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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Asking Better Questions Together

Last month, our current and incoming Ruling Elders (those serving as the spiritual leaders of KMPC) met for two evenings and were challenged to begin looking at the church and the leadership challenges presented to it in a brand new way. If the church is to be faithful to our mission and ministry in the current climate, there are both new things to consider and new questions we need to ask ourselves in order to find our way forward in faith. I'd like to share some of the ways the questions we need to ask are changing.

#### The Old Questions

How can we attract more people?

What kind of worship style is faithful?

What are ways we can bring in more money?

How can we survive?

What do we want to do or be?

Who are we?

#### The New Questions

What are some of the needs in our community we might consider meeting?

How might we experiment with different types of worship styles and invite more congregational input?

How can we be more faithful with what we have?

What are some possible partnerships we can make with other congregations?

What does God want us to do or be? How is God speaking into this situation?

God, what's your purpose for us?

# June 2019

# Elder of the Month - Karen Ryan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost - wear red, orange, or yellow; Session meeting after worship	10	11	12	13 Circle Bible Study?	14	15
16 Father's Day; Ordaining and installing our new class of Ruling Elders	17	18	19 Bible Book Club at 6:30p	20	21 Serving dinner at Highlawn Workcamp	22
23/30 30th: Worship in the Chapel; ECCHO Sunday and Cents-Ability offering	24	25	26	27	28	29

# Announcements

## † Presbyterian Women

The Honorary Life Membership (HLM) program was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. More than a thousand women (and a few men) receive this honor each year.

This year, Berman Noe is one of these men. This Honorary Life Membership was presented to Berman on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in gratitude and recognition for his years of service to the wellbeing of the Presbyterian Women of Kuhn and his decades of ministry and spiritual leadership as he served as Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session, in Sunday School leadership, and many other aspects of ministry at Kuhn through the years.

Berman, well done, good and faithful servant!



## † The Visit Project

From one week to the next, if you're able to make a pastoral care visit, stay for a bit after Sunday worship and Patrick will share a list of folks who may enjoy a visit. We will work out a way to make these visits in pairs.

## † Updated Call Directions for Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that KMPC is receiving less than half of the amount of Kroger Community Rewards compared to when we first enrolled in the program? **Kroger requires every individual to enroll on their own.** You can help us solve that problem by re-enrolling your Kroger Plus Card. **Here's how:** Have your Kroger Card handy; **call 1-800-576-4377**; when prompted, press 3; tell operator you want to renew your Community Rewards (they'll need your Kroger card number); **KMPC's organization number is 83907.** You will need to renew yearly, so mark the re-enroll date on your calendar to continue giving.

## † There are Plenty of Thank You's to Go Around

This June, we would like to give thanks to and recognize our four outgoing Ruling Elders who have faithfully served Kuhn as spiritual leaders on Session for the last two years. Thank you to John Ball, who served on the Building and Property Committee; Judy Napier, who served on the Worship, Fellowship, and Evangelism Committee; Robin McComas, who served on the Christian Education Committee; and Karen Ryan, who served on the Stewardship and Mission Committee. We also want to say a big Thank You to Doug Frost, who served as Kuhn's Clerk of Session for the last three years.

In July, we will have several new spiritual leaders serving on Session. Please welcome, pray for, and support our incoming Ruling Elders, Teresa Ball, who will serve on Worship, Fellowship, and Evangelism; Theresa Miller, who will serve on Stewardship and Mission; Marsha True, who will serve on Christian Education; Dennis Watson, who will serve on Building and Property; and Karen Gold; who is serving as our new Clerk of Session.

### Our 2019-2020 Session

Pastor Patrick - Moderator

Karen Gold - Clerk of Session

### Class of 2020

Betty Dennison

Tim Moore

Charlie Seay

Caroline True

### Class of 2021

Teresa Ball

Theresa Miller

Marsha True

Dennis Watson

## † Summer 2019 Reading List

**Novel by a debut author: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens** - Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

**Non-Fiction by a debut author: *Educated: A Memoir*** - Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

**Current events non-fiction: *A Politics of Love* by Marianne Williamson** - In this stirring call to arms, the activist, spiritual leader, and *New York Times* bestselling author of the classic *A Return to Love* confronts the cancerous politics of fear and divisiveness threatening the United States today, urging all spiritually aware Americans to return to—and act out of—our deepest value: love. Williamson argues that we must do more than respond to external political issues. We must address the deeper, internal causes that have led to this current dysfunction.

# † June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

- 1 Mary Elizabeth Baumgarner
- 7 Rose Wolford
- 11 Capri Isabella Roma
- 12 Teague Christopher True
- 13 Kevin Dennison  
Peggy Roach
- 16 Merritt True
- 18 Robert Minichan
- 24 Isabella Maria Chircop  
Pat Ray
- 26 Mark Baker
- 29 Robert Grizzell
- 30 Vince Keys

## Anniversaries

- 2 Steve and Karen Gold
- 19 Jon and Caroline True
- 20 Harold and Becky Bias
- 21 Doug and Leslie Frost
- 26 Tim and Amy Moore