



# Kern Connection

May 12, 2022

## This Week in Worship

Message:

"Do I Have a Witness?"

Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8

We continue to be challenged and inspired by Jesus' 40 additional earthly days between Easter and His ascension. This week we focus on Luke's Gospel and the Acts verse (also written by Luke). "Witness" is the word of the week. Witness as identity. Witness as mission. Each of our three services will celebrate music on the theme. The Church invites you.

Does Methodism have the message for which our world wistfully waits? I believe, in all humility, that she does. There slumbers in the heart of this great church a fire that needs only a divine spark to set it blazing with light and power in this dark and disconsolate time. Cannot our hearts once again be "strangely warmed."

- Bishop Paul B. Kern (namesake of Kern Memorial UMC) from "Methodism Has A Message" (1941)



## Sunday Services

Contemporary **9am**

Online & Sunday School **10am**

Traditional **11am**

## A Word From The Pastor

### "The Word Is Church"

*"There is a word that when a Catholic hears it kindles all his feelings of love and bless; that stirs all the depths of his religious sensibility... that awakens in him the feelings of home.*

*And there is a word that to Protestants has the sound of something infinitely commonplace, more or less indifferent and superfluous, that does not make their heart beat faster... and yet our fate is sealed if we are unable again to attach a new or perhaps a very old meaning to it. Woe to us if that word does not become important to us soon again, does not become important in our lives.*

*The word to which I am referring is Church."*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, preaching in Barcelona, Spain, July 29, 1928

Indeed, the fate of the German Church, the German nation, and the word was "sealed." The eventual anti-Nazi martyr Bonhoeffer's warning went unheeded. The German Church (both the official German Lutheran and Catholic Churches) forgot their identity and mission as Church. The Churches willfully capitulated to Hitler. Could history have been radically different if the Church had been the Church faithful those years? The stakes are high, always high, to be the Church, the Church as Jesus Christ created, called, and empowered the Church to be.

Also, "Church" is to be celebrated, which Kern Memorial Church will do on Sunday, June 5, the Pentecost Sunday Church Celebration.

- Jim Bailes

# Prayer For Graduates

Jim Bailes

Gracious God, we thank you and praise you for who you are and what you are doing in our lives and in the world. We thank you for life's celebrations, for high moments in the lives of those so special to us that bring special joy. Now we thank you for our graduates from high school, from colleges and universities, from other places of training and learning. We recognize and thank you for those nurturing them to this point in their lives, parents and all family, the Church, teachers, coaches, leaders, neighbors, and so many others. Thank you, O God, for their God-given abilities and interests, and for their hearts and souls.

Lord, we especially pray your divine blessing upon all graduates at this crossroads of life, at this moment of achievement and commencement, of endings and new beginnings. Bless them, keep them in your grace as they continue forward in the wonder of life. Lead them in your way, which is THE WAY. Continue to reveal to them your claim and call upon their lives. Remind them of your word through Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you, plans for your shalom, your richest well-being. I am giving you a future with hope." Most of all, remind them of your love for them and your promise to always to be with them. We joyfully pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Kern Youth

Alisha Balcom

### Graduation

Congratulations to all of our Kern 2022 graduates! We are proud of you! Graduation for Oak Ridge schools is May 20 at 7:00pm on Blankenship field.



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### Camp in the Community

Kern is taking registration for **Camp in the Community!** This is a **FREE**, in-person, camp, with food provided, for grades K-8 during the week of **June 13-17**.

Chanda and Alisha are looking for camp volunteers the week of June 13-17. We have a cook, but extra hands are needed, food servers, clean up crew, and dish washers. We could also use cookies to be served with our hot meals. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.

### Covid Kits

**Thank you** to the many people who have donated covid kits to use throughout the summer camp months.

### Service Opportunities

If you know a youth in need of **community service hours** for college, please see Alisha for scheduling and options of service. Several projects are underway to help the youth meet requirements for college admissions.

## Kern Kids

Chanda Knight

## Camp Faith

Camp Faith is currently taking registrations for our Summer session. The six week summer session will run June 7th - July 14th, the cost is \$60 per child. We have openings for Nursery, age 6 weeks to 3yrs, and our pre-k class age 3yrs-5yrs. Registration forms can be picked up at the church or printed from our website. Please contact Chanda Knight for further questions at [Chandak@kernumc.org](mailto:Chandak@kernumc.org)

*Oh Lord,  
Give us eyes to see  
Ears to hear  
Minds to understand  
Hearts to believe  
and  
Mouths to tell others of  
Your love and salvation  
Amen!*

## Benefits of Choral Singing - Part 1

by Ronda Mostella



### Why Is This Lady Smiling?

If you are looking for excuses to join the Kern Chancel Choir in the next few weeks, we will explore some great reasons.

