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THE COMMUNICATOR -JULY, 2018

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Greetings!

I am Joohyang Kim and will be your new pastor after July 1th. This is my first writing for Ada-Minneapolis UMC so I want to introduce myself and family this time. I was born in 1979 in the quiet, rural town of Won-ju, which is a small town in South Korea. I grew up at the farm and my parents are still young farmers in my home town even though they are almost 70 years old. My playgrounds were mountains, paddy fields, and creeks, so I feel like being at home when I look at the fields and small towns in Kansas.

My whole family are members of the Korean Methodist Church and my father has been a lay leader for over 30 years now in my home church. I have related with him closely and attended to all the worship services in the church and many revival services. These helped my faith to grow and recognized my call to ministry. As you may have noticed, there are many revival services and prayer meeting in a Korean Church. My father would take me to these revival services and we would sit in the first row. He would also take me on a bicycle to the church for Special Morning Prayer at 5:00 a.m. Church was my second home throughout my childhood and I was naturally intimate with church and God. In my school days, I would pray when I came back from school almost every day. I don't remember when I wanted to be a pastor, but if someone asked me about my dream, I always told them 'I want to be a pastor,' during my childhood. My parents, pastors, and all church members were encouraging and advised me to be a faithful Christian and accept God's calling to be an ordained clergy in the Methodist Church.

I went to Hyupsung University and got a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree of Theology. I like to study and it was a great opportunity to learn more about the Bible and church history and various practical ministries. One of the big changes in the seminary was I met Hyeayoun. She was born and raised in Seoul, the biggest city in South Korea, and we taught each other about different cultures between city and rural. We were in the same study group and she wanted to be a pastor, not just a pastor's wife. However, there were limitations to serve local churches as a woman pastor in South Korea. Fortunately, we met a pastor couple from UMC in the seminar and they introduced to us about UMC and encouraged us to study and be ordained in UMC. So we decided to come to Saint Paul School of theology in Kansas City, MO and married a year before to leave South Korea in 2006. Now we have 3 children; Maria(8), Elizabeth(3), and Daniel(3month), and both of us were ordained in 2016. I'm so excited about serving Ada-Minneapolis UMC and glad to move in Ottawa County. Please welcome us and pray for our family. - Pastor Joohyang Kim

JULY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES LITURGISTS

- 1 Tamala Lott
- 8 Tamala Lott
- 15 Cassie Bohl
- 22 Cassie Bohl
- 29 Steve Baccus

ACOLYTES

- 1 Paul and Phlynn Ocker
- 8 Maddy and Dalton Krueger
- 15 Ethan and Quinley Bohl
- 22 Riley Bohl and Brinley Boyer
- 29 Kaitlyn and McKenna Worlock

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

- 1 Shayla Bailey
- 8 Dale Henderson
- 15 Lance Johnson
- 22 Tamala Lott
- 29 Cassie Bohl

GREETERS

- 1 Rick and Deb Nichols
- 8 Rick and Deb Nichols
- 15 Al and Joan Miles
- 22 Kuder Family
- 29 Kermit and Shirley Shipley

NURSERY

- 1 Becky McDuffee & Shayla Bailey
- 8 Becky McDuffee & Rosalee Tibbits
- 15 Becky McDuffee & Barb Kibler
- 22 Becky McDuffee, Paul & Kristi Ocker
- 29 Becky McDuffee & Angel Constable

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ron Feldt and Hyeayoun Kim
- 3 Braede Weatherman
- 6 John Fleming
- 8 Colette Henderson
- 13 Paul (P. J.) Ocker
- 18 Sharon Foust
- 21 Harry Kibler
- 23 Cody Nichols
- 27 Josh Lott
- 28 Ken Wedel and Kermit Wedel
- 29 Angel Constable
- 30 Gail Eckart

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Lanny & Vicki Zadina
- 6 Andrew & Melanie Kuder
- 6 Paul & Kristi Ocker
- 22 Gary & Rhonda Bacon
- 22 Nick & Tammy Krueger
- 29 Bryan & Shasta Weatherman

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in July:

- 1 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
- 8 Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders
- 15 The Widow and the Unjust Judge
- 22 Entering God's Kingdom
- 29 Parable of the Great Dinner

METHODIST WOMEN A very quiet month for UMW!

