

The Kennonsburg United Methodist Church Newsletter

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church

Winter2010



Sam, Barb & Zac auction off a beautiful handmade quilt.

Lord's Acre Fall Festival

By Janet Muffet

On October 9 approximately 250 people descended upon the KUMC property to enjoy a fun-filled day of activities.

This first Lord's Acre Festival was planned as a way to let the community know about KUMC's offering of recreational land use. The entire event was free and open to the public as a gift to the community. The perfect fall day, beginning with a roasted pork lunch at noon and ending with square dancing and visiting around the bonfire into the late evening, was "the funnest day ever" according to five year old Riley Ward. Kids and adults enjoyed horseback

rides and hiking the trails into the back country. Carnival games and races included real gold fish for prizes, sack races for all ages, relays, and the favorite, fishing for magnetic fish in a child's empty plastic wading pool! Volleyball games were a big hit, as were the almost 100 door prizes. Adults and young ones alike enjoyed the talent show. Winners included Garic Ward for his great singing, Martha Conaway for her original poem, and Ashlyn Henry, age two, who sang "Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man" a capella.

Dick Robertson, head of the Land Use Task Force, explained proposals for developing the more than 30 acres of KUMC land for community use. Already in place are the children's playground, hiking and horse riding trails, and a primitive campsite. Plans are for sports playing fields, a basketball court, volleyball courts, worship center, and exercise and meditation places on the trails. An auction of handmade quilts, home canned items, original paintings, new and used items, crafts, and services such as a trail ride and picnic, raised more than \$2,550 for use in developing the land projects.

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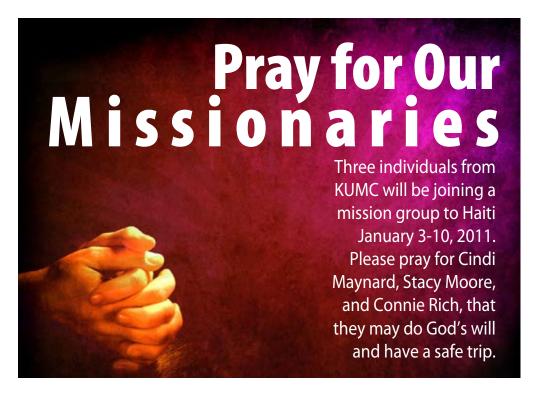


Mick & Jamie square dance



Children enjoy the carnival games.





Ladies Night to Be Revived

The Fall Ladies Night to Be Revived was held on September 17 at 6:00pm for the ladies of KUMC and guests. Everyone enjoyed the message by Sharon Miller and a poem by her sister, Cheryl. There was singing, special music, praise time, and a skit. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a covered dish dinner and got to meet new people and make new friends. The Holy Spirit was present that evening and everyone left with feelings of renewal and excitement.



Mother & Daughter, Tammy and Maricia



Sister-in-Laws, Esther and Birdie

The Lord's Acre, continued from cover

A live band, along with Dorothea Roe as caller, got many involved in square dancing. Dorothea had offered lessons on Monday nights before the event, to prepare dancers, and the practice worked, as all spent lots of energy on the pavilion dance floor!

Sunday morning brought many testimonies of the blessings gained from the day, and team leaders who made the event possible were recognized. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Festival, and a special thank you to the coordinators, Janet Muffet, Chris Woods and GEM. The entire congregation joined together to donate time, money, auction items, and food, making the Festival a wonderful experience. Praise God!

Now you can find us on the web WWW.**kennonsburgumc**.com

Can You Influence Your Working Environment? Absolutely!

Eight hours a day...40 hours a week...2,080 hours per year, and possibly more if you are a full-time employee, is the amount of time you spend at work.

That can seem like an eternity if you don't get along with your coworkers. Good workplace relationships can help you perform your job better. They can make going to work every day an enjoyable experience. Bad relationships with colleagues can distract you and can turn a so-so job into a nightmare.

