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April 2015

Dear Friends,

This month we move into the high point in the Christian year, as we enter Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. We look forward to the following very special services of worship:

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday - Our children will process with palms at the 10:30 worship hour. All children are invited to participate; children should meet in Pierson Hall prior to the service in order to be a part of the palm parade. The sermon series - entitled "Call on His Name - *the names and titles of Jesus and what they mean for us*" - will continue through the month.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary - We remember Jesus' Last Supper in Communion, and our Sanctuary Choir will present an abbreviated form of Bach's *St. John Passion* - a powerful meditation on the crucifixion. Special music during Communion will be the Allegri *Miserere*. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m., Gymnasium - In a new offering this year, we are having a Good Friday service in a contemporary setting featuring our praise band. Experience Jesus' journey to the cross through a cycle of Scripture and contemporary Christian music, with the poignant symbolism of Good Friday. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

EASTER, APRIL 5 - We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! At the 8:30 and 10:30 services, New Spirit will sing an extended prelude, beginning at 8:20 and 10:20. There will be a **Paschal Breakfast** throughout the morning in Pierson Hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m., so that people can stop any time before or after any of our three worship hours. Please note that there is additional parking available at Henry Wahner's restaurant. Sunday School classes and Children's Choir are in session as always on Easter. There will not be Communion on Easter; the Communion opportunity in April is the Maundy Thursday service.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Rev. Jim Magaw to preach on Sunday, April 26

We continue our pattern of having a special event each month to celebrate our Bicentennial. In April we welcome one of our former senior pastors back to the pulpit. Rev. Jim Magaw, who served our church from 1992 to 1995, will preach at all three worship hours on Sunday, April 26.

Rev. Magaw served a variety of churches in our East Ohio Conference and was a District Superintendent of the Cambridge District in the 1980's. He retired from the ministry after serving in Kent, where he was the immediate predecessor of Dr. Palmer.

There will be a luncheon following the 10:30 service - which will be the Youth Time and Talent Luncheon and Auction. Plan to be a part of a very special Sunday!

Youth Ministry News

April 2015

One of the highlights of the youth calendar is our church's "Youth Sunday." It's the one Sunday when the youth of our church lead us completely in worship. I'd like to say thank you to all the youth who helped out, whether you were a greeter, usher, reader, singer, musician or part of the plays, your efforts are greatly appreciated, and Youth Sunday could not have happened without you. Additionally, I want to especially recognize those who assumed leadership roles as part of the production. Congratulations go to Brooke Harvey, Hanna Holman, Hallie Fritsch, Will Kulis, Zach Wight, Conner Huston and Carlie Thompson for their performances in the skits. Additionally, I'd like to say "well done" to Meredith Hartsook, Bailey Collier, Aubrey Kurtz, Austin Stainbrook, Caroline Stiller, Katie Kulis, Arijana Kooijman, Kylee Thompson, Carlie Thompson and Rachel Palmer for their interpretative dance performed to the song "A Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler.

I also can't express how thankful I am to the many adults who helped make this event possible. I would especially like to thank Brad Brode and Mike Goff for all their hard work. Our students have two amazing opportunities to be involved in praising God through music thanks to the hard work of these men. Our intern Caitlin Stephenson deserves special thanks for all her efforts preparing for the big day. She organized dinner, directed the students, added to the creative process and was a true leader for the youth during the many days of rehearsal leading up to Youth Sunday. I also want to say thank you to all the parents for the wonderful breakfast they organized for the students between the services. Last but not least, to our Administrative Assistant, Adam Alderson, thank you for all your support throughout and patience with my endless additions to the bulletin and for inputting all the words to the PowerPoint. I am truly blessed to be a part of the youth ministry here at Kent and I look forward to everyone's continued support and to many more successful Youth Sundays.

Shalom,
Rick ∞

April Youth Calendar

1	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
5	EASTER
8	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
11	Confirmation 9:30 AM-3 PM at Camp Asbury
12	3-5 PM Mission Training #1
15	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
22	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
25	Time and Talent Auction Setup
26	Time and Talent Auction
29	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

April Acolyte Schedule

- April 2- Maundy Thursday- Arijana Kooijman
 Caroline Stiller
- April 5-Easter-Garrett Slippy, Hallie Fritsch
- April 12-Katie Kulis, Marek Seaholts
- April 19-Mason Moldvay, Zach Holman
- April 26-Austin Stainbrook, Aubrey Kurtz

Mission Trip News

The members of our Youth Mission Team would like to say thank you to all those who supported our mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. through the purchase of a symbolic brick. Thanks to you, we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you have not had an opportunity to donate, but would still like to, please feel free to drop a check in the collection basket and mark the envelope "Brick Sale." Be sure to look for pictures from our trip in the September issue of the Mosaic.

