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Dear Friends,

In early February, we begin the season of **Lent**. Since Easter comes early this year, Ash Wednesday is February 10.

For centuries, the forty days of Lent have been a special time of spiritual focus for Christians – a time of reflecting about what Christ has done for us, and a time of deepening our relationship with Christ.

Opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent include the following:

- We begin Lent with a **Service of Ashes** on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. See the relevant article in this newsletter for more details.
- We will have our usual series of **Wednesday Evening Lenten Potlucks**, beginning at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday starting Feb. 10. Bring one dish to share, plus table service; beverages will be provided. This is always a nice dinner and fellowship time in Pierson Hall. Everyone is invited!
- The potluck suppers are followed by a **Lenten Program**. On Feb. 10, the supper is followed by the Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes. On Feb. 17 through March 16, the supper will be followed at 7:00 by a program on the theme of **Missions that Make a Difference**. We will have a different speaker each week; watch the Sunday bulletins and Weekly Word emails for more details.
- Our children will be encouraged to put a dime a day in a **Lenten coin folder** as a spiritual exercise in self-giving. The folders will be distributed in our Sunday school classes; the dimes will go toward United Methodist mission work.
- We have a new Lenten term starting in our **University of Life** – our series of courses for adults from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday morning. Starting on the first Sunday of Lent, Feb. 14, and continuing until March 20 (Palm Sunday), the class will be a Lenten study led by Rev. Douglas Denton. See the relevant article in this newsletter for details.
- The sermon series on **Ten Truths that Change Life** will continue through the month.

I look forward to sharing with you as together in many ways we grow in our walk with Christ!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

February 2016

What a great start our youth have had to the new year! Rehearsals have begun for this year's Youth Sunday, to be held on Sunday, March 13. This year's theme is "Do Something" and will focus on being the hands and feet of Christ in our world. Youth Sunday will feature three short skits, two songs sung by Resurrection, an interpretive dance choreographed by former feature ballerina from the Canton Ballet Joy Raub, and a message brought to us by senior Kylee Thompson.

On January 18, 30 members of our youth group spent the afternoon in fellowship at Laser Quest in Akron. Additionally, on January 22 our confirmation class visited the Temple Israel in Akron and participated in their Interfaith Youth Service.

Looking forward to February, our team of 39 is set for our annual mission trip to Mountain T.O.P., and plans are underway to raise the necessary funds. Our annual brick sale will be Sunday, February 28. While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week, the remaining funds to cover costs including travel need to be raised. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by participating in the brick sale. When the youth call on February 28, won't you please consider purchasing a symbolic brick for \$25 in support of the youth mission trip?

Planning for the "Time and Talent" auction is also underway. This year's auction WILL include an autographed football signed by head coach Urban Meyer, cornhole equipment, vacation packages, golf passes, and much more. Please mark Sunday, April 24 on your calendar and plan on coming out in support of the youth ministry here at our church.

And finally on the weekend of February 5 and 6 our youth will once again work to end world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. I hope everyone will plan to take part in one or all of these exciting events.

Shalom,
Rick ∞

FEBRUARY

- 3 Youth Sunday rehearsal 7-8 PM
- 5-6 30Hour Famine, details TBA
- 7 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 13 9:30-3:00 Confirmation trip to Lighthouse of Hope
- 14 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
- 17 Youth Sunday rehearsal 7-8 PM
- 21 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
- 24 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 7-8 PM
- 28 Brick Sale 3-5 PM
- 28 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

February Acolyte Schedule

FEB 7	Abbey Poole	Olivia DeVries
FEB 10	David Richardson	Olivia DeVries
FEB 14	Faith Kaminski	Josh Thompson
FEB 21	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer
FEB 28	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson

Mission Trip News

Buy a Brick in Support of Our Mission Trip

For our 17th summer the youth will be again traveling to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. Grundy County where we will be working is the poorest county per capita in the entire United States, and our youth group will be traveling there to do minor home repair and make a difference in the lives of the people living "on the mountain." Our Annual Telethon Brick Sale will be Sunday Night, February 28. When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts to share the love of Jesus to those who so desperately need it.



From June 13-17 (please note the week) our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, SURF SHACK: Catch the Wave of Gods Amazing Love! Children in attendance at SURF SHACK will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to catch God’s amazing love. During Vacation Bible School at SURF SHACK: CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD’S AMAZING LOVE, your students will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and God’s mission for their lives.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the Surf Shack, the Surfers make their way to the Story Deck. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wave Words for following God’s plan for our lives, and your Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they’ve discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing

new music at Tidal Tunes, exploring science activities at Discovery Dunes, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

We hope you will mark your calendar for June 13-17 (please note this is not our traditional week) and plan to attend VBS at the SURF SHACK!

Sincerely,

Your SURF SHACK VBS TEAM

United Christian Ministries Update

UCM is excited for all the things planned for the Spring semester. Our Italian Feast fundraising dinner is set for March 11 in Pierson Hall! UCM is sponsoring students on their Alternative Spring Break and May Nicaragua service trips. On February 5, we are helping to serve the Spaghetti Supper at First Christian Church, as well as attending the IRTF Social Justice Teach-In on February 6 at Case Western University. KSU Students are invited to join us each Wednesday night during the semester as we explore what it means to be extremists for love through our time of fellowship, study and service. Contact us at ucm@kent.edu for more information.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by March 7. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, March 27, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by Circle members.

**Please print to avoid any confusion or spelling errors.
Thank you.**

I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE _____ PLANT(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

ADULT RETREAT 2016

All adults in the church family are invited to participate in the Adult Retreat. It will occur on April 15–17 at the Berlin Grande Hotel in Berlin, Ohio—the heart of Amish Country. We meet for dinner Friday evening at the Farmstead Restaurant adjacent to the hotel and wrap up with breakfast and a worship service led by Dr. Palmer on Sunday morning. We try to schedule a special dinner experience for Saturday evening. The activities of the weekend are yet to be planned but we always have a good time including some free time to enjoy the area. The total cost will be about \$250.00 per room including the Saturday evening dinner (two persons) plus meals on your own Friday night and Saturday noon. The hotel gives us a fine conference room for our meetings and has a great Breakfast Buffet. To participate, make out a deposit check for \$20.00 to the church marked “Adult Retreat Deposit” and give it to Roger Stiller or put it in the offering plate. For more info call Roger at 330-297-8933.

Digital Ministry Update

We have had many new developments in our digital ministry recently, and we encourage you to join the online conversation! Our Facebook page continues to attract members and visitors of our church as well as people from around the country and around the world. The Windows Wednesday series is drawing to a close, so be sure to connect with that popular series through Facebook or our website.

In the past month, we have introduced two new ways to stay connected throughout the week. Our Twitter account (@kentmethodist) provides inspiration from Dr. Palmer’s sermons, announcements of events and updated digital content, and links to valuable UMC resources and news. We have also launched an audio podcast of Dr. Palmer’s weekly sermons to complement the video team’s weekly recording. The audio recordings are available through SoundCloud, and can be found on Stitcher, iTunes, and TuneIn as well. Subscribe to the podcast to receive the latest sermon automatically each Wednesday so you can stay caught up on the latest series or double check that great quote you can’t quite remember.

Please contact Adam in the office with any questions about our latest digital offerings.

KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Kent United Methodist Women’s Miriam Circle will meet at 9 AM on February 3 in the church parlor. The program will be reviews of the books entitled “Laugh Your Way to Grace” and “It’s Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of This Street” presented by Kathy Coltrin and Judith Nedel. Co-Hostesses will be Barb Ferrell and Shirley Rog.

On February 3 at 1 PM, members of Mary Reed Circle will meet at Kent United Methodist Church in the church parlor. Davina Gosnell will present a program entitled, “A Mission Cruise to the Caribbean”. Judy Hayden will lead Devotions and a Mission Moment. Jane Hornyak and Lela Irving will serve as Co-Hostesses.

