

## King Avenue Response to General Conference

Be assured that King Avenue will remain the joyful, grace-filled church it has always been. Other than expanding our ministries, nothing will change. We are NOT moving or leaving our building. We will continue to be sanctuary that is fully welcoming and inclusive, including the celebration of same-gender marriages.

In response to the tragic actions of General Conference, King Avenue has taken to specific steps relating to our present and future.

### ACTION BY THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

*King Avenue UMC's vision, which states in part that we "lead reconciling ministries," and the decisions of the 2019 General Conference leave our congregation missionally mis-aligned with our current and, probably, future denominational policy and structure. At its March 12 meeting the Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to create an ad hoc subcommittee, **Alternative ConnecTional Structure (ACTS)**, to investigate emerging options to affiliate King Avenue Church with a Methodist judicatory of a compatible missional alignment. Plans and possibilities for new structural expressions of Methodism are being discussed by a variety of groups and individuals throughout United Methodism. ACTS will help King Avenue Church move past the rumors and opinions of social media and become well informed as to what is actually serious, viable, and theologically sound.*

*To that end the subcommittee will identify groups that are conceptualizing and organizing an alternate denominational structure, will clarify and communicate our interest, will research what is being developed, and will keep the congregation appropriately informed about progress and options. The subcommittee's goal will be to recommend an affiliation that will be best for our congregation and mission. ACTS will work prudently and report as needed to Ad Council and the congregation on its learning. From this work King Avenue will gain a clearer picture on how to proceed.*

*Members of the subcommittee are Rev. Cean Wilson, Janet Blocher, Linda Guyton, Andy Shockney, Pam Springer, Rhonda Luetje, Tim Bechtol, John Keeny and Colleen Ogle.*

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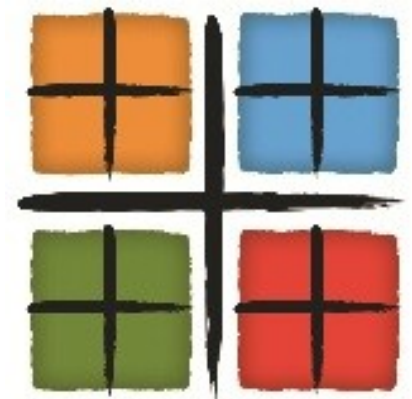
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Spring Cantata featuring the beautiful voices of the King Avenue Choir!**

**May 19  
11am**



## April Preaching Schedule

### April 7

Communion  
John Keeny  
Luke 18:9-14  
Romans 7:21-25\*

### April 14

Palm Sunday  
Colleen Ogle  
Luke 19:28-40\*

### April 18

Maundy Thursday  
Colleen Ogle  
Matthew 26:17-46\*

### April 19

Good Friday  
King Avenue Players  
John 18:1-19:42\*

### April 21

Easter  
John Keeny  
Acts 10:34-43  
Luke 24:1-12\*

### April 28

Jeff Furry  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

\* Preaching Text

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### ACTION BY THE PASTORS

*Effective March 5, we shall direct the King Avenue Church finance office to place all of our monthly apportionment payments in an escrow account until such time as the Administrative Council, with the advice of the Finance Committee, will determine which apportionments are appropriate to pay. This action will be in effect until King Avenue Church determines its future relationship with the United Methodist denomination. This action is in response to the tragic actions of the recent General Conference. It is taken neither rashly nor lightly. We are not rash persons. Further it is in accord with Wesley's Three Simple Rules. "Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God." We know that you shall continue to follow these rules and also hold the United Methodist denomination and King Avenue Church in your prayers.*

## Holy Week at King Avenue

### Maundy Thursday Worship In the Garden: Taizé Music, Communion, and Prayer

Thursday, April 18 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary you are invited to observe Holy Thursday by worship "In the Garden" and in prayer with Christ.

On the last night of Jesus' life, he shared a Passover meal with his disciples. Then he went into the Garden of Gethsemane with Peter, James, and John where he faced the reality of his upcoming suffering and the temptation to flee from it. He asked the disciples if they would stay awake with him and join their prayers with his. Prayer stations created by the laity of King Avenue will draw us into praying for the healing and transformation of the world Christ died to save. Your prayers and presence are needed.

### Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil Disciples Needed

We will be praying for the church and for the healing and transformation of the world that Christ came to save during a **Maundy Thursday vigil of prayer from Thursday, April 18 at 9 pm through Friday, April 19 at 7 pm** (when Good Friday worship begins.) *The prayer vigil will be held in the Chapel.* Persons are invited to sign-up in increments of 30 minutes. There will be prayer materials and a worship space for the vigil in the Chapel. Sign-ups will be available on Sunday mornings and online. The Holy Spirit works in and through prayer. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...be alert and always keep praying" Ephesians 6:18.

### Holy Week Worship--Good Friday

Good Friday worship will take the form of a Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness." Tenebrae worship is based on a twelfth century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ, as found in the Gospel of St. John. As the sanctuary becomes progressively darker, the scriptural story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion unfold allowing worshipers to wonder anew at the wondrous passion Christ has to redeem the world.

**Holy Week at King Avenue**

**Palm Sunday**  
April 14  
9am and 11am

**Holy Thursday**  
April 18  
7pm

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
April 19  
8pm

**Easter**  
April 21  
9am and 11am

# Children, Youth & Family Ministry



## April 2019

### Sunday Mornings at King Avenue – There’s SOMETHING for YOU!

**Don't Miss It: Stay Connected!**  
Request to join our REALM & Facebook Groups that match your family and interests!  
Facebook: Birth—Age 3 [King Avenue UMC ITP](#)  
Age 4 - Grade 5 [King Avenue UMC Children's Ministries](#)  
Grade 6-12 [King Avenue UMC Youth Ministries](#)

**Have a question?**

**Need more info? Ask us!**



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- ◆ Godly Play & Youth Sunday School
- ◆ Worship Connections
- ◆ Discipleship Mentor Program
- ◆ Confirmation
- ◆ Children's Moments
- ◆ Volunteering as a Teacher or Assistant Teacher for Worship Connections, Godly Play & Sunday School



**Erin Kendall**  
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- ◆ Infant & Toddler Ministries
- ◆ Family Social Connections
- ◆ Children & Youth Service Projects
- ◆ Children, Youth & Family Fellowship
- ◆ Worship Participation (Children's Music & Acolytting)
- ◆ VBS & Camping Ministry
- ◆ Family Christmas Eve Service
- ◆ Meal Train Ministry
- ◆ Worship & Church Event Nursery Services

- 9am **Morning Blend Worship - Fellowship Hall**  
**Worship Connections (Age 4 - Grade 3)**
- 10am **Sunday School**  
*Sr. High (Grades 9-12) - Donnenwirth Lounge*  
*Middle School/Jr. High (Grades 6-8) - Fellowship Hall Classroom*  
*Godly Play (Grades 2-5) - Big Classroom in Children's Hallway*  
*Godly Play (Ages 4- Grade 1) - Small Classroom in Children's Hallway*  
*Real People Real Parenting Small Group - Fireside Room*
- 11am **Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**Worship Connections (Age 4 - Grade 3)**

**Real People Real Parenting** 

**This Month's Topic Schedule**

**Apr 7:** The "REFLECT & RELATE" Series: What Did Jesus Do?

**Apr 14:** The "REFLECT & RELATE" Series: How Can I Know God?

**Apr 21:** No Sunday School or RPRP Small Group – HAPPY EASTER!

**Apr 28:** The "REFLECT & RELATE" Series: The Resurrection- Part 1

*Discussion Materials are provided weekly.*  
*No prep ahead. Just drop in! All are welcome!*

*Through Apr 28 As We Are Created, We Create:*  
*Art by King Avenue Children & Youth in King Avenue Gallery*

- Sun, Apr 7** 4-6pm Youth Group
- Fri, Apr 12** 6:30-9:30pm Youth Friday Fun Night
- Sat, Apr 13** 10am-12pm Eggstravaganza Easter Party
- Sun, Apr 14 Palm Sunday- Kids pass out palm branches in worship**
- Sun, Apr 21 Easter- no Sunday School**
- Fri, Apr 26** 6-8:30pm Parents' Evening Out
- Sun, Apr 28** 12-1pm West Ohio Camps Informational Lunch
- Sun, May 5** 12-2:30pm Youth Group (Lunch & Set-up Rummage Sale)
- Fri, May 10** 6-8:30pm Parents' Evening Out
- Sun, May 12** 9am & 11am Confirmation Sunday/Youth Sunday
- Fri, May 17** 6:30-9:30pm Youth Friday Fun Night
- Sun, May 26** 9am & 11am High School Graduation  
Recognition Sunday  
9am & 11am Last Day of Sunday School & Worship Connections before Summer Break

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2019:**  
**A Holy Week and Easter Celebration**  
**Saturday, April 13 @ 10am**  
**King Avenue Church - Fellowship Hall**


*Come join in a festive celebration with Holy Week and Easter Activities, Games and an Easter Egg Hunt with a King Avenue twist!*

*Open to all King Avenue Families and Friends ages 4-Grade 5.*  
*This is a family event and participation with your children is required.*

**Do you have a High School Student graduating this year?**

If so, please be sure to let Erin or Pastor Colleen know so we can celebrate them during worship on Sunday, May 26th!



 **New this spring/summer!** King Avenue Children, Youth and Family Ministries will have a flowerbed outside of the church to care for and make our own! It will be a family affair – we'll all pitch in and plant flowers, weed the beds, feed the bees, water the birds, paint rocks and keep it looking great! Watch for more information in the coming weeks if your family is interested in participating in this fun service project in our own "backyard!"

## Lit Club



*in the Logos*



## Young Adults + Grad Students

### Young Adults Join Graduate Students for Second Sunday April Brunch

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, KAUMC Young Adults and Graduate Students are invited to a combined brunch with food provided by chefs Lynn Kirch and Tessa Carrel. No need to bring a dish but you are welcome to come and bring a friend. Brunch will be served in the Parlor.

### Young Adults Happy Hour

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Happy Hour at Press Pub on 5th Avenue in Grandview from 5:30 to 7:30 - we are looking forward to catching up with everyone as we head into Spring!

## Retiree Ministry

### Retired or Semi-Retired?

#### Want to Connect with Others in our Church?

What would you like to do in the daytime with fellow retirees or semi-retirees from King Avenue? We will be looking for your responses on Wednesday, April 3, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the church. The session will feature devotions from Rev. Grayson Atha, fellowship lunch and more, including opportunities for you to share your hopes and ideas for what the Retirees Ministry can be and become.

On the first Wednesday in May, May 1, we will have a fellowship meeting of retirees/semi-retirees at 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in the parlor. There will be a choice of fun activities: card making with Kurt, wood-working/assemblage of toys for children in

need and board/card games. Lunch will be served.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one or both of these gatherings!

RSVP for one or both of these gatherings by emailing the church office at amy@kingave.org or by calling Colleen Ogle at (614) 424-6050, ext. 101.

We want to include and invite you. Please let us know if you want your name and contact information in the Directory we will use to get in touch with retired or semi-retired individuals. If you have not heard from us by phone, please call the church office and make sure you are put in the Directory.

## Spectrum

### SPECTRUM News for April 2019

Hello, you amazing children of God! Your SPECTRUM team sends you the happiest Easter tidings. One of the biggest events of the year in Central Ohio, AIDS Walk Ohio, is on April 13. As of this writing, King Avenue's team is among the top 5 earners in the event, but we hear that Broad Street UMC has been rumbling that THEY can earn more! Are you just going to take that, or are you going to show them who the more FABULOUS church really is? Our team of walkers, including Rev. Keeny, Jonathan Zornes, Terry Adkins, Bob Barnes, Charlene Dubin and Jack Rensch are ready to pound the pavement and raise some dough for this incredible cause, and they'd love your support. Go to the website ([http://arcoh.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=1180&pg=entry](http://arcoh.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1180&pg=entry)), donate in the name of King Avenue, and remind the world that we're a force to be reckoned with!



#### Other upcoming events:

Easter is April 21, which of course is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar. It also means that the best day to buy Easter candy is April 22. (Come on, half-off Cadbury Eggs!)

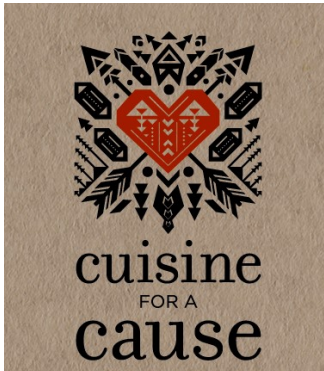
SIGN-o de Mayo is May 5, noon. Sign making for the Pride Parade. Let out your inner Rembrandt and join us for a Pride-ful afternoon of sign making. We'll have the tools and the posterboard, along with some yummy taco fixings to fuel that creative energy. More information will appear on our FB page (search "King Avenue UMC SPECTRUM") and on Realm.

Do you hear the distant ringing of Christmas bells? Do you smell fresh-baked holiday cookies? Do you long to cuddle up with some cocoa and a good movie? Then you'll be pleased to hear that SPECTRUM is hosting a "Christmas In July" Family Movie Night on July 20! We'll meet up at 6 for some pizza and Christmas music, with the movie slated to start at 7. You'll have a chance to vote on the movie we watch, too, so save that date!

That's all the news that's fit to print this month, so let's end with the words of St. Augustine: "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." Go forth, dear friends, and know how very special you are.



## Cuisine For A Cause



The Eleventh Annual Cuisine For A Cause will be held on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM at Strongwater Food and Spirits in the fabulously trendy Franklinton area. This event benefits the House of Mercy orphanage in the Mexican border town of Piedras Negras. King Avenue has been a partner with the orphanage for over twelve years, and the Cuisine For A Cause is their largest fundraiser.

We are again partnering with Lindy's this year and the Committee has put together a delicious menu. Please come and enjoy the fellowship with our King Avenue family, learn about the orphanage and how to join a mission trip to the orphanage, plan on the excitement of a wonderful silent auction, and eat tempting food prepared by one of the finest restaurants in the city.

There will be live music, laughter, and a chance to get to know people from church and the community in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Tickets are \$75.00 each and \$50 from each ticket purchased is considered a charitable contribution. We will be selling tickets at services in March, as well as on-line through REALM, making it easier than ever to purchase tickets or make a donation.

This is an event that truly makes a huge difference in the lives of children. King Avenue is so grateful for all of your past contributions and this year's event will be better than ever! Mark your calendars for April 5<sup>th</sup>!



## Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolate & Tea

**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**

**Now selling.....**

**K Cups**

Single Serve Cups 12 cups/box are environmentally-friendly single serve cups are made from recyclable plastic and aluminum. Enjoy all the convenience with less waste!

**Tea**

We are proud to partner with small scale growers in India and South Africa and Sri Lanka to build the alternative supply chain of small farmer grown tea.



## Sunday Morning Lenten Study continues until April 28

Rev. Mark Beckett will lead a study of Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* Sundays at 10 am during March and April.

What did Jesus *risk*? And why? Each week the class will focus on a different event from the last week of Jesus' life--from the entry into Jerusalem through the Garden of Gethsemane—and will view a short lecture by Dr. Levine. Dr. Levine is a Jewish scholar who studies the New Testament with a special focus on historical research about Jewish practices of Jesus' day. The class will focus on the kinds of *risks* that Jesus took throughout that final week and asks us to consider what the implications are for how we follow Christ today.

The class is open to all adults and each week can stand on its own...come to one or come to all. There will be six sessions, March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14 and 28.

Class will not meet on Easter Sunday.



## King Avenue Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

### 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

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries  
Director of Children & Youth Education  
Director of Music  
Organist  
Carillonneur  
Office Manager  
Building Manager  
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