

# The Chimes

For such a time as this.

I'm often amazed at how God may work in our lives. One of the ways in which I see God working is in all sorts of small coincidences, decisions, and circumstances that are beyond my control that just happen to come together for the perfect moment. It's those moments when I remember the great line from the book of Esther: "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

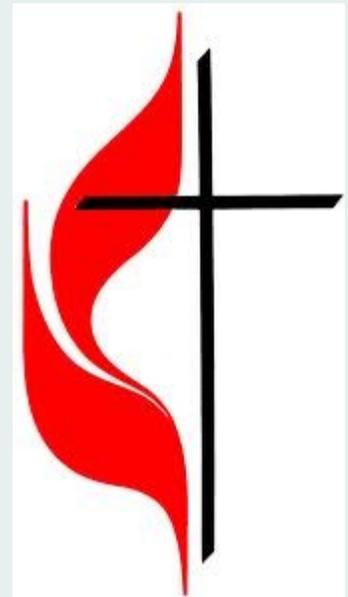
Let me refresh the details on the story of Esther. The King of Persia decides to find a new wife—one that will be more willing to bow to his commands (not a terribly good reason). He chooses Esther, who he does not realize is a Jew. Meanwhile, one of the King's servants, Haman, is involved in a bitter rivalry with Mordecai, Esther's cousin. Haman convinces the King that the Jews are enemies and should be destroyed. Mordecai tries to convince Esther to use her royal position to influence the King, but Esther is afraid. The King just got rid of the last queen; what might he do to Esther? But Mordecai points out that maybe Esther became queen for such a time as this.

I have been lucky to enjoy several "for such a time as this" moments in the last few weeks. Megan and I travelled with the youth to Lakeside For Youth. We only helped because when the decision had to be made we still did not have a Director of Youth and Family Ministries in place. Yet, as we enjoyed a tiring, but fantastic week, watching some of our youth grow in their faith, I thought, "And who knows but that I have to come to this place for such a time as this?"

Last week was Vacation Bible School. My part was relatively small. I took photos in the morning, then edited the photos into a summary video played at the end of the day. On the final day, I sat with my two kids, and we watched the final video. The video included music from the week. Sitting amongst the kids, I heard so many of them singing the songs from Vacation Bible School, loudly and proudly. I thought, "And who knows but that I have to this place for such a time as this?"

Sometimes we serve, we sacrifice, we are faithful, and we do not get to enjoy the fruits of our service. But other times, we can see the difference it makes right in front of us. I invite you to look around our church. Children and youth are discovering faith. People are finding the help they need. New Christians are being formed, and faith is deepening. The ministry you support and serve is transforming lives. And who knows but that you have come to this position for such a time as this?

Pastor Jonathan



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Is this your time?
- We got the beat!
- "All That Jazz"
- On a Mission

# C h i l d r e n ' s M i n i s t r y

*Huge Thank you to our VBS Team: Garnett Stalder, Megan Hanover, Amy Steinman, Lisa Oberlitner, Mary Koelsch, Susan Headings and Tia Reffner! I appreciate all of your help, hard work, support, and planning over the past several months! Thank you Dwight Brown and Cheryl Langdon for your help behind the scenes and Special Thanks to the 65+ teens/adults that gave your time to teach and show our 50 campers that Jesus gives us HOPE, COURAGE, DIRECTION, LOVE, and POWER! We could not had such a smooth program without your help and willingness to pitch in wherever needed! Our total offering of \$500 will be split between Blaze Keim and Karlee Hooker's families to help with mounting medical bills as they each battle life threatening conditions.*

*Thanks again. I'm looking forward to next year!*

*"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us." (1 John 3:16)*

Opportunities to serve!

**KID'S CLUB**

*Wednesday nights  
6:30pm-8:00pm*

*Starting Sept 14th*

*Looking for adults to help guide our young children as they grow in Christ's Love!*



For the new drum set!  
You are a generous church!



