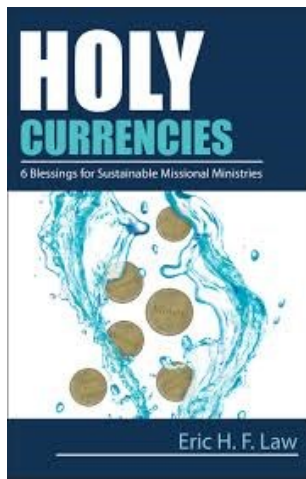




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Book Study: Thursday nights in August

Every Thursday evening 6-8:30 from August 7th thru September 11th, you are invited to join the Pastor and other church leaders as we study

Holy Currencies by Eric Law. This book will guide our conversation as we consider what the future holds for Kenton First Church . What does it mean to be a missional church? What is Jesus calling us to do? If you wish to be part of shaping this future, you need to be a part of this process. Books are available by the sanctuary doors. Plan now to attend these very important studies.

Special Points of Interest

- *Book Study*
- *Birthdays*
- *Prayer and Praise*
- *E-giving*
- *Prayer Concerns*

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YOUTH

The past month has been full, but also great. We went to Lakeside again this year and learned about knowing who God says we are and what He asks us to do. The youth of our church were challenged and came away encouraged to keep getting closer to God and His word. We also had students make commitments to follow Jesus with their lives. It is awesome when someone is born again.

We all want to thank those who prayed for us while we were at camp. Your love for our youth was evident in the notes and packages that were sent by our church to them through the week.

In the coming month we will be getting back to "normal" small groups. The Junior High group will continue seeking answers to their questions on Wednesday nights. Students in 6th through 8th grade are putting their questions into a box to be answered. It is a challenge to seek answers with them, but

the youth are getting a better understanding of who God is and why it makes sense to follow Him.

High School will meet on Sunday evenings for dinner, conversation and Bible study. We will be finishing a look into the parables of Jesus and then start an in-depth look into the basics of following Jesus. Our youth also plan to work with our youth groups in town to help celebrate the new school year by providing school supplies to those who cannot afford them.

Festival of Sharing

School bags are available in the cookie room or the church office. Please take one and fill it with the needed supplies. Return the filled bags to the church office by September 7th.

ARISE AND BUILD COMMITTEE:

The Arise and Build committee has completed the lounge and dining room remodel. Please take a moment to check it out.

The committee is in need of donations to purchase dining room chairs. If you are interesting in helping with this project, please drop off your donation to the church office. Thank you for all your support!

Prayer Concerns

Dennis Alexander, Marilyn Arn, Laura Ballenger, Pat Brutzer, Allison Buehler (friend of Linda Wuethrich), Susie Elsasser, Bonnie Amweg-Hammer, Teresa Haudenschield (daughter of Carrol and Janet Boecher), Karlee Hooker (Norm Guinn's granddaughter), Dale Kendrick, Ruth Klingler, Deb McEntee, Jane McGee, Brian Mulligan (friend of Bruce Levally), Janet Ralston, Kellie Rogers, Karrie Shumate, Jim Smith (father of Courtney Smith), Christine Stahler (wife of Kevin), Jan Tregoning, Sonny Weatherholtz (father of Chris Heilman), Sawyer Wright (nephew of Robin and Dana), Bobbi Tandon, Jack Rogers, Winogene Rogers, Mike Stephens, Jane Furbush, Elinor Barrett, Peggy Wills, Pastor Miracle's father, Loran, Susie Heilman, Clair Latham, Helen Waaland, Joann Fissel, Tim Newland, Herb Oberlitner

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Now enrolling in the First United Methodist Preschool for the 2014-2015 school year. Space is still available! Pick up a registration packet in the church office today.



FINANCIAL NEWS

After 7 months we should have received 58% of our giving, but in reality we have received 55%. This means we are currently about \$10,000 short of meeting our General Operating budget. The General Operating budget of \$327,000 funds salaries & benefits, operating expenses, missions/leadership teams, and apportionments.

March and June were 5 Sunday months which put us over the amount needed for those 2 months. The other 5 months of 2014 have fallen short of the monthly budget goal.



Electronic-Giving

If you go to the First Church website (www.kentonfirst.org) and scroll down to the bottom, you will see a red ONLINE EASY GIVING button. If you click on the text, you will be directed to a screen that will allow first time users to register. You may be asked to provide the zip code of the church (43326). You will be asked to type in your name and address, envelope number (optional), phone number, and email address. You then create a 6-20 character username and an 8-20 character password (case sensitive). Once you have registered and received your confirmation email, you can then decide if you would like to have your (pledge) offering deducted from your checking or savings account. Please consider using this method of giving!



8/2 Helen Waaland
719 E. Franklin St.
Kenton

8/10 Nila Highslip
207 Henry St. Kenton

8/12 Evelyn Lotz
7323 TR 165 Kenton

8/15 Ed Althausen
19828 SR 309 Kenton

8/16 Winnie Streets
10369 SR 67 Kenton

8/24 Bud Winzenried
811 Maydoll Kenton

8/31 Al Albrecht
15480 ST 67 Kenton

FIRST WEDNESDAY PRAISE:

This Wednesday we gather for a time of fellowship and praise, with a supper served at 6:00 in the fellowship hall, and Praise and Prayer to follow at 6:45. Following Praise we will enjoy homemade ice cream with all the trimmings! If you would like to provide something for dinner please let Margie Osburn know.

