

Events and Activities

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

March 1, 2020



We have entered Lent, a season of repentance, reflection, and prayer, a time to focus our attention on our reliance upon God. You are invited and encouraged to look for ways to let go of practices that impede your time with God and attention to your spiritual life. Instead, look for ways to spend concentrated time in study, prayer, discernment, silence.

Coins for Lent is one practice that you can do as a family to become more aware of your abundance and more thankful to God for those things we often take for granted. It is also a way to daily put offering funds aside for a special gift during Lent. Copies of the Coins for Lent calendar were sent this week via email or are available in the Family Life Center or Narthex.

Our special offering at Kern this season will go to support **Camp in the Community** held at Kern in July, an opportunity for financially disadvantaged youth to experience summer camp in all it's fullness. You may give a monetary offering or purchase from the list of any of these needed camp snack items:

Gummies (black forest)	fruit cups (peaches/pears)
Goldfish (individual packs)	Capri-Sun (any flavor)
Nutri Grain bars (Kellogg brand)	Mini-wafers (10 oz packs)
applesauce (single serving)	

Collection bins for those supplies are available in both the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary.



Every year **United Methodist Women** releases a catalog of recommended books and resources on five ministry-related topics:

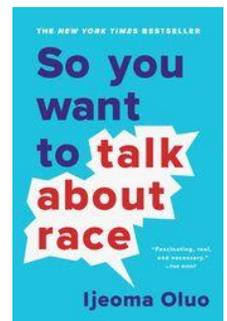
- education for mission
- leadership development
- nurturing for community
- social action
- spiritual growth.

Sharon Bell has stocked the UMW Library at Kern (down the stairs next to the main sanctuary entrance, it's the first room on the left) with all the books for 2020.

Anyone is welcome to sign out a book, whether you participate in other UMW activities or not. The new books are all together just above the sign-out book.

They include 6 copies a Lenten Study/devotional, 40 Days with John Wesley. The entries include excerpts from John Wesley's sermons and journal. Although they would actually work for any time of the year, you might look one over while you're at Kern for a Wednesday Nighter or other midweek activity. Books from past years' reading lists are also available on the shelf for checking out.

One book on this year's list is available free to check out from Tennessee Reads as a digital download to your phone or tablet. "So You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo. If you have an Anderson County library card, you can get a free Tennessee Reads app for access to books across the state.



FYI if you do check out a copy of 40 Days with Wesley, there will be a handwritten # on the title page (which may stick to the page before it) to identify which copy you have. With luck, this will help us keep track of them, so please include the copy # when signing one out.

Young Adult Camp

A fun-filled getaway for adults ages 18-35 is coming up at Camp Dickenson in Fries, Va. March 20-22. The days of fellowship, learning, service, and worship will focus on the scriptures of *Matthew 5:1-12*, *Luke 19:1-10*, and *Matthew 26:69-75*.

Praise music will be led by guest musician Alex Sprinkle and by the Replenished Band. Guest speakers will include Rev. Brooke Atchley, Rev. Barry Kidwell, and District Superintendent Rev. Kim Goddard. Childcare is provided for attendees. The \$75 fee includes food, lodging and the program for adults. Children are \$25 each. www.campdickenson.com/ya-retreat.html



Your Donations Will Make a Difference

Thank you to everyone at Kern who donated blankets and funds for blankets during February, responding to the call of United Methodist Women. Your donations totaling \$240 will enable Church World Service to provide blankets in areas of the world affected by war, famine, earthquake, and other natural disasters. An additional six blankets (as of Friday) were donated for the local Ecumenical Storehouse which helps meet the needs of neighbors in Oak Ridge. Thank you for your love!

Upcoming Events

March 28 (9 to 11 am)

UMW Time Apart

Kern Church will host the annual gathering of United Methodist Women in the Tennessee Valley District for Time Apart on Friday, March 28 from 9-11 a.m. This time of spiritual centering will include worship, communion, and prayer time. We look forward to hearing from special guest, the Rev. Annette Flynn. Want to know more? Contact Diane De Binder (tnladydi@att.net / 865-405-7790)

April 18 (5 pm in the Family Life Center)

Mac N Cheese Dinner + God's Greatest Hits

Enjoy Dinner and the H.I.S. Puppets show. A free will offering will benefit the puppet ministry. Invite your friends and neighbors with kids.

April 25

Spring Rummage and Plant Sale, Pancake Breakfast

It will soon be time to make your unused household goods someone else's treasure at the Annual Rummage Sale to benefit landscaping and building projects at Kern. The All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Men begins the day. In addition to the wide variety of garden and household items and antique finds available at the rummage sale, you can purchase a variety of beautiful plants for your spring garden. All proceeds stay at Kern for building and landscaping maintenance.



Thursday March 12

5:00 PM

Generosity Committee
(Parlor)

6:00 PM

Finance Committee
(Room 5)

Saturday-
Wednesday, March
14-18

Kern Youth Impact

Mission Stay

The youth will be using
the Youth Suites for the
week

Sunday March 15

12:30-1:30 PM

Church Council Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)



In 2020, each of these
restaurants will participate in
Dine & Donate on the second
Monday of every month!

Burchfield's
at the DOUBLE TREE



In Clinton (both), Oak Ridge
(1968 Oak Ridge Turnpike),
Oliver Springs & Rocky Top: