



The Methodist Mosaic



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United Methodist Church of Kent - A Place to Grow

February and March 2015

Dear Friends,

As we transitioned in late January to a new Administrative Assistant in our church office, we decided it would make sense to have a Lenten newsletter, which would combine both February and March events – so here it is!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 18. We have a **Service of Ashes** at 7:30 that evening in the sanctuary. This very meaningful service uses the ancient symbolism of the ashes to signify our repentance and the forgiveness of Christ.

The season of Lent continues for the forty days (not counting Sundays) until Easter. The Lenten season has served for Christians as a special time for spiritual reflection. I will be starting a new **sermon series** entitled, “**Call on His Name – the Names and Titles of Jesus and What They Mean for Us.**” Each “name” of Jesus reveals something about who Jesus is, and how Christ can be at work in our lives.

We also have a **Wednesday Lenten series**, which includes a potluck supper followed by a program. The first supper is on Ash Wednesday, and then the series continues through March 25. For quite a few years, our theme for this series has been “Missions that Make a Difference,” but we will take a different focus this year.

The first Wednesday following Ash Wednesday – Feb. 25 – will be a stand-alone session with the theme, **Being a Christian in Iraq in the Face of ISIS.** Our speaker will be Rani Hedo, an Iraqi Christian from northern Iraq. He and his wife, Farah, who is a student at Kent State, have a son in the four year old class at our Tree City Preschool. This past summer, they were back in Iraq visiting family, when their village, near Mosul, was overrun by ISIS fighters. They were among the many Christians who fled north and who lived as refugees until, after considerable difficulty, they were able to get back to Kent in the fall. Rani Hedo will tell the story of what life is like right now for Christians in Iraq. The program will be from 7:00 to 8:00 in Pierson Hall, following the 6:15 supper.

The next four weeks will be a series entitled, **Ancient Ways Made New – Journeys in Prayer.** In recent years, there has been a revival of a number of ancient prayer forms for contemporary use. We will focus each week on one of those forms. For details about each week, see the article on the calendar insert in this Mosaic; the basic schedule is as follows:

March 4: The Labyrinth

March 11: Taize

March 18: Ignatian Method

March 25: Stations of Prayer

The schedule each evening, is as follows:

6:15 Supper (potluck)

7:00 Presentation about the prayer/worship form of the week; here is where you will learn about the background and use of this particular practice

7:30 – 8:00 Experience the prayer/worship pattern. Walk the labyrinth, share in a Taize service, do varieties of Ignatian prayer, go through stations worship.

You are welcome to come to any and all elements. You can come for just the 7:00-8:00 time, or for just the 7:30 experience, or even just for dinner! (those going to Disciple II or to youth group would be doing that).

We have many other opportunities during Lent; see the various articles below!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

**Bicentennial Celebration -- February
 Rev. Bob Machovec to preach on February 22
 50 Year Member Recognition Luncheon to follow**

In celebration of our church's Bicentennial this year, we are having a special "bicentennial event" each month in 2015. In February, the special event will be on Sunday morning, February 22, when one of our church's former pastors, Rev. Bob Machovec, will share with us again in preaching at all three worship hours.

Rev. Machovec was the associate pastor of the United Methodist Church of Kent from 1980 to 1985. Of the five former full-time pastors of our church who are still living (Bob Machovec, Barbara Wienke, Jerry Butcher, Jim Magaw, and Kay Dunlap), he is the one who goes furthest back in our church history. So it is appropriate that he is the first one to return this year! (We are inviting the others for later months in the year; Jim Magaw is already scheduled for late April.) This will be a meaningful way for us to connect with the "big story" of our church through the decades.

From the Church Archives

Thanks to those who have donated materials! A reminder - please drop off any materials you're donating to the church office and leave them with Adam or in my mail cubby. If you need me to pick up your items, please contact me at 330-678-9122. Thank you!

Deb Saito

Rev. Machovec currently serves as pastor of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Parma. We appreciate his taking a Sunday away from his church in order to connect with us in Kent!

