

Dear King Avenue Friend,

I write to you on the last day of General Conference in Portland, Oregon. For two weeks it has been a roller coaster ride following tweets, Facebook, websites, blogs, and newspaper articles. Because events were happening so quickly, a friend at the conference advised me not to publish a definitive statement on conference until it was definitely adjourned. Any statement before then would be preliminary.

On Wednesday I read the news that the Council of Bishops had recommended “...that the General Conference defer all votes on human sexuality and refer this entire subject to a special Commission, named by the Council of Bishops, to develop a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in our Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality. We continue to hear from many people on the debate over sexuality that our current Discipline contains language which is contradictory, unnecessarily hurtful, and inadequate for the variety of local, regional and global contexts.” While I was heartened by the last sentence and the idea of complete revision, I was frustrated, embarrassed, and angered by the first sentence. I felt that the can was just being kicked down the road; it seemed it was more of the same. What were they doing for the past four years?!

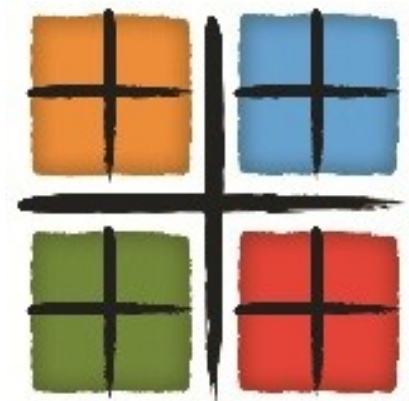
Then I read numerous positive statements from progressive United Methodists like Matt Berryman, the executive director of the Reconciling Ministries Network. The action “...represents a significant institutional shift in the direction of inclusion and equality. It is just a beginning, but it signals hope to an end of church trials, to celebrating all marriages, to accepting the gifts of our LGBTQ candidates for ministry, clergy and lay employees.”

Why be positive with what appears to be so little? What seems to be the case is that the evangelical/conservative delegates had enough votes on sexuality legislation to make the Discipline harsher, more exclusive, and more punitive. When the Council of Bishops recommended deferring all votes on human sexuality, they prevented the denomination from taking a step backward. The door has been left open for ordination and marriage of LGBTQ persons and an end to trials. (continued on page 14)

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## June Preaching Schedule

### June 5

*Communion*  
*High School Graduation Sunday*  
John Keeny  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17\*

### June 12

Colleen Ogle  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3\*

### June 17

*Pride Worship*  
7:00pm

### June 19

*Peace with Justice Offering*  
John Keeny  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39\*



### June 26

John Keeny  
Galatians 5:1,13-25  
Luke 9:51-62\*

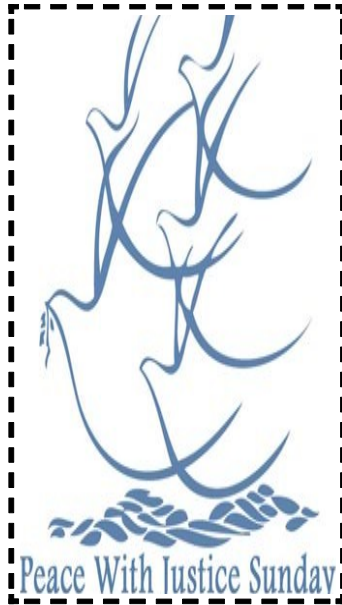
\*preaching text

## New Members

Spencer Bradley-Krauss, Jennifer Dorsey,  
Emily King, Brenda Mathews,  
Marcia Orlandi, Cara Rieger, Tracy Rieger

# JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

On **Sunday, June 19** during both worship services a special offering will be collected during the closing hymn in support of Peace With Justice. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.



Please make checks payable to *King Avenue UMC* and indicate **PEACE WITH JUSTICE** in the memo line.

You may even use the scan code for special offerings!



