



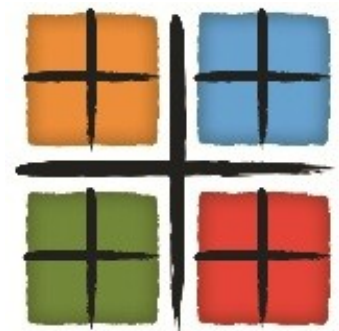
King Avenue Chancel Choir,
Bell Choir & Brass
present

An Advent Service of
Lessons and Carols
featuring Gloria
by John Rutter

Sunday, December 16
11 AM Service

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December Preaching Schedule

December 2

Communion
1st Sunday of Advent
 John Keeny
 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10*

December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent
 9am Morning Blend
 John Keeny
 Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6*
 11am *Lessons and Carols*

December 24

Christmas Eve
 4:30pm Family Service
 7:30pm Candlelight Service
 11pm Candlelight Service
 John Keeny
 Isaiah 9
 Luke 2

December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent
 Colleen Ogle
 Malachi 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79*

December 23

4th Sunday of Advent
 John Keeny
 Micah 5:2-5a
 Luke 1:39-45*

December 30

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 Colleen Ogle
 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
 Luke 2:41-52

King Ave Players
announces auditions for:

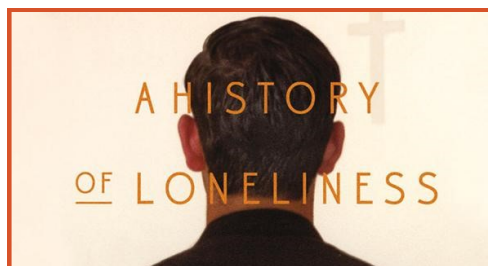
DOUBT

by John Patrick Shanley

January 27 at 6:30pm

January 28 at 6:30pm

For more information, visit
KingAvePlayers.org



LIT CLUB

A History of Loneliness

by John Boyne

Sunday, December 30

7pm in the Logos Lounge

All are welcome!

NNEMAP is again sponsoring a Christmas Shoppe. This year we will distribute unwrapped gifts at a local church near NNEMAP. Linden Life Fellowship at 877 E. 11th Ave. Please bring gifts to church on either Sunday, December 2nd or Sunday, December 9th.



Gifts can also be delivered any morning between Monday, December 3rd through 7th at NNEMAP, 677 E. 11th Ave., or the next week any morning from Monday, December 10th through Friday, December 14th at Linden Life Fellowship (address above). Cash donations are also accepted for our volunteers to purchase gifts. We will give gifts to over 700 children. Thanks for your support.

SAVE THE DATE!
 Friday, April 5th • 6:00pm
 Strongwater Food and Spirits
 CATERING BY LINDEY'S • SILENT AUCTION •
 CASH BAR • FRIENDS & FUN!
 Benefits Casa de Misericordia

KING AVENUE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our Fall Rummage Sale was a huge success! Thanks to all who donated, baked, cooked, sorted, set up and tore down. Gross sales totaled over \$11,000.

On November 7, UMW members met to disperse the funds from both sales which amounted to \$22,000. We donated to 21 different missions including:

LOCAL MISSIONS - Community Development 4 All People, CHOICES, UMCH Family Services, New Life Community Outreach, the State ID Program run by Stone Village Church, and Huckleberry House

NATIONAL MISSIONS – Red Bird Mission, and Henderson Settlement

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS – International Childcare-Haiti, Jalingo Orphanage-Nigeria, and Aleluya Ministries of Hope in Mexico.

The items left over from the sales were distributed to New Life Community Outreach Mens Free Store, Community Development 4 All People, Dress for Success, Out of the Closet, and Goodwill Industries.



FAITH FORMATION

Start the new year off right!

Register now for a meaningful eight week session on "The Way of Forgiveness."

Throughout the weekly small group, we'll explore a movement from guilt, shame and anger to forgiveness and reconciliation.

The class will help us understand Christ's call to live a forgiven

and forgiving life. Even if you've felt that you cannot forgive, the information and discussion will show you there is a way.



We'll meet Wednesdays at 7 beginning January, 9th. Registration and book purchase will be available online starting December 1.



Discovering the Nativity

Every year the story of Jesus' birth becomes tangible by way of the Nativity sets we place throughout our churches and homes. Join Reverend Peggy Garrison as she uses the magic of nativity sets from around the world to help us experience the birth of Christ.

Sunday December 16 at 10am in the Chapel.



Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord by singing some of your favorite Advent and Christmas hymns. Learn fun carol facts and histories too. Robin Shockney and Beth Aiello will be your choirmistresses. Ages 11 and up.

Sundays December 9 and 23.
10 am in the Chapel

SPECTRUM

SPECTRUM Hosts

"Joy, Live Loud, Live Proud"!



Join us on December 7 & 8 for this King Avenue and The Columbus Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Tradition. Performances are on Friday, December 7, at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, at 2 and 8 p.m. Help us host this event by volunteering to bake 3-4 dozen cookies or host refreshments or usher by emailing Steve at expect.sh@gmail.com.



SPECTRUM Announces New Leadership!

While not new to the SPECTRUM Council, Laura Matthews, will Chair the SPECTRUM Committee's work as of January 1, 2019. Laura has served on the committee for the past two years and is well poised to provide SPECTRUM the leadership necessary to support the King Avenue family.

Others on the SPECTRUM Council are Laura Brake (returning), John Keeny (returning) and new members Nicole Hoying, Kyle Morrison, Karen Stowe, Gina Minot, and Patrick Frueh. Congratulations to all and my sincere thanks for continuing and enhancing the mission and ministry of the SPECTRUM Council.

As we welcome new and continuing members of SPECTRUM Council we owe a huge THANK YOU and debt of gratitude to those members who have completed their service. A special heart felt appreciation to Susan Taylor, Dan Bidelspace and Andrew Littlefield for countless hours of dedication to SPECTRUM'S mission in service to our King Avenue Family. AND an extremely heartfelt goes out to Steve Hull for his excellent leadership!

In a final note toward transition, It is important to show appreciation to a few very special individuals who have been instrumental to the successes of SPECTRUM Council activities. Thank you Amy Ashburn, Marlene Wagonrod, Rhonda Luetje, Susan Keeny and Lynn Kirch for your many personal and professional acts of kindness in support of SPECTRUM.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Parent's Evening Out ^[SEP]

Friday, November 16 from 6-8:30pm

Friday, December 14 from 6-8:30pm

Family Advent Bag & *ChirstMission*

^[SEP]Stop by the Children & Youth Faith Formation Table on ^[SEP]Sunday, November 25 to pick up your Family Advent Bag filled with devotions and activities for your family to celebrate Advent together in your home. Also, visit the *ChirstMission* Tree in the Children's Hallway (Lower Level) to pick up your tag for this year's Advent Family Mission Project. Our mission project will benefit the YWCA Family Center.

Christmas Eve Service Rehearsals

Saturdays, December 8, 15, 22 from 10-11:30am

Sunday, December 23 at 4pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Youth Service Project

NNEMAP Christmas Shoppe Set-Up

Sunday, December 9 from 2pm-4pm

All-Church Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16 at 12:30pm



Family Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24 at 4pm

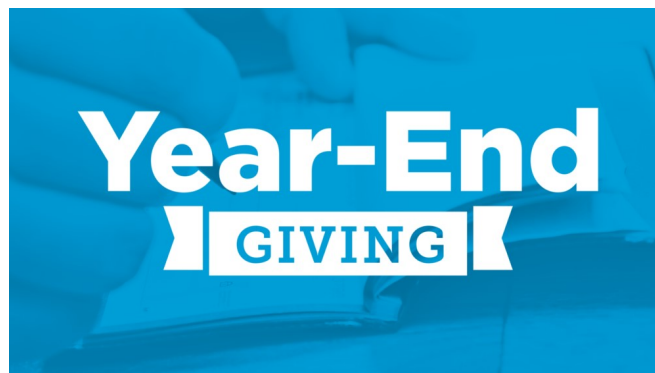
Kids sing in worship

Sunday, December 30 at 9 & 11am

YEAR - END CONTRIBUTIONS

As we near the end of the year, many people will want to catch up on their 2018 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 2018 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 2018 contributions are post marked on or before December 31st or hand delivered to the church office no later than 3pm on Monday, December 31st.



If you plan to give via using our website or Realm by a credit or a debit card, please ensure the donation is posted to the system no later than 3pm (EST) on Friday, December 28 to ensure it can be recorded as a 2018 gift (as it takes 24 hours to process).

The IRS requires that all pledges or donations collected on the first Sunday in January (whether they are intended for your 2018 or 2019 pledge and regardless of the check date) be reported as 2019 contributions for income tax purposes.

Second, 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 Schwab 614-442-6787. To qualify as a 2018 donation, the stock must be transferred into King Avenue's Schwab account no later than the close of business on Friday, December 28. Also, please notify Charlene Dubin, charlene@kingave.org or me of your intention so that your giving statement can be properly documented.

**The church office
will be closed on**

Tuesday, December 25

Wednesday, December 26

Tuesday, January 1.

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

This is a mission of King Avenue Church
that supports just wages for laborers.

On sale the 2nd Sunday of each month between/after services
in the Milling Area and/or Fellowship Hall.



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

Sunday School

10am Godly Play (Ages 4-Grade 5)

10am Youth Sunday School (Grade 6-12)

10am Adult Sunday School



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

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Associate Pastor
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*Please note Patricia (Pat) Snyder is Interim Finance Manager while the search continues for a permanent placement. Her e-mail address is pat@kingave.org.