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Dear Friends,

One of the great strengths of our church is the *leadership* offered by many members of our congregation in numerous areas of service. In our church, leadership rotates according to an academic year, so every summer there are some people going off of leadership positions and some new people coming on.

Our new 2015–16 leadership directory is now posted on our web site. Just go to our web site at www.kentmethodist.org, click on the “About Us” tab and then go to the “Our Leadership” page, where you can access the complete directory. The directory lists all the persons in our church who have agreed to be a part of various committees and ministry teams for the coming academic year. There are more than 200 *names* on the list, and it does not include people involved in our choirs, in our greeter or usher teams, in our Rotary or Lions lunch teams, in our Tuesday Work Group, in our teams who assemble mailings, or in our teams of Sunday School teachers or nursery caregivers. We have a great many people who are sharing their gifts in our church in many ways!

If you are going off of a committee this summer, thank you for your leadership in the years past! If you are newly coming onto a committee or team, thank you for agreeing to serve! You will receive notification via email about when your committee or team will meet.

Our leadership positions begin in July of each year, so if you are coming onto a committee, your term of service starts now! (The only exceptions are the Staff–Parish Committee, where new members start in the late fall, and the Leadership Committee, which does not meet until early spring). Most of our committee members are serving three-year terms. In the leadership directory, there is a year connected with each name, which indicates the year when that person’s term concludes in the summer. An asterisk next to a name indicates membership on the Church Council.

If you note an error in the Leadership Directory, please be in touch with our church office. Also, if you are uncertain as to whether we have a correct email for you, you can simply send an email to adamalderson@kentmethodist.org to update our records.

In identifying persons for leadership, we utilize the spiritual gift inventories that people fill out each year in order to try to match people to the areas of leadership in which they might be most interested. If you have not recently filled out an inventory, you can access a printable version on the web site under the leadership tab.

The apostle Paul wrote, “*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*” [1 Corinthians 12:4–7]

We can rejoice in how the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us, to enable us to share together in God’s purposes!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, August 23, 11:30 a.m.
Pierson Hall, the gym, and the church lawn

Our “back to school” celebration features a bounce house and other games for children, and fellowship for all ages. All food is provided; a freewill donation is taken.

Youth Ministry News

July/August 2015

Summer is a busy time for our youth, and this year is an exceptionally busy year. For the first time, our youth will be taking two missions trips. The first is to the Leech Lake Reservation in Cass Lake, Minnesota. While there, we will partner with YouthWorks to serve the Native Americans of the Ojibwa band of the Chippewa Nation. This trip promises to be an enlightening and rewarding cultural experience. Then in July, 39 of our youth and adults will again travel to Mountain TOP in order to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau.

As I eagerly look forward to both of these trips, I ask that you will pray for both group as we travel and are in ministry this summer. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions, and I look forward to giving our congregation detailed reports regarding both trips early in the fall.

Shalom,
Rick ☞

July and August Youth Calendar

July 11-18 Mission Trip—Mountain T.O.P.
Aug 30 7-8:30 PM—Weekly Youth Fellowship Resumes

Seeking Interns

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.

July and August Acolyte Schedule

July 5-Mason Moldvay, Zach Holman
July 12-Adriane Stranathan, Cade McDougal
July 19-Arijana Kooijman, Marek Seaholts
July 26-Elizabeth Gavriloff, Joseph Gavriloff
August 2-Austin Stainbrook, Aubrey Kurtz
August 9-Caroline Stiller, Zach Holman
August 16-Mason Moldvay, Adriane Stranathan
August 23-Garrett Slippy, Hallie Fritsch
August 30-Caroline Stiller, Erik Martin

A great big **THANK YOU**, to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who came to spend the week with us. Without you, our VBS would never have been a success!

Rick Stout,
Director of Christian Education

Mission Trip News

WE LIKE TO GET MAIL!