## SPECTRUM by Steve Hull



**PRIDE T-SHIRTS MAY BE PURCHASED BEFORE/AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE PRECEDING THE PRIDE PARADE**

**PRIDE LUNCHEON HELP WANTED!**

**PLEASE CONTACT STEVE HULL expectsh@gmail.com FOR DETAILS.**

## SUMMER CHOIR 2016 by Chris McManus



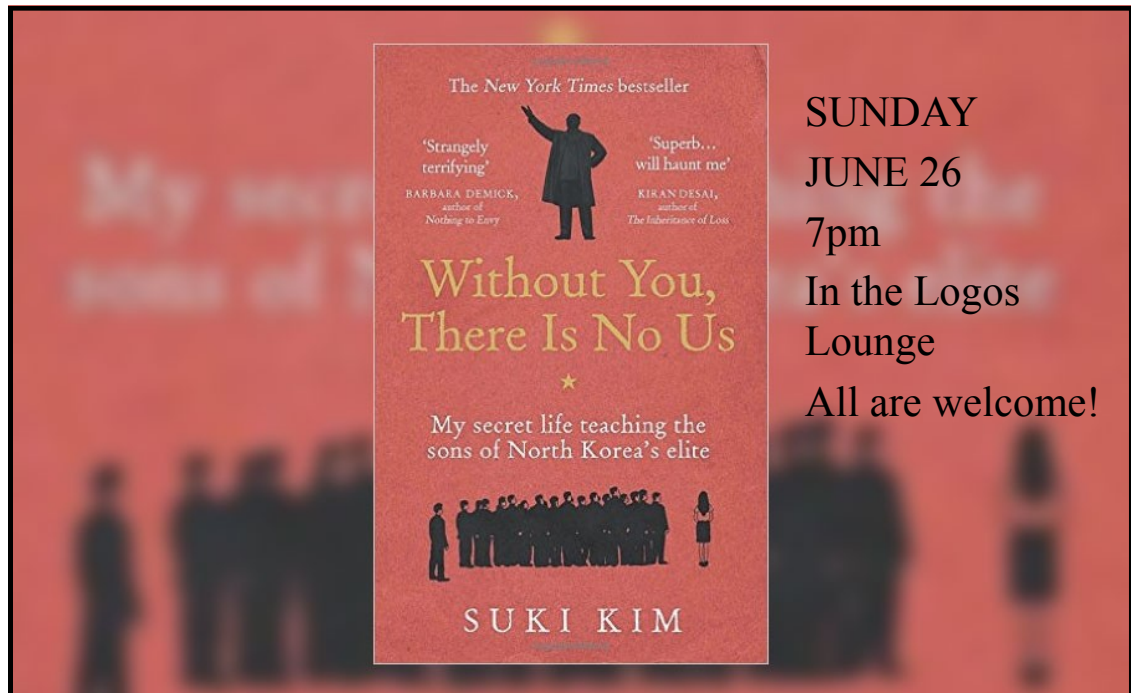
All singers are invited to join us during our summer months. Beginning **Sunday, June 26**, the Summer Choir will sing for the 11 AM service. Join us at 10:15 AM in the Choir Room for a rehearsal for that morning's service. It's a great entry point to the church. Come get to know folks and share your love of music!

For more information, contact Chris McManus, Director of Music at [cmcmanus@earthlink.net](mailto:cmcmanus@earthlink.net) or 614-424-6050 ext. 106.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Jim LeVally

This year's Sunday school classes and Worship Connection sessions are winding down. Special thanks are given to those who worked to increase our children's spirituality. Robbi Spanoudis, Kathleen Knight, Beverly Sandidge, Doug Warne, Liza Paul, Julie Watson, MaryLynn Bridges, Elizabeth Bridges, James White, Molly Seguin, Lynn Seguin, Shannon Poole, Andy Poole, Nikki Ramming, Marcia Orlandi, Gwen DeRosa and Beth Aiello all did an amazing job this year. Because of them we are off to a great start with our children's education program. If you see any of these fine teachers in church be sure to offer them a heartfelt thanks.