You may at first be a bit surprised to see all the benefits of singing in the choir.

But a joint study by Harvard and Yale Universities published in 2008 did in fact find that there were indeed emotional and physical benefits of choral singing. Their finds were the result of a group of people participating in a choir in a Connecticut town.

People love to sing. Whether or not they can carry a tune, people seem to understand that there's something positive – something healthy – in the act of singing.

In fact, there's a solid scientific evidence to prove that singing is, in fact, good for your body and your mind.

In the next few weeks we will take a closer look at how singing can benefit your physical and mental health, and how to use singing as a form of therapy.

We started by asking, "Why is this lady smiling," and you'll get the full answer at the end of our 10 part series.

## Nursery Workers Needed

We need nursery workers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please have them contact Chanda Knight at

[Chandak@kernumc.org](mailto:Chandak@kernumc.org)





## Upcoming Events

- May 16  
United Women in Faith
- May 21  
Parsonage Work Day
- May 26  
Steve Ryman Donation Pickup
- June 7 - July 14  
Camp Faith
- June 13 - 17  
Camp In The Community

## Family and Fellowship

Please join us at Elm Grove Park at 5:30 for a cookout! Followed by kickball and yard games for the children and youth at 6:30.

Sign up by Monday, May 16th at Noon by calling the church office or by email at [signup@kernumc.org](mailto:signup@kernumc.org)

Menu:  
Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert.

Cost: \$5.00/ person  
under age 7yrs: Free  
Family cap: \$20

## United Women in Faith Gathering

United Women in Faith will gather at Elm Grove Park on Monday, May 16, at 11:00 AM. Bring your chair, lunch and a drink, and your spirit of fellowship. We will open with a prayer, and share a mission story from our Daily Prayer Guide and an article from response magazine—always inspirational! We will find healing and joy in celebrating the “small stuff”, center our spirits by celebrating each other, and rejoice in mothers! Scripture reading will be Luke 15:8-10 with reflections. We will also have an offering for The Fellowship of the Least Coin. All women are welcome and encouraged to share this time with us! Contact Diane De Binder for more information.

## Looking Ahead

### May 16–19

#### • Monday, May 16

9:00 am	Monday Morning Maintenance
10:00 am	Worship Planning Committee (Parlor)
11:00 am	United Women in Faith (Elm Grove Park)
5:30 pm	Yoga (Family Life Center)
6:00 pm	Venture Crew (Room 3)
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 324 (Family Life Center)

#### • Tuesday, May 17

9 am–12:00pm	Camp Faith (Room 26)
6:00 pm	Finance (Fellowship Hall)

#### • Wednesday, May 18

10:30 am	Mommy and Me Exercise (Family Life Center)
5:30 pm	Family and Fellowship (Elm Grove Park)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	Childrens' Devotions (Elm Grove Park)
	Youth Group (Elm Grove Park)
	Nursery NOT Available

#### • Thursday, May 19

8:00 am	Prayer Partners (Parlor)
9 am–12:00pm	Camp Faith (Room 26)
6:00 pm	Online Service Recording (Family Life Center)

## Sunday School Classes – 10 am

### Adult Classes

Christian Formation – led by Steve Pawel (Family Life Center)  
Seekers – led by Priscilla Spitzer (Parlor/Zoom)  
Faith Weavers – led by David Bradshaw (Room 11)

### Children and Youth Classes

Childrens' Sunday School (Room 24)  
Youth Sunday School (Youth Rooms)

## How To Give

Since the first Biblical family, giving back to God has been central in the worship and service. We may give through the offering plates in the Family Life Center and Sanctuary, online through the website, [www.kernchurch.org](http://www.kernchurch.org), through checks in the mail, or by using the mail slot in the front door. We also are blessed through qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and stocks.

Kern Church is blessed through your faithful giving. The Church depends upon such faithfulness in moving forward in mission and ministry.

## Parsonage Update

Lyman Bowker

I'm going to take a word from Rev Jim: WOW! That was the only thing I could say Saturday afternoon after the clean-up.

Twenty two people showed up to help. Thank you to all who showed up. Thank you for those who supplied coffee and donuts, boxed lunches, and water.

For those of you who could not show up, don't worry there is still plenty of work to do!

This Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14, Sharon will be having an estate sale. We have offered to help with people to guide buyers through the house and to move items.

We have another work day scheduled for May 21. The plan for that day is to clean out anything left in the house and finish the outdoor clean-up.

Thanks for supporting our efforts on our new parsonage.

