contact the church office, 865-483-5273 or [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org).



## Ministry Spotlight: Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers provide care

to one person at a time and meet weekly with the care receiver to listen and provide support. If you or someone you know may need a Stephen Minister, please contact Ann Gentry at [anngentry1233@gmail.com](mailto:anngentry1233@gmail.com).



## Support our Sustainability! Save our Structure!

### Windows!

The drafty, old windows in the Education Building have been replaced. New windows mean less energy use, lower bills and more comfortable rooms. A gift of \$400 funds a new window.

### Paint!

The exterior of all three buildings is being painted. It's not just cosmetic anymore! The concrete surface is no longer protected against the elements. To save our structure, it's time to paint!

### Help!

To be judicious with the earth's resources (and ours) and to care for our facility, it's time for action. Our Trustees have done a great job of finding the most cost-effective, reliable solutions. And yet, the total cost is \$87,000. We have approximately \$31,000 pledged so far.

### How...

Complete an SOS Pledge Form (found in the Narthex and FLC hallway) and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office, or use the online form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DBVnk3B> to let us know how you can help. Contributions can be made between now and the end of this year.

## Announcements

If you have information that needs to be shared with the congregation, email the information to [announcements@kernumc.org](mailto:announcements@kernumc.org).



Kern has groups that meet regularly each week and welcome new members. Feel free to attend at any time!

### MONDAY

5:30 PM

Yoga (Family Life Center)

### TUESDAY

10:00 AM

Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY

9:15 AM

Yoga (Family Life Center)

10:30 AM

Mommy and Co. Fitness (Family Life Center)

6:30 PM

Hookers & Needlers (Fellowship Hall)

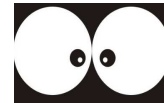
6:30 PM

Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY

8:00 AM

Kern Prayer Partners (Parlor)



## Look Ahead

- August 19:** Friendship Circle Luncheon
- August 21:** Potluck Dinner
- August 28:** Wednesday Niters Resume
- September 2:** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 3:** UMM Meeting
- September 14-15:** UMW Annual Meeting
- September 21:** Herb Wright Memorial Service
- September 29:** District Conference
- October 27:** Commitment Sunday
- October 27:** Trunk or Treat
- November 3:** All Saints Sunday
- November 3:** Charge Conference