



# The Methodist Mosaic



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**"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you . . .  
and you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:2**

Dear Friends,

In the current sermon series, "Foundations for Faith – from Noah to the Nile," we have been considering the promises God made to Abraham -- that he will become a great nation, that he will be blessed by God, and that he and his descendants will bring blessing to others.

Jesus said that when we live in faith we are the *spiritual* "children of Abraham." Through Christ, the promises of Abraham hold true for us -- we are blessed by God, and we are called to bring blessing to others.

We are indeed bringing blessing to others through the life and mission of this church! Every day of the week, our building is filled with children, youth, and adults who are growing in God's blessing in many ways, and we are going beyond the walls of the church in extraordinary mission outreach.

In this newsletter, you will find a letter from the missionary that we support in Sierra Leone, Beatrice Gbanga. You may remember that Beatrice visited our church and spoke here a couple years ago. Beatrice is a health care administrator with our United Methodist hospitals and clinics in Sierra Leone, and she is thus a direct connection between our church and the Ebola crisis. She gives a moving witness about what her co-workers are facing in Sierra Leone.

On the youth page of this newsletter, you will also find an announcement about how we are expanding our summer mission team ministry. In addition to Mountain T.O.P., we are adding, for senior highs who have Mountain T.O.P. experience, an option of going on a mission to an Indian reservation in Minnesota. So we will be sponsoring four mission teams next year – two youth summer mission teams, plus an adult team to Sager Brown and an adult team going on a fall weekend to Mountain T.O.P.

Closer to home, we have taken on major support for Heart 4 the City – a United Methodist mission church in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron. Exciting things are happening there! You can get an overview at [www.heart4thecity.org](http://www.heart4thecity.org). Our church is providing \$5000 a year to undergird this mission, and we are increasingly developing personal connections.

The list could go on and on of ways that we are in effective mission! We are able to be instruments of blessing because of the support that members of our church give to the ongoing work of the church. This month you will have an opportunity to consider how you will be supporting the church in 2015. During the month, you will receive a mailing about Consecration Sunday, which is October 26. On that day in worship, you will have an opportunity to turn in an "estimate of giving" card, on which you can indicate the financial support that you expect to give to the work of Christ through this church for the coming year. Please be in prayerful reflection about your own part in the ministry of our church.

We rejoice in God's blessings, and we rejoice that by God's empowerment we can bring blessing to others!

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

## Cub Scout God and Me

Dr. Palmer is offering the Cub Scout God and Me religious award program for Cub Scouts who are Wolves or Bears this year. Class sessions will be held on Monday nights starting October 27. This is open not only to Cub Scouts in our church-sponsored Pack 3250 but also to scouts who are part of our church and who belong to other packs. For more information and to register, contact Dr. Palmer by Oct. 12th.

## Children's Socks Needed

The County Clothing Center would like to give each child who comes to the Santa Closet a package of **new** socks. Many of us are able to take this simple item for granted but that is not true for many of the families we serve. If you can help, there is a box in the atrium for your donation. All sizes are needed - from infant to teens. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the Center on the first or second Monday of the month, please call Gail Closs – [330-626-2062](tel:330-626-2062).

## UCM Fall Fundraising Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Fall Fundraising Dinner on Friday, October 10th at 6:00 pm in Pierson Hall. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The fall themed menu includes Appetizer, Salad, Chicken, Side, Vegetables and Brownie Sundae for dessert. Vegetarian meal is available upon request at time of reservation. Reservations are required and can be made on our website at [www.myucm.org](http://www.myucm.org), by calling the UCM office at [330-673-5687](tel:330-673-5687), or by purchasing tickets from a UCM student after worship on October 5th, or by stopping in our church office. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support our campus ministry, please consider purchasing a patron ticket or making an online donation. Proceeds from the dinner support UCM's student programs.

Thank you for your continued support of campus ministry!

God Bless,

The UCM Staff

## 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.



## 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 2, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, September 30, after 2pm.

## 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.

## Building Updates

Our Tuesday work group recently painted the exterior railing that runs in front of the parlor entrance. Thanks for a job well done! They also have been renovating the entrance room that leads into the women's rest room in the campus ministry part of the building. Work on that rest room will be starting in October.

The HVAC control system throughout the building is being completed as of the end of September. Further work on the boiler system continues in October, but the entire project should be done by the end of the month. It is being funded through the Bicentennial Campaign (as well as funds previously given through the "Turn Up the Heat" campaign).

