

KIMBALL AVENEWS

Take your "Stranger Love" to the street

OCCUPY HOLY WEEK

Throughout the month of March, we've been learning about God's love for the "alien and stranger" and applying what we've learned to our treatment of immigrants and refugees. We've also had a number of opportunities as a congregation to put into practice "stranger love" toward neighbors who have been denied justice and compassion.

This month, we will be joined by the congregations of the Logan Square Ecumenical Alliance (LSEA) to stand in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will enjoy a bilingual worship service at 10:30 am at Humboldt Park United Methodist Church. Then we will take our "Stranger Love" to the street, occupying Palmer Square at 12:30 pm. We will use our voices and our presence to push our elected leaders to strengthen the Chicago "Welcoming City" ordinance and the state TRUST and Safe Zone Acts.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, we will join San Lucas UCC and Nuestra Señora De Las Americas Episcopal Church for a celebration of unity within diversity. (Watch for more details.) And our Good Friday observance on April 14 will be announced shortly.

You can continue to follow our Fast From Xenophobia at www.lentencompact.wordpress.com.

Easter Sunday Celebration

Easter Sunday is just a few weeks away, and we're getting ready to celebrate! Come to the Oasis on Sunday, April 16, at 10:00 am for a continental breakfast followed by Easter worship at 10:30 am. Weather permitting, we'll spend at least part of the morning outdoors to be surrounded by resurrection life.

Plus, Easter concludes our Lenten Compact, "Stranger Love" and our fast from Xenophobia. On Easter, we will receive a special "Stranger" offering. We will give the offering—along with 5% of our March and April offerings—to support the

A 'growing' partnership

*The KAC Community
Garden Kick-off
"Clean & Green"
Saturday, April 1
10:00 am*

It's time to start thinking seriously about gardening at the Kimball Avenue Church Oasis! But before we can plant, we have to clean up the plots and spread some compost. Join us on Saturday, April 1, to help with "Clean and Green" as we kick off the new season.

THIS YEAR, WE ARE ADDING A NEW OPPORTUNITY! Thanks to the amazing work of the Design.Build.Grow.Eat teens last summer, we now have 4 planter boxes to accommodate gardeners who have trouble bending or kneeling. If you have wanted to garden, now is your chance to start—no matter what your ability. Contact the church if you are interested.

resettlement of a refugee family in the Chicago area. We are participating with Bethany United Church of Christ and Pilgrim Lutheran Church in this project. Even if you haven't participated in this year's Compact, consider giving a donation to help a refugee family.

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adventure
begins*

Food to our Stomachs!

Our April Sunday Dinner will be served on Sunday, April 23, at First Lutheran Church, 3500 W. Fullerton Ave., starting at Noon.

This month's meal will once again be collaboration between Kimball Avenue Church and Nuestra Señora De Las Americas. Watch for the menu and sign up sheet for meal ingredients.

Music to our Ears!

To encourage young people to pursue their interest in playing a musical instrument, the church is working with Kyle Gilbertson to provide lessons to interested children and youth from Kimball Avenue Church. The church will contribute a portion of the lesson fee in exchange for musical performance.

(Kimball had this successful arrangement in the past with a number of students.)



If your child or grandchild would be interested in lessons on any number of instruments including piano, guitar, drums, woodwinds or brass instruments, please see Pastor Ray or Kyle Gilbertson.

We're Collaborating!

Our relationship with Nuestra Señora De Las Americas is deepening! And we're loving it!

Besides sharing in the April Sunday Dinner, we're going to enjoy a combined bilingual worship service on Sunday, April 2, starting at 11:00 am (NOTE THE TIME!) The service will include elements from both churches' styles, so it will be unique and fun. Weather permitting, we plan to hold the service outdoors in the Labyrinth, but we'll have a rain plan just in case.

We're Affiliating!

On March 22, Kyle Gilbertson and Grace Buchner joined Pastor Ray in a meeting with the Congregational Relations Committee of the United Church of Christ to finalize our affiliation with the denomination.

Kimball Avenue Church will be officially received into the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the UCC at the Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 6.

We want to have good representation for this historic moment in our church's future, so please mark your calendars. We will arrange for transportation to the meeting, which will be held at University Church, 5655 S. University Avenue in Chicago. Additional information will be posted shortly.