



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

Two hundred years of Methodist ministry in Kent! We have been celebrating our bicentennial in various ways throughout this year, and this month we are approaching our **Bicentennial Celebration Sunday**—our final major event—on **Sunday, October 11**. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ed Peterson, will be sharing with us at all three worship hours, we will have some special “historical moments” during worship, and we will conclude with a Bicentennial Luncheon in Pierson Hall at 11:30. The food will be prepared by our United Methodist Women, and we will have some special Bicentennial “favors” for all attending. Be sure to be a part!

In other major news, our custodian, Tony Russell, has announced his retirement at the end of October. Tony has worked for our church for 28 years. We are grateful for his faithful service to our congregation!

This means that we are now taking applications for the full-time position of custodian, with the job to begin on November 1. A job description and application form are available on our church web site, as well as in the church office.

In the realm of retirements, you may also have heard that our long-time kitchen hostess, Margie Stahl, is retiring at the end of this year. She has already moved out of the role of UMW kitchen hostess (doing the Rotary, Garden Club, or other dinners sponsored by the UMW), and she is now handling just the “church” piece of the position, which involves doing church meals (such as the Bicentennial Luncheon!) and managing the oversight of the church kitchen. She will retire from that position at the end of December. We are grateful for her faithful service to our church!

Staci Stout will be taking over the entire kitchen hostess position starting January 1. She has already been the kitchen hostess for our Lions Club lunches for the past several years, and she picked up the UMW kitchen hostess piece this fall. We are fortunate to have this smooth transition in our church kitchen.

The long history of our church has included many capable leaders. We are blessed to have an excellent church staff, and look forward to how God will continue to lead all of us as we journey in faith into our next century.

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

October 2015

Wow! Wow! **WOW!** That's the only word I can think of is WOW! What a great start to the school year it has been! In my opinion moving Youth Group to Sunday nights has worked out exceptionally well, and I can't wait to see how the rest of the year goes! Youth Group on Sundays has enjoyed great turnouts; last week we had 31 in attendance, but there's always room for more. Have you been to one of our Sunday nights? If not... why don't you come? And if you come why don't you bring a friend? Additionally, we hosted our first **5th Quarter** party of the season on Friday, September 11th following the Roosevelt and Ravenna game. Although the game didn't turn out too good for Kent the 72 students in attendance enjoyed a great night of fun, food and fellowship!

Looking forward to October, be sure and remember **Sunday the 18th** is our annual **Halloween party!** On this fantastic evening the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house and everyone (**that means you too Club 56**) is invited to be a part. So get a costume, grab your friends and get ready to have a great time.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for July 9-16, of 2016. Additionally, we will be partnering again with the Youth Works and traveling to the Leech Lake Reservation June 25-July 2 to work with the members of the Ojibwa band living in that community. Preparation for both our trips began with two parent/student interest meetings in September. At these meetings we announced that we would be traveling to Mountain TOP week six of their summer schedule, meaning that we that we WILL have the opportunity for those interested students to participate in Mountain T.O.P.'s day camp program once again! The Youth Works trip to Leech Lake will feature a rich cultural experience along with the opportunity for the students to participate in both home improvement projects and The Youth Works Kids Club program. At the time of this writing the Mountain T.O.P. trip is almost completely full and spots for the Youth Works trip to Minnesota are filling up fast. So get your application from Rick and get them in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on these amazing opportunities.

Shalom,
Rick <>

Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 22-25 our church will again be sponsoring an adult trip to Mountain T.O.P. and again this year participants will get to choose between participating in the major home repair program or the Grundy County Fall Festival! Soles4Souls has agreed to return to the mountain to distribute shoes to the needy in the area, and Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing winter coats, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. Bins have been placed around the church for you to drop off new or gently used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. If you have questions please contact Rick Stout in the church office.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 4	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 11	2 PM CROP Walk
SUNDAY 11	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 18	7-9 PM Halloween Party (Club 56 and Greensburg UMC invited)
TH-SUN 22-25	Adult Mountain T.O.P. trip
SUNDAY 25	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

Attention Singers!

Resurrection is still accepting members for its 2015-2016 season. Seventh through twelfth graders, join us Sundays at 5:00 pm for worship and fellowship with song! We are organizing a Christmas caroling outing and frequently have snacks. We hope to see you there!

Boy Scout Pancake Brunch

Troop 252 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 4 in Pierson hall from at 9 am to 1 pm. There is no charge for the brunch: a free-will donation will be welcomed. Everyone is invited!