**LIT CLUB** by John Keeny



**SUNDAY**

**JUNE 26**

**7pm**

**In the Logos Lounge**

**All are welcome!**

**2016 SPRING GRADUATES**

**Congratulations to our 2016 High School Graduate!**

**Eleanor Ruth Grazier**

Co-Valedictorian Columbus Alternative High School

Attending The Ohio State University

**Congratulations to our 2016 College Graduates!**

**Erika Boothman, Emily Grazier, Megan Lawless,  
Emily Joanne Moore, Katherine Patricia Martin-O'Connor,  
Dale R. Peters, Joshua Stokes**

## TIDBITS

Opportunity to donate beautiful chancel  
flowers created for us  
by A Green Floral Design Studio  
is still available!

Please contact the church office  
@ 614-424-6050 x100 to reserve your  
date(s).

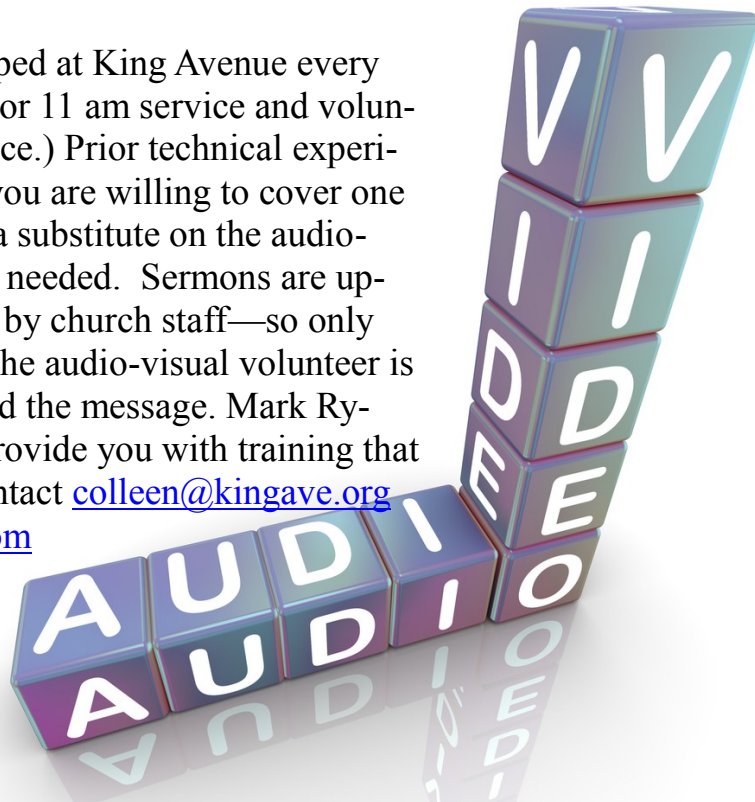


Have you ever wanted to be part of the awesome experience of helping to serve Communion on a Sunday morning, but never been asked?

If so, contact [colleen@kingave.org](mailto:colleen@kingave.org), and we'll talk.

### Audio-Visual Volunteers Needed...

The weekly message is videotaped at King Avenue every Sunday morning at either the 9 or 11 am service and volunteers make it happen (your choice.) Prior technical experience IS NOT REQUIRED. If you are willing to cover one Sunday a month or to fill in as a substitute on the audio-visual team, you are very much needed. Sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel by church staff—so only the only function needed from the audio-visual volunteer is using the video camera to record the message. Mark Ry-lance and Andy Brennan will provide you with training that takes less than 30 minutes. Contact [colleen@kingave.org](mailto:colleen@kingave.org) OR Mark at [kiropaw@gmail.com](mailto:kiropaw@gmail.com)



## SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION



PRAYER THROUGH POETRY

June 5<sup>th</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup>

Sundays 10 am in the Chapel

Facilitators Gwen DeRosa,  
Timothy Bechtol, and Doug Gill

This class will explore prayer through the practice of poetry. Rilke's poems in his *Book of Hours*, which express a unique dialogue with the divine, will be our inspiration. Participants will write poems in reflective response. This class welcomes all: the pragmatists & the intellectuals, the introverts & the extroverts, the visionaries & the workers. (All ages are invited, but respect for the prayerful environment will be a priority.)

