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Dear Friends,

This month the current sermon series continues, entitled *Call on His Name—the Names and Titles of Jesus (and what they mean for us)*, and our worship services will include a number of special elements. We look forward to:

Sunday, May 31—Children’s Day At the 10:30 service, our Children’s Choir will present a delightful and inspiring musical, **What’s Up, Zach?**, a brand new musical for our choir. As you may guess, it is based on the story of Zacchaeus. I will be preaching at all three worship hours, with a message entitled, “The Mediator.” Our **Resurrection** youth ensemble will sing for the final time this school year at the 9:30 and 10:30 services.

Sunday, June 7—We will have **Communion** at all worship hours, and our 10:30 service will include **Graduate Recognition** for our high school seniors (see “Youth Ministry News,” page 2). The sermon is entitled, “The Bright Morning Star.”

Sunday, June 14—We will have a commissioning of **Vacation Bible School leaders** (VBS is June 15–19!) and the **Reception of New Members** (see “New Member Classes,” page 6). The sermon is entitled, “Jesus Saves.”

Sunday, June 21—Father’s Day Our **Vacation Bible School children will sing** a few songs from their week. Rev. Douglas Denton will preach.

Sunday, June 28—Our Bicentennial Celebration continues, with the return of **Rev. Jerry Butcher** to preach at all three worship hours. Rev. Butcher was the senior pastor of our church from 1983 to 1992 (following Carl Pierson, and before Jim Magaw). There will be a luncheon at 11:30 in Pierson Hall (see “Bicentennial Update,” page 5). We look forward to having Rev. Butcher in our pulpit again!

Sunday, July 5—Our worship will have an **Independence Day** theme, and will feature our **Holiday Festival Chorus** at the 10:30 worship. We will have **Communion** at all three services. The sermon, continuing the sermon series, will be entitled, “Light of the World.”

We rejoice in these opportunities to grow in Christian faith!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

June 2015

The business of the end of the school year and its many school activities has done nothing to slow down the activity level of our youth group. On May 17 thirteen members of our seventh grade class officially finished confirmation and became members of our church. Also on May 17th, the 39 members of our Mountain TOP team officially finished training in preparation for our trip to Tennessee on July 11th. We also will be sending a team of eighteen to Minnesota to the Leech Lake reservation June 27-July 4.

Wednesday evening youth group has continued to be well attended, and on Wednesday, June 10 from 7 to 9:30 we are planning to wrap up the year with an afternoon full of fun, food, games and fellowship courtesy of Carol and Joe Pozuc. Look for more information on Facebook and in the mail about this exciting conclusion to our youth group year.

Finally, on Sunday, June 7 we will recognize the members of this year's senior class. It has been a great pleasure working with and getting to know these fine young men and women over the years. Best of luck to our seniors as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Shalom,
Rick

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, 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.

June Acolyte Schedule

June 7-Arijana Kooijman, Cade McDougal
 June 14-Caroline Stiller, Erik Martin
 June 21-Marek Seaholts, Hallie Fritsch
 June 28-Katie Kulis, Garrett Slippy

Congratulations Class of 2015!

Abby Dean	Ryan Patrick
Peyton Floyd	Danielle Ryan
Kay Gallagher	Alastair Seed
Allison Hartsook	Gabriel Skora
Connor Huston	Taylor Stevens
Alex Jackson	McKenna Wolfe
Michael Kenney	

VBS NEWS

There will be a leaders meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 in the conference room for all those teaching a class or leading an age group at this year's VBS. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

June Youth Calendar

3	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
7	5-7 PM Minnesota Trip training
7	7-9 PM Mission Trips Chaperone Meeting
8	4-6 PM Mountain TOP training (tool training)
10	7-9:30 PM last Youth Fellowship before summer/end-of-year picnic
15-19	9 AM-12:30 PM Vacation Bible School
21	Youth Works Commissioning Service (parent meeting)
27-July 3	Youth Works Trip to Minnesota

A Season of Birthdays

June 28 marks the 312th anniversary of the birth of our church's founder, John Wesley, and Sunday May 24th was Pentecost, one of the principal days of the Christian year.

Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. (The Greek word *pentecoste* means "fiftieth day.") Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem, as represented in the coloring page to the right by the flames and dove. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church.*

*This and more information about Pentecost and John Wesley can be found at UMC.org.



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Many people are already giving to our church online through our www.kentmethodist.org web page. Now we have expanded our functionality with an online giving app. Currently, the app is only available for Apple devices, but an Android version is coming soon. Go to the app store to download it for free. If you have already created a user name and password on our web site, the same user name and password will function on the app. Otherwise you can start with the app and create a user name and password there (which then will work also on the web site). Make sure to remember that our organization number is 20 as you register. Through our online giving system, you can make contributions to any fund or cause supported by our church, and you can even pay for Vacation Bible School, or altar flowers, or a wedding! For more information, contact our financial coordinator, Lynnette, at lynnette@kentmethodist.org.

Thank-You Notes

A big thank you to the Tuesday Morning Work Group. They really do a great job both inside and outside the church.

