

**King Avenue Players Presents the Tony Award Winning
THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO by Alfred Uhry**



PERFORMANCES:
March 23 at 7:30pm
March 24 at 7:30pm
March 25 at 7:30pm
March 25 at 3:00pm

ABOUT THE SHOW:

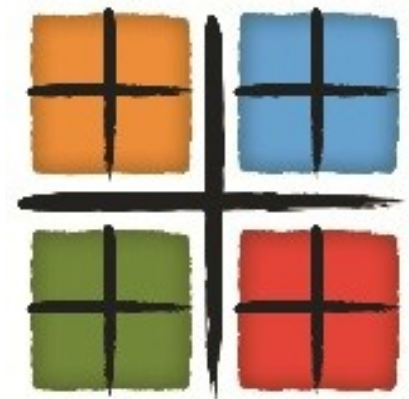
THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO takes place in Atlanta, Georgia, in December of 1939. *Gone with the Wind* is having its world premiere, and Hitler is invading Poland, but Atlanta's elitist German Jews are much more concerned with who is going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. As preparations are being made for this lavish event, an unexpected visitor arrives to cause the Freitag family to re-examine their Jewish beliefs and the identities that they have come to accept as their own.

All performances take place at King Avenue UMC. Childcare will be available during the Friday and Sunday performances.

Admission is free, but a \$10 donation is encouraged.

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March Preaching Schedule

March 1

Ash Wednesday
Communion
Colleen Ogle
Psalm 69:16-21
John 19:23-29

March 5

First Sunday in Lent
Communion
John Keeny
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12

Second Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Begins
John Keeny
Isaiah 9:1-4
Matthew 4:12-23

March 19

Third Sunday in Lent
~~At New Life UMC~~
Colleen Ogle
Matthew 14:22-32

March 26

~~Good Friday~~
One Great Hour of Sharing
John Keeny
Psalm 15, I
Corinthians 1:18-31



March Special Offering

**UMCOR SUNDAY
(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)**



**TOGETHER, WE REACH
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
EXPERIENCED DEVASTATION
IN THE WAKE OF DISASTER.**

Cuisine For A Cause

The ninth annual Cuisine For A Cause is coming up! This year's event is on April 7 beginning at 6:00 PM at [Strongwater Food & Spirits](#) in East Franklinton. The event committee has been working hard to make this the best event so far, and we've decided to make this year's celebration less formal. There will be no program or live auction this year. Instead, you'll have the opportunity to spend your time in the best possible way – enjoying the company of your church family and raising money for a very important mission. Profits from Cuisine For A Cause benefit the House of Mercy orphanage (Casa de Misericordia) in the Mexican border town of Piedras Negras.

Casa de Misericordia has provided short- and long-term relief for over 300 children who were abused, abandoned or neglected at home. King Ave UMC has been a mission partner with the orphanage since 2007 and sends mission teams to Piedras Negras each year. Cuisine For A Cause is the biggest money-raising event for the orphanage, which unfortunately finds itself chronically short of funds. So plan to come, enjoy yourself and give until it feels good!



Look for your invitations in the mail; they'll arrive in a festive orange envelope. You can register by mail, online (<http://www.kingave.org/missions/cuisine-for-a-cause.html>) or before or after worship on Sundays beginning March 19. Tickets are \$75 per person. There will be hearty appetizers and a cash bar.

The majority of the money we raise comes from the silent auction and we couldn't do this without your contributions. Please consider donating an item or a service – timeshare certificates, tickets to concerts or sporting events, and other unique items are always big draws. If you have an item or service you'd like to donate to the auction, or if you would be able to volunteer some of your time to help the evening of the event, please contact the organizing committee at cuisineforacause@kingave.org.

Faith Formation

Lenten Neighborhood Groups

Get together with neighbors who attend King Avenue during Lent to discuss the sermon series on *Transformation* and encourage each other in courageous living as authentic people of faith. The sermons will use the principles of the book Daring Greatly: How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead by Dr. Brene Brown as a lens to look at risks the followers of Jesus took that transformed their lives. Neighborhood Groups will each have a facilitator to lead a discussion based on the previous Sunday's message. Participants may choose to enhance their study by reading along with the book but it is not necessary.

