



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

Jesus said, “**People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**” (Matthew 4:4) That was in response to the temptation in the wilderness to satisfy his longing with bread. The message for us is clear: **we come to real life by incorporating the word of God into our hearts and lives.** Only God can satisfy our soul.

This fall in our church we have a number of outstanding opportunities to grow in God’s word. These include:

- **Disciple Bible Study** Disciple is both *informational*—helping us to understand the Bible and see how the whole Biblical story hangs together—and *transformational*—shaping our lives by God’s Word. In Disciple you will journey through the entire Bible across 34 weeks, reading Scripture about a half hour a day and coming together once a week for a two hour session that I lead. Disciple will meet this year on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, starting Sept. 14. The cost is \$30 for the student book. Sign up in the atrium or through the Facebook page.
- **Companions in Christ** *Companions in Christ* is a journey in developing your spiritual life—your practice of prayer and your personal walk with Christ. You will learn new forms of prayer and experience insights from some of the great spiritual leaders in the history of the church. There are daily readings and exercises and a weekly class session on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 16, when there will be a morning group from 9:00 to 11:00 (now full; we are taking a waiting list) and an evening group from 7:00 to 9:00 (still a few openings; sign up in the atrium or through the Facebook page). The cost of the student book is \$20. *Companions in Christ* will be led by Carol Pozuc, who has led it in the past.
- **Hebrews Bible Study, Sundays at 9:30 am** Hebrews! A New Testament book of profound truths about Jesus. A book of encouragement written in a time of persecution, dread and confusion. The letter, some call it a sermon, offers guidance to the first people who wanted to follow Jesus. Its truths are timeless and helpful for us today. This class will be led by Dick Mitchell, a retired United Methodist pastor who has led several popular Bible studies in our church in the past. The class starts on Sunday, Sept. 13, in the Conference Room.
- **Hebrews Bible Study, Sundays at 10:30 am** This will be an informal, inductive study of the book of Hebrews. Come with a desire to dig deeper into God’s Word. The class will be led by Stan Howdyshell, a senior mechanical engineering student at the University of Akron, who has been attending our 9:30 service. Stan grew up in the Northampton United Methodist Church and has been active in leadership in the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Akron. This class, which starts Sept. 13 in the Conference Room, provides a Bible study option for our 9:30 hour worshippers.
- **Sunday School for children and youth** Our excellent Sunday School is the prime opportunity for children and youth to learn and grow in God’s Word!
- **Sunday worship** We are focusing this fall on God’s Word as it comes to us in the prophets, as we continue a sermon series entitled, “Prophetic Visions.”
- **Our youth groups and Confirmation** See the articles in this Mosaic!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Full Sunday Morning Schedule to Begin August 30

8:30 Chapel Worship—Traditional style, 45 minute worship service with around 60 worshippers in the beautiful setting of our chapel. No child care is available during this service.

9:00 Holy Donut Shop—(Starting 9/6) Grab a donut and coffee or tea in our church kitchen before heading to any of our many morning opportunities.

9:15 Children's Choir rehearsal—This choir, open to children age four through the sixth grade, sings monthly at the 10:30 hour and for the closing part of the 9:30 service.

9:30 Child care (in room 107)—This is for children who are not in Children's Choir whose parents are attending the Contemporary Worship Service, the Bible study class, or Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

9:30 Contemporary Worship—Contemporary worship with a praise band in the casual setting of the church gymnasium. When parents are attending this service, their children can go to the 9:30 Child Care, or the Children's Choir. This is a 45 minute service, so parents can pick their children up at the end of the service.

9:30 Hebrews Bible Study—(Starting 9/13) See front page for details.

10:30 Hebrews Bible Study—(Starting 9/13) See front page for details.

10:30 Sanctuary Worship—This one-hour service includes a blend of many musical styles, featuring numerous choral and handbell choirs. Nursery care is provided throughout the hour for children ages two and under. Children ages three through sixth grade attend for the first fifteen minutes and then depart for the balance of the hour to go to Sunday School classes

10:45 Sunday School (classes for all ages)—Children from the 10:30 service depart for their classes after the Children's Time. The Youth class, for 7th through 12th graders, also meets during this time

11:30 Fellowship time (in Pierson Hall)

The Sanctuary Choir, New Spirit, and Chancel Ringers, and Resurrection and ZAMARingers when they are sharing in worship, also have rehearsals at various times on Sunday morning.



