



# The Methodist Mosaic



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Dear Friends,

At the end of August, I began a new sermon series entitled, *Foundations for Faith – from Noah to the Nile (lessons in faith from the book of Genesis)*. The accounts in the book of Genesis are very memorable – and very ancient – but they each bring to us a very contemporary message! The series will run through the fall.

We resume our full Sunday schedule this month, which you will find outlined in this newsletter. On **September 7**, children move to their new grade levels, Sunday School teachers are commissioned for service, the Children's Choir resumes rehearsals, and the youth class starts up again. Our Chancel Ringers and ZAMARingers also resume rehearsals. Resurrection starts rehearsals a week earlier, on August 31.

In our **Sunday School**, our education leaders have spent time in recent months carefully reviewing our curriculum. They looked at other curriculum options, and possibilities for enhancing our present curriculum. They concluded that our present system is the best approach – with rotating classes for elementary age students using different teaching approaches each week – but they also are making some revisions to make our classes even better! We are again blessed with an outstanding group of teachers and look forward to a great fall of Christian learning and growing in our Sunday School.

This means that preschool children will continue to be in the same classroom with the same set of teachers each week, using curriculum that involves multiple activities each Sunday. Elementary age children will rotate from room to room, following a schedule that is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway between Pierson Hall and the Gym (where it can easily be checked as children are on their way to their classes). One enhancement this year is that there will be weekly take-home sheets that will let parents know the theme of each Sunday's class, so that families can discuss the day's theme at home.

Classes are offered during the 10:30 worship hour for all children through grade six. There is nursery care throughout the hour for two-year-olds and younger. Children age 3 and older spend the first fifteen minutes in the sanctuary, and then go to their classes following the Children's time.

For young people in the seventh through twelfth grades, we have a **youth class**, which will also be from 10:30 to 11:30. The timing assumes that most of our youth will choose to attend the 9:30 service (which we have found to be the case). The class will begin with a 15 minute fellowship/snack time, followed by a 45 minute session focused on Christian living. It is generally taught by our youth intern.

For adults on Sunday mornings, we have the University of Life, which will begin on September 14. See the article below about the upcoming class!

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

## University of Life

Short courses for adults “Six Decisions that Will Change Your Life”

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15

Starting September 21

Leaders: John and Sandy Kerstetter

Location: Conference Room

To get to the core of everything that matters, you've got to make six very significant decisions. Join this study, using a resource DVD by United Methodist pastor and author, Tom Berlin, to discover what Jesus has to say about those six decisions. No study book is required; just come to the class!

## New Member Orientation

The New Member Orientation is for all persons who are interested in learning more about our church and who are interested potentially in joining the church. It is led by Dr. Palmer and will take place in two sessions during the month of September.

The first session will be on Sunday, September 14, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The session provides an overview of the United Methodist church as well as a specific orientation to our local church. The class meets in room 200 in the education wing (the first room at the top of the stairs). Child care is offered throughout the session.

The second session will be on Saturday, September 27, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. This session includes a "New Member Dessert," with the desserts brought in by members of the church, plus a preparation for the worship service in which persons are received into membership. Child care is again offered throughout the session.

Persons choosing to join the church will be received into membership during any of our three worship hours on Sunday, September 28. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in being a part of this new member orientation, or if you would like more information, please be in touch with our church office.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our church, along with Christians throughout the world, will be celebrating World Wide Communion on Sunday October 5, 2014. There will be 25-30 of our church members who will not be able to be with us due to illness or limited mobility. Volunteers are needed to deliver communion to these friends' homes. You will be assigned one or two homes and pick up the communion elements after worship on October 5th. Please sign up in the church Atrium, or call Reverend Denton at 330-673-5879, Ext. 24.

Also, if you or someone you know would like to receive communion in their homes, call Reverend Doug Denton.

## Building Updates

The renovation of the campus ministry men's rest room is nearing completion; work will be starting on the women's rest room there.

The new boiler is in place, and a good deal of work has been done on the building-wide HVAC control system. We expect work to be done on the control system in September, so that the system will be ready to be turned on as cooler weather arrives!

The parking lot was sealed and striped this summer, as a part of regular maintenance.

Many small repair and maintenance projects are done every week by our *Tuesday Work Group*. This group of men and women comes together each Tuesday starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing in the late morning. New participants are welcome! No particular skills are needed; you can take part in whatever projects you feel comfortable doing. Projects include everything from outside yard work to inside repairs to cleaning projects. The group makes an enormous impact on the upkeep of our facility! It provides a great opportunity to share in Christian service and in good fellowship with other church members – including a tasty dessert break in the mid-morning. For more information about taking part in the group, speak with Nelson Madden at 330-678-3538 or contact the church office.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK 2014

October 30th - November 6th is an opportunity for you to "Make a Difference" in the lives of other church members. As many prepare their homes and yards for winter there are some of us who need some extra help. It may be raking leaves, weeding a flower bed or garden, cleaning or small repair jobs. If you are willing to team up with some other members of the church to help out, either sign up in the church Atrium or call Reverend Denton at 330-673-5879, Ext. 24.

Also.... If you are a person who needs the some of this extra help, please sign up in the church Atrium or call Reverend Denton.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:30 Chapel Worship** - *Traditional style, 45 minute worship service with around 50 worshippers in the beautiful setting of our chapel. No child care*
- 9:00 Holy Donut Shop** - *Grab a donut and coffee or tea in our church kitchen before heading to any of our many morning opportunities*
- 9:15 Children's Choir rehearsal** - *This choir, open to children age four through the sixth grade, sings monthly at the 10:30 hour, and for the closing part of the 9:30 service*
- 9:30 Child care** - *in room 107 This is for children who are not in Children's Choir whose parents are attending the Contemporary Worship Service, the University of Life, or the Sanctuary Choir rehearsal*
- 9:30 Contemporary Worship** - *"Contemporary" style worship with a praise band in the casual setting of the church gymnasium. When parents are attending this service, their children can go to the 9:30 Child care, or the Children's Choir. This is a 45 minute service, so parents can pick their children up at the end of the service.*
- 9:30 University of Life** - *A series of short courses in Christian living offered from September through May, with a variety of leaders, taking place from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday*
- 10:30 Sanctuary Worship** - *This one-hour service includes a blend of many musical styles, featuring numerous choral and handbell choirs. Nursery care is provided throughout the hour for children age two and under. Children age three through sixth grade attend for the first fifteen minutes and then depart for the balance of the hour to go to Sunday School classes*
- 10:45 Sunday School** - *classes for all ages. Children from the 10:30 service depart for their classes after the Children's Time. The Youth class, for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, meets during this time*
- 11:30 Fellowship time** in Pierson Hall.  
*The Sanctuary Choir, New Spirit, and Chancel Ringers, and Resurrection and ZAMARingers when they are sharing in worship, also have rehearsals at various times on Sunday morning.*

### Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, September 14, 2014

We will give a Bible to each child going into the third grade this September. The curriculum we use in Sunday School is written with the understanding that third graders are ready to have their own Bibles and to use them in classes and at home. The children will receive Bibles on September 14 at the 10:30 am service. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon for the third graders, their families, and mentors. Children received a letter about the Bible presentation in August. If you have a child going into third grade and did not receive a letter, please contact our church office, so that we can be sure your child is included.

### Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 11:45 am in Pierson Hall for young people and their parents who will be taking part in this year's Confirmation Class. A letter with details was sent out in early August to all 7th graders.

If you would like to be a part of Confirmation and did not receive a letter, please be in contact with Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 ext. 12.



**OCTOBER 3  
& OCTOBER 4**

Mark your calendar!! This fall the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, October 3, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, October 1, after 2 pm.

## Youth Ministry News

### September 2014

As promised I'd like to give everyone the opportunity to read a little about this year's Mountain TOP experience. I have asked Ryan Dean and Brooke Harvey to share with you about their trip I hope you enjoy reading about it as much as I did sharing in it.

Shalom,  
Rick <><

By Ryan Dean:

At Mountain TOP I had many great experiences, but one that really affected me personally was our 2-day project. We helped an elderly woman who lived in a small trailer close to our camp. She spent most of her days sitting outside on a very small, cramped deck. During the two days we were at her house, we got to know her really well. In the end, she was so happy with the large deck addition that we made for her. I would have never been able to do this without the help of our church. Thank you to Rick and the other adults who went with us to Mountain TOP.

By Brooke Harvey:

Every year, I'd listen to someone tell the congregation about Mountain Top, about what an amazing experience it was, and I'd think to myself, that'll be me someday. I'll go to Mountain Top, and I'll help people that are less fortunate than I am. What I didn't realize was how much Mountain Top would affect me spiritually, how much I would change, and how different I would see the world when I came back.

This was the first year that I could go to Mountain Top. I thought you had to do small home repair, and I'm not that comfortable or coordinated around tools. But then I heard that there was another option. For the first time, you could choose to do Day Camp. I immediately felt better! This was awesome! I could help others by doing something I was comfortable with, and still go to Mountain Top. I thought it was completely perfect, but then I realized I didn't know anyone else well that was doing Day Camp. And even if I got to know them well, we would all be separated when we got there anyway. I was kind of nervous. It takes me awhile to feel comfortable around people I just met, to show

them the real me.

When we arrived at Mountain Top, I knew that it was going to be different. As soon as we started picking up the Day Campers, I knew that I had made the right choice. When I saw the smiles on the kids' faces as we played games, or heard their laughter when something funny happened, I felt like I was making a difference in their lives, that I was really helping them learn and grow. And later, after we dropped the kids off, we got to hear about the magical moments that other people had experienced during the day, and we got to tell them about our own memorable times. After that, though, was my favorite part of every evening: worship.