Thanks to them, the transition from winter to spring has been amazing.

I'd also like to give a special thanks to Bob Iarussi and Nelson Madden for the excellent work they did restoring the piano in Pierson Hall. Now, not only does it sound good, but it also looks good!

Thanks, guys.

Sincerely,
Jack Hurd

My church family,

Thanks to everyone, especially my Disciple Class and Rebecca Circle, for their prayers, the cards, and the phone calls. Thanks also to Dee and Marek Seaholts for sending the palm cross. My back had three herniated discs and two bulged discs, but with chiropractic and physical therapy I should be getting back to normal. My church family is so important to me. Thank you all for being there!

Tina Ballentine

Dear friends,

I am so grateful for all the prayers, care and concern I have received since my recent surgery! Doug's visits and calls meant so much, and David's prayers were especially gratefully received! The calls, flowers and cards from all my friends really brighten my days.

Recovery is going well, thanks to the support of my fellow sisters and brothers from the Methodist church.

Gratefully,
Darlene Koussaie

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 of \$300.

Generous donations allow us to continue our work of empowering families and individuals that are facing crises 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 Howard

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The Fourth of July holiday is closer than you might think, and once again, we will be forming the "Holiday Festival Chorus" to help lead in worship on **SUNDAY JULY 5th**. We will be resurrecting the beloved "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as well as several other American written pieces.

If you are a person who likes to sing, but can't commit to one of our weekly groups, this is for you! Please come join members of Resurrection, New Spirit, Sanctuary Choir, friends and special guests as we sing our praise to God and our country!

We will have two rehearsals for this event: **THURSDAY JULY 2nd 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**, and **SUNDAY JULY 5th at 9:00 AM**. We will sing at the 10:30 Service.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Tim Pierson (330-923-2103, 330-285-1285, or tkpierson52@gmail) by June 20. This will allow ample time to provide music for all singers

Come out and join the fun! See you at Rehearsal!

Vacation Bible School



From **June 15-19, 9:30-noon each day**, 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!

Registration has already begun! There are registration forms around the church, or you can register online on our website. Classes are available for ages 3-sixth grade. We hope you will mark your calendar for **June 15-19 (please note this is one week earlier than usual)** and plan to attend VBS at the Workshop of Wonders!

Bicentennial Update

We have several exciting additions to our bicentennial celebrations in the month of June!

First, as mentioned previously on the front page, we have Dr. Jerry Butcher returning to preach at all services June 28. His sermon will be entitled "Thank God For Unanswered Prayer." As this is a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Church, he intends that it should not be forgotten that the inception of the first congregation was in a prayer meeting of early Methodists who had just settled in the Kent area. The topic of the sermon will deal with the prayer life of St. Paul, and how difficulties faced by those who take up the life of prayer can lead to ultimate triumph.

Dr. Butcher is a native of Charleston, West Virginia where he grew up and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School, class of 1953.

He holds a PhD. in Biblical Studies from Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, a Doctor of Ministry from Oberlin-Vanderbilt, a Bachelor of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and a BA from Bluffton College.

Ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1961 he has served churches throughout Northeast Ohio and as a visiting professor in Religion at Mount Union College from 1968-72. He was the Senior Pastor in Kent from 1983-1992. Dr. Butcher retired from the Chagrin Falls United Methodist Church after 43 years in the ministry in 1999.

In retirement, he has served as interim and supply minister in the United Methodist Church and the UCC Church in Northeast Ohio.

Dr. Butcher and his wife Betty live at Lake Muzzy in Ravenna during the summer months and are "Winter Texans" who reside in Aladdin Villas, Mission, Texas in the winter. His wife Betty is a retired teacher from Waterloo Elementary School. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

After the 10:30 service on the 28th, there will be a special luncheon in Pierson Hall. We encourage all who are able to attend. There will be special activities and opportunities to reminisce with Dr. Butcher.

Also this month, Brittany Brode will be conducting a video archive project. What is your story of faith? In celebration of the United Methodist Church of Kent's bicentennial, we invite you to come forth and share

your journey of faith. What drew you to the church, what made you decide to become a member, and what has your walk with God been like? What memories of our church life would you want to pass on to future generations? Your answers will be entered into the church archives and may be included in videos that will be used to promote the church's mission and purpose. Interviews will be held throughout the month of June. Sign up for an interview time by contacting Brittany at brittanybrode@gmail.com or 330-687-2920.

"Everyone has a story... And every soul matters to God."—Lynne Nichols

If you have any questions about these events, or would like to volunteer or participate, please contact our church office.

United Methodist Women of Kent Summer Programs

Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will hold a "Lunch Out" at Longhitano's Restaurant, 1225 West Main St. in Kent at **11 AM on June 3rd**.

On **June 3th at 12 Noon**, Mary Reed Circle of UMW will meet for lunch at Eddy's, 4185 Kent Road (Rt 59) West). Gretchen Laflin will serve as Hostess.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle members and their spouses will meet at **6:30 PM on June 3rd** at the Kent Garden Club's "Ode to Joy" Center at the corner of Ravenna & Seasons Road. A catered meal will be served. Members are invited to bring desserts. Janet Sessions will lead Devotions and Julie Madden will present the Mission Moment.