Trash & Treasures Sale

Trash & Treasure

Mark your calendar!! This fall the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3. Preferred Customer Sale for church

members will be Thursday, October 1, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, September 29, after 2 pm.

Kent United Methodist Women Announce September Meetings

Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet at **9 am on September 2** in the Kent United Methodist church parlor for a general meeting. The Hostess will be Barbara Ferrell. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Becky Head.

On **September 2**, the Mary Reed Circle will meet at 1 pm in the church parlor. Lela Irving will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Gretchin Laflin and Jane Hornyak. A program entitled *Music Tells the Thai Story* will be presented by Sara Miller. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be lead by Gretchen Laflin.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 pm on September 2** at Lee Hall's cottage at Muzzy Lake. Co-hostesses will be Sally Ruckman and Pat Lacy. The program is entitled *Soothing Our Souls at Dacha*. Judy Price will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Gayle Pytel.

At **9:15 am on September 13**, Janus Circle of UMW will meet in Pierson Hall at the Kent United Methodist Church. Mavis Palmer will serve as Hostess.

The Executive Board of Kent UMW will meet at **7 pm on August 26** in the Conference Room at Kent United Methodist Church. President Denise Mote will preside.

Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at 11:45 am in Pierson Hall for young people and their parents who will be taking part in this year's Confirmation Class. A letter with details was sent out in early August to all 7th graders.

If you would like to be a part of Confirmation and did not receive a letter, please be in contact with Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 ext. 12.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our church, along with Christians throughout the world, will be celebrating World Wide Communion on Sunday October 4, 2015. There will be 25-30 of our church members who will not be able to be with us due to illness or limited mobility. Volunteers are needed to deliver communion to these friends' homes. You will be assigned one or two homes and pick up the communion elements after worship on October 4. Please sign up in the church Atrium, or call Reverend Doug Denton at 330-673-5879, Ext. 24.

Also contact Rev. Denton if you or someone you know would like to receive communion in their home.

Thank-You Notes



I want to thank each and everyone for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and good wishes during the past months during my surgery and recovery. I appreciate everyone's help. So grateful for the meals provided from my circle sisters following surgery. Recovery is slow, but am making steady progress to a full recovery. Thanks to Christine

Howard, Janus Circle, for taking time out of her busy day for a short visit to drop off the beautiful sanctuary flowers. We appreciate all your kindness and help.

Mostly sincerely,
Julie Madden

Dear Friends,

Your generous donation of \$965.00 to the Church World Service Blankets+ program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,

- Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter—and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.
- People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table—and take it to market.
- Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you.

May God bless you for your support,
Rev. John L. McCullough, Church World Service

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 for the Miller House, a program of Family and Community Services. Your gift has been put to immediate use helping children and adults who are experiencing a crisis or poverty.

We are grateful for your generous and ongoing support. Quite simply, without you and others who support us, our agency would be unable to assist the children and adults who come to us for assistance.

Sincerely,
Mark Frisone, Executive Director

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK 2015

November 2-9 is an opportunity for you to "Make a Difference" in the lives of other church members. As many prepare their homes and yards for winter there are some of us who need some extra help. It may be raking leaves, weeding a flower bed or garden, cleaning or small repair jobs. If you are willing to team up with some other members of the church to help out, either sign up in the church Atrium or call Reverend Doug Denton at 330-673-5879, Ext. 24.

Also, if you are a person who needs the some of this extra help, please sign up in the church Atrium or call Rev. Denton.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order, as our very own Maureen 'Mo' McFarland retired August 1 from the US Marine Corps. Lieutenant Colonel McFarland graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1996 with a Bachelor's of Science in Aerospace Engineering. She then went on to graduate at the top of her class as a Naval Flight Officer, earning her wings in 1998. She flew with the Banshees for three years, completing three tours of duty in support of Operations Northern and Southern Watch, all while earning a Master's Degree in Business Administration.



After accepting a civilian position as an Assistant Professor of Aeronautics at Kent State University, LtCol McFarland transitioned to the Selected Marine Corps Reserves, where she most recently was commander of Combat Logistics Battalion 453. She now has completed coursework for her PhD in Educational Psychology, and she serves KSU as the Senior Program Director of Aeronautics. Among the decorations received during her military career are the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

We want to congratulate LtCol McFarland on all her many accomplishments. Many thanks to her for her service to our congregation, our community, and our country!