Sessions will meet starting the week of March 5 and will continue weekly through the week of April 16. Information about the day, time, and location of each neighborhood group will be available from your neighborhood group leader.



The Courage to Live a Life that Matters King Avenue's 2nd Annual Leadership Day

At any minute of any day, any one of us can be called upon to act with courage--at home, work, school, and, even, church.

The Faith Formation Committee invites you to an interactive workshop exploring personal experiences and values you can draw upon to act courageously in daily living.

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Time: 10 am until 12 noon

Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP: colleen@kingave.org

To prompt conversations, please take a 15-minute online survey and bring the results with you on Saturday. Here's the link:

<http://www.viacharacter.org/www/Character-Strengths-Survey>

Faith Formation (continued)

"A Candid Conversation with Three Bishops"

Sunday, March 5 and 12, 10am, Chapel

John Keeny will present the DVD of the December interview he had with retired United Methodist bishops, Joseph Yeakel, Judith Craig, and Joseph Sprague.

This candid conversation addressed the Discipline, inclusion, schism, sexual orientation, and the future of the denomination.



UMW

United Methodist Women are collecting rummage for their spring sale which will be held May 12, and 13. Rummage is accepted on Wednesday evening and after both services on Sunday. Please do not leave rummage anywhere in the church except Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generous donations.

Sunday, March 12, at noon, UMW will serve a light lunch and welcome a conversational program featuring Cean Wilson and Ethel Johnson. Ethel is a living, primary source among us...SHE WAS THERE! On the front lines of civil rights changes in our society. She lived in Brooklyn, not far from Dodgers' stadium...in local restaurants, it was, "Hi, Ethel"... "Hi, Jackie (Robinson)." She was there when Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod talked about civil rights for blacks and women! She had encounters with Dick Gregory and Shirley Chisholm, too.

In the afterglow of Barack Obama's historic presidency, this program will provide personal insight into the Methodist contributions and the United Methodist Church commitment to equality and justice in our nation. Galatians 3:23-29

All are invited to attend



Immigration Class

Sundays, March 19-April 9, 10am, in the Chapel

This course led by John Keeny will include speaker from Community Refugee and Immigration Service (CRIS), videos, a refugee witness, Bible study of immigration and refugees, current events and next steps for King Avenue involvement. Please be collecting articles on immigration and immigration NOW.

King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries News

March 2017

Getting ready for Lent at King Avenue in March:

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| Sun, Mar 5 | 9am & 11am | Music Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | 10am | Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | 12pm | Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level
Acolyte Luncheon & Meeting @ Fellowship Hall, Lower Level |
| <i>If you are a current acolyte or in grade 4-12 and interested in joining the Acolyte Team, please join us for a luncheon and group meeting for all current and potential participants in King Avenue's Acolyte ministry and their families. Please RSVP with total number attending from your family to Erin Kendall by Feb 26th via email at erin@kingave.org or in person.</i> | | |
| Fri, Mar 10 | 6pm | Youth Friday Fun Night @ the Movies! @ Location TBD
<i>We're planning to see "Hidden Figures" at a local theatre and enjoy ice cream to finish the night. Watch the King Avenue UMC Youth Ministries Facebook page for details!</i> |
| Sun, Mar 12 | 9am & 11am | Worship Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | 10am | Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | | Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level |
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King Avenue Kids Warm Hearts Project @ Classrooms L4 & L5- Children's Hallway, Lower Level
<i>Join your friends and King Avenue family for lunch and an opportunity to create "blessings bags" for the homeless in our communities. RSVP by Sunday, March 12th if your family will attend to the King Avenue UMC Children's Ministries Facebook Page or to Erin Kendall.</i> |
| | 12pm | King Avenue Youth Service Project @ Classroom L3- Children's Hallway, Lower Level
<i>King Avenue Youth will be helping to prepare for Eggstravaganza 2017 with this afternoon of service and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Please let Erin know by Sunday, March 12th if you are able to attend.</i> |
| Fri, Mar 24 | 6:00-8:30pm | Parents & Caregivers Evening Out @ King Avenue UMC, Nursery
<i>Drop your little ones (birth - age 4) with our King Ave UMC Childcare Staff and enjoy some time with your significant other or some KAUMC friends! Siblings up to age 9 are welcome. \$10 first child/\$5 additional children. (Proceeds benefit KAUMC CYFM Programming and Camp Scholarships) Registration by Wednesday, March 22nd is required through KidCheck- go to the King Avenue UMC ITP Facebook Page for registration link or see Erin Kendall to register. Walk-in care will not be available for this event. Space is limited- register by March 22nd!</i> |
| Sun, Mar 26 | 9am & 11am | Worship Connections @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | 10am | Godly Play Sunday School @ Classrooms L4 & L5 - Children's Hallway, Lower Level |
| | | Youth Sunday School @ Donnenwirth Lounge, Upper Level |

