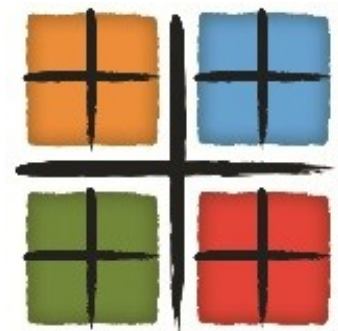




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**The King Avenue UMC Chancel Choir,  
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# December Preaching Schedule

## December 4

*Communion*  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*  
John Keeny  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Matthew 3:1-12\*

## December 11

*3rd Sunday of Advent*  
John Keeny  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Matthew 11:2-11\*

## December 18

*4th Sunday of Advent*  
9am Morning Blend  
Colleen Ogle  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Matthew 1:18-25\*  
11am Messiah

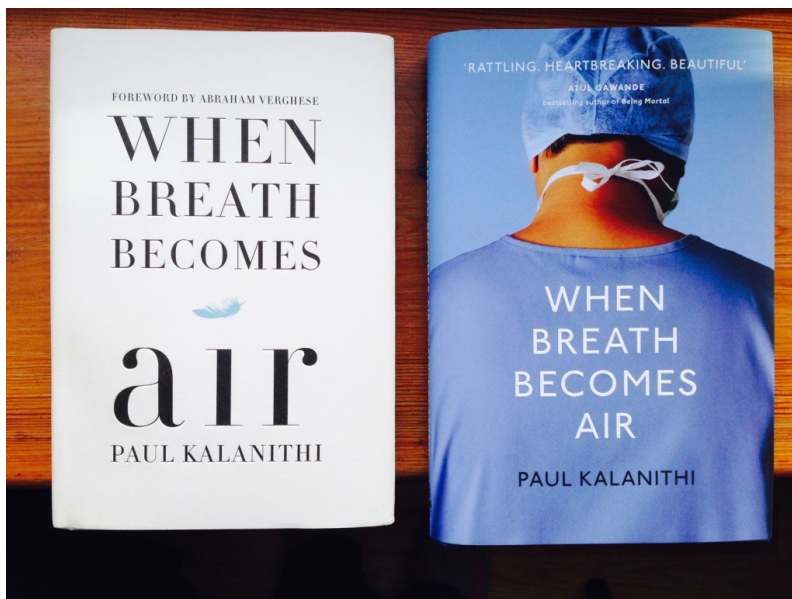
## December 24

*Christmas Eve*  
4:30pm *Family Service*  
7:30pm *Candlelight Service*  
11pm *Candlelight Service*

## December 25

10:00am *Christmas Worship Service*  
*Godly Play*

(\*preaching text)



**Lit Club**  
**Sunday, December 18**  
**7pm in the Logos Lounge**  
**All are welcome!**

## Rediscover the great hope that was born on Christmas!

Join us this Advent Season as we celebrate the scripture and poetry of Advent and Christmas. Each Sunday we will learn different poems, respond, and create our very own works of art. This class is designed for both children and adults. No book required. You can drop in for one Sunday or attend all four. The class runs November 27 through December 18, and will meet in Chapel during the 10am Sunday school hour. Led by Tim Bechtol.



### *Invitation to Envision KAUMC's Future –*

The Administrative Council has approved the creation of a Vision Team to sketch out a vision of this congregation's future that inspires us to rise to the opportunities around us during the next five years. If you are a King Avenue UMC member and interested in serving on the vision team, you are invited to fill out an application and turn it into the church office no later than Sunday, December 12. Service on the Vision Team will be based upon selection by the Administrative Council at its December meeting. The Vision Team application will be available on the welcome desk on Sunday mornings, can be emailed to you by request to one of the pastors, or on the church website.



## King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries News

### December 2016

It's Advent time! Celebrate with your church family! Here's what's happening in December:

Sat, Dec 3 Level	9:30-11:30am	Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal @ Classroom L4 - Children's Hallway, Lower
Sun, Dec 4 Level	9am & 11am 10am	Music Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level
Sat, Dec 10 Level	9:30-11:30am 1:00pm -4pm	Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal @ Classroom L4 - Children's Hallway, Lower ITP Parents' & Caregivers' Lunch Date Out @ KAUMC <i>Grab a lunch and do some holiday shopping or catch a festive afternoon flick with other King Avenue Friends. Drop your little ones (birth - age 4) with our King Ave UMC Childcare Staff and take a few hours to make your list and check it twice. Siblings up to age 9 are welcome. \$10 first child/\$5 additional children. (Proceeds benefit KAUMC CYFM Programming) Registration by Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is required through KidCheck (link available on the ITP FB page Event) or contact Erin Kendall to register. Walk-in care will not be available for this event. Space is limited- register by Dec 7th through KidCheck today!</i>
Sun, Dec 11 Level	9am & 11am 10am 12:30pm 6:00pm	Worship Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level Infant, Toddler & Family Worship @ Fellowship Hall Classroom, Lower Level Youth Service Project: Christmas Shoppe Set-up at NNEMAP Church Family Christmas Caroling @ Ohio Village Westminster Thurber
Sat, Dec 17 Level	9:30-11:30am	Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal @ Classroom L4 - Children's Hallway, Lower
Sun, Dec 18 Level	9am & 11am 10am	Worship Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level
Thu, Dec 22	6-7:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service Rehearsal @ KAUMC Sanctuary
Sat, Dec 24 UMC	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service led by the Children and Youth of King Avenue
Sun, Dec 25	10am	Christmas Day Worship Service *No Worship Connections or Sunday School today

*\*More events and details added to the KACYFM Facebook pages regularly. Check them often.*

**Time for a KidCheck Check!** Take a moment to check your KidCheck info for your kids. Make sure your contact information is up to date, their pictures are current and medical information (i.e. allergies, diet restrictions, etc) is correct. Let Erin Kendall know if you need assistance in creating or updating your KidCheck account.

**Welcoming a little one into your household?** Make sure we know the details of your growing family so we can celebrate with you! King Avenue likes to provide support with family visits by our staff, coordinating Meal Trains and making sure your faith family knows about their new brothers and sisters. Please let Erin Kendall, Rev. Keeny or Rev. Ogle know of additions to your family by calling the church office or sending an email to [erin@kingave.org](mailto:erin@kingave.org).

**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.



## **MISSION: CHRISTMAS** by Shawn Compton

The Missions Ministry Team is gearing up for *Mission: Christmas*, King Avenue's Alternative Giving Experience. This year we are going to focus on four new Mission Opportunities. Our dates for the alternative giving offering are December 4, 11, and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Our plan is simple: We will have special Mission Christmas envelopes printed with opportunities to give to one of the four new KAUMC-mission opportunities. They will be...CASA of Franklin County (CASA of Franklin County's mission is to provide a powerful and consistent voice in court for the innocent child victims of abuse and neglect); CHOICES (For Victims of Domestic Violence); Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone (An Energetic Movement for Justice, Peacemaking, and Renewal of Columbus' Hilltop Community); and Stonewall Columbus Refugee Resettlement Program (For Outreach and Support to the LGBT refugee community).

You will place an amount next to each mission to which you want to contribute and will enclose a check or cash in that amount in the envelope. The envelope will ask you to include your name and e-mail address. The church will provide gift cards for each donation which can be picked up at the Mission Christmas table set up in the milling area of the church after each service. You will be responsible for mailing out the gift cards to the gift recipient.

The Mission Christmas envelopes will be stuffed in Sunday morning bulletins December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Year-End Contributions

As we near the end of the year, many people will want to catch up on their 2016 King Avenue UMC pledge or make additional donations. There are several things to keep in mind if you want your contribution or pledge to be deductible on your 2016 income taxes.

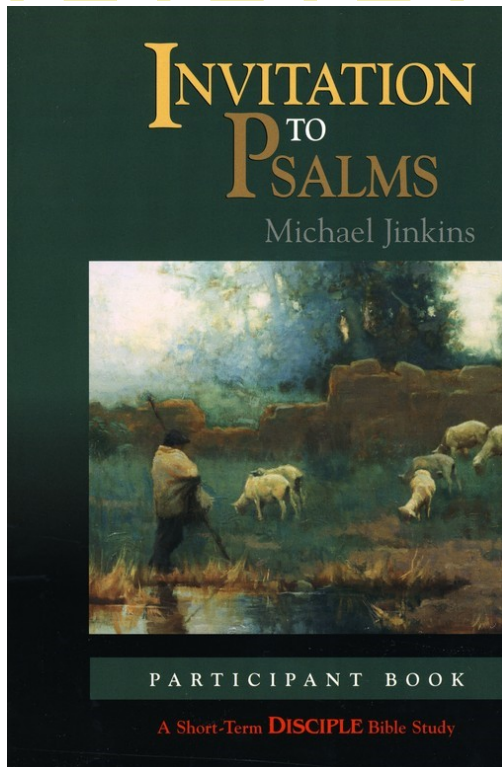
If you are issuing a check or cash donation to the church, the effective date of your contribution is the date that it is hand delivered or mailed. Thus, please make sure that any 2016 contributions are post marked on or before December 31 or hand delivered to the church office no later than 3pm on Thursday, December 29.

