

MISSION: CHRISTMAS by Anna Guillozet

If just the thought of your Christmas shopping takes your breath (and sanity) away, think about supporting King Avenue's **Mission: Christmas**. This event, held the first three Sundays in December (before and after worship), will help us re-frame and reclaim the Christmas culture that consumer America has created. Browse the marketplace and consider giving a gift to King Avenue's Mission Teams and Partnerships in honor of your friend, parent, partner, child, or grandchild. Always dread filling stockings? Fill a stocking with a card noting an alternative gift! Questions? Contact Pastor Anna at

anna@kingave.org. This event is held in conjunction with December's Mission: Christmas Sunday School class (see below). Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards will be accepted.

Join Pastor Anna and other leaders from King Avenue's Mission Team in exploring how we can reframe our understanding of Christmas. With consumer culture raging, this class will help us examine how our hearts and spirits are linked to our bank accounts. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, let's focus ourselves for **Mission: Christmas!** This four-week class meets Sundays, December 1-22.

ART GALLERY

A King Avenue Christmas
December 8 - 29

Featuring beautiful artwork
and unique nativity scenes
from the homes of King Avenue attendees.



JOY
TO THE
WORLD
THE LORD
IS COME

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INSERT: December Calendar

December Preaching Schedule

December 1

First Sunday of Advent
Communion
 John Keeny
 Isaiah 7:10-16
 Matthew 1:18-25*

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent
 Linda Middelberg
 Matthew 11:2-11
 Isaiah 35:1-10*

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent
Morning Blend
 John Keeny
 Matthew 11:2-11
 Isaiah 35:1-10*
Traditional

A Lesson of Lessons and Carols

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 John Keeny
 Jeremiah 31:7-14
 John 1:1-14*

December 24

Christmas Eve
5pm Children's Christmas Pageant
7pm Candlelight Service
11pm Candlelight Service

December 29

First Sunday after Christmas
 John Wooden
 Isaiah 63:7-9
 Matthew 2:13-23 *

*Preaching Text

Prayer List

If you wish to have someone listed in the monthly newsletter or have their name remain on the list, you will need to contact Rebecca Naas each month in the church office, (614) 424-6050, ext 100, or rebecca@kingave.org.

Frank Dowdle, James Laspisa and Nicki Nickerson

Birth Announcements

Jackson Robert Lee was born on Tuesday, October 22.
 Congratulations Amanda, Brian, and big brothers, Aaron and Patrick!

New Members

Samuel Camacho, Tammy Diles, Mitch Goatcher, Sheryl Lazenby,
 Micki Merriman, Gretchen Shively, Gary Stroud, and Gwen Stroud.

CASA DE MISERICORDIA by Scott Vaughan



The Methodist Board of Global Ministries is participating in UMC #GivingTuesday on December 3. Any money donated online during this day will be matched dollar for dollar.* So if you are considering making a year-end donation to support the Casa de Misericordia orphanage, please consider doing it on December 3 at

<http://www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/15175A>

Casa de Misericordia is an orphanage in the Mexican city of Piedras Negras, directed by Methodist Pastor Miguel De León Flores. It has been home to over 200 children since opening in 2005. These children are placed in the orphanage by social workers because they have been abused or neglected or abandoned by their parents. The casa provides a safe and

loving home, whether the children are there for a month or for ten years. The orphanage does not get any financial support from any government agency, but relies instead on the gifts of American and Mexican individuals and churches. King Ave UMC sends two mission teams each year to visit with the children, help with chores and strengthen our partnership through fellowship.

For more information about the Board of Global Ministries, or to donate to other causes, visit <http://www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/The-Advance>.

** Global Ministries will allocate the "matching funds" dollar for dollar up to the first \$500,000 in gifts to projects received online on December 3, 2013, between 12:00 a.m. EST and 11:59 p.m. A maximum of \$10,000 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of \$50,000 in matching funds.*

6th Annual Cuisine for a Cause

Friday, March 21, 2014

at The Boat House at Confluence Park

Please consider contributing an auction item!

Auction Items to Donate? Wonderful!

Contact Scott at vaughanx4@icloud.com

Want to Volunteer? Perfect!

Contact Sharon at sharoncwiles@yahoo.com

MUSIC MINISTRY by Chris McManus**AN ADVENT SERVICE
OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

PRESENTED BY
**THE CHANCEL CHOIR, BELL CHOIR,
BRASS & PERCUSSION**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
11 AM SERVICE**

FEATURING ORIGINAL
MUSIC AND ARRANGEMENTS BY
**FELIX MENDELSSOHN, JEFFREY VAN,
MACK WILBERG, MICHAEL BURKHARDT AND OTHERS**

CAMPUS MINISTRY by Anna Guillozet

Join us Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm in the Logos Lounge for an early Christmas dinner and white elephant gift exchange. With

finals coming up and getting ready to head home for the Holidays, this is a great time to laugh, relax, and eat! Bring a white ele-

phant gift to exchange. Leave the cooking to us! Campus ministry will resume January 7, 2014!

Lit Club

When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka
Sunday, December 29 at 7pm in the Logos Lounge

All are welcome!

Re-Discover King Avenue! by Linda Middelberg

The time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday (January and February) is usually a down time in churches. Christmas is over, Lent hasn't begun, the days are short and dark.

This year we want to use that time to "re-introduce" ourselves to our wonderful King Avenue Community by reminding people of who we are, what we believe, and how we live out those beliefs. We hope to encourage everyone to become actively involved in our mission of "Inviting, welcoming, and honoring all people and nurturing them to grow in service with Christ."

There will special programs coming from all the ministries and missions of the church. Watch the Website and Facebook pages for specifics as we get closer to the kick off on January 12.

Events to mark on your calendar now
Sermon Series with witnesses each week

- January 12
Worship/Sacraments

- January 19
Hospitality
- January 26
Faith Formation
- February 2
Missions
- February 9
Diversity
- February 16
Children
- February 23
The Arts

Pizza Party to welcome new members on January 10;

OSU-MSU Pride Hockey game on January 11;

Mission/Ministry Fair in the Milling Area at 10 am Sundays, January 12 & 18 and February 2, 9, & 16;

2014 Winter Wednesdays

- **Session 1** (5 weeks)
January 15 thru February 12
- **Session 2** (2 weeks)
February 19 and 26th

Structure

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:45pm

Classes: 6:45 - 8:15pm

Classes

Session 1

1. *Worship 101* taught by pastors
2. *Not in My Backyard* - Social issues like poverty, environmental, etc. (still need to find

- leader)
3. Home Fellowship Small Group
4. Children - homework help/activity
5. Nursery

Session 2

1. *This We Believe*, led by Julie Hazelbaker
2. Children - *Monsters Incorporated*
3. Small Group continues

Euchre night on January 24;

Brunch on January 26 in between services to bring our entire community together in lieu of the All Church Lunch;

SPECTRUM Meet and Greet on February 2;

Why Marriage Matters on Monday nights led by John Keeny & Linda Middelberg, February 3-24; and

All Church Lunch followed by a concert featuring all of our talented music groups on February 23.



SPECTRUM by Judy Callander

Our final luncheon of 2013 will be on December 29. Your Christmas leftovers will probably be gone by then, so please dine with us. If you would like to join Susan Keeny and our Kitchen Crew to help **prep & cook (8-10am)** or **set up & serve (10am-12pm)** or **serve & clean-up (12-2pm)**, contact Judy.

Ohio State Hockey Pride Night is on January 11 at The Schott. Make some noise with us as we cheer on the OSU Men's Hockey Team. The game begins at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$10. Virginia Sheffield will be collecting ticket money (check or

cash) every Sunday through December 29. **Please make your check out to Virginia Sheffield.** Contact Virginia at virg-sheffield@aol.com if you have any questions. Go to gayhockeyohio.com for more information.

The Spectrum fun continues! **Euchre/Card Night is on Friday, January 24 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Food and drinks will be provided. Please email Judy by January 23 to reserve your place at a table.

Judy Callander

Judith.callander@sbcglobal.net

KING AVENUE PLAYERS by Max Moore

Auditions for King Avenue Player's spring production of "Clue: The Musical" will be held on Sunday and Monday, February 2 & 3, at

6:30pm in the church parlor. Actors should come prepared to read dialogue and sing a short, musical piece of their choice. Show

dates are March 27-29. Information about the show, including a list of characters, is available at www.kingaveplayers.org.

WINTER WEDNESDAYS by Julie Hazelbaker

Winter Wednesdays are back! **All ages** are welcome to come enjoy dinner (6-6:45pm) and a class or small group (6:45-8:15pm) on Wednesday evenings with King Avenue friends!

Session 1 will run January 15 through February 12. Session 2 will run February 19 and 26th.

Join us all seven weeks or come when you can. Classes are on worship styles as well as social issues and kids can bring full backpacks to get homework help, followed by fun!

You don't want to miss it!

THIS IS THE LAST MAILED NEWSLETTER HARD COPY
Please note that beginning January 2014, hardcopies of the church newsletter will no longer be mailed. But there will be still several ways you can access it! To sign up, follow these steps:

1. Visit our website at www.kingave.org;
2. Scroll down homepage to the bottom right and find the **Email Blast Signup** box;
3. Complete the form and hit the red **Sign Up** button; and
4. Watch your email for **King Avenue UMC** announcements!

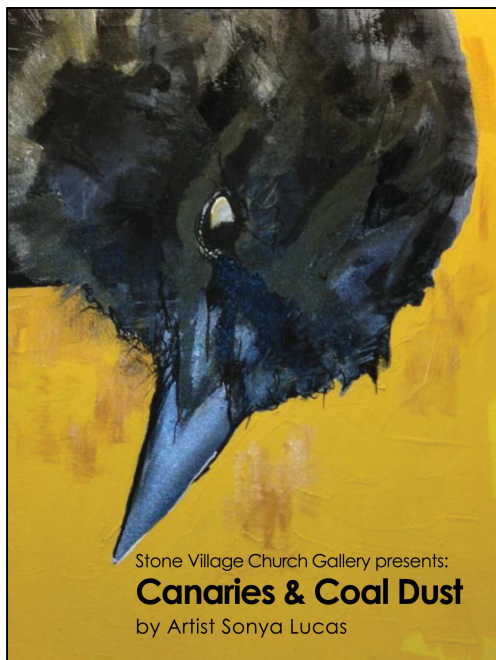
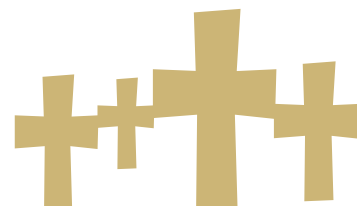
The current and back issues of the Carillon are also available on our website, www.kingave.org, follow the "New to King Ave" tab to "Newsletters". Finally, a few hardcopies will be placed in the Milling Area on a first-come, first-serve basis.

STONE VILLAGE CHURCH by John Wooden

December Gallery Hop Exhibit

Canaries and Coal Dust by Sonya Lucas

Opening reception is Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 5:30-8 pm



Advent Happenings

- Advent Sermon Series
O Little Town Of Bethlehem
 Sundays, December 1 – 22 at 8:45, 10 & 11:15am
- Advent Bible Study
I Wonder as I Wander
 Thursdays, December 5 – 19 at 6pm

Join us on December 24 & December 25

as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

- Christmas Eve *Carols by Candlelight* Worship at 8pm
- Christmas Day Worship at 10am

Both services will include traditional Christmas carols, lessons of scripture, and Holy Communion.

YEAR-END GIVING INFORMATION by Diana Sells

As we near the end of the year, many people will want to catch up on their 2013 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 2013 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 2013 contributions are post marked on or before December 31st, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 29th, or hand-

delivered to the church office by 3pm on December 30th (the office will be closed on December 31st).

The IRS requires that all pledges or donations collected on the first Sunday in January (whether they are intended for your 2013 or 2014 pledge and regardless of the check date) be reported as 2014 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 Wells Fargo 866-507-5839. To

qualify as a 2013 donation, the stock must be transferred into King Avenue's Wells Fargo account #4197-6905 no later than the close of business on Monday, December 30th (the office will be closed on December 31st).

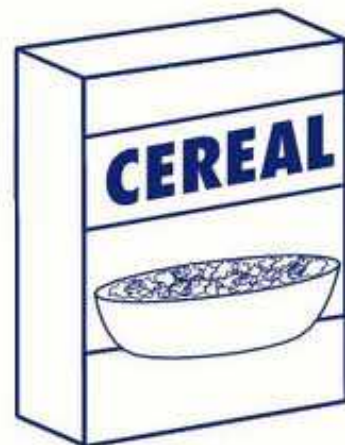
Also, please notify Rebecca Naas, rebecca@kingave.org or me, diana.sells@gmail.com of your intention so that your giving statement can be properly documented.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, diana.sells@gmail.com, or (614) 670-1254.

NEW LIFE UMC by Sharon Poole

New Life continues to be in need
of **boxes of cereal**,
especially Cheerios and Raisin Bran.

Winter coats are still needed,
as well as **socks, underwear, and gloves.**



RUMMAGE WRAP UP by Marge Horrocks

The King Avenue United Methodist Women (UMW) wrapped up their 2013 rummage sales by clearing their treasury on November 5. We were blessed with over \$21,000 to spend on our mission requests and budgeted items.

The largest amount (\$7,000) was sent via our West Ohio pledge to mission through the UMW Board of Global Ministries. We also place specific items in our yearly budget to support them without fail.

The challenging part for us is taking the balance of the funds (approx. \$11,000) to share between our local and national projects.

The largest gifts went to NNEMAP and the State ID/Birth Certificate Assistance Ministry run by Stone Village Church. Each were awarded \$3,000.

Our pastors discretionary fund was given \$1,500.

To see the complete list please check the UMW bulletin board in the hallway on the 1st floor by the elevator.

We never have enough money but how blessed we have been to do these.

Our world mission requests will be covered by monies generated by our endowed Risley McCormick Metcalf Fund at a later date.

We continue to prepare for our 2014 sales. Rummage may be brought in on Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, and on Sunday mornings after each worship service.

Your donations make all this possible.

NNEMAP by Anne Nelson

Columbus has 22% of its residents living below the poverty level. Thank you for supporting the mission of NNEMAP in providing food for more than 2,000 every month! The Fraser Fir Christmas trees and greens sale supports the pantry for a month. There are 32 churches that support NNEAMP and King Avenue is the number one supporter of the Christmas tree sale.

Consider remembering NNEMAP in your year-end tax deductible giving. Community Shares of MidOhio, of which NNE-MAP is a member, is a work place giving

campaign that allows you to give to NNE-MAP using payroll deduction—an easy way to contribute! Check with your employer. Consider joining 15 other King Avenue volunteers at the pantry as you plan your time for 2014.

Emergency needs in the pantry this month are baby food and diapers, sugar, flour and laundry detergent. We cannot get these items from Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias are displayed throughout our Sanctuary during the Advent season. The cost of one poinsettia is \$10.50. Your donations will be included in the 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve bulletins on Tuesday, December 24. Poinsettias are available to take home after the services. Please submit your payment and the following necessary information **by Sunday, December 8.**

DONOR NAME(S) _____
As you would like it to appear in the dedication.

DAYTIME PHONE # _____ **EMAIL** _____

Please attach your payment to this form and place in offering plate or turn into the church office. Make checks payable to King Avenue UMC and indicate "Christmas Flowers" on memo line.

IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF
(circle one of the above)
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December Birthdays

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

1st Vicki Brigham	15th Mattison Cole
2nd Jim Stafa	Lenox Hays
3rd Kristen Bucci	16th Patty Lamb
Ethan Foster	17th Becky Keller
Ray Newsom	18th Audrey Norris
4th Norm Amstutz	19th Trecia Holdren
5th Andrew Kearns	Jay Nordenbrock
6th Geoff Fairchild	Andrew Poole
Chuck Long	Alexandria Vallee
Sophia Spanoudis	20th Tiffany DeWitt
7th Keith Naas	22nd Sue Burt
Greg Woods	Sue Swenor
8th Lindsay O'Connor	23rd Joseph Mosier Lyons
9th Julie Hazelbaker	24th Katie Shelley
Miguel Hill-Freeman	25th Marlene Wagonrod
Randy May	26th Cindy Baitt
Erin Vaughan	27th Keesha Mitchell
11th Lori Abshire	Lynda Robison
Elisa Bucci	30th Cean Wilson
12th Dex Burk	
Ben Durfee	
13th Roy Fish	
Jess Heidorn	
Trey Mitchell	



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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

10am Children's Sunday School and Choir

10am Adult Sunday School

Senior Pastor	John Keeny
Executive Pastor	Linda Middelberg
Minister of Discipleship and Mission	Anna Guillozet
Stone Village Church Pastor	John Wooden
Director of Children's & Youth Ministries	April Olt
Building Manager	Bill Meadows
Director of Music	Chris McManus
Finance Manager	Diana Sells
Office Manager	Rebecca Naas
Director of Online Communications	Rhonda Luetje

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