It's always exciting to get mail, letters, cards and care packages while you're away on a mission trip and this year is no exception. If you would like to support this year's mission trip through the gift of sending mail, please feel free to write us while we are gone. The following is the address where we can be reached:

Participant's Name
Camp Cumberland Pines
Mountain T.O.P.
480 Old Highway 56
Coalmont, TN 37313



Disciple Bible Study

One of the most enriching opportunities in our church is **Disciple Bible Study**. This coming fall Dr. Palmer will be offering Disciple for the **twentieth time** since his arrival here in 1995. The class's enduring popularity is a testimony to its power—it is a wonderful way to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ!

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Through Disciple, people come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple class participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on **Mondays** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting one week after Labor Day and concluding before Memorial Day. Note that this is the first time that Disciple I has been offered on a Monday! From year to year, Disciple has met on various evenings of the week, in order to make the class available to people with all different schedules.

Here are some comments from this past year's participants about their experience in Disciple:

- ◆ *Disciple has been a very inspiring experience for me. It has given me more confidence in my faith and knowledge of the Bible.*
- ◆ *You learn so much taking this course. It is more than a Bible study. It is a life study.*
- ◆ *The lessons are humbling and exhilarating.*
- ◆ *My mind and heart have grown with these classes*
- ◆ *I loved the emphasis on grace and how we are blessed without deserving it*
- ◆ *I can honestly say I learned a lot about the Bible—had several “aha” moments.*
- ◆ *Only knowing the familiar Bible stories as a child, I now have a better understanding of how the Old and New Testaments work together*
- ◆ *The Bible is one continuous story; it had seemed to me before that it was a series of unconnected stories.*
- ◆ *It was an excellent way to become more familiar with the Bible and make new friends along the way.*
- ◆ *Bible study took time but it was worth the effort*
- ◆ *Excellent experience that surpassed my expectations. . . very rewarding*
- ◆ *The last nine months have been life-changing for me*
- ◆ *Disciple class was an amazing class to take.*
- ◆ *Awesome! What a great experience!*

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you

are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to “covenant” to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$30 toward the cost of the study manual. Class size is limited, so sign up soon in the atrium!

Mountain T.O.P. ADULT trip Coming Soon:

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 22–25. Participants will be once again given the opportunity to join in either the Major Home Repair Program or the Third Annual Fall Festival with Souls for Souls. If this sounds like **YOU** or if **YOU** feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

Sacrament of Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism for children will be offered on Sunday, July 19, at any of our three worship hours. There will be a Baptism orientation meeting on July 12, the Sunday before, at 11:30. Interested parents should be in touch with the church office.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, August 30, 2015

We will give a Bible to each child going into the third grade this September. The curriculum we use in Sunday School is written with the understanding that third graders are ready to have their own Bibles and to use them in classes and at home. The children will receive Bibles on **August 30 at the 10:30 am service**. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon for the third graders, their families, and mentors. Children will receive a letter about the Bible presentation in early August. If you have a child going into third grade who has not been attending Sunday School, please contact our church office, so that we can be sure your child is included.

Disciple Recognition

Participants in this past year's Disciple I and Disciple II Bible Studies will be recognized on Sunday, July 12, during our three worship hours. We had two Disciple I classes, led by Dr. Palmer, and one Disciple II class, led by Maureen McFarland, with assistance from Al Siegfried, this year.

Piano for sale

We have a nice console piano for sale that is being contributed by Tom and Helen McGrew, who are moving next month to Colorado. Proceeds will support our church music ministry. The piano is a Kimball that is in very good working condition. The price—which includes professionally moving the piano from the McGrew home to any local location—is \$550. For more information or to express interest, contact Dr. Palmer at 330-389-0115, or davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Summer Sunday Schedule Special Bicentennial Luncheon/Pierson Hall	29	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	1 6pm Yoga/Parlor	2 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	3	4 Independence Day
5 Summer Sunday Schedule (Communion)	6	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8 6pm Yoga/Parlor	9 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	10	11
12 Summer Sunday Schedule	13	14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	15 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room	16 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	17	18
19 Summer Sunday Schedule	20	21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	22 6pm Yoga/Parlor	23 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	24	25
26 Summer Sunday Schedule	27	28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	29 6pm Yoga/Parlor	30 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	31	Summer 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

