

# KIMBALL AVENEWS

*As of May 6, 2017....*

## WE ARE OFFICIALLY UCC

Kimball Avenue Church will be officially received into the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ at the Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 6. The meeting will be held at University Church, 5655 S. University Ave. in Chicago.

As part of our reception into the UCC, we have been asked to make a presentation to the gathering that will aid them in getting to know us better. The presentation will include a brief overview of our history, our current work and partnerships, and our hopes for the future. We want to include many voices in the presentation, so we will plan it together following our worship service on April 30.

And we'll celebrate the historic occasion with a potluck picnic following our worship service on Sunday, May 7. (See page 2 for details about our worship service in conjunction with National Labyrinth Day.)



The vote for accepting KAC into the UCC is the first step in a process toward official recognition. We will be working closely with UCC lawyers to submit all the required paperwork with the State.

## Take Your Faith To Springfield

Buses will leave Chicago at 6:00 am on Tuesday, May 9, for Springfield, IL, as we bring God's justice to the State capital and our elected officials. The "**Day of Faith in Action**", sponsored by Community Renewal Society, will include a prayer rally, face-to-face meetings with officials and the opportunity to meet others in the struggle for justice for ALL creation.

If you would like to participate in this powerful action, see Pastor Ray. There is no cost for the day, and lunch is provided.

*Refugee Resettlement Offering*

## *From Fast to Feast: Loving our Refugee Neighbors*

As a part of our Fast From Xenophobia for Lent, we collected funds to join Bethany UCC and Pilgrim Lutheran churches in supporting the resettlement of a refugee family in the Chicago Area. To date, we have collected \$675.00 from individual donations. We will also add 5% of our offerings from March and April to that amount. Together, we make a difference!

Thank you for turning your fast into a feast of love for our refugee neighbors. We will continue to update you as we learn more about the family that will be coming through this program.

Even if you didn't participate in this year's Lenten Compact, "Stranger Love", you're invited to make a contribution to this project. You can either make a donation online (use the 'Donate' icon at the Kimball Avenue Church website) or send a check made payable to Kimball Avenue Church to 3413 W. Medill Ave.

## Run for Congress

As a member organization, Kimball Avenue Church will be sending a delegation to the annual **LSNA Congress** where the 2017-18 Holistic Plan for the Logan Square community will be adopted. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 16.

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: To be Announced

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## Feed the Body/Feed the Soul

Our May Sunday Dinner will be served on Sunday, May 21, at First Lutheran Church, 3500 W. Fullerton, starting at 12 noon. Once again, we will collaborate on the meal with Nuestra Señora De Las Americas (NSA). Watch for details of the menu and plan to sign up to provide a portion of the meal.

Immediately following the meal (about 1 pm), we will share a worship service with NSA in the sanctuary at First Lutheran. This service will replace our morning worship service for the day.

So come and find a feast for both your body and your soul.

## Come & Find the Quiet Center

Sunday, May 7, is **National Labyrinth Day**, and we're observing it with a special outdoor worship service that will include a guided walk along the pathways. Together, we will find the quiet center where we will "be still and know that YHWH is God."

Following the service, we will enjoy a potluck picnic in the Oasis along with a celebration of our UCC affiliation.

## Walk For Peace on June 3

For the 22nd year, Kimball Avenue Church will participate in the annual **Walk For Peace** sponsored by the Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO). Each year, churches and community residents join together to call for a safe and peace-filled summer—and given how violent Chicago has been over the past year, we need Peace and we need it NOW!

Details of the walk are being finalized, so for now **SAVE THE DATE**, and watch for updates.

## Rise Up and Call Her 'Blessed'



It's time to give special honor to the women—those who have given birth to us and those who have shared their lives with us to nurture us and support us

On Mother's Day, May 14, we'll celebrate the amazing women of Kimball Avenue and Nuestra Señora De Las Americas, give thanks for them, learn from their strength and rejoice in their spiritual gifts and talents.