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Later this month (July) we will have a School Supply Collection to distribute to Minneapolis School students for the upcoming school year. We'll be requesting a few specific items that teachers have expressed a need for within their classrooms. Be on the lookout for future information and please consider donating an item to this cause!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Nothing to report this month.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

On September 8, Missions will be holding a garage sale, so start collecting your items for the event.

Blythe Atwell and Rosalee Tibbits, Co-chairpersons

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Administrative Council Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting will be on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL...

There is no children's Sunday School in the summer. It will resume when school starts in the fall.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank everyone for the good food, visits, gifts and prayers during my recovery from my fall last December. I am finally cleared from the doctor visits so my ankle is on the mend. God knew I would need my church family in a big way this past winter. Thank you to all of you who covered my Sunday School classes, to Gretchen for organizing meal deliveries, and Pat for assuming all the Advent, Christmas Eve and other worship activities. What a great church family we have!

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY ALL OF OTTAWA COUNTY WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 WHERE

Wampler Room at the North side of the Ottawa County Health Center (on 9th Street)
TIME

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
WHO IS ELIBIGLE
Anyone in need of food assistance.
REQUIREMENTS

Guests sign in with their address and number in their household.

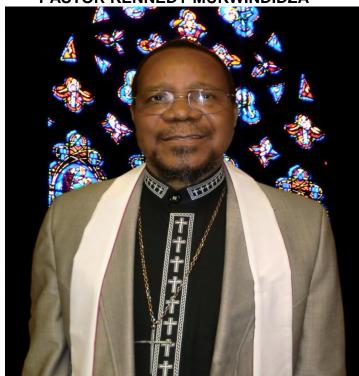
Limit one visit per household.

Guests may only pick up for one household



(Ad Prepared by Shayla Bailey)

FAIRWELL TO PASTOR KENNEDY MUKWINDIDZA



As many of you already know, Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza, (or Pastor Kennedy, as he is known by many) transferred to Minneapolis from the United Methodist Church in Quinter, Kansas approximately four years ago.

Pastor's interesting life started in his birth country, Zimbabwe. Pastor has a passion to support and help the people in his home village to this day.

What many of us did not know is that Pastor Kennedy has his Doctorate. We do know; however, that he is very knowledgeable about the scripture. Working for him, I learned he can answer questions about the scripture quickly and can tell you other places in the Bible that may pertain to the one question you have asked him, giving you a complete story.

I enjoyed his hearty laugh, and he loved to joke with people. I learned he loves not only his immediate family dearly, but his large God-given family. He will be missed by his Church Family in Minneapolis and pray God sends him many blessings while with his new Church Family in Coldwater, Kansas and always.

Joan Miles, Administrative Assistant Page 6

OFF TO CAMP HORIZON WE GO!!!



Pictured above are excited youth ready to leave for Camp Horizon the morning of June 25! Those attending were: Front Row, Riley Bohl, Kaleb Ocker, Braxton Grimes, Jaylee Abell, Quinley Bohl, Gracen Grimes, Ethan Bohl, Joel Abell. Between Rows: Camp Coordinator, Cassie Bohl, Back Row: Bryce Worlock, Kaylee Tibbits, Jordan Peck, Brinley Boyer, Katlyn Worlock, Conner Peck, and Hayden Lott.

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From Cassie Bohl, Camp Coordinator Hi all! We're on our last full day of camp, and it has gone so quickly! All the campers have done amazing things here. They've challenged themselves to get out of comfort zones, lead prayers, and made many new memories. It's always exciting to watch. I even "climbed" out of my comfort zone by doing the high ropes this year! I can't thank you all enough for your generosity and kindness. If the campers don't show it now they will in the future when they think back to all the kind people that helped them make camp possible. Hopefully they will pass it forward when their time comes.

