

Christian Education

Children and Youth—Kidder is able to offer various classes for children and youth from pre-school to teens. Child care is provided year round in the nursery for those who participate in adult classes.

Kids Choir—9:00AM in the Lind Room

Builders Adult Class—Sunday, 9:00AM
in the lounge

Teacher, Joe Caprino
Study of the Gospels

Friday Bible Study—11:00AM in the lounge
The study of the first letter of Paul
to the Corinthians

Prayer Ministry—Thursdays, 11:00AM
in the lounge

The groups in prayer for our church,
community and other needs.
Everyone is welcome.

Camp Findley Work Week

is scheduled for [May 4-8](#), led by Tom and Linda Cooper of the Fredonia UMC. You can come for a day or stay at the camp overnight for multiple days. Overnight stays will include all three meals and lots of fellowship and fun for just \$20.00 per night. You need to supply your own bedding/linens. Lots of skill levels are needed, so don't be shy. See Brian Greenwald if interested.

Camp Findley Work Weekend

is scheduled for [May 16-17](#). This event is held twice each year for those who love Findley and have a heart for the ministry that happens there. The trails need cleaned up, the waterfront needs putting together, some things need a fresh coat of paint, minor repairs need done, etc. Call (769-7146) or email Aliechia (aliechia@airport.net) for more information or to register.

New Member Classes

A New Member Class for 2015 will be offered in the Spring. Please see Pastor Rick for details.

Sermon Series

April 12—Guest speaker Tim Phelps

Old School: Lessons from Genesis



April 19—The First Family—Genesis 1ff

April 26—Noah—Genesis 6ff

May 3—Father Abraham—Genesis 12ff

May 10—Jacob and Esau—Genesis 25:19ff

May 17—Joseph—Genesis 37ff



Nursery Schedule for Kidder Kids

April 12th Janene Bockrath and Amy Langworthy

April 19th Pat Fincher and Becky Luhman

April 26th Tambra Hallett and Tonya Neid

May 3rd Pat Fincher and Amy Langworthy

Welcome Center Baked Goods Volunteers

April 5th	Tonya Neid
April 12th	Linda Robillard
April 19th	Barb Linza
April 26th	Ruth Lundeen
May 3rd	Amy Anderson

The Chili Cook-Off to raise funds for Red Bird Mission Work Team was a great success. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this fundraiser.



Congratulations to the winners:

Most attractive	Pastor Kevin Costner
Spiciest	Randy Golden
Best beans	Sue Holler
Golden Ladle	Sandy Davis



Baby News

On 24 March 2015 @ 12:25 local time in Nairobi, we welcomed [Gavin Isaiah Kidder](#) into our family. His name "[Gavin = Alert](#)" and "[Isaiah = Salvation of Yahweh \(God\)](#)" helps us pray that he will be alert for the time of God's salvation in his life.

Amy labored for 2 hard hours after induction (short, but shockingly violent contractions) and he was born at 8 lbs. 8oz. He was awake for 3 solid hours after delivery... he fed immediately and latched really well... and then I navigated traffic at break-neck speeds to get Grandma & Grandpa to the hospital for a visit. Big sister Karina and big brother Ethan loved holding him. What a special day!!

God bless,
Nate Kidder, Missionary in Africa, supported by your Faith Promise giving.

Operation Christmas Child



Again in 2015, we will be collecting shoebox items throughout the year. Please feel free to donate any items you might see on sale or clearance. A collection box is located on the first floor near the Food Pantry donation box.

Spring Lay Servant and Safe Sanctuary Trainings

will be held at Christ UMC in Olean during the weekend of April 24-25. The brochure with descriptions and registration information is available in the Welcome Center.

Deadline to register is April 13.

A food bank is a non-profit hunger relief organization that receives food donations to distribute to those in need. Food banks are found in most communities and rely on donors and volunteers to carry out day-to-day operations. A food bank's sole purpose is to help those in need.

One of Kidder Church's outreach missions is the food pantry. Non-perishable dry and canned goods are collected for the area's needy, taken to a distribution center, sorted and bundled, then given to area families in need.



The Annual Spring Rummage Sale

is scheduled for the week of [May 11th](#). As you begin your Spring cleaning set aside only those items in *good condition which can be sold* to benefit the church. Please note: We do not want Christmas items and only very nice clothing. Kids clothes are always welcome as they sell quickly.

It takes many volunteer hours to set-up, sell and clean-up from this event, so plan to set aside some time during this week to help where you can.

Hi Everyone.

I would like to take this time to write to you concerning a topic we all have been reading and hearing about. That is the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.



Recently, I took the box tops and soup labels that were in the box that everyone donated home, cut them down, sorted them and made sure they were up to date (box tops have expiration dates on them).