There will be no meetings of Janus Circle during June, July and August. The Mary Reed, Miriam and Rebecca Circles will not meet in July and August.

On August 26th at 7 PM the Kent UMW Executive Board will meet in the church Conference Room. President Denise Mote will preside.

Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be bringing the Blood Mobile to the Gymnasium June 5 from 1 pm to 6 pm. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Your donations help ensure that Northeast Ohio's emergency needs can be met!

Ushers and Greeters

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
June 7	1	3
June 14	2	4
June 21	3	5
June 28	4	1

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x 10 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go To:

- ◆ The family and friends of O.B. Shaffer
- ◆ The family and friends of Bob Hughey

Recent or Upcoming Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Lloyd Ericson, Gary Harris, Laurel Ludick, Dorothy Meyer, Barbara Roach, Rick Stout



June 7-Sharon Coia

June 14-Don Ashton

June 21-Betty Sweet

June 28-Janice Anderson

June Lay Readers

June 7	Donna Stiller
June 14	Adam C. Alderson
June 21	Kathy Hardy
June 28	Jane Smith

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

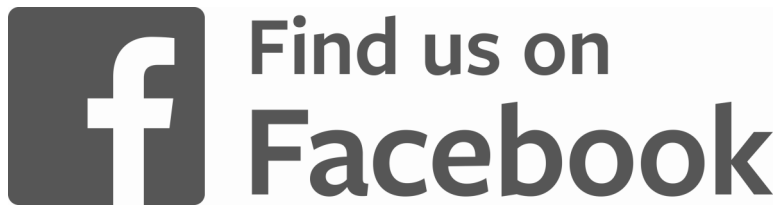
June 7	Jack Miller
June 14	Brittany Brode
June 21	Eric Wertz
June 28	Gary Mote

Interns Being Sought

Starting late summer/early fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on youth ministry, and Christian Education respectively.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better yet, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about, or if you know someone you feel might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Rick Stout via his cell number, 330-283-4838, or at his church office extension, 330-673-5879 x12, to learn more about this exciting program.



Visit the newly updated Facebook page and click "like" for reminders, devotionals, news articles, church announcements, and photos. Through this page, you can share church events and photos with our fellow members, friends, and family, wherever they may be! Watch in the coming weeks for a series of images and devotions based on our beautiful stained-glass windows.

Stop by our webpage for a link, or visit facebook.com/UMCofKENT to join this growing online community!

New Member Classes

New member orientation will be offered for all persons who are potentially interested in joining the membership of our church. The orientation takes place in two sessions—on Sunday, May 31, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 13, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (this session includes a dessert). Participants will be received into membership on Sunday, June 14, at any of our worship hours. The orientation classes, which provide an overview of our church, are led by Dr. Palmer. If you are interested, please let the church know by calling 330-673-5879, ext. 10, by sending an email to our administrative assistant at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org, or by speaking directly with Dr. Palmer. Child care is available during the sessions.



Children's Spring Musical

The town of Jericho is bustling to prepare for a visit from a "VIP", Very Important Prophet. Leaders of Jericho are planning a big welcome for Jesus. The lowly beggars and tax collectors are not invited. How special Bartimaeus the beggar and Zacchaeus the tax collector felt when they learned how much Jesus loved them just the way they were! "What's Up, Zach" will be performed by the children's choir on May 31 at the 10:30 service.

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 7-9 pm New Spirit 7 pm Music Comm./ Conference Room	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	3 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	4 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	5 1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Mobile/Pierson Hall	6
7 Regular Sunday Schedule (Communion)	8 7 pm Lay Leadership Comm./Rm 207	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Comm./ Conference Room	11 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	12	13 6 pm New Member Orientation Class/Rm 200
14 Regular Sunday Schedule 11:30 am VBS Teachers Meeting/Conference Room	15	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 6pm Yoga/Parlor	18 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	19	20
21 Regular Sunday Schedule	22	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 6pm Yoga/Parlor	Vacation Bible School: 9 AM - 12:30 PM Daily		
28 Regular Sunday Schedule Special Bicentennial Luncheon	29 6pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	1 July 6pm Yoga/Parlor	2 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	3	4 Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School-Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall



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Vacation Bible School – June 15–19

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
June 7	“The Bright Morning Star”	Luke 1:78–79, Rev 22:16, Song 2:1; 5:10	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
June 14	“Jesus Saves”	Titus 2:13; John 4:40–42	Dr. David Palmer	VBS Leader Commissioning
June 21	“A Holy Restlessness”	II Samuel 7:1–7; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56	Rev. Douglas Denton	VBS Children sing
June 28	“Thank God for Unanswered Prayer”	II Corinthians 12:1–10	Rev. Jerry Butcher, Senior Pastor, 1983–1992	Special Bicentennial Luncheon



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