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Summer Sunday Schedule (Communion)	3	4 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 6pm Yoga/Parlor	6 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	7	1 8
9 Summer Sunday Schedule	10	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Gifts and Memorials Comm./Conference Room	12 6pm Yoga/Parlor	13 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	14	15
16 Summer Sunday Schedule	17	18 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	19 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room	20 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	21	22
23 Summer Sunday Schedule Church Picnic 11:30 AM	24	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26 6pm Yoga/Parlor	27 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	28	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir-4years-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 7:00pm Youth Fellowship/Pit
30 Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes	31	1 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 6pm Yoga/Parlor	3 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	4	

Thank-You Notes

Dear Janus Circle,

Thank you for the scholarship. I appreciate the support I received. The church has always played a large role in my life. I'm very proud to play a role in the praise band, Sunday School, and VBS. I enjoy the time I spend serving at the church. I will miss attending church in the fall when I start college at Wooster. The scholarship will be very helpful in making college more affordable. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Abby Dean

Dear Janus Circle,

Thank you and the members of the Kent UMC for the generous scholarship award. I am both pleased and honored to have been chosen as this year's co-recipient of the Janus Scholarship.

This award will be a great help as I start my freshman year this fall pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. Being actively involved in our church has helped me grow in my faith, and I appreciate the support my church family has shown me throughout the years.

Sincerely,
Connor Huston

To my church family,

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the wonderful recognition ceremony and reception for my retirement. My special thanks go to the Education Committee for organizing it, and to all of my precious students for coming.

I am deeply touched and forever grateful.

With love,
Judy Dobbins

To our church family, we extend a big thank you for the prayers and cards. Many thanks to Pastor Doug for his calls and visits. Also wanted to extend our thanks to Margaret and Phyllis Neel for the altar flowers.

Respectfully,
The Munn's
Dave and Kathy

Kent Congregation,

Your most recent gift of \$26.99 has been gratefully received. Your generous and steady support over the years has increased our capacity to serve.

Thank you for sharing not only your financial resources, but commitment to join us to end hunger in Ohio.

Bob Forester,
Hunger Network in Ohio

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your prayers and concerns related to my recent surgery. Your consideration has made the whole situation much more tolerable.

Dave Vanderneut

**United Methodist Women of Kent
Summer Programs**

There will be no meetings of Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam and Rebecca Circles 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.

Summer Sermon Series

Dr. Palmer's summer sermon series entitled, **Call on His Name: the Names and Titles of Jesus (and what they mean for us)** will continue through the first three Sundays of July, with sermons entitled, "Light of the World," "The Cornerstone," and "Jesus—the Beginning and the End." On the first Sunday of August, Dr. Palmer will begin a new series entitled **Prophetic Visions**. The series will explore the most inspirational visions of the Old Testament prophets—visions that have much to say to our lives!

If you have to miss a Sunday, remember that you can see a video of the sermon on our web site and through our Facebook page. Each Sunday's sermon is generally posted on the web by the following Thursday. Just go to the sermons tab at www.kentmethodist.org. From there, you can access sermons going back a full year.

Welcome New Members!

In May and June we welcomed many into full membership of the United Methodist Church! Our Confirmation Class confirmed their Baptisms on May 17, and the New Member class was inducted into membership on June 14. If you see any of the members below, please welcome them and congratulate them on this step in their journey of faith.

Confirmation Class:

- Hallie Fritsch
- Elizabeth Gavriloff
- Joseph Gavriloff
- Zach Holman
- Arijana Kooijman
- Katie Kulis
- Aubrey Kurtz
- Erik Martin
- Cade McDougal
- Mason Moldvay
- Marek Seaholts
- Garrett Slippy
- Austin Stainbrook
- Caroline Stiller
- Adriane Stranathan

New Members:

- Henrique Alvim
- Jennifer Alvim
- Matthew Featherstun
- Connie Karaffa
- Carrie A. Shelly
- Kay Wind



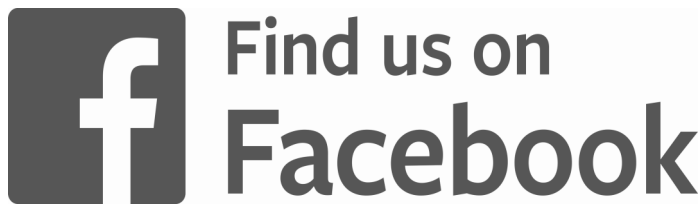
Ushers and Greeters

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
July 5	5	2
July 12	6	3
July 19	1	4
July 26	2	5
August 2	3	1
August 9	4	2
August 16	5	3
August 23	6	4
August 30	1	5

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.

