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Dear Friends,

When the Ebola crisis appeared very close to home recently, it reminded us of an important truth – we are connected with the rest of the world. What was happening in western Africa suddenly appeared in Tallmadge.

When it comes to diseases, we don't particularly want to be connected, and so there are already steps being taken toward travel restrictions. But in a larger spiritual sense, "being connected" with others is what God calls us to be. When a health care crisis strikes in western Africa, we are called not into hiding but into active engagement in mission. This is exactly what we are doing in the United Methodist Church!

We have a strong United Methodist presence in the region of Africa where Ebola has hit hard. The missionary that we directly support – Beatrice Gbanga – is a health care coordinator in Sierra Leone, working with our numerous United Methodist health care clinics and hospitals there; and our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been intensely engaged in multiple efforts to fight the disease, working through our extensive local church network in the region. Go to <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/the-church-responds-to-ebola> to see a whole series of inspiring articles about what United Methodists are doing.

Jesus called his disciples to "Go into all the world." [Mark 16:15] We are doing so as we support the worldwide mission of our church. We can rejoice to be a part of a "connectional" church – connected in mission to all of God's people.

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Church Conference is an annual meeting, led by our District Superintendent, in which we establish our church goals and budget for the coming year. All members of the church are invited to attend. Our Church Conference this year will be on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary. We hold our Church Conference in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Falls First United Methodist Church, so members of that church will be present as well. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Ed Peterson, will preside.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Bible talks in many places about how we are *stewards* of God's gifts – we have been entrusted by God with what we have in this world, in order that we might use those gifts to carry out God's purposes.

On the last Sunday in October, which was Consecration Sunday, many members and friends of our church responded personally to the Biblical call to be faithful stewards by making a financial commitment to the work of Christ through this church for the coming year. If you have not yet turned in an "estimate of giving" card for 2015, you can do so on any Sunday in November. Cards are available in the atrium, sanctuary hallway, and chapel vestibule.

University of Life

Short courses for adults -- Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15

Child Care Provided

Sunday Seminar – Nov. 2 – “Living as a Christian in Bethlehem”

Location: Chapel Speaker: Micheal Zoughbi

Micheal Zoughbi is a resident of Bethlehem in Israel, where he is a member of the Melkite Orthodox Church, one of the earliest Christian communities in the Holy Land. He will be speaking about what life is like for Christians in Bethlehem. With the current circumstances in the Middle East, the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, and the tensions between some Muslims and minority Christians, his comments will relate directly to today’s news! He will also have olivewood carvings available for sale at the class and after 10:30 worship. Proceeds from the sales go to the Olivewood Project, which supports Christian wood-carvers in Bethlehem.

Six Things We Should Know About God

Nov. 9 – Dec. 14

Leaders: John and Sandy Kerstetter

Location: Conference Room

What are God’s qualities, and what effect do they have on us? This study continues the popular series begun earlier this fall; new participants can join any time! Using video clips from United Methodist pastor and teacher Tom Berlin, the study guides us into a deeper understanding of God. There is no cost or study book required. Just come any Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15.

CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE

The church owns eight cemetery plots at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg, which were given to the church many years ago by members who had moved away. The plots are in two groups of four, located in an attractive area near a lake. They can be purchased from the church at a price of \$2300 a piece, or somewhat less depending on how many are purchased at the same time. The price is in line with the going rate for cemetery plots at Crown Hill. For more information, contact Dr. Palmer. The proceeds from any sale will be used for capital improvements on the church building.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Our Advent devotional book, which contains meditations for each day of Advent written by members of our church, will be mailed out at the end of the month to everyone on our newsletter mailing list. Additional copies will be available at the church.

HAYMAKER FARMERS’ MARKET RETURNS

Our church will again be hosting the Haymaker Farmers’ Market for the winter months. This proved to be a very positive partnership last year. Starting on the first Saturday in November, the market will be held every Saturday in Pierson Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES SALE!