30 Hour Famine Update

The Youth of our church are excited to announce that we completed the 30 Hour Famine on March 6 and 7 in order to raise funds in support of hungry children World Wide. Did you know that over the years our youth have raised almost \$15,000 in the fight to end world hunger and that this year during the famine almost 500 canned goods were collected to be sent to Kent Social Services for use locally? Additionally, we would like to announce that the money we raise and send to World Vision will be matched by an FDA grant and multiplied six times! Great job everyone and thank you to all who sponsored our youth with this important cause.



Summer Camp Opportunities

Our church has wonderful summer camp opportunities for elementary aged children up through high school youth. A full description of this summer's camp opportunities may be found online at www.eastohiocamps.org.

To help enable young people to go to camp, our church will pay half the cost for any camper from our church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "campership." To receive a campership, follow this process:

- Go to www.eastohiocamps.org and register online for the camp of your choice.
- Print the confirmation.
- Bring in or mail a copy of the confirmation, to our church office,

(See "Camp" on page 5)



Vacation Bible School

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.

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Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, April 26

Sunday, April 26th will be the annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. Each year our auction serves as the **MAJOR FUNDRAISER** used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

The youth are very excited about this year's event. Already we have received a football signed by **National Champion Head Coach, Urban Meyer** for this year's auction along with the use of a flat in London for a week, dinner packages, golf passes, a basketball signed by head coach **Thad Matta** and the **2014 Buckeyes** and much more!

While we are asking each of the youth to donate an item, there is room for the entire church to get involved in the fun. Donation items could include:

- Theme baskets
- Craft or handmade items
- Sporting event tickets: Indians, Rubber Ducks, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU
- Movie tickets or theater tickets (e.g. Weathervane Playhouse or Hudson Players)
- Knick-knacks
- Books or Bibles
- Use of a cottage, cabin, or timeshare
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Artwork or photography
- Music or dance lessons
- Gift certificates
- Collectables or antiques
- Professional services

The ideas are endless!

Won't you please prayerfully consider ways you might be able to support our youth ministry through the donation of an item? Those interested in donating an item can do so by contacting Rick by phone at 330-283-4838 or by email at rickstout@kentmethodist.org.

Calling All High-School Seniors!

The Janus Circle Scholarship was established to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent for their active involvement in our church and service to the community who plan to pursue post-secondary education in the following year. The deadline to apply is April 15th. Please see the church website for additional information and an application.

Sunday School in Need of 9:30 AM Child-care Workers

Due to the continued growth of our 9:30 service and the popularity of our University of Life classes the Sunday School Department is in need of volunteers who would be willing to donate one Sunday a month to serve as care givers during the 9:30 hour. If you would like to help in this area please contact Betty Sweet at 330-673-5700, Rick Stout at 330-283-4838 or Sally Dean at 330-673-7496.



United Methodist Women of Kent April Programs

On April 1st at 9 a.m., the Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet in the church parlor. Rick Stout, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries, will present a program entitled *Mountain T.O.P.: Youth Mission Trips*. Barbara Farrell will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostess Carol Taylor. Devotions and Mission Moment will be presented by Ruthe Loughridge.

On April 1st at 2 p.m., Mary Reed Circle members will depart from the church offices lobby for an afternoon of visitation to members who are ill or shut in. At 5 p.m. they will gather at the Kentwood for dinner and fellowship. Gretchen Laflin will be the Hostess, and devotions and the Mission Moment will be delivered by Davina Gosnell.

Rebecca Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. on April 1st at the home of Judy Smith, 226 S. Lincoln St. in Kent, from where they will depart to *Walk the Esplanade*. If bad weather, the meeting will be held indoors at Judy Smith's home. She will be presenting the devotions and Carol Stokes will offer a Mission Moment.

Janus Circle will meet on April 12th at 9:15 a.m. in Pierson Hall. Devotions will be lead by Janeen Phillips, and Nancy Lewis will serve as Hostess.



Trash & Treasures Sale

May 1st & May 2nd

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, April 30, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, April 28, after 2 pm.

BUS MINISTRY

One of the wonderful ministries of our church is our **bus ministry**, which provides transportation to every Sunday morning 10:30 service, as well as transportation for our youth ministry and other special events. Many people are coming on the bus every Sunday! Our new bus (purchased last summer) is performing beautifully; it has capacity for 15 people and has a lift for wheelchairs.