Attention Sunday School Teachers

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School Teachers and those interested in becoming Sunday School teachers on Sunday, August 23 at 11:30 in the conference room. Or additionally, if you are interested in helping out as a teacher's aide in the Sunday School this year please plan on attending the meeting. We are still in need of some lead teachers and teacher's aides, who will work on selected Sundays with lead teachers.



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!

Starting in the month of July, watch for #WindowsWednesdays, a series of images, descriptions, and devotional Bible passages centered around our beautiful faceted-glass windows. Visit the page at facebook.com/UMCofKENT or stop by our website for a link to join in the discussion and celebration of our beautiful windows!



Our Sympathies Go To:

◆ The family and friends of Doris Mauck

Recent or Upcoming Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Lois Enlow, Kimberly Ferguson, Pat Gailey, Richard Haas, Marie Knauss, Leonard Lacy, Julie Madden, David Munn, Jack Salter, Carol Taylor, Dave Vanderneut

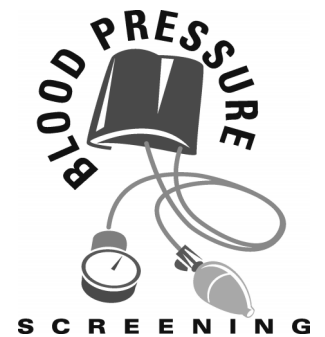
VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

July 5	Brittany Brode
July 12	Gary Mote
July 19	Eric Wertz
July 26	Jack Miller
August 2	Eric Wertz
August 9	Jack Miller
August 16	Brittany Brode
August 23	TBA
August 30	Eric Wertz

July and August Lay Readers

July 5	Hal Hall
July 12	Mavis Palmer
July 19	Janet Sessions
July 26	Judy Price
August 2	Lee Hall
August 9	Tom Emerick
August 16	Dottie Emerick
August 23	Dave Beaumont
August 30	Judy Smith

July 5-Sharon Coia
 July 12-Don Ashton
 July 19-Betty Sweet
 July 23-Janice Anderson
 August 2-Shatron Coia
 August 9-Don Ashton
 August 16-Betty Sweet
 August 23-Janice Anderson
 August 30-Mavis Palmer



Independence Day Weekend

Our worship at all three hours on Sunday, July 5, will feature an Independence Day theme, and our Holiday Festival Choir will inspire worshippers at the 10:30 hour. Plan to include worship in your Independence Day weekend celebration!



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Mailed June 26 Mountain T.O.P. mission trip is July 11-18, Church Picnic is August 23

WORSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
July 5	"Light of the World"	John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16	Dr. David Palmer	Independence Day; Communion
July 12	"The Cornerstone"	Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-9	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Recognition Sunday
July 19	"Jesus-The Beginning and the End"	Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 1:17-18; 21:5-6; 22:13	Dr. David Palmer	Baptism
July 23	"Our 'Being'...What Is It?"	Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 130	Rev. Douglas Denton	Native American Sunday
New sermon series begins: Prophetic Visions				
August 2	"The Vision of God"	Ezekiel 1:1, 4-28	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
August 9	"Dark Visions and the Day of the Lord"	Amos 5:18-20; Joel 2:1-2; Zephaniah 1:14-18, 3:14- 20; Nahum 1:2-8	Dr. David Palmer	
August 16	"Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters"	Amos 5:21-24, 6:4-6; Micah 6:6-8	Dr. David Palmer	
August 23	"The Vision of the Beasts"	Daniel 7:1-14; Mark 14:61- 62; Revelation 11:15-18	Dr. David Palmer	Church Picnic; United Methodist Student Day
August 30	"God's Call to Keep On"	Ezekiel 2:1-7, 3:4-11; Isaiah 6:1-8	Dr. David Palmer	Bible Presentation and Luncheon