## THE TRUSTEES: AT WORK FOR YOU

Per *The Book of Discipline* (2012), The Trustees have very specific responsibilities:

- supervise, provide oversight and care for all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the church,
- annually review the adequacy of the property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church-owned property, buildings, and equipment and annually review the adequacy of personnel insurance,
- annually review the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance,
- receive, administer, and invest all bequests & trusts made to the local church,
- conduct an annual accessibility audit of the buildings, grounds, and facilities to discover and identify what physical, architectural, and communication barriers exist that impede the full participation of people with disabilities and shall make plans and determine priorities for the elimination of all such barriers.

### So what does that look like here at First Church?

Snow and ice are removed from the parking lot during the winter months  
Church systems (heating, AC, electrical, plumbing, etc.) are properly maintained

- The bus and elevelte are properly licensed and maintained
- Terminix monthly treats the church against pests
- The piano, organ and sound system are serviced and maintained
- The church carpeting and pews are cleaned
- Roofing, spouting and gutters are maintained
- Oversees the distribution of scholarships for our college students

### Recent/Current projects:

New carpeting, installation of ceiling fans upstairs, bedroom painting, and a new furnace at the parsonage

A water quality assessment at the church will be conducted in August  
Correction of the moisture/water problem in the kitchen downstairs (ongoing project)

Downstairs kitchen upgrades and remodeling  
Tuck-pointing and waterproofing the exterior brick and stone of the church  
The stained glass windows have been resoldered, glass replaced as needed, and a protective acrylic layer applied to the outside.....10 windows remaining in this project

New carpeting and painting in the "cookie room" behind the sanctuary  
Automatic door installed at entrance from the parking lot  
Repairing, painting and carpeting in the music room and chapel  
Replacement of the sewer line  
Keep your eyes open for the next project!!

The money used by the trustees comes from the gifts received over the years. The trustees manage these assets to fund their operating budget. Those revenues include the cash rent received from the farm property, interest/gain received from investments/stocks, 20% of the earnings from 3 active wells in Texas and cash gifts specifically earmarked for a designated project(s).

Our church recently celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our building. It is *amazing* how our *tireless* trustees (past & present) work to keep our facilities in excellent condition. **THANK YOU** to those who have served and to those who continue to serve in this very important capacity.

## LIVING LEGACIES

We would like to update information presented in a previous *Living Legacies* article in the **Chimes**. Donald and Carolyn Putnam provided the seed money (\$6000) for the air conditioning that we currently enjoy in the sanctuary.



8/10 Nila Highslip  
Kenton Rehab

8/15 Ed Althausen  
Hardin Hills

8/16 Winnie Streets  
10369 ST RT 67  
Kenton

8/24 Bud Winzenried  
801 Maydoll, Kenton

8/25 Bob Holmes  
644 N. Barron, Kenton

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Kenton First UMC will be hiring a new Director of Music Ministries. This new position will oversee all the music ministries in the church. The Director will provide accompaniment in the 11 AM traditional service, direct the choir, and help coordinate the other music ministries in the church. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the church office for the job listing and description!



## AUGUST SERMONS

**August 7-Luke 18:9-14-** The director of the jazz band I used to play in taught us that you don't really begin to play jazz until you stop just reading what's on the page, and feel it inside. Our faith is similar. We don't really begin to be people of faith until we stop just reading what is on the page, and start to feel and live it.

**August 14-Jeremiah 8:4-13, 18-9:1**  
-You Can't Play the Blues if You Ain't Got the Blues-One of the biggest threats to our faith is apathy. We cannot be apathetic to what is happening around us. As we "feel" our faith, our hearts must break for what breaks God's heart.

**August 21-1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:1-10-** Listen to the Greats-A great jazz solo is improvised. But creativity does not come from nothing. It comes from immersing yourself in the history of great music and learning all you can. Likewise, living out our faith comes not from nothing but from immersing ourselves in faith.

**August 28-Romans 12:1-2-** Play With All You Got-Paul tells us to present ourselves to God as a holy and living sacrifice. Like good jazz, the life of faith can't be lived half-heartedly, but requires all we can give.

## YOUTH NEWS

July was a busy month for our youth here at church. We started the month off by returning from Lakeside and singing our camp theme song Beautiful Things at church (WHICH WAS AWESOME) Great job to our High school youth!

