



 The Kennonsburg United Methodist Church Newsletter  
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Fall2010

## All Welcome!

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(Located on S.R. 761,  
near the S.R. 313 intersection)

**Pastor Mark Slay**  
**Sunday Morning**  
**Worship 9:30 AM**

Sunday School - 8:30 AM

Seneca Serenity Al-Anon - Mondays at 7 PM  
Youth Group, Men's Group,  
Women's Group, Prayer Group  
Equine Ministry, Motorcycle Ministry  
Prison Ministry, Nursing  
Home Ministry, Book Club

**Ladies' Night to Be Revived**  
Sept 17, 2010 6:00pm

**The Lord's Acre Fall Festival**  
Oct 9, A Gift to the Community from KUMC  
on the Church Grounds

**Ohio Valley Men's Emmaus Walk**  
October 14-17, 2010

**Ohio Valley Women's Emmaus Walk**  
November 4-7, 2010

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## Yee-Haw for VBS By Hannah Rich & Heath Sholtis

You may have noticed during the last week in July that KUMC was looking more like a ranch, "Saddle Ridge Ranch" to be exact.



Lacey, Kiley, Hailey, Katie, Aria...and Hunter

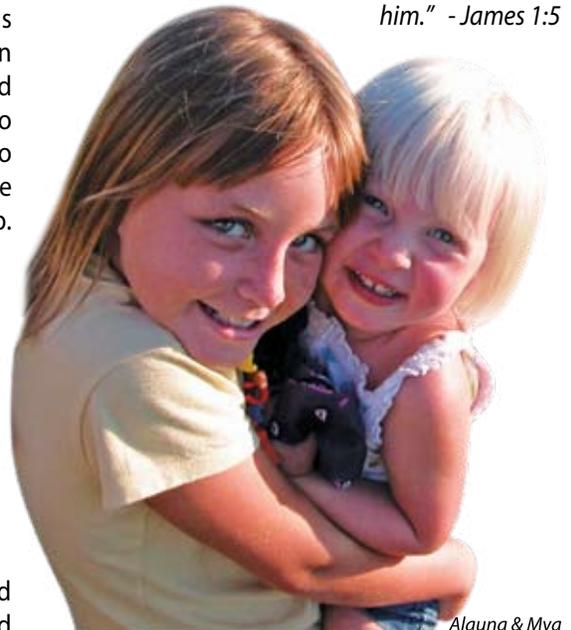
At Saddle Ridge Ranch a grand total of 49 children and teens, ranging between 3-19 years old, spent the entire week singing, learning about God, eating some very interesting snacks, making crafts and playing games.

Each night started with a skit of "Dusty" and "Rusty" making us laugh while informing us of what would be learned that night. We then moved on to music, where the children and their teachers learned words and motions to 5 different songs. Then, the rotations began to crafts, bible study, recreation, and snacks. The evening came to an end again with worship. If you were able to see the Sunday morning performance, it was obvious that a great deal of time and, of course, fun was put into learning the words and motions to each song.

Following the VBS program was a picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, and many covered dishes. The excitement came when the contests began. There was a frog jumping contest, a sack race, and a watermelon seed spitting contest. Prizes were awarded to 1st and 2nd place of each age group, which included

adults for the watermelon seed spitting contest!

During the week of VBS all the children and teens were able to take home many great items, such as bandanas, cowboy/cowgirl bibles, and all their crafts including prayer boxes, western bookmarks, Christmas tree ornaments, cross/western necklaces, bandana pillows, key chains, and hanging in the church sanctuary is a quilt. The quilt was created by each person decorating their own square and placing their picture in the middle. Although all of these are very nice, the most important gift these children took home is God's word and Jesus in their hearts. They will know where to turn for answers in their lives, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." - James 1:5