Here are basic parameters for our Sunday morning bus ministry:

To get a ride: Simply call the church office – 330-673-5879, ext. 29 – and leave a message indicating your interest in a ride to church on the bus ministry voice mail (extension 29). It is best to do so before Saturday. Our bus driver will contact you on Saturday to arrange a pick-up time for Sunday morning.

Basic rules for riding the bus:

- All passengers must wear a seatbelt
- Passengers need to be ready and “at the door,” so as to be able to come outside and get on as soon as the bus arrives
- A person who is in a wheelchair must remain in the wheelchair during the trip to and from the church (the driver straps the wheelchair securely to the bus floor)
- Persons who are walking may enter the bus via the bus steps as long as they can use the steps unassisted; otherwise they enter the bus using the bus lift.
- The bus can pick up passengers in Kent, Stow, Ravenna, and Brimfield. Because our pick-up area is large, and because we cannot expect any passenger to be on the bus for more than an hour, it is possible that the driver may have to tell some people who wanted a ride that the bus cannot pick them up that Sunday. We expect this scenario to be rare, but our drivers need the flexibility from Sunday to Sunday to make the route manageable. The exact route varies week to week depending on who is coming.
- The bus ministry is designed to provide transportation to and from the church on Sundays. The driver cannot make any “side trips” for personal errands.

These rules are designed to make the bus ride efficient and safe for all the people who are riding the bus!

Bus drivers are needed! Primary leadership in our bus ministry is being provided by Richard Pryor, who is offering extraordinary service by driving the bus most Sundays. At the same time, we need occasional subs. If you can drive a car, you can drive the bus! No special license is needed, and you can receive training by simply accompanying Richard on the route on any Sunday. To get involved, contact Dr. Palmer or Richard Pryor.

Please note that due to insurance restrictions, the bus is not available to be borrowed by any outside group. We are blessed to be able to utilize the bus for many aspects of our church ministry!

Ushers and Greeters

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
April 2	3	3
April 5	4	4
April 12	5	5
April 19	6	1
April 26	1	2

If you are unsure of what Team you are on please call the office at 330-673-5879 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

- ◆ The family and friends of Phyllis Hendricks
- ◆ The family and friends of Pat Nipper
- ◆ The family and friends of Robin Lester

Our Sympathies Go To:

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Becky Brittain, Darlene Kousaie, Ray Loughridge, Kathy Munn, Alice Ross, Joanne Stuart, Mark Yohe



- April 5-Sharon Coia
- April 12-Don Ashton
- April 19-Betty Sweet
- April 26-Janice Anderson



Reminder

Geranium orders for Memorial Day will be starting early in May. Watch the May Mosaic and bulletins as Memorial Day approaches for more details.

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

April 2	Gary Mote
April 5	Eric Wertz
April 12	Brittany Brode
April 19	Gary Mote
April 26	Jack Miller

April Lay Readers

April 12	Pat Baldwin
April 19	Janeen Phillips
April 26	Hallie Fritsch

Camp

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PO Box 646, Kent, OH 44240 (specifically to Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator). The church will send in a payment to the camp's office for half of the Tier III price of your camp, and that office will bill you for the rest.

If you need further financial assistance, see Lynnette about receiving application materials for a District or Conference campership. It is possible to get nearly the entire cost of camp covered if you have the need.

Summer camp is a fun-filled time of spiritual growth and making new friends in God's great out-of-doors. For more information, contact Dr. Palmer.

W.O.W.

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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 one week earlier than our traditional week) and plan to attend VBS at the Workshop of Wonders!

University of Life

Classes for adults, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 AM

Spring term, April 12-May 17

"Six Ways We Encounter God"

Leaders: John and Sandy Kerstetter

Location: Conference Room

When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? What are God's qualities, and what effect does God have on us? This study is the third in a popular trilogy by United Methodist pastor and teacher, Tom Berlin. (We did the previous two parts last fall.) Join us as we consider what it means to encounter God today. No study book is required; just come to any class session!

Note that there is no University of Life class on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Please join in the Paschal breakfast taking place in Pierson Hall.