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

Kent CROP Walk

The Kent CROP Walk is Sunday, October 11 at 2pm. Registration is at 1:30 pm. The event is being held at Lake Brady United Methodist Church. The walk will begin at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail.

The CROP Walk is a symbolic walk to help understand and appreciate what people around the world must do as they walk for miles to provide for their basic needs.

Our Confirmation Class are among the walkers each year. Plan to be a walker or a sponsor. Donations by check can be made payable to CWS/CROP. All funds collected go to fight hunger, locally and world wide. Twenty-five percent of all money collected will go to our local Kent Social Services.



October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Trash and Treasure Presale/Pierson Hall	2 9 am-6 pm Trash and Treasure Sale/Pierson Hall	3 9 am-1 pm Trash and Treasure Sale/Pierson Hall
4 Regular Sunday Schedule (Communion) Scouts Pancake Breakfast, Pierson Hall	5	6 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	8 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	9 6 pm UCM Fundraising Dinner/Pierson Hall	10
11 Regular Sunday Schedule Bicentennial Luncheon 11:30 am, Pierson Hall	12	13 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	14 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	15 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Finance Comm./Conference Room	16 2-6 pm Blood Drive/Gym	17
18 Regular Sunday Schedule Youth Halloween Party 7-9 pm in the Pit	19 7:30 pm Education Comm./Conference Room	20 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	21 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room	22 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Church Council/Conference Room	23	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 5:00 pm Club 56/Gym 5:00 pm Resurrection/Choir Room 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit
25 Regular Sunday Schedule	26	27 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Luncheon/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	28 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	29 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	30	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
October 4	6	5
October 11	1	1
October 18	2	2
October 25	3	3

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x10 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go to the Friends and Family of:

- Betty Seibert
- Barbara Modic
- Florence Simmons

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Morgan Closs, Lois Dillenback, Davina Gosnell, Beth Jordan, Gretchen Laflin, Marta Lane, Charleen Pees, Tim Price

- October 4-Sharon Coia
- October 11-Don Ashton
- October 18-Betty Sweet
- October 25-Janice Anderson



Adult Bible Study for 9:30 Worshipers

We are offering a Bible study option at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. This is an informal, inductive study of the book of Hebrews. Come with a desire to dig deeper into God's Word. The class is 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.

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

- OCTOBER 4 Britany Brode
- OCTOBER 11 Gary Mote
- OCTOBER 18 Gary Mote
- OCTOBER 25 Jack Miller

OCTOBER LAY READERS

- OCT 4 Lee Hall
- OCT 11 Mike Hardy
- OCT 18 Donna Stiller
- OCT 25 Roger Stiller

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express the overwhelming feelings that I have experienced with the wonderful caring support by friends and members of this congregation as I recover from my hip fracture. The many prayers, cards, calls, and visits have been greatly appreciated. My thanks also to Rev. Douglas Denton for his visits and the visits of Margaret and Phyllis Neel (Mary Reed Circle) and Jane Hornyak (Mary Reed Circle) for bringing the beautiful altar flowers to my rehab center.

I am at home making progress—not fast enough! Again, my sincere thanks. Carol Taylor

Dr. Dave Palmer and Rev. Doug Denton,

Thank you both for the beautiful service to honor our mom. Doug, we can't begin to thank you enough or put into words how much our mom enjoyed and looked forward to your visits. You were a blessing to our family during this difficult time.

Thank you, Betty Seibert's Family

I really appreciate the altar flowers delivered to me by Janet Sessions and Dottie Emerick. It is nice to belong to such a caring church.

Sincerely, Al Smith

To our church family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of support for our family and my mom during this difficult time. A special thank you to Donna Dietz for bringing flowers to my mom in the hospital and to her and all who provided the lunch after the service. A special thank you to Lee Hall for the warm mashed potatoes for our picky eater. My mom loved her church friends, and all the cards we received have shown us how much she was loved. Thank you to Rebecca Circle for continuing to send Mom cards and to Gail and Judy for your visit, and to Miriam Circle.

As my mom slipped away, Rick and I would hear her saying her good-byes to her church friends. It made us smile to know how much you all meant to her. We are blessed.