Youth Ministry News

September 2015

Wow! What a busy and exciting summer the members of our Youth group had! Now it's time to get everything geared up and start all over again! To begin with I'd like to announce a major change in our youth programming. After prayerful thought and consideration we have decided to move our youth group weekly meetings to Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm. Our hope is that this change will give many of our youth who have multiple schedule conflicts an opportunity to attend youth group more frequently. Additionally, from 5:30 to 7:30 we will begin offering a light dinner to those who are in attendance. **Our new Sunday schedule, starting August 30, will look like this:**

5-6pm Resurrection rehearsal and Club 56
6-7pm ZAMARingers rehearsal
7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
(5:30-7:30) light dinner to be available

I realize that no schedule will meet everyone's needs and I understand that there will be some accommodations that must occur in order to make this work. One such adjustment will be moving Youth Sunday rehearsals to our old youth group times on Wednesdays. However, I feel strongly that this schedule will give the most students the opportunity to be involved in youth group without the constant struggle of activities that overlap. For this reason I am excited for the change and look forward to seeing how the school year goes!

Shalom,
Rick ∞

Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, August 30

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.

September Youth Calendar

Sunday 6	11:30 am Confirmation Luncheon 7-8:30 pm Youth Fellowship
Friday 11	10 pm-Midnight Fifth Quarter
Sunday 13	11:30 am Mission Trip Meeting 7-8:30 pm Youth Fellowship
Sunday 20	11:30 am Mission Trip Meeting 7-8:30 pm Youth Fellowship
Friday/Saturday 25/26	Confirmation Retreat
Sunday 27	7-8:30 pm Youth Fellowship

September Acolyte Schedule

Sep 6-Arijana Kooijman, Cade McDougal
 Sep 13-Katie Kulis, Marek Seaholts
 Sep 20-Elizabeth Gavrilloff, Joseph Gavrilloff
 Sep 27-Austin Stainbrook, Aubrey Kurtz

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.

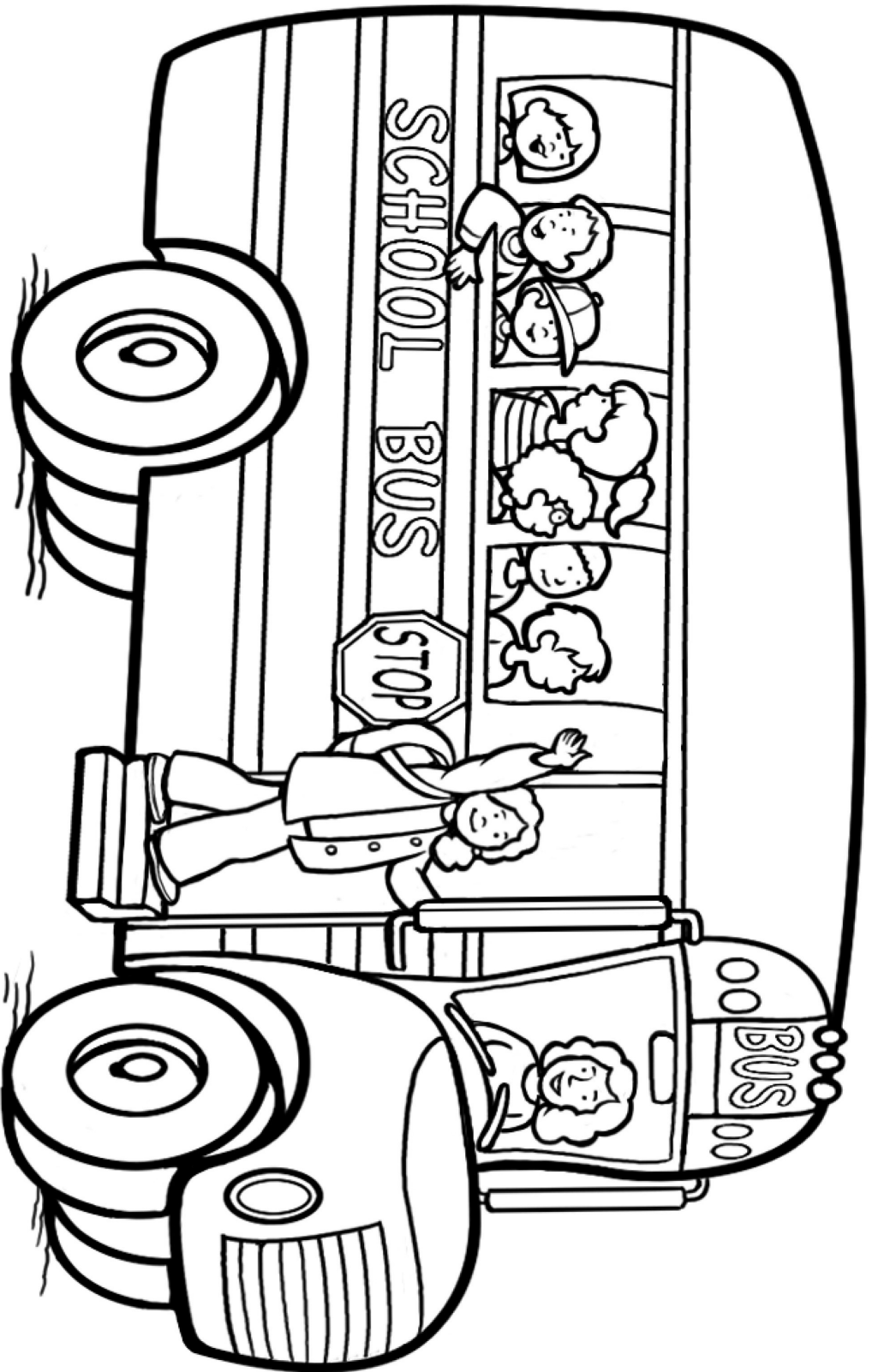
The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better still, they get paid to do it!