If you plan to give via our new online giving feature using a credit or a debit card - <http://www.kingave.org/worship/giving.html> - please ensure the donation is posted to the system no later than 2pm (EST) on Thursday, December 29 to ensure it can be recorded as a 2016 gift (as it takes 24 hours to process). Donations made on Friday and Saturday won't be processed until the next week and will be considered a 2017 gift.

The IRS requires that all pledges or donations collected on the first Sunday in January (whether they are intended for your 2016 or 2017 pledge and regardless of the check date) be reported as 2017 contributions for income tax purposes. There are many tax advantages to transferring appreciated stock to the church. If this is something you are interested in doing, please ask your broker to contact Robert D. Meyers at Wells Fargo, (866) 507-5839. To qualify as a 2017 donation, the stock must be transferred into King Avenue's Wells Fargo account #4197-6905 no later than the close of business on Friday, December 30. Also, please notify Rebecca Naas, [rebecca@kingave.org](mailto:rebecca@kingave.org), or me of your intention so that your giving statement can be properly documented.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diana Sells, Finance Manager, [diana.sells@gmail.com](mailto:diana.sells@gmail.com) or (614) 670-1254.





*Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience---joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow. This class is ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect prayer practice with Scripture. The study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience.*

*John Keeny will lead this 10-week class on the Psalms. The class will begin on Wednesday, January 11 and run through March 22, 7pm, in the chapel. Books will be on sale at the Welcome Desk. For more information and to enroll, contact John at [jkeeney9@hotmail.com](mailto:jkeeney9@hotmail.com).*

## *Congruent*



Felicia DeRosa is a New York-born Californian, continuing her critically acclaimed domestic and international work here in Columbus. Felicia's work is often intimate, playful, and unashamed. In her art, Felicia addresses themes of isolation, stigma and dehumanization. She has a BFA in Illustration from The Academy Art University of San Francisco, and an MFA in Studio Art and Art Education from the Columbus College of Art and Design.

**A sampling of Felicia's new and recent work will be on display in the gallery now, through January 15th.**

## King Avenue Young Adults by Darci Mossbarger

**Sunday, December 4th, 5pm Village Lights** - Come enjoy this hidden treasure of the holiday season. The streets of German Village are lined with hundreds of luminaries. Take a walk with us and enjoy carolers, Christmas lights, and hot cocoa. We will meet at 5pm at the statue of Schiller in Schiller Park. Festive hats, scarves, and attire is encouraged!

**SAVE THE DATE for Tuesday, January 24th** - The Young Adult Group will be hosting their Winter Mixer from 7-9pm. We hope you can join us for an evening of mingling with other young adults who attend King Avenue. We will also be announcing our 2017 ministry opportunities and events. More details coming soon!

### UPDATE ON HABITATE FOR HUMANITY MISSION TEAM

King Avenue is part of the Hilliard Adopt a House, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. The Volunteer in Mission Team from King Avenue has participated in completing one house build in 2015 and the rehabilitation of two houses in 2016. For the first build in 2015 on Genessee, we had 22 King Avenue volunteers for a total of 776 volunteer hours. This year the first rehab on Bellevue we had 13 volunteers for a total of 135.5 volunteer hours. The second rehab on Third Ave we had 12 volunteers for a total of 205 volunteer hours. As you can see, the Volunteers in Mission Team has been busy.!

This past fiscal year King Ave had 9 volunteers with 50 or more hours. I would like to give a shout out to Bob O'Connor with over 150 volunteer hours. Larry Ziniel, Pam Higgins and Trena Brown with over 100 volunteer hours. Deb Greene, Scott Vaughn, Bill and Carol Overmyer with 50 or more volunteer hours. I would also like to give big thank you to the following volunteers who gave of their time to help others in need.. Amber Roboson, Ben Durfee, Jennifer Dorsey, Brenda Matthews, Nancy Vaughn, Erin Vaughn, Allison Lenz, Darci Mossbarger (who coordinated the Saturday lunches for King Ave), Sophie Ruiz, Ben Bolander, Blake Geathers, Barbie Issac and Maureen Dorian. I know I have missed a few Saturday volunteers and I apologize. If you do not see your name let me know so I can update my list.