On February 22, our celebration will also include a **50-Year Member Recognition** during worship, with a luncheon to follow at 11:30. A letter is going out to all the persons in our congregation who have been members for more than 50 years, inviting them to be a part of this special morning. There will be a time of recognition during each of our worship services, and then we will have a recognition luncheon in Pierson Hall, featuring Margie's famous hot chicken salad. *Everyone is invited to join our 50-year members for the luncheon.* We will have freewill offering baskets at the luncheon; proceeds will support our church archives (the new archives were our bicentennial focus in January).

Bicentennial campaign update

As of the end of January, 2015, here is the progress and the financial status of the various elements of our Bicentennial Campaign:

Boiler replacement – new boiler is installed and running! Remaining balance to pay:	\$6,988
HVAC controls system – work still to be completed. Remaining balance on project:	+\$81,246
Restroom renovation – campus ministry men's room completed; women's remaining:	+\$14,500
Building debt – balance remaining on the original \$1.4 million building expansion:	+\$51,605
Total bills that will be due this year:	=\$154,339
Cash on hand in the Bicentennial Campaign:	-\$25,215
Amount needed to be raised in 2015	=\$129,283

In 2014, we had a total of \$90,975 given to the Bicentennial Campaign. With some increase in giving this year, we can reach the goal of \$129,000 and meet the target of paying all bills by the end of this year. Please remember the Bicentennial Campaign in your giving! You can contribute at any time by marking a check or envelope Capital Campaign. Thanks to all who are supporting these major and long-needed improvements to our facility!

**Bicentennial Celebration -- March
Legacy Builders Luncheon
Wednesday, March 11, at noon**

It's true; everyone who crosses the doors of this church will leave a legacy. For some the legacy will be the years spent teaching Sunday School, or the hours spent volunteering in one of hundreds of ways. Others will leave a legacy of souls who were touched, mouths that were fed, musical programs performed and building repairs that were made. Still others will leave financial legacies, gifts to our permanent endowment funds that will live on, providing the resources to continue and grow our ministry.

You can learn more about leaving a financial legacy by attending the LEGACY BUILDERS LUNCHEON on Wednesday, March 11th at Noon in Pierson Hall. A professional representative from the East Ohio United Methodist Foundation will present an educational program on planned giving. Lunch is included and there is no charge for the event. To reserve your seat or get more information, please contact Kevin Patrick at (330) 931-0698. Kevin is the chairman of the Gifts, Memorials and Investments Committee at the Kent United Methodist Church.

**United Methodist Women of Kent
offering several programs in March**

On March 4th at 9 AM Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet in the church Parlor for a program entitled *Memories* by Diane Dinkins. Ginny Smith will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostess Sandra Andrews. Devotions and Mission Moment will be presented by Kathy Coltrin.

At 1 PM on March 4th, Mary Reed Circle will meet in the church Parlor. A program entitled *What It Means to Be in Mission* will be presented by Davina Gosnell. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be delivered by Phyllis Neal and Jane Hornyak will be the Hostess.

Rebecca Circle will meet at 7:30 PM on March 4th in Pierson Hall to hear a program update on the work of The Curtis Foundation. Co-hostesses will be Dottie Emerick and Carole Stokes. Dottie Emerick will also present Devotions and Judy Price will present the Mission Moment.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on March 8th

in Pierson Hall. Devotions will be led by Mavis Palmer and the hostess will be Becky Mulloy.

The Executive Board of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 7 PM on March 16th in the church Conference Room. President Denise Mote will preside.

UMW Sunday will be held on March 22nd. On that Sunday all 3 worship services will be led by members from the 4 UMW Circles. All are welcome.

Gleaning Ministry

Our gleaning team in 2014 gathered more than 15,000 pounds of produce for area food agencies – 7809 pounds of potatoes and 7251 pounds of sweet corn. Gleaning was done at the Pochedly farm in Mantua. Our team took the corn and potatoes to food cupboards and hot meal programs throughout Portage County. Deliveries were made to Catholic Charities, Center of Hope, Salvation Army, Kent Social Services, Upper Room Ministries, King-Kennedy Center, and the Skeels-Matthews Center. These agencies greatly appreciated the supplies!

The gleaning involves going through corn and potatoes that have been harvested but that are not marketable at groceries due to imperfections. An ear of corn may be quite good and edible, but if it is somewhat deformed or too small, it is rejected by the stores. Our team selects the good food from the harvest that has been “left behind,” and trucks it to the food pantries. This is meeting a real need in our county!