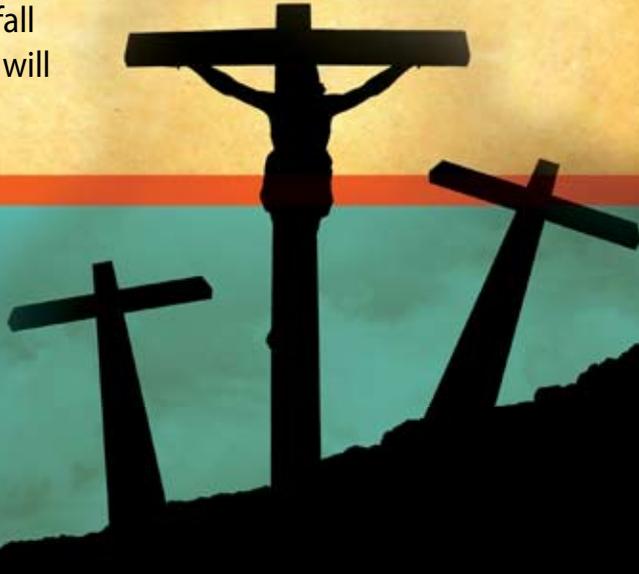
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# Upcoming Fall Revival

featuring  
**Pastor Rodney West.**

**Sept. 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00 PM**

Please join us for our fall revival. Refreshments will be provided.



## Giving to the Community



On August 10, KUMC sponsored a free school supply giveaway to help the families in the community. This is the second year this project has been carried out and this year over 50 kits were distributed. There were three different locations for each pick up, so families could go to the location that was easiest for them. There were school supply kits available at the church, as well as the Senecaville Fire Dept, and Southern Lumber in Quaker City. Left over kits were donated to nearby churches and schools.

## KUMC Ground Trail



Next time you are at the church, take a peaceful walk through God's beautiful creation on the new trail behind the church!

## Ladies Night to Be Revived This Fall

Join us on September 17 at 6:00pm for our Fall Ladies Night to Be Revived! Welcome all Ladies! Bring a friend! Covered Dish, Singing, Praise Time, Special Music, A Skit, and Message by Sharon Miller.

## Baptism Service



The congregation stands as they wait for each person to walk into the cool waters of Seneca Lake to be baptized. This special moment which is shared with everyone was preceded by a beautiful outdoor service, and followed by a delicious covered dish lunch.

## Motorcycle Riders



KUMC motorcycle enthusiasts enjoyed a 130 mile cruise on Sunday, August 1, 2010. Our route took us through beautiful forests, along winding creeks and the Ohio River under a sunny blue sky. We had a great time and are hoping for a strong turnout for our next ride on September 5, 2010.

## Festival Fun



**Ashlyn Henry** was a cheerful helper as the evangelism outreach team passed out free popsicles at the Ohio Hills Folk Festival in Quaker City this summer! Each recipient was given a free popsicle along with an invitation to our church.



Aaliyah with her STM

# Our Week at Joni & Friends Family Retreats® *By Rene Vicich*

For over 18 years Joni and Friends has hosted five-day summer retreats where families affected by disability can find hope and respite from the challenges of everyday life.

There are over fourteen family retreats all over the United States. The cost for one week for a family of four is \$1,125. So we start raising money to go as soon as we get out of the last family retreat.

We want to thank Laying on Hands Ministry for this year's \$50 non-refundable deposit. We took three families down this year to Shawnee State Park and Resort.

When you first arrive, there are people to help unload. You get greeted by hundreds of people saying, "Welcome to Joni and Friends!" As you check in, you meet your STM (Short Term Missionary). An STM is a volunteer who is assigned to each disabled child and remains with that child for the whole week. As you enter your room, there's a big basket of gifts inside from people who want to share God's love.



Christian hanging out with friends on the formal dinner night

After two hours of relaxation, it's time for dinner - lots of delicious food! Then we all gather for praise music and to receive the schedule for the week. Next, is the ice cream social - YUM YUM!

Each day after breakfast we split off into groups according to age. It's like a big VBS. Kids go have fun doing crafts, singing, studying and play time, while the adults sing Christian songs and hear a sermon. Then the disabled adults go to their groups with their STMs and parents break up in their small groups. We talk about life, help one another out, then we meet back with our children and go have a big lunch. Then it is free time - horse back rides, game room, nap, playground, hiking and talking with friends you have not seen all year. For dinner we meet up with our STMs because they eat every meal with and care for their assigned child. Adults can eat a warm meal three times per day - WOW!

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Rene waking up to some "Happy Grams"

Another fun part are the Happy Grams. People within the camp can send you a message of encouragement. The children and teens love them and have a contest to see who gets the most. There are also

prayer cards in which a team takes them to pray for each need.

On our last day there, tears are shed for the friends that were made with the STMs and for the group of friends we made in small groups. A week of love, fun, fellowship, family time, and just a time where you can be you no matter what you look like, no matter how your body looks, how you talk or walk, or if you have a machine or two. **God made you just the way you are, for his glorification.**

So that's our week! Please think about sending or sponsoring a family to a Joni & Friends Family Retreats®.

"Joni and Friends Family Retreats are places families go to relax and be with caring and friendly people. Joni and Friends Retreats were and are a great place to not feel pressure by daily stresses and secular pressure." -Christian Vicich

"Joni and Friends is very fun. Everybody there is like family. Food is yummy. It is very nice inside." -Deanna Vicich



Saying goodbye is so hard for Deanna

For more information on Joni & Friends Family Retreats® visit [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

## Playground Planning

KUMC is about to purchase playground equipment for the use of area residents! It will be erected near our pavilion so that shade, water and a portalet will be nearby. The first of two stages will be the purchase of a set that has 11 different stations for kids to play on. It will cost \$1699 plus tax. The second stage, to be bought as funds are available, will almost double the size and will cost about \$1000 more. There will be a padded safety zone surrounding the equipment in case of falling. This addition to our church will provide a safe and accessible place for parents and grandparents to bring children to play. KUMC is a family-oriented church. If anyone would like to contribute to the purchase of this equipment, see our treasurer Connie or contact B.J. Henry.



On Saturday, August 7, Quiet Love performed a powerful presentation of the Gospel in American Sign Language under blacklight at KUMC.

# KUMC Fishing Tournament

Boaters and kids enjoyed a day of fun in the summer sun along with a little competition.

It was possibly the hottest day of the summer on July 24, when kids from all over the area came to the Seneca Sportsman's Club for KUMC's annual fishing tournament.

Even though the kids did more swimming than fishing, everyone had a blast and a few kids still walked away with some pretty sweet prizes! Several prizes were awarded for each group, divided by boys and girls age groups.



Jacob Rich

Congratulations to the grand prize winners, Jacob Rich and Kiley Yates! KUMC would also like to give a very special *thank you* to **T&L SALES** for donating fishing poles every year!

Keep checking [www.kennonsburgumc.com](http://www.kennonsburgumc.com) for the 2011 dates to be posted, and join us next year for the fishing tournament.

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Kiley Yates

# The Lord's Acre Fall Festival

Join us on Oct. 9 for the celebration of the year - a gift to the community from KUMC on the church grounds.

The mission of the Lord's Acre Festival is to serve God by providing a Fall Festival of fellowship, food, fun and fitness that will be a gift to the community. Any funds raised by this festival will be directed for development of activity areas on land owned by Kennonsburg United Methodist Church.

A day filled with a variety of activities is being planned. Beginning with lunch at noon, the day will consist of an introduction to the land development plan, a hike of the perimeter trail, a kids' carnival, an auction, a talent show. The day will end with prizes, a square dance and dinner. Plans are still in the works, but there may also be volleyball, pony rides and cart rides.

If you are interested in donating your talents or any items for the auction, please return the enclosed postcard.



## Congratulations to the Newlyweds!



Barbara & Zachary Rich  
June 4, 2010



Christine & Randy Woods  
May 29, 2010