If you would like to be a part of the King Avenue Team, please let me know. I can be reached through email [trenamo@columbus.rr.com](mailto:trenamo@columbus.rr.com) or phone 740-605-0091. The next build will start in April 2017. Date to be determined.



**SPECTRUM** by Steve Hull**DID YOU KNOW?****SPECTRUM is on Facebook !**

Friend us - Search **King Avenue UMC - SPECTRUM** on Facebook and select Join to stay connected to SPECTRUM and learn of upcoming events and activities.



**A King Avenue Christmas Tradition** - Celebrate the Joy of the Holiday Season with your family and friends by attending one of two performances at King Avenue of the " **Columbus Gay Men's Chorus** as they perform "Joy! Set The Earth Aglow ".

Tickets are \$ 23.90 (\$20.00 +\$3.90 Ticketmaster fees) or \$ 25.00 at the door the day of the performance.

**December 9, 8 p.m. at King Avenue UMC**

**December 10, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. at King Avenue UMC**

If you miss the CGMC's performances at King Avenue you can catch their last performance at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on December 11, 6 p.m.

**BE A SPECTRUM VOLUNTEER** - email Steve Hull at [expect.sh@gmail.com](mailto:expect.sh@gmail.com) to help usher, bake 3-4 dozen cookies or help host

# December Birthdays

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

<b>1st</b>	Vicki Brigham Michelle Holly Tracy Rieger	<b>12th</b>	Dex Burk Kathy Durfee
<b>2nd</b>	Jim Stafa Eleanor Vardaro Karla Woodling	<b>13th</b>	Roy Fish Jess Heidorn Billy Johnson Jr. Trey Mitchell
<b>3rd</b>	Kristen Bucci Ethan Foster Ray Newsom	<b>14th</b>	Ethan Poole Katelyn Summerford Connor Chatfield
<b>4th</b>	Norman Amstutz	<b>15th</b>	Theo Staron Mattison Cole
<b>5th</b>	Christopher Cooper Giavonna Jennings Andrew Kearns	<b>16th</b>	Patty Lamb
<b>6th</b>	Geoff Fairchild Chuck Long Sophia Spanoudis	<b>17th</b>	Tricia Barhorst Becky Keller
<b>7th</b>	Greg Woods	<b>18th</b>	Larry Maish
<b>8th</b>	Lindsay O'Connor	<b>19th</b>	Trecia Holdren Steve Hull
<b>9th</b>	Julie Hazelbaker Miguel Hill-Freeman Randy May Erin Vaughan	<b>22nd</b>	Andy Poole Sue Swenor
<b>11th</b>	Lori Abshire Elisa Bucci	<b>23rd</b>	Sam Bass Joseph Mosier Lyons
<b>12th</b>	Andrew Burk	<b>24th</b>	Sophie Gallutia Katie Shelley Ada Wilcox

# December Birthdays

(continued)

- 25th** Baby Jesus  
Nicole Lopez  
Marlene Wagonrod
- 26th** Cindy Baitt
- 27th** Tyler Burnett  
Keesha Mitchell  
Lynda Robison  
Kasey Wasson
- 30th** Robyn Christy Parris  
Cean Wilson



**The church office will be closed on**

- Friday, December 23
- Monday, December 26
- Friday December 30
- Monday, January 2.



**Thank you for your support  
of the Fair Trade Coffee  
& Chocolate Sales!**

**This is a mission of King Avenue Church  
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**On sale the 2nd Sunday of each month between/after  
services in the Milling Area and/or Fellowship Hall.**



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**Mission Statement**

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

**Worship Services**

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

<u>Senior Pastor</u>	Rev. John Keeny
<u>Associate Pastor</u>	Rev. Colleen Ogle
<u>Pastor Emeritus</u>	Dr. Leonard Confar
<u>Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries</u>	Erin Kendall
<u>Children and Youth Education Coordinator</u>	Gwendolyn DeRosa
<u>Director of Campus Ministry</u>	Chris Cassidy
<u>Director of Music</u>	Chris McManus
<u>Organist</u>	Andrew Willis
<u>Carillonneur</u>	Jeffrey Wyckoff
<u>Office Manager</u>	Amy Ashburn
<u>Building Manager</u>	Bill Meadows
<u>Finance Manager</u>	Diana Sells
<u>Stewardship Secretary</u>	Rebecca Naas
<u>Director of Online Communications</u>	Rhonda Luetje
<u>Sunday Hospitality Coordinator</u>	Marlene Wagonrod