



The Methodist Mosaic



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Dear Friends,

This has been the year of the Biblical epic on the big screen. First there was the movie, Noah, and now there is Exodus: Gods and Kings.

The reactions of people of faith to these films are decidedly mixed. When Hollywood meets the Bible – and when the directors themselves are nonbelievers, as in the case of both Noah and Exodus – you are not likely to get a product that is either true to the Biblical story or that has much spiritual depth. This was certainly the case with Noah, which strayed quite far from the Biblical story line and which offered little more in the end than a weak plea to humanity to take care of the planet.

On the other hand, believers can at least rejoice that the Bible is getting some attention! In an age in which religion is completely ignored in most films and in nearly all of television programming, it is encouraging to see Biblical stories featured in major Hollywood blockbusters.

What viewers will hopefully keep in mind is that if you go to see a movie like this, you will not be seeing a depiction of the actual Biblical story! You will be seeing a creative interpretation or take-off on the Biblical story. This was particularly obvious in the many fanciful elements in the Noah movie, and it is also the case in many elements of Exodus. Viewers will do well to read the real story!

In the process, some questions may arise. I believe that the main spiritual contribution of Biblically based theatrical productions – whatever their quality -- is that they can move people in the end to *think about Biblical themes*. What really did happen in the Exodus? Who was Moses, and what is God actually like? What message does the whole story bring to us?

We will pursue these questions this coming month in a sermon series entitled, “Exodus: the Real Story.” The series will start on the second Sunday in January and will continue until Lent in late February. This will be a natural follow-on to the series last fall that was entitled, “Foundations for Faith – from Noah to the Nile.” Whether you see the Exodus movie or not, I believe you will find inspiration in the actual account in Scripture!

The sermon on the first Sunday of the month, Epiphany Sunday, will be an appropriate prelude to the series. We will look the story of another despotic king – King Herod – who, like the Egyptian Pharaoh, was mad for power and intent on perpetrating terrible injustice. What does God do in the face of such evil? The story of Epiphany offers an inspiring answer to that question.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship as we take hold of God’s message afresh for our own lives.

In His Service
Dr. David Palmer

CHURCH SECRETARY JOB OPENING

The job description is below. If you or someone you know may be interested, please be in touch with Dr. Palmer for any questions. To apply, forward a resume with cover letter to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org

Church Secretary Job Description Qualifications:

- an associate degree or higher, with experience in secretarial work
- strong familiarity with church life and mission
- high competence in computer and office machine technologies, including the full Microsoft Office suite
- a friendly, positive attitude, with ability to work well with many personalities
- flexibility and the ability to be comfortable with a very diverse job

Responsibilities:

- serve as the primary receptionist in the office, answering questions, communicating messages, and managing event registrations
- prepare and duplicate printed material, including the weekly worship bulletin, the monthly newsletter, and various mailings and brochures
- manage meeting notifications, volunteer reminders, and communications via e-mail or other social media channels
- recruit volunteers for office tasks such as newsletter assembly
- maintain church records for attendance, membership, weddings, and baptisms, and keep the church contact list up-to-date
- pick up and distribute the church mail
- maintain church bulletin boards by keeping the postings up-to-date
- assist in the creation of the weekly worship service powerpoint
- oversee the maintenance of office supplies and equipment
- provide information and brief building tours for persons interested in weddings
- carry out other tasks as needed

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 3:00
(half hour for lunch)

Remuneration: Salary and benefits commensurate with education and experience

Bicentennial Celebration

We are entering our church's Bicentennial year! In 2015, it will be 200 years since the first Methodist class meeting in what was then Franklin Mills.

We are celebrating the Bicentennial with a special event each month during the year. In January, our focus will be on our newly established church Archives. On Sunday, January 11, Deb Saito, our church archivist, will share a word during worship about our archives room, and she will have some of our historical materials on display after worship. In February, one of our former pastors, Rev. Bob Machovec, who served as associate pastor from 1980-1985, will bring the sermon on Sunday, Feb. 22. This will be the first of a series of former pastors who will be sharing with us during the year.