New windows were installed in the campus ministry part of the building. The nine large windows replaced original 1960's era windows in which the hardware that makes the windows operate had deteriorated, to the point that half of the windows no longer worked. Now every window opens and closes properly! The project was funded by the Wertz estate.

## Youth Ministry News

The ten day forecast for the rest of the week shows no sign of temperatures reaching above 65 degrees, fall is definitely here and our youth group is running full tilt. We have the confirmation retreat coming up, club 56 has begun, and youth group is charging ahead!

Youth Group on Wednesdays has enjoyed great turn outs, last week we had 22 in attendance but there's always room for more. Have you been to one of our Wednesday nights? If not... why don't you come? And if you come why don't you bring a friend? Additionally, we had our first **5<sup>th</sup> Quarter** party of the season on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Roosevelt home game vs. Coventry.

Looking forward to October, be sure and remember **Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>** is our annual **Halloween party!** On this fantastic evening the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house and everyone (**that means you too Club 56**) is invited to be a part. So get a costume, grab your friends and get ready to have a great time.

Last summer I had an interesting conversation with some of the older members of our youth group. During part of that conversation it became apparent to me that our youth want to make an impact in our world and continue to reach out to others through missions. As a result of that conversation our youth group will be offering two mission experiences next summer. We will continue to partner with the Mountain TOP organization working with the families and children of Grundy County through their minor home repair program and day camps, but we will also be traveling to upper Minnesota to work on a Native American reservation and minister to the needs of those people living there as well.

To find out about either of these mission trip opportunities please plan to bring your parents and attend the meeting scheduled for 11:30 in The PIT on October 5. Even if you aren't sure whether or not you want to go on a mission trip, plan to attend this meeting in order to be sure you have all of the correct information. (Unless you already attended the September 21 meeting.)

Shalom,

*Rick* <><



## Boy Scout Troop 252 Pancake Brunch

Troop 252 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 19, 2014 in Pierson hall starting at 11:30am. The brunch is a freewill donation and everyone is invited.

## October

Wednesday	1	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Sunday	5	11:30 Mission Trip Meeting
Wednesday	8	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Sunday	12	CROP Walk
Wednesday	15	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Wednesday	22	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Thursday	23	4-6 Serve at KSS
Thr-Sun	23-26	Adult Mountain TOP trip
Wednesday	29	Halloween Party (club 56 and Greensburg/Green valley New Hope invited)

## Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 23-26 our church will again be sponsoring an adult trip to Mountain T.O.P. and again this year participants will get to choose between participating in the major home repair program or the Grundy County Fall Festival! Soles-for Souls has agreed to return to the mountain to distribute shoes to the needy in the area, and Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing winter coats, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. Bins have been placed around the church for you to drop off new or gently used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. If you have questions please contact Rick Stout in the church office.



## Kent CROP Walk

The Kent CROP Walk is Sunday, October 12, 2014, at 2pm. Registration is at 1:30 pm. The event is being held at Lake Brady United Methodist Church. The walk will begin at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail.

The CROP Walk is a symbolic walk to help understand and appreciate what people around the world must do as they walk for miles to provide for their basic needs. Our Confirmation Class is among the walkers each year. Plan to be a walker or a sponsor. Donations by check can be made payable to CWS/CROP. All funds collected go to fight hunger, locally and world wide.

**Twenty-five percent of all money collected will go to our local Kent Social Services.**

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN CHRIST.

Our worship service on **All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2**, will include a memorial for persons who have died in the past year. Names will be read, and a chime will be sounded for each person as a testimonial to how each has passed into the glory of God. We will include not only members of the church but also relatives and friends of members, provided that the names are turned in to the church office by **Sunday, October 26**. If you have a relative or friend who has died in the past year and whom you would like to have remembered on All Saints Sunday, please use this form, and return it to the church office.

### PLEASE PRINT

CHURCH MEMBER NAME (yours)

NAME OF RELATIVE/FRIEND

RELATION (grandfather, friend, etc.)

## Contemporary Worship Updates

New members have joined the praise band in the past month. Ryan Dixon is playing drums, and Chelsea Young, a voice performance graduate student at Kent State, has joined vocals.

We have a new keyboard, with much greater capabilities than the old one. Thanks to all whose donations made it possible! Abby Dean is on keyboard this year.