Janus Circle will be baking and selling Christmas cookies once again. We will offer samples at the coffee hour on Sunday, November 16, so stop by and pick your favorites. Orders will be taken the month of November, and delivery will be December 14. We are offering Christmas cut-outs with icing or without icing, peanut butter cookies, and snowballs. Money raised will go toward mission projects. Please contact Julie Zeager with questions at juliez0@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry News

November 2014

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for July 11-18, of 2015. Additionally as was announced last month our youth will also be partnering with the Youth Works and travelling to the Leech Lake Reservation June 27-July 4 to work with the Native Americans living in that community. Preparation for both our trips began with two parent/student interest meetings in September and October. At these meetings we announced that we would be traveling to Mountain TOP week six of their summer schedule, meaning that we that we WILL have the opportunity for those interested students to participate in Mountain TOP's day camp program once again! The Youth Works trip to Leech Lake will feature a rich cultural experience along with the opportunity for the students to participate in both home improvement projects and The Youth Works Kids Club program. At the time of this writing the Mountain TOP trip is completely full and spots for the Youth Works trip to Minnesota are filling up amazingly fast. So get your application from Rick and get it in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

In November we are looking forward to our third annual Lock-in, planned for November 14-15. This years Lock-in will be hosted by the Greensburg and Greenvalley UMC's. As in years past the lock-in will have a worship service planned by the youth, there will also be a discussion time led by the senior members of the youth group, we will have inflatables in the Greensburg gym and much more. We hope everyone will grab a friend and plan on getting involved in one of our exciting upcoming events.

Shalom,
Rick <><

DID YOU KNOW?

The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."

Youth Works applications are being accepted from NOW until January 4. Don't get left behind, turn yours in to Rick today.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.

November Calendar

Saturday	1	9:30-3 Confirmation Haven of Rest
Wednesday	5	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Wednesday	12	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Fri-Sat	14-15	Lock-in
Wednesday	19	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Wednesday	26	NO Youth Fellowship
Saturday	29	Ohio State Beats Michigan

November Acolyte Schedule

Nov 2	Marek Seaholts Mason Moldvay
Nov 9	Zach Holman Adriane Stranathan
Nov 16	Arijana Kooijman Cade McDougal
Nov 23	Caroline Stiller Erik Martin
Nov 30	Garrett Slippy Hallie Fritsch

**KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNOUNCE MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER**

Kent United Methodist Women’s Miriam Circle will meet at **9 AM on November 5th** in Pierson Hall for a Chinese Auction and program entitled “*Shoes On My Feet*”. Hostess will be Donna Dietz with Leah Brown and Shirley Rog serving as Co-Hostesses. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Becky Head.

On **November 5th at 2 PM** members of Mary Reed Circle will meet at Kent United Methodist Church and depart from there in teams to visit Circle members who are confined to healthcare facilities or their own homes. Members will then reconvene at 5 PM for dinner. Pat Gynn will offer Devotions and a Mission Moment.

Rebecca Circle of Kent UMW will meet on **November 5th at 7:30 PM** at the church in Pierson Hall. The program is entitled “*A Call to Warmth*”. Sue Abbott will be the Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Lee Hall and Janet Sessions. Lee Hall will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Jane Smith.

On November 9th at 9:15 AM Janus Circle will meet in Pierson Hall. The program is entitled “*Thanksgiving*” and the Hostess will be Christine Howard.

**CHILDREN’S THANKSGIVING
PARADE**

Our children will once again be taking part in a *Thanksgiving Parade* on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, joining in a tradition based on the German *Erntedankfest* (Thanksgiving festival), in which children decorate wagons, fill them with food, and then bring the wagons in a parade into the church, where the food is dedicated to be given to the needy.

All of our children through grade 6 are encouraged to bring boxed or canned food items into their Sunday School classrooms on the first four Sundays in November. Wagons will be created in the various classrooms, and our children will finally parade into the sanctuary with the filled and decorated wagons at the close of the 10:30 worship hour on Nov. 23.

The Thanksgiving Parade lifts up the two major themes of Thanksgiving – giving thanks to God for our blessings, and sharing out of our abundance with others.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will support a wide range of missions. A letter about the offering and the mission goals will be mailed out in early November.



You are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Flowers will be distributed by Circle members to shut-ins from our church. Circle members may pick up the poinsettias December 24th, after the 9:00pm service or later. Please complete the information below, and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by **December 7.**

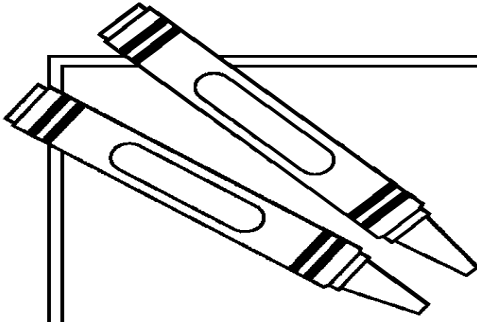
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WISH TO DONATE _____ PLANTS(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR (CIRCLE ONE AND PRINT NAMES(S))

IN HONOR OF: _____



Just for **KIDS**

Rules to Live By

God wants us to live our lives in His way.
In Exodus 20 you will find some special rules to live by.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and see the rules.