We are a part of an inspiring story of faith and mission in this community. We look forward to celebrating that story together!

KENT UMW PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY

The Kent United Methodist Women will begin a new year of programming and mission outreach through their four (4) Circles. Theme for the year is "*The Music is You*". The UMW vision is "*Faith and Hope-Love in Action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world*".

On January 7th at 7:30 PM Rebecca Circle will meet in the Chapel of Kent United Methodist Church for a program entitled "*Christians in the Middle East: Trying to be a Christian in the Middle East*" presented by Rev. Dr. David Palmer. Judy Smith and Gail Closs will be Co-hostesses. Devotions will be led by Beth Jordan and Gail Closs will present the Mission Moment.

Mary Reed Circle and Miriam Circle will not hold meetings in January but everyone is invited to attend the Rebecca Circle program.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on January 11th in Kent UMC's Pierson Hall. Julie Zeager will lead Devotions and Christine Howard will be the Hostess.

The UMW Executive Board will meet at 7 PM on January 21st in the Conference Room at Kent United Methodist Church. President Denise Mote will lead the meeting.

Youth Ministry News

January 2015

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year we have planned. We have completed our spring calendar and are very excited about our upcoming events. Here are a few of the highlights of what to expect this spring:

- At a date that is still yet to be determined the youth will participate in World Visions 30 hour famine. Once the details are finalized packets and important information will be distributed so see Rick and watch the mail if you need more information about this exciting weekend.
- January 19 we will be planning an activity to celebrate Martin Luther King Day
- March 15 is Youth Sunday.
- And the Time and Talent Auction is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th.

Over all I am very excited about our plans and hope that everyone will take advantage of one or more of these events. Additionally, don't forget youth group is every Wednesday From 7-8:30 make sure you plan to come and bring a friend to any or all of these events.

Shalom,

Rick <><

DID YOU KNOW?

The last day to sign up to be a part of this years Mountain TOP team or the Youth Works trip to Minnesota is Sunday, January 4, however, the mountain TOP trip is already full! If you'd still like to go but haven't signed up see Rick about getting one of the few remaining spaces for Minnesota.

Youth group meets Wednesdays, between 7 and 8:30 in **THE PIT**.

January Acolyte Schedule

January 4 - Austin Stainbrook
Aubrey Kurtz

January 11 - Mason Moldvay
Adriane Stranathan

January 18 - Arijana Kooijman
Cade McDougal

January 25 - Caroline Stiller
Hallie Fritsch

January Youth Calendar

4	Last day to join Mission Trip teams
7	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
10	Confirmation 9:30-12
14	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
19	MLK activity TBA
21	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
23	Confirmation to Temple TBA
28	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

CALLING ALL ACTORS:

Youth Sunday is an annual day when the youth of our church lead our Sunday morning worship service. It is characterized by a focus on the music of our youth musical groups Resurrection and the ZAMARingers, liturgical dance, drama and teaching by a senior member of our youth group.

On Sunday, January 11 at 4:00 in the sanctuary there will be an informational meeting and open try outs for anyone interested in being a part of this year's Youth Sunday. At this meeting we will explain this year's theme, talk about ways to be involved and discuss rehearsal times. We need both actors, and dancers for this annual event. If you would like to be involved, please plan to attend this important meeting as part of the Youth Sunday preparation process.

Black College Fund

On the Sunday of Martin Luther King weekend we take a special offering for the Black College Fund. This fund supports eleven historically black United Methodist colleges that are scattered across the South. Methodists established these colleges after the Civil War in order to give African Americans an opportunity for higher education when other institutions were closed to them. The colleges are: Bennett College, Bethune-Cookman University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Huston-Tillotson University, Meharry Medical College, Paine College, Philander Smith College, Rust College, and Wiley College. These schools continue to do important work today. Our goal is to contribute \$1100 -- \$100 for each school. You can contribute by marking a check or envelope "Black College Fund."



From **June 15-19** (*please note the week*) our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, WORKSHOP OF WONDERS: IMAGINE AND BUILD WITH GOD! Children in attendance will become Visioneers at the WORKSHOP OF WONDERS as they explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus. After a high-energy opening assembly at the Wonder Workshop, the Visioneers make their way to the Bible Nook. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wonder Words for following God's blueprint for our lives, and your Visioneers will discover Vision Verses, Bible memory verses that will build their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Crafts 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 not our traditional week*) and plan to attend VBS at the Workshop of Wonders!

ADULT RETREAT 2015 – MORE INFORMATION

The Adult Retreat is scheduled for April 17 – 19, 2015 at the Wallhouse Hotel in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Walnut Creek is about 4 miles east of Berlin and 4 miles west of Sugar Creek so we can visit either or both during our free time. The Wallhouse Hotel was built last year and has the same amenities as the Berlin Grande Hotel where we have stayed before. The hotel website is <http://www.wallhousehotel.com/> where you can see pictures of the facility.

All adults in the church are welcome and rooms with a king bed or two queen beds are available. The price per room is \$109 per night plus local lodging tax. We have had singles share rooms as well as couples. A deposit of \$20.00 per room is needed. Make checks payable to the church with Adult Retreat on the memo line.

We will begin the weekend on Friday evening with supper together and end Sunday morning with a worship service led by Dr. Palmer. The other details are yet to be determined and will be set by a planning committee that will be formed in early 2015 after we have a list of participants.

Please let Roger Stiller know if you plan to attend. See him at church or call at 330-297-8933. E-Mail to rstiller@kent.edu will work also. Please have your reservation deposit of \$20.00 to him by the end of January so we can confirm the rooming list and begin final planning.

Leadership Training Event

The annual Canal District Leadership Training Event will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at Johnson UMC – 3409 Johnson Rd., Norton – from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The general theme is “The Church Working Together: Exploring Issues of Mental Health.” There will also be a number of workshops on various leadership topics. See the bulletin board in the atrium for details. Register through the church office, and the church will pay for your registration fee, which includes lunch. This is open to all church members.

Ushers

January 4 - Team 1

January 11 - Team 2

January 18 - Team 3

January 25 - Team 4

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

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

January 4 - Eric Wertz

January 11 - Brittany Brode

January 18 - Jack Miller

January 25 - Gary Mote

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Bill Hershiser, Donna Stiller, Marie Knauss, Jill Beer, Dave Plaskonka, Sue Maxwell, Mary Lou Phipps. Connie Baeseman



January 4 - Sharon Coia
January 11 - Don Ashton
January 18 - Betty Sweet
January 25 - April Hinkle

January Lay Readers

January 4	Judith Nedel
January 11	Karen Bennett
January 18	Dave Beaumont
January 25	Roger Stiller



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go To:

Family and Friends of June Ake.
Lee Hall on the death of her son
Kris Lillick.
Family and Friends of Betty
Rhodes

Bill Childers on the death of his mother Dee Dee Childers.

Family and Friends of Marlene Kuhns.

University of Life

Classes for adults, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Winter term: January 4 – February 8 -- “Embracing a Life of Meaning”

Leader: Dr. Jonathan Smith Location: Conference room

Join the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Smith for this intriguing class in the newly designed “Embracing” series. The format will use a 10-15 video presentation plus discussion and reflection each Sunday. In this course, best-selling author Kathleen Norris provides a unique viewpoint of “what matters most,” including:

- Belief Matters: Why does belief matter? To what do we give our hearts? What is the core message of what we believe—creeds or commitment? To what extent is to believe also “to believe”?
- The Bible Matters: The Bible is our collective story. How is that story reflected in our daily lives? What is it about the Bible that always seems to address our present moment?
- Community Matters: In community, individualism and imperfection meet grace and acceptance. What is our part in the Body of Christ?
- Place Matters: In what ways is faith set within the physical space of home, church, land and people?
- We Matter: What does it mean to remain in God’s image and to counter our selfishness by embracing the world and its needs?