Thank you again, Cheryl Pinson and the Family of Betty Seibert

Please Request Your Pledge Statement

As we approach the end of the year, if you have lost track of where you are on your pledge, please feel free to email the finance office (lynette@kentmethodist.org) and request a Pledge Status Statement. In addition to all the wonderful ministries here in our own facility that you support, through your generous donations we are on track to again give more than \$150,000 to mission works—locally and worldwide. It is only through your generous support of the United Methodist Church of Kent that we are able to touch so many lives. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer Quilt Ministry Meeting

The Prayer Quilt group will have their next meeting Wednesday, October 14 in Room 207, 1-3 pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. There are tasks available for all levels of ability and experience. Contact Arla Dee McPherson at 330-678-6461 or email amcphers@kent.edu with any questions, or just attend!

UCM Fall Fundraising Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Fall Fundraising Dinner on Friday, October 9 at 6:00 pm in Pierson Hall. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The fall themed menu includes Salad, Chicken, Side, Vegetables and a BIG dessert. Vegetarian meal is available upon request at time of reservation. Reservations are required and can be made on our website at www.myucm.org, by calling the office at 330-673-5687, or by purchasing tickets from a UCM student in local churches on October 4. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support our campus ministry, please consider purchasing a patron ticket or making an online donation. Proceeds from the dinner support UCM's student programs.



Thank you for your continued support of campus ministry!

KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

Janus Circle will hold their monthly meeting in the Parlor on Sunday, October 4.

A joint meeting of the four circles of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW)—Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam, and Rebecca—will be held on Wednesday, October 7. The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with a Pot Luck Supper in Pierson Hall at Kent United Methodist Church. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and table service. A program will follow at 7 PM that will honor several individuals who have been selected for Special Membership. A Memorial Service will also be held for recently deceased members. A business meeting will follow for each circle but Janus independently after the dinner.

On October 21 at 7 PM a meeting of the Kent UMW Executive Board will be held in the Conference Room. Board President Denise Mote will preside.

Sager Brown Mission Supplies

The Sager Brown mission team needs your help! This month, a team of adults will be travelling to the Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana to assist in staging materials for UMC rescue efforts around the world. When they arrive, they are expected to bring five kits, or the equivalent monetary value, as a donation. The team bears the full cost of travel and participation in this trip, so we are asking the congregation to assist by donating kits or money toward this portion of the mission.

Instructions for assembling Health and School kits are available online at umcor.org or are printed and available in the Atrium. Please return these kits or any loose components to the church office. Any monetary donations should be given with the regular Sunday offering and marked "Sager Brown Supplies." Thank you for supporting this team in its invaluable work!

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 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 Reverend Denton.

University of Life Fall Classes

University of Life classes are adult Bible study courses presented from 9:30–10:15 each Sunday morning in the Conference Room. The classes are usually offered in 6–8 week courses, with different themes throughout the year.

Presently, Dick Mitchell is leading a Bible study of the book of Hebrews. The book is a letter (some call it a sermon) written to offer guidance to the first people who wanted to follow Jesus. It's truths are timeless and helpful for us today. Dick is a retired United Methodist pastor who has led several popular Bible studies in our church in the past. This class will run until October 25.

Last year, John and Sandy Kerstetter led a series of very popular video-based studies, which used a short video presentation that led into an interactive class session focused on aspects of Christian living. This November, they will be leading an exciting new 8-week course entitled "The Wesleyan Way," prepared by Bishop Scott Jones.

Bishop Jones is bishop of the Great Plains Area of the United Methodist Church. He was formerly a professor at Perkins School of Theology, our United Methodist seminary at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Along with Bishop Jones, the video each week will include various presenters sharing personal faith experiences. Presenters include Adam Hamilton, Olu Brown, Felicia Hopkins, Jessica Moffat Seay, Jorge Acevedo, Rob Fuquay and author Scott Jones.

The themes of the eight weeks are as follows:

- Following Christ Is a Way of Life
- Love Ultimately Wins
- It's a Good World with Issues
- Turn Your Life Around with Grace
- You Are Not Alone
- Transform Yourself and the World
- Invite Others on the Journey
- Christ No Matter What

Join this class to gain insight into the Wesleyan approach to discipleship and to grow your walk with Christ. No study book is required. Just come to the class starting Nov. 1!



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Make a Difference Week: November 2-9

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
October 4	"Megatons to Megawatts"	Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:1-4	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Resurrection</i>
October 11	Bicentennial Celebration Sunday	TBA	Rev. Ed Peterson, District Superintendent	Bicentennial Luncheon, <i>Children's Choir</i>
October 18	"Buy Without Money"	Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
October 25	"The Crowd, the Beggar, and Jesus"	Psalms 34:1-10, 17-18; Mark 10:46-52	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>Chancel Ringers</i>



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