

September 15, 2022



Sunday Services

Contemporary **9am**

Online &
Sunday School **10am**

Traditional **11am**



A Weekly Insight into the Happenings at Kern Church

Kern Connection

This Week in Worship >>>

Message: RE:START
"RE:Kindle Payer"

Acts 4:23-31

Life has its share of difficulties. The same thing is true in the church. Join us on Sunday as we discover what it takes to RE:kindle prayer in your life and at Kern Church. Experience the boldness of God that can lead you out of the difficult days.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

A Word from The Pastor

During the month of September we have been talking and praying and working on RE:STARTING for the season ahead. This is a chance for you to reexamine and refocus your priorities in life, and to remember and restart those things that are good and a blessing. It has been a joy to worship with you as we are experiencing an outpouring of God's Amazing Grace.

This week we continue seeking after God's RE:START as we will focus on prayer and how prayer has the power to make big things happen.

Then on September 25, as we conclude our RE:START message series I invite you to participate in a church-wide serve project. Through your generosity we are partnering with UMCOR to pack cleaning kits that will help provide continued relief for flood victims in Kentucky.

You are invited to make plans to join me on September 25th at 10am to pack the cleaning kits in the narthex. If you attend the 9am service, just stick around for a few minutes and help pack a few kits. If you attend the 11am service, join us at the 10am and pack a few kits. This should not take too long, so if you participate in Sunday School, this won't delay you long.

Participating in the work of God through hands on service is a great way to RE:START in following after the ways of Jesus.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Will

Saints and Sages

By Karen Lovett



It is the time of year when I begin preparations for All Saints Day. The death of Queen Elizabeth has prompted me to spend more time than usual, thinking about this yearly time of honor and tradition. As I watched the Queen's journey from location to location, I marveled at the precision and perfection exhibited in moving her coffin. Each detail providing respect and dignity to the Queen and her legacy of service.

Many of you may not know, ten years ago, I began similar traditions at Kern. It has always been my mission to ensure the movement of each casket or urn demonstrates reverence, and respect. My routine is always the same. I walk through the building to confirm it is clean, uncluttered, and well lit. Then I stand, watching and waiting for the arrival of the casket. As I escort the casket into the sanctuary, I spend that time remembering the person's story. I give thanks for being allowed to walk with them through the final days and hours of their journey. Those are sacred moments and my greatest privilege.

This year the memories seem more poignant than ever before. Lately, I have spent a great deal of time remembering the faces, personalities, and conversations I shared with each Saint along the way. Now I ask, what wisdom can I recall from them, to strengthen my faith and commitment to serve? What guidance would they share with all of us, when the present and future is uncertain? Could revisiting the struggles of their time, bring clarity to our mission? Would honoring our past calm our fears of the future?

I ponder these questions daily as I imagine many of you do as well. Maybe some of you will stop by or call to share your thoughts with me. For now, this is my prayer:

"Thank you, God, for the saints and sages we have been blessed to know. Help us continue their work with renewed vigor and passion! Amen!"

Kern Kids & Youth Chanda Knight & Alisha Balcom

Game Night

On September 18, join us at 4pm in the Family Life Center for a night of snacks, games, and fun!

Ignite Worship

Beginning September 25, we will have a twice monthly time of worship and youth group on Sundays at 4pm. Please join us for snacks and a few songs from Chris DeCew before breaking into small groups or classes. Contact Alisha Balcom for more information.

Anyone is welcome to come worship with us and make this your small group hour if you choose.

Family and Fellowship Meal

On Wednesday, September 28, the Children and Youth will host Wed night dinner with lasagna, salad; bread and dessert. Sign up and payment as usual.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is October 30 5:00-7:00pm.

We will need volunteers for a variety of areas. Contact Chanda Knight for more info or if you are able to volunteer.

You can begin bringing your candy now! There are containers in the narthex and in the FLC to collect individually wrapped candy for trunk distribution.

Carriers of the Light

On Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 in the Sanctuary, the youth will meet for an INTRODUCTION to the 2022 Christmas Performance called Carriers of the Light. There will be a variety of parts to participate in: acting, singing, tech, lighting, decor, bulletins, etc.

Additional Play Practice dates: Oct 2, 23; Nov 6, 13; Dec 4, 11 (dress rehearsal); Dec 18 (final run-through), all from 2:30-3:30 pm.

The Performance will be Wednesday, Dec 21 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.





Upcoming Events

- October 30
Trunk Or Treat
- December 10
Oak Ridge Christmas Parade
- December 21
Christmas Performance:
Carriers of the Light

Family & Fellowship Dinner

Reservations are required by noon on Monday each week. Email signup@kernumc.org, call the office (865-483-5273), or sign up at Sunday services.

Menu: Tacos, Rice and Beans

\$5 per meal

\$20 family cap (max 2 adults + school-age children)

Children under 7 are free



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Thank You From Lynn and Joyce

Lynn and I are so grateful to our Kern family for ALL the help you gave us during my surgery and convalescence. Each of you know what you did to help during this very unexpected health crisis. Kern Church is the best at loving us so well.

Grateful recipients of your grace and love,
Lynn and Joyce Cardwell

Looking Ahead >>>

September 19 – 22

- **Monday, Sept. 19**
 - 9:00 am Monday Morning Maintenance
 - 12:00 pm United Women in Faith (Fellowship Hall)
 - 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)
 - 5:30 pm Yoga (Family Life Center)
 - 6:30 pm Venture Crew (Room 3)
 - 7:00 pm Scout Troop 328 (Family Life Center)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20**
 - 9:00 am Camp Faith (Room 24 & 26)
 - 9:00 am Food Prep (Family Life Center)
 - 6:00 pm Finance Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21**
 - 10:30 am Mommy and Me (Family Life Center)
 - 5:30 pm Family and Fellowship Meal (Family Life Center)
 - 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
 - 7:00 pm Worship Band Practice (Family Life Center)
- **Thursday, Sept. 22**
 - 8:00 am Prayer Partners (Parlor)
 - 9:00 am Camp Faith (Room 24 & 26)
 - 5:00 pm Bible Study (Parlor)
 - 6:00 pm Online Service Recording (Family Life Center)
 - 6:30 pm Crossroads Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday School Classes – 10 am

Adult Classes

Christian Formation (Family Life Center)
Seekers (Parlor/Zoom)
Faith Weavers (Room 11)

Children and Youth Classes

Children's 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 worship and service. We may give through the offering plates in the Family Life Center and Sanctuary, online through the website (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.

Eagle Project

Hello, my name is Caleb Bennett and I am currently working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Project that I will be working on is the cleaning out and organizing of the closet in the back of the Family Life Center. Would you support me in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout? Donated money will go towards the materials and supplies needed for the completion of this project. If you'd like to help, please write a check to Kern U.M.C and in the memo line put "Eagle Project."