There is no study book required; just come on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to the Conference room (located in the office wing), starting January 4.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed	2	3 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
4 Regular Sunday Schedule/ Communion	5 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	6 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	8 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	9	10 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
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Thank You Notes

Dr. Palmer and Rev. Denton,

It is so wonderful that my mother Kay Condley had such a wonderful church life and such caring ministers.

Thank you for all of your help with her funeral service.

Karen (Condley) Mikula
Charles Condley

Thank you to all the church family who helped with the funeral service and friendship reception after the service for Katherine (Kay) Condley. The church family was important to her and we thank you.

The Condley Family

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the calls, prayers, cards, and good thoughts when my sister died suddenly. Also, thank you to Christine and Richard Pryor for delivering the altar flowers. We had a nice visit. It's great to have a caring church family.

Thanks,
Margie Miller

Betty and I have been most grateful for the visits with Rev. Denton. Betty is doing better each day and hope to get her back home soon.

John and Betty Coleman

Kent UMC Congregation,

We have great appreciation for the vitality in the life of your congregation, your commitment to mission, and support for others, including those touched through the Hunger Network in Ohio.

Thank you for your most recent gift totaling 121.02 as part of your 2cents-a-meal program. We are honored by your continued confidence in the Hunger Network and grateful in helping to strengthen our ministries. Your dedication strengthens our commitment to find more and better ways to try to "end hunger in Ohio through changing conditions that cause poverty."

Thank you again for this contribution and all you do to care for those less able and least fortunate.

Janet Smart, Chairperson
Bob Erickson, Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and recipients of the Lord's Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, we want to express our sincere thanks for your extremely generous gift.

The current economic challenges faced by members of our community are particularly severe at the holiday time. Your gift will contribute to our ability to provide new toys and Christmas food boxes for 700 struggling families. Without the contributions from you and other generous members of the community, we would not be able to sustain our vital mission during the holidays.

We wish you a new year of peace and joy.

Sincerely,

Christine Anderson, KSS Manager
Marquice Seward, Asst. Manager

Dear UMC of Kent,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your kindness over the last 3 1/2 years. I have enjoyed working with all of you and enjoyed working for the church. Thank you for all of your kind words and encouragement!

Have a great New year!

Sincerely,

Erica Peeps

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate the show of support I received following my recent surgery. The flowers Donna Dietz delivered are still bringing us joy. Doug Denton's visits to the hospital and his follow-up calls were so helpful to me and my family. Cards and prayers from church members reminded I wasn't carrying this burden alone.

Thank you,

Bill Hershiser

To all those who did anything to make the meal following mom's funeral possible we give you thanks. I know that when she was able she shared in this ministry, too. A long time ago I served dinners as well. It is a precious ministry to offer families. I would much rather have been once again on the serving end but our family is blessed to be on the receiving end.

Thank you,

Cathy Ake

and the June Ake Family



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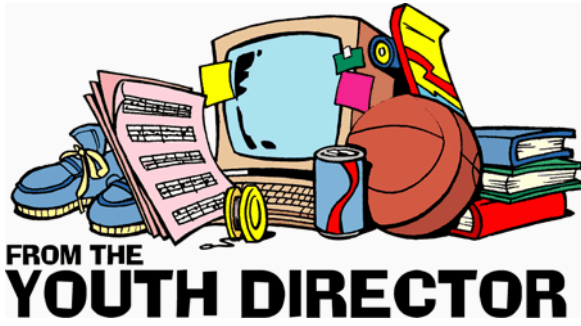
WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
January 4	“God’s Plan and the World’s Evil”	Matthew 2: 1-12 Matthew 2: 13-23	Dr. David Palmer	Epiphany Sunday/ Communion
January 11	“The Big Story that Gets No Mention”		Dr. David Palmer Sermon series begins: “Exodus – the Real Story”	Bicentennial Kickoff/
January 18	“The Most Durable Power”	I Corinthians 13: 4-7,13 I John 4: 16b-21	Rev. Douglas Denton	Children’s Choir
January 25	“Your Divine Calling”		Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers
February 1	“Encounter with God”		Dr. David Palmer	Communion



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