

# Events and Activities

## Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

September 1, 2019

### Thoughts from our Pastor

We have been concentrating on faith. I have heard faith described as the bridge between where we are and the place God is taking us. How exciting! It is time for a road trip. A road trip with God. Your Pastor and the staff have tightened our seatbelts and are ready to ride as God directs. By virtue of your baptism, I hope you are ready to ride with God as well. May we all be in prayer seeking God's direction and following God's route.

Blessings,  
Pastor Donna

### Wednesday Niters

Join us each Wednesday evening for food and fellowship! You may sign up for a permanent or weekly reservation in several ways:

email [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org); or 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.

*Permanent reservations **DO NOT** carry over year-to-year.* Please sign up again if you want a permanent reservation.

Upcoming menus include:

**September 4:** Ranch chicken

**September 11:** Shredded pork tacos and chicken tacos



### Ministry Spotlight: Wednesday Niters

Before and after the Wednesday Niter meal, there are plenty of opportunities to for service, fellowship and fun!

**Set-up:** Set up and arrange tables and chairs prior to the meal.

**Kitchen Help:** Assist our Kitchen Coordinator in chopping, cooking, serving food, etc.

**Reservations:** Keep track of weekly meal reservations received, report reservations to the church office and communicate reservation changes to the check-in person.

**Check-in:** Collect, tally and document payments received for meals.

**Clean-up:** Wash dishes, dry dishes, clean counters and put equipment away in the kitchen.

**Take down:** Clean, take down and put away tables and chairs after meals.

**Dessert Team:** Do you like to bake? Be on a team that rotates bringing a homemade dessert to share with the church family for Wednesday Niters.

**Volunteers are needed!** Contact Jeanetta Nutter at 865-567-8946 if you are interested in being a part of the Wednesday Niter team!

### 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: July 30 – December 19

Cost: \$180.00

Contact Chanda Knight (865-455-4769 or [chandak@kernunmc.org](mailto:chandak@kernunmc.org)) for registration forms and additional information.

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### 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. As times have changed, 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 contact the church at [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org); or 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.

### Acolytes and Crucifers Needed

If your child is in the second grade or older, s/he is invited to join our current group of children to serve as an acolyte. If your older child or young adult would be interested in carrying the processional cross, we would welcome him or her as well. Acolytes and crucifers are used in the sanctuary services. If your child is interested, please contact Linda Maddox (865-482-1051 or [lindamad@aol.com](mailto:lindamad@aol.com)). She will be happy to answer any questions, and schedule a time to get together to go over specifics.

### United Methodist Women News

**September 9: Joint Meeting with United Methodist Men** to "kick-off" the new fall season with our annual pot-luck dinner and short mission study at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to share.

**Other UMW events for September include:**

**September 13:** The UMW book study resumes at 10:00 AM in the UMW room.

**September 14-15:** Holston Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment/Annual Meeting/District Officer Training will be at MeadowView Resort in Kingsport, TN.

**September 16:** The Friendship Circle will meet at 7:00 PM at Jean Lantrip's home, 125 Brentwood Drive.

**September 19:** Mary Martha Circle will meet at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



## 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 [announcements@kernumc.org](mailto:announcements@kernumc.org).



Have you seen the new windows in the Educational Building? We now have new, energy efficient windows in the classrooms and offices. Have you noticed the outside of the building? We are in the process of having the exterior of all three buildings painted. Doesn't the entrance to the FLC look nice? We have commitments to pay for 1/3 of this work so far. Can you help pay for the remainder of these projects to protect and enhance our facilities?

### How...

Complete an SOS Pledge Form (found in the Narthex and FLC hallway) and put it

in the offering plate, 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.

## Staff Parish Update

Our Staff Parish Committee is currently working to fill two open staff positions:

- Praise and Worship Leader
- Communications and Programs Facilitator

Employment postings are on Indeed.com and in Holston.org's newsletter, *The Call*. Multiple groups are working to evaluate and interview candidates. For more information about the process, contact Glenda Tolliver, [gotolliver@comcast.net](mailto:gotolliver@comcast.net).



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

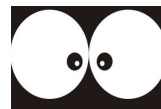
**8:00 AM**

Kern Prayer Partners (Parlor)

### FRIDAY

**9:30 AM**

Sacred Secular Book Study (UMW Room) to resume Friday, Sept. 13



## Look Ahead

**September 2:** Labor Day, Church Office Closed

**September 5-6:** Parking lot closed for repairs. Church Office closed. Camp Faith Closed.

**September 9:** UMW/UMM Potluck Dinner

**September 13:** UMW Book Study

**September 14-15:** UMW Annual Meeting

**September 16:** UMW Friendship Circle

**September 19:** Mary Martha Circle

**September 21:** Herb Wright Memorial Service

**September 29:** District Charge Conference

**October 27:** Commitment Sunday

**October 27:** Trunk or Treat at Elm Grove Park

**November 3:** All Saints Sunday

**November 3:** Charge Conference

## Future Newsletters

If you have information to share with the congregation, please send the information to [announcements@kernumc.org](mailto:announcements@kernumc.org).



## Save the Date: October 27 Elm Grove Park

**5 – 7 PM**

New location! Start working on how to decorate your trunk for this community event. See Chanda or Alicia for ways you can be involved.