We also have Ethan Davis on guitar and vocals, and Amanda Reed on Bass, and of course Michael Goff leading the whole band. New participants are welcome! If you or someone you know may be interested in being a part of the praise band, please speak with Michael Goff. There is also a new "feature wall" in the center of the stage area, with a United Methodist cross and flame in the center. Thanks to Joe Pozuc, who did the construction! In late September, we had our first new member reception at the 9:30 hour, and our first adult baptism.

This year our Children's Choir and our youth Resurrection ensemble will be singing at the 9:30 service as well as at 10:30 on each Sunday when they sing. At the 9:30 service, they sing in the latter part of the worship time. We are in need of persons to join the 9:30 service Powerpoint team, which operates the projector during worship. No prior experience necessary. If you are on the team, you serve on occasional Sundays, when you are available.

Our contemporary service is steadily growing. We give God thanks for all the good things that are happening!

## University of Life

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

**Fall Term: September 14 – October 26 – "Six Decisions that Will Change Your Life"**

**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!

**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 woodcarvers in Bethlehem.

## Ushers

October 5 - Team 4  
 October 12 - Team 5  
 October 19 - Team 6  
 October 26 - Team 1

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

October 5 - Gary Mote  
 October 12 - Brittany Brode  
 October 19 - Jack Miller  
 October 26 - Gary Mote

## Bus Drivers Needed

One of the very important parts of our church outreach is our bus ministry, which provides transportation to 10:30 Sunday worship for people who could not otherwise come to worship. We have about a dozen people who rely on the bus to come to worship, plus occasional groups of students who use the bus. We are meeting a significant need!

Richard Pryor is our regular bus driver – he has taken on this ministry as an extraordinary form of service every Sunday – but occasionally he needs a sub! We need additional backup drivers who would be available from time to time to drive the bus. The bus is easy to drive! It is a new, 15 passenger vehicle with a regular gas engine. We provide training to all volunteers.

You can provide the way by which someone is a part of worship! For more information, please contact Dr. Palmer.

## Thank You Notes

Rebecca Circle thanks you for your donations to our fundraiser for Sager Brown, the headquarters for United Methodist Committee on Relief's relief-supply operations. Rebecca members donated all of the food enabling the total to be all of your donations. We collected nearly \$825 with the money in the baskets plus the donations made to the Church for Sager Brown. If you were not able to attend the luncheon and would like to contribute, send a check to the Church and mark Sager Brown in the memo.



October 5 - Sharon Coia  
 October 12 - Don Ashton  
 October 19 - Betty Sweet  
 October 26 - April Hinkle

## Lay Readers

October 5 - Dottie Emerick

October 12 - Lee Hall

October 19 - Julie Madden

October 26 - Janet Sessions



Remember  
 These  
 Members  
 in Their  
 Sorrow

## Our Sympathies Go

To:

Family and Friends of Alice Darr.

## Hospitalized and Surgeries:

June Ake, Kathi Smith, Donna Bytner, Kay Condley

## PLEASE REQUEST YOUR PLEDGE STATEMENT

As we approach the end of the year, if you have lost track of where you are on your pledge, please feel free to email the finance office ([Lynnette@kentmethodist.org](mailto:Lynnette@kentmethodist.org)) and request a Pledge Status Statement. In addition to all the wonderful ministries here in our own facility that you support, through your generous donations we are on track to again give more than \$150,000 to mission works - locally and worldwide. It is only through your generous support of the United Methodist Church of Kent that we are able to touch so many lives. Thank you for your continued support.

## October Acolyte Schedule

October 5 - Adriane Stranathan  
 Arijana Kooijman  
 October 12 - Cade McDougal  
 Caroline Stiller  
 October 19 - Erik Martin  
 Garrett Slippy  
 October 26 - Hallie Fritsch  
 Katie Kulis



# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	2 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7pm Budget Committee/ Conference Room 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	3	4
		<b>Trash and Treasure</b>	<b>Set Up</b>		<b>Trash and Treasure Sale</b>	
5 <b>Regular Sunday Schedule/ Communion</b>	6 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	9 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	9 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm Stewardship Com- mittee/Conference Room	10 6pm UCM Dinner	11
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19 <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>	20 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	9 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	22 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	23 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7pm Finance Meeting/ Conference Room 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	24 <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	25
26 <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>	27 7pm God and Me/ Scout Room 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	9 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	29 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Halloween Party in the Pit includes Club 56	30 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 6pm Staff Parish/ Confer- ence Room 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	31 9:30 Child Care 10:30 Worship/Nursery 10:40 Sunday School Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 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	

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times for the people of Sierra Leone. The current Ebola crisis has escalated; I faced severe restrictions on the health ministry of the church as work in the communities has caused risks for health workers who are the front line people who first make contact with infected persons. About one hundred and fifty health workers who have died to the epidemic in the country.

Global Ministries offered missionaries serving in Liberia and Sierra Leone the option to leave their places of assignment if we decided to do so. I was already in the United States attending meetings relating to the Health Board activities. While here, I plan to continue to contribute to our United Methodist support efforts during my stay. I arrived on July 24, 2014, did two weeks of meetings, did medical evaluations and am currently staying in Atlanta, Georgia.

My tentative plan is to remain here until the situation stabilizes with hopes to return to Sierra Leone at the end of October. Had planned an earlier return, but information reaching me is that the situation is getting worse than expected by the day.

We had to close the smaller clinics - Manjama and Doris Acton UMC health centers in Bo and Manonkoh respectively; where staffs are vulnerable to getting the disease from patients, and lack necessary education to protect them.

The Religious Leaders established a Task Force, included Muslim leaders; which has embarked on information sharing campaign; giving facts about Ebola - history, symptoms, referral opportunities, and behavioral change. The main message we continue to share is the "NO TOUCH STRATEGY" to members of congregations. Since the virus is transmitted through contact, we encourage little or "NO" touching even in church; peace and greetings is done by waving to each other, washing of hands with chlorine water at the door step of churches and mosques before entering and leaving worship area. Sermons in all churches and mosques include Ebola messages during worship services.

Some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is now being distributed with necessary user education to all staffs working in the seven health institutions that still provide care for people in rural areas in the country. The UMC Ebola response team, hospitals, and clinics continue to make all efforts to provide prevention measures and education on Ebola through radio, community meetings and collaborating with the District Health Medical Teams, Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL), and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, to combat the deadly virus. The work is being supervised by my assis-

tant - Catherine Norman and a vibrant team at the UMC health office.

The health ministry of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference Health Board will continue regardless of my not being in the country! There are committed and devoted local persons who view their job as being in mission; therefore, the overall ministry is not compromised by my not being there. More information on the Ebola response activities in Sierra Leone can also be found on the UMCOR and GBGM websites.

We are grateful to UMCOR - EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RESPONSE OFFICE - for advocating for us to have large quantities of protective gear air freighted to Sierra Leone; to protect staff at our health institutions and funds to purchase other items necessary for the Ebola response in Sierra Leone.

I am staying in contact and in prayer with Bishop John K Yambasu, my colleagues at the UMC Conference office, health workers serving in communities where UMC churches are located and especially for those involved in Ebola response activities in the country.

Please pray with me as I seek ways to fruitfully assist in building awareness of the impact of this dangerous disease and inviting support for the medical efforts to overcome it.

As the Ebola virus spreads in West Africa, The United Methodist Church continues to be present and respond through West African United Methodist church leaders, Annual Conference health boards, denominational health facilities, medical missionary colleagues, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The church's four hospitals and five clinics in Sierra Leone and one hospital and three clinics in Liberia are all participating in Ebola virus awareness and treatment efforts.

I appreciate your faithful support of my ministry, and your abiding and prayerful concern for the people of West Africa during this crisis. May God's grace and healing comfort those afflicted by the Ebola virus and every human disaster. Continue to pray for my colleagues in Sierra Leone who continue their committed work. Pray for my health, physical and spiritual strength as I continuously think about and sort through all the concerns raised during this crisis!

Yours in Christ,  
Beatrice Gbanga

(We provide \$2500 per year in missionary salary support for Beatrice Gbanga, who works in United Methodist health care administration in Sierra Leone.)



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**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
October 5	"Voyage from Vengeance"	Genesis 4: 23 Leviticus 24: 19-20 Matthew 5: 38-40	Dr. David Palmer	World Communion Sunday ZAMARingers
October 12	"God's Method for Resolving Conflict"	Genesis 32: 3-21; 33: 1-17	Dr. David Palmer	Acolyte Recognition
October 19	"Sweet Dreams on a Rock Pillow"	Genesis 28: 1-10	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir
October 26	"Living in God's Blessing"	Genesis 14: 13-20 I Timothy 6: 17-19	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers Consecration Sunday



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