You can become a part of this gleaning ministry by contacting Dave and Sherry Vanderneut at 330-673-1467 or sdvneut@aol.com.



By Carlos Bautista
<http://ministry-to-children.com>

Youth Ministry News

February/March 2015

What a great start our youth have had to the new year. Rehearsals have begun for this year's Youth Sunday, to be held on March 15. This year's theme, "Gods redemptive grace through Christ," was taken from Luke 4: 18-21. On January 19th, 26 members of our youth group spent the afternoon in fellowship at Laser Quest in Akron. Additionally, on January 27th our confirmation class visited the Temple Israel in Akron and participated in their Interfaith Youth Service.

February/March Youth Calendar

- 18 NO Youth Fellowship
(Ash Wednesday)
- 22 Brick Sale 3-5 pm
- 25 Youth Fellowship 7-8:30 pm
- March
- 4 Youth Fellowship 7-8:30 pm
- 6-7 30-Hour Famine
- 11 Youth Fellowship 7-8:30 pm
- 14 Confirmation 9:30 am-12 pm
- 14 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 12-2 pm
- 15 Youth Sunday**
- 16 Rock Climbing
- 18 Youth Fellowship 7-8:30 pm
- 25 NO Youth Fellowship
(Spring Break)

As busy as January was, February and March are always a busy months in the lives of our youth. Our team of 36 is set for our mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. and plans are underway to raise the necessary funds. Our annual brick sale will be Sunday, February 22nd. While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week, the remaining funds, including travel costs, need to be raised. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by participating in the brick sale. When the youth call on February 22nd, won't you please consider

purchasing a symbolic brick for \$25 in support of the youth mission trip?

Planning for the "Time and Talent" auction is also underway. And YES the rumors are correct... this year's auction WILL include an autographed football from the National Champion Buckeyes signed by head coach Urban Meyer. Additionally, we are planning to have a "Presidents Day" party of Rock Climbing at Kendall Cliffs in Peninsula, on Monday, February 16th. And finally on the weekend of March 6 and 7 our youth will once again work to end world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. I hope everyone will plan to take part in one or all of these exciting events.

Shalom

Rick <>

February/March Acolyte Schedule

- February 18 (Ash Wed.)-** Arijana Kooijman
Adriane Stranathan
- February 22 -** Cade McDougal
Caroline Stiller
- March 1 -** Erik Martin
Garrett Slippey
- March 8 -** Hallie Fritsch
Katie Kulis
- March 15 -** Marek Seaholts
Mason Moldvay
- March 22 -** Zach Holman
Adriane Stranathan
- March 29 -** Cade McDougal
Erik Martin

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Regular Sunday Schedule	16 6 pm Garden Club / Pierson Hall 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	17 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 6pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary	19 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	20	21 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
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WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES
Ancient Ways Made New – Journeys in Prayer
Wednesday evenings in March
6:15 Eat 7:00 Learn 7:30 Experience

As noted in the front page article, we have a Wednesday night Lenten series this year that will focus on some ancient forms of Christian prayer that have come into new contemporary use. Learn about the prayer/worship form in a presentation at 7:00 p.m. in Pierson Hall, then experience the prayer/worship form from 7:30 to 8:00. The schedule will be as follows:

March 4: The Labyrinth In a number of European cathedrals, most famously at Chartres, there is a complex pattern in the floor, which forms a pathway for prayer. In recent times, the labyrinth has been rediscovered as a means of meditative prayer. Our East Ohio Conference just purchased a large cloth labyrinth that can be set up in any church space, and we are borrowing it for this night. Come learn about and walk the labyrinth.

March 11: Taize Taize worship uses simple, meditative song to lead an experience of contemplative prayer. Originating with the Taize monastic community in France, this has become a widely popular worship form. We have sometimes used Taize songs in our Sunday worship during Communion. We will learn about Taize worship and then share in a half-hour Taize service in the sanctuary.

March 18: Ignatian Prayer The “Ignatian method,” named after the 16th century spiritual leader Ignatius of Loyola, involves visualizing Scripture. We will discuss and experience a variety of forms of Scripture prayer.

March 25: Stations of Prayer For centuries, Christians have reflected about the journey of Christ to Calvary by using the “stations of the cross.” Today we occasionally use “stations worship,” especially in our youth ministry, following the ancient idea but with a variety of spiritual focus points. Rick Stout will talk about the background of the “stations of the cross” and how stations worship is being used today, and we will then have a stations worship experience in the gym.

March 2015

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Hey Kent Youth!

Come join us for a President's Day bash at:



Who: All Kent UMC youth and their friends

When: Monday, February 16 President's Day Meet at the church at 3pm (*Pizza and soda will be served before we go*) pick-up at the church is at 8pm

Where: Kendall Cliffs in Peninsula

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents must go to <http://www.kendallcliffs.com/waiver/> and sign the on-line waiver before the event in order for students to climb... there are no paper waiver forms.

How much: \$15 per student which includes two hours of instructed climbing and food

REMEMBER:

This is a BRING-A-FRIEND event! Rock climbing is open to the first 32 people to sign up with RICK. Cost is \$15 for TWO hours of instructed climbing and food.

Hurry spots are going fast!!!

Rick: 330-283-4838 or 330-673-5879 ext.12 or rickstout@kentmethodist.org



Vacation Bible School

Lab, singing new music at the Song Studio, exploring science activities at Science Station, participating in recreational activities at Game Garage, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Stop. Along the way, the Visioneers will hear about our mission project and enjoy WOW moments!

We hope you will mark your calendar for **June 15-19** (*please note this is one week earlier than our traditional week*) and plan to attend VBS at the Workshop of Wonders!

Ushers

- February 22 - Team 3
- March 1 - Team 4
- March 8 - Team 5
- March 15 - Team 6
- March 22 - Team 1
- March 29 - Team 2

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

www.kentmethodist.org

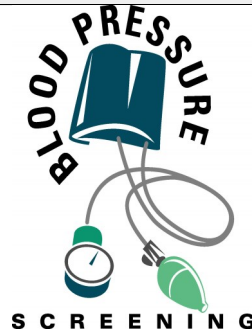
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Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Ray Loughridge, Kathi Smith, Wilda Henry, Maynard Jordan, Lois Enlow, Dottie Emerick, Kathleen Munn, Nicki Heisser

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

- February 18 (Ash Wednesday) - Eric Wertz
- February 22 - Jack Miller
- March 1 - Eric Wertz
- March 8 - Eric Wertz
- March 15 - Gary Mote and Jack Miller
- March 22 - Eric Wertz
- March 29 - Brittany Brode



- February 22
- March 1 Sharon Coia
- March 8 Don Ashton
- March 15 Betty Sweet
- March 22
- March 29 Mavis Palmer



Our Sympathies Go To:

- Jan Taylor and family on the death of Bill Taylor January 13
- Nancy Rhodes and family on the death of Dusty Rhodes January 19
- Janelle Wargo and family on the death of her mother, Martha Henry, Jan 22

Lenten Lay Readers

- February 22 Gretchen Fritsch
- March 1 Judy Smith
- March 8 Dave Beaumont
- March 15 Karen Bennett
- March 22 Judy Price
- March 29 Eric Wertz

University of Life

Classes for Adults – Lenten Term

Sundays from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

February 15 – March 29 except March 15

Beginning Sunday, February 15, Doug Denton will be leading a class tracing the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Using a 6-week DVD series led by Adam Hamilton (pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, United Methodist, in Leawood, Kansas), we will journey through England studying the message of Wesley and his faith and how he continues to speak to 21st century Christians.

Sunday Seminar, March 15

by Dr. Palmer – 9:30 in the gymnasium

The Bible in the Stones – what archaeology solidly tells us about the Exodus

This seminar is a follow-on to Dr. Palmer’s sermon series entitled, “Exodus – The Real Story.” Some skeptics have argued that the Exodus is pure myth. What do we know from archaeology? Is there hard evidence for the Exodus? Does the Biblical story have support “in the stones”? Join Dr. Palmer for this 45-minute seminar in the gym. Note that this will take the place of our contemporary service on March 15, since our contemporary worship leaders will be involved in the Youth Sunday services being held at 8:30 and 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Thank You Notes

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for all the cards and expressions of sympathy received during the recent death of my brother. We appreciate the caring of our congregation.

Sincerely,
Shirley Beaumont

I wish to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia delivered by Pat Gynn. We had a nice visit. I miss going to church after more than 60 years of regular attendance.

Sincerely,
Al Smith

I would like to thank you for the lovely flower. I really appreciated it. Looks beautiful in my room.

Thank you,
Vergil Herzberger

Dear church family,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. Thank you, especially to Doug Denton for his prayers, call and visits at the hospital which lifted my spirits greatly. I also wish to thank the church member who so thoughtfully delivered the lovely poinsettia. Bless you all!

Connie Baesemann

Thank you to Jane Hornyak for bringing me the beautiful poinsettia that graced the church on Christmas. It sure brightens the apartment. Also to Rev. Denton, a big "thank you" for coming by when I was not in my apartment and leaving his card.

Kent congregation,

Thank you for your most recent gift of \$12.75. We are very grateful to share with you the mission of ending hunger in Ohio.

Bob Erickson, Director
Hunger Network in Ohio

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to the Golden Hanger fund of the County Clothing Center. Your gift was put to immediate use serving children and adults in need of clothing and other basic necessities.

Because of your continuing support of the County Clothing Center, we are able to serve individuals and families in times of difficulty and bring hope to numerous lives. We not only respond to emergencies, but also enable people to achieve independence.

Thank you again for standing with us in extending a helping hand to those in need. You have encouraged us and we will continue to be dedicated to providing help and creating hope – as long as the need exists.

Gratefully,
Candy Pollard

Thank you to my wonderful church family, especially welcome since my biological family is so small. Special thanks to Pat Gynn and Becky Mulloy for bringing me the cheery church flowers, which are a big help. Thanks to all of you who visited me, offered me help, sent cards, called and kept me in your prayer.

Bless you for your caring ways,
Sue Maxwell

Thank you to my church family and friends for all of the thoughts and prayers during my ankle surgery. Thank you for all the cards and delivery of the flowers. A big thank you to Rev. Palmer and Rev. Denton for all of the phone calls and visits. Recovery is slow. But I am making progress.

Bryan Coia

Dear Rev. Palmer,

Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation recently received your EOC Advance Fund gift of \$500. I wanted to thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Wesleyan Senior Living.

Last year, Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation provided charitable support for nearly 200 of our 400 residents – individuals who have outlived their personal resources and rely on us to provide for their on-going needs. Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation makes it possible for individuals to remain within the committed and caring environment that they have come to call home, without undue interruption in their lives as their personal finances dwindle.

THANK YOU to you and your congregation for your commitment and support. Many thanks and prayers for your support.

Sincerely,
Kristen Jones

Dear friend of ZOE,

Thank you for building the Kingdom of God by helping orphans and vulnerable children help themselves. Because of your contributions is 2014 [our church gave \$300], ZOE has been able to transform the lives of over 20,000 orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Liberia, Zimbabwe, India, and Guatemala.

Again, thank you for reaching out to these children and standing with them as they pull themselves and their siblings out of extreme poverty and understand they are loved by God. Because of you, lives are being changed.

Grace and peace,
Gaston Warner





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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES — 10TH OF EACH MONTH

WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
February 18	"The Mark of Salvation"		Dr. David Palmer	Ash Wednesday
February 22	"Walking in Grace"	Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1:9-15	Rev. Bob Machovec, Kent UMC Assoc. Pastor,	ZAMARingers/ 50-year member recognition 1980-1985
Sermon series begins: "Call on His Name"				
March 1	"Call On the Name of the Lord"	Philippians 2: 9-10 Romans 10: 13	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
March 8	"Lamb of God"	Isaiah 53 John 1: 25-29	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir/ New members join
March 15		Youth Sunday		9:30 Seminar in Gym (No 9:30 Service)
March 22	Special drama and message	UMW Sunday		Blanket Sunday
March 29	"The King and His Kingdom"	John 12: 12-15 John 18: 33-36	Dr. David Palmer	Palm Sunday



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