Middle school youth had a pond party out at Mark and Marsha Watkins' house and absolutely loved it. Thank you to Mark and Marsha for allowing us to come to their house. I can see more of those in the future! Middle school youth will continue to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

High school youth had a movie night at Pastor's and it was a success! Thank you to Pastor and Megan for opening up your home for the youth.

We had several youth volunteers as teen helpers at VBS. They were all such a big help! After the last day of VBS we had a teen helper pool party at Bob and Lois Lautenschlager's. The kids had a

blast; thank you Bob and Lois!

The high school youth also helped paint 3 rooms of the downstairs of the Neighborhood Opportunity Center (NOC) in the extreme heat this month. I was in Mexico during this event but heard amazing things from Linda at Neighborhood Opportunity Center. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this event!

This past Sunday the high school youth had a food can drive for NOC as well. We collected 184 cans! How awesome! Every little bit counts, and Linda from NOC was SO thankful for the donation.

There will be no high school youth for the next two weeks. Enjoy a few weeks off before school starts! We will start back up August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 with our new series Made to Make a Difference by Max Lucado.

Please continue to pray for the youth in our congregation.

Jacquelyn Stalder  
Youth and Family Director

## MISSION NEWS

First and foremost, Breanna and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support for our individual walks in faith. We are very blessed to call Kenton First United Methodist Church our home church. With that being said, here is an update on our mission work.

Since the last update we have prayed together and really just have been focusing on listening to wherever God is calling us next. We have just returned from Camp Sierra Linda in Monterrey, Mexico with Mark and Olivia and it was life-changing. We used some of our Haiti fund to help assist us in going on this trip since we did not get to go to Haiti in May.

Here is just a brief look into our trip: (We will be making a video and showing it in church soon.)

“Preach all the time, and when it’s necessary, use words.” This was a statement given to me by the Navarro family, and it’s something I kept in mind during the entire trip. In the beginning, our inability to communicate to the campers using words seemed to build a wall between us. I felt as though I was unable to share the light of God since I could not tell them of all his good works. However, as the week went on, I kept praying and praying for God to use me and to give me the ability to use love to break down this wall. I began to see

the impact I could have by simply loving on the kids. By the end of the week, we glistened from sweat as we jumped rope, became covered in mud as we competed in nine-square, and cooled off as we swam in the pool. The skits we performed were a perfect way to communicate with the campers, because they required minimal words. Also, they greatly enjoyed the banana song and kept asking for another act. Many tears were shared upon their departure, and I pray that God continues to water the seeds that were planted this week.

God is calling us to go to Haiti as well, so we will be leaving November 10<sup>th</sup>. Once we get more details we will keep you all filled in. We will be having one final Haiti fundraiser in the fall to raise more money for that trip. Please see Breanna or me if you have any questions or would like to donate to our mission trip.

Please continue to pray for us as we go out into the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,  
Jackie Stalder,  
and Breanna  
Alexander



## THOUGHT AND PRAYER

God, give us Grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,

Courage to change the things which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking as Jesus did,

This sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it,

Trusting that you will make all things right,

If I surrender to your will,

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with you forever in the next.

Amen.

Marilyn Arn  
Teresa Haudenschild  
Karlee Hooker  
Jane McGee  
Sawyer Wright  
Bobbi Tandon  
Peggy Wills  
Karl McNeal  
Bill Hommel  
Susie Heilman  
Tia Reffner  
Bud Winzenried  
Jackie Stephens  
Sandy Herman  
ElVena Barnes  
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Mission Statement:

To Invite, Disciple, Serve, and  
Send in the name of Jesus Christ.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

	9:00	11:00	Offering
<b>July 3</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$5690.00</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$7469.00</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>\$3056.00</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>\$4657.00</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$5373.00</b>

# August 2016

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

	1 6:00 Girl scouts 7:30 AA	2 5 Girl scouts 6:30 Boy scouts 7:30 Worship	3 6:30 Middle school youth	4 7:30 AA	5	6 11:00 AA
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