KACYFM News (continued)

Events, information and resources are added to the King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries group of Facebook pages regularly. Check them often! If you are not yet a member of the Facebook group that applies to your family- join today:

[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)

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.

Looking for a few good men (literally)! Our King Avenue youth fellowship has grown and we're doing lots of fun stuff! We are seeking a few King Avenue men to volunteer as adult chaperones for various events and trips. Must enjoy youth ages 12-18, be at least 24 years of age, complete Safe Sanctuary training and a background check. If you are interested, please contact Erin Kendall at erin@kingave.org, by phone at 614.937.4211 or in person on Sundays.

Part-Time Childcare Positions available in King Avenue UMC Nursery. The childcare staff is looking to grow by 2-3 team members by the end of April 2017. Must be able to work 8:45am-12:15pm on Sundays and various week-day evening and/or weekend shifts, as needed. Must be 18 years of age, complete Safe Sanctuary training and a background check. Competitive wages with a guaranteed bonus baby snuggles, toddler giggles and a great team of caring people to work with. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact Erin Kendall at erin@kingave.org, by phone at 614.937.4211 or in person on Sundays.



Mark your Calendars for April:

Sat, Apr 8	Eggstravaganza 2017 @ King Avenue UMC
Sun, Apr 9	Palm Sunday- King Avenue Kids are invited to help pass out palm branches at 11am worship
Fri, Apr 14	Good Friday- King Avenue Youth and Kingsgate Ministries will provide a worship experience in observance of Good Friday
Sun, Apr 16	Easter Sunday - No Sunday School
Sun, Apr 23	King Avenue Kids will sing at 11am worship King Avenue Youth Trial of Jesus

NNEMAP by Anne Nelson

The number of people eligible for emergency food assistance from Ohio food banks grew at a faster rate in the Columbus metro area than any other metro area in the state since 2009, from 487,645 in 2009 to 600,267 last year, a jump of 23 percent. The number of eligible people rose by 11 percent in Cincinnati over that same time period, and 8 percent in Cleveland.

Hunger continues to be a growing problem in central Ohio, despite a low regional unemployment rate. In October, the Franklin County unemployment rate was 3.9 percent. People are working, but many at jobs that don't pay a sustainable wage. Underemployed parents make sure there's a roof over their family's heads. Food is often the last thing in their budgets. More households are doubling up to reduce overall housing costs.

The threshold to be eligible for food-bank assistance is an annual wage of \$23,760 for a single person and \$48,600 for a family of four. Some believe people who visit food banks are lazy and abuse the system. That's not the case. The food we supply from King Avenue UMC helps to feed the 23% of food insecure here in Columbus. We are always in need of flour and sugar, diapers and toiletries. Your dollars buy 8 times the volume at Mid-Ohio Food Bank compared to buying at grocery stores! Leave your donations in the NNEMAP grocery cart or the box in the first-floor hall going to the fire escape. Thank you, King Ave for your generosity!

NNEMAP is hiring an additional part-time

NEW LIFE UMC by Bill Albright

Volunteers are needed to sort and hang clothing that is delivered to the church. Others are needed to volunteer in the clothing room with assisting the neighbors with their selections and to check them with their items at the desk. A few volunteers are also needed to work the registration table. The clothing ministry serves several hundred people a month.

Volunteers are need for either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Please contact Bill Albright with any questions. Thanks for considering volunteering in New Life's clothing ministry.

volunteer!

donate!

Make a difference!

King Avenue Young Adults by Darci Mossbarger

Friday, March 10th Chili & Games

We will gather in the King Ave parlor at 6:30pm to enjoy some chili and play board games! Please bring a dessert, side or favorite board/card game to share. We hope you are excited to display your board game skills. :)

Thursday, March 16th Open Shelter Lunch Packing

If you are available from 6-6:45pm, please consider coming to the Church to assist in making 200 lunches for the Open Shelter. We will begin promptly at 6pm putting the sack lunches together in the kitchen (located in the Church basement). Open Shelter Lunch Packing happens on the Thursday before the third Friday of each month. This is a great way to meet new people at King Ave while helping to make a difference in our community.

Friday, March 24th Ushering at "The Last Night of Ballyhoo"

Save the date to help us usher at this performance presented by the King Avenue Players. As we get closer to the event we will send out the time to arrive at the church to usher.

Sunday, March 26th Shoes for Shalom

The fourth Sunday of every month we will be collecting gently used shoes before and after each church service to donate to The Shalom Zone's Teen Club. The Shalom Zone is a nonprofit organization that works in the Greater Hilltop Area. They have a Free Store for their teens to shop for clothes and shoes for school and interviews. All sizes and styles of shoes are greatly appreciated and we hope you can participate in our efforts to provide Shoes for Shalom!

Spectrum by Steve Hull

Join SPECTRUM for our "first annual" Board Game Night (euchre too!) on Friday March 3 in the church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring a sweet or salty snack and we will provide soft drinks



Its time to rally around the King Avenue SPECTRUM AIDSWalk Central Ohio Team 2017 under the leadership of Jonathan Zornes. Last year the SPECTRUM Team raised nearly \$ 6,000.00 which join the effort to test thousands of individuals for HIV and other STD's, provide life-saving medical care and comprehensive services to those living with HIV, provide outreach services and offer effective, cutting edge strategies such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).



To donate to the SPECTRUM Team go to AIDSWalk Ohio.com, search Ohio, Individual, Jonathan Zornes, Team, SPECTRUM then hit GO!

Holy Week at King Avenue

Palm Sunday

April 9

Morning Blend at 9am and Traditional Worship at 11am

Maundy Thursday

April 13 at 7pm

Communion

Good Friday

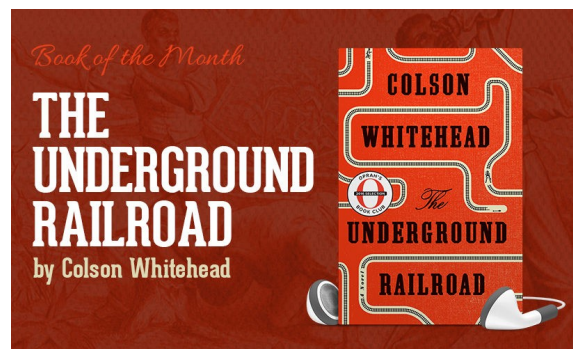
April 14 at 7pm

Easter

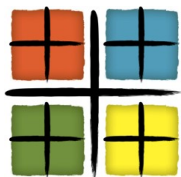
April 16

Morning Blend at 9am and Traditional Worship at 11am

Lit Club
March 26, 7:00pm
in the Logos Lounge
All are welcome!



Spectrum-Sponsored
All Church Lunch
Sunday, March 26
at noon in the Fellowship Hall



King Avenue United Methodist Church

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