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, 330-283-4838, or at his church office extension, 330-673-5879 x12, to learn more about this exciting program.

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Regular Sunday Schedule	31 7 pm Music Committee Meeting/Conference Room	1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 6pm Yoga/Parlor	3 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	4	5
6 Regular Sunday Schedule (Communion) -Confirmation Luncheon	7 Labor Day	8 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	9 6pm Yoga/Parlor	10 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH	11	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 Child Care/Nursery 9:30& 10:30 Adult Bible Study 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
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27 Regular Sunday Schedule	28 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 2 pm T&T Sale Setup 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 6pm Yoga/Parlor 9 am-5 pm T&T Sale Setup	1 October 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lions Lunch/PH 7 pm Trash and Treasure Presale/Pierson Hall	2	3
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						Trash and Treasure Sale

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Summer Mission Trips in Review

For the first time our youth group went on two short-term mission trips over the summer. During the last week of June, 17 youth and adults drove to Cass Lake, Minnesota to work with the children on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. It was an eye opening week and one none shall soon forget.

The Town of Cass Lake was originally settled by Native Americans of the Ojibwa Tribe in the early 1700's. They were later named Chippewa by the US Federal government. The Leech Lake Reservation is one of the six reservations federally recognized by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. There are approximately 10,000 Tribal members that live on or near the reservation. The Cass Lake area today is populated by 770 people and is surrounded by the natural beauty of the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Reservation. The community here struggles with addiction and extreme poverty.

One such person was a little boy named Ezra. He and Derek became fast friends from the first day. One of seven children, his parents are currently incarcerated leaving him to his aunt to raise. Weekdays, even in the summer, he eats his breakfast and lunch at school. Evenings and weekends we don't know... although an older cousin told us he frequently goes without eating so that Ezra and the other little ones can eat. Please pray for Ezra and others like him.



While the experiences in Leech Lake were new, there is an eerie similarity to the situation of those living on the reservation and those living on the Cumberland Plateau.

At our two-day job, we built a porch and steps for two special little boys. Meet Aaron and Dally.



Dally is going into the fifth grade but doesn't like school much. He said the kids pick on him. The poorest I've seen, Dally lives in a trailer with his younger brother, older sister and her two kids, plus their mom and dad. But Dally doesn't know he's poor. He and Aaron play with each other and love on their dogs and think life is

grand. I pray for their future. And I pray I can learn to be half as content as this family is.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." The stories of the people living on the reservation and in Grundy County are heartbreaking but are not hopeless because our God is bigger than even the most desperate situations. Today I hope you will join me in applauding our

youth for living out their faith and being the "light of Christ" for those who are living in the darkness.