Rebecca Circle of Kent UMW will meet on February 3 at 7:30 PM at the church in Pierson Hall. The program is entitled “Blessed are They Who Hunger & Thirst—Hungering for a New Adventure”. Donna Stiller will be the Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Judy Price and Sherry Vanderneut. Gail Pytel will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Donna Stiller.

On February 14 at 9:15 AM Janus Circle will meet in the Parlor. The year’s program theme is “Everyday Women—Ever Faithful God” and the title for the program at this meeting will be “Jochebed & Miriam: Influential Women”. Denise Mote will serve as Hostess and also lead Devotions.

Choir and Bell Festival February 5

The United Methodist Church of Kent is proud to welcome the Akron chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists) for a scholarship fundraising concert. The concert will feature many choirs from area churches, including the Sanctuary Choir and New Spirit from our own church, with a special performance by Summit Bells. This Akron-based handbell choir was founded by director Chuck Kobb, and features six octaves of bells and five octaves of chimes. They have appeared on television, engaged in summer tours, and recorded a CD. Please join us at 8 PM in the Sanctuary for this exciting opportunity to hear organists, singers, and ringers from all across the Akron area!

**University of Life – Lenten Term
Classes for adults—Sundays, 9:30–10:15
February 14–March 20**

“John, the Gospel of Light and Life”
Leader: Rev. Douglas Denton
Location: Conference Room

During the 6 Sundays in Lent we are invited to join Adam Hamilton, by means of video presentations, and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring major themes from the Gospel of John. One person writes that Adam Hamilton “invites us to find our own place in the Gospel story and to follow a fresh path to God”.

No study book is needed. Just come to the Conference Room at 9:30 AM Sundays!

Prayer Quilt Ministry Meeting

The Prayer Quilt group will have their next meeting 1–3 PM Wednesday, February 17 in Room 207. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. There are tasks available for all levels of ability and experience. Contact Judy Smith at 330-235-4677 or email judytype@aol.com with any questions, or just attend!

**SCOUT SUNDAY AND PANCAKE
BREAKFAST—FEB. 14**

Scout Sunday, an annual Sunday when we celebrate Scouting, will be recognized in our church on Feb. 14. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will attend in uniform, there will be a special recognition of our Scouts during the announcement time, and Boy Scouts from our Troop 252 will have leadership roles in the service. Our Scouts will have a Pancake brunch in Pierson Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 1:00 p.m., so that people from all three worship services can come. There is a freewill offering at each table; proceeds support our Scout program.

Altar Flower Sign Up Available

The sign-up sheet for altar flower sponsoring is available in the Atrium. The cost is \$35 per week. The altar flowers will be displayed during the 8:30 and 10:30 services with your dedication in the bulletin. After worship on Sundays, the flowers are delivered to ill or grieving members of our congregation by volunteers from our UMW Circles. Please contribute to this important ministry by signing up for an upcoming Sunday. Payment can be made by writing “Altar Flowers” on your check or envelope.

**University of Life – Winter Term
Classes for adults—Sundays, 9:30–10:15
January 3–February 7**

“Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary
Culture”
Leader: Dr. Jonathan Smith
Location: Conference Room

Dr. Jonathan Smith leads this class, which is a good follow-on to Dr. Palmer’s sermon series on “Prophetic Visions.” Each class session features a video presentation by Dr. Walter Brueggemann, who is widely considered to be today’s leading Old Testament scholar on the prophets. The “Embracing the Prophets” course is a part of the “Embracing” series, which Dr. Smith used in a very popular class last year.

The course takes participants on a lively ride through the prophets, making connections between the Old Testament context and the world today. The prophets have a very relevant message for our own time! Come to this engaging class to expand your understanding and your faith.

No study book is needed. Just come to the Conference Room at 9:30 AM Sundays!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On February 10 we begin the season of Lent. We commemorate Ash Wednesday with a Service of Ashes at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service uses the ancient Biblical symbolism of ashes as a sign of repentance and receiving God’s forgiveness. Child care is provided. The service is preceded by a potluck supper at 6:15 p.m. in Pierson Hall.

