



Ignite Community United Methodist Church of Kenilworth

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2026 Calendar of Worship and Events

"Go for J.O.Y. Reaching Out for Jesus, Others, and Yourself"

"And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"
Romans 10:15 (NIV)

JANUARY

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
1	New Year's Day		
4	Epiphany Sunday (White or Gold)	Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18	Holy Communion
11	Baptism of the Lord (White or Gold)	Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17	
18	2nd Sunday After Epiphany; Human Relations Day (Green)	Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42	Installation of 2026 Council Officers.
19	Martin King Luther Jr. Day		
24	Pre-Anniversary Clean-up and Decoration		
25	3rd Sunday After Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday (Green)	Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23	
Note: Freedom Prayer to be offered for Veterans - "Anniversary Luncheon Fellowship" right after worship			

FEBRUARY

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
1	4 th Sunday After Epiphany - Ignite Community UMC 8 th Merger Anniversary - rescheduled!	Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12	Special Sunday Offering: Anniversary Offering. Guest preacher: Rev. David LeDuc Theme: Go in J.O.Y.
8	5th Sunday After Epiphany; Scouting Sunday (Green)	Isa 58:1-9a (9b-12); Ps 112:1-9 (10); 1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt 5:13-20	Service of Holy Communion
14	Valentine's Day – Love Month		
15	Transfiguration Sunday (White or Gold)	Exod 24:12-18; Ps 2; or Ps 99; 2 Pet 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9	
16	President's Day		
18	Ash Wednesday (Purple or Grey)	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Anointing of Ashes 2PM-5PM. Trinity & Ignite Joint Service @7PM-Ignite UMC
19	Start of 40 Days Lenten Devotion @ 7PM – 8PM Via Zoom (in-person as offered by members). Monday to Friday only		
22	First Sunday in Lent (Purple)	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11	

**Youth and Young Adult LOVE FELLOWSHIP (Date and time to be announced) In-charge: Youth and Young Adults
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

MARCH

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
1	2nd Sunday in Lent (Purple)	Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17	
8	3rd Sunday in Lent (Purple)	Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42	Daylight Saving Time Starts
15	4th Sunday in Lent (Purple)	1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	
17	St. Patrick's Day		
22	5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)	Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45	
29	Palm/Passion Sunday (Purple or Red)	Palms Lit. - Matt 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion Lit: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:14-27 or 27:11-54	
30	Monday of Holy Week (Purple or Red)	Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11	
31	Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red)	Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36	
Women History Month – A lay woman may speak on one Sunday of March			

APRIL

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
1	Wednesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red)	Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32	
2	Maundy Thursday (Purple or Red)	Exod 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Ps 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Trinity and Ignite Joint Service @ 7PM
3	Good Friday (No Color)	Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 19:1-42 or Mark 14:1-15:47	Trinity and Ignite Joint Service @ 1PM - Place to be announced
4	Holy Saturday (No Color)	Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42	
5	Easter Sunday (White or Gold)	Jer 31:1-6; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10	Free Easter Breakfast @ 9am
12	2nd Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)	Ex 15:1-11; Ps 111; 1 Pet 1:3-9; John 20:19-31	
19	3rd Sunday of Easter - Earth Sunday (White or Gold)	Isa 51:1-6; Ps 34:1-10; 1 Pet 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35	
26	4th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)	Ezk 34:7-15; Ps 100; 1 Pet 2:19-25; John 10:1-10	Ms. Mel Freda's Class Recital @ 4pm

Fund Raising Event coordinator Melissa – Details to be Announced

MAY

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
3	5th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)	Prov 4:10-18; Ps 119:9-32; 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14	
5	Cinco de Mayo		
6	National Nurses Day		
7	National Day of Prayer via Zoom at 7 PM (Kenilworth Interfaith Fellowship)		
10	6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day, Festival of Christian Home (White or Gold)	Ezk 34:1-7; Ps 115; 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14:15-21	
17	Ascencion Sunday (White or Gold)	Isa 45:1-7; Ps 21:1-7; 1 Pet 4:12-14 5:6-11; John 17:1-11	
17-20	2026 GNJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Wildwood, NJ		
24	Pentecost Sunday / Heritage Sunday / Aldersgate Day / Memorial Sunday (Red)	Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39	
25	Memorial Day		
31	Trinity Sunday (White or Gold)	Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20	
Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Possibility of Kenilworth Street Fair – use this event for witnessing program			

JUNE

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
6	Sight and Sounds Trip - coordinator Danielle (May another trip within the area)		
7	2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:1-12; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26	
14	3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps 116:1-2, 12-19; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8 (9-23)	
19	Juneteenth		
20	First Day of Summer		
21	4th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) – Father's Day	Gen 21:8-21; Ps 86:1-10, 16-17 or Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39	
26-28	Youth and Young Adults Summer Institute in Gretna Glen Camping Site in Lebanon, PA		
28	5th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 22:1-14; Ps 13; Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42	A Lay person may speak

JULY

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
4	US Independence Day		
5	6th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45:10-17 or Ps 72; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30	Holy Communion will be moved to 2 nd Sunday. Pastor Roeline will be in vacation
12	7th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112 or Ps 25; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23	
19	8th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-2, 23-24; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	
26	9th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b; Rom 8:26-39 Matt 13:31-33, 44-52	

AUGUST

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
2	10th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21	
9	11th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33	
16	12th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Gen 45:1-15 Ps 133, Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28	
21-22	Younger Youth and Kids Vacation Bible School – in collaboration with St. Paul AME		
23	13th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Exod 1:8-2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20	
30	14th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Exod 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28	

SEPTEMBER

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
6	15th Sunday After Pentecost; (Green)	Exod 12:1-14; Ps 149 or Ps 148; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20	Prayer and Blessings to Students and Education Staff
7	Labor Day		
12	Lunch on the Lawn – School Supplies Give Away		
13	16th Sunday After Pentecost; Grandparent's Day (Green)	Exod 14:19-31 & Ps 114; Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35	
20	17th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Exod 16:2-25; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, or Ps 78; Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matt 20:1-16	

22	First Day of Autumn		
27	18th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	Exod 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Acts 3:1-19 Matt 21:23-32	Spanish Heritage Fellowship (Sept 15-Oct 15)

OCTOBER

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
4	19th Sunday After Pentecost; World Communion Sunday (Green)	Exod 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Acts 4:5-12; Matt 21:33-46	Pet Blessings / Heritage and Culture Sharing
9-11	POSSIBLE IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE		
11	20th Sunday After Pentecost	Exod 32:1-14 Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829) Acts 8:14-25 Matt 22:1-4	
12	Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day		
18	21st Sunday After Pentecost; Laity Sunday (Green)	Exod 33:12-23; Ps 99; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 22:15-22	
25	22 nd Sunday After Pentecost Reformation Sunday (Green)	Deut 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; Acts 10:44-48; Matt 22:34-46	
Fil-American History Month – Polish Heritage Month – Heritage Sunday – Do it on One Sunday Pastor Appreciation Month – Laity Sunday Mid October – Giving away of Costumes 31 – Giving away of sweet treats and Christian Readings @ 12pm–3pm			

NOVEMBER

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
1	23 rd Sunday After Pentecost All Saints Sunday (White)	Josh 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; Acts 11:1-18; Matt 23:1-12	Daylight Savings Time Ends
7	Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale - Coordinators: Ms. Mel Freda and Ms. Mary Ellen Paxton		
8	24th Sunday After Pentecost – Veterans Sunday (Green)	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78:1-7; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13	
11	Veterans Day		
15	25th Sunday After Pentecost; (Green)	Judg 4:1-7; Ps 123 or Ps 76; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30	
22	Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday (Purple or Blue)	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46	Special Offering: Everybody's Birthday
23	Kenilworth Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service – in person and via Zoom		
26	Thanksgiving Day		
27-28	Church Christmas Decoration. Day and Time will be announced		
29	First Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)	Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37	

DECEMBER

Day	Sunday and Liturgical Color	Lectionary Scripture Readings	Notes
2	Start of Weekly Advent Devotion @ 7PM – Ignite and Trinity Joint		
6	2nd Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)	Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8	
13	3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)	Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28	
20	4th Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)	2 Sam 7:1-11; 16 Luke 1:47-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38	Special Offering - Birthday Gift to Jesus! – Church Christmas Party
24	Christmas Eve Worship (White or Gold)	Isa 9:2-7 Ps 96 (UMH 815) Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20	Joint Worship Trinity and Ignite @ 7PM – Place to be announce
25	Christmas Day	Isa 52:7-10 Ps 98 (UMH 818) Heb 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14	
27	1st Sunday After Christmas Day (White or Gold)	Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40	
31	New Year's Eve Worship Service – Possible Joint Worship with Trinity and Ignite @ 7PM – Place to be announce		

IGNITE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- *Youth and Adults Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- *Choir Practice @ 9:30 am (as announced)
- *Sunday Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- *Service of Holy Communion – every 1st Sunday of the month unless new schedule is announced.
- *Children's Sunday School in the middle of the worship
- *Friday Bible Study with Pastor Don via FB live @ 9am
- *Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom & FB live @ 6:00 pm
- *Treasure Shop every Saturday @ 10am-1pm
- *Youth and Young Adults Meet-up – Schedule and place to be announced

MONTHLY and BI-MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- *Bible Beginners Class in person & online via Zoom every other Tuesday of a month or as announced
- *Women's Fellowship every 2nd Wednesday of a month @ 11am or as announced
- *3M's Gathering in person & online via Zoom every last Friday of a month or as announced

OTHER PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES

- *Community Care Food Pantry - every 3rd Thursday of a month @ 4pm
- *ESL (English as Second Language) Class – every Monday or Tuesday @ 6:30 pm. (Day and Time may change as announced)