Shalom,
Rick <>



Returning this fall the Kent United Methodist Church will be hosting "Club 56." Beginning August 30, from 5 to 6 pm, Kent youth in grades 5 and 6, and their friends, are invited to join us in the gym for games, fun, fellowship, and a short "God Time."

Remember this is a youth group just for us! *Be a part from the start*, invite your friends, and meet us in the gym on Sunday night, August 30 to be in on all the fun.



Mountain T.O.P. is an interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to the rural life ministry of the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. For many families living on the mountain it is the only way of getting much needed major home repairs completed.

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 22-25. This year we will again be sponsoring our fourth community fall festival where shoes, socks, coats, books and school supplies will be given away! So once again volunteers can do home repair or work the festival.

If **YOU** would like to be a part of this amazing experience. 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.

Calling All Teen Musicians!

The first day of rehearsals for the youth music ensembles is Sunday, August 30. Resurrection will rehearse from 5 to 6 pm, under the direction of Adam Alderson, followed immediately by ZAMARingers until 7 pm, continuing under the leadership of Brad Brode. We encourage everyone who is interested in these groups to attend these first rehearsals, and bring your friends! Brad and Adam are very excited to be working with these groups to encourage youth to grow in their faith through musical worship! Parents: the full year's rehearsal and performance schedule will be available that night. If you have any questions about these groups, please visit our website or contact Adam in the office, and see page 6 for the full Sunday evening schedule. We'll see you there!

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry, began in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Since then the ministry has expanded to include chapters in churches of many different denominations across the world, including ours.

The idea behind this ministry and these small lap quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, the recipient's prayer request is silently prayed for them. The quilt is then given to that person, 'covering' them in prayer. What makes each quilt so special is not the pattern, color, or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. **These comforters are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and the power of prayer.**

This is our ninth year and through our chapter, 48 prayer quilts and even more prayer squares (for our mission team & those serving in the armed forces) have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, children and adults, for cancer patients, and those facing surgery or difficult family situations—for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of the healing power of prayer.

This year we are looking to grow this ministry with fellowship by coming together and working as a group, as well as individual participants from home. Dates and times are to be determined based on schedules of those involved. This year Arla Dee McPhearson has agreed to coordinate this ministry. We are currently looking for volunteers and resources. Here's how you can help:

- ◇ Participate—Contact Arla Dee at 330-678-6461 or email amcphers@kent.edu for additional information or to let her know you are interested in participating (There are tasks for those who are not seamstresses)
- ◇ Be a sponsor for someone you know who is in need of the special healing power of prayer (they do not need to be a member of the church). Turn in forms in the church office, or drop in the offertory plate. Additional forms are available in the Atrium.
- ◇ Make a monetary contribution for materials and mark your donation "Prayer Quilt Ministry."
- ◇ Donations of Warm and Natural batting, white muslin, solid cotton fabrics, large Zip lock bags, or an ironing board

I would like to extend a special thanks to all those who have been a part in making this ministry successful and look forward to its growth!

Women's Recovery Center Opens

Family & Community Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that we opened our Women's Recovery Center, a 22 bed facility that will offer women housing who are struggling with addiction issues in July.

The facility has been created through a partnership with the Portage County Commissioners, Common Pleas Court, Municipal Court, Adult Probation, Mental Health and Recovery Board and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Women's Recovery Center developed out of discussions to resolve the overcrowding issues at the Portage County Jail and many of the women in our program will be transitioning out from the jail or treatment centers like NEOCAP.

Through this program, we will offer a holistic approach to recovery for women by focusing on social interactions with sober people, finding gainful employment, treatment for addiction/mental health issues, aftercare, and ensuring that the women have all of the needed life skills to transition into independent housing. As a non-profit agency, we often need to look to members of the community to support our cause.

Though this project is very exciting, we have a lot of unmet needs for household items that we have to purchase in order to get the program operational. Our program will have 11 units with two bedrooms each. With the generous support of the community, we can make this happen. We are asking organizations, businesses or individuals to sponsor rooms in the building, or buy items that are needed. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated for us to purchase the things that we need as well.