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Ushers

November 2 - Team 2

November 9 - Team 3

November 16 - Team 4

November 23 - Team 5

November 30 - Team 6

If you are unsure of what Team you are on please check the website at

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

November 2 - Gary Mote

November 9 - Brittany Brode

November 16 - Eric Wertz

November 23 - Eric Wertz

November 30 - Jack Miller

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Kathi Smith, Betty Coleman,
Robert Bancroft, Eleanor Smith,
Sue Harvey, George Flanik, Jim Clark,
Mark Ryland, June Ake, Bryan Coia



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go To:

Family and friends of
Max Wilcox.

Cynthia Osborn on the
death of her father.

Peg Arnold on the death of her mother.

Rick Pinson on the death of his sister.

Esther Vandersall and Linda Thomas on
the death of their sister/aunt

Ruth Vandersall.



November 2 - Sharon Coia

November 9 - Don Ashton

November 16 - Betty Sweet

November 23 - April Hinkle

November 30 - Mavis Palmer

Lay Readers

November 2- Judy Price

November 9 - Hallie Fritsch

November 16 - Kathy Hardy

November 23 - Dick Abbott

November 30 - Andrea Denton

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for organizing and preparing the wonderful memorial luncheon for my mother, Alice Darr. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Sincerely,
Nancy Darr

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to the summer camps. I learned a lot about God during the camps. My favorite camp was the M.A.D.D. camp. It was fun! M.A.D.D. stands for Music, Art, Drama, and Dance. I did Music. I also went to the Level Up camp as well. That was also fun. We learned about Noah, Jesus, and others. We also got to go swimming, draw, crafts, building and much more.

Thank you so much!

Brannon Jacoby

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and recipients of the Lord's Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, we would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of our program. Your personal commitment has been incredibly helpful and allowed us to reach our goal day in and day out. Your assistance means so much to us but even more to the vulnerable people that we serve. Thank you from all of us.

Regards,

Christie Anderson, KSS Manager

Marquice Seward, KSS Assistant Manager

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30am to 3pm Confirmation class /Conference 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
2 Regular Sunday Schedule/ Communion	3 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	4 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 9am Miriam Circle/PH 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit 7:30 pm Rebecca Circle/PH	6 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	7	8 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
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23 Regular Sunday Schedule	24 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm Church Conference/ Sanctuary	25 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving Office Closed</i>	28 Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir, 4 yrs-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30-10:15 University of Life Classes 9:30 Child Care 10:30 Worship/Nursery 10:40 Sunday School Preschool-6th Grade 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 5-6 pm Club 56/gym 5 to 6 pm Resurrection/Choir Room 6 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells) Sanctuary	
30 Regular Sunday Schedule/ First Sunday of Advent						



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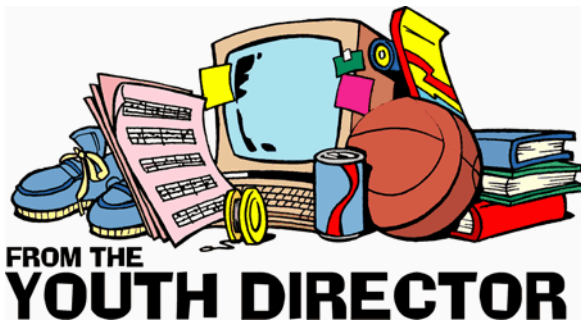
WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
November 2	"Run the Race"	Hebrews 12: 1-2 II Timothy 4: 7-8	Dr. David Palmer	All Saints Sunday Resurrection, Communion
November 9	"How to Have Faith When You're in a Serious Jam"	Genesis 37: 17b - 28 Genesis 39: 1-21	Dr. David Palmer	
November 16	"God Works for Good"	Genesis 41: 53-42: 26 Genesis 50: 15-22a	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir
November 23	"The Thanksgiving Altar"	Genesis 8: 13-20 Genesis 12: 7-8; 26: 23-25a; 33: 18-20	Dr. David Palmer	Thanksgiving Sunday/ ZAMARingers
November 30	"The Real World and The Real Christ"	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14	Rev. Douglas Denton	First Sunday of Advent



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Urgent!

If you have changed your email address or home address, please contact the church office with your new email/home address at 330-673-5879 ext. 10 (**or if you are temporarily away**). Please help us keep our church records correct (and save money on returned postage). Thank you!!