We will be presenting pictures and talking about camp on Sunday. Hope to see you all in church!

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6 th Sun. after Pentecost Pastor Kim's first Sunday with us!	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8 7 th Sun. after Pentecost	9		11 4 – 6 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	12	13	14
15 8 th Sun. after Pentecost —	16	← Mission U–KWU	18 Ottawa County	19 Fair→	20 →	21
22 9 th Sun. after Pentecost	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10 th Sun. after Pentecost	30	31	August 1	2	3	4

STORY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN **OUR SANCTUARY** (Author Unknown)

Good Morning!

I love the beauty of our stained glass windows - so this morning, we're going to talk about what we see in them that maybe the artist was trying to portray – like a story in a book.

There are seven of these windows around the church and if you count the pink and the dark blue diamonds (triangles) how many? There are 12, like the 12 disciples, and if you count the purple land dark blue diamonds (triangles), there are 12 again. And in the middle, he's put a sunflower, which I see as Jesus, the sun in our lives – teaching his disciples...the petals radiating out like His words.

(On the bottom center)...Now here we have 12 disciples again with Jesus in the center radiating out the words of God.

(Up above on each side) Now here, I think the artist was thinking of that terrible Friday when they hung Jesus on the cross. See the red sun behind the cross, representing the blood he shed for us? And you'll notice here, that there are only 11 disciples shown since Judas had betrayed Him to the Romans.

(Top center) If you count, there are eight squares and four circles all in yellow, again the disciples, with Jesus as the blue center of the flower with his word going out like the petals.

Up here (top side) again you see the cross done in basically the same way, only here He is surrounded by two circles representing God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

And in this one, Jesus is seen as an anchor, for He is the stabilizer in our lives, again surrounded by the two circles representing God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

There these on either side, again are showing 12 disciples down each side, with the blue representing peace, with Jesus as the light in the middle of it all.

Now on the east side of the church, there are some beautiful stories, so let your imagination take you to the artist's mind – the crown – the flowers – more things representing the disciples and the trinity. It is so much fun to let your mind see these things, I could go on and on....

Now my favorite of them all – the upper middle again shows Jesus in the form of our anchor surrounded by God the Father and the Holy Spirit surrounded by the 12 yellow squares representing the disciples. And in the bottom half is Jesus again seen as the flower with the peaceful blue center surrounded by flowers that even go up in the upper half...and I think the artist (and myself) see these flowers as you children, gathered around listening to His word. Remember when Jesus told them, "Let the little children come unto me"?

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(Cont. from bottom of page 4) There you are...the flowers of our lives. Let's pray---

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the artists who help to preserve the beauty of our world in glass, or paintings of, by the written word. Amen

(If anyone knows who wrote this story about the stained glass windows and approximately when it was written, please let me know so we can give that individual credit for a well written story about the beautiful stained glass windows in God's house that we get to enjoy every time we enter the sanctuary! Thank you, Joan Miles)

Donation Thank You Note

I just wanted to write a quick note to thank Mindy Cline and her staff at Studio 210. When I inquired about purchasing a gift certificate for Pastor Kim and his family, they unexpectedly and graciously donated the certificate along with a few product samples. Studio 210's generosity is certainly an example of the many blessings of living in a small town!

> With sincere gratitude, Shayla Bailey

WELCOMING GIFT WAITING FOR PASTOR KIM'S FAMILY IN THE PARSONAGE KITCHEN!



Following is a good prayer to start your day.....

LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE MY REAL SUPERVISOR. YOU'RE THE ONLY BOSS I EVER REALLY HAVE TO ANSWER TO. DON'T EVER LET ME SETTLE FOR "AVERAGE". HELP ME STRIVE TO BE THE BEST IN ALL THAT I DO. THEN MY LIGHT WILL SHINE OUT, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE PRAISE AS THOSE AROUND ME VIEW ME AS A "GODSEND".

IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN