

Village Light



Pastor's Note

Have you ever found yourself in a terrible situation, where there seemed to be absolutely no way of escape? Everything seemed to be caving in. You felt powerless. A number of years ago, I went to visit a man who was in the hospital. He found himself in that kind of a terrible situation that seemed totally hopeless. As I walked into his hospital room, I noticed that he was not in bed, but standing and looking out the window. With sincerity I commented that he looked well. He said, *"Do you really think so? The doctor just told me that I will be dead in two weeks."* I was stunned! He didn't look like a man who was dying. But according to the doctor, the deadly cancer had pervaded his body. Each day he would decline at a rapid rate. As I looked carefully at the man, I clearly saw that he had the look of fear and bewilderment all over his face.

Obviously, there was no time to "beat around the bush". I instantly asked this man if he had the assurance that he would go to heaven when he died. The man had no such assurance. Furthermore, he did-

n't even know the true gospel, God's plan of salvation. He, as so many others, thought that heaven must be earned through religious behavior and the doing of good works. He thought that baptism, membership, and gifts of money on Sunday morning were the "ticket".

In the next five minutes, I had the privilege of explaining the plan of salvation that we find in God's Word. I explained that we are all sinful and lost. We can't pay for our sins, nor can we earn salvation. I explained that Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross, and that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ. Before I left that room, that man prayed with me the prayer of salvation. He received Jesus Christ, and he received full pardon for his sin. By the way, the doctor was right. Within two weeks the man was dead, and I officiated his funeral service.

I tell you this story simply because we are all in a terrible situation because of sin. There is nothing that we can do to pay for our sins. There is no escaping death. There is no way we can make peace with God in our own merits. There is

nothing we can do in our own strength to avoid the coming judgment.

But the Scriptures give us the most wonderful news that could ever be given. Jesus Christ came to this sin cursed planet to save us. He is fully God. He became fully human. He lived a sinless life. At just the right moment in time, the sinless Jesus Christ died on the cross to take away our sins. He cried out from the cross, ***"It is finished!"*** In other words, *the price was fully paid. Through our faith in Him, He received our guilt, and we received His righteousness! (2Corinthians 5:22) He came to save us. He came to deliver us from our hopeless condition. He came to give us life.*

This is why we celebrate Christmas! The Savior came for us! After 2,000 years, it's time for the world to hear the true story of Christmas. May God bless you and give you a wonder Christmas.

Pastor Gary.

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**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
6:00pm and 8:00pm**

Family Giving Tree Wrap Up



We will be wrapping up our Kingsley UMC Family Giving Tree on December 19th. Come

out and pack food boxes and wrap presents for area families. This year the Giving Tree will help 45 local families and over 100 chil-

dren have a wonderful Christmas. Most of all, the Giving Tree spreads the love of Jesus Christ to so many who may think that God has left them this holiday season. Let the love of Jesus Christ spill out into the community through this wonderful ministry.

Our last donation week is December 12th. We are collecting **Canned cranberry jelly and small bags of potatoes.**

Thank you for supporting area families in need. Contact Alison Goldsmith with questions.



Grateful Giving Jar - December 2010

The December Grateful Giving Jar will go to Freedom Builders of Traverse City. ***Freedom Builders*** exists to connect the family of God with the disadvantaged through Volunteer opportunities in serving in housing assistance projects. The Mission of Freedom Builders is ***to reach out to those in need JOINTLY with the Family of God and share the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ***. Kingsley UMC had the opportunity to work with Freedom Builders to put a new roof on a Kingsley family's home. Please consider giving to this ministry that spreads the love of Jesus Christ to those in need.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. KUMC sent out close to 70 boxes filled with gifts, school & hygiene supplies, love and joy. Please **continue to pray** for the children who will receive these shoeboxes; they continue to struggle & live in impoverished, war-torn, disaster-stricken environments. Pray that Christ & his servants will touch their lives & show them His everlasting love. God bless you!! We look forward to hearing from you (those of you who participated in the box-tracking option) what countries your boxes "landed".



Online Church Directory LAST MONTH!!!!



Get your photo taken during the month of December in the sanctuary by the Christmas tree.

What do I need to do to be in the online directory?
Go to www.kingsleyumc.us and click on "online directory."
Download a digital family photo
Fill out contact information

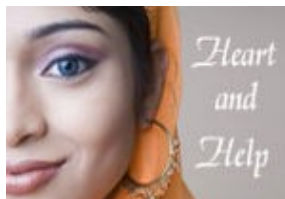
What if I don't have a digital photo?
We will continue to take photos throughout **December**. You may also submit a hardcopy photo with a contact form. Forms are located at the welcome center.

How will I be able to view the online directory once it is finished?
You will be emailed instructions with a secure password to view the church directory online. In addition, there will be color copies available for a small fee. The online church directory will only be accessible on our website
WITH A SECURE PASSWORD.

WAR International Jewelry Party

**Sunday, December 5th
12:00noon - 3:00pm**

You can purchase wonderful Christmas gifts for loved ones while helping to rescue women and children from a life of horror. 800,000 people are illegally trafficked against their will every year; 50% are children and 70% are women. All jewelry is made by rescued women and will be on hand for immediate purchase. Free gift wrapping available. All proceeds will go back to safe house to rescue more women and children!



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Kingsley United Methodist Church

Mission

Kingsley United Methodist Church is an open door to all offering life in Jesus Christ.

Vision

Invite all those who come to, or are a part of Kingsley United Methodist Church to feel connected to the body of Christ by developing God-given gifts through ministry.

Core Values

- *Worship focused on God*
- *Jesus Christ is Lord of all*
- *Membership is a commitment*
- *Life based on the authority of scripture*
- *Maintaining a biblical moral consciousness*
- *Fostering God-given talents within the church*
- *An open door to all*



Keep Christ in Christmas

Isaiah 2:2

“In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.” NRSV

God’s Kingdom was established (fixed, set up) when He chose to enter the world in human form to save His people. When we accept the free gift of grace from Jesus Christ we learn to put him first in our lives. Live a life full of HOPE by making Jesus the most important part of your life today. There **will be** peace on earth and goodwill to all when we choose to believe and trust in the one who offers life not just at Christmas but every day. May we all continue to keep Christ in Christmas and in our hearts.