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Easter Sunday (No Communion)	6 7-9 pm New Spirit	7 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/ PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	1 7pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	2 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary (Communion)	3 7:30pm Good Friday Service/Gym	4 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
12 Regular Sunday Schedule	13 7-9 pm New Spirit	14 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/ PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	15 7pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	16 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7 pm Finance Committee 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	17	18 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
19 Regular Sunday Schedule	20 7-9 pm New Spirit	21 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/ PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	22 7pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	23 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Committee 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	24	25
26 Regular Sunday Schedule	27 6pm Garden Club/ Pierson Hall 7-9 pm New Spirit	28 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/ PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	29 7pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	30 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7pm Trash & Treasure Preferred Customer Sale 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir-4 yrs-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30-10:15 University of Life Classes 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School-Preschool-6th Grade; Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 5:00pm Club 56/Gym 5:00pm Resurrection Choir Room 6:00pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary	

28-29 Trash and Treasure Set-up

Thank-You Notes

This note is written to express my sincere appreciation for the recognition-celebration of 50+ year members.

Our church is so much a part of my happiness and peace with our Lord. This connection is the foundation from which I've based my life's purpose. Although I speak with Him daily, the church is where I go to learn, pray and share with others.

Thank you to all who planned this joyous occasion.

Sincerely,
Joanne Maynard

Ray fell Christmas evening and has been in rehab for three months. Presently he is at Bath Creek Estates. Your cards, calls and prayers have been endless. Rev. Doug Denton has been a blessing with his prayer vigils.

Thank you,
Ruthe Loughridge

Dave,

The last few months have been a real challenge for John and I. Breaking my heel in Jamaica was the easy part. After we came home I really got sick. Spent half of January and all of February in the hospital and/or rehab. Have made incredible progress and now can get around the house without my walker. We have been cleared to go to Florida and will be gone for the month of April. I should be good as new when we return.

Our incredible church family has made my recovery so much easier. Visits from Dave, Doug and flowers delivered were so appreciated. Gail Closs e-mailed me in a regular basis and Joan Brubaker was always there for John. It was so wonderful to attend the amazing youth Sunday program last week. We are truly blessed.

The cards and prayers were what brought us through this. Thank you so much!

God is good. All the time.

Love,
Lois Enlow

To all the beautiful church members who wrote to me and sent all those kind words and love,

Your love and kindness mean the world to me. With all your good thoughts and well wishes, it gives me the strength to "Rocky" through.

I will make it and I truly thank you for thinking of me.

All my love,
Kathi K. Smith

A note of thanks to Reverend Denton for his visit to the hospital and after I returned home. Also, to Phyllis Neal for delivering the lovely flower arrangement and for her visit.

In Christ's love,
Dorothy Meyer

Dear Church Members,

I would like to personally thank you for your recent gift of \$500 through the East Ohio Conference. Your charitable support will help us make a positive, lasting, measurable difference in the lives of over 20,000 children and families we serve each year. Your dedication to our mission helps give individuals in need hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Most of our children and families struggle with poverty on a daily basis. With your generous gift, we are able to provide pathways for growth, achievement, and lifelong success. Through our passionate people, and our customizable programs, which are designed to build upon one another to address every aspect of a person's needs, we help children, families, and communities become educated, self-reliant, and contributing members of strong communities.

Sincerely,
Laurel Wirtanen-Siloy,
Director of Development, OhioGuidestone

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,

Your generous donation for Kent Social Services, a program of Family & Community Services, has been put to immediate use to help children and adults who are in crisis.

We could not exist without community support and donations from people who believe in the work that we do. Your confidence in our services is most appreciated.

Thank you for standing with us in defense of the vulnerable, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and those who suffer. We wish you the very best.

Sincerely,
Mark Frisone
Executive 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 would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation.

Generous donations allow us to continue our work of empowering families and individuals that are facing crisis to achieve financial stability and self sufficiency. We would not be able to fulfill our mission without the generous contributions from people like you.

Thank you again for your donation!

Sincerely,
Christie Anderson and Marquice Seward



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Mailed...March 20

Holy Week is Palm Sunday, March 29th – Easter, April 5th

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
April 2	Special Maundy Thursday Performance from J.S. Bach's <i>St. John's Passion</i> with a Dramatic Reading			Communion 7:30 PM–Sanctuary
April 3	Contemporary Good Friday Service			7:30 PM–Gym
April 5	"Lifegiver"	Luke 7:11–17, 8:49–55; John 11:17–27, 38–44	Dr. David Palmer	Easter
April 12	"Jesus is Lord"	Romans 10:9; John 1:14–18	Dr. David Palmer	God and Me Awards
April 19	"With"	Luke 24:13–16 Luke 24:28–31	Rev. Doug Denton	Children's Choir
April 26	"It Is Good News"	Isaiah 52:6–7	Rev. Jim Magaw (Senior Pastor 1992–1995)	ZAMARingers



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