Please feel free to drop-in! No purchase or preparation necessary

## ART GALLERY by Kurt Reichert



**PRIDE ART at King Avenue United Methodist Church  
Now through June 26**

KAUMC is indeed in for a special visual treat in the church gallery throughout June. Student members of the Queer Alliance at Columbus College of Art and Design will have work on display dealing with the theme "Pride." This active group at CCAD is advised by our member, Felicia DeRosa. There will be a wide variety of media from photography, painting to animation and video. There will be an opening reception on June 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. which is an hour prior to the Pride Service being held at our church. The gallery will remain open that night after the service. Plan to stop by and talk to the budding artists about their work.

## Mission Partnerships

**NEW LIFE UMC** Travel Size Toiletries, Girls' Underwear

## Special Needs

**NNEMAP** Toilet Paper! Hygiene Items, Razors, Shampoo



## HOME FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUP by Colleen Ogle



If you would like an opportunity to become acquainted with more people in our community of faith,

you are welcome to join a five-week Home Fellowship Small Group co-led by Tammy Diles and Rev. Colleen Ogle, which will meet Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing on the dates of June 15, June 29, July 6, and July 20.

The first meeting is at Colleen and Rick's house, 1669 Roxbury Road and subsequent locations are to be determined.

Email [colleen@kingave.org](mailto:colleen@kingave.org), if you are interested in attending.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Susan Stumpp



Help King Avenue UMW support local, national and global missions. Pray for those in service to others; contribute to mission work with a pledge or donation; volunteer to help with the twice-yearly rummage sales. Contact [Nancy Weese](#) or [Sue Swenor](#) for more information.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL by Erin Kendall

**July 11-15, 6pm-7:30pm, King Avenue UMC  
(Ages 4-Grade 5 + youth)**



Join us for this year's exciting VBS "Deep Sea Discovery" where we'll jump into exciting waters of discovering Jesus' love and how God is with us- wherever we go and whatever we're doing! Registration is required through KidCheck. All are welcome for this free, fun-filled week of fellowship.

VBS Group Leaders and Teachers are needed to make this week a success. Training will be provided. Nursery care will be available for children up through age 3 during Vacation Bible School. Please let Erin Kendall know if you are interested in helping out!

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:**

Music Connections will meet during the 9am and 11am services on June 5. Music Connections will resume the first Sunday of each month on October 2.

Worship Connections will meet during the 11am service through June 26. Worship Connections will resume on September 11.

ITP Family Worship is on summer break and will resume in September.

Vacation Bible School will be held in the evenings the week of July 11-15 at King Avenue

### **Keep up with it!**

**Check out King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries Facebook groups. Request to join the groups that apply to your family:**

[King Ave UMC ITP Group](#) (Ages 0-3)

[King Ave UMC Children's Ministries Facebook Group](#) (Age 4-Grade 5)

[King Ave UMC Youth Facebook Group](#) (Grade 6-12)

**For more information on Children, Youth and Family Ministries,  
contact Erin Kendall at [erin@kingave.org](mailto:erin@kingave.org) or by phone at 614.937.4211.**

## KING AVENUE YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries News June 2016

Summer-Summer-Summertime! No School and Hanging Out in the Pool! We're keeping things warmed up at King Avenue during summer break, too. Check out what's coming up in June:

- Sun, June 5**                    **9:05-9:35a**    **Music Connections (Ages 4-Grade 5) @ KAUMC- AWE Room**
- Kids will help to lead the congregation in singing "Open Doors" and immediately go with adult leaders to the AWE Room (Lower Level) for a time of learning about faith, Jesus and God through music and storytelling. The kids will return to the worship service just before Communion. Parents will pick up their children prior to Communion so they may experience Communion as a family. Children attending Music Connections must be registered, active and checked into KidCheck to participate.*
- 11:05-11:35a** **Music Connections (Ages 4-Grade 5) @ KAUMC- AWE Room**
- Fri, June 10 - Sun, June 12**                    **Youth Annual Conference @ Lakeside, Ohio**
- Sat, June 11**                    **7:00-9:30p**    **Youth Worship Celebration @ Linworth UMC**
- Linworth Youth Fellowship is inviting the youth of Greater Columbus and their friends and families to a special night of worship featuring inspirational guest speaker Joel Penton (Ohio State National Champion) and Eric Johnston with the Linworth Worship Team. Don't miss this life-changing hour of worship! Let Erin know if you are interested in attending.*
- Sun, June 12**                    **11:05-11:50a** **Worship Connections (Ages 4-Grade 3) @ KAUMC- Lower Level Classrooms**
- Sat, June 18**                    **9:00a**            **Columbus Pride Parade**
- Join King Avenue UMC SPECTRUM in the Parade!**
- Meet between Broad & Front Streets- Find the King Avenue UMC church bus for line-up spot.*
- Sun, June 19**                    **11:05-11:50a** **Worship Connections (Ages 4-Grade 3) @ KAUMC- Lower Level Classrooms**
- Thurs, June 23**                    **7:00-10:00p**    **Youth Mini Golf Outing @ TBD**
- Sun, June 26**                    *Last Day of Worship Connections before Summer Break!*
- 11:05-11:50a** **Worship Connections (Ages 4-Grade 3) @ KAUMC- Lower Level Classrooms**

## June Birthdays

If a birthday has not been listed, please contact the church office, 424-6050, ext.100.

<b>1st</b>	David Dunaway Amanda Kinney Lori Lasley Caroline Turner	<b>9th</b>	Roger Spires Dee Titus
<b>2nd</b>	Ella Hazelbaker	<b>10th</b>	Haley Long Owen Kemodle Dick Royer
<b>3rd</b>	Matt Livingston Joseph Mak Amy Rupp Susan Taylor	<b>11th</b>	Olivia Robson Olivia Street
<b>4th</b>	Austin Hohlt Carol Overmyer Blake Ryan	<b>13th</b>	Alyce Andrus Darci Mossbarger Abigail O'Neill Chris Rohrer
<b>5th</b>	Bobbie Boucher Di Fox	<b>14th</b>	Janet Reichert John Reichert Stacie Tassos Jerry Wallace
<b>7th</b>	Ashley Brown Farrah Chrstos Philip Clark Pat Fast Jack Mesaros Leah Middelberg	<b>15th</b>	Ty Boyle Sarah Brigham Ashton Sukosd
<b>8th</b>	Elizabeth Bridges Judy Callander	<b>16th</b>	Terry Adkins Grace Moore
<b>9th</b>	Pat Hunter Penney Letrud Amber Robson Suzanne Seifert	<b>17th</b>	Jerry Cooperrider Aaron Hermann Amy Kessler Bobbi Little Cara Ware

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# June Birthdays

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**18th** Doug Aschenbach

Eric Fenwick

Nikki Lawson

Israel Stafa

**18th** Linda Wallick

Ireland Yates

**19th** Lee Balsler

Chris Cassidy

Gwen DeRosa

Pat James

Pat Logsdon

Mary Helen Wallace

**20th** Lane Adelman

Eric Dupler

Beverly Mc Donald

Jennie Rowell

Eric Shockney

Ryan Ware

**22nd** Amy Thompson

**23rd** Kristen Collins

Ben Rupp

**24th** Rex Mesaros

Sandy Trinter

**25th** Amy Ast

Colin Blessing

**26th** Kathy Cole

Michael Davis

Pat Hartman

Michael Moore

Kathleen Vaughan

**27th** Nikki Ramming

**28th** Ben Addison

Matt Cole

Frank Titus

**29th** Shawn Compton

Amanda Potter

**30th** Roy Clark

Jack Devlin

Ella Poole



## General Conference Information Sessions

The Capital North District has scheduled the following information sessions around the District so that our delegates to General Conference can share with us more about what happened there. Delegates will share their observations followed by a time for questions and answers.