Attention 20-Somethings:

Each Tuesday at 7 PM in the church parlor, we are holding gatherings of a new “Young Adult” ministry at our church. This ministry has been designed and is led by people your age with similar interests and issues and a personal understanding of your needs. The gatherings feature plenty of social time, group discussions about topics related to faith and determined by the group and lead by members of the community. Refreshments are served at each gathering. Sound interesting? Why don’t you give it a try? Come as you are and feel free to bring a friend!

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	3 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	5 8 pm AGO Choir and Handbell Festival/Sanctuary	6 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall 30 Hour Famine
7 Regular Sunday Schedule Communion	8 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 Ash Wednesday 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Service of Ashes/Sanctuary	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	12 2-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	13 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
14 Regular Sunday Schedule Scout Sunday, Pancake Breakfast 9-1	15 President's Day 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30-8:30 pm Ed. Committee/Conference Room	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7 pm Lenten Program/PH 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	19	20 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
21 Regular Sunday Schedule	22 6 pm Kent Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7 pm Lenten Program/PH 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	26	27
28 Regular Sunday Schedule	29 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room					

Regular Sunday Schedule
 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel
 9:00 Holy Donut Shoppe/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 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 (Youth Choir)/Choir Room
 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
February 7	2	5
February 10	3	1
February 14	4	2
February 21	5	3
February 28	6	4

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.



Our Sympathies Go to the Friends and Family of:

• Kathy Jarvis

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dick Abbott, Rebecca Biggers, Scott Hershiser, Sandy Leeper, Tom Pierson, Barbara Roach, Margie Stahl, Joanne Stuart, Karen Zeager

FEBRUARY LAY READERS

- FEB 7 Kathy Hardy
- FEB 14 Judy Price
- FEB 21 Eric Wertz
- FEB 28 Beth Jordan

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

- FEBRUARY 7 Brittany Brode
- FEBRUARY 10 Eric Wertz
- FEBRUARY 14 Gary Mote
- FEBRUARY 21 Eric Wertz
- FEBRUARY 28 Jack Miller

- February 7-Sharon Coia
- February 14-Don Ashton
- February 21-Betty Sweet
- February 28-Janice Anderson



Contacting the Stout Family

If you are trying to reach either Rick or Staci Stout for church-related business, please call Rick at 330-283-4838 and Staci at 330-289-1119. The home number in the directory is no longer operational.

THANK YOU NOTES

Kent United Methodist Church Women,
Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It was a delightful surprise, and I have enjoyed it very much. It was thoughtful of you to think of me.

Amelia Parsons

Dear Church Family,
Sincere thanks for your many kindnesses these last few months. Your prayers, visits, flowers, notes, and food are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Rev. Denton for his regular visits. To be part of such a caring group is wonderful.

Candy Thaxton

United Methodist Church of Kent,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Burns Residential Fund. These gifts will directly help people who are homeless and who have mental illness.

My sincere thanks,
Nelson Burns

Pastor Dave,
A heartfelt thank you for helping us promote the 47th annual Thanksgiving Brunch Bunch charity fundraiser by displaying the event information on the marquee at the United Methodist Church of Kent. We had another amazing year raising nearly \$50,000! This event would not be so successful without people like you that are committed to making a positive difference in our community, and we are truly grateful for your support.

Warmest regards,
Michelle Hartman

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,
Thank you for your generous donation for Kent Social Services, a program of Family & 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



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Lent begins on Ash Wednesday—February 10

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
February 7	“Amazing Grace”	Luke 8:36–50 Ephesians 2:4–8	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
February 10	Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary			
February 14	“God Acts to Save	Isaiah 53:1–12 Romans 3:21–26	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Resurrection, Children’s Choir, Scout Sunday</i>
February 21	“The Way of Life”	Mark 1:16–20 Ephesians 4:14–16	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
February 28	“The Upside-Down Universe”	Mark 10:35–45 Matthew 18:1–4 Philippians 2:5–8	Dr. David Palmer	Chancel Ringers



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