I loved going to worship. I loved the music, I loved the messages, and I loved the way that it made me feel. I cried during every worship, because they touched me so much. I felt that I could relate each message to something that was going on in my life. It introduced me to a new, brighter way of looking at things, and it helped me to accept that just because I'm going through a rough time right now, it IS going to get better, and it isn't going to ruin my life.

Even though I was only at Mountain Top for a week, I felt like I'd been there forever. I didn't want to leave, I was afraid that I'd lose that part of me that I had just found, that I would go back to hiding all my feelings. Then we got a paper with a message on it. We got one of these each morning, to read and think about during a time of prayer. This one described how when some people left the mountain, they left the feelings and the things that they had learned behind, and each year, when they returned, they would experience what they called a "mountain top high." I didn't want to do that. I wanted to continue being that person that wasn't afraid, that knew that God was always with her. So I promised myself that I would continue to be that person, and I'm happy to report that I've kept that promise. It's hard to say what Mountain Top is like to someone who has never been. I mean, it's easy to say what the food was like, or to describe the friends that you had made, but you really can't explain the feeling that you get by helping others. I want you to know that Mountain Top was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I will never hesitate to go back.

## Ushers

September 7 - Team 6  
 September 14- Team 1  
 September 21 - Team 2  
 September 28` - Team 3

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

[www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org)

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

### VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

September 7 - Eric Wertz  
 September 14 - Eric Wertz  
 September 21 - Gary Mote  
 September 28 - Jack Miller

## Lay Readers

September 7 - Nelson Madden  
 September 14 - Mike Hardy  
 September 21 - Judith Nedel  
 September 28 - Tom Emerick



Remember  
 These  
 Members  
 in Their  
 Sorrow

## Our Sympathies Go To:

Family and Friends of  
 Sarah St. John.  
 Rebecca Biggers on the death of  
 her daughter Cynthia Cleveland

## Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Bob Bancroft, Gertrude Bodnovich, Ginny Blevins, Rebecca Biggers, Kathy Smith, Mary Kay Hornsby (Janice Swan's mother)

## New Births

### Madison Elizabeth Winter

Parents: James and Amy Winter  
 Grandparents: Bob and Phyllis Keller and Jim and Alexis Winter  
 Aunt, Uncle, Cousins: Jennifer and Kyle Morgan, Andrew, Emily, and Cole

### Corinne Elizabeth Harris

Parents: Adam and Stephanie (Tasker) Harris  
 Sister: Aubrie Janna  
 Grandparents: Rick and Cheryl Pinson  
 Great Grandmother: Betty Seibert



September 7 - Sharon Coia  
 September 14 - Don Ashton  
 September 21 - Betty Sweet  
 September 28 - April Hinkle

## Youth Calendar

### September 2014

Wednesday	3	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Sunday	7	Confirmation Luncheon
Wednesday	10	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Wednesday	17	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Friday	19	5th QUARTER TBA
Sunday	21	11:30 mission trip meeting
Wednesday	24	7-8:30 Youth REUNION
Fri/Sat	26/27	Confirmation Retreat

## September Acolyte Schedule

September 7 - Molly Fankhauser  
 Josh Ronowski  
 September 14 - Carlie Thompson  
 Christopher Gavriloff  
 September 21 - Ryan Stevens  
 Andrew Collier  
 September 28 - Anna Swan  
 Brannon Jacoby

**WE HAVE ADDED A MORNING CLASS OF DISCIPLE I.** We have had such a huge sign-up for Disciple that we will now have two classes – a Tuesday morning class from 10-12 each week, and a Tuesday evening class from 7-9 each week, starting September 9. There are a few openings in the morning class. Disciple I, led by Dr. Palmer, takes participants through the Bible in 34 weeks. Sign up in the atrium!

**DISCIPLE II, our advanced Disciple class, IS FULL,** but there is a waiting list sign-up sheet in the atrium.



**Returning this fall** the Kent United Methodist Church will be hosting **“Club 56.”** Beginning September 7, from 5-6 pm, Kent youth in grades 5 and 6, *and their friends*, are invited to join us in the gym for games, fun, fellowship, a snack and a short **“God Time.”** Remember this is a youth group just for us! **“Be a part from the start,”** invite your friends, and meet us in the gym on Sunday night, September 7 to be in on all the fun.

# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Labor Day Office Closed	<i>2</i> 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	<i>3</i> 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	<i>4</i> 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<i>5</i> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 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 Youth Class& Children's Hour, Child Care	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule/ Communion</b> 11:45 am Confirmation Luncheon/ Pierson Hall	<i>8</i> 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	<i>9</i> 8:30 am Men's Work Group 10am Disciple I 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7pm Disciple I/Rm 200 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	<i>10</i> 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit 7pm Staff Parrish/ Conference Room 7pm Disciple II	<i>11</i> 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<i>12</i> 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	
<i>14</i> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 11:45 am Third Grade Bible Luncheon/ Pierson Hall	<i>15</i> 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal 7:30pm Education Committee/ Conference Room	<i>16</i> 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7pm Disciple I/Rm 200 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	<i>17</i> 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit 7pm Disciple II	<i>18</i> 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<i>19</i> 5th Quarter Youth/gym and Pit	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 11:30am Mission Trip Meeting in the Pit 11:45am Sager Brown Fundraiser in Pierson Hall	<i>22</i> 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	<i>23</i> 8:30 am Men's Work Group 10am Disciple I 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7pm Disciple I/Rm 200 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	<i>24</i> 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Reunion/Pit 7pm Disciple II	<i>25</i> 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<i>26</i> <b>Confirmation Camp</b> 4pm Friday -	<i>27</i> <b>Class Retreat</b> <b>Asbury</b> 5pm Saturday
<i>28</i> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>	<i>29</i> 6pm Kent Garden Club 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	<i>30</i> 8:30 am Men's Work Group 10am Disciple I 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7pm Disciple I/Rm 200 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	<b>Trash and Treasure Set up in Pierson Hall Starts at 2pm on Tuesday, September 30</b>			

## Thank You Notes

To all My Church Family and Friends,  
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and flowers.

Special thanks to Doug Denton for his many visits during my hospitalizations. Hopefully on my way to a full recovery.

God Bless,  
Peggy Kurtz

I just want to thank everyone who supported me this summer as I was serving down in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee at Mountain Top. Thank you for all of the love, support and prayers. Being on staff was an amazing experience and I learned a lot about myself through the process. God showed me the way through prayer and guidance. Also, just a special thanks to the ones who partnered with me because it wouldn't have happened without you.

Thank you,  
Caitlin Stephenson



Mountain TOP is an interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to the rural life ministry of the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. For many families living on the mountain it is the only way of getting much needed major home repairs completed.

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 23-26. This year we will again be sponsoring our third community fall festival where shoes, socks, coats, books and school supplies will be given away! So once again volunteers can do home repair or work the festival.

If **YOU** would like to be a part of this amazing experience. If this sounds like **YOU** or if **YOU** feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

## KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Miriam Circle of Kent UMW will meet at **9 AM on September 3rd** in the church parlor for a general meeting. Co-hostesses will be Becky Head and Ruthe Loughridge. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Leah Brown.

On **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mary Reed Circle will travel to *Heart 4 the City* in Akron to learn more about this outreach mission program which is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Rev Brett Bartels, the pastor, will present a program and tour of the facility. Lela Irving will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Gretchen Laflin and Maryalice Seaholts. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Phyllis Neel. Members planning to attend are asked to meet at the Kent UMC at 12:15 PM to carpool to *Heart 4 The City* for the 1 PM meeting.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 PM on September 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Copeland Oaks United Methodist Retirement Community in Sebring, Ohio. The program is entitled "*Lettuce Relish Coming Together with Nancy Johnson*". Sue Abbott will be the Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Julie Madden and Mickey Peoples. Julie Madden will lead devotions and the mission moment will be presented by Donna Stiller. A carpool will depart from Kent UMC at 6:30 PM.

At **9:15 AM on September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Janus Circle will meet at the Kent United Methodist Church in Pierson Hall. The program topic is entitled "*Confident Women*" and Rebekah Kulis will serve as Hostess.

**The Executive Board** of Kent UMW will meet at **7 PM on August 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Conference Room at Kent United Methodist Church. Co-Presidents Gail Pytel and Donna Stiller will preside.



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**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
September 7	“Stairway to Heaven”	Genesis 11: 1-9	Dr. David Palmer	Communion/ Confirmation Luncheon
September 14	“Trust in the Promise”	Genesis 12: 1-3 Hebrews 11: 8-13a	Dr. David Palmer	Third Grade Bible Presentation
September 21	“Giving Away the Farm”	Genesis 25: 29-34 Romans 8: 15-17	Dr. David Palmer	UMCOR Luncheon in Pierson Hall
September 28	“God Is Steadfast”	Genesis 26: 1-12	Dr. David Palmer	Children’s Choir,

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Rebecca Circle invites you to a “Tailgating Luncheon” in support of Sager Brown on September 21 after the 10:30 Service. We will be serving hot dogs, sloppy joes, salads and desserts. A basket will be on the table for your contribution. Sager Brown is the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s supply depot where kits are assembled for disaster relief around the world. Plan to attend and support this worthwhile mission. If you are not able to attend, please send your contribution to the Church with Sager Brown in the memo.