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The Circuit Rider

October 2025 Newsletter

Ignite United Methodist Church of Kenilworth
A Faith Community Ignited by God's Love

OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.

Adult and Youth Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Don's Bible Study on Facebook Live, Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

Treasure Shop open Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Meetings, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom ID 749 308 740

Free ESL Classes, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Beginner's Classes, October 14 & 28 in person at Church's Fellowship Hall and via Zoom Meeting ID 749-308-740

- October 4, 2025** Community Wide Garage Sale, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- October 5, 2025** World Communion Sunday and Blessing of the Animals during Worship
- October 8, 2025** United Methodist Women, 11:00 a.m.
- October 15, 2025** Costume Giveaway, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- October 16, 2025** Community Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.
- October 19, 2025** Laity and Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- October 24, 2025** 3M's Gathering, 7:00 p.m. in person at Church's Fellowship Hall and via Zoom Meeting ID: 201 699 6704
- October 30, 2025** Church Conference, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- October 30, 2025** Circuit Rider, 11:00 in Fellowship Hall
- October 31, 2025** "Spooktacular Grace: Sweet Treat w/Love, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.



Pastor's Page

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."¹ – 1 Cor. 12:12 (NIV)

Dear Beloved Church Family,

Are you ready to see the leaves change color and dance with the wind? Just like the autumn leaves, each of us carries a unique beauty that comes alive in this season. October invites us to celebrate the vibrant tapestry of who we are—diverse in culture, united in Christ.

As we gather around the Lord's Table for **World Communion Sunday**, we are reminded that we're part of something so much greater than ourselves. From every corner of the globe, in different languages and traditions, we break bread together as *one body*. It's a sacred moment that declares: no matter where we live, what language we speak, or what bread we break—we are *one in Christ*.

We also celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**, **Polish American Heritage Month**, and **Filipino American History Month**. We lift up the stories, cultures, and contributions of communities who have deeply enriched the tapestry of our faith and our nation. Their histories are not just "heritage"—they are living legacies of faith, family, resilience, and joy. Let's take time to listen, learn, and give thanks.

October also gives us a chance to recognize the heartbeat of the church—**our laity**. On **Laity Sunday**, we honor all those who serve, lead, teach, pray, give, and show up with quiet strength every week. Thank you for being the church in action.

And yes—this month we also pause for **Pastor Appreciation Month**. To all my co-pastors, together with their families, thank you for your faithfulness, your love, your sermons, and for walking with us through every season.

With many things going on in a world that too often highlights division, we celebrate that Christ makes us one body. **Unity doesn't mean uniformity—it means love across our differences, shared purpose, and grace for each other's journeys.** Whether you're a long-time member or just finding your way into this family of faith, you belong here.

Let's celebrate well, love deeply, and continue to build a church where every voice matters.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Roeline "Wee" Ramirez



CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR YOUR DIRECTORY!

For: Margaret Nunez
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HALLOWEEN QUOTES

"Halloween is a day in which some people choose to wear a mask, while others finally feel safe to take theirs off."

~Steve Maraboli

"Just because I cannot see it, doesn't mean I can't believe it."

~Jack Skellington, "The Nightmare Before Christmas"

"There is magic in the night, when the pumpkins glow by moonlight." Unknown

"Don't have a cup of coffee this Halloween. Have a cauldron of coffee instead."

~Anthony T. Hincks

"Clothes make a statement. Costumes tell a story."

~Mason Cooley

"The only thing that really scares me about Halloween is running out of candy."

~Melanie White

NEVER TOO OLD From The Upper Room, Nov./Dec. 2022

Abraham was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
~Genesis 12:4 (NRSV)

"Don't you think the people on our church prayer list would like to know that we're praying for them?" my grandmother asked one Sunday morning. And for the next six years, she sent cards to everyone on our church's prayer list. She had to step away from this ministry in 2003 because of health issues, but by that time she had sent more than 12,000 prayer cards!

My grandmother was 78 years old when she began her prayer card ministry. Her taking on this work later in life makes me think about Abraham, who was 75 years old when God called him. God had a grand purpose for Abraham's life. God would bless all the people of the world through him. (See Gen. 12:1-3)

Just as God inspired my grandmother to bless thousands of people, God had plans to bless multitudes through Abraham. What would have happened had Abraham rejected God's call, feeling he was too old to bless anyone? How many people would have missed a blessing from the prayer card ministry – a ministry that still continues today – if my grandmother had said no to God's call? We are never too old to fulfill God's purposes. And when we faithfully serve, God blesses countless others through us.

Prayer: Father God, thank you for calling us to serve you, no matter our age. Empower us to do your good work throughout our lives. Amen.

By Janine Katy (Virginia, USA)

SEPTEMBER 2025 MEMORIES



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. Their program was entitled "History of United Women in Faith (Formerly UMW)." We thank Pastor Roe who hosted for that meeting.

Their next meeting will be on October 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Robin Tarullo will be the hostess. Please bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

COMMUNITY CARE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry served 21 families on Thursday, September 18, 2025 providing food and non-food items, and distributing six Pet Smart Gift Cards to those who have pets. We thank Emanuel who worked as a youth volunteer for donating his time to help us pack and deliver bags.

Thank you to those who continue to support us in this mission. It is truly appreciated.

Our next distribution date will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE TREASURE SHOP

The Treasure Shop is open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bag day for shirts and pants will continue on the second Saturday of the month.

Thanks for visiting and for your donations. Please come in again!

PRAISE THE LORD **Written by Annie Williams**

"Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord."
Proverbs 150:6

Praises the Lord at sunrise
low in energy to start the day -
I capture a moment of stillness
to speak to the Lord
realigns my racing thoughts

Praise the Lord at noon day
comfort food is prayer
bearing witness to caring friends
encouraging loved ones -
simple souls living by the truth they
know
foster a perfect balance of body and
mind
helps through the day

Praise the LORD at sunset
a time to finally unwind
prepare supper
with so much left undone -
times may be challenging
in the presence of the Eternal God
the God of many names
is not magic...
but refreshment in uncertain times

Praise the Lord through prayer
He is joy
protector
medicine man
sustainer
who never tires
or despairs.



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Let's pray for you. Send your prayer concerns & thanksgiving)



FOR PEACE: Across the US, Middle East, Europe, and other parts of the world that are in chaos.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Tom & Shiela M., Aidan, Bob W., Beverly A., Faith Scott, Mary Oels, Mary Catherine R., Greg R., Robin T., Laura, Barbara H., Janet C., Tony S., James F., Sue, Charles, Eileen, Cyndee, Cathy P., Jun V., Barbara L., Boyet J., Brenda G., Edna R., Ofelia, Raissa S., Theresa, Pastor Don, Elba M., Al B., Terri, Gerliz A. M., Judy, Jen & Binny, Ricky O., Scott W., Rob. W., Kathy S., Crissy, Pastor Heme., Miriam S., John (brother of Kathleen), Susan Frey., Patrick, Elmer D.R., Jen, Mari, Ciera, David, Carol, Frank, Lou B., Jose R., Jose Jr. R., Natalie W.

FOR STRENGTH FOR NEW BABIES: Theo, Zion Mark, Luke, Julianna and all newborn babies

FOR CONCEIVING A CHILD: Mr. & Mrs M., and all couples who are having a difficulty in pregnancy

FOR JOB - Kluivert F., Mayra S.,



FOR GUIDANCE & STRENGTH: Mary Ellen, Ms. Dee, Mary O., Abuela B., Drew & Gracielle R. fam, Vercillie F., Owen F., Fam., Analyn, Mary Ellen, John D., Puma fam., Betsy DC's parents, Karen W., A. Restrepo Fam, Fuquay Fam, Opacity Fam, Margaret N. and children, Silva Fam., Yen & Will, Viuya Fam, Janielle & Gerald, Adrian M., Reden & Gloria C., Jane R., Ms. Toni, Kathleen E., Levine fam, Janet H. & Mom Grace., Caffrey fam, Ptr Heme Ares & Norma Fam, Rachel R. Fam., James & Sharon S., Dale S., Luz A., Luisa & Lucianna R., Francis Fam, Vallez Fam, Jeremias Fam, Freda Fam, Crissi & Johnston Fam, Cindy P., Phil L., Marty K., Lori Strubble, Stephanie P., Pagan Fam., Yvette & Justin, Kollory Fam., Abigail., Rich W., Duelly Fam., Ramirez Fam., Salvador Fam., Stephen N., Linda Sosa Fam., Edit Fam., Charis & James, Malcolm Fam., Fabian & Nattali, Mayra S. & Fam., Blanco Fam., Kevin C., Ana Patrick, Maria Silva R. fam., Kluivert F. and family., Maria M., Linda B., Kathie B., Lim Family, Kathleen, Lorraine S. Jayson C.,

FOR WISDOM, COMPASSION, AND MERCY IN LEADERSHIP: The President and all the leaders of our country. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi UMC clergy and church leaders.

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THIS MONTH: GNJ Conference Report Making. Teacher, students, and guardians for 2025-2026 School Year. Upcoming IGNITE YOUTH Conference

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SPOOKTACULAR GRACE



Life is SCARY without JESUS

Costume Drive

SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 11

Harding Elementary's ELL/ESL Teachers, in collaboration with Ignite UMC, are collecting new or gently used costumes for families in our community. Donations in all sizes, infant through teens, are greatly appreciated.



Drop off at the following locations:

- ELL Table on Back to School Night
 - Students can drop off near front office
 - Saturdays 10AM-1PM through Oct. 11
- Ignite UMC 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ

COSTUME GIVEAWAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

4:00-5:30 PM

**IGNITE UMC, 455 BOULEVARD,
KENILWORTH, NJ**



SPOOKTACULAR GRACE:

Sweet Treat with Love

(Candies, Chocolates, & More)



October 31, 2025 @12pm-3pm

IGNITE COMMUNITY UMC

455 Blvd., Kenilworth, NJ

HELLO OCTOBER

New month, new day, new life.
May this month bring you
happiness, peace, love, an
abundance of blessings,
satisfaction, and victory.
May God fill your life with
happiness beyond material
possessions and may all the
desires of your heart be granted.
May God bless you, your
family, and your loved ones
all the days of your life.
Amen.
From Kelly's Treehouse

AUTUMN LEAVES

The trees are kind of pretty
in their autumn gold and brown.
Leaves are bright orange-reddish,
But all will soon fall down.
Then they dry and crackle
as we crunch them with our shoes.
I guess it's time for autumn now
as summer takes a snooze.

From ClassroomPoems.com

SOMEONE TO SIT WITH

By Carolyn Bolz, Riverside, CA

Because of a rare neurological disorder, I use a walker to get around. It's hard for me to sit in a pew at church, so I always sit in one of the chairs at the very back of the sanctuary. Most of the time, I've been the only person sitting in that section, which would leave me feeling isolated from the rest of the congregation.

A few months ago, a lady named Judy said hello, and took the chair beside me. "I'm an usher this week," she whispered, "so I'll sit back here in between duties." Even though Judy was up and down during the service, it was really nice to have some company.

That afternoon, I texted Judy to thank her for her kindness. "It made me feel less alone," I told her.

These days, Judy joins me in the back section of the church every Sunday morning. As soon as she sees me come in, she walks over to greet me with a big smile. I just love having someone to sit with. I feel so much more welcome and included in our church service now.

From GUIDEPOSTS, June/July 2025

*May God's Blessings Fall
Upon You Like the Leaves of
Autumn*

FAITHFULNESS

From Prayers and Promises for Women

Your loving kindness, O Lord,
extends to the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
~Psalm 36:5 NASB

The Lord is faithful, who will establish
you
and guard you from the evil one.
~2 Thessalonians 3:3 NKJV

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and
praise your name, for in perfect
faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.
~Isiah 25:1 NIV

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
~Psalm 33:4 ESV

*Faithful God. I just want to stop for
a moment and consider what that means –
faithful God. You are the perfect one, the
one who deserves all of my devotion; yet,
you are committed to me, no matter how
many times I let you down. There is no end
to your awesomeness, and daily I benefit.*

***How have you seen the faithfulness
of God played out in your life?***

“Ah, Lovely October,
as you usher in the season
that awakens my soul,
your awesome beauty compels
my spirit to soar like a
leaf caught in an autumn
breeze and my heart to sing
like a heavenly choir.”
~Unknown

SPIRIT LIFTING

By Emily E. Ryan

**“I have placed my rainbow in the
clouds. It is the sign of my covenant
with you and with all the earth.”**
~Genesis 9:13 NLT

Alicia roared through in the middle
of the night, breaking windows and ripping
off our roof when I was six. Even now,
when someone mentions Hurricane Alicia,
I can still hear the wind screaming and feel
the wet carpet squishing between my toes.

I recently realized that I also name
the storms in my life. I’ve survived
Hurricane Miscarriage, Tropical Storm
Unemployment and many other.

But what if I stopped naming my
storms and started naming my rainbows
instead? The Bible says that Jesus created
the rainbow as a reminder of his covenant
with us. It’s a promise that he will never
again send a flood to wash away humanity.
He storms of life do not have the power to
destroy us. They may cause damage, but
they still leave room for Jesus to step in
and provide, teach, comfort, or save. If I
stay focused on him, I will always find
rainbows at the end of my storms.

*Lord, help me to reflect on those times
when Jesus calmed the storms of my life
with a rainbow of provisions, protection,
or peace.*

From GUIDEPOSTS, April/May 2025

*May your blessings be as
countless
as the autumn leaves.*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Grace Kosnick	
3	Lucianna Restrepo	
6	Cristine Capio	
9	Ginny Johnston	
12	Justin Thomas	
14	Betsy Dela Cruz	
19	Gerri Keller	
21	Elise Holkar	
22	Gigi Blanco	
23	Amy Duelly	
26	Bobby Caffrey	
27	Luke Forti	
28		Jamie Nester
28	Savannah Sosa	
29	Bob Kolloori	

“Here’s to another year of good health and happiness and fun. Happy birthday!”

ENCOURAGEMENT

From Prayer & Promises for Women

The Lord your God is with you:
the mighty One will save you.
He will rejoice over you.
You will rest in his love;
he will sing and be joyful about you.
~Zephaniah 3:17 NCV

Encourage one another daily,
as long as it is called “Today.”
~Hebrews 3:13 NIV

Be joyful. Grow to maturity.
Encourage each other.
Live in harmony and peace.
Then the God of love and peace
will be with you.
~2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT

God, your Word brings so much encouragement! No matter what I am up against, there is a source of strength, comfort, and wisdom. Because of all you’ve done for me, I find myself wanting to share it and be an encouragement of hope as I point others to you.

How can you encourage someone today?

THE UP SIDE

From GUIDEPOSTS, June/July 2025

1. “A friend of mine said one of the reasons God told Moses to take off his shoes, in Exodus 3, [was] because God was about to tell Moses his story. And whenever someone reveals the story of their life, that ground on which they’re standing is holy ground. That’s the common ground: We’re human, and we’ve got a story.” ~Michael Curry, retired Episcopal bishop, on understanding others
2. “The good news is that joy, collected over time, fuels resilience – ensuring we’ll have reservoirs of emotional strength when hard things do happen.” ~Brene Brown, author
3. “A common misconception is that you need to feel good to get going, but often it’s the other way around: You need to get going to give yourself a chance at feeling good... This is why it’s so important to just get started on the things that matter to you and give yourself a chance.”
~Brad Stulberg, best-selling author
4. “The greatest gift you possess is being who God has created you to be.”
~Michael Todd, pastor and speaker.

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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Bat
 Pumpkin
 Halloween
 Mummy
 Vampire
 Witch
 Spooky
 Trick or Treat

Fun
 Ghost
 Costume
 Skeleton
 Candy
 Scary
 Monster
 Haunted House