After carefully cutting and counting them, I asked Ernie Warren if Red Bird Mission would take them. Indeed they would. In December, I sent them to Red Bird via mail. I received a letter thanking me for my efforts in helping the Red Bird Mission. My letter doesn't say what the box tops went for, but I am grateful that we could help people strive to better their lives and children's lives.

Please consider saving box tops and soup labels so we can take them on the mission trip in August.



Softball Signups

Signup sheets will be available in the Welcome Center after April 6th for anyone (ages 14+) who wants to play softball. Games begin Tuesday, May 20th, and will be played on Tuesday and Friday nights at 6:30 pm, weather permitting.



Prayer Needs

Prayers for our Connectional Church: Bishop Mark J. Webb and his wife, Jodi (UNY Conference of U.M. Church), Rev. Sherri Rood and husband Bob (Cornerstone District Superintendent), Pastor Rick LaDue (Kidder Memorial U.M. Church), Mission Moment—World—Ambassadors for Christ, Barnabas Mam in SE Asia, National—The Mission Society, Georgia, Local—InterVaristy, JCC students.

Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: LeAnn Austin, Sue Babcock, Belle Barden, Bianca, Andy Bly, Kevin Brown, Jim Buck, Teresa Carlson, Deb Coan, Mrs. Cobb, Ginny Conrad, Matt Davis, Sally DeVine, Lois Estabrook, Andrew Faulkner, Baby Franco, Myron Gilbert, Matt Harp, John Kamholtz, Bill Kebort, Joyce Kelsey, Baby Kendall, Linda Kennedy, Andrew Laurita, Edna Liden, Terri Marucci-Moore, Maxine McCullor, Matt Mecusker, Bonnie M., Ken Rounds, Margaret Ryan, Robin Scott, Bill Servis, Paul Shelgren, Donna Tefft, Tristan, Dorothy Wilcox, Ron Williams, Shirley Winkelman, Ted Wittik, Baby Yates.

Cancer: Richard Anderson, Sam Bish, Charlie Bough, Dana, Jennifer Heath, Steve Hook, Jeff, Jim B., Shelley Johnson, Rick Lawson, Lori, Carolyn Modisher, Pam Potts, Connie Schultz, Russ Smith, Kallie Swan, Sydney, Sandy Whitford, Carl Winger.

Rest Home/Rehab: Roger Anderson (Emeritus Lakewood), Ruth Anderson (Hultquist Pl.), Lee Ayling, Alice Hillebert and Ralph Milspaw (LSS), Phil & Suzanne DePonceau (Heritage Village), Lois Hawkins (Heritage Green), Mary Kooman (Cicero, NY), Len Olson (Tanglewood).

Armed Services: Kristopher Nelson, Erik Swan, Mark Winans and all men and women serving around the world.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Phyllis Kron and Shirley Anderson.

April Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer LeRoy
- 3 Bob Burkett
- 4 Paul Franzen
- 7 Helen Wright
- 10 Jennifer Johnson
Zachary Winters
Ruth Anderson
- 12 Leigha Sischo
- 25 Evelyn Harvey
- 26 Robert Reagle
- 27 Emma Anderson



Attention to anyone who does crafts

Do you knit, crochet, sew, or do other crafts? It's more fun to work together than alone!

A new group will be starting for people interested in doing handwork together such as knitting prayer shawls, sewing dresses for Haiti, or creating other crafts to donate to Operation Christmas Child.



Our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 10 am in the lounge. Please contact Grace Warren if you have questions.

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Average Attendance 93

Average Giving \$2,318



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Kidder Kommunikator

From the Pastor

April 2015



Every ordained United Methodist pastor agrees to an itinerant system, which means we agree to serve at the pleasure of the bishop and the cabinet and to go wherever they feel our gifts are best suited (even if it's Watertown!). Generally, this is a year-to-year appointment and often we are simply reappointed to our current church. Such was the case the last seven years for me and Kidder church. But, I always knew the following announcement would be made someday, even though it was quite unexpected this year. So, below is the announcement I shared (with some difficulty) with the congregation who were present for worship on March 29th:

Bishop Mark Webb of the Upper New York Conference has appointed me to be the Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Webster, New York (east of Rochester) effective July 1st, 2015.

Church Staff:

Rick LaDue
Pastor

Stephen Swanson
Director of Music

Rae Seeley
Secretary

Newsletter Team:

Robin Bowen
Paula Falvey
Karen Golden

The cabinet assured me that the invitation was made after prayerful discernment and that they felt my gifts and graces were a match to the Webster church. Earlier this week, after my own time of prayer and discernment, I agreed and accepted the appointment. I believe God is at work in this appointive process and although it will be difficult to say "goodbye," I believe God is faithful and will bring a new pastor to Kidder church who will enhance the mission and ministry of this congregation.

So, both Kidder church and myself will be in transition over the next several months. The most important thing to keep in mind is that this is an opportunity for all of us to trust God. Let's agree that God is still in control and trust that all of this fits into His perfect plan for me and Kidder church.

In Him,