Franklin County - **Wednesday, June 15**, 7:00 pm at **Maple Grove UMC**,  
7 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus  
Mr. Bill Brownson and Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner, presenters

Union County - **Monday, June 20**, 7:00 pm at **Marysville First UMC**,  
207 S. Court St., Marysville  
Mrs. Kathy Rohrs and Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner, presenters

Logan County - **Tuesday, June 21**, 7:00 pm at **Bellefontaine First UMC**,  
201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine  
Mr. Phil Moots and Rev. Roger Grace, presenters

Delaware County - **Tuesday, June 21**, 7:00 pm at **Lewis Center UMC**,  
1081 Lewis Center Rd., Lewis Center  
Rev. Amy Aspey and Mrs. Kathy Rohrs, presenters

Marion County - **Wednesday, June 22**, 7:00 pm at **Prospect Street UMC**,  
185 S. Prospect St., Marion  
Rev. Roger Grace and Rev. Karen Cook, presenters

Franklin County - **Thursday, June 23**, 7:00 pm at **Stonybrook UMC**,  
485 Cherry Bottom Rd., Gahanna  
Rev. Curnell Graham and Mr. Bill Brownson, presenters

**Congratulations to John Henderson,  
King Avenue Student Pastor of Young Adult Connections  
upon his graduation from the Methodist Theological School  
in Delaware, Ohio!**



**King Avenue  
United Methodist Church**  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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[www.kingave.org](http://www.kingave.org)

## Mission Statement

*We invite, welcome and honor all people  
and nurture them to grow in service with  
Christ.*

## Worship Services

9:00am Morning Blend in the Fellowship Hall  
11am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

## Sunday School

10am Children's Sunday School and Choir  
10am Adult Sunday School

**Senior Pastor**

John Keeny

**Associate Pastor**

Colleen Ogle

**Student Pastor of Young Adult Connections**

John Henderson

**Minister Emeritus**

Dr. Leonard Confar

**Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries**

Erin Kendall

**Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries**

Jim LeVally

**Director of Campus Ministry**

Chris Cassidy

**Building Manager**

Bill Meadows

**Director of Music**

Chris McManus

**Organist**

Andrew Willis

**Carillonneur**

Jeff Wyckoff

**Finance Manager**

Diana Sells

**Office Manager**

Amy Ashburn

**Stewardship Secretary**

Rebecca Naas

**Director of Online Communications**

Rhonda Luetje

**Sunday Hospitality Coordinator**

Marlene Wagonrod

I have to admit that I am still discouraged. I have wondered if remaining a United Methodist pastor is worth it. I am old enough to retire. Then I realize that some of the Church is not the whole church. Never has been in any denomination. I take heart from the 28 bishops who sent a pastoral letter to the 110 LGBTQI leaders (including John Wooden) who came out before General Conference. *“We call The United Methodist Church to repentance for its lack of love for all God’s children, and for its arrogance in believing that we establish the boundaries of God’s love. May we learn from our LGBTQI United Methodist religious leaders who give witness to us of what it means to love without exception as God loves. They teach us much about the love of Jesus within them as they extend love even to those who would turn them away.”*

These bishops make me realize I am too young to retire. They describe what I have experienced the last ten years at King Avenue Church. Why would I leave that experience just because some in the denomination have not caught up to it or been caught by it? I would I punish only myself by leaving a safe, accepting, loving, affirming church.

I understand why people would want to leave the United Methodist Church at this time. I have trouble understanding why they would want to leave King Avenue Church. Why hurt oneself in order to teach others a lesson? Frankly I believe that the lesson King Avenue can teach others is to believe and act as it always has. A thriving church is hard to dismiss. King Avenue is not the last resort; it is the best resort.

One of the things that any general conference can never do is legislate love; that is, make people love each other. During the Civil Rights era (of course all eras are civil rights eras) Martin Luther King told a segregationist, “We are not asking you to love us. We are just asking you to stop lynching us.” He knew that love cannot be legislated or voted into existence. With all the motions and delegates in the world a general conference cannot make a church “invite, welcome and honor all people and nurture them to grow in service with Christ.” Only a local church can do that every week. I believe King Avenue Church does that pretty well. King Avenue does not embarrass, discourage me, frustrate me, or anger me. (Okay, on very rare occasions you do. We are human beings!)

King Avenue Church will not change because of what happened or didn’t happen in Portland. We will still be who we have always been. We have to be. We need to be. The United Methodist Church needs us to be. We will continue to work for justice for all people and for change in our Church. It’s time.

See you church!!



John Keeny  
Senior Pastor