All are invited and welcome!





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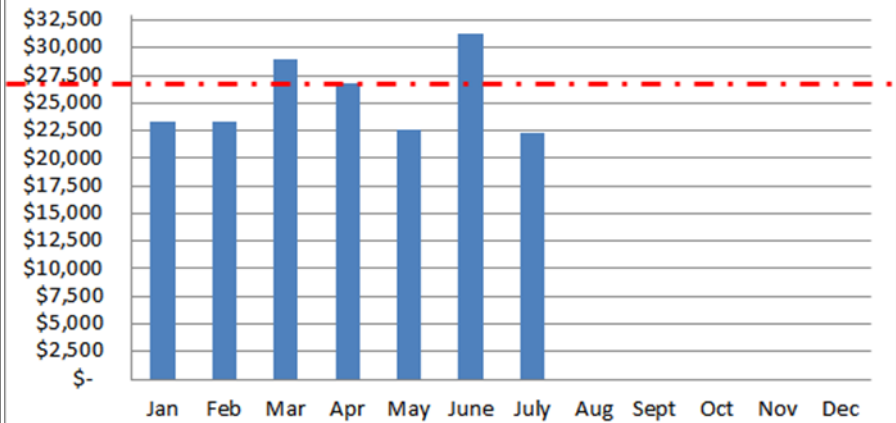
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JULY ATTENDANCE

July 6-	9 am Service -	80	11 Service—	132	Total- 212
July 13-	9 am Service —	76	11 Service—	75	Total— 151
July 20-	9 am Service—	61	11 Service-	92	Total— 153
July 27-	9 am Service-	90	11 Service—	110	Total— 200

2014 Offering by Month

\$27,250 needed each month



THANK YOU

The First United Methodist Men would like to thank all the members who attended our fellowship Breakfast between services July 20. Those whom attended were provided plenty of food and we were able to ask and inquire more with our special guest, Robert Adamson on the quest of starting pay what can afford restaurant or the outreach of our church to reach those needing Christ in their live.

Gary Whitmer

My thanks to you for all the layers of care and kindness that you provided Keith and me during these past many months-the cards, the calls, the hugs, the well-wishes, the prayers. We were heartened by your works of encouragement. We were comforted by your support and by your presence in our lives. What blessings!

Sincerely,
Laura Kinnear

God Bless you for all the prayers, cards, visits, and food that have been valuable in my recovery from knee replacement surgery. I felt your spirit and the spirit of the Lord with me. It's humbling to be on the receiving end of your love but so comforting to know I am part of a family that cares for each other.

Blessings to all,
Edison Klingler





Heard it From the Grapevine:

By: Edison and Ruth Klingler

Hannah Furbush has been named an honor student for the 2014 spring semester at Hollins University.

Keegan Wright, Devan Dulin and Dillon Dulin are members of the Kenton Sting Rays swim team.

Tom and Jackie Bartel have been awarded a residential beautification award for June by Keep Hardin County Beautiful.

Kobey Rawlins and Steven Stalder are members of 14U Kenton Wildcats that won a tournament in Arcanum.

Master Gardeners, Marsha Watkins and Dick Aller were involved with the program at Friendship Gardens.

Anna Longbrake, Alex Haushalter, Lucy Whitmer, and Jack Whitmer were in the production of "Annie's Kids" presented by the Children's Workshop of Hardin County Players.

Logan Brown, granddaughter of the late members, Sue and David Carmean, married Mason Howard.

Keith Kissling and Breanne Alexander were pictured teaching 6-10 year old children to play tennis.

Norma Frederick is a member of the Sounds of Music singing group. She is also an officer of the Kappa chapter sorority.

Best wishes to Courtney Thacker and Dustin Clapsaddle who were married in our church on July 12th.

Congratulations to Julia (Stalder) and Zach Turner on the birth of a son, Jack Phillip.

Congratulations to Katie (Temple) and Eric Latimore on the birth of a son, Edison Paul.

Our sympathy to the family of James Pfister who passed in Lima. He was the widower of former First Church secretary, Joan Pfister.

Teresa Styer, daughter-in-law of Sharon Styer was the subject of a profile story in the Kenton Times.

Lara Dulin was named to the University of Notre Dame's Dean's list.

Former member Matt Brown is the co-founder of a business to renovate homes in the Ada area.

Rev. Loran and Vicki have moved his father to Kenton Nursing and Rehab facility.

David Dulin and Gary Whitmer installed tile in Boy Scout Lake for fish habitat. David and Marilyn Dulin landscaped around the new signs at Hardin County Veterans Memorial Park.

Our sympathy to Winnie Streets in the death of her granddaughter Heather.

Sarah Heilman received a Goshen Grange scholarship for her community service activities during her high school years.

Rocco Longbrake finished 14th in his age group at the Heart of Ohio Junior Golf Association Tournament.

Ed and Mary Althaus, Dimitri Costoff and Alta Boger were pictured while participating in activities at Hardin Hills.

Congratulations to Shannon Lautenschlager Baum and Stephen Coburn who were married on July 21st.



August 2014

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