Please contact 330-677-4124, ext. 0 for additional information or a wish list detailing all of the needed items. Any donations can be dropped off or mailed to 143 Gougler Ave, Kent, OH 44240 or 705 Oakwood St, Suite 221, Ravenna, OH 44266 labeled for Women's Recovery Center.

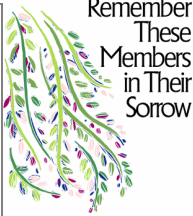
Cemetery Plots Available

Our church has received cemetery plots as estate gifts, which are now available for sale. Proceeds will go toward building improvements in our church facilities. We have four plots at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg, and two plots at the Grandview Cemetery in Ravenna. Interested persons are encouraged to call the church office for more details.

Ushers and Greeters

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
September 6	2	1
September 13	3	2
September 20	4	3
September 27	5	4

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.



Our Sympathies Go To the Friends and Family of:

- ◆ Emma Jane Yoho
- ◆ Doris Mauck
- ◆ Wilda Henry
- ◆ Lloyd Ericson

Recent or Upcoming Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dave Beaumont, Nicki Heisser, Marie Knauss, Brenda Lewis, Mary Lou Phipps, Gary Mote, David Munn, Patty Proudfoot, Betty Seibert, Al Siegfried, Caitlin Stephenson, Carol Taylor, Candy Thaxton, Chuck Titko

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

Sep 6	Brittany Brode
Sep 13	Gary Mote
Sep 20	Jack Miller
Sep 27	Eric Wertz

September 6-Sharon Coia
 September 13-Don Ashton
 September 20-Betty Sweet
 September 27-Janice Anderson



September Lay Readers

Sep 6	Brenda Lewis
Sep 13	Beth Jordan
Sep 20	Judith Nedel
Sep 27	Kathi Smith

DID YOU KNOW THAT DECEMBER 31 IS ONLY 125 DAYS AWAY?

Where has the year gone? Do you remember as a child how long summer seemed!? Yet here we are at the end of another beautiful summer. With only 125 days left to reach our goals, we need your help. It is only through your generous giving that we are able to touch so many lives through many different ministries! Join us as we celebrate the continued growth of our church! With your help, we can reach more. If you have lost track of the status of your pledge, please feel free to send an email to Lynnette in the finance office (Lynnette@kentmethodist.org) and request your Pledge Status Statement. Thank you for your continued support!

Digital Ministries Update

In the last several months, our church has extended several exciting new ways to connect with members, visitors, and community members online. In addition to the email newsletter and the Digital Mosaic, we have the Facebook page (which has more and more followers every week), an Instagram account, and two blog series!

Windows Wednesday is a Facebook series that can also be viewed on our website. Each week, we take a detailed look at a different window from the Chapel and Sanctuary. These posts include descriptions of the images, a picture of the artist's original design, and devotional Bible passages that relate to the window's theme. Click "like" on our Facebook page or sign up for our email newsletter to get updates when these are posted. This series will continue through Easter of 2016.

Our newest blog series is entitled "Notes from the Pastor," and began with Dr. Palmer's current sermon series, *Prophetic Visions*. In these posts, Dr. Palmer writes a conclusion to the past Sunday's sermon, and provides some devotional "food for thought" for the week ahead. These posts are available each Tuesday on the website. Our email newsletter announces new posts to this series as well.

We want you to participate and benefit from these new offerings! If you use Facebook or Instagram, please like our page. If you take a picture of the church or at a church event, please put #UMCKent in the post, or share it to our page. Sign up for our email newsletter on the website (kentmethodist.org), Facebook page, or by emailing Adam in the office at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org. And **most importantly**, feel free to contact Adam with any questions about these new ways to connect.



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Church Picnic is August 23! Full Sunday Schedule begins 8/30.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
September 6	"In Returning and Rest You Shall Be Saved"	Isaiah 30:15-18	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
September 13	"Get a New Heart and a New Spirit"	Ezekiel 18:19-23, 30-32; 36:25-28	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Luncheon
September 20	"The Repairer of the Breach"	Isaiah 59:9-12; John 4:3-26	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir and Chancel Ringers
September 27	"The River of Living Water"	Ezekiel 47:1-12; Zechariah 14:8; John 7:37-39	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers



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