The following offers some suggestions that might help you do "your part" in creating and maintaining a health working environment.

Be Friendly. This does not mean you have to be "best friends" with your co-workers. You don't have to spend time outside of the office hanging out. But, to make the day go by smoothly, it's wise to be "friendly". Make it your practice to smile and say "hello" to your co-workers. It will make you more approachable, and once you make greeting people a habit, you may find yourself being included in more conversations.

Don't Gossip. Don't participate in it, neither listening nor contributing to it. Do your part and keep any tidbits you might pick up to yourself. Do not spread untrue information or even true, but private information about other peoples' lives. Gossip can not only be damaging to the person being talked about, but many people find it uncomfortable when a colleague is being discussed in a less than flattering way. If you have genuine issues with another worker, instead of complaining about them to fellow workers, handle the problems professionally. Go to them directly to discuss the issues in private, or bring them to the attention of your manager.

Respect Your Co-workers. Be respectful no matter the situation. It's easy to form quick opinions of others in the company just based on a couple of quick meetings or even a preexisting reputation. The problem is that first impressions truly are hard to shake. Do your part to get along with everyone by respecting everyone's ideas, input, and work ethic, even if it doesn't match yours. Show appreciation for the work of your fellow employees and be willing to compromise to help get complex projects completed. Working with different personalities can be a learning experience, but only if you respect what others can bring to the office. Do your best to avoid offending those with whom you work.

From Lifeway Career Connections 8/10



Ashlyn smiles big for the camera as her mom pushes her on the swing.

"Can We Go Play on the Playground PLEEEEZ?"

That's all the kids are saying since KUMC got the new playground in September. When it was first installed, kids enjoyed having children's church outside, and then begging parents to stay after church to play. It might be too cold for outdoor fun now, but

they don't mind, they could stay at church all day now!



The new playground is not just for KUMC attendees, it was also purchased for the use of area residents! It has been erected near our pavilion so that shade, water and a portalet are nearby. The first of two stages has been purchased, of a set that has 11 different stations for kids to play on. It costs \$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 is a padded safety zone surrounding the equipment in case of falling. This addition to our church provides 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 the second stage of this playground, see our treasurer Connie Rich or contact B.J. Henry.







EVERYONE is **ALWAYS** Welcome at Our Church!

Our Address: 57599 Kennonsburg Road, Quaker City, OH, 43773 (Located on S.R. 761, near the S.R. 313 intersection)
Our Phone Number: 740-679-2365

Our Email: info@kennonsburgumc.com (When emailing us, your message will go into a general mailbox then be immediately directed to the person you need.)

Our website: www.kennonsburgumc.com

Our FRIENDLY & CARING Pastor: Pastor Mark Slay

Please join us for our Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30AM and our Sunday School at 8:30AM

We have a variety of groups and ministries for EVERYONE in the family, such as: Youth Group, Men's Group, Women's Group, Prayer Group, Equine Ministry, Motorcycle Ministry, Prison Ministry, Al-Anon, Nursing Home Ministry, Book Club, Vacation Bible School, and more! - Go to the website to find out more.

4th Annual Winter Coat Give-away

God blessed our community on Nov. 6 with coats, hats, gloves, boots, and more!

I'm so blessed to be one of the people to head up the coat ministry at our church, what a fantastic outreach. Because of such generosity we were able to distribute twelve coats, hats and gloves, four pairs of boots and two pairs of shoes. This is our fourth year for this ministry and with unemployment on the rise the need for this ministry has grown.

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One person said they were praying for a coat and God answered his prayer. The smiles on the children's faces were worth every moment of time Tammy and I spent shopping for them and passing them out. May God Bless all who made this possible, we are looking forward to next year. Everyone has sent a great big thank you to our church family for this outreach!

Thanks again, Sharon Miller

If you or someone you know is in need of a coat this winter, please contact Sharon Miller or the church at (740) 679